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Addressing students of King's College, His Excellency the Governor, Sir Cecil Clementi, K.C.M.G., distributed awards and congratulated the College on its successes in the University examinations. He stated that the possibility of providing the College with better playing fields was being sympathetically considered by the Government. Sir Cecil also congratulated the senior scholars on their ambulance work, noting that during the smallpox outbreak, they had vaccinated no fewer than 27,688 Chinese. He expressed the hope that this valuable service would continue.

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His Excellency presented the boys of King's College with a motto for their year's work and for all their lives, quoting from Confucius: "The way of learning lies in the shining forth of shining virtue and in stopping short of nothing but the highest good." 《大學》(舊題孔子傳授, 曾參記述), 並非直接出自《論語》:「大學之道, 在明明德, 在親民, 在止於至善。」

The distinguished gathering at the annual prize distribution included Mrs. W. T. Southorn, Mr. E. Ralphs (acting Director of Education and Assistant Commissioner, St. John Ambulance Brigade), the Hon. Mr. J. P. Braga, Mr. Li Yau-tsun, C.B.E., Mr. Ho Kom-tong, O.B.E., the Rev. G. T. Waldegrave (Commissioner, Boy Scouts Association, Hong Kong branch), Professor L. Forster, Mr. J. L. McPherson, the Rev. Fr. Byrne, S. J., the Rev. J. Horace Johnston, Mr. T. N. Chau, Mr. Kwok Siu-lau, Mr. Ma Tsui-chau, Mr. Op Lan-chuen, Mr. A. H. Crook, Mr. W. Kay, Mr. J. Ralston, and Mr. G. F. Nightingale. H.E. the Governor was accompanied by the newly appointed Aide-de-Camp, Captain F. G. Sillitoe, Royal Marines.

Visitors were treated to an exhibition of school gems, paintings, and drawings, all highly creditable to the College. Highlights included a relief map of Hong Kong made by Class 8, and a model of the room occupied by Class 8, complete with every detail from the teacher's desk and register to a blackboard with a lesson on it, and even a lampshade ingeniously made by splitting a ping-pong ball in half. Not to be outdone, the older boys in the junior class produced a model of the school fountain and swimming pool, and a detailed model of Gun Club Hill. Admiration for the enterprise and skill of the boys was expressed by all.

Prior to distributing the prizes, H.E. the Governor expressed his pleasure in congratulating the staff and boys of King's College on the very satisfactory report. He found it most encouraging to hear of the school's success at the recent University examinations, and to learn that, for the first time, some pupils had entered for the Matriculation examination, with all who qualified joining the Hong Kong University. It was also pleasant to note that the great majority of boys who passed the Matriculation, Senior Local, and Junior Local examinations had received practically their entire education at the school. King's College was fortunate to have a very efficient staff, and H.E. noted with much interest that all Chinese members of staff engaged in teaching English had been locally trained—six at the Hong Kong University and eight at the Technical Institute. Of these eight, two were ladies whose difficult work merited the highest praise.

Head Master Mr. A. Morris presented his report on the first year's work, comparing the year of achievement, crowded with organizational details, to putting a huge machine into operation. He recalled that the official opening of King's College by His Excellency had taken place exactly twelve months prior, on March 5.

For the first time, the College entered candidates for the University Matriculation Examination. Of the seven who sat, one passed in the Honours Division, gaining distinction in chemistry; three were in the Pass List, one of whom obtained a distinction in trigonometry; and two were awarded the Senior Local Certificate, with one distinction in trigonometry. It is noteworthy that the four who qualified in Matriculation have since entered the University, two on the medical side and two in the arts faculty. One of the latter was awarded a Government Education Scholarship. In the Junior Local Examination, 23 out of 29 candidates passed, collectively gaining 29 distinctions. The customary half-yearly and annual examinations were held, with results communicated to parents and guardians. Every effort is being made to maintain a high state of efficiency, with the University as the goal, aiming to raise standards. Class subjects are grouped as in local examinations, and promotion requires passing in separate groups of Chinese, English, Mathematics, and Science, as the total aggregate number of marks is no longer the sole determining factor.

