

Gratitude for the past —hope for the future

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ON the occasion of a birthday there must be two groups of thoughts, of gratitude for the past and its reminiscences, and of hope for the future.

Looking back on more than half the life of Milton Junior School, on the staff and boys who have been there, I realise what a great and deep-seated part of Bulawayo's life this school has been. Not only do those ex-pupils who have become MPs and Mayors and Councillors reflect credit, but also the hundreds of others who, in fulfilling their daily task, bear some mark of what the school has tried to do. The staff, now known to so many OMs, must be the longest-serving at one school. Six of us can add up to over 140 years' continuous service.

I hope in the following years

that which we have achieved will be continued. These aims have been to make the school a happy one, and one which produces boys who are conscious of the courtesies of life and practise them. By being a happy school I do not mean free discipline, but I mean direction, corrective if necessary, towards communal consideration.

This school will, I am sure, continue to contribute a great deal to Bulawayo. Boys who leave schools today will be faced with many problems. I hope that we have given Milton Junior boys some standard of values and that they have a realisation of the functions of an academic institution—something which seems widely misunderstood these days.

