

ST. ANSELM'S HALL,

Victoria Park, Manchester.

Application for Admission.

Application for admission should be made to the Warden on this form,
and should be returned to him as soon as possible.

1.—Name in full (surname first)

WETHERELL SYDNEY.

2.—Date of Birth

October 2, 1911.

3.—Date and Place of Baptism

Towcester Parish Church 1911.

Date and Place of Confirmation

4.—Name of ~~Parent~~ or Guardian

Andrew Gibbs.

5.—Profession of ~~Parent~~ Guardian,

Schoolmaster.

6.—Home Address

"Hactodorum"

Lowcester, Northants.

7.—Places of Education, with dates

Lowcester Grammar School

Northants.

1920 - 1929.

8.—Public Examinations passed. Give particulars of subjects taken, credits or distinctions gained, &c.

1928. School Certificate Cambridge
credit.

(English, French, Hist. Geog. Maths Chemistry Art)

Exemption from London Un. Matric.

9.—Games played. State if House, School, or other Colours have been won.

Rugby, Hockey, Tennis.

10.—What subject do you propose to study at the University?

Chemistry & Metallurgy. Honours.

11.—Names and addresses of not more than three persons to whom reference can be made. One of these should be the applicant's head master, house master, or tutor

P. G. F. Clarke Esq. M.A. FRGS.

The Grammar School

Towcester, Northants.

H. L. Penney Esq. B. Sc. (Man.)

Blisworth

Northants.

12.—Religious Denomination (if not Church of England)

Church of England.

Signed

A Gibbs, on behalf
(Guardian.)
of S. Wetherell

Date

Sep 14 1929.

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL.

TOWCESTER GRAMMAR SCHOOL.



TOWCESTER,
NORTHAMPTON,

HEADMASTER:
P. G. F. CLARKE, M.A., F.R.G.S.

Sept. 20th., 19 29.

The Rev. The Warden,
St. Anselm's Hall,
Victoria Park,
Manchester.

Dear Sir,

It gives me great pleasure to support the application of Mr. Sydney Wetherell, who is applying for admission to St. Anselm's Hall, Manchester University.

He is a sound boy, of very fair average ability. He has at the present time, Matriculated and completed one year post-Matriculation work in Chemistry, Mathematics and Geography and I think he will benefit very greatly by reading for an Honours course in Science.

He has taken part in the organised games of the school although he has not been a member of any of the teams.

I have always found him straight and honest and I consider him to be a very suitable member of a University hostel.

Yours faithfully,

P. G. F. Clarke

Blisworth,
Northamptonshire.

18th. September 1929.

The Rev. The Warden,
St. Anselm's Hall,
Manchester.

Dear Sir,

Yours of the 17th. inst. re Mr. Sydney
Wetherell to hand this morning.

I was not aware that he had given my name
as a reference but I am glad to be able to tell you
something about him, particularly as I spent three years
at Dalton Hall.

I consider that he is likely to be able
to read an Honour School with profit. I was his form master
last year at Towcester Grammar School and have had a good
deal to do with him during school hours.

His moral character is, as far as I know,
perfectly satisfactory.

He is not very keen on games but does play.
I think he will get on well with his fellow students and
contribute to the well-being of The Hall.

I feel bound to say that this young man

is rather at an age when clothes and the fair sex militate somewhat against continued academic effort, but feel sure that with a reasonable amount of supervision he should do well both at The University and at The Hall.

If there are any further questions that you would like to ask I hope you will feel quite free to do so as I should like to do all I can for Mr. Wetherell.

I am,

Yours very truly

Humphrey L. Penney,

"Lactodorum"

Towcester Northants

Sep 10, 1929.

The Warden,
St- Anselm's Hall,
Manchester

Dear Sir,

I shall be glad if you will kindly forward full information regarding admission of university students to your Hall.

I intend if possible to send my ward to the university this coming session.

Believe me,

Yours Faith

Andrew Gibbs

ST. ANSELM'S HALL.

A HALL OF RESIDENCE IN THE UNIVERSITY OF MANCHESTER.

(Recognised by the Board of Education).

Warden :

The Rev. DUNCAN ARMYTAGE, M.A.

VICTORIA PARK,

MANCHESTER, S.

11th Sept. 1929.

Dear Sir,

Thank you for your enquiry about St. Anselm's Hall; I am sending you a Prospectus which will give you, I think, all necessary information. I am not clear from your letter whether your ward has already made application to the University, or not. If not, he should do so immediately; perhaps I ought to make it clear that application to the University is not covered by application to any Hall of Residence.

I have two or three vacancies for this session, and shall be able to admit your ward if he is accepted by the University. I think it will save time if you fill up the enclosed Application Form (if you wish to send him here) and send it to me before hearing from the University that they can accept him also; to do this will not commit him to residence here, but it will ensure him a place if he is coming to Manchester.

