



**O**ld The Society of  
**F**ramlinghamians

# Moreau Leaving Scholarships



## **Emile Edouard Moreau, C.B.E., 1856 – 1937**

The name Moreau is a familiar one to Framlinghamians of every vintage but, in some respects, the fact that one of our Houses is named after him makes us take him almost for granted. We shouldn't; apart from his productive and eventful life, he was probably the most significant individual benefactor to the School and the Society, both of which continue to make use of his bequests to this day.

Emile was the son of Auguste Moreau, a Frenchman, and his English wife Mary, daughter of James Bird of Yoxford. Though born in France, Emile finished his schooling at Framlingham, where he was a Pembroke Scholar in 1871-72. After school he appears to have lived life very much as an Englishman.

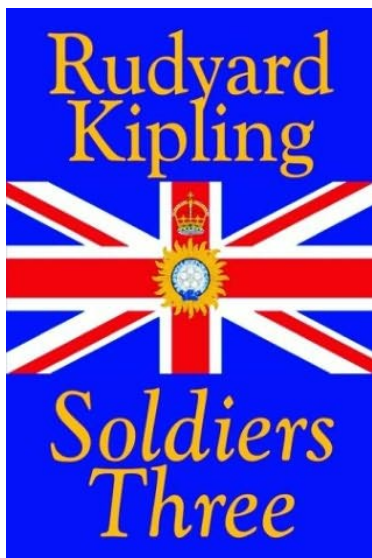
At Framlingham, he was among that hardy generation which helped to excavate the original College swimming pool, and he was no mean sportsman, playing First XI cricket in 1872.

In 1873 he took a steamship to India, where he joined the family firm of Bird & Co, working in Calcutta, Benares and Ghazee-pore. By 1888 he was a senior partner in A H Wheeler & Co. which still operates a chain of bookshops all along the Indian Railways. He came to know Rudyard Kipling and, in 1889, became his first publisher – no small achievement.

Moreau's business career soon extended multi-nationally, with directorships spanning India, Java and Malaya to the East, and Trinidad to the West. At the start of the first World War he returned home to join the Ministry of Munitions, where his international experience soon took him back to India to organise the distribution of vernacular propaganda across the

nation. His contribution to the war effort was recognised by the award of a C.B.E. in 1919.

Moreau kept in close touch with his old school, giving The Moreau Cup for Gymnastics in 1909, scientific apparatus in 1920, and additions to the Library in 1922. He was President of the Society of Old Framlinghamians in 1919 and 1920, and became a Trustee. He also became a member of the Corporation of the College and a Governor in 1920, and remained one until his death in 1937. While on the board, he gave £4,000 (the equivalent of about £200,000 today) to help with building improvements and, as if this weren't enough, he left bequests to both the College and the Society in his Will, totalling the equivalent of well over half a million pounds in today's terms.



**“Soldiers Three”, the first of seven books published by Moreau through A H Wheeler & Co.’s Indian Library at 1 Rupee per volume.**

The other volumes were: “The Story of the Gadsbys”; “In Black and White”; “Under the Deodars”; “The Phantom Rickshaw and Other Eerie Tales”; “Wee Willie Winkie and Other Stories” and “The City of the Dreadful Night”.

## **The Moreau Scholarships:**

Moreau left the use of the funds in his bequests very much to the discretion of the Trustees of the respective organisations. Over the years, successive OF Trustees have employed the income for a host of purposes in support of Old Framlinghamians and the School (creating the Library at Brandeston Hall, jointly with Roy Denby [S 23-30], for example). Through the Trustees' efforts and skilful investments, there is now sufficient capital and income to allow the Society to address Moreau's particular desire to help deserving Old Framlinghamians in establishing themselves in their chosen careers. It is with this aim, and in Moreau's memory, that the Trustees have established the Moreau Leaving Scholarships.

In developing the scheme, the Trustees have combined Moreau's wish that such scholarships should extend over a three-year period, with a desire to ensure that those winning awards should best exemplify the qualities of an ideal Old Framlinghamian. The Society also wants to be sure that Scholars will commit themselves to support the fundamental objectives of the Society, namely:

- *To promote the interests of the School in every possible way*
- *To enable past members of the School to keep in touch with one another*
- *To promote a bond of union between past and present members of the School to their mutual pleasure and advantage*

Up to two scholarships will be awarded each year with a value of £800 per annum for each of three years, subject to the scholar continuing to meet the conditions of the scheme to the satisfaction of the Trustees.

The scheme is open to any student of the College undertaking and completing their A Level (or equivalent) studies through years 12 and 13. The selection process for the scholarships will be detailed and extensive, in order to ensure that the very best candidates are successfully identified. But don't be alarmed – we don't expect perfection. For example:

- *you may not be hugely successful academically, but you will always have tried your utmost*
- *you may not be hugely successful at sports, or in a cultural field, but you will have tried hard at your level of expertise*
- *you will be an unfailing supporter of your House in all its team activities, both sporting and cultural, and a loyal and proud supporter of the School*
- *you will be enthusiastically involved in a broad range of activities and have encouraged others to do the same*
- *you will be articulate, courteous, and enthusiastic, and have shown yourself to be inclusive and supportive across year-groups and Houses*

### **The Selection Process:**

Candidates are expected to propose themselves for the scheme, and, if you'd like to pursue this opportunity, you may make your application at any time during your sixth form career up until the end of the Autumn Term in your final year. You'll normally be planning to go on to tertiary education, but this will not be an absolute requirement, provided that the selection panel, comprising a small team of OF Council members led by the President of the Society, can be convinced that the Scholarship will contribute to the development of your career.

