

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)

Bridge, James Cadden

2.—Date of Birth

December 12th 1911.

3.—Date and Place of Baptism

January 7th 1912. All Saints, Elton, Bury.

Date and Place of Confirmation

December 1926. Gainsborough.

4.—Name of Parent or ~~Guardian~~

William Bridge

5.—Profession of Parent

General manager,
Gainsborough Co-operative Society.

6.—Home Address

109, Norton Terrace,
Gainsborough.

7.—Places of Education, with dates

St. Stephen's, Elton, Rugby.	1917-1918
Chesterfield Old Road	1918-1919
Chesterfield Central School.	1919-1923
Chesterfield Grammar School.	1923-1924
Gainsborough Grammar School	1924-present.

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

Cambridge School Certificate July 1927.

- Honours Certificate. Credits in

Chemistry, Physics, Mathematics, French,

Latin, Religious Knowledge. Distinction
in British Empire History.

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

Tennis.

Hockey.

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

Chemistry for Honours degree.

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

J. Hewetson M.A., Esq., [Headmaster]

The Grammar School, Gainsborough.

Rev. Canon A. H. Morris,

The Rectory, Skegness.

J. W. Twidale Esq.,

45, Morton Terrace, Gainsborough.

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

Signed J. C. Bridgl.

Date February 25th 1930.

Prospectus & Application Form
sent. 22. Feb. 1910

109, Mooton Terrace,
Gainsborough.
February 21st

Dear Sir,

Will you please forward
to me details of St. Anselm's
Hall and an application form
for entry to the Hall in
October next?

Yours truly,

James C. Bridge.

The Warden,

St. Anselm's Hall,
Manchester

Grammar School,

Gainsborough.

February 27th, 1930.

Dear Sir,

RE J. C. BRIDGE.

- A. He should be quite capable of reading for Honours.
- b. He has no discovered athletic abilities; but he is a very sociable fellow and well liked; and he would settle down happily in common life, and contribute to the general well-being of any institution of which he happens to be a member.
- C. His moral character is excellent in itself, and he is a very solid asset in the discipline of the school, and in its leadership in the right direction.

I can recommend him to you in the very strongest terms for admittance.

Yrs.
J. Hewitson
Head

M. A. Osgood
Master

Feb. 28. 1930.

THE RECTORY,

REV. CANON MORRIS.

SKEGNESS.

Dear Sir,

J. C. Bridge, I know very well. I think he is a very fine character.

I know little of his intellectual abilities - but I do know that he is a first rate fellow, in regard to moral & social qualities.

Yours truly

A. H. Morris

County Council of the Parts of Lindsey, Lincolnshire.
EDUCATION COMMITTEE.

J. W. TWIDALE, RA.
INSPECTOR OF SCHOOLS.

Telephone No : 35.

71 Morton Terrace,

Gainsborough.
28th February 1930.

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

Rev. Sir,

Referring to your communication of the 26th inst., I can recommend Mr. J.C. Bridge with every confidence for admission to St. Anselm's Hall.

With regard to his intellectual powers, Mr. Bridge will certainly profit by his course in the University as he is an applicant with powers considerably above the average. Socially, I firmly believe that he will be a success in college life and his athletic abilities are also very good.

Finally, I must say that his moral character is absolutely/reproach and I write/with no hesitation as I have known Mr. Bridge for the past eight or nine years.

Yours faithfully,

JW Twidale.

Inspector of Schools.

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.

3, March, 1930.

Dear Mr. Bridge,

I have heard from your Referees and am glad to be able to offer you one of our vacancies for the coming October term. Upon accepting a vacancy a deposit of £1.0.0. becomes due; this is deducted from the first term's fees. I shall be much obliged, therefore, if, in acknowledging this letter, you will enclose your deposit; it ensures that a place will be reserved for you.

Later on you may wish to ask various questions of a personal nature. I shall be glad to do what I can to be of use to you, but the time is probably a little too early as yet.

I am,

Yours sincerely,

109, Morton Terrace,
Gainsborough.

March 6th 1930.

