

## FOREWORD

I am honoured to have been asked by Mr. Trevor Gray to contribute a few words as a foreword to his admirable History of *Bangor Grammar School*.

The School has long been associated with my family, since its foundation 150 years ago when my great-great uncle, the 4<sup>th</sup> Viscount, with his second cousin, Robert Edward Ward of Bangor Castle, became Trustees of the School. The last member of my family to be associated with it was my grandfather, the 6<sup>th</sup> Viscount, who was Chairman of the Board from 1911 until his death in 1950. My grandfather, who fought at Gallipoli and was mentioned in Dispatches, speaking at the 1946 Prize Distribution, stressed the war record of the School as unsurpassed by any other school in the British Isles.

Since my grandfather died in 1950, the family connection ceased when the Castle Ward estate was handed over in lieu of death duties. It is sad that we no longer have a connection with *Bangor Grammar School*, but I understand that over the past 35 years the School has expanded greatly and has achieved many academic and sporting successes, including no less than 9 Irish rugby internationals.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish the School continuing success in the future.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Trevor Gray', is centered on the page.

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