

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)

DAKIN. Harold Percy

2.—Date of Birth

August. 27th. 1910

3.—Date and Place of Baptism

Hardsfield Church, Macclesfield: October. 4th/1910

Date and Place of Confirmation

St. Michaels Church, Macclesfield: May. 22nd/1926

4.—Name of Parent ~~or~~ Guardian

Dakin, James Henry

5.—Profession of Parent

House Painter.

6.—Home Address

27, Jordangate

Macclesfield Cheshire

7.—Places of Education, with dates

Daybrook St. School, Sept. 1915 — June 1918

Christ Church " July 1918 — August 1921

Grammar " Sept 1921 — July 1929.

all at Macclesfield.

Elementary
School

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

{ Cambridge Local School Certificate with Honours
July 1925 }

{ credit in: Latin, French, Mathematics, Chemistry, Physics. }

{ Northern Universities Higher School Certificate: July 1929 }

{ Chemistry D; Physics C; Mathematics C. }

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

Football, Cricket, Tennis.

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

General Science (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

{ F. D. Evans. Esq. M.A. (Headmaster)
Macclesfield Grammar School

{ Rev. W. Hodges, M.A.
The Vicarage, Hurdsfield, Macclesfield

{ E. Barber Esq.
61, Newhall St. Macclesfield

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

Signed Harold P. Wakin

Date Sept. 26. 1929.

27 Jordanville
Maulsfield

Sept 26-29

Dear Sir,

Please find enclosed an application form for residence on behalf of my son, H.P. Dabini, for ensuing session 1929-30.

He has ^{been} admitted to the course for Training of Teachers by the Board of Education & had intended being a Day Student.

Upon further reflection we have decided for him to go into residence.

He has recently been awarded an "Elizabeth Dobson Exhibition" which is largely a divinity one & it carries an essential condition of residence.

We trust, that even at this late hour you will be able to place him.

Believe me

Faithfully Yours
Jas. H. Dabini

The Warden,
St. Austins Hall.

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.

27, September, 1929.

Dear Sir,

I am glad to say that I shall be able to admit your son for the coming Session. I must, of course, write to his referees, but I have no doubt that their answers will be entirely satisfactory, since the Faculty of Education has accepted him for training.

Freshmen are expected to arrive on Tuesday next, and to be in time for dinner at 7.0.p.m. I shall expect your son, therefore, sometime in the late afternoon of Tuesday,; the prospectus gives you most of the information which is needed, but I might add that he will need a suit of evening clothes (dinner jacket, not tails) for our various social functions.

I hope the boy will be very happy with us, and I shall be glad to see ~~if~~ you, if at any time you find yourself in Manchester.

I am,

Yours very truly

GRAMMAR SCHOOL,
MACCLESFIELD.

28.9.29.

Dear Sir

H. P. Dakin is a very nice, well behaved boy. His character & conduct have been everything we could wish. He is quite strong & vigorous but does not run to athletic excellence. Intellectually he is very able & should go near a First in his Honours School. He will fit in very well & interest himself in various societies as he has done here.

He has applied for admission to you on my strong recommendation. He has always lived at home & I feel it would do him a lot of good to mix more with a wider circle. He is in every way a likeable boy.

Yours very truly

F. D. Evans

Headmaster

DALE VIEW,
61, NEW HALL ST.,
MAGGLESFIELD.

29 Sep' 29

Rev W. S. D. S. D.

Re Mr Harold P. D. S.

I have much pleasure in bearing
testimony on behalf of the above applicant
for admission to your Hall of Residence.

He was under my instruction while
studying for his first Scholarship, which he
gained to our local Summer School,
I found him above the average in

intellectual attainments

I have no hesitation in answering ~~that~~ in the affirmative for query under (a), & as regards (b) he is of a genial & affable disposition, & his adaptability such, that he will readily & naturally fall in with the life of, & contribute to, the general well-being of your Institution.

(c) His moral character is irreproachable & exemplary.

Yours faithfully

Ernest Barker

The Revd. Theobald
St. Anselm's Hall
W. Chester

TEL: 3071.

HURDSFIELD VICARAGE,

MACCLESFIELD.

30 Sept 1929

Dear Sir

Mr H. P. Dallen

I have known Mr H. P. Dallen since Septbr 1928 when I came here as vicar.

