

Innovation, Improvement and Relief



NOTTINGHAM HIGH SCHOOL

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BALLS, BOOTS AND PLAYERS

The Victorian era created many innovators who focused on improving the lot of the working classes and relieving the conditions of the poor.

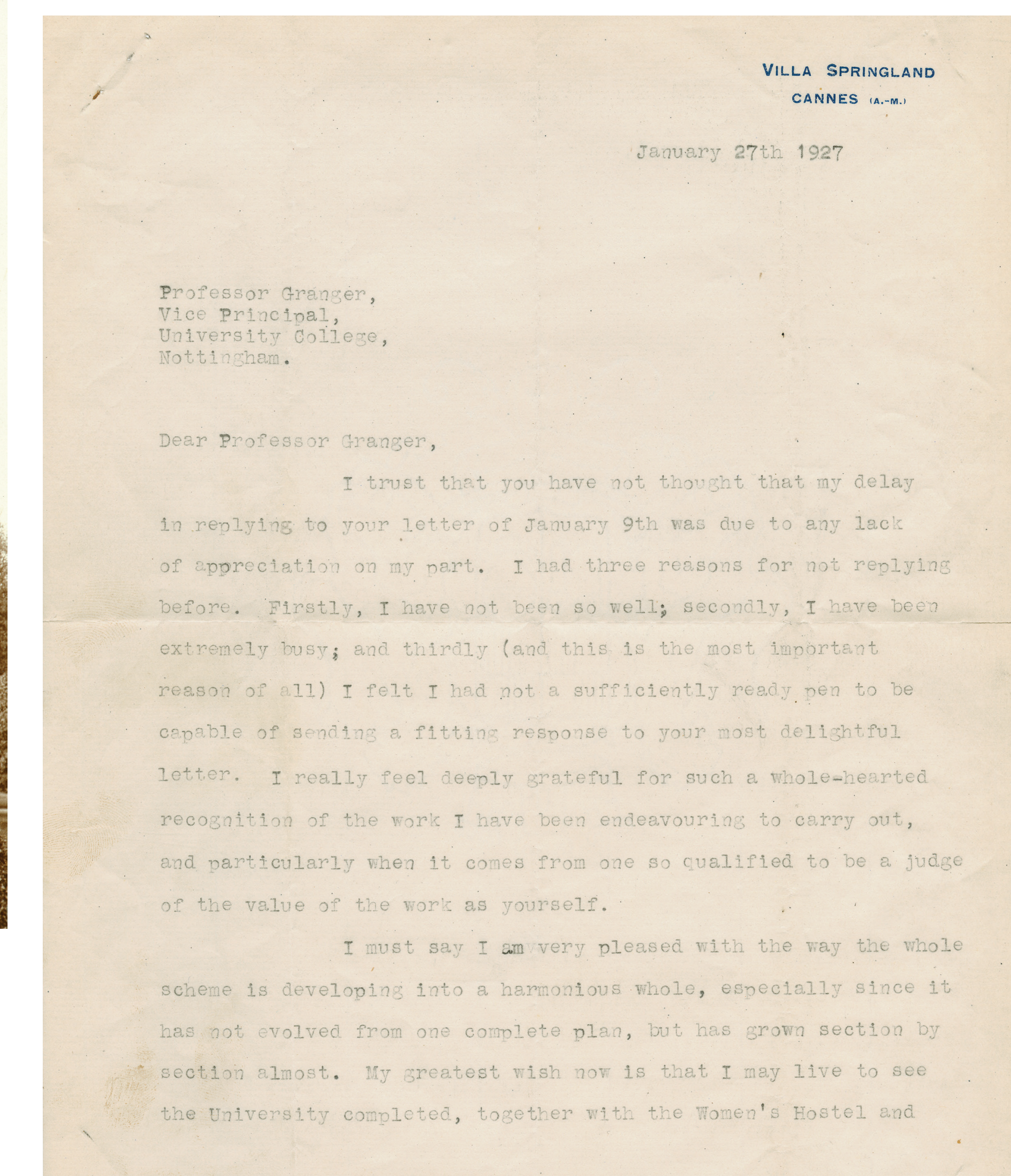
Thomas Hawksley attended Nottingham High School at the age of 14 in 1821. His abilities in mathematics and science enabled him to pioneer the first method of constant supply of filtered water which transformed the homes of working people in British and European cities from the 1830's onwards. Clean water saved lives.



Bestwood Pumping Station, designed by Thomas Hawksley

Hawksley designed the Mechanics Institute building on Milton Street in 1845, an organisation funded in large part by the philanthropy of Nottingham's wealthy manufacturers, for the town's artisans and working men to attend lectures and training. The growing demand for adult education of quality including technical education and mechanical engineering, led to the establishment of the University College, which, following the endowment of Jesse Boot (ON) became The University of Nottingham in 1948.

