

Bill Blight – Maths Teacher – [University-Level Maths]

OBITUARY Mr. W. BLIGHT

The staff and pupils of the College learned with profound shock of the death from coronary thrombosis of Mr. Blight on Sunday, 5th May, 1968. His health had recently given cause for some concern, and he made plans for an early retirement, a rest which he had earned after 40 years of dedicated service.

Mr. Blight graduated B.Sc. (Hons.), from London University in 1927, and after a year at St. Mary's Training College, he began teaching in the East End of London. But his career was to be interrupted by the war. Joining the Territorials in 1938, he was amongst the first to be called up in September, 1939. He served with the Royal Artillery, was commissioned, reached the rank of captain and pioneered the introduction of radar at several Anti-Aircraft Batteries in the London area.

Demobbed in 1945, he had teaching posts in the London School of Engineering and the Oratory Central School, before becoming senior mathematics master at the College in 1948, where he remained for the last 20 years of his life.

Mr. Blight was an intense and devoted teacher, with an outstanding talent in his subject. The College was fortunate in having the services of a master whose department, with its high academic standard, was unequalled by any other in the London Service. Many Old Boys have acknowledged their debt to Mr. Blight's considerable abilities as a teacher. His place at Clapham will be difficult to fill.

He is mourned by his wife and two sons and by his colleagues at the College.