When you write again, you will perhaps have a good many questions to ask. Please do not hesitate to do so.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Andrew Gibbs, Esq.,
"Lactodorum",
Towcester,
Northants.

"Lactodorum"

Towcester Northants

Sep 14 1929

Dear Mr Armytage,

I beg to thank you for
yours of the other day.

I am returning completed application
form for admission to St. Avelin's Hall,
& regret I could not send it
earlier owing to my ward being away.

I have communicated with Dr Smith
and am awaiting his reply.

If possible I shall come to
Manchester on Sep 28 and
shall then have an opportunity
of discussing my ward & his future,
with you.

With regard to his equipment have
you special list of what a student
requires?

Believe me,

Yours Faith

Andrew Gibbs

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Warden :

The Rev. DUNCAN ARMYTAGE, M.A.

VICTORIA PARK,

MANCHESTER, S.

16th Sept. 1929.

Dear Mr Gibbs,

Thank you for your letter of Sept. 14th. I should be glad to receive the Application Form as soon as possible in order that I may write for your ward's testimonials. I am sorry to say that I shall be away for the week-end of Sept. 28th and 29th. I could arrange to see you any time on the 27th or after 5 p.m. on the 30th. I hope this will be convenient to you, for it will be useful for us both probably that we should have a chance of discussing your ward's future.

With regard to equipment, I have no special list. He just wants the ordinary personal wardrobe, with athletic clothes, (football, tennis, etc.) and a suit of evening clothes for our various social functions. Most of the students, I find, wear a dinner jacket not "tails", and I suggest that a dinner jacket is more suitable

Perhaps you will let me know what day and hour you hope to call upon me.

I am,

Yours very truly,

"Lactodorum"

Towcester, Northants.

Sep 20.

Dear Mr Armytage,

I wrote to Dr Smith
sometime last week asking for
Registration Form etc but so far
have had no answer.

I understand that an application
form will have to be completed and
so am anxious to do so at the
earliest opportunity & hence my anxiety.

As I am not conversant with the
mode of procedure on entering a university
any information you are able to give
me will be appreciated.

Believe me,

Yours Faithfully

Andrew Gibbs.

Lactodorum
Towcester

Nov 13 1930

Dear Mr Armytage,

Enclosed please find
cheque in settlement of Terminal Account.

I was sorry not to see you
when I came to Manchester
but hope to be more fortunate
when next I come.

I hope Wetherell is working
well and taking a very
keen interest in the Hall
activities, It is essential that he should work hard.

With kind regards

Yours Faithfully
St. Gibbs.

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VICTORIA PARK,

MANCHESTER, S.

14, November, 1930.

Dear Mr. Gibbs,

Thank you for the cheque in payment of Wetherell's fees for the current term, for which I enclose a formal receipt.

I was very sorry not to see you when you were here; I should have been very glad of the opportunity of a talk with you, for I have not been altogether happy about the boy for some little time. But, as you will remember you gave me only twenty four hours notice of your intended visit, and were unable to accept either of the times I suggested. I had an engagement in Harrogate that afternoon, and could not scratch it. However I hope that it will be possible for you to come up again soon so that we can thrash out various points. Meanwhile I will do my best to see that Wetherell works, but it is easier said than done, as you will realize.

I am,

Yours very truly,

"Lactodorum"

Towcester.

Feb 27 1931

Dear Mr Armytage,

I enclose cheque in settlement of Wetherell's Account and regret that it has not been settled earlier. I was rather annoyed that the terminal results & mas, were not better, but I have pointed out, as forcibly as I possibly could, to him, that he should realise his duties to himself & others & that if he wastes his opportunities he alone will be responsible. It is not an easy task for me - he assures me he is working well & hard - I hope this is true.

I should very much like to have a chat with you but am afraid I shall not be in Manchester for a long while if however I am that way I shall certainly endeavour to see you.

With kind regards

Yours Sincerely

Andrew Gibbs.

2, March, 1931.

Dear Mr. Gibbs,

Thank you for your cheque in payment of Wetherell's fees for the current term, and for which I enclose a receipt.

I am sorry that you cannot come up for so long a time; I want to be able to talk to you about Wetherell. To write what I have in mind to say, seems like laying very definite complaints against the boy, which I do not wish to do. In part what I should have to say is only impression, which is all the stronger reason for not putting it in writing; and in part it is observation which may need no such explanation as might at first sight appear. However if you cannot come, the matter must remain in abeyance, but I am not at all satisfied that his University life is doing him the good you are looking for.

I am,

yours sincerely,

"Lactodrom,"
Brackley Road,

Lowcester.

March 29th.

Dear Sir,

I am going to give you
an exact account of my dealings
with the meter. I have
done wrong, very wrong, and I
have to confess it.