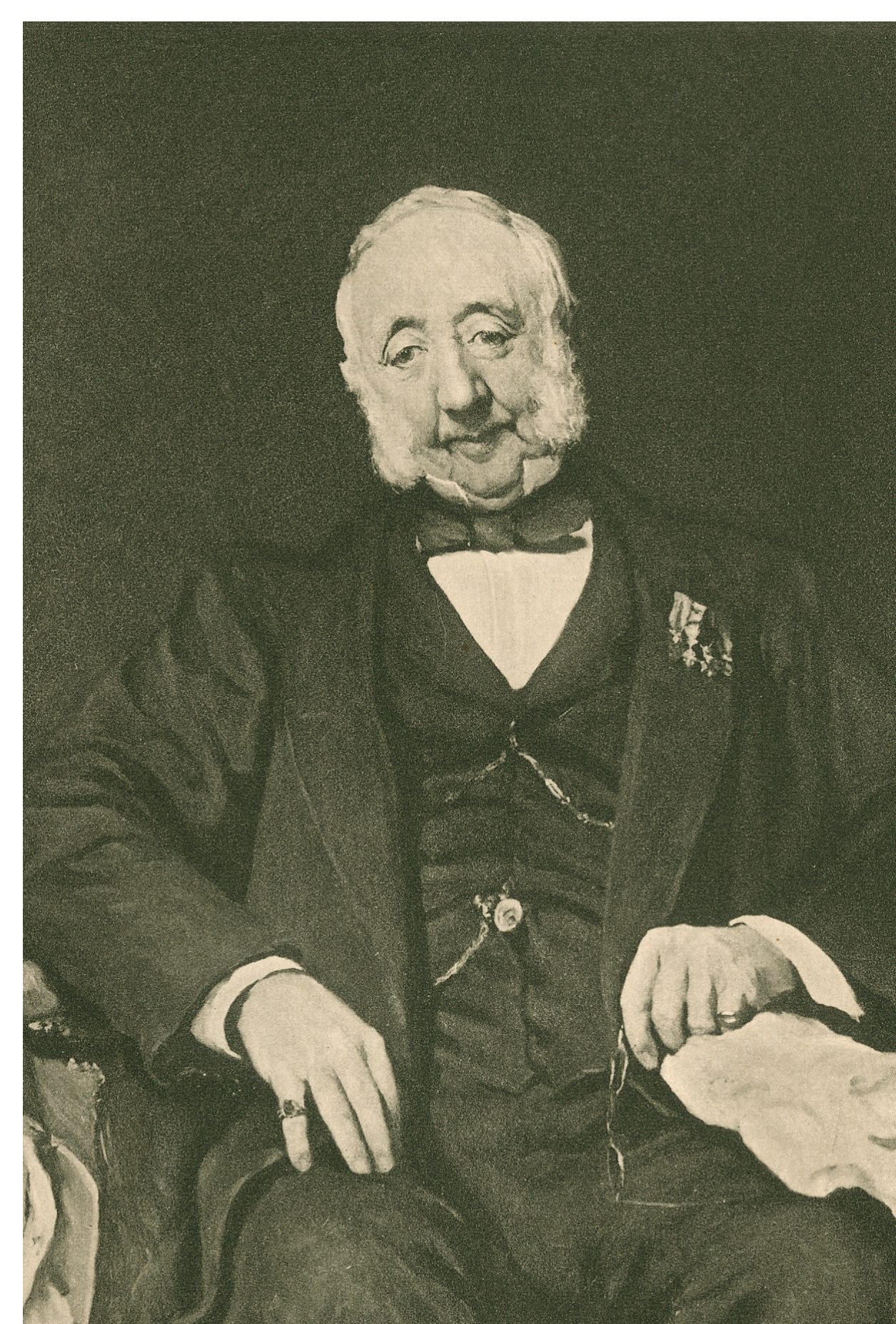
During the twentieth century, many of the highest positions in public administration were held by former High School boys; from Governor of the Bank of England to Head of the Civil Service, from BBC Director of Television to Dean of Westminster. The school is the fourth most represented in Parliament today and the diversity of the school is reflected in the full range of political persuasion of our Parliamentary Members.



Letter from Jesse Boot (ON) to F.S. Granger (ON) 1927



From the top: The Rt Hon Ken Clarke, QC, MP (ON 1951-1959); the Rt Hon Ed Balls, MP (ON 1978-1985) and the Rt Hon Ed Davey, MP (ON 1974-1984) chatting with pupils on recent visits to Nottingham High School



Old Nottinghamian Thomas Hawksley

ON 1821

Thomas Hawksley is arguably one of the most resourceful and innovative engineers the world has ever known. Through his determination Nottingham became the first place in the world with pipes permanently charged with water that users could draw from a tap at any time.

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