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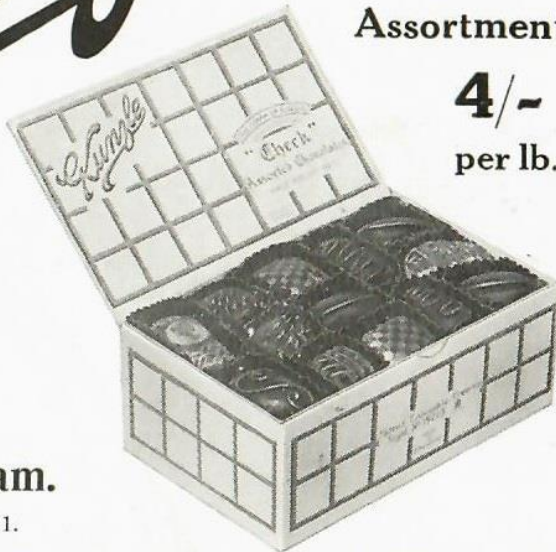
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EDITORIAL.

WE are now well into the year 1930, and to all our readers we send best wishes for happiness and prosperity for this New Year. As we do not publish our magazine until February, these good wishes are naturally rather late, but they are none the less sincere.

Good luck to all our examination candidates! May their efforts be crowned with success, which all may achieve by steady work and determination. Concentration is the secret.

Our allied associations continue to prosper. The Old Students increase in numbers, and have given us the beautiful window at the East end of the Assembly Hall, a window that would be an ornament to any building, and which is a permanent testimony to the efforts of Mr. G. Rose and his hard working committee, as well as a lasting memorial to the Old Boys who died during the War.

The Parents' Association is steadily increasing in numbers, and an excellent programme of lectures, almost all dealing with careers for our young people is being carried out. Last term we had the privilege of hearing the lecturer from the Midland "Red" 'Bus Company on "Winsome Worcestershire"; Mr. Olden, the Head

Master of the Birmingham School of Art, on the Art Side of Jewellery, Cabinet Making, etc.; Mr. Ferguson, Director of Education at Cadbury Brothers, on Education in Industry; and Mr. Goodwin, Headmaster of Holy Trinity School, Smethwick, on "Some Aspects of the British Empire." In December we had the Annual Meeting and Christmas Gathering. For this term, the hard-working Secretary, Mr. C. S. Howells, M.A., with the assistance of the Chairman, has arranged another excellent series of lectures which parents should not miss. There are rumours that the Parents mean to win the annual cricket match this year, and that they are already preparing, so that the school team will be well advised to be ready for them if they wish to retain possession of the shield.

It is now the turn of our school representatives in examinations, on the playing fields, and in the school societies, to make 1930 a record year. So go in and win.

Dates to Remember.

Feb. 27th and March 1st.—Girl Guide Display.

March 3rd and 4th.—Half Term.

April 16th.—End of Term.

May 8th.—School re-opens.

Early in May.—Annual Musical Festival. Adjudicator, Herbert G. Foss, Esq., Musical Advisor to the Oxford University Press. House Captains and Old Students please note.

Valete.

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C. J. REDFERN.

Speech Day, 1930.

THE annual Speech Day was held on 13th December, our guest of honour being Mr. Frank Roscoe, M.A., of London (Secretary of the Royal Society of Teachers).

Mr. W. T. Davies, J.P., C.C. (Chairman of the Governors) presided, and after his address the Headmaster read his report on the year's work. As most of the items in the report have already appeared in previous magazines no further account is given here. The presentation of prizes followed.

Mr. Roscoe then gave a most interesting and helpful address. He congratulated the School on their beautiful home, but pointed out that this was merely the framework and the real life of the school was what the pupils were doing day by day in and out of the school. They had to learn corporate spirit which would enable the traditions of the school to be built. He stressed the importance of remaining at school as long as possible, because, nowadays, business, industry and commerce demanded better and longer preparation. He pointed out the need of thoroughness in school work and urged the pupils to finish off well all work, "to tie the knots." By a story of two boys, Adolphus and Rufus, he illustrated the importance of perseverance. Adolphus lacked grit and thought he could learn to swim by sitting in an armchair and reading about it and, of course, he failed, but Rufus by continual practice in the water at last arrived at the joyful moment when he could swim. To all pupils he would say "Remember Rufus." He advised students leaving school to join the Old Students' Association and to remember that when they left school they took a bit of it away with them. They should be proud of their school and glad to know that they were part of it. Their feelings towards their school should be similar to those of Rupert Brooke towards his country—

" If I should die, think only of this of me:
That there's some corner of a foreign field
That is for ever England. There shall be
In that rich earth a richer dust concealed,
A dust whom England bore, shaped, made aware,
Gave, once, her flowers to love, her ways to roam,
A body of England's, breathing English air,
Washed by the rivers, blest by suns of home.

And think, this heart, all evil shed away,
A pulse in the eternal mind, no less
Gives somewhere back the thoughts by England given,
Her sights and sounds; dreams happy as her day,
And laughter, learnt of friends, and gentleness,
In hearts at peace under an English heaven.

Votes of thanks were then passed to Mr. Roscoe and the Chairman.

Speeches were made by the school captains, D. Homer and L. Blundell, and the musical entertainment provided by Eileen Macalister, M. Boaler, K. Goodwin and G. Stanley was greatly appreciated.

The meeting concluded with the School Song and the National Anthem.
D. Homer.

Prize List.

- Form I.—1st, I. Blackband; 2nd, G. Marrison and B. Farrow.
 Form II.B.—1st, R. Pardoe; 2nd, M. Poole.
 Form II.A2.—1st, A. Shore; 2nd, B. North.
 Form II.A1.—1st, B. Taylor; 2nd, J. Birch.
 Form III.C.—1st, H. Orchard; 2nd, N. James.
 Form III.B.—1st, E. Greaves; 2nd, F. Bridge.
 Form III.A.—1st, G. Thomas; 2nd, G. Ackrill.
 Form IV.C.—1st, T. Bytheway; 2nd, R. Farrow.
 Form IV.B.—1st, M. Green; 2nd, R. Martin.
 Form IV.A.—1st, D. Stevens; 2nd, M. Marshall and J. Cope.
 Form IV.R.—1st, A. Onions; 2nd, B. Tansley.
 Form V. and Lower VI.—School Certificate Examination, Joint Board of Northern Universities.—A. B. Bill (5 subjects), W. Cowell (5), W. N. Butlin (6), E. G. Rowley (6), E. Pennington (6), J. N. Vann (6), N. Richmond (6), R. M. Everett (7), L. Davies (7), J. Pardoe (7), R. Musgrave (6, with Matriculation), M. Knott (6, with Matriculation), W. Newton (6, with Matriculation), R. Oxborrow (6, with Matriculation), F. Breakwell (6, with Matriculation), O. Smith (6, with Matriculation), D. Homer (7, with Matriculation), W. Stocker (7, with Matriculation), H. Daniels (7, with Matriculation), H. G. Barlow (8, with Matriculation).
 Upper VI.—Higher School Certificate, Joint Board of Northern Universities.—D. Rudd (Principal Chemistry, Subsidiary Mathematics, English, Latin); E. F. Willetts (Principal Chemistry, Subsidiary Mathematics, English, Physics); G. Lyman (Principal Chemistry and Physics, Subsidiary English); J. V. Lewis (Principal Chemistry and Mathematics, Subsidiary Physics, English, German); H. H. Cork (Principal Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, Subsidiary English, German); D. E. Adams (Principal Mathematics, Chemistry, Physics, Subsidiary English, German).

SPECIAL PRIZES.—D. Homer (Best original work in Magazine); L. Blundell (Mr. Sadler's Medal for Half Mile); E. F. Willetts (Mr. Sadler's Medal for 100 yards); J. Morris (P. A.'s Medal for Hockey); K. Boneham (P. A.'s Medal for Sports); D. Hadley (P. A.'s Medal for Hockey); J. C. Goodacre (P. A.'s Medal for High Jump); R. Stevens (P. A.'s Medal for 220 Yards and Quarter Mile); J. Vann (Throwing the Cricket Ball).

CRICKET PRIZES.—J. C. Goodacre, L. Davies, W. A. Adams.

Girls' Junior Championship.—N. Clegg.

Boys' Junior Championship.—J. Cope.

Girls' Open Championship and Mr. Albright's Cup.—K. Boneham.

Boys' Open Championship and Mr. Vernon's Cup.—E. F. Willetts.

Mr. Round's Championship Board for Chess.—W. A. Adams.

Mr. Davies' Challenge Cup for Music.—School House.

The Old Students' Medal.—J. V. Lewis.

Mr. Dawes' Prize.—J. V. Lewis.

Mrs. Dawes' Prize.—E. Key.

The House Cup.—School House.

Trinity House.

Captains - - D. G. HOMER, J. C. GOODACRE.
Sports Captains - D. HADLEY, J. C. GOODACRE.
Secretary - - W. N. BUTLIN.

ALTHOUGH considerably surprised at not completing the "hat trick" in the winning of the House Cup, nevertheless Trinity House extends its hearty congratulations to School House on their dual success in both House and Musical Competition. However, the House sets forth with every intention of regaining the trophy from them.

This season, so far, there have not been many inter-House Competitions, but for the second time in succession, the winner of the Chess Championship is a member of Trinity House.

The House was very well represented in the school play "Marigold" and several of our members excelled in the quality of their acting.