The staff numbered 35 teachers: 3 European masters, 10 European lady teachers, 2 Chinese lady teachers, 6 Local University graduates, 6 Technical Institute trained masters, 7 Vernacular masters, and 1 part-time Drill Instructor. Additional European Masters are required for the Senior Classes. Special mention was made of the two Chinese lady teachers engaged in the most difficult work in the College, Class 8. Transferred to King's College from the Belilios Girls' School in September 1926 on experimental grounds, their work merited the

highest praise. For many years, both King's College and the old Saiyingpun School had served as "experimental ground" for the Education Department. The past year was unprecedented for the amount of sickness prevalent among the staff, with as many as five teachers on the sick list at one time. The absence of staff due to sickness, coupled with the Department having no "supply" or "supernumerary" teachers, made the smooth working of a large college extremely difficult. It was with the deepest regret that the death of Mr. Li Wing-in, a senior vernacular master, in July was recorded. Mrs. Morris went home on sick leave in May, and Mr. T. J. Price, formerly of St. Stephen's College, joined the staff in September. Mr. Yau Fung-hon resigned in July. The Head Master took the opportunity to thank his staff for their good work, often performed under very trying and exacting conditions.

The facilities within the building were utilized to their fullest extent. The playground was fully occupied during appropriate hours from morning to night, resounding with the shouts of joyous and boisterous youth. Anxious guardians sometimes sent search parties for those so preoccupied they forgot their evening meal. Ping-pong was one of the most popular games, played enthusiastically by all, while the volleyball, basketball, and tennis courts were the scene of closely contested class and league matches. In volleyball, the junior team were the runners-up for the Junior League Shield. These activities contributed to the improvement of general health and physical standards. While appreciating the limited open space available for games and recreation, the hope was expressed for fuller and more ample playing spaces in the near future. The swimming pool was in full use for most of the year, providing practice in a most useful art and recreation. The Medical Officer of Schools commented on the improved chest development of those who had previously been below normal measurements.

The handicraft room, previously used as a Scout Room and an instructional centre for the Coxswains' Nautical Class held by the Technical Institute, would be used as a woodwork and handicraft room during the current year. The photography room would also be used, as funds were available for the necessary equipment. The gymnasium had been in use for physical drill in the afternoons since September, when Mr. Mauricio was appointed as a part-time drill teacher. With the arrival of "fixed" apparatus in transit, the appointment of a full-time physical instructor became a matter for serious consideration. Under present arrangements, only the divisions of the three lowest classes had opportunities for drill—one weekly lesson of half an hour. The cinema projecting room still lacked its machine, but this deficiency was expected to be remedied soon. The art room was used to good purpose; one distinction in drawing was awarded in the Junior Local Examination, and judging from the classwork, the University standard must

be very high. All classes from Matriculation down to Class 7 now received definite instruction in Art.

During the midsummer holidays, with the approval of the Director of Education, summer classes met. Certain classrooms were available for private study, the library for reading and reference, the playground for games, and the pool for swimming—concessions that were greatly appreciated and fully justified. Several Technical Institute classes were transferred to the College early in the year. The College Ambulance Division flourished and continued its good work, but the Troop of Boy Scouts had dwindled in numbers. An important innovation was "Visiting Day" on November 29, when parents and guardians were invited to observe classes at work. About 200 parents availed themselves of this opportunity to familiarize themselves with the College and to establish mutual understanding and personal acquaintance. The Head Master sincerely hoped the number of visitors would increase to over 1,000 in the coming year, believing that cordial relationships between guardians and teachers reduce friction and are conducive to good discipline and the smooth running of the school. He humorously added that the greatest punishment to inflict was to call in a boy's guardian.

In addition to gifts and benefactions acknowledged a year ago, the following had been received:

* **Woo Hay-tong Class Scholarships:** Mr. Woo Hay-tong's generosity provided eight class scholarships, totaling \$480 annually, for the four lowest classes. Furthermore, income from the same benefactor enabled the founding of the Senior and Junior Woo Hay-tong Scholars, with yearly values of \$150 and \$75 respectively, tenable for three years.

* Mr. Fung Kong-un presented the library with a handsome edition of the New Oxford Dictionary in Morocco, valued at 65 guineas.

* Mr. Fung Ping-shan made further additions to the Chinese section of the library.

* Mr. Wylie presented the art room with two large volumes entitled "Great Pictures of Great Painters."

* Mr. Ma Ying-pui donated four tapestry pictures.

* Mr. Ng Sze-mei contributed a large and handsome silver rose bowl.

* Mr. Kwok Hin-wang provided a silver centrepiece.

* Messrs. U Cheuk-sang and Wong lu-cho donated two silver challenge shields, competed for in inter-class matches.

* Mr. Walter Joseph, formerly of Michael and Co., presented a silver cup.