By the end of your final Autumn Term, you'll be required to provide a Personal Statement (based on the one you produce as

part of your UCAS submission, but updated and extended as you wish) in a form which will give the Society's selection panel a good enough understanding of your qualities to make a preliminary selection in the course of the following Spring Term. The selection panel will seek input from key members of the College's Staff, such as your Housemaster or Housemistress and the Head of Studies, before producing a short-list for the second stage. If you're selected for the short-list, you'll be notified before the end of your final Spring Term.

Interviews will be held with short-listed candidates early in the Summer Term. We'll try to make these as informal and relaxed as possible, while giving the selection panel a chance to get to know each candidate a little better and give them an opportunity to present their own story.

As long as there are candidates meeting the Society's criteria, offers should then be made. These will be subject to acceptance by the scholar of a number of conditions which the Society has devised because it believes the selected individuals to be immensely valuable, to be worthy of its help and support, and because it believes that there are mutual responsibilities that ought to be established and observed:

- *Scholars must be members of the Society (something which is almost always automatic, these days)*
- *The Society will identify a Mentor for each scholar from among its Council, who will provide advice and guidance throughout the term of the scholarship – candidates must agree to stay in close touch with their Mentor*
- *The Society will require each Scholar to serve on its Council throughout the term of the scholarship, and to attend at least two meetings a year. Attendance at Council may be deferred by one year to allow for*

*overseas travel during a gap-year, but on condition that a full three-year term will be served*

- *While serving on the Council, each Scholar will be required to organise and manage at least one reunion per year of his or her leaving group. These events may be formal or informal, and teamwork will be encouraged with one or more other scholars, in order to ensure that there is a broad representation of leavers at the event*

The first year's financial award will be made on Speech Day. The second and third payments will follow on each anniversary, provided, of course, that a Scholar's Mentor confirms that the Scholarship conditions have been met.

## **Questions and Answers:**

Q: How do I apply?

A: Write to: The General Secretary, Society of Old Framlinghamians, c/o Framlingham College simply stating your wish to be considered for the scheme, and providing details of your House in College, your Years (including Brandeston Hall if appropriate), and the name of a member of College staff who should be contacted as your referee (your Housemaster or Housemistress might be appropriate)

Q: What other information will you need for the initial selection?

A: We want to make the selection process as painless as possible, and hence our intent to rely largely on the Personal Statement that you will probably have to complete for your UCAS application. However, we'll supplement this by asking members of the College staff for additional information. We shall be only too happy for you to update or extend your Personal Statement to include other aspects of

your College career, or extra-curricular activities, that you'd like us to consider

Q: What is the role of a Mentor?

A: Think of them as your guide to the Society, and someone who will listen and provide advice all through your scholarship term. They will know who to talk to on the Council if you need a small financial float to help with organising an event, for example. They'll also know a host of people who will be able to provide career advice and, perhaps, help with that first vital step in your working career.

Q: Attending OF Council meetings might be expensive if I'm away at University. Can the SOF help?

A: Certainly. We have funds available from another OF Bequest specifically for this purpose, but they're not inexhaustible. We'll even cover the cost of your meal after the meeting (Council Meetings are always followed by a Supper).

Q: If I win a scholarship, will it affect my eligibility for a grant or student loan?

A: This is something you should probably seek advice about from your local education authority. However, the level of scholarship is consistent with the sort of awards offered by many Universities, and seems unlikely to tip the balance one way or another.

Q: Organising events for my year-group might prove difficult. Can the Society help with contacting people?

A: Yes, of course. The most important foundation will, however, be something you can create before you leave the College, by making sure that everyone registers on the OF Website and updates the database with their current contact



details. As long as your group keep this up to date, the Website support team will be able to provide you with a mailing list at any time, including physical addresses, email addresses and phone numbers.

Q: What sort of events does the SOF have in mind for Scholars to organise for their year-group?

A: We don't want to be too prescriptive about this, since the idea is to allow plenty of scope for you to devise something that everyone will enjoy. It therefore depends very much on the group itself. It might, for example, be organised around a sporting event, perhaps against the College or another year- group. On the other hand, it might simply be a social event in a convenient pub. The important thing will be to make sure you involve as many of your year-group as possible.

Q: Does the event have to be restricted to my year-group?

A: By no means. It should certainly be set up to attract them, but there's absolutely no reason why you shouldn't try to engage the interest of other OFs. In fact, your Mentor is likely to encourage you to work with another Moreau Scholar in setting things in motion.