Dear Sir,

Many thanks for your letter offering me one of your vacancies in October next. As you request, I am enclosing a Postal Order for £1 for the necessary deposit.

I much appreciate your offer to help me in any personal questions which may arise; I shall be very pleased to avail myself of that offer later.

Yours sincerely,

James C. Bridge.

Rev. Duncan Armytage,
St. Anselm's Hall,
Victoria Park,
Manchester, S

109, Morton Terrace,
Gainsborough.
March 26th

Dear Sir,

When I saw you last I promised to keep you informed as to what moves I took. Immediately on arriving home I wrote to the Bishop of Lincoln and broke the news to him. On Saturday last I had an interview with him and the Chancellor. He was very gracious though awfully long-winded (he loves the sound of his voice) and he rambled terribly, but he gave me his blessing and told me to proceed and go and see him again if I wanted any help. The Chancellor also, said much the same.

However, with respect to grants and financial

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T.H. South, B.A.

J.C. Bridge

Bridge has not altogether fulfilled his intellectual promise, but during his time here has proved an exceedingly valuable member of the Hall. As Chapel Sacristan he has shown powers of organisation and qualities of reliability which should make him a useful member of the Teaching profession.

In my opinion he is a man of distinct character and ability who is likely to exert a strong influence over those with whom he comes in contact.

Warden.

Patronial sent to Prof. Dutt, re Bridge's application to Admission to Teacher's Diploma Course.

9.2.24

109, Marton Terrace
Gainsborough.
Lincolnshire

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Dear Sir,

Many apologies for not sending you any definite word about next session. It quite slipped me memory, though I have meant to write you for some time.

I shall not be coming to Hall next term. I am not quite sure what exactly I shall do, but that much is certain. At present I am quite busy doing some teaching here and enjoying it.

In a day or two I will write you in full - for one thing I want to arrange about what I should give to Hall: I favour something towards the new blue Vestments.

I hope that you are having a good
vac. and I am glad that applications
for Hall are coming in well.

Again, my apologies,

Yours ever,

James C. B.

109, Morton Terrace,
Gainsborough.
Lincs.

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Dear Sir,

Many thanks for your charming little account of the
other day. The male Parent is away at present and so
I cannot enclose it with this letter, but I will send it on
during the week. The item 'owing to the J.C.H. - 2/9'
amuses me greatly. I never knew that I had been able
to borrow therefrom - I suppose it is Kannel Dance money
or something. Also, I believe P. Snape had the photographs
sent to each person - however, in his love and affection
he must have omitted my name from the list.

From the postmark on your letter I see that you are back
in Manchester, and I trust that you have had a good
vac. and that you have not incurred the wrath of
the police by any reckless drawing.

I wrote to Rothwell last week mainly about Chapel.
As you suggested I wrote out a lot of points of
information and various hints about things - it may

be useful to him. I told him that I had told him how we used to do various things, but that it did not mean he need do the same, as you might be making changes of various sorts. I did not send the notes to you to look through as he can show them to you during Lent if you want them. I wrote in red ink and heavily underlined one point - to watch the Warden when there is an odd $\frac{1}{2}$ d. in the bag, and watch that he does not always manage to omit making it up to the requisite amount!

I have also been in communication with Weaver and expect a reply daily. I would like to give something towards that Blue set of vestments towards which you have got the Burse and Veil. If the price is about right I would like to provide the Stole. Will that be acceptable? When I hear from him I will tell him to get on with the work and send it along to you.

Are you going to that Retreat at Watermillock which you advertised? I would like to, but it is impossible. Instead I am going to Kelham - which is near here -

on Friday and Saturday. St. Michael's is their Patronal Festival and so I shall get them at their best. They have a beautiful Chapel, and their Plain-song is marvellous - the latter I am very keen to hear.

I don't remember whether I told you that Snoop had been here - in any case he was here for a few days in early September. He was returning from a holiday with Rompage & Parthol, and so swindled the Railways that he came round by this outpost of civilisation. I don't know how he could stoop to such meanness - and I always thought that Nonconformists had very touchy consciences!

