

MADRAS COLLEGE ARCHIVE SUPPORT GROUP

Meeting of Thursday 4th September, 2014 at 3.45 – 4.35 pm in South Street, Room K1

1. **Present:** Donald Macgregor (Chair), Arlen Pardoe, Anne Morris, Frances Humphries, Liz Higgins, David Watkinson, Maia Sheridan, Edmund Robertson, Lindsay Hodge, David Galloway, Colin Mackay, Lindsay Matheson. **Apologies:** Ann Marshall, Elaine Methven, Jim Bennett.
2. DM welcomed the members to this first meeting of the new session and checked the note of the AGM and business meeting of June 5th, 2014 for accuracy.
3. The Rector Mr McClure dropped in for a quick supportive word to the group and handed over some materials he had come across for placing in the Archive.
4. Under Matters Arising:
 - i/. AP reported that the various summaries from sub-groups and AM's Report were now on the website and constituted our Annual Report for the 2013-14 session.
 - ii/. LM had discussed "retention schedules" of suitable items with the Rector and will follow this up. AP pointed out that many items could be retained electronically.
 - iii/. CM had met a former pupil, Brian Cunningham, now estate manager at Scone Palace Garden. He intended producing a short report on him to highlight both his career and his time at Madras.
 - iv/. Hannah Ham, who was working in K1 but not at the meeting itself contributed a fascinating insight into the use of the WW1 Commemorative Booklet produced by AP and based on the work of Ken Paterson (Book of Remembrance). During a summer trip by Madras pupils to the battlefields and cemeteries of the Western Front the booklet had proved invaluable. Moreover, using information in the booklet many of the graves of former pupils in various locations had been visited, the most poignant of which being the discovery of the school motto *pro rege et grege* on one of the headstones. LM will write Ken Paterson to inform him of these events and to facilitate correspondence between him and Hannah. The Curriculum Leader (Head of Dept) Bruce Robertson had also been most grateful for the pamphlet.
 - v/. AP has in his scanning in-tray the "ink book" of a girl pupil of c.1930 for the website.
5. We await the names of potential pupil members for the new session.
6. DG recounted how the detailed diary of a girl evacuee from Edinburgh to St Andrews during WW2 had come to his notice. This will also be put on the website. DG will provide LM with the details of Miss Mary Gibson so that he may write a formal letter of thanks.
7. FH reported that the scrapbooks are up to date.
8. DG reported that the work of the Burgh School group was more or less complete.
9. EH has received more material (including letters from Canada) about James Hargraves and has been aided by a Library assistant in transcribing work.

10. CM notified the group that the Oral Project will be a focus for the winter months, that he will contact St Andrews Citizen with regard to old photographs, and was confident that a recent "Citizen" photograph of a Madras Drama group from the 1970s could be accurately "named".
11. AP reported that the most recent prize-list had been put on the website.
12. The Kinder. The mention of 'the Kinder' was raised during the discussion which CM led about contacting the Citizen (Item 10). AM wondered whether we could enquire, through the Citizen, whether anyone had any photographs of the Kinder.
13. Majorie Morrison had sent in a detailed information pack for AP regarding the FPs who had established a famous Shipbuilders' Company (AP to clarify at a future meeting). LM will send a letter of thanks from the group to Marjorie for all her work on these matters.
14. DW had recently come across material about Ian McPherson a former Geography teacher at Madras.
15. It was decided to reconvene on November 6th, 2014.
16. The Chair closed the meeting with thanks to the group at 4.35pm.

LM

11th Sept, 2014