In all branches of sport, Trinity is well to the fore, supplying many members for the school football and hockey teams.

If all the present members continue to show their enthusiasm and sportsmanship and to follow the path so excellently paved by their predecessors, the fair name of Trinity will always flourish throughout the annals of the School.

D. G. Homer.
J. C. Goodacre.

School House.

Captains - - L. W. BLUNDELL D, RUDD.
Vice-Captains - L. DAVIES, D. BRIDGEWATER.
Sports Captains - L. DAVIES, E. BOOTS.
Secretary - - R. MUSGRAVE.

PERHAPS our first duty is to congratulate all the members of the House on once more regaining the coveted Inter-House Cup, which for the past few years has been so successful in evading our grasp. We are proud of our victory, and would at the same time remind all newcomers to the House, that it depends mainly upon them whether we keep that trophy.

The main event during last term was the production of the school play "Marigold," an Arcadian Comedy; which was produced largely owing to the work of one of our Housemistresses, Miss Jones. School House again was well represented in the cast. G. Marshall as the title role, D. Bridgewater as Miss Sarita Dunlop, L. Davies as Major Sellar, and J. Vann, R. Musgrave, and L. Blundell as friends of Archie Forsyth.

We extend a very hearty welcome to all our new members, and feel confident that all our members will strive to live up to what is expected from the "Cock House" of the School.

L. W. Blundell.
D. Rudd.

Queen's House.

Captains - - P. WOODWARD, B. ADAMS.
Vice-Captains - G. BARLOW, D. HOMER.
Sports Captains - P. WOODWARD, B. ADAMS.
Secretary - - O. SMITH.
Treasurer - - W. BRANSON.

THE past term has ended quite satisfactorily for this House, although there have been very few inter-House competitions in which the members could distinguish themselves and show that admirable "esprit de corps" that has been so conspicuous in past years.

One of the most important events of last term was undoubtedly the performance of the play "Marigold" and by the number of members of the House who were amongst the cast, Queen's House showed that if a return was made to the old form of inter-House Dramatic Competition, it would be by no means last.

On Speech Day, although we were disappointed at not being able to claim the House Cup, some consolation was derived from the number of our members who proudly walked on to the platform to receive their prizes. We were especially proud of the fact that it was a member of our House who was awarded the prize for the best original work for the magazine.

Unfortunately, owing to the number of activities that take place at the end of this term, the inter-House matches had to be postponed until next term when we trust our teams will cover themselves with glory.

B. Adams.
P. Woodward.

King's House.

Captains - - D. M. BALDWIN, D. E. ADAMS.
Vice-Captains - E. McALISTER, R. S. O. STEVENS.
Sports Captains - P. WILLIAMS, D. E. ADAMS.
Secretaries - - M. MILLER, R. S. O. STEVENS.

DURING the past term there have been few events of importance upon which to report, excepting the school play, in which King's House was well represented, both on and behind the stage.

The only other noteworthy happening was the Chess Tournament in which a creditable effort was made by Urry, who succeeded in reaching the semi-final, and who promises to do well in future years.

There were no House matches for either girls or boys last term, but we are confident that when they do take place this term we shall do our best to uphold the reputation for talent and good sportsmanship which has always gone with the name of King's House.

In the near future we are to have the Musical Festival and we hope that all members of the House will co-operate to make the result a pleasing one for all who are concerned in the interests of the House.

R. S. O. Stevens.

Hockey.

1st ELEVEN.

D. Hadley (Captain), K. Jackson, D. Homer, P. Williams, D. Rudd,
M. Hart, B. Adams, I. Johnson, M. Kings, D. Bridgewater, M. Frost.

THIS season we have had many new members added to the team who show the same interest in the game as their predecessors. Owing to the condition of the field we have only played 4 matches.

1st XI.

Opponents.	Result.	Goals for.	Goals against.
Wolverhampton S.S.	Draw	3	3
Waverley Road S.S.	Won	3	2
Old Students	Lost	2	6

2nd XI.

Opponents.	Result.	Goals for.	Goals against.
Halesowen	Draw	3	3

Football.

1st XI.

Captain - - P. F. Woodward.
Vice-Captain - J. C. Goodacre.
Secretary - - P. F. Woodward.

2nd XI.

H. G. Barlow.

Committee—

Captains, Vice-Captains, W. A. Adams, D. E. Adams, L. Davies.

During the Winter Term the following matches were played :—

1st XI.

Opponents.	Result.	Goals for.	Goals against.
King's Norton	Won	4	0
Redditch	Won	6	1
Dudley G.S.	Lost	2	6
Handsworth	Won	3	1
Lawrence's College	Won	8	3
King's Norton	Won	8	1
Lawrence's College	Won	6	2
Handsworth	Lost	2	4
St. Phillip's	Drawn	4	4
Dudley G.S.	Lost	0	8

2nd XI.

Opponents.	Result.	Goals for.	Goals against.
King's Norton	Lost	0	5
Dudley	Lost	1	13
Handsworth	Lost	1	6
Holly Lodge	Lost	2	3
Lawrence's College	Drawn	1	1
King's Norton	Lost	2	3
Lawrence's College	Lost	2	4
Handsworth	Lost	5	6
St. Phillips	Lost	2	3

Our congratulations are tendered to all those who have played in the XI's. for their whole hearted effort and fine team spirit.

The following played:—

1st XI.—Butlin; Vann, Adams, W. A.; Adams, D. E., Musgrave, Woodward; Blundell, Davies, Goodacre, Cashmore and Davis, and also Barlow, Onions, Hughes, Male.

2nd XI.—A. W. Smith; Hughes, Onions; Cope, Barlow, Hadley; Betts, Palmer, Rowley, Keyte and Knott, and also Betts, Playdon, Dixon, Male, Greenwood, Branson.

P. F. Woodward, Sec.

Literary, Scientific, Debating and Dramatic Society.

President—Mr. J. G. HOWARTH, M.A.

Vice-Presidents—

Miss G. Jones, M.A., Miss J. Davies, Dr. R. W. Thomason,

Mr. K. D. Hopkins, B.Sc., Mr. B. C. Pearson, B.A.,

Mr. R. A. F. Newton-Hearne, B.A.

Chairman—D. E. Adams.

Secretary P. F. Woodward.

Vice-Chairman—M. E. D. S. Homer.

Treasurer—L. W. Blundell.

Committee—

D. Homer, L. Blundell, W. Butlin, D. Hadley, T. Mugford, D. Bridgewater, A. Onions, L. Cooper, B. Sykes, H. Worrall, R. Horton, P. Williams.

THE recent half session has been a most joyful and interesting one for the combined societies. As usual the meetings have been held on Tuesday evenings and the following is a record of the meetings held:—

Oct. 1, 1929.—A business meeting was held at which the committee and officers were elected and new members welcomed.

Oct. 8.—A debate was held, the subject being “That the advantages of Co-educational Schools are greater than those of other schools.”

Speakers for affirmative:—J. C. Goodacre, B. Adams.

Speakers for negative:—H. G. Barlow, M. Marshall.

The motion was carried by 60 votes to 28.

Oct. 15.—Scenes from Sheridan’s “School for Scandal” were read. CAST:—Lady Teazle, M. Green; Sir Peter Teazle, K. Worrall; Sir Joseph Surface, W. Bennett; Charles Surface, W. Mason; Servant, B. Field. The reading was very well done and was greatly appreciated by the audience.

Oct. 22.—L. W. Blundell gave an address on “Lighthouses,”—and we offer to him our congratulations and thanks for his most interesting paper.

Oct. 29.—A debate was held, the motion being “That the Olden Times are preferable to Modern Times.”

Speakers for the affirmative:—R. S. Stevens, L. Cooper.

Speakers for the negative:—R. W. Musgrave, O. Smith.

The motion was easily defeated.

Oct. 31.—A party of about 50 of our members visited Halesowen Grammar School to participate in a debate with the scholars of that school.

On our arrival we were heartily welcomed and shortly afterwards tea took place. Judging by the manner in which it was consumed, this item was greatly appreciated!

With the combatants thus fortified, the debate began. The subject before the house was “That the theatre is superior to the Cinema.” The motion was supported by Halesowen and opposed by Oldbury.

Speakers for the affirmative—K. Ball, O’Connor.

Speakers for the negative—B. Adams, Woodward, Barlow.

The Halesowen representatives spoke eloquently of the high moral and æsthetic standard of the theatre, and drew lurid pictures of the demoralising influence of the cinema. If Halesowen was “high brow,” Oldbury was decidedly “low brow” and our speakers discoursed on a very different level, showing, in a matter of fact way, the advantages of the cinema for the ordinary man in the street.

The debate being thrown open there was no lack of speakers, and many interesting speeches were made from the floor, and it needed the firm handling of the Chairman to curb the flow of some members, who obviously found the time allotted for speech too short!

The House divided for the count and the motion was carried by a substantial majority.

After the debate a short impromptu dance was held, which everyone enjoyed.

We offer to the members of Halesowen Grammar School Debating Society our thanks for their hospitality and our congratulations on their excellent arrangements for a thoroughly successful and enjoyable meeting.

Nov. 5.—Half Term.

Nov. 12.—The Dramatic Section presented "Marigold" (Dress Rehearsal) to a full house of appreciative and enthusiastic Juniors.

On Nov. 14 and 16, "Marigold" was publicly performed. An account of these performances is given elsewhere.

