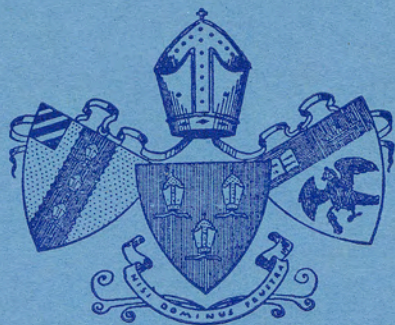




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FOREWORD

St. Elphin's School was founded at Warrington in 1844 to provide a good education for daughters of clergymen within the old archdeaconry of Chester. The Rev. and Hon. Horace Powys, Rector of Warrington, was the moving spirit in the foundation and was the school's first honorary treasurer. We share our name with the Parish Church of Warrington. All that is known of St. Elphin is that he was one of the priest-teachers sent out in 638 by Oswald, King of Northumbria and that he lived and taught in the settlement by the ford across the Mersey at Warrington. The industrialising of Warrington, combined with an outbreak of scarlet fever, decided the Governors to seek another site for the school and in 1904 it was moved to its present premises, then Darley Dale Hydro. The move was organised by the energetic Head Mistress, Miss Kennedy, with active assistance from Canon Wilson who gave us our motto, "Nisi dominus frustra." This move into the country was followed by the admission of daughters of laymen as fee-paying pupils. The last fifty years in Derbyshire have been a time of expansion and many additions have been made to the original building to meet the growing numbers

and to satisfy modern educational requirements. The sanatorium, Orchards cubicles, Junior Wing, tennis courts, the Kennedy Library, Domestic Science room and outside form rooms have all been built and equipped out of our exiguous funds while every effort has been made to keep the fees at the lowest possible level for the efficient running of the school. The outstanding need of an Assembly Hall is one which cannot be met out of income and we hope that for this we may turn to our Old Girls, parents and friends who will share in the benefits of an adequate building for school functions in which all our visitors may be accommodated.

The Association of the Friends of St. Elphin's has been formed with the provision of the hall as its first object. You can help most of all by taking out a covenanted subscription which will assure us of a building income for the next seven years. Any donations, large or small, will be gratefully welcomed and should be sent to the Secretary, St. Elphin's School.

The Committee of the Friends wish to place on record their appreciative thanks to Mr. Stanford, Rector of Darley and father of an Old Girl, for his beautiful photographs reproduced in this booklet which is being sold for the funds of the Association.



