

# History of the school...

HISTORY is the lives of ordinary people lived out against the background of their times, over which they don't always have control and for which they are not necessarily responsible. Hitler invades Eastern Europe and in due course 1 000 Old Miltonians go off to war by land, sea and air in various parts of the world, 113 of whom are to die. Michael Bullivant, well known to readers of **The Chronicle** as its music critic,

writes the history of The Milton School.

There is a chapter about Milton's precursor, St John's School in Abercorn Street, from which Milton inherited its rivalry with Plumtree. In 1907 the Plumtree magazine recorded that Lionel Borradaile Bell should not have been allowed to play cricket for St. John's, scoring 127 not out, since he openly broke the commandment, "Thou shalt not smoke."

This same Bell went on

to become a priest and to play a key role in founding the Borradaile Trust in Marondera, for elderly people, named after his mother, whose maiden name had been Borradaile.

Mr Bullivant records those minor matters which play such a major part in men's lives. In 1972 a school dental inspection revealed 300 Milton boys had holes in their teeth. But visits to the dentist are lived out against the background of two world

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