Nov. 19.—No meeting was held as members were trying to recover from the rush and bustle of the public performances of "Marigold," but on Friday, 22nd November, all concerned in the production of the play thoroughly enjoyed a very jolly party given by Miss Jones.

Nov. 26.—H. G. Barlow read a paper on Surnames. This was most instructive and amusing and was thoroughly appreciated.

Dec. 3.—At this meeting two short plays were read:—

(1) Elizabeth Refuses—an excerpt from *Pride and Prejudice*.

CAST.—Jane Bennett, I. Johnson; Elizabeth Bennett, P. Williams; Mrs. Bennett, E. Griffiths; Mr. Darcy, Horton; Lady Catherine, K. Jackson.

(2) Moonshine—by Arthur Hopkins.

CAST.—Jim Dunn, Revenue Officer, Duffield; Luke Sharp, Moonshine Distiller, S. Bridge.

The meetings throughout the term were well attended and proved most successful. It is especially gratifying to see members taking a more lively interest in debates, and the style of debate has greatly improved. Everyone is now looking forward to an even more enjoyable series of meetings in the Spring term.

P. F. Woodward, Secretary.

A Lullaby.

Sleep my little baby dear,
See, the night is drawing nigh;
Hush! You have no need to fear,
In protecting arms you lie.
Stars in Heav'n are shining bright,
Down on you they twinkling smile.
Now you have no need for fright,
Sleep, if for a little while.

G. Marrison, Form 2A2.

“ Marigold.”

MARIGOLD, an Arcadian Comedy for which the scene is set in the Manse Parlour, at Paradykes, on an August morning in the year 1892.

Mrs. Pringle, wife of the minister, is a delightfully sympathetic and lovable lady who spends her days in keeping peace around her husband (who, unfortunately does not materialise in the play) in his household and in his parish. She has mothered Marigold nearly all her life. Now Marigold has had a glimpse of a more romantic world in the visit of Archie Forsyth (of the 53rd) to his aunts, the Misses Dunlop, of Malaga House. Miss Valencia Dunlop is a perfectly self-possessed and assured lady who has dominated her docile sister, Miss Sarita, all her life and assumes that she can extend this authority over all her friends and neighbours. Mrs. Pringle is too wise a lady to protest but Beenie, the maid, very naturally resents such interference during the “ jeeling ” at the Manse. Even Mr. Peter Gloag, Student of Divinity and other subjects, in spite of his insatiable curiosity about most visitors, has the wit to avoid Miss Valencia’s sharp tongue.

Among the neighbours who come to Paradykes on this mid-summer morning are Major Andrew Sellar and Mr. James Payton. Major Sellar of Curledubs is Marigold’s father—a stiff ramrod of a man (late of the 53rd) with whom we shall always associate bread sauce and turnips. He does not seem to have missed his charming French wife ever since she left him and his thoughts of his daughter seem limited to fortnightly visits and annual tea-sets. Mr. Payton of Kettenfoot is an “ elder ” of the kirk and an admiring reader of Mr. Thomas Carlyle, and we can imagine no man more unsuitable as husband for the winsome Marigold. Surely if she marries this most upright, conventional machine it will be but to repeat the story of her father and mother.

And this mother who ran away, she too calls this very morning at the Manse, to be received rather apprehensively but sympathetically by Mrs. Pringle. Madame Marley is now a famous actress—she has no regrets for the husband she left but much love towards her child. The “ hero ” too, arrives this very day to bring an invitation for Mrs. Pringle and Marigold, as well as Major Sellar, to see Queen Victoria and the Royal Procession from his quarters at Edinburgh Castle.

Marguerite Marshall as Mrs. Pringle charmed all by the delightful way in which she humoured all her visitors and mothered Marigold who, being Geraldine looked a demure but mischievous Victorian maid.

Margaret Boaler, as Beenie the maid, was most capable and downright, and pleased us most by her righteous indignation at the interference of Miss Valencia, "the ten-fingered intermeddler."

As the Misses Dunlop, Beatrice Adams, very clear and precise, was characteristically Miss Valencia and Daisy Bridgewater, Miss Sarita. They looked typical Victorian ladies and formed an excellent contrast. Of Mr. Peter Gloag, alias Tansley, what can be said except that he seemed a splendid foil to everybody else. He looked so comical that his every appearance was hailed with delight. Davies as Major Sellar and Barlow as Mr. Payton gave excellent representations of these respective gentlemen, so very narrow and yet so set in their conventional views and interests. Daisy Homer was a most charming Madame Marley who claimed our interest and sympathy throughout the story and she sustained most happily a very difficult rôle.

In Act III. the scene changes to Forsyth's quarters at Edinburgh Castle on the late afternoon of September 2nd, the day before the Queen's visit. Lumsden and Townsend have called to exchange all the gossip of the town when most unexpectedly follows Marigold, who has come all the way from Paradykes alone, determined to see the Queen. The four young people talk quite gaily and finally dance a reel together. Then arrives Mrs. Pringle to take up her quarters with Marigold for the night, and next morning all the others arrive also to see the Queen. Only Marigold does not see Her Majesty—poor Marigold, who is too distressed and is wondering how she can exchange the Laird of Kettenfoot for Archie as her lover. But even that comes right in the end when Mr. Payton goes his way to find consolation in Carlyle.

Woodward as Archie Forsyth, was a gallant soldier, a dutiful nephew (how manly he wore the embroidered smoking cap!) and a much harassed lover. But he had one great treasure, the incomparable Mordan! Even so was Onions, who thoroughly delighted himself and everybody else in this part. What a smile and what a wink! And a great eye for a pretty lady!

The Reel was a great success. Blundell was a splendid and most talented Piper. Not one false note did he play in all the complicated measure of the reel. Vann and Musgrave looked most handsome and captivating young soldiers and were soon on very friendly terms with Marigold.

The costumes, furniture, conventional ideas and language were Victorian and we really felt as if we too were to see the Queen herself enter the quarters in the wake of her tall and gallant equerry, Major Carington, well played by Butlin.

For the music during the play we are much indebted to Mr. Gripton for the loan of apparatus and for much valuable help and advice, and also to Goodacre for all his patient manipulation. For

the excellent lighting arrangements special thanks are also due to Roberts who spent much time and trouble in fixing up the resistance and other effects.

Perhaps in no other School play have we found it easier to forget the individuality of each player; we think of them as Mrs. Pringle, Madame Marley, Marigold, Archie Forsyth, Peter Gloag. That this should be so is the highest praise to them all and to Miss Jones who so excellently cast them for their respective rôles and again produced a most successful play. We feel sure that the School will long remember Marigold for its splendid story, its delightful characters and its homely settings.

E. M. F.

CAST OF "MARIGOLD."

Characters in the order of their appearance.

Robina MacFarraline Beenie, Servant at the Manse, M. BOALER; *Miss Valencia Dunlop*, *Miss Sarita Dunlop*, Aunts of Archie and Neighbours of Mrs. Pringle, B. ADAMS, D. BRIDGEWATER; *Mrs. Pringle*, Wife of the Minister of Paradykes; M. MARSHALL; *Marigold*, Andrew's Daughter, G. MARSHALL; *Peter Gloag*, Divinity Student at the Manse, B. TANSLEY; *Madame Marley*, Andrew's Wife, D. HOMER; *James Payton*, Laird of Kettenfoot, H. G. BARLOW; *Archie Forsyth*, Officer in the 53rd Regiment, P. WOODWARD; *Major Andrew Sellar*, Late of the 53rd Regiment, L. DAVIES; *Mordan*, Archie's Soldier Servant, A. ONIONS; *Nigel Lumsden*, 79th Highland Regiment, J. VANN; *Bobbie Townsend*, Officer in the Inniskillings, R. MUSGRAVE; *St. Leger Carington*, an Equerry in attendance on the Prince Consort, W. BUTLIN; *Piper*, L. BLUNDELL.

Junior Dramatic Society.

THE following play readings have been given by the Junior Dramatic Society during this season:—

- Oct. 7th.—Form 3A. "The Boy Comes Home."
- Nov. 19th.—Form 3B. "The Bishop's Candlesticks."
- Jan. 23rd.—Form 3C. "The World and the Child."
- Feb. 3rd.—Form 4B. "Becky Sharp."

News of Old Students.

The following have gone into offices:—

F. LOWE—Albright and Wilson; M. KNOTT—Cadbury; M. CAULKIN—Dunlop; C. HUGHES—Chance and Hunt; E. BURROWS—Seiberling Tyres Company.

A. B. BILL is working at Avery's, and H. RYDER at the Morris Commercial Works.

T. RICHARDS has gone to live at Pontypool, and R. BISHOP at Kenilworth.

Girl Guides.

Officers:—

Captain:—Miss Tweedie. Lieutenants:—Miss Davies, R. Everett.

Company Leader:—Doris Rudd.

Patrol Leaders:—E. MacAlister, N. Clegg, K. Goodwin, M. Green, B. Adams.

THE past term has been quite a successful one for the Guides, and the Company has increased considerably. Most of the recruits were enrolled by Miss Manders at the beginning of the term though the three youngest will have to wait until next term. After the enrolment Miss Manders gave us an interesting account of her foreign travels and told us the uses of a Guide badge.

On October 27th the memorial window given by the Old Students was unveiled and the Company was present in full uniform.

On November 16th the leaders paid a visit to Stafford with the Tettanhall Wood Guides to see Lady Baden Powell receive the money for the Head Quarters Fund. We found her to be even more charming than we had imagined and were impressed by the wonderfully friendly smile with which she welcomed us.

