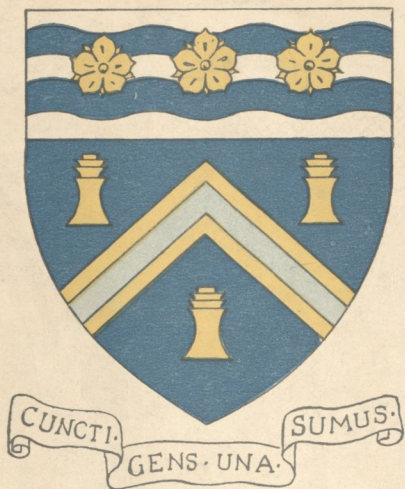


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HER MAJESTY QUEEN VICTORIA

*This picture was presented to the College by H.M. King George VI, 1950.*

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## THE JUBILEE

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*Programme of Celebrations*

MAY 1953

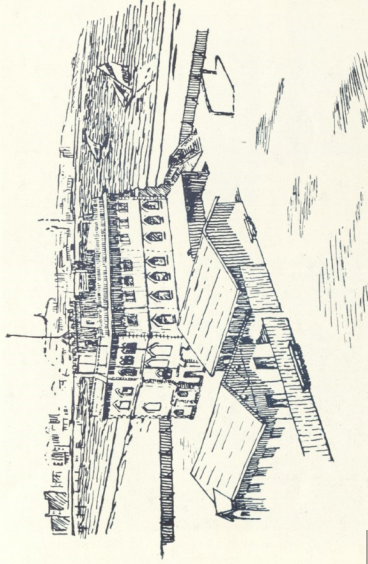




LAYING THE FOUNDATION STONE OF VICTORIA COLLEGE AT MAZARITA

*Alexandria, April 25th, 1901*

Sir Charles Cookson, Mr. E. W. P. Foster, Mr. J. A. Tarrel, Lord Cromer, Mr. G. B. Alderson, Mr. R. J. Moss.



THE OLD COLLEGE AT MAZARITA





VISCOUNT CROMER AT THE LAYING OF THE FOUNDATION STONE  
OF THE PRESENT COLLEGE



SIR GEORGE ALDERSON, K.B.E.



SIR HENRY BARKER, K.C.M.G.  
*For thirty years Chairman  
of the College Council.*



MR. K. P. BIRLEY



MR. C. R. LIAS, M.A.  
*Headmaster (1902—1922)*



MR. R. W. G. REED, C.B.E., M.A.  
*Headmaster (1922—1945)*



MR. W. J. SEELEY  
*Headmaster (1945—1957)*



## *A Short History of the College*

VICTORIA COLLEGE was founded in memory of Queen Victoria to provide a liberal education for the sons of Egyptians and residents in Egypt. In order to build and equip the College a fund was raised to which members of the different nationalities represented in Egypt and their friends in England contributed. A site of 25,000 pica overlooking the eastern harbour having been presented to the trustees by Mr. G. B. Alderson, the foundation stone was laid by Viscount Cromer on 25th April, 1901. On 1st November 1902 the College opened with 25 boys and eight masters, with Mr. C. R. Lias, M.A., as Headmaster. Four years later the old site was sold to Mr. Alderson for £. 100,000 with which sum the present site of about 18 feddans was purchased and new buildings erected. The foundation stone was laid by the Countess of Cromer on 24th May, 1906 (the anniversary of Queen Victoria's birthday), and the College, opened informally on the 15th October, 1908, was inaugurated officially on 27th March, 1909, by H.R.H. The Duke of Connaught.

The school year 1908-1909 proved, as was anticipated, a hard and trying one, but a special tram-service with a new station at the school door, was organised through the courtesy of the directors of the Ramleh Railway Company. This overcame the difficulties of transport and school hours, and the young transplanted school took firm root. The number of boys in this year was 145. The school flourished and its Old Boys began to make their mark in several countries besides Egypt. The outbreak of World War I in 1914 was soon followed by repercussions and the number of pupils dwindled. The military authorities requisitioned the buildings on the 26th April, 1915, and the school returned to the Old Buildings at Mazarita, the new buildings becoming the 17th General Hospital. The new buildings were reoccupied in July, 1919 and this marked the end of the second period of the school's history.

The school needed funds if it was to survive and Lord Allenby in May, 1920 launched an appeal for donations towards an endowment fund. The response, although not as great as hoped for, freed the College from immediate financial worries.

The years 1921-1938 were notable for a steady increase in numbers, and a growing reputation throughout the Middle East and the United Kingdom. Old Victorians with a pride in their school were moving about the world, and the value of the public school education provided at the College became known far and wide.