In reply to (a) ... yes

" " " (b) no special

athletic distinction; In

social qualities he is

friendly & ~~well~~ well mannered,
& I think would settle down

happily ~~with~~ in the common
life of his companions of

the quieter & studious sort

as he is thoughtful &

inventive. He has constructed

a very workable telescope

from odds & ends (except the boxes
which he got from an occultist)
& tells me he can see the
moons of Jupiter with it.

(c) His moral character is
without reproach, & he has
been helpful to me & has
former vicar in our church
work & Sunday schools.
I think very highly of
him.

Yours very truly

W. Hodges

(Vicar of Handfield)

The Rev. The Warden
11 Arden's Hall
Manchester.

27 Jordanvale
Yarwoodfield
Nov. 2nd 1929

Rev. & Dear Sir,

re account for fees for my son, Harold,
- in residence at your St. Anselm's Hall.

I have been ill with very serious blood-
poisoning, all through my system, for a period of
two months. It is now subsiding & am
now able to get about.

The trouble has affected me financially, as
I had already had rather heavy commitments &
I regret very much not having been able to meet you
as yet. This difficulty I trust to overcome
in a few days & I expect to send the fees along a
week hence.

May I ask that you will not think too unkindly of
us by this inauspicious start as the matter will be
rectified very shortly.

Believe me to be

Obediently Yours
Jas. H. Sartin.

Answered Nov. 4th
Nov. 11th accepted as date for
receiving fees.

27 Jordangate,
Incefield,
Cheshire.
October 8th 1934

Dear Warden.

I had intended coming up to Hall last weekend to return the four library books I had during the vacation. I was prevented from doing this, however, owing to an unforeseen event. My father was taken ill suddenly on Thursday night and though now much recovered is confined to the house for a few days. When I shall next be in Manchester I do not know because I have obtained a temporary post in a local elementary school which, with luck, will carry me over the winter. I had no luck at all in previous applications

but perhaps now that I have at last
got a start I shall have more
success. I start tomorrow after
the local 'wakes' holiday.

I am forwarding the books by
parcel post as I wish to let
you have them back in the library
as soon as possible. Thanking
you for the privilege extended to
me & wishing both you &
St. Anselm Hall the greatest
measure of success during the
coming session

I remain
Yours sincerely

Harold P. Dakin

27, Jorhangate,
Masselfeld,
Cheshire.

Nov. 16. 1934.

Dear Warden.

Please excuse my delay
in acknowledging your cheque
of Saturday last. I have been
very busy this week but today we
have a holiday granted by the
new Mayor so am finding
time to catch up with a number
of tasks waiting to be finished.
I enclose a receipt and thank
you for the cheque.

I am still in my
temporary post and although I
keep on applying for others nothing

has, at yet, materialised. I am
glad, however, to be doing something
and the waiting is then not so
hard.

I was sorry I couldn't
come to the Dance on Friday last.
I had been looking forward to
it for some time but owing to
illness my partner was unable
to come. I hope everything was
successful.

I hope you are keeping in
the best of health and that
Manchester's winter weather is not
proving too much for you. Please
give my kind regards to Percy

Yours very sincerely

Harold P. Dakin

27. Jordanswell.
Innsleyfield
Cheshire

Dec 22nd 1934.

Dear Warden.

My visit to Hall has had to ~~be~~ be postponed indefinitely. I had intended coming up on either the 29th or 30th of November when we had holiday from school but owing to illness I was prevented. My father has been far from well for some months now and the doctor has ordered him a complete rest. Needless to say having led a very active life he is not very fond of this and needs reminding very often. He has strained his heart and is unable to do a great deal to look after his business. In

I would far rather be teaching
my own subjects to a greater
extent than I am doing at present.
now I have been there for about
three months I am much more
conversant with routine and so
find life pleasant and easier
than I did at first.

I occasionally hear in a
round-about way of doings
at Hall and it makes me very
envious of those who have the
privilege of staying on. I was
very sorry indeed to go down last
June and would have asked
for nothing better ^{than} to stay on.
I wonder if there is any possibility
of publishing a Hall magazine,
say termly or half yearly? I
for one would be willing to
subscribe so as to keep in
touch with Hall activities. I am
sure such a publication would
help to keep old Hall men

some ways, then, it has been very fortunate that I obtained a post at home. I have this now until March 31st, when the school is due for reorganization - at least officially. Whether this will happen or not no one seems to know and the Head master says it is possible that I might be reappointed.

