Gosset Plaque Erected in Honor of ‘Student’

The new plaque honoring statistician William Sealy Gosset is displayed at the Saint Patrick’s Boys National Primary School in Dublin, Ireland.

On October 16, 2012, the 75th anniversary of William S Gosset’s (“Student’s”) death, a plaque was erected on Saint Patrick’s Boys National (Primary) School, Holly Park, Blackrock County, Dublin, Ireland, as a reminder that Gosset lived in Hollyville Park between 1913 and 1935, when he was employed at Guinness Brewery. The dwelling house, which stood on the site of the school, was demolished in the early 1960s.

The erection of the plaque was a joint venture between the Irish Statistical Association and Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council, the local authority.

It is carved on a piece of smoothly textured purple/blue slate from Valentia Island, County Kerry, which is in the southwest of Ireland.

The inscription is in both Irish and English, and the inscribed curves are based on Diagram II of Gosset’s March 1908 *Biometrika* paper, “The Probable Error of a Mean.”

The logos of the Irish Statistical Association and the school are incorporated into the plaque, in addition to that of the county council.

A poster outlining the life and work of Gosset, which incorporates period photographs of him with his brothers and children, him with his fellow Guinness employees, and the original house, as well as a reproduction of the first two pages of the March 1908 *Biometrika* paper was presented to the principal of Saint Patrick’s School, Helen Kelly. The poster has been put on display in the school.