Later in the term we invited some of the members of the Royal Orphanage, Wolverhampton, who are starting a Guide Company, to one of our meetings to enable them to have some idea of an ordinary meeting.

Our annual party this year took the form of a joint meeting with the Tettanhall Wood Guides. We had prepared everything and expected them to arrive about 7 o'clock, but unfortunately their bus broke down and they arrived tired and hungry at 9-30. There was just time for a treasure hunt and camp fire and supper and then they had to leave.

This term marks were awarded to each patrol for neatness and proficiency, and on December 20th the winning patrol—the Poppies—were taken to the "talkies" and afterwards had tea with Captain, thus making a perfect end to the term.

B. Adams.

Cadet Corps.

Officers:—

Captain C. Knight Coutts. Captain K. D. Hopkins.

Non-Commissioned Officers:—

Q.M.S. Blundell. Lance Corporals:—Jackson, Knott, Bowley, Farrow.

THE activities of the Cadets this term were confined to indoor work. No time, however, was wasted and the Corps greatly increased their knowledge of first-aid. In addition to the usual parades, the contingent was inspected about the middle of the term by General Pedley, who congratulated our officers on our general appearance, smartness and technical knowledge and ability.

The Corps is now looking forward to the projected tour to France during the coming Summer holidays with Metz as the base and with journeys into the Vosges mountains. All Cadets should endeavour to join the contingent which will go from School.

Q.-M.-S. Blundell.

Surname-Lore.

(A brief summary of a paper read before the Joint Societies on 26th November.)

SURNAME-LORE is a most fascinating and, at the same time, instructive subject. Its study has occupied the life-time of many men and any brief survey must of necessity be inadequate, but I will attempt to give a brief outline of the subject, tracing the origin of surnames to four main types.

The first class consists of those surnames which persons gained from their kinsfolk, often from their parents—patronymics. In the old mediæval rolls such an entry as "Simon filius Johannis" is common. The Latin 'filius' soon took its English form 'son' and hence we have our modern name Johnson, or, in a still further shortened form, Jones. There are numerous examples of these such as Thomason, the son of Thomas, Robertson, the son of Robert, etc. Names compounded with Fitz, such as Fitzwilliam, have the same origin, 'filius' in this case having been corrupted to Fitz. Other kinship names are Sones, Eames (middle English eme, an uncle), Childs, Goodchild, Blackburn (Bairn), Bairnsfather, Belcher (Old French Bel-sire, a grandfather).

Secondly we have Place names, derived either from the name of the place where the person resided or from the type of place of his home. An example of the first is found in the name of Oxborough; the first bearer of that name may have been John

from Oxborough, hence John Oxborough. Other such names are Rowley, Bastable (Barnstaple), Rathbone (Radbourne). There are numerous examples of second type in such names as Wood, Hill, Green, Field, Greenwood, Greenfield, Marsh, Moore, Sykes (Anglo-Saxon *Sich*—a trench), Goodacre, Burrows.

Many names were derived from occupations. The most common example of this type is Smith, and as in each village there was a blacksmith, we may easily account for the common occurrence of this name. These occupative names are numerous and easily recognised, such as Butler, Chamberlain, Page, Cook, Carpenter, Porter, Woodward; Forrester, Forster, Foster.

But perhaps the most interesting are nicknames, which, to avoid confusion, must be subdivided. First are those nicknames derived from some peculiarity of the body, such as Blackie (black eye), Smalley, Wood-head, Tooth, Peabody and Beard. Other nicknames are derived from some part of the costume. Many of these are rather involved, but two simple examples are found in Cope and Mitten. There are also vegetable nick names. It is difficult to say how these came into being, but it is definitely stated by the authorities that the name Sweetapple is very closely connected with fruit. Here it is interesting to notice that the name Onions is not of this category, but is a corruption of a Welsh word *Anyon*, *Ennion* or *Eynon*, which means a lover of nature.

It will be obvious that the origin of surnames is by no means as simple as this classification would suggest, but it is a subject well worth pursuing and forms a most interesting study and a most fascinating hobby.

H. G. Barlow, Form VI.

A Summer Evening.

The pale moon shines up in the heavens high,
The world is lit in light of silver grey,
Even the owl has ceased its mournful cry,
And silence reigns until the break of day.

Then from the distance comes some cattle's low,
The singing of a lark, a pigeon's cry,
Then in the west creeps up a pale pink glow,
And then at last it lights up all the sky.

Then as the veil of night is opened wide
The glowing sun supplants the silver moon,
And shy wild conies creep away to hide
And singing birds commence their morning tune.

M. Wilner, Form 4C.

A Nest of Eggs.

Birds all the Spring day
Flutter and quarrel,
There in a bower-like
Fork of a laurel.

Here in this fork,
A brown nest is seated,
Three small white eggs
A mother keeps heated.

Soon the frail eggs they shall
Chip, and upspringing
Make all the April woods
Merry with singing.

They shall go flying
With musical speeches,
High overhead in the
Tops of the beeches.

W. Bottrell, Form 4C.

Hist! hist! the mist it slowly lifts
Above the meadows fair,
And cows and sheep between the drifts,
Are seen more plainly there;
And birds that lately sat asleep
Their morning songs declare,
While we in bed do safely sleep
And dream that we are there,
There, there.

K. Willetts, Form 3B.

The Brook.

'Tween two hills there ran a brook,
Edged by rush and watercress,
In and out, past many a nook,
Rippling, clothed in foamy dress.
Here 'twould ripple, there 'twould not,
Past the hills all dry and hot.

Now 'tis passing a mossy dell,
Dancing as it goes along,
With it, all the world is well,
As it sings its merry song.
Night has come, the moon is wan,
Still the brook is flowing on.

F. Bridge, Form 4B.

The Flower Seller.

Come, lady, buy my pretty flowers,
Still sweet with morning dew;
Gathered from heavy laden bowers,
With petals every hue.
Vi-o-lets both blue and white,
And other flowerets too;
A posy made of blooms so bright,
They match your eyes so blue,
So blue, so blue.

M. Burnett, Form 3A.

To Morn.

Sweet in the east doth rise the morn,
Clad in her cloudy robes of grey;
Tinged with primrose, the colours play,
Smiling o'er some dewy lawn,
While clouds in jagged rents are torn
To let the sun's first searching ray
Chase shadows from the earth away—
For once again a day is born.

H. Betts, Form 5A.

What the Moon Saw.

The moon was rising big and red,
The lang'rous world lay as 'twere dead,
The velvet star bespangled sky
Gave hint of mysteries hidden on high.
A distant pond moss-rimmed and calm
Lay dreaming 'neath a veil of charm;
The violet shadows swayed and moved,
A luminous glow all things improved.
A subdued radiance brooded o'er
The sombre pines that sighed so sore,
Like harps by master fingers played,
They throbbed in harmony as they swayed.
The rippling grass with gold was fired,
And birds were sleeping worn and tired,
Except the owl, whose cry forlorn
Is heard until the break of dawn.
The sea like burnished steel lay still,
In contrast to a murmuring rill.
A haze of violet and of grey,
Was yonder field 'fore break of day.
The disc of gold 'gainst dark of sky
Saw all of this with kindly eye.

G. Ackrill, Form 4A.

League of Nations' Union.

LAST term, Miss Henson, Education Secretary for the League of Nations' Union, came down to visit us. She gave a most interesting and helpful lecture, which influenced us to begin a Junior Branch of the League in our own School.

Mr. Pearson called a meeting of the whole School, and spoke of the aims of the Union, and the help we could all give to the movement by joining it. Officers were chosen, and four representatives elected, and our branch began with a membership of 147 pupils, and 15 members of the staff.

Literature was procured from Headquarters, which is circulating among the members, giving, we hope, an added interest in the movement.

The branch was formed just in time for the annual meeting of the League of Nations' Union in Birmingham. This was held at Digbeth Institute on Tuesday, February 11th, at 5-45 p.m. The Chairman was Col. F. G. Danellsen, D.S.O., T.D.D.L.; A.D.C. to H.M. the King; Consul for Latira. Speakers were Miss A. R. Saylor, of U.S.A., Fraulein Rothgangel, of Germany, and Mrs. Richards, of Italy, Professor Di Castelvechio. A party of 25 went to this meeting and enjoyed it thoroughly.

About 60 pupils have expressed a desire to have foreign correspondents among pupils at schools abroad, and this is being arranged with American, French and German schools.

We hope in the future to arrange debates, lectures, and other activities. We also hope that the membership will grow, and the branch flourish, so that we may do our share in this great work of promoting peace.

D. Homer, Sec.

Christmas Festivities.

CHRISTMAS was coming. The School felt it and were consequently inattentive. The staff knew it and were lenient, or otherwise. All the hardy youths were bemoaning the lack of snow, good hard snow for snowballing and tobogganing, knowing in their inmost hearts that they would instantly seek the fireside at the sight of an icicle and frantically search for a hot water bottle o' nights when the rime showed on the roof.

Above all a delightful feeling of anticipation hung over the scene, anticipation for the Christmas parties. Juniors and Seniors alike were affected, although the attitude of the Seniors, on hearing their younger schoolfellows enthuse over Christmas games and nice things to eat, was comical. The superior looks which plainly said, "Oh! when you get to my age you'll be above stuffing yourself and playing silly games," were in the words of the advertiser "worth a guinea a box." I suppose that tradition

demands a Senior should behave in such a manner although he can eat as well as any two Juniors at a party. However, the Senior attitude did not upset the Juniors in the least, and to show their disregard they spent two gloriously riotous parties, ably assisted in making a noise by their respective and respected masters and mistresses.