First I will tell you how
I came to tamper with the
meter at all.

At the beginning of last term
when I first took the room,
the mechanism became jammed.
You may remember that I
saw you about it & Campbell
put it right. Very soon
after it went wrong again, and
as I wanted the fine immediately
I unlocked the meter myself

and readjusted it. The jamming of the meter has happened very frequently, and often I have not bothered to lock the meter up.

During the past term there have been occasions when I have had no money and wanted the fine on. Rather than borrow I have taken pennies out of the container & put them through the meter again. That has, unfortunately, happened several times.

I did this not with the intention of cheating. — I kept a list so that I could make good what I had not paid for. Every time I had my allowance come I put in the meter what I owed it.

I must now tell you that I deliberately took a sum out of the meter — it was on last Thursday. As it

was the last night of term I had arranged to go abt. at the time I had no money but was expecting some the following day.

I tried other means of raising money without any success, and it entered my mind to ask you for some. I did not come to you, however, as I thought you were bound to refuse it me because it was going to be spent as please.

Instead I borrowed ~~out~~ of the anchor - I say "borrowed" because I had every intention of paying it back the following morning.

Well, on Friday morning no money came and I was considerably worried as to what I was to do.

Instead of going home on Friday evening I stayed up,

- sleeping in Field House, Daer or Ball.
I had some money then, and
early on Saturday morning I
came back to the Ball and
tried to get in so that I
could replace the money.
Unfortunately the Ball was locked
up and I had to return
here yesterday without paying
in the money.

I had every intention of
writing to you about it - you
can imagine, perhaps, what I
felt when I read your letter.

I know that I might not have
touched the meter at any time.
and I know that I have done
wrong. Please, believe me, sir,
when I say that my intentions
were at least honourable and that
I had no idea at all of
trying to rob the meter.

I am entirely at fault and I
have written all this so that
whatever else you may think of
me, you will not think I tried
to deliberately rob the Ball.
yours very truly, Wetherell.

"Lactodorum"

Towcester

Northants

April 11. 1931.

Dear Mr Armytage,

Your letter reached me Thursday afternoon and its contents as you may imagine did not make good reading. I at first could not understand it but later things became clear.

I asked Sydney to give an explanation, and it was evident that he realized how foolish he had been to touch the meter. I have always tried to instil in him a sense of responsibility and straight dealing, and here I am afraid was a lapse

or perhaps bravado on his part.

I need not say how grieved I am that he should have acted so foolishly and caused you so much trouble but I am also certain that he fully realises his stupidity.

I do hope you will take no such steps as you suggest, but rather take a lenient view of the matter for though I do my utmost for him, he is alone in the world and were I not interested in him, I do not know to whom he could turn.

I am afraid I gave him a very quiet but most uncomfortable hour's talking and I am sure no such foolishness will again occur. Of course the money will have to be refunded and he must be the loser.

I shall also insist upon his coming to you to offer his apology for causing this trouble.

He is very reserved and at times inclined to be ^{rather} headstrong & yet can be easily lead & influenced. I do hope everything will be satisfactory during the coming terms for I want to give Wetherell a chance to make good, but of course much depends on him and

I shall give him another hour before he returns.

May I for my own part offer you apologies for the trouble caused.

I hope you have had a good holiday in Devon & that the weather has been fine. I wish I were with you in glorious Devon. I go that way at Whitsuntide

With kindest regards

Yours sincerely

Andrew Gibbs.

19, May, 1933.

Dear Mr. Gibbs,

I am sorry to trouble you again, but my Governing Body has asked me to write and draw your attention to the fact that Wetheroll's fees for the current term are still unpaid. They were due for payments not later than May 3rd, and the Governors would be glad if you would give the matter your attention as soon as may be.

I think once before, when I wrote about a delay in payment, you said something about the difficulty of dealing with Trust money. I fully appreciate this, and if it is a question of having to wait till a certain date, that will satisfy my Governors, if you will kindly write and say so.

I am,

yours sincerely,

Warden,

Andrew Gibbs Esq.
Lactodorum,
Towcester,
Northants.

"LACTODORUM",

TOWCESTER.

May 20.

Dear Mr Armytage.

Thank you

for your letter of this morning.

I have been anxious to pay the term's fees for Wetherell but at the moment I have not yet received the cheque from the Trustees. As a rule the trustees are late in sending to me & consequently it makes me late in settling, immediately I hear from them I'll write to you.

Wetherell will complete his stay at The University this term, unless arrangements can be made for him to do research work. This I am hoping will be

"LACTODORUM"

TOWCESTER.

possible but at present can say nothing definite, in such a case it would be my wish for him to continue at St Anselm.