I shall miss Hall enormously, and I am most sorry that I will not be longer under your rule. However, I think that I shall have to be in Liverpool from time to time so, if I am permitted, I will run round to Hall. In fact I may very possibly be in Manchester for the Summer term to take Finals again. Then the year after I am determined to do a T.D. course either in Manchester or elsewhere. At present I am teaching in Gainsborough and I

must say that it is much more attractive than I thought. I am now getting practice and experience which will be very useful in T.D. All the same I cannot see myself sticking to teaching for a lifetime - I am nearly certain that sooner or later the Church will call me, but I don't want to rush into it and then regret it. However, at present I can't do so as I am unable to afford it, and do not seem able to get hold of any cash. You must think me very unstable - well perhaps I am.

Its bitterly cold here today, though sunny. I hope that it is much nicer with you.

I must finish now.

With every good wish,

Yours ever,

James C.B.

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LINCOLN 1430.

THE OLD PALACE,
LINCOLN.

13th March 1935.

Dear Mr. Warden,

Mr. James C. Bridge of Gainsborough has written to me applying to be accepted for ordination in this Diocese. I should be so grateful if you would tell me everything that you know about him as regards, of course, both character and capacity. He tells me that he failed at his Final Examination at Manchester. I am not very sure from his letter whether he is at all a strong candidate. But you will be able to tell me what you think about his vocation and what kind of priest he would make if he is ordained. It will be a help to me if you can write as fully as possible.

Believe me,

Yours very truly,

August Lincoln:

March 14th. 1935.

My Lord Bishop, *(of Lincoln)*

You ask me to write fully about Mr. J.C. Bridge, and I will endeavour to do so.

Intellectually Bridge was certainly a failure here, and the chief cause of this was probably slackness, which I will not attempt to excuse; nor, I think, would he. My impression, however, is that he was ill-advised to read for a science degree, being essentially a "humane" person, and I believe that an arts course would have brought out very different qualities and results. In conversation I always found his intellect keen, and his point of view sound. In respect of Church and Theological topics I was more than once surprised at the balance and maturity of his thought.

In respect of his personal qualities, there was a strain of indiscipline; but always towards himself and not to others. What I mean is that while, for example, his own time-table might be badly organised, his duties as Sacristan would be carried out with absolute accuracy and reliability.

In fact as Sacristan, Bridge was remarkably efficient, loyal, and valuable in every way.

In his relations with other members of the Hall, Bridge showed considerable force of character; he was always respected and liked, and there is no doubt in my mind that he has the power of influencing others.

Finally you ask me to say what kind of priest I think Bridge would make. I think that he will need the best sort of training; but I believe that after two years at a first-class Theological College, where he would gain that degree of personal discipline which at present seems to be lacking, he would develop into a priest capable of the most valuable type of pastoral work. I realise that his record is not inspiring, but I believe his vocation to be a real one, and I think that his manly personality and power of self-sacrifice (as shown in his work as a blood donor) would not fail to have their effect on those amongst whom he might be called to work.

I venture to hope that your Lordship may at any rate interview this Candidate, and my prayer will be that the way may be opened towards his ordination.

I have the honour to be,

Yours very truly,

109, Morton Terrace,
Gainsborough.
March 26th

Dear Sir,

When I saw you last I promised to keep you informed as to what moves I took. Immediately on arriving home I wrote to the Bishop of Lincoln and broke the news to him. On Saturday last I had an interview with him and the Chancellor. He was very gracious though awfully long-winded (he loves the sound of his voice) and he rambled terribly, but he gave me his blessing and told me to proceed and go and see him again if I wanted any help. The Chancellor also, said much the same.

However, with respect to grants and financial

aid I drew a blank as Diocesan money is already pledged and the Hostel at Lincoln is booked up till Heaven knows when. But His Lordship told me not to be discouraged at that, and urged me not to take a Diocesan grant from anywhere as it involved tying oneself down to a Diocese, and he says that such is very undesirable and he personally is much against it. He told me to get grants by all means, but such that they would not restrict my choice. Of course, he did not tell me where to obtain any.

