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CHRISTOPHER COLLAN MORCOM, born July 13th, 1911, came to Sherborne (Ross') as a Scholar in the Summer term of 1925. He at once made his mark as a boy of outstanding intellectual gifts. He could have done well in other subjects, but Mathematics and Science attracted him most of all, and to these he added an unusual knowledge of Astronomy. He won an Open Scholarship at Trinity College, Cambridge last December and was to have gone into residence in October next. There is no doubt that his career would have been a brilliant one; but this was not to be. Early in February he was suddenly attacked again by an illness for which he had a severe operation three years ago. He faced the unexpected danger with the uncomplaining courage which was a part of him. He was taken to London and it was hoped that the attack would pass off. A relapse led to two operations, and this was too much for his strength. He passed away peacefully at noon six days after the blow fell.

Great as were his intellectual gifts, they were more than equalled by the charm of his nature. To know him was to love him for his modesty, his kindness, his own great love of happiness and laughter and his stainless character. Those who had the privilege of knowing him intimately will preserve a memory of even more than this with an abiding thankfulness for four or five years of friendship.

He lies near the home he loved so well in Worcestershire. It is there that in thought we breathe our
"Atque in perpetuum, frater, ave atque vale."

He was buried at dawn with the darkness all behind him – though there was no darkness in this life save the pain of his illness.

A.H.T.R.

[A.H. Trelawny-Ross, housemaster of Lyon House 1914-1946]



Christopher Morcom in the Upper Fifth,
Sherborne School, 1926.



Posthumous portrait of Christopher Morcom
by Norman Hirst, 1930.