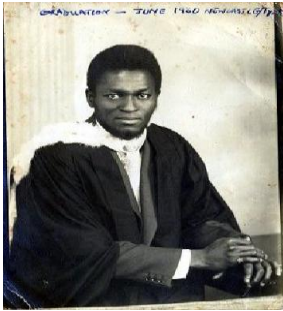


Tribute To Prof. Magnus J.A. Cole #4465. Given At A Memorial Service Held At The Walworth Road Methodist Church, Camberwell, London On Sunday January 27, 2013



Magnus Cole was admitted into Form 1 of the CMS Grammar School in January 1949. Among his classmates now deceased were Dalton Clarke, Robert Williams, Emile Macauley, Jessie Gittens-Stronge, Eddie Fashole-Luke and Ralph Beserve. Amongst those still alive are Francis Edmondson, Joseph Findley, Simi Weekes, and James Jonah. Theirs was a very competitive class but Magnus stood out and became Head Boy in his final year in 1953. He was an understanding and approachable Head Boy. The Grammar School then; as was every other secondary school except for the Prince of Wales was a five year school. Only the Prince of Wales had 6th form classes.

Magnus almost missed out in performing the all important duty of the Head Boy, that of reading the lesson at the Annual Thanksgiving service. He took ill just before the service and Francis Edmondson was asked to read the lesson. Magnus was at the time staying with Archdeacon T.B. King at a house opposite ST. George's Cathedral where the service was being held. During the service someone looking very ill walked into the Cathedral and sat with Fifth Formers, that person was Magnus who went on to read the lesson after which returned to his sick bed. Nothing would have stopped him performing that all important duty. As far as I know that did not put a dent on his relationship with Francis, in fact knowing Grammar Boys we remind Francis of that incident whenever the occasion arises.

That was his final year in school and the class at which the Cambridge Senior School Certificate examination was taken, he took the examination and achieved a good grade which got him a place at the then Fourah Bay College to start his long scientific training. His achievements in the scientific field have been the subject of many tributes since his death in November last year.

On behalf of pupils of the late forties and up to the mid fifties

I extend heartfelt sympathy to his surviving family and friends.
God Rest his Soul.

John Peters

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