My Vicar, Canon Round Turner is busy trying to find some such funds and I have written to Fr. Royle of Gorton who I think may be

2 helpful. Do you know of any Society or People to approach for such help, or even for a loan? For a Coll. - the Chancellor suggested Lichfield or Cheshunt, but warned me against St. Aidan's Bickenhead!

There is an O.T.C. course at Bury next week: originally I said that I would be going, but now it is rather inconvenient. This week I am free (schools being shut for an influenza epidemic) and I may come up to Manchester towards weekend for a day or two, and sponge on relatives for hospitality. If so could I come and see you and consult? quite possibly you would be able to help me in some way or other. In any case, it would be pleasant to see you.

I suppose you will be going down about weekend.
If I do come up, I will try and warn you - either by
phone or letter

I heard from Dr. Winter the other day - I have not
recovered from the shock yet which I got on
reading of the engagement. I always thought that
he was no-woman's man - soon all beliefs
will be shattered.

I trust that you are well and that the Lenten discipline
is not pulling you down too much.

With all good wishes,

Yours ever,

J. B. Budge

109, Merton Rowall,
Garnishborough.
June 14th 1935.

Dear Sir,

It is a long time since last I wrote to you, but there is little to report - at least, little progress.

Kelham will not take anyone who is over 22, so that is quickly disposed of. Fr. Royle of Gorton, was very keen for me to approach his field, but they want a degree first, before application can be made. As things have turned out, I have had so much to occupy my mind that to sit for the latter now has been impossible. Fr. Hannay, the principal of his field is coming here to preach in a week or two and I have hopes of getting to see him to have a talk with him.

I have of late had a fairly hectic communication with Canon Armytage. I had no intention of writing to him, but my vicar got the impression from the Bishop's chaplain that the Canon was definitely opposing me, and asked me why. etc. and urged me to find out. So I wrote him and received the enclosed

letters, which please return sometime, and keep the matter as secret as the grave.

You will see what he thinks: my Vicar does not agree and the Bishop himself told me that he felt 3 years was enough. I do not demur at all about a longish course: after all, a proper training is necessary and a life's work depends on it, but I don't quite see the point of putting things off so long. The difficulty, however, lies in the fact that I can hardly approach any place within the next two years as he of course, will be referred to and will have his little say.

There is one thing concerning which I am very certain: I am not going on teaching. I am grateful that I realise what an awful job it is, and that I am not committed to ^{it} for life.

At present I don't quite know what to do and if you can comment or make any suggestions I shall be grateful.

I am very sorry that I am unable to get to the Reunion, but I can't afford it - to be candid. I do however hope that it will be

very successful.

Are you having a Sacristanical Anting this year - or is it a Procession round the Park this year? Wasnt it a wonderful day we had in the Lakes last year?

I suppose you will be going down ere long. I may be coming to Buny for a weekend before very long: if you are still in residence I will pop in to see you. Have you any hectic holidays planned for this vac?

This must do for the present,

With all good wishes,

Ever yours

Albion

109, Weston Terrace,
Gainsborough.

August 15th 1935.

Dear Sir,

I regret that I have never acknowledged your letter of some two months ago.

Thank you very much for your advice - I appreciate it and intend to follow along those lines. At present I am searching for something to do next year, but as yet have been unsuccessful. I would snatch at anything, I care not how lowly a task, but would prefer, as you said, something calling for physical effort. Moreover, I hope to be able to manage something in Manchester or district as that would have several advantages (a) It would bring me within striking distance of Coll. and that would be useful for purposes of books for swotting and for odd spots of lab. work. (b) It would put me somewhere near both the Res. The Warden & my friend F. Royle of Gorton who could kick me if I needed any keeping up to scratch. I am not anxious to teach as I found evenings were so full of various forms of school work that it was quite impossible to do any serious work. Moreover, owing to school reorganisation two or three who were in like positions as myself, are now out of them, though I believe that the obtaining of another would not be very difficult. I don't suppose that you have heard of any job going anywhere. I made enquiries re Toc H, but they were unable to be of use.

