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## EDITORIAL

Last year I was pleased to be able to tell you that the immediate future of the School had been secured by the decision of Sir Keith Joseph not to allow the merger of the two Altrincham Grammar Schools. Ominously, this year the school has again been featured in the local press as the fabric of the building itself had deteriorated to such an extent the the electrical circuitry in the assembly hall had become gravely unsafe and it was even rumoured that damp conditions had proved a fertile breeding ground for fungi in at least one area of the School. Last year I felt that it would be contentious to predict that the savings envisaged in the Town Hall as a result of the amalgamation scheme (and therefore lost by the decision of Sir Keith Joseph) might be recouped elsewhere; now I wonder.

I am very glad this year to be able to include a "Reminiscence" from one of our more senior members and already have another planned for next year covering the period of the Second World War, but I hope that other members, especially those who remember the very earliest years of the school or those during the later inter-war period would hasten to put pen to paper and record their memories for us all to enjoy.

Sadly, this year Norman Dickinson departed from the Committee to live in France with his daughter and with his going we have lost not only a devoted past Chairman, but our richest source of anecdotes and personal memories of the School. Norman's devotion to the School, the Association and the Lodge will be sadly missed. His last and entirely characteristic act as a Committee-member was to donate his 1927 Cricket XI cap to the School. I am sure that we all wish him peace, tranquillity and much happiness in his new life.

ALAN MORRIS

## ANNUAL REUNION DINNER



Photograph of the Annual Reunion Dinner by courtesy of the Altrincham Guardian.  
Left to right: K. Lea, G. Thornton, R. Howarth, A. Morris, C. Howard, N. Bickers, P. Morton.