Mr. Edwin Goar gave a valuable corner site in 1927 and a new dormitory was added in 1930. By 1937 the numbers had increased to 500 and in the same year Mr. and Mrs. K. P. Birley presented the invaluable Hall which bears their name. With the outbreak of war in 1939 the College was again requisitioned by the Naval and Military authorities and ultimately became known as the 64th General Hospital. The School was transferred from Victoria to San Stefano. With the movement of hostilities towards the Egyptian frontier and the resultant air raids on Alexandria, it was decided to seek accommodation for boarders in Cairo and an ex-Italian school in Shubra was taken over in September, 1940. This school opened on the 8th October, 1940 with 70 boarders and 90 dayboys, whilst the School at San Stefano reopened in the same month with 360 dayboys. The years 1939 to 1944 were most trying ones for boys, staff and Council alike, and no school has probably ever undergone such trials twice and survived so successfully. The School moved back to Victoria during the summer of 1944 and opened on the 4th October. This date marks the end of the third period of its history.

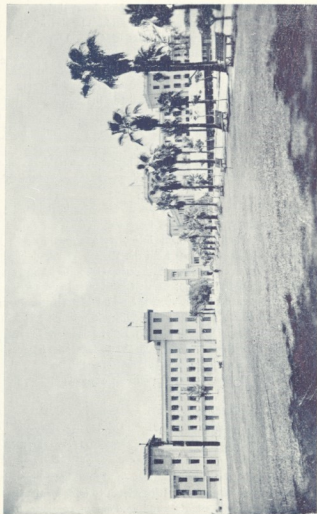
The war years and the post-war years saw no lessening in the applications for admission. On the contrary, the demand increased to such an extent that the branch at Cairo grew apace and finally came into being as a separate school in 1948. The College received a substantial grant from the Victory Thanksgiving Fund and three more dormitories, seven classrooms, three science laboratories and a woodwork shop were added. Fifty additional boarders were admitted and every country in the Middle East was represented. In 1950 three Old Victorian brothers, Messrs. Victor, Albert and Jack Bassili presented a magnificent swimming pool in memory of their late brother, Mr. Bassili Bassili, and Mr. Edwin Goar gave a badly-needed gymnasium of ample proportions. Other Old Victorians and friends have also remembered the College in its effort to keep abreast of the times.

The numbers in the College during the current session are 684, made up as follows :—

Upper School .....	Boarders ...	105	Dayboys ....	165 =	270
Lower School .....	Boarders ...	91	Dayboys ....	87 =	178
Preparatory School ..	Boarders ...	56	Dayboys ....	119 =	175
Kindergarten .....					61

Victoria College in spite of all its vicissitudes—and there have been many—has come through successfully to its Jubilee. It continues to work for this country and for the other countries of the Middle East and, in doing so, continues to be, in the words of the late Lord Cromer “an institution worthy of the great Sovereign whose name it bears.”





VICTORIA COLLEGE, 1953

## PROGRAMME

FRIDAY, 1st MAY, 3.30 P.M.

*Speech Day*

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SATURDAY, 2nd MAY, 11 A.M.

*Old Boys Cricket Match*

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SATURDAY, 2nd MAY, 8 P.M.

*Old Boys Dinner*

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MONDAY, 4th MAY, 2.30 P.M.

*Athletic Sports*

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TUESDAY, 5th MAY, 3.15 P.M.

*School Plays for Pupils*

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WEDNESDAY, 6th MAY, 10.30 A.M. TO NOON OR 2.30 TO 4 P.M.

*Open Day for Parents and Guests*

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THURSDAY, 7th MAY, 6.45 P.M.

FRIDAY, 8th MAY, 6.45 P.M.

*School Plays for Parents and Guests*



#### PRESIDENT:

H.E. Sir RALPH S. STEVENSON, *G.C.M.G.*, H.B.M.'s Ambassador in Egypt.

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Mr. B. F. MACDONA.

Sir H. O. HOLMES, *K.C., M.C.*

Mr. F. SHARPLES.

Mr. E. P. WINTER.

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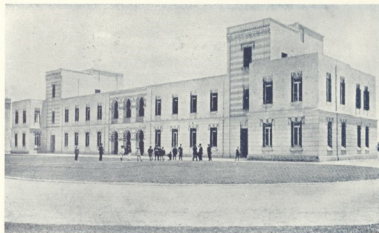
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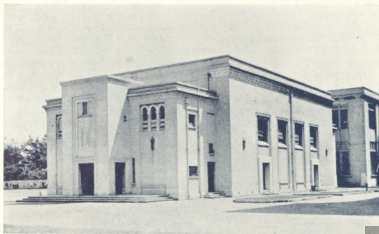
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#### Bursar:

Mr. T. W. McHATTIE.