I'm feeling quite plutocratic. I am earning ~~so~~ sufficient to pay my way and still leave something to save. "for a rainy day".

It is a much pleasanter sensation to be drawing in than paying out as I have had to do for some years past. From this point of view I am better off than if I had obtained a Secondary School post away from home though naturally

in contact with present activities at
Hall. However it is only a suggestion.

And so now I must
conclude with my best
wishes for your Health
and Happiness and
Success both now in the
Christmas Season and the
Coming year.

Yours very sincerely
Harold P. Dakin

Sitcot School
Mr. Wakefield
Yorks.

June 11. 1935

Dear Mr. South,

Thank you for your kind invitation to the Re-Union on June 22-23rd. I shall be pleased to accept.

It will be very pleasant indeed renewing acquaintance with those who were fellow-students and also with the old familiar surroundings which I left, so it seems, much longer than a year ago. I suppose now you are nearing the end of another term. Here we are right in the middle of one, with exams.

Speech Day & many other functions still to come.

I have been very fortunate indeed

in being appointed here. Silcoates is a school which, though only just one year old, has quite a high reputation. It was originally intended for sons of Congregational Ministers but now there is no particular preference. It still remains, however, a Congregational School.

The Headmaster is an excellent man with a great personality and he is very largely responsible for the high standard of the school at the present time. The staff too are very easy to get on with & very helpful indeed to a new comer. In a boarding school, so I've found, one readily realises the need of this. We are fortunate in being situated in the country about two miles out of Wakefield and so

have our playing fields right round the school.

The religious life of the school is by no means neglected. The Headmaster is himself a very sincere Christian and he tries & succeeds in instilling a similar feeling in the boys. We have school prayers morning and evening each day & unlike the mere formality I've seen in many schools these are carried through with due solemnity. On one morning in the week the prayers and hymns are in French while on rare occasions German is used. This is because the Head. is a very keen Modern Language Scholar. On Sunday morning the boys go to a Congregational Chapel in Wakefield while in the evening we have our own service when special

preachers come and parents and friends of the boys are made welcome. All these services - except evening prayers - take place in the School Chapel a new building erected together with a Hall in 1932. It possesses a very fine organ with electric action - (three manuals) - and so arranged that the console can be played either in the Hall or Chapel, two sets of swell shutters operating one in each building. The organ proper was obtained from a church in Oxford and rebuilt here. It was presented as was also the Chapel by parents and relations of old boys.

On the whole I am very happy here. The work is hard but there are many compensations for that.

I am the only Science Master in the School and so have the teaching of Nature Study, Physics and Chemistry right from Form I to Form Upper VI, an age range of about 8 to 19. This means a very full week but I find that I am helped greatly in that the discipline tradition of the school is a very high one. This has been built up over a period of years by the Head and the rest of his staff, and the boys just conform to the rule. Sometimes there is a certain amount of slackness but the boys stand to lose by it and so, soon smarten up again. There is practically no corporal punishment, Dis glad to say and life is all the happier for it. In a boarding school there are always plenty of useful bits of work which

can be given as impositions such as
rolling tennis courts & cricket pitches
and as the boys do not have a
great deal of spare time they find it
rather irksome to have to roll in
what little they do have. I don't
know whether this is a psychologically
correct method of punishment for ill-
deeds, but the Head seems to favour
it and it certainly works. Apart
from this most of the boys are
given some kind of duty they have
to perform regularly - even such
seemingly small things as seeing to the
lemons for the opposing Rugby team. In itself
it is small but no doubt to the
team it looks very large when
half-time approaches.

And now, having broken my record, being a very poor letter writer, I shall have to draw to an end. I shall probably arrive in Manchester on the 22nd inst at about 4.20 pm and so if it will be convenient for you I will come straight up to Hall.

I had intended enclosing a 2/6 P.O. for Dr. Winters' wedding gift but as the Post Offices are closed here I must beg you to put me down for that amount and I will forward it at the earliest opportunity. I had heard a rumour about his engagement but I must frankly admit my suspicion on hearing of his coming marriage. Good luck to him!

And now I must close

With kind regards
yrs very sincerely

Harold P Dakin