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### EDITORIAL

That short but distinguished line of succession — Laver, Hamblin, Crowther, Bickers, Nodding — is about to be lengthened by the addition of a further name. In its 81 years of life, the School has had only five Headmaster, the most recent, Keith Nodding, serving in that post from 1987 to 1993.

The Old Altrinchamians' Association salutes Keith, who has spent his entire teaching career at A.G.S. (with the exception of a one-year teaching exchange in the USA.) Quite apart from Keith's manifold contributions to the life and work of the School, which are chronicled in The Altrinchamian section of this magazine, the Association has much to be thankful to him for. His wholehearted support and wise counsel in relation to our activities, not to mention his genial hosting of O.A. committee meetings in his study at School, are very much appreciated. Keith's presence at Annual Reunion Dinners and his entertaining after-dinner speeches have always delighted those present, and in wishing him and Jean every happiness in the future, we hope Keith will continue to find time to come along to the annual dinners.

To the next-in-line Headmaster Mr. Bryan Purvis, who comes from the post of Deputy Head at The King's School, Tynemouth, Tyne and Wear, we extend a warm welcome and look forward to continuing our happy relations with the new leader of the School which we are all proud to have attended.

Ken Lea

### 78th ANNUAL REUNION DINNER

Were you puzzled at the end of February by reported sightings of swarms of moths in Altrincham and other parts of the country? well, I can offer an explanation — the Old Altrinchamians were dusting off their DJs ready for the Annual Reunion Dinner on 26th February. I was amongst them, and can report that, with another year over (all too quickly) my DJ was feeling snuggier than ever! Indeed snugness was a theme repeated in our seating arrangements that night, for with 120 in attendance, the capacity of the Cresta Court Hotel's Burlington Suite was almost exhausted. I know it would be a source of great satisfaction to the dinner organisers if a move to the capacious Belgrave Suite could be made — well, if you were not there this year, please come next time. (It is always on the last Friday in February, and in 1994 that means the 25th.) Now I ask you, with that much notice — what possible excuse could you have!/? Why not get in touch with that ex-classmate, and drag him along too.