THE SOUTH WING IN 1926



THE BIRLEY HALL



# HEADMASTER :

H. W. BARRITT, O.B.E., M.A., Peterhouse, Cambridge.

## RESIDENT STAFF :

	Appointed
H H. B. RIDER, B.Sc., University College, London, Second Master, <i>Mathematics</i> ..	1922
H R. R. PARKHOUSE, Master of the Lower School, <i>Mathematics and English</i> ..	1920
H A. J. WOLLASTON, Licencié-es-Lettres, Paris and Lille, <i>English</i> ..	1947
H G. SYLVAN, <i>French and English</i> ..	1930
H B. C. PORTER, B.A., King's College, Cambridge, <i>History and English</i> ..	1949
H M. H. SWABEY, B.A., New College, Oxford, <i>English</i> ..	1949
D. S. A. ADAMS, M.A., B.Sc., Trinity College, Cambridge, <i>Biology and Chemistry</i> ..	1950
J. C. TEEGAN, M.Sc., Ph.D., University College, Dublin, <i>Physics</i> ..	1951
H I. C. BENDALL, B.A., Peterhouse, Cambridge, <i>French</i> ..	1951
H D. M. POOLE, M.A., New College, Oxford, <i>Geography</i> ..	1951
J. F. POVEY, <i>English</i> ..	1950
P. J. TYLOR, Loughborough College, <i>Handicraft</i> ..	1951
J. SWATMAN, B.A., Downing College, Cambridge, <i>History and Geography</i> ..	1952
A. C. ERROCK, Diploma of Central School of Speech Training and Dramatic Art, <i>Speech Training</i> ..	1952
J. WATSON, Diploma of Physical Education (Denmark), <i>Physical Education</i> ..	1952
N. R. W. STEPHENSON, B.A., Jesus College, Cambridge, <i>History and English</i> ..	1953
Mrs. B. J. SYLVAN, Higher Froebel Certificate, <i>English and Mathematics</i> ..	1934
Mrs. K. B. CATHER, Warrington Training College, <i>Assistant Mistress, Preparatory School and Lower School</i> ..	1944
L. E. TOVAR, Master-in-Charge, <i>Preparatory School</i> ..	1949
O. A. FOWLES, Assistant Master, <i>Preparatory School</i> ..	1951
Miss M. DEEGAN, Newcastle Training College, <i>Assistant Mistress, Preparatory School</i> ..	1947
Mrs. J. H. ADAMS, B.A., Melbourne, <i>Assistant Mistress, Preparatory School</i> ..	1950
Miss J. M. WRIGHT, Teachers' Certificate, University of London, <i>Assistant Mistress, Preparatory School</i> ..	1952
Miss N. R. WEBSTER, National Froebel Certificate, <i>Mistress-in-Charge, Kindergarten</i> ..	1950
Miss P. S. TOWNLEY, Diploma of Reading Institute of Education, <i>Assistant Mistress, Kindergarten</i> ..	1946
Miss E. PRESCOTT, S.R.M. (Manchester), S.C.M. (Liverpool), H.V. (London), <i>School Nurse</i> ..	1941
Mrs. P. GOLDMAN, <i>Matron</i> ..	1949
Mrs. B. S. REBEIS, <i>Matron</i> ..	1952
Miss M. QUINTON, <i>Matron</i> ..	1953
Mrs. J. HATTON, <i>Superintendent of the Dining Hall</i> ..	1952
Miss M. W. BAILLY, Certificate of Institutional Management Association, <i>Housekeeper</i> ..	1953
C. M. CATHER, <i>Librarian</i> ..	1946
S. C. R. MANNING, National Certificate of Engineering, <i>Clerk of Works and Scoutmaster</i> ..	1951

H = Housemaster

# NON-RESIDENT STAFF :

## Arabic Staff:

	Appointed
KAMAL HANNA, Egyptian Government Baccalaureat ..	1933
FAWZI KHALIL, B.A., Fouad University ..	1945
EDWARD LOUKA, Egyptian Government Baccalaureat ..	1936
EL SAYED EL SHOKR, B.A., Fouad University, Diploma of Higher Institute, Cairo ..	1947
EL SAYED ROHAIEM, B.A., Farouk el Awal University, Alexandria, Diploma of Higher Institute of Education, Cairo, Diploma of Higher Institute of Archeology, Fouad el Awal University ..	1948
KAMEL GHAZZAL, B.A., Farouk el Awal University ..	1949
Miss A. HUSSEIN, B.A., Fouad el Awal University, <i>Preparatory School</i> ..	1945
Miss F. GAWISH, <i>Preparatory School</i> ..	1948

## French Staff:

J. G. DES MEULES, Licencié-es-Lettres, Université de Lausanne ..	1946
V. DE SCHIVANOVITS, Licence en Droit (Paris) ..	1952