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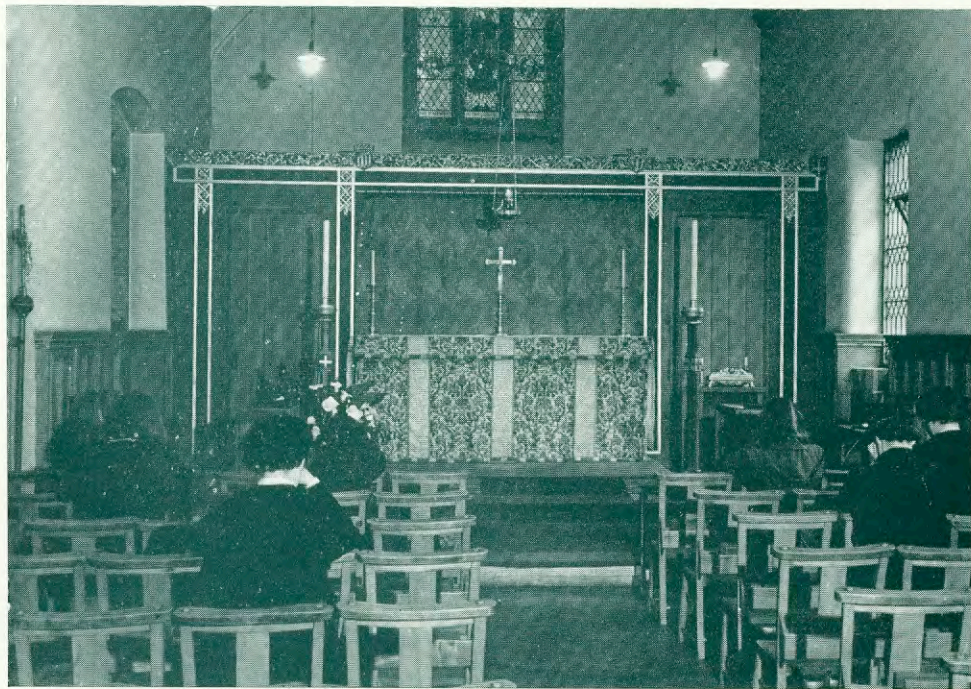
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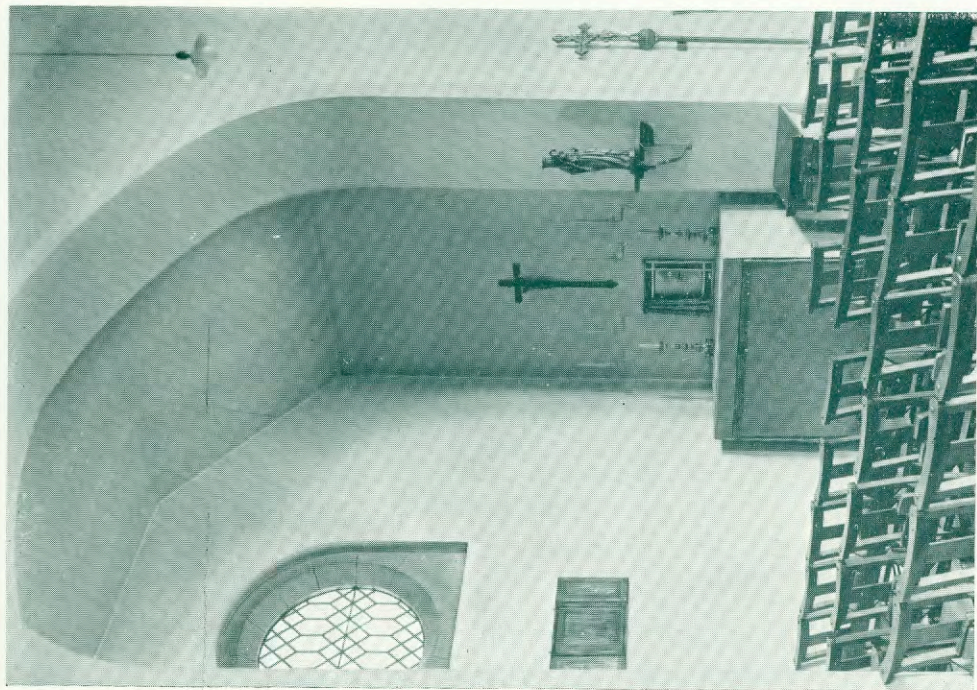
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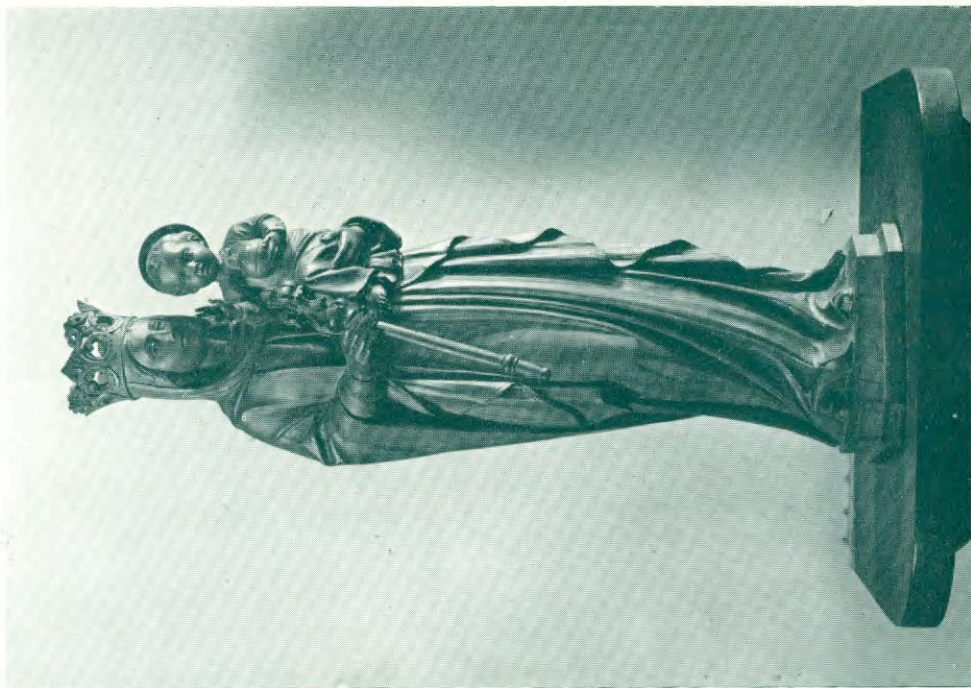
