

Retirement of Mr Wm. Herbert Stevens

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On the last day of the summer term, Mr Stevens retired as a Teacher at Birchington C. of E. School in Park Lane. He has been here for 45 years. He was presented with a cheque for £27 by the Managers & children of the School.

Mr Stevens has given great service to this school and his presence will be missed. I wish to thank him on behalf of all of us, for all that he has done. Forty-five years is a long time and but for two short breaks during two the Two World Wars, that service has been unbroken.

I suppose that hundreds of children must have passed through his hands and many a father, mother and grandparent must be grateful to him for his help in the past. Mr Stevens may be getting old in age, but not in spirit. I shall miss him in many ways, not least for the fact that he was my timepiece. I always knew what time of the day it was, by the place in which I met him at certain times during the day.

I shall now have to rely on my watch. Here is a real example to all us on faithful service – a dependable man is Mr Stevens.

As we thank him for his loyal service, so we wish him every happiness in his retirement. May he be spared many years to enjoy such retirement with his wife and family.



Mr Stevens is standing at the back on the right - 1931