I suppose that you will be holidaying somewhere or other:
I hope that you are having good weather and a good time.

I heard from Dr. Winter who is honeymooning somewhere
Scotlandwards: he did nothing but curse the bad
weather which they are having. He referred in one
or two places to the Mate: I suppose that will be his
nautical manner of referring to his wife. He
said that two barsons did the job, so it should be
satisfactory.

On the other hand I had a most delightful letter
from Suabe in France who is having grand weather
and a good time. All this news from people on holiday
is very falling. I was going on a cycle trip to Devon,
but had to cancel it. My mate has been semi-invalid
for years, and has spent most of the last 4 in bed. She
seemed to be going on well and was up and about, but
a month ago she went smash & is back abed. I did
not feel that I had any right to be away, so cancelled
all, much as the thought galled me through & through.
As it turns out, I have had to do some amount of cooking
etc. lately. I feel quite fit, but others in the family
inform me that I am a bad cook. If I continue thus, I
may become a Chef in Lewis!

Sorry to trouble you, but I felt guilty for not writing. If
you have any spare time I shall be delighted to hear
from you.

In meanwhile, I do hope that you will remember me and
that you will not mind me saying - or a pro - me.
With all good wishes,

Yours ever,

John

THE VICARAGE,
GRINGLEY-ON-THE-HILL,
DONCASTER.

Sunday Sept. 15th

Dear Sir,

It was very nice to hear from you, though I never associated you with Aberdeen before. Still there may be some hidden Scotch trait in you somewhere. I believe that Aberdeen is a fine city: at least Sub Warden Wood always said so, and Dr. Lintner, I remember said that the beer was good there, so I suppose that it will be a good spot. Your journey back should be interesting: Glencoe has always fascinated me and it is a district I long to visit.

I trust that you have had a good vacⁿ and that Manchester will not be too bad by comparison when you settle down again. It is very kind of you to suggest that I should come up for a day or so before Lem starts. Thank you so much: I should prefer nothing more, and the prospect of a run into Wales as you suggest, or indeed anywhere else, is just ripping, even tho' it would be in a temperamental Home!

I tried for a laboratory job in 17/18 but did not succeed. I have now had an interview about a job in the Insurance world, and I am practically certain of the job about the end of October. The drawback is that it will be in this district, whereas

THE VICARAGE,
GRINGLEY-ON-THE-HILLS,
DORCHESTER.

I would prefer W/c. district. Thank you so much for making enquiries. Do let me know if anything comes as a result of enquiries of your transport friend, as if I get anything in W/c. district I would take it in preference to anything here. All the same, it's much of a relief to know that there is a likelihood of hooking something.

I should have said, about a visit to Hall, that all the month I am free except from the 13th - 16th inclusive, when I can't be away as the whole Parson will be absent & we don't leave the house with both of us away. At any other time the call of the kitchen can be stifled and the stewing of plums and boiling of eggs can be left.

Don't be alarmed at the address - I am not Curate here, or even Vicar. I am Organist for last week and this - while the Organist is on holiday. It's a pleasant spot, and a very charming Vicar so that it is very enjoyable. I've done quite a bit of Organ playing lately: it's thrilling work as on some Country organs you never know what will happen when a stop is pulled out. Also, occasionally one earns an odd Copper or two, for which Deo Gratias!

Just of late I have been cycling a good deal with my sisters & studying the architecture in village Churches. You ought to make a trip to

2. (Inclusive & Nott. some day. We found some lovely examples. There is a perfect Norman Chancel in two Churches near home - I have rarely seen anything so lovely. A friend of mine, an old Priest F. Glassford, is somewhat of an authority on such things & I am learning a lot. I have told the said Priest a lot about Hall & I want to bring him, or send him, over someday, as he is interested. However, he does not know Mr. & everyone ought to have that pleasure.

I hear that Saunders is advised by Canon Woolnough to do something in the civil world for a couple of years, and to defer Chesham as yet. He seemed disappointed, and not too pleased, but is looking for something to do.

All good wishes for the remainder of the vac.