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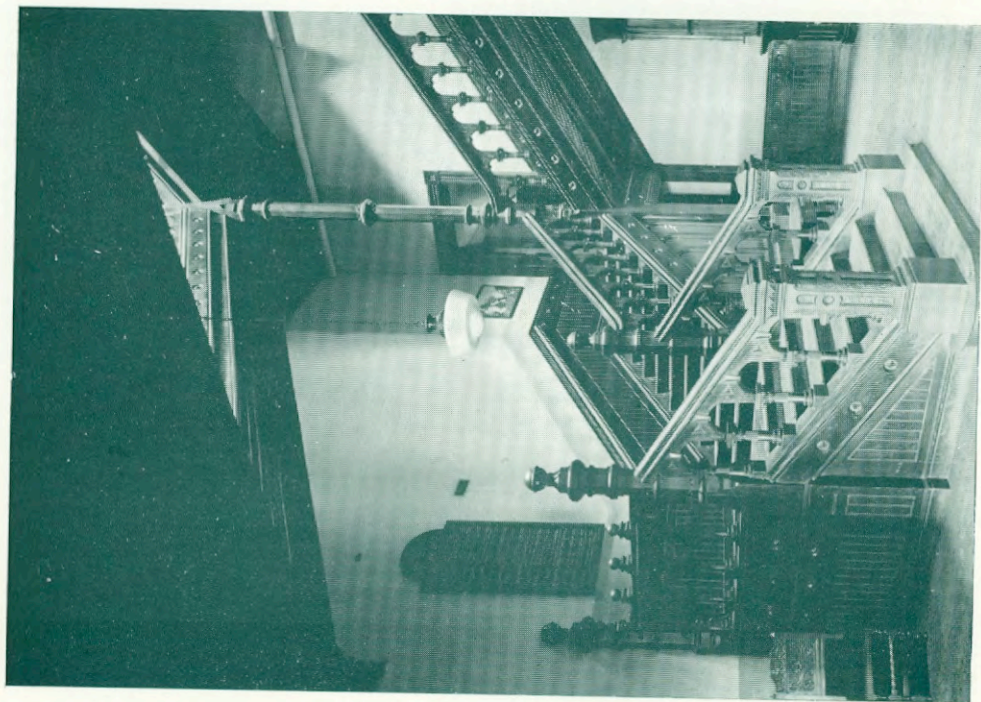
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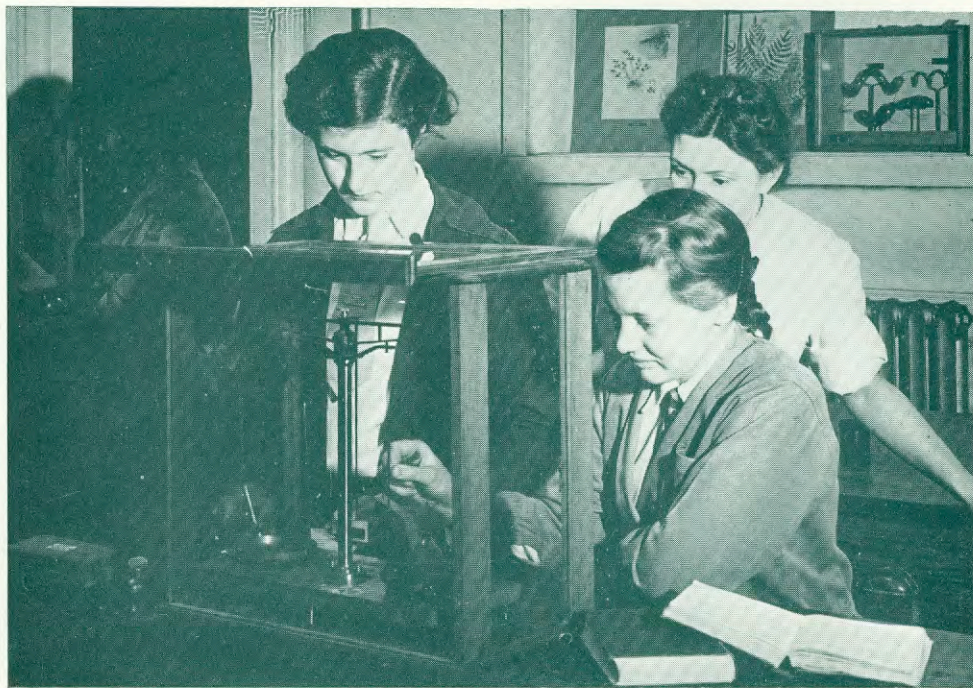
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