The poet, "may his tribe decrease," who wrote, "Christmas comes but once a year," spoke bitter truth merely reminding us of an unpleasant fact, although his second line is more consoling. Slowly, very slowly, the minutes crawled by, reminding one of a steam roller ascending Mount Everest. I could have sworn that the clock went backwards when we were not looking at it, although it did not get much chance. Finally the first great day arrived for us—the Seniors—even more thrilling than the Eve of Waterloo; and when at last the end of school arrived the cloak room resounded with many a cheery "See you to-night," and then became silent.

How many homes buzzed with the activity of that evening's work. Think of the extra blacked shoes, the highly polished dancing pumps, the careful brushings of many suits, the dazzling splendour of best socks and ties, and the good teas left untouched so that the supper should not be left; and then the hurried departures with assurances that they would 'try' to catch the last 'bus.

"Christmas had come." Or at least the party had. Lights shone on a highly polished floor on which it was disastrous to skid. Paper streamers festooned the room which was besprinkled with the first few arrivals acutely conscious of their unusual appearance. Gradually the groups thickened as the longed for hour approached, and finally the Master of Ceremonies announced the first dance. The little groups, however, did not seem ready, and those who took the floor were mainly old-timers who were beyond the stage when one is doubtful as to which leg goes first. Even the most timid got over this form of stage-fright as the pace quickened and afterwards did not regret taking the plunge, but felt that they had lost much by not starting at the beginning. At the end of half-an-hour, after the inevitable "lates" had arrived, the hall presented an animated and cheerful appearance with all wearing their very best smiles.

Thus the first part of the evening passed away growing happier and happier as each moment was spent until the interval dance in which many found no consolation in the old proverb—"First come first served"—in their choice of partners, and then came a rest for the poor hardworking piano. The worst possible problem that I can possibly think of is to be obliged to calculate the total number of vibrations that took place in the piano that

evening. It would be best to say nothing of the quantity of food and drink consumed. The noble self-denial of dinners and teas and the excitement of dancing did their work well in producing record appetites which were well satisfied.

After supper, as the merry-makers returned to the field the last fragment of ice was not only broken but melted away and the most reserved, silent and self effacing, chattered like jackdaws. It seemed to be the object of everyone not to miss a single dance for the rest of the evening, and many succeeded. However, all good things end, and this was no exception to the rule. It finished at quite a respectable hour of the night and no one ought to have missed the last 'bus unless farewells were responsible. Thus ended one of the most enjoyable evenings that have ever been spent at the school, an evening to be remembered when our faces are brown and wrinkled and we grow hair on our chins instead of our heads, December 17th, 1929.

The next morning dawned bright and clear; or it might have been dull and foggy. I arose as did many another, unwillingly, and later than usual, and I wonder now how I summoned the energy for that last spurt to the 'bus.

Once at the School things did brighten a little, although few faces did not show that "morning after the night before" look. The various members of the staff who had the pleasure or otherwise of teaching us that day looked kindly on our age (?) and infirmity and did not try to teach us much if anything. Two days crawled by in this funereal manner, during which we merely existed, ate and slept like cabbages or cattle. Towards the end of the second day some did seem to realise that another and greater joy was coming and to shake off the stupor that held them. Gradually they awakened to make plans for meetings and omnibus times until once again the cloakroom filled and emptied like magic and the pegs were left alone in their glory.

Once more the peace of the house was shattered by a disguised tornado. Once more the houses echoed and re-echoed with scurrying feet; once more spotless collars and beautiful ties were tortured by hurried fingers, then a hasty tea, a hastier farewell, the slam of a door shut not wisely but too well, and then silence again. The short journey, made shorter by imagination, made everyone keen to be there as quickly as possible, a wish that was soon granted, I hope.

The cloak room was buzzing like a Brobdingnagion beehive again. This time the hall floor was a trap, not only for the unwary, but the wary as well. Coloured balloons, dirigibles in miniature, hung from every wall and light; paper streamers converted the everyday hall into a fairy ballroom. Scattered in groups, as usual, were those who had already arrived, who

chattered in much more unrestrained manner than on the previous night of rejoicing. Everywhere was glittering footwear and razor sharp creases, white collars and magnificent ties.

“ Even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.”

This time the dancers and non-dancers were not so finely divided. Everyone who had been to the previous party was determined not to waste a single minute of the night. Several boasted, afterwards, of dancing the maximum number of times, and, although this mode of spending the evening did not suit all tastes, I could guarantee that all enjoyed themselves.

Shortly after the start the band arrived and was soon put in action. This gave the final touch to perfect the party—to divide the excellent amateur from the perfect professional. Then followed a hectic time that is beyond my powers of description. I was too busily engaged in enjoying myself to think of what was really happening or to watch the antics of others. In due course supper came, a welcome break into the increasing pace of the evening, a pace which could not have lasted much longer. I shall not say anything of supper, except that some were frivolous, some were excited, but the main part were merely happy.

While we were at supper a mysterious programme went round the table and caused much excited comment which was not satisfied until we went down again to the hall. Shortly after the supper we were informed that the management had procured, at great expense, the services of the Choir of Angels and a certain Mr. Chu Ling Bung, a magician of world-wide repute who had wonderful magnetic and miraculous powers. These were provided for our special entertainment and no doubt everyone felt grateful for their services.

The celebrated Choir entertained us, first singing a charming little song entitled “ L’Alouette.” The combination of their large white collars around their clean little necks and the sweet mortar boards perched on well-parted hair, the innocent expressions on their chubby faces and the pathos of their song brought tears to the eyes of everyone, though I strongly suspect that one or two harsh minded people were crying tears of laughter. Secondly, they sang a touching “ Slumber Song,” in which their celebrated soloist, Mr. Percy Owens, gave of his best. At the end of the melody we were so affected that we hailed him as a second Caruso whose name would one day astonish the world. Their last song, “ The School Song,” stirred our blood and inspired us. I wonder that we do not adopt it as our own School song as it stirs our blood in such a manner to hear it. The Choir then departed and Mr. Chu Ling Bung came forward and was introduced by his stage manager.

He gave a wonderful exhibition of thought reading and conjuring, and ended with his marvellous "disappearing boy" trick. He is truly no common conjuror.

The evening party ended in the usual manner with "Auld Lang Syne," and we departed very happy but very tired.

This was the best Christmas party that it has ever been my luck to attend. Here's to the next! May it be as bright and as cheerful, or if humanly possible, better!

J. Manton, Form VA.

What a Foreigner Thinks of Us.

WE have been pleased to have in our midst a French boy, André Saint-Germain, who has come to England to study English life and language.

Below you will find an account of his impressions of English life, particularly of life in our School.

L'Angleterre est un pays tout à fait spécial et je crois que pour le comprendre c'est très difficile.

Si l'on donne sa première impression elle est rarement juste et ne repose que sur des faits matériels de la moindre importance; toutefois si l'on attend très longtemps on ne peut plus rien écrire car on ne voit plus rien qui puisse vous choquer et vous avez alors l'habitude de cette vie et ne remarquez même pas le caractère avec lequel, le vôtre s'est conformé—Aussi, je ne veux rien avancer, j'aurais trop peur de me tromper. Ce que je puis néanmoins dire c'est l'impression que j'ai de ce pays nouveau pour moi, autrement dit, la différence entre les pays que je connais et celui-ci que je commence à connaître.

Dans cette école d'abord, ce qui m'a tout de suite frappé c'est la Liberté laissée aux élèves, c'est aussi l'entente parfaite qui existe entre étudiants et le bon esprit qui est prédominant. Malgré cette liberté, la discipline règne sans l'intervention d'un supérieur, simplement par les limites naturelles qui lui imposent les règles et les principes du caractère Anglais.

Oui! Le Caractère anglais est discipliné de lui-même et dans tous les esprits est un profond respect pour L'Obéissance.

L'Obéissance n'est pas aimé en Angleterre comme partout, seulement par ceux qui commandent, mais aussi par ceux qui obéissent. Cela c'est une grand Force.

Le Principe de vie matérielle de presque tous les pays est:

Tout ce qui n'est pas défendu est permis—

Le Principe Anglais est:

Tout ce qui n'est pas permis est défendu.

A. SAINT-GERMAIN.

The Cresconians.

THE day on which the Memorial Window, placed in the Assembly Hall by the Old Students in memory of their schoolfellows who made the supreme sacrifice during the Great War was unveiled, was one of the most important in the annals of the Association.

The Ceremony took place on Sunday, October 27th, 1929, and was attended by a large and representative gathering. The service, conducted by the Rev. W. Wale, Vicar of Langley, commenced with the singing of the hymn, "O God our help in ages past," followed by a prayer and collect. The lesson was read by the Headmaster.

The window was unveiled by Mr. G. S. Albright, C.B.E., the Union Jack and School flag falling aside revealed the memorial, the execution of which had been carried out by Mr. T. R. Stokes, of Langley. The window was then dedicated by the Rev. Wale, whilst Sergt. Redvers Peters sounded "The Last Post" and "The Reveille" before and after a minute's silence.

Following the Recessional Hymn, Mr. Albright addressed the company. He said he felt it a privilege to speak to them that afternoon on the occasion of the unveiling of the memorial window which, he felt sure, would serve to keep fresh in their hearts and minds the memory of those who gave their lives for their country. Continuing, Mr. Albright said that the window would serve a double purpose. It was a memorial to the fallen and at the same time a reminder of the loyalty of the Old Students' which was one of the noblest traditions and one which, he trusted, would link scholars and teachers together to make the world a better place for their successors.