The following scholarships were awarded for the first time: Hu Cheong, Alfred Morris, and Li Ping.

* ****Sir Ellis Kadoorie Prize:**** Under the will of the late Sir Ellis Kadoorie, the prize fund benefits to the extent of \$110 annually.

* ****Belilios Scholarships:**** At the end of the current year, from adjustments made by the Belilios Estate Trustees, it was hoped to found three Belilios Scholarships—one Senior Scholarship of the annual value of \$150 and two Junior Scholarships, each of the annual value of \$75.

Nor must visitors be forgotten. On October 28, the College was honored with a visit from the Officer Administering the Government and Mrs. Southorn, who made a very thorough and critical inspection and left with a good impression. Parties of teachers and others interested in schools and education from Japan, North China, Formosa, Canton, Australia, and Britain had visited the building, all unanimous in their praise and admiration of the College and its equipment.

In conclusion, the Head Master tendered the sincere thanks of the pupils and staff of King's College to His Excellency for devoting so much of his valuable time to the morning's function. He acknowledged His Excellency's universally recognized keen interest in all that appertains to education, and expressed his sincere hope and prayer that H.E. would long be spared to the Colony to advance the claims of education, for which he had done so much in the past. (Applause).

****PRIZE LIST****

****Matriculation:****

* Chiu Pat-po (Honours - Distinction in Chemistry; Senior Woo Hay-tong Scholarship)

* Leung Mo-shun (Pass, Distinction in Trigonometry; awarded Government Education Scholarship)

* Lau Shing-ki (Pass)

* Ng Yee-sin (Pass)

- * Fung Hing-kan (Senior Local Certificate, Distinction in Trigonometry)
- * Lai Chin-cheong (Senior Local Certificate)

****Junior Local Certificates:****

- * Wai Po-wang (J.L.C. with Distinctions in Arithmetic, Mathematics, Mechanics, Drawing and Li Ping Scholarship)
- * Kong Sau-yuen (J.L.C. with Distinctions in Arithmetic, Geography and Mathematics and Drawing Prize)
- * Kong Sau-yiu (J.L.C. with Distinctions in Arithmetic, Physics and Mathematics)
- * Kwong Shum-kok (J.L.C. with Distinctions in Arithmetic, Physics, Mathematics, Mechanics and Woo Hay-tong Junior Scholarship)
- * Lau Tak-cheuk (J.L.C. with Distinctions in Arithmetic, Physics and Mathematics)
- * Tso Nai-keung (J.L.C. with Distinctions in Physics, Mathematics and Woo Hay-tong Junior Scholarship)
- * Wu Hung-tak (J.L.C. with Distinction in Arithmetic, Physics and Ho Tung Scholarship)
- * Choy Wai-lam (J.L.C. with Distinction in Arithmetic)
- * Lee Ping-cheong (J.L.C. with Distinction in Arithmetic)
- * Lui Hok-hoi (J.L.C. with Distinction in Arithmetic)
- * Nau Kwai-tong (J.L.C. with Distinction in Mathematics)
- * Tang Kuen-sang (J.L.C. with Distinction in Arithmetic)
- * Wai Po-kam (J.L.C. with Distinction in Arithmetic)
- * Wong Shut-hi (J.L.C. with Distinction in Mathematics)
- * Wong Yin-shau (J.L.C. with Distinction in Mathematics)

****Other Prizes:****

- * Lau Shau-cheuk
- * Leung Kwong-ming

- * Laurence Long
- * Fung Sheung-kwong
- * Tsui Kwok-shu
- * Wai Chi-man
- * Wong Sun-man
- * Wong Tin-lok

****Class 8:****

- * Walter Sui (Alfred Morris Scholarship)
- * Kam Ngai-fai (Chan Pek-chuen Scholarship, Vernacular Prize Class 8A)
- * Lau Hon-hing (Hu Cheong Scholarship)

****Class 8A:****

- * Ho Hon-fan (Class Prize)
- * Tam Man-seung (Class Prize)
- * Lo Cheung-sum (Mathematics)
- * Tam Yam-fu (Mathematics)
- * Ng Ting-ki (Science)

****Class 3B:****

- * Kwok Tai-chip (Class Prize)
- * U Wing-pong (Class Prize)
- * Wong Pun-lai (Class Prize)
- * Ip Kwok-ching (Science)
- * Ng Him (Mathematics and Vernacular Prize)

****Class 4:****

- * Cheng King-shing (Alan Morris Memorial Scholarship and Vernacular Prize)

