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EDITORIAL

This is to be my last Editorial as I am returning to the Southern Hemisphere with my family, after 4½ years back in the U.K. I have been delighted with many things and saddened by others. It was for example, a delight to meet four mates from 30 years ago, some with low handicaps at Golf (these the Solicitors and Doctors), those approaching early Retirement to the Sun of Spain (these the Teachers and Stock Brokers), and still more battling on in the world of Business. It was also a delight to have my son educated by one of the men who educated me — with greater success this time, and to be able to appreciate that what he was doing for Gavin was just what he had tried to do for me!

An example of what saddened me was to hear of the wranglings for changes to be made to things that were functioning perfectly well without change, for POLITICS sake — blow the children involved!! I hope for a Conservative win in the local elections to save AGS from Comprehensive Education — perish the concept.

Teachers, as I **now** appreciate, do a wonderful job, and they have been financially underrated for many years, but MILITANCY? This also saddens me, for I feel that Parents **would** act on teachers' behalf if asked so to do — leaving the Teachers to get on with teaching.

Thank God for dedicated men such as Keith Nodding, Bill Bickers, and Peter Morton who have survived in spite of all these ructions. They have my admiration and thanks, and I hope that I speak for us all, ex-pupils and present parents alike. May I ask you all to help the School survive, **and** keep its high scholastic standard, in any way you can.

Lastly, can I thank you all for your support these past 3 years, and ask you to similarly support my successor, Terry Spragg, of 'Cleasby', 47 Northwich Road, Knutsford, to whom I give my best wishes, as I do to you all.

TONY BLYTH (53-59) Editor

