

The retirement of Mr. J. Archyll Jones as Headmaster in 1922.

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School's Gifts.

At the Secondary School, yesterday, after the ordinary proceedings associated with the end of term, the school bade farewell to Mr. Archyll Jones, the Headmaster. The chair was taken by the senior boy, H. Prentice, who, with the school captain, H.O. Vowell, voiced the good wishes of the school. Afterwards, a pocket aneroid and a case of pipes, the gifts of the school, were handed to Mr. Jones. In thanking the school, Mr. Jones said he felt it hard to say farewell after the 20 years he, had spent there. He would, however, like to give them the thoughts which had helped him in his own life. No one could go through life without having to do things unpleasant or difficult, and he would urge them always to make a point of doing the disagreeable thing first and getting it out of the way. Then they would find that much of the distaste came from the mere anticipation. Years ago he had learned from Francis Bacon what a sound principle this was. The other thought he would leave with them was that in all his experience he had never known a brilliant boy become a great success in life, and he had never known a hard-working boy to fail in after life.

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