In any case as a precautionary step I must give notice of W's withdrawal from St Anselm at the end of this term. I hope however you will treat this provisionally for I hope that he will be able to have 1 year's research. I hope he will do well in the final, he seems confident of success & is very anxious for a first.

I hope to write again shortly

With kind regards

Yours Faith

Andrew Gibbs

22, May, 1933.

Dear Mr. Gibbs,

Thank you for your letter which gives me just what I want. I fully appreciate the position, and if need be, will explain it to the Governors if the account is not settled before their next meeting.

As to Wetherell and research. I am surprised to hear that he is contemplating it, and am doubtful of the wisdom of it unless he is strongly recommended to it by his Professor. If you like, I will make enquiries for you. His chances of a first are very remote, I fear, though he is certainly working very hard now. I am afraid I had taken it for granted that he would be going down in June, and I am so pressed with applications for Freshmen looking forward to three or four years here, that unless an unexpected vacancy occurs, I am afraid I could not arrange for him to be in residence for a fifth year. I am sure you will appreciate the position. Had he taken his degree in the ordinary length of time and then spent one year in research the situation would have been different, but he has already been in residence here for four years, and I do not feel justified in refusing a Freshman now in order to retain a man for a fifth year.

I am,

yours very truly,

Warden.

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL.

TOWCESTER GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

HEADMASTER ;
P. G. F. CLARKE, M.A. (CANTAB.)

TELEPHONE : TOWCESTER 84.



TOWCESTER,
NORTHAMPTON,

The Warden
St. Anselm Hall,
Manchester 14.

22 February 1950

Dear Sir:-

Your circular dated 27th Jan. 1950
re St. Anselm Hall old members' Reunion,
addressed to S. Wetherell Esq., has been
handed to me.

Sydney Wetherell was an old pupil
of mine and I was in touch with
him until the time he left Manchester.

He was serving as a Medical
officer ⁱⁿ the R.A.F. and was, I
regret to say, killed in Burma.

I am afraid I have no details
of date and place

Yours faithfully.

Humphrey L. Penney,
(Senior Master)

"hactodorum"

Towcester.

Northants.

Andrew Gibbs of the above address
was Wethwells guardian.

Mr Penny was one of his referees.
on entering Hall.

Humphrey L. Penney, Esq.,
The Grammar School,
Towcester,
Northampton.

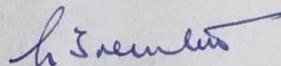
23rd Feb. 1950.

Dear Sir,

Thank you very much for your letter of Feb. 22 concerning Sydney Wetherell, the information which you give will probably be sufficient to enable me to address an enquiry to the R.A.F. with some hope of getting full details.

We intend to invite the next of kin of the men who lost their lives to a Memorial Service when our Memorial is completed. But so far as Wetherell is concerned there appears to be no relative we could invite. Wetherell and I lived here together as students and I remember that the maintained contact only with his guardian Mr. Andrew Gibbs of "Lactodorum" Towcester. If you know of anyone who would be interested I should be glad to be put in touch with them.

Yours sincerely,



Sub-Warden.

The Under Secretary of State,
Royal Air Force,
Adastral House,
Kingsway,
London W.C.2.

23rd Feb.1950.

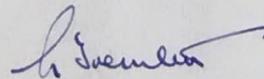
Sir,

I have the honour to address you on the following subject.

I understand that an old student of this Hall, Sydney Wetherell, of "Lactodorum", Towcester, Northampton, was killed while serving as a medical officer with the Royal Air Force in Burma. I should be grateful if you could confirm this and add brief details concerning the date and manner of his death.

I have the honour to be, sir,

Your obedient servant,



Sub-Warden.

Humphrey L. Penney, Esq.,
The Grammar School,
To wcester,
Northampton.

9th March 1950.

Dear Sir,

Further to my letter of 23rd February, I have now received details from the Air Ministry concerning the manner in which Sydney Wetherell met his death.

The circumstances were that on 8th April 1945 he and a companion were out together about three quarters of a mile from Sinthe Airstrip, Burma, when they were suddenly shot by the Japanese. Wetherell was killed instantly, and his companion wounded.

At the time of his death Wetherell held the rank of Flight Lieutenant. He rests in Mandalay Military Cemetery, Burma, Grave 7, Row A, Plot 3.

Yours sincerely,

Sub-Warden.

61 BRACKLEY ROAD
TOWCESTER
NORTHANTS
TELEPHONE: 102

12th March 1950

L. Tremlett Esq.
St. Ascelm Hall,
Manchester 14.

Dear Mr. Tremlett:

Thank you for
your letter re Sydney Wetherell.
We have noted the details
therein.

My wife & I both took a good
deal of interest in him while
he kept in touch with Towcester
as we are both Manchester
graduates (Dalton & Ashbone)

Yours sincerely

Humphrey L. Penney