Yours ever,

James C.B.

He was very interested to hear of the Play we did. He is a bit of a playwright himself and writes a play for his Parish each year, and produces it. They are remarkably good.

109. Morton Terrace,
Gainsborough.

Jan 7th 1935.

Dear Sir,

First, thank you very much indeed for your Christmas card and its good wishes.

Secondly, all good wishes for a Happy New Year - even if a little late.

I hope that you had a pleasant Christmas and a pleasant vacⁿ. with rather better weather than we have had here. I've never seen so much rain and the floods have never been so widespread to my knowledge. Even now, it is still raining hard and blowing a gale.

109, Boston Terrace,
Gainsborough

27.1.38.

Dear Sir,

I have at the present time the task of sending in forms of application to various Colleges for the T.D course for next year. In some I have to give the names of referees. I write to ask if I may use your name? With one, which had to be in last week I took a liberty and put your name thereto, but that of course commits you to nothing - you can ignore it if you think fit. However I hope that you do not mind. Actually I know that you disagree with me about taking T.D at all, but I fear that at present it is all I really can do. I wish I was in Manchester so that I could really talk to you

on the subject, and get to know something definite.
If at all possible I hope to come up for the plays (if I am asked) and if I stay in Manchester for a day or so, perhaps I could manage to have a few words with you about things. The teaching I have done has been quite enjoyable and, I think, useful.

I heard from Cothwell that you had the blue set of vestments in use. Whether or not it is right for you to wear the manipule I don't know as I fear that it is not yet paid for, as my finances have been in a very rocky state. However, beaver has been accustomed in the past to waiting for money for Anselmian vestments, so I hope he does not mind for just a shade longer. What are you going to do next - burn these purple things?

2 How goes the Play - I suppose that you are producing? Dr. Winter told me what it was to be but I have quite forgotten. I had a weekend in Sheffield with him - he offered to take me out for a day in the car, but as soon as it saw me it collapsed, and refused to budge. I suppose that it is, pure and simply, the result of all the reckless driving to which it has been subjected.

I was very sorry, in more ways than one, to see that the V.C. has left, or is leaving. I feel that Hall has lost a good supporter, and a very interested person. Has the new man been appointed yet? I have seen no news of it, but then of course, in this antipost news travels very slowly, and is late in arriving.

All the week we have had temble gales, but today the snow is very thick and is freezing, so we may yet have some skating.

I came across the enclosed papers some time ago and saved them for you. I believe that you have not been to Kelham, & having met Dr. Snell, I thought you might be interested in the pictures. The Chapel is really lovely, and the Rood I think is wonderful. Why don't you drive over to the place senceeday, and visit Kelham and Southwell? Do anyone interested in architecture they are sure to prove thrilling, and its not far really, considering the speed of which you are capable. I would love to meet you there and take you round. Still, I was assuming

3 that you had any spare time, and I forgot how often I have heard one Canon Armstrong complain about the hardness of a warden's job.

Of course, I always pray for the Hall, and for the warden in my daily prayers. I only hope that you can say a prayer occasionally for me. Yes, it must be a great task with so many freshmen around - you ~~must~~ most certainly need prayers.

Excuse the length of this letter,
with all good wishes,
Yours ever,

J. C. Bridge

BRIDGE, J.C.

18 Wood Lane,
Beckingham.

Mr. Dawson.

June 8th, 1949

30-34

Dear Mr. Lawrence.

I apologise for being so late in replying about the Hall Reunion, but owing to change of address the notice was delayed in arriving and owing to sheer laziness the reply has been delayed in departing.

I have been in touch with Dr. Winter who lives near me and we have been trying to wrangle sufficient petrol to travel by car but it has been impossible - and we are unable to travel conveniently by train.

I had a note from Incelett about the Reunion and intend writing separately to him.

However, I hope that you have a

very pleasant, happy and successful
Reunion and I hope that perhaps
next year the journey will be
more easy.

The address which I give here is now
my permanent one.

With all good wishes to yourself
and for the success of the Reunion.

Yours sincerely,

J. Bridge. 1930-34