The service concluded with prayer, the hymn "The Supreme Sacrifice," the Blessing and the rendering of the National Anthem.

E. J. Anderson.

The Memorial Window.

THE Memorial, erected to the memory of the ex-pupils of the County High and Oldbury Secondary School who fell in the Great War, has taken the form of a ten-light Stained Glass Window in the Assembly Hall of the new school building.

The ideas depicted are Courage, Justice and Fortitude, ideals inspiring these youths, who were not hardened soldiers but young men of honour, courage and conviction, who died believing in the justice of their cause.

In the central light is the enthroned figure of Justice, holding in her hands her ancient emblems, the sword and scales, and looking upon the world with cold impartial gaze.

On her right, Courage is depicted as a youth, holding aloft in his left hand a torch, whilst his right hand rests lightly on the hilt of his sword. Though clad in armour, he wears no helmet, suggesting that these youths were not professional fighting men, but boys who went from school, college, office and mart at the call of duty.

On her left, bearing his banner, unflinching amid a shower of arrows, stands another youth, showing the fortitude with which these brave young soldiers faced hardship, privation, suffering and death.

The two outer lights contain cartouches on which are inscribed the names of the Eight Old Boys who laid down their lives.

In four of the upper lights appear emblems of the various arms of the service, Navy, Army, Medical and Air, whilst in the centre is emblazoned Cresco, the badge of the School.

“ And some there are who have no memorial.”

First Impressions of University Life.

My first feeling on entering the University buildings was one of thankfulness that here were several people whom I knew; that I was more fortunate than those students from all parts of England who were entering a place entirely strange. Later in the day, too, I gave praise for the fact that I had played in representative elevens at School, as I chanced to meet many who had been one of the “ enemy ” on the football field.

My natural shyness—I must explain for the benefit of those scoffers still remaining in the Sixth Form that I mean the shyness natural to such a momentous occasion—was largely overcome after brief chats with several old students of Oldbury, and I went forth with more confidence than hitherto to interview the various authorities about my proposed course of study. All took more interest in my individual difficulties than I had been led to believe would be the case, but each refused to take final responsibilities. A, after advising to the best of his ability, sent me to B; B handed me over to the tender mercies of C, and the process was continued with various repetition and modification until I began to wonder how many there were on the professorial staff, if I must interview them all in turn, and if so, why could they not place themselves reasonably close together instead of having their rooms situated in the furthest and most inaccessible spots in the building.

Formalities at last being over, I drifted (no other word meets the case) to the men’s common room, saw groups chatting, quite at ease, and wondered how long it would take this year’s

band of Freshers to find their feet and become, like these old stagers, quite at ease.

It has not taken long, for the Hospital Carnival finished the good work begun by the Freshers' Social, and if there is a reserved Fresher remaining among the men, I do not know him; neither (though, of course, I speak not with the voice of authority) have I any evidence to prove that there are any left among the other sex.

On the whole, I consider that we may all claim to have settled down in our new life, and, in spite of the true appreciation of the University motto, "Per ardua ad alta," gained whilst climbing to the top storey for a chemistry lecture, the maturing "Freshers" are quite a happy party.

J. V. Lewis.

How the Ring-Dove Got the Ring Round Its Neck.

ONCE upon a time, a handsome young Prince, named Prince Eugene, fell in love with an old shepherd's beautiful daughter, Esmeralda. The Prince dare not tell his father of his love, and so the lovers met beside the lake in the wood at sunset. Many happy hours the lovers spent there, but one night the Prince, with a foreboding of ill, gave Esmeralda a ring to send to him if she was ever in trouble.

It chanced that same night, a nobleman, detached from the hunt, passed home that way, and saw the lovers meeting. The nobleman, struck by Esmeralda's beauty, determined to tell the King and make Prince Eugene seem treacherous, hoping that the King would imprison him. He then intended to woo Esmeralda for himself.

To the surprise and chagrin of the nobleman, the King, who loved his son, sent the Prince to represent himself at the marriage of a young King in a distant country. When the Prince had gone, the King captured Esmeralda and imprisoned her in a high tower.

When the Prince came back and Esmeralda failed to meet him, although he sent her many messages, he thought her false and was very sad.

Every morning, Esmeralda looked down from her tower, watching the Prince ride out, but he never looked up, and she too was sorrowful. To attract his attention she threw a handkerchief down one day, but he, thinking it belonged to a lady who had passed that way, did not heed it.

Esmeralda noticed that a tame dove which sat upon her windowsill, flew down each morning to the Prince and ate crumbs from his hand. She enticed the dove into her room, gave it crumbs and

allowed it to fly round the room with the ring on its neck. This she did for many days, until one day, before the Prince rode out, she placed the ring on the dove's neck and allowed it to go outside. When the Prince rode by, the dove, as usual, flew down, and he, with astonishment, saw Esmeralda's ring on its neck. He at once guessed that she must be a prisoner near the castle, and remembering he had heard about a mad woman in the tower, looked up, and saw Esmeralda at the window.

That night, the Prince, prepared for flight, gained entrance to Esmeralda's prison, having bribed the guard. They exchanged greetings and the Prince asked for forgiveness for his unkind thoughts. Esmeralda freely forgave and promised to flee with him that very night. As they were going out, they heard a faint fluttering on the windowsill, and found the little dove nearly exhausted by the weight of the ring, still round its neck.

The Prince took the ring from the dove's neck, but the mark of the ring is still to be seen on the ring-dove until this day.

K. Howells, Form IV. A.

Parents' Association.

OCTOBER 28th.—The Headmaster, School of Art, Birmingham, lectured on the art side of jewellery, cabinet making, etc. The slides illustrated the really beautiful work done at the School of Art.

November 30th.—Mr. Goodwin, Headmaster of Holy Trinity Schools, Smethwick, lectured on "Some Aspects of the British Empire." The lecturer's provocative remarks resulted in an interesting discussion.

December 28th.—Annual Meeting and Christmas Party. At the meeting the President, Secretary and Committee were re-elected. A healthy balance sheet was presented and it was pointed out that the membership was about 140. A merry party followed. Mr. York Dawson and Mr. Harrison gave appropriate readings, Mr. Williams and Margaret Boaler sang, whilst Mr. Lewis took charge of the Community singing. Mr. F. Taylor, as Father Christmas, distributed gifts. There were 144 people present.

Up-to-date this year 110 parents have joined the Association. Those parents wishing to join should send their subscriptions to the Secretary at the School.

C.S.H.

We offer apologies to M. Wilner whose name was omitted from the list of successful candidates in the Junior Pianoforte Solo in the third Annual Musical Competition, an account of which appeared in the last issue of the magazine.

The list should read:—

1, M. Jackson; 2, M. Wilner; 3, M. Lewis; M. Hart.

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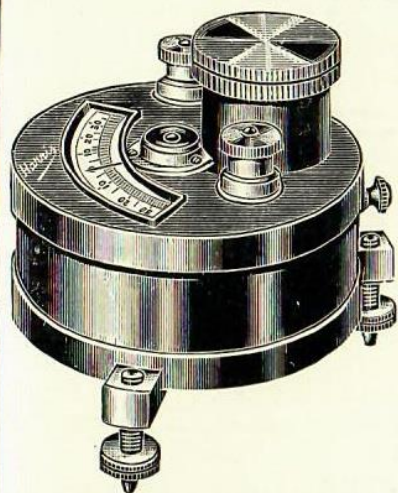
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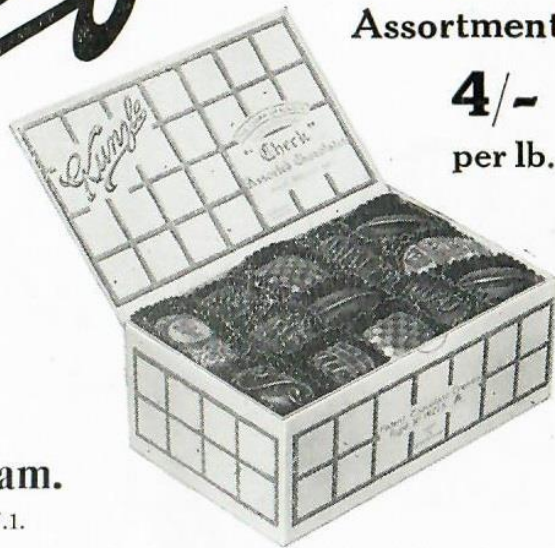
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EDITORIAL.

WE have had an exceptionally long Spring Term this year, with the Easter holidays beginning some three weeks later than they began in 1929, but we hope that all connected with the school have made the best use of the cool weather, for there is no doubt that it is the best kind of weather for work. Perhaps some day, the powers that be will arrange for a fixed Easter, and then our terms will be more settled in length. We now look forward to the summer term, with its long days, and opportunities for absorbing large quantities of fresh air. We hope that our cricket and tennis will continue to improve, and that our number of expert swimmers will again increase in number. Our gratitude to Mr. G. S. Albright for his splendid gift of the swimming bath increases year by year, and hundreds of our boys and girls will thank him for his kindness and generosity. The Musical Festival is close at hand, likewise the Athletic Sports and the Joint Sports, and in all these too, we hope that our pupils will make history. And lastly, but most important of all, we hope for new records in the School and Higher School Certificate Examinations, and trust that more of our candidates than ever before will carry off these most desirable testimonials to their ability and determination.

