

attempted to compose anything on a large scale, but his hymn ^{was} a remarkable quality of their own, and some are truly splendid. It was at W. P. Workman's request that he wrote "Lansdown" as being more worthy of the hymn than the tune usually used. Alas that "Sagina" has never been ousted. Let us be thankful that the alternative to "Anchor" is not well known.

It was, I think, in the January of 1904 that he came, and at the same time Miss Worthington as Art Mistress. It was known that they were engaged, and the marriage took place at King Street the day the School broke up. I was the one Kingswood boy privileged to be a guest at the wedding. That marriage was the beginning of a remarkable partnership. When he first came, Daddy Beer could see a little, but his eye-sight was already failing. It was the Head who persuaded him to learn Braille at once, devoting a day to learning it himself in order to show how quickly one could progress. Before I left in 1909 he had almost lost his sight and it cannot have been long after that he became totally blind. In his own house he always had two pianos, and all the choral work for next term he learned bar by bar from his devoted wife as they sat at the two pianos.

It was not only music that he gave to Kingswood, for his strong Christian faith was another source of inspiration; in fact, the two went inseparably together as his hymn tunes testify.

He was to live long years after he left the School in 1928. He passed away only three months before his 90th birthday, leaving his wife, who has been his devoted companion and helpmeet for almost 60 years. To her and to his brother Donald we offer our deepest sympathies."

CHARLES HENRY GIBSON 1895-7

Lieutenant-Colonel C. H. Gibson died in December, 1962, at the age of 81 after a long life of eminent public service in the County Borough of Croydon. We greatly regret that this tribute has been so long delayed. His public activities were so numerous that he can have had little leisure, but he was always proud of Kingswood, where his two brothers and his nephew were also educated, and he was a Life Member of the Association.

On leaving school he was articled to a firm of constructional engineers and eventually founded his own firm. He was elected to the Council of the County Borough of Croydon in 1921, became Alderman in 1935, and was elected Mayor in 1949. In recognition of his outstanding service and his personal qualities the Freedom of the Borough was conferred on him in 1954. He retired from the Council in 1958 after thirty-seven years' service. In 1952 he had been appointed Deputy Lieutenant of Surrey. He served with distinction in both World Wars with ten years' commissioned active service. As a member of the Crystal Palace trustees he campaigned successfully for the provision of sporting facilities on the derelict grounds. He was a member of the South-West Metropolitan Regional Hospital Board, and a governor of several schools. We hope that his widow—Mrs. Dorothy Gibson, J.P.—and his son and daughter—will accept this bare and inadequate tribute to a truly distinguished career of public service and our belated sympathy.

WILFRED SHAW HARTLEY 1906-10

It was a sad surprise to read of the death of W. S. Hartley the day after the funeral of his wife. Unassuming and unobtrusive, he took little part in our public activities, but his devotion was shown not only in the meticulous care with which he paid his dues, but in the kindly letters which came with them,