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EDITORIAL

Someone once said, that to follow Bing Crosby required a singer of considerable talent. This is how I feel, in many ways, trying to follow in the footsteps of Alan Morris, our Editor for many years. His example lies before me, and I can only hope to be worthy of the task.

1985 has been something of a dilemma for the School, with sniping taking place from all sides. I feel saddened by the necessity for Industrial Action by teachers, but sympathetic with their reasons. In much the same way, I feel that the proposed merger of the Girls' & Boys' Grammar Schools is also a sad proposition, but I am sure that we can all understand the necessity for it, and thus accept its inevitability. My only hope is that the name of Altrincham Grammar School will, by this proposed merger, (a sordid MODERN word, isn't it? !), be preserved for many, many years to come.

Our Association has enjoyed a quiet year, especially at the A.G.M. which must rate as one of the quietest functions in the North West of England. Somehow or other, from out of the thousands of past pupils of the School still living, we managed to assemble 13 for our A.G.M., although, in all honesty that should have been 14, but one person turned up 24 hours late. For his sins he found a) the school closed up and b) that in absentia he had been elected magazine Editor! (I can only plead that my watch was set on Patagonian Summer Time and that my Lawyer, a Mr. S. Pattison, had not checked up to ensure that I wouldn't make a mistake, so I blame him entirely.). We have made great efforts in recent years to raise materially the numbers who attend the Annual Dinner, so I now make a plea for the membership to really do their best to come to the A.G.M. I hope to see you there!

TONY BLYTH (1953-7)