## Other Subjects:

S. MOUZOURIS, Certificat d'Études Supérieures, <i>Mathematics</i> ..	1935
N. STAMBOULIEH, <i>Mathematics</i> ..	1943
E. KYAN, <i>Chemistry and Physics</i> ..	1950
E. K. OWEIS, Int. B.A. (London), <i>Mathematics</i> ..	1951
MAHMOUD HAMDY, B.A., Fouad el Awal University, Diploma of Higher Studies, Alexandria, Diploma of Higher Education, Alexandria, <i>Egyptian National Subjects</i> ..	1951
Y. PARES, B.Sc., Alexandria University, <i>Chemistry and Biology</i> ..	1952
G. LABIB B.Sc., Alexandria University, <i>Chemistry and Physics</i> ..	1951
J. LALOUCHE, <i>Chemistry and Physics</i> ..	1952
S. GOLDSTEIN, <i>Art</i> ..	1946
L. NAUDI, <i>Games</i> ..	1947
Miss F. EZERSKY, B.A., London, <i>Latin</i> ..	1952
Miss L. NAHAS, <i>Assistant Mistress, Kindergarten</i> ..	1936
Miss H. DAOUD, <i>Assistant Mistress, Preparatory School</i> ..	1941
Miss K. COMIS, <i>Assistant Mistress, Preparatory School</i> ..	1950
Miss D. WEST, <i>Assistant Mistress, Kindergarten</i> ..	1951

## Administrative Staff:

G. E. ENGLISH, <i>Headmaster's Secretary</i> ..	1950
M. A. MADIONA, <i>Clerk, Headmaster's Office</i> ..	1952
W. G. KENNY-LEVICK, <i>Clerk, Headmaster's Office</i> ..	1952
V. DARMANIN, <i>Assistant Bursar</i> ..	1940
L. C. MADIONA, <i>Cashier</i> ..	1947
E. T. GIRGIS, <i>Arabic Translator</i> ..	1948
A. CHIRCHOP, <i>Clerk, Bursar's Office</i> ..	1952
M. I. KARRAY, <i>Laboratory Assistant</i> ..	1952
Mrs. H. LAZARUS, <i>Assistant Housekeeper</i> ..	1952
Mrs. L. HOSNI, <i>Assistant Housekeeper</i> ..	1952
W. STEVENS, <i>Steward</i> ..	1952

## School Doctor:

Dr. E. N. RUSSELL, M.D., B.Ch.

## School Dentist:

Dr. H. KRICKORIAN, D.D.S.

## Ophthalmic Surgeon:

AHMED KAMEL, D.O.M. and S., Moorfields Hospital, London, Professor of Ophthalmology, Faculty of Medicine, University.

## Headboy:

H. NAZER

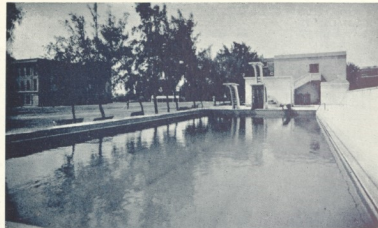
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R. KOHN

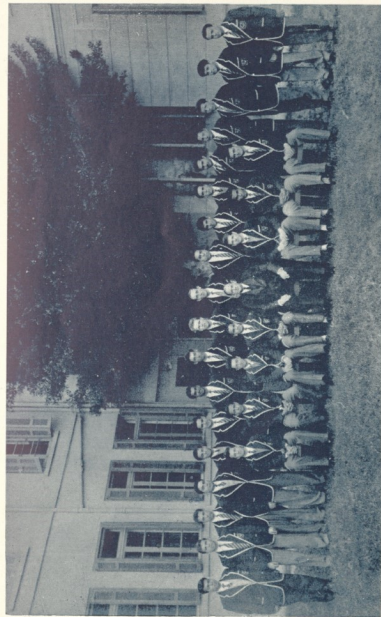




THE GOAR GYMNASIUM



THE BASSILI SWIMMING POOL



HEADMASTER AND PREFECTS, 1953

Left to Right,

Standing :

Squad :

At Home :

E. Capparis, J. Modai, T. Nakib, A. Nasr, S. Wadi, W. Chorbachi, S. Abu Hussein, G. Shaker, J. Heis, M. Baroudi,  
M. Soud, A. Tabagchali, A. Polyzoades, G. Ghazarian, E. Khadr, S. Djani, S. Tabagchali, S. Rassoul,  
G. Gokanis, Z. Shaker, T. Fan, H. Nasr, The Headmaster, J. Pithis, N. F. Belay, P. Lewin.  
R. Koth, A. Wissa.