Our School Magazine is steadily increasing its circulation, and more people are becoming interested in the history of the school which it provides. May we appeal to all Old Students to keep in touch with us and their school-fellows by means of its pages, to send us news of their doings and affairs, and to make sure that they obtain a copy of every issue of the *Oldburian*. They may all be confident that even if their interest in us diminishes, our interest in them never dies.

Dates to Remember.

- May 29.—Musical Festival.
 May 31.—Joint Sports.
 June 9, 10.—School closed for Whitsuntide and Half Term.
 June 11.—School Sports.
 July 7.—Matriculation and Higher School Certificate Examination begins.
 July 29.—School closes for Summer holiday.
 September 18.—School re-opens.
 November 13 and 15.—School Play.

Valete.

WILLIAM EVANS.	DAISY BALDWIN.
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- Sports Captains - L. DAVIES, E. BOOTS.
- Secretary - - R. MUSGRAVE.

ALTHOUGH last term was an exceptionally long one, our activities were chiefly confined to school work. During mid-term, however, the Girl Guides held their annual display and concert, and the House was well represented. Once again the Guides excelled themselves and Captain Tweedie, also a member of the House, is to be congratulated on their success.

The different Houses each produced a "One Act Play" for the Dramatic Society this term, and our House produced "Becky Sharpe," the play being produced entirely by the members of the cast themselves.

The football inter-House matches again were greeted with great enthusiasm on all sides. School House was first, being successful against all the other House teams.

Let us hope that next term, with the "Musical Festival," the Sports, and the several external examinations, will prove beyond doubt that School House will again keep the inter-House Cup.

D. Rudd.
L. W. Blundell.

The Nightingale.

Sitting 'neath the trees one night,
Lovely notes I heard;
Moonbeams gave a wondrous light,
Not a leaf was stirred.

Still the notes resounded long,
Sweet and clear as bells;
'Twas the nightingale's sweet song
Filling woods and dells.

Pipe thy song, that happy song!
Make the whole world gay!
Absent thou has been too long,
Come, and make thy stay.

Winter dread will see thy flight,
How I'll miss thy voice!
Sing to me this summer night,
Make my heart rejoice.

D. Woodward, Form 2A.

Queen's House.

Captains	-	-	P. WOODWARD, B. ADAMS.
Vice-Captains	-	-	G. BARLOW, D. HOMER.
Sports Captains	-	-	P. WOODWARD, B. ADAMS.
Secretary	-	-	O. SMITH.
Treasurer	-	-	W. BRANSON.

THE past term has been fairly successful for Queen's House, although there have not been many inter-House competitions.

Half-way through the term one of the meetings of the Dramatic Society was devoted to the performance of one-act plays by the Houses. Queen's performed "Campbell of Kilhmar," and did very creditably indeed.

Unfortunately, owing to lack of time, we were unable to play against all the Houses at hockey, but in the short match with School House team no goals were scored.

The inter-House football matches did not end quite so satisfactorily as they have done in previous years. All the matches were lost, v. King's 1—0, v. School 4—1, and v. Trinity 3—1. However, all the team played very well under the circumstances.

Next term is a very crowded one and we trust that the House will live up to its old reputation in the competitions.

B. Adams.

P. F. Woodward.

King's House.

Captains	-	-	D. M. BALDWIN, D. E. ADAMS.
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Sports Captains	-	-	P. WILLIAMS, D. E. ADAMS.
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THE Spring Term was rather an eventful one as regards House competitions, there being inter-House hockey and football and House plays.

In the hockey matches we did quite well, the girls only playing two matches, one against School House, which was won by King's by 3 goals to 2, and one against Trinity which was lost by 3 goals to nil.

The boys played their full list of football matches, of which they won one, drew one, and lost one, finishing up with third place. This, however, was quite satisfactory, as the games were all hard struggles, and all the members of the team showed good form.

The House Plays this year were again very successful, and King's were again placed third, only separated by a narrow margin of votes from the winners. The play drawn for production

by King's House was "The Boy Comes Home," by A. A. Milne. The cast was as follows:—Mary, M. Miller; Mrs. Higgins, E. MacAlister; Aunt Emily, M. Green; Philip, Everett; Uncle James, D. E. Adams.

The most outstanding feature of the term was the Girl Guides' Display, in which King's House members played a very prominent part. We were very well represented, both in the plays and in the dances by Rhona Everett, E. MacAlister, M. Miller, M. Green, B. Sykes, J. Alger, J. Harrold and E. Darby. The accompanists also were aided by George Lyman who greatly added to the enjoyment of the performances, by some flute solos in the intervals. We were very glad to see our two former House Captains, Rhona Everett and G. Lyman, with us once again.

The Summer Term is always a very busy one as we have the Musical Festival, the Joint Sports, the School Sports and the Examinations following quickly after one another, as well as cricket all through the term, and we hope that our members will make an effort to turn out and make next term a very successful one for King's House.

R. S. O. Stevens.

Trinity House.

Captains	-	-	D. G. HOMER, J. C. GOODACRE.
Sports Captains	-	-	D. HADLEY, J. C. GOODACRE.
Vice-Captain	-	-	W. A. ADAMS.
Secretary	-	-	W. N. BUTLIN.

THE last term, although not very eventful, ended very satisfactorily. Unfortunately, only one inter-House hockey match was played against King's House in which Trinity, living up to their reputation, retired victorious with a score 3—0.

In football, owing to the keenness of competition, and partly due to the illness of some of the important members of the team, the House was not successful in retaining first place. The games were most enjoyable and sportingly contested, and the following scores show the closeness of the struggles:—

School 3, Trinity 3.
King's 1, Trinity 1.
Queen's 1, Trinity 3.

On the final table Trinity was placed second.

The House was very successful in the performance of "The Grand Cham's Diamond," a play in connection with the competitions of the Dramatic Society.

One of the members of Trinity House, Gordon Thomas, was successful in gaining the first prize of £2 2s. in connection with a competition organized by the Austin Motor Works, an account of which is written elsewhere.

The keen sporting spirit of the House must be upheld and all must strive to surpass the many records which have been held by Trinity House.

M. D. Homer.

J. C. Goodacre.

Literary, Scientific, Debating and Dramatic Society.

President - - - MR. J. G. HOWARTH, M.A.

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Committee—

D. Homer, L. Blundell, W. Butlin, D. Hadley, T. Mugford, D. Bridgewater, A. Onions, L. Cooper, B. Sykes, H. Worrall, R. Horton, P. Williams

LAST term the Society concluded its programme for the year. The term was rather long, and as a consequence many meetings were held, as usual, on Tuesday evenings. The following is a record of the meetings:—

- Jan. 21, 1930.—At this meeting extracts were read from the play "Lilies of the Field." Cast: *Elizabeth*, Dorothy Homer; *Catherine*, Daisy Baldwin; *Grandmother*, O. Smith; *Mother* (Vicar's wife), W. Cowell; *Lady Susan Rocher*, Edna Boots; *Monica Flame*, L. Cooper; *Violet* (the maid), B. Sykes; *Vicar*, Everett; *Barnaby Haddon*, Butlin; *Withers* (the butler), Adams, W. A.; *Bryan Ropes*, Cope. The cast is to be congratulated on its good acting in this play.
- Jan. 28.—This meeting took the form of a debate, and the motion put before the House was: "That examinations and not age should be the deciding factor in school leaving." Speakers for the affirmative, J. Manton, Daisy Baldwin. Speakers for the negative, J. Cope, Eileen MacAlister. The motion was defeated by 41 votes to 19.
- Feb. 4.—Dorothy Homer and Olive Smith gave a paper entitled: "English costumes through the ages." The lecture was made doubly interesting because slides were shown, which had been lent by the Birmingham Reference Library.
- Feb. 11.—Form 5A gave a very able and thoroughly enjoyable reading of "The Playboy of the Western World," by J. M. Synge. Most members of the Form took part and each did his or her best to help in producing a very pleasing whole.

Feb. 18.—Stevens and Greenwood, of 5A, gave a most interesting paper, "Historic Worcestershire." This was illustrated by slides lent by the Birmingham Reference Library.

Feb. 24.—This meeting was held on Monday. Mr. Eves gave a lecture upon: "An Hour with a Microscope." This proved most enjoyable and instructive and was thoroughly enjoyed by all present. Votes of thanks were tendered to the speaker and he replied that he was very glad he had come and hoped that he had succeeded in his object, namely, to show us what wonderful things can be learned by the use of the microscope.

March 4.—Half-Term.

March 11.—This meeting took the form of an "Impromptu Speech" night. Sixteen names were taken from a hat and the speakers, eight boys and eight girls, each had three minutes in which to prepare their speech upon a subject which was given them. These speeches lasted for three-minutes and for a first attempt they proved very successful. It was very gratifying to see that everybody who was called upon did respond and do their best. Two small prizes were presented to Daisy Homer and H. G. Barlow who were adjudged first of the boys and girls respectively.

March 18.—House Plays were presented by the members of the different Houses. The order of presentation was: The Grand Cham's Diamond" by Trinity, "Becky Sharp" by School, "The Boy Comes Home" by King's, and lastly, "Campbell of Killmor" by Queen's. These plays reached a high standard and all the participants played up splendidly in their various parts. The Houses were placed in the following order:—(1) Queen's, (2) Trinity, (3) King's, (4) School.

