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Madras former pupils have great affection and respect for the school to which we all owe so much. I expect an excellent response to the appeal from all friends of Madras, and hope that we will have your help. Perhaps I may also have the opportunity of meeting you at one of the appeal functions being organised at the school and elsewhere over the next six months.

**Dr. Archie Rennie, C.B., LL.D.,
Appeal Chairman.**

Andrew Bell and the Madras System

Madras College, St Andrews was established in 1833 from the benefactions of the Rev. Dr. Andrew Bell, a St. Andrian who became chaplain to Honourable East India Company towards the end of the 18th. century. While in charge of a school for soldiers' orphans in Madras, he developed a scheme in which junior pupils were taught by more advanced pupils. On his return to Britain, he was very successful in propagating his 'Madras System' of education, subsequently used in many schools both here and overseas.

The Madras College Endowment Trust

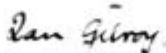
The funds left by Dr Bell are administered by Trustees, of whom I am Chairman. Madras is the only school in Fife to retain its original endowment: all the other endowments have been amalgamated into The Fife Educational Trust, whose income is used to benefit all schools in the Region - **other than Madras.**

The Madras Trust has capital assets valued at about £96,000, and distributes around £5,000 a year. We make grants to the College to extend and support facilities relating to the library, sports, arts, music & other cultural activities, and to support educational travel. We also award a number of modest university bursaries to former pupils and may make travel grants to assist under-graduate or post-graduate studies.

The great increase in the size of the school over the past two or three decades, coupled with greater numbers staying on into the fifth & sixth years has meant greater calls on our endowment funds. Yet, over the same period, inflation, rising costs and now falling interest rates have all combined to erode the real value of the endowment. It is against this background that the Trustees decided to appeal to former pupils, to people living in the school's catchment area, and to all friends of Madras for help in restoring the Trust's ability to make a really significant contribution to the school community. We believe in re-inforcing the school's success, and know that excellent use would be made of any increases in grants we could offer.

The appeal was announced at a recent gathering of FPs, parents, pupils, and staff to mark the 160th Anniversary of the founding of the school. Like our Appeal Chairman, Archie Rennie, I am hopeful that many former pupils will wish to "give something back" to Madras and contribute to this one-off Appeal. Our target of £50,000 will enable us to distribute significantly greater sums to the activities we currently support.

I thank you in anticipation of your help.



Ian Gilroy,
Chairman, Madras College Endowment Trust

"Treasures and Promises for Madras"

One of the events of the Appeal Campaign, planned for February 1994, will be an auction of "Treasures and Promises". The Committee plan to make this a major public event; but its success will depend entirely upon the quality and quantity of the articles and promises that we are able to get in for the auction.

We are very pleased to have been offered, as a gift to the Appeal, the expert services of St. Andrews auctioneer, Mrs Sandra Edwards to value the articles for sale and handle the auction for us.

TREASURES

If you have in your possession any article or articles which you can spare and would be willing to give to the Appeal, we would be very pleased to receive them. There are no restrictions on the kinds of objects that we would be willing to accept, beyond the obvious one that they must be saleable. The Committee will make arrangements to uplift all goods offered nearer the date of the auction.

PROMISES

The auctioning of promises has proved to be a most successful fund-raising procedure in many other appeals. We invite you to consider whether you can offer us a service or a "treat" to be auctioned in our sale, which will be held in conjunction with the auction of treasures.

The variety of promises that might be offered is almost limitless: to cut someone's grass; to provide a game of golf; to arrange a fishing trip; to give a lesson or series of lessons; to undertake some domestic task or repair job; to knit a garment to order; to take a party to the cinema or theatre; to take someone out to a place of interest, or to visit a friend; to accompany an elderly person shopping; to read to someone; to look after children or take them on a trip; to prune trees or shrubs; and so on.

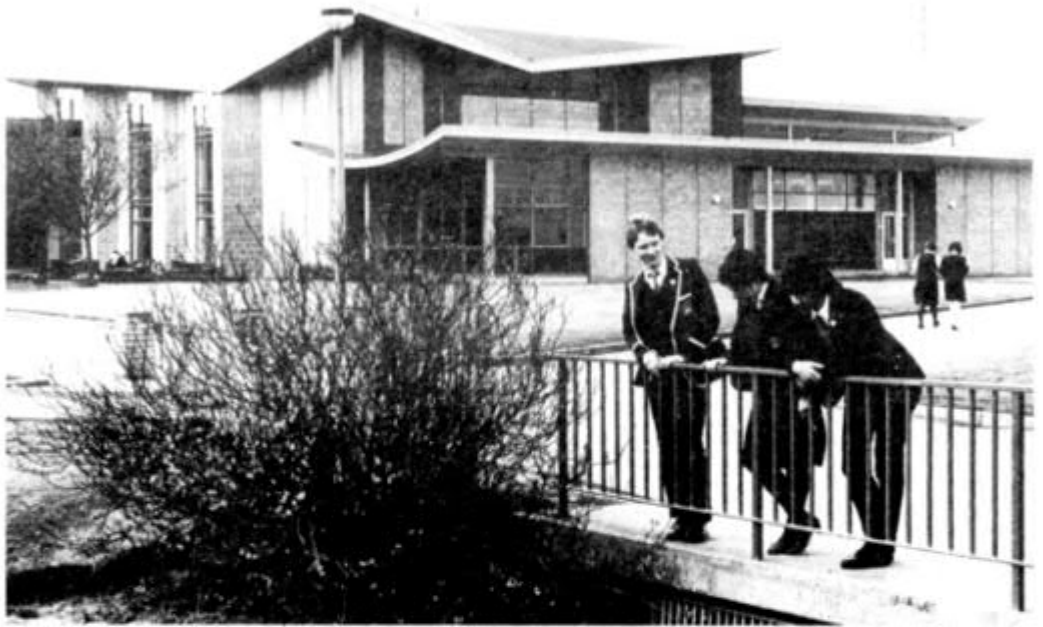
Imagine... if you will ...what you, or someone you know, would like to be offered!

WHAT TO DO

If you would like to help the Appeal by donating a treasure or a promise, please provide a brief description of your treasure, or set down the wording of your promise in the space provided on the Appeal form, and return it to Madras. We will then be in touch with you to make the necessary arrangements for the February sale.

Many thanks.

A.L. Rennie



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