- * Li Tung-wah (Vernacular Prize)
- * Yu Ping-chau (Government Scholarship)
- * Cheung Wai-yue (Government Scholarship)
- * Li Chi-tim (Government Scholarship)
- * Chan Wing-kuen (Government Scholarship)
- * Ha Chun-hing (Government Scholarship)
- * Pun Kam-tim (Government Scholarship)
- * Chan Sau-kan (Government Scholarship)
- * Clement Long (Chan Shek-shan Scholarship)

****Class Prizes:****

- * Class 4A: Pang Shiu-kwong and Lo Hung-hing
- * Class 4B: Tse Yu-sang
- * Class 4C: Ho Che-hung, Tse Sau-ping (Drawing)

****Vernacular Studies:****

- * Ying Pak-chuen
- * Kwok Chak-chuen
- * Ip Kwai-luen
- * Fong Chun-sing

****Class 5:****

- * Tse Yin-hon (Government Scholarship)
- * Ho Chok-nam (Woo Hay-tong Scholarship)
- * Yeung Yun-man (Woo Hay-tong Scholarship and Vernacular Prize)
- * Choi Po-cho (Ho Kom-tong Scholarship)

****Class 5A:****

- * Chau Pat-wal

* Wong Shing-tsik

****Class 5B:****

* Chak Kam-kwan

****Class 6C:****

* Sham Tak-hin

* Au Man-so (Vernacular and Drawing)

****Vernacular Studies:****

* Fong Fu-mun

* Cheung Lai-tat

* Pak Mau-kin

* Chan Man-yuk

* Tai Wing-tak

****Class 6:****

* Ho Tsz-kin (Government Scholarship)

* Lo King-sun (Woo Hay-tong Scholarship)

* Tang Hui-tok (Woo Hay-tong Scholarship)

* Leung Sze-cheung (Ralphs Scholarship)

* Li Chuen-chi (Class Prize and Vernacular Prize)

* Lai Yuen-ping (Class Prize)

* Chan Tung-ping (Class Prize)

****Vernacular Studies:****

* 6A1: Tong Ying-hung and Wong Wing-sau

* 6B2: Hung Ping-fai and Chan Chun-ip

* 6C3: Wong Iu-nam, Ung Lai-chuen, and Kwok Ying-san

****Class 7:****

- * Chau Wa-king (Government Scholarship)
- * Chung Hon-ki (Woo Hay-tong Scholarship and Vernacular Prize)
- * Tam Kwok-wing (Woo Hay-tong Scholarship and Vernacular Prize)
- * 7A: Ho Hok-tsing (Mok Kon-sang Scholarship)
- * 7A: Leung Hoi-ming (Class Prize)
- * 7A: Chau Kee-tong (Class Prize)
- * 7B: Liu Tse-fook (Class Prize)
- * 7C: Pun Chun-ho (Class Prize)
- * 7D: Yuen Sze-man (Class Prize)
- * 7R1: Li Chun-fai (Class Prize and Vernacular Prize)
- * 7R2: Leung King-sing (Class Prize)

****Vernacular Studies:****

* 7A: Cheung Kim-cheong, Tong Yin-chuen, Yue Yik-keung, Lo Yue-chung, Lui Sing-jeung

- * 7B: So Lok-hin and Chiu Man-chi
- * 7C: Hung Hin-kwing and Leung Chok-kai
- * 7D: Hui Hon-yin
- * 7F: Li Pak-chau and Luk Kwok-kan

****Class 8:****

- * Leung Pui-wah (Government Scholarship and Vernacular Prize)
- * Leung Ching-kun (Woo Hay-tong Scholarship)
- * Fong Fu-ngau (Woo Hay-tong Scholarship)
- * Lau Po-hei (Mok Kon-sang Scholarship)

****Class 8B:****

- * Cheung Yam-fook (Class Prize)

- * Siu Tsak-sang (Class Prize)
- * Tam Yung-sang (Class Prize)
- * Tang Kam-sing (Class Prize)

****Class 8C:****

- * Chan Siu-fai (Class Prize and Vernacular Prize)
- * Edmund Suen (Class Prize)
- * Lo Keng-ching (Class Prize)
- * Cheng Man-hee (Class Prize)

****Vernacular Studies:****

- * Leung Kwong-wa, Lo Mau-ki, Chu To-hi, Yung Fu-yuen
- * 8B: Lo Hung-pui
- * 8C: Lam Chak-min

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