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### Terence Skemp

In your obituary of Norma Skemp (14 February 2003) her late husband, my old and valued friend Terence Skemp, was accorded just one sentence. That is what Terence would have wished. At Charterhouse School in the late 1920s and early 1930s he was moulded to be self-effacing and self-deprecating. It was not done to say much, if indeed anything, about oneself and one's concerns.

Yet someone should say that this charming, talented man achieved much, though always apparently overshadowed by the Norma Skemp Secretarial Agency. For more than thirty years he worked (as I did) in the Parliamentary Counsel Office at Westminster drafting Government Bills. He rose to be Second Parliamentary Counsel, and was made a Companion of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath. I say bravo Terence!