

St. Elphin's School

1679



1960

Appeal

COMMENDATION

His Grace The Archbishop of Canterbury

writes :

“I have most happy recollections of St. Elphin’s School, Darley Dale, and I have no doubt that the appeal is entirely justified. My own affection for the school means that I very much hope that the appeal will succeed.”



This is an Appeal on behalf of one of the Church's few remaining independent schools for the daughters of the Clergy and Laity.

The School, which is recognised by the Ministry of Education, has a long and worthy tradition and is set in ideal surroundings. It is served by a highly qualified and enthusiastic staff and continues to provide a sound general education based on definite Christian principles. Its purpose is to equip our girls for careers in the professions and industry and, last but not least, to create in them a spirit of responsibility and service to the community.

While we wish to preserve the high traditions and reputation of the School, we are mindful of the necessity to keep pace with the present trend in Education. No School is able to retain its independence and at the same time to receive grants from the State. We must rely, therefore, upon the generosity of all those who cherish the retention of schools of this type if the Governing Body is to meet these ever-increasing liabilities and responsibilities.

To meet the needs of the School, we are appealing for

£150,000

To maintain St. Elphin's at modern standards and to guarantee its future status and efficiency, the following are needed urgently:

1. A fund to augment the financial resources of the School. The policy of the Governors has been—and will remain—to **keep the fees to the clergy at such a figure as will maintain the original purpose for which the School was founded, namely, to provide their daughters with a sound education.**

Never in the long history of the School was this matter of more importance or greater urgency than to-day.

2. An Assembly Hall.
3. The modernisation of the Science Laboratories.

HOW IS THIS MONEY TO BE RAISED?

Already £5,000 has been contributed by parents, old girls, Staff and present pupils towards the provision of an Assembly Hall.

WE ARE CONFIDENT THAT GENEROUS SUPPORT WILL BE FORTHCOMING FROM:

1. **Industry**, in which more and more of our girls are finding a useful career on leaving the School well-equipped in mind and in character, to be entrusted with the responsibilities which further training and experience will bring.
2. **All** who, in the past, have benefited either directly or indirectly from the School.
3. **Parochial Church Councils** who, although beset by many claims, will find in this Appeal a timely, commendable and effective means of helping the Clergy in a most practical way. The need for such a School as St. Elphin's becomes clearer when we think of the missionaries and laymen with young children who have to spend long periods abroad. **Their problem and anxiety is solved immediately.**

St. Elphin's provides the education—and the home.

This School exemplifies all that is good and enduring in Church and State and we commend it to the generosity of all who value an independent school wherein the daughters of clergy and laity alike have for generations received a sound and suitable education for life.

**ALL THIS MUST BE PRESERVED AND
EXPANDED**

WILL YOU HELP US TO DO THIS ?

Matters of Interest

WHERE AND WHAT IS ST. ELPHIN'S?

The School is one of the few remaining Independent Schools for the daughters of the Clergy and Laity of the Church of England.

The School is ideally situated in one of the beauty spots of Derbyshire at Darley Dale, near Matlock.

ITS ORIGIN—the outcome of a sermon

On 3rd June, 1697, Edmund Entwistle, Archdeacon of Chester, preached a sermon in Warrington Parish Church. Few sermons could have had such far reaching and permanent effects.

“Ye Reverend ye Clergy of ye Archdeaconry of Chester are determined to have a yearly meeting at Warrington . . . then and there to take a collection for ye widdows and children of such ye poore clergy as within ye said Archdeaconry at their deaths left their families in very narrow circumstances.”

(The Archdeaconry of Chester, as it was in 1697, is now the Dioceses of Chester, Manchester, Liverpool and the Archdeaconry of Blackburn.)

PROGRESS

- 1841 The first School was built at Warrington, largely by money raised in the parishes of the Archdeaconry. The scope of the School was extended to include the daughters of the Clergy of any Diocese.
- 1904 The School was transferred from Warrington to Darley Dale.
- 1920 The daughters of Laymen were admitted.

THE PRESENT

To-day the School has 190 Boarders and 60 Day-Girls and each term there is an increasing number of applications for entry. A Kindergarten Department has been added recently. There are, at the School, girls from the following Dioceses: **Manchester, Chester, Liverpool, Blackburn, Derby, Southwell, Sheffield, Wakefield, Worcester, Lincoln, Lichfield, Sodor and Man, York, Leicester, Durham, Norwich, London, St. Albans and Chelmsford.**

CURRICULUM

Girls are prepared for G.C.E. at ordinary and advanced levels and for County, University and State Scholarships.

RELIEF FOR THE CLERGY

The Governing Body of the School provides assistance to the Clergy in the form of preferential fees for their daughters. Extra financial assistance is afforded in some Dioceses.

INVITATIONS to address ruri-decanal conferences and meetings of Parochial Church Councils will be welcomed. Please address your request to:

The Chairman,
"Friends of St. Elphin's",
St. Elphin's School,
Darley Dale, Matlock, Derbyshire.

How can you help

1. By Deed of Covenant.
2. By Banker's Order for Annual Subscriptions.
3. By direct gift.
4. By legacy.
5. It is suggested that Parochial Church Councils in the several Dioceses contribute a sum of £1 immediately and thenceforth make an annual contribution of £1. Parishes doing this will be enrolled in the permanent record of "The Friends of St. Elphin's".

All costs in connection with this Appeal are being defrayed by "The Friends of St. Elphin's"

The Sponsors to this Appeal are :

His Grace The Lord Archbishop of York.

His Grace The Duke of Devonshire, M.C. (Governor).

His Grace The Duke of Portland, K.G. (Chancellor, University of Nottingham).

The Earl of Derby, M.C. (Lord Lieutenant of Lancashire).

The Viscount Leverhulme, T.D. (Lord Lieutenant of Cheshire).

Sir Ian Walker-Okeover, Bt., D.S.O., T.D. (Lord Lieutenant of Derbyshire).

The Lord Bishop of Liverpool (Governor).

The Lord Bishop of Manchester (Governor).

The Lord Bishop of Chester (Governor).

The Lord Bishop of Blackburn (Governor).

The Lord Bishop of Derby (Governor).

The Lord Bishop of Lichfield.

The Lord Bishop of Southwell.

The Lord Bishop of Sodor and Man.

The Venerable A. Selwyn Bean (Governor).

Sir Peter G. Roberts, Bt., M.P. (Chairman, Newton Chambers & Co. Ltd.)

P. J. C. Bovill, Esq. (Master Cutler, Sheffield).

Sir John E. James (Chairman, Lancashire Steel Corporation).

The Lord Bishop of Warrington (Chairman of the Governors).



“Let our search then be such that we can be sure of finding;
and let our finding be such that we go on searching”.

(St. Augustine: De Trini Tate.)