March 25.—Mr. Stewart-Fraser, Publicity Manager for the Austin Motor Company, who had previously spoken to the Parents' Association, gave us a talk about crossing Australia in a motor-car. All who attended the meeting were well repaid, because Mr. Fraser showed us many very fine slides and also told us things and facts which are certainly not to be found in text-books. He particularly showed us how great a factor in transport the Austin-Seven proved to be out in the "back-blocks" and "West country." After votes of thanks had been given, Mr. Fraser said how great was his pleasure in giving a lecture to appreciative school-children, who were for the most part, much better in audiences than adults.

April 1.—This was the occasion of the excursion to London. A full account of this will be found upon another page of the magazine.

P. F. Woodward,
Secretary.

League of Nations Union.

AT last the addresses of your foreign correspondents in France and Germany have come through. Forty-five of our members are corresponding with German boys or girls, and twenty-nine with French scholars. The American list is yet to come.

It is to be hoped that those who have entered into this scheme will fulfil their responsibilities both as representatives of the School and as members of a league which aims at promoting international respect, good-will, and understanding.

Do not forget that your German or French friend may be interested to receive a copy of your School Magazine, and that you may receive news, or a point of view from abroad, that may be of interest to your magazine. If in doubt, submit your letter to the editors.

B.C.P.

Hockey.

1st ELEVEN:—K. Jackson, D. Homer, D. Hadley (Captain), P. Williams, D. Rudd, M. Hart, B. Adams, I. Johnson, D. Bridgewater, M. Kings.

The results of the Hockey matches are:—

1st XI.

Opponents.	Goals for School.	Goals against School.	Result.
Halesowen	1	6	Lost
Halesowen	2	5	Lost
West Bromwch S.S.	8	1	Won
Dudley High School	2	6	Lost
O.S.S. Old Students	0	4	Lost
Redditch S.S.	6	2	Won
Aston Commercial School	6	1	Won
Walsall Girls' School	4	5	Lost
Kidderminster Ladies	7	2	Won

Total number of goals for School 37.

Total number of goals against School 32.

We wish to congratulate all members of the team on their excellent work and teamspirit. D. Hadley, P. Williams and D. Bridgewater are worthy of special mention, also B. Adams who, at the end of the season, gained her hockey colours. D. Rudd.

Football.

Captains - - P. F. Woodward, H. G. Barlow.
 Vice-Captains - J. C. Goodacre, A. Onions.
 Secretary - - P. F. Woodward.
 Committee - - Captains, Vice-Captains, N. A. Adams.
 D. E. Adams, L. Davies

During the Spring Term the following matches were played:—

1st XI.

Opponents.	Ground.	Result.	Goals for	Goals against.
Smethwick	H.	Won	10	0
West Bromwich	A.	Drawn	3	3
Birmingham University ...	A.	Won	5	2
Stourbridge	A.	Lost	2	6
Birmingham University ...	H.	Won	7	2
Wolverhampton	H.	Won	7	2
Wolverhampton	A.	Lost	5	7
Smethwick	A.	Won	14	0
Redditch	A.	Won	8	2
Stourbridge	H.	Drawn	1	1
Waverley Road	H.	Lost	0	5

2nd XI.

Opponents	Ground.	Result.	Goals for	Goals against.
Smethwick	A.	Won	3	2
West Bromwich	H.	Lost	1	2
Holly Lodge	A.	Lost	1	3
Stourbridge	H.	Lost	0	10
Wolverhampton	A.	Lost	1	4
Smethwick	H.	Won	2	1
Stourbridge	A.	Lost	3	11

Our congratulations are tendered to all those who have been included in XI's. for their wholehearted effort and fine team spirit.

The following played:—

1st XI. :—Butlin; Vann, Adams, W. A.; Adams, D. E., Musgrave, Woodward; Blundell, Davies, Goodacre, Male and Davis, and also Barlow, Onions, Rowley.

2nd XI.—A. W. Smith; Onions, Playdon, Jackson; Cope, Barlow, Hadley; Betts, Palmer, Rowley, Keyte and Knott, and also Dixon, Everett, Branson, Edwards, Harper. P. F. Woodward, Secretary.

A Visit to London.

Considerable excitement was aroused in the Senior School when news got round that the Committee of the Joint Societies was arranging a trip to London for its members, and this excitement was increased when it was announced that our local M.P., Mr. W. Wellock, had kindly consented to conduct us round the Houses of Parliament.

Thus it came to pass that on April 1st (a bad date for such an enterprise) just after 8 a.m., on a fine morning, the local train rolled "Westward from Wild Blackheath," bearing on board a happy party bent on making the most of one day in the Metropolis. At Snow Hill Station we boarded the train to London and found that, after weeks of anticipation, we were now in the realisation stage and that in less than two hours we should be in the mecca of our desires.

Of the journey there is little to be said. We arrived in London after an uneventful two hours, although one unfortunate youth lost his head-gear whilst defying railway regulations, and we all were more than ready to cram into a few short hours sufficient sight seeing to last most normal individuals many weeks.

As soon as we got out of the station we mounted a specially chartered motor 'bus, and amid a buzz of many voices started properly. With the gallant engine thundering and the 'bus shivering from stem to stern, we lurched forward with a thrill of excitement. We ambled along Park Lane and gazed at Hyde Park, and finally drew up to see Buckingham Palace and wonder why Birmingham should not display sentries, to the interest of tourists and passers by. Following this we climbed once more upon "the lugger" and rolled away along Piccadilly, past Trafalgar Square, down Whitehall to Westminster Abbey. There, with mingled feelings, we gazed on the Poet's corner, feeling glad, no doubt, that the contents of the corner were well battened down under slate and stone instead of still writing poetry for their amusement and perhaps pocket money, and for the torture of unfortunate scholars. Then awe-struck and quietened by the age and dignity of the Abbey, we made our way across the Square to the Café, where dinner was arranged for us.

Although dinner was absolute waste of time from the point of view of the sight-seeing it was a welcome respite to most of us. High above London streets, looking out upon the Houses of Parliament, we ate and drank and chattered idly on what we had seen and what we were to see, with the never-ceasing roar of traffic in our ears. Outside the sun shone and the wind was as fresh as at the peak or some unknown hill, and, as that was one of the few

occasions when we did have a little time to think, it was a scene that must have become printed indelibly on many of our memories.

Following dinner, we walked over to the Houses of Parliament where we were met by Mr. Wellock. Escorted by our local M.P. and two other gentlemen, Mr. Whitehouse and Mr. Gosling, we made our longed for tour of the Houses of Parliament. I do not intend to make a detailed description of all we saw in our too short time. For one thing I could not, for another everyone there seemed so thoroughly interested that they do not need reminding of it by me, and it would be an impossible task to try to explain to those who were not present, for the things we saw need to be seen to be understood and not read about. It was the change from outside to inside that impressed me most; one moment the bustle of London's streets, with all the signs of the continual march of progress, the next, the peace of the ancient halls that have seen the most thrilling events of English History—the Past and the Present.

We came out of the halls into the sunshine once more, and wondering on all that we had seen we were conveyed by way of the Embankment and the Strand past St. Paul's to the Tower. There we saw the Beefeaters in their picturesque costume of hundreds of years ago against the back-ground of modern Coldstream Guards, the latter strangely out of place in these ancient surroundings. We went over the "Bloody Tower" and much to the disgust of some youths saw no floors slippery with blood hundreds of years old; we saw the Traitor's Gate, which was rather dull without a traitor; we saw some wonderful armour and weapons and wondered how the knights so bold, in days of old, walked about with the contents of a tin plate factory all round them. Finally, we unwillingly went away and were taken once more to a now necessary meal, studying London streets to find the gold with which they should have been, but were not, paved, although they were extremely interesting without it.

Thus our last action in London was to eat a perfect tea in a very nice tea shop. Although mere meals should not rank with the affairs of the day, it truly was a fitting ending to our activities.

The ever useful 'bus took us back to the station and once more we were on the iron road. We arrived home at a reasonable hour and—it was ended—but not forgotten, for it was a day we shall all remember with pleasure as long as we have memories at all, and we shall always feel grateful to those who made it possible for us, Mr. Wellock our local M.P., Mr. Whitehouse and Mr. Gosling who assisted him, and the members of our staff—Miss Jones, Miss Foster, Dr. Thomason and Mr. Hopkins.

J. W. Manton, Form V.A.

Girl Guides.

Officers:—
 Captain:—Miss Tweedie. Lieutenants:—Miss Davies, R. Everett.
 Company Leader:—Doris Rudd.
 Patrol Leaders:—E. MacAlister, N. Clegg, K. Goodwin, M. Green,
 B. Adams.

THE past term has been crowded but very enjoyable one for the company. On January 17th we held our first meeting and it took the form of a visit to the Tettenhall Wood Guides. Each patrol was entertained by the patrol whom they had met at our Christmas party, and several of our Guides succeeded in winning some of the prizes offered for various games. After having spent a thoroughly enjoyable evening we set out for home at 9-45.

On February 1st, thirteen of our Company visited the Royal Orphanage, Wolverhampton. After watching a very interesting conjuring performance, we spent the remainder of the afternoon in seeing round the Orphanage. We then had tea, after which we played military whist and had community singing. We left for home about 8 p.m., having had a very happy time.

The beginning of the term was spent in preparation for our Display which took place on February 27th and March 1st. Two short plays "Michael," and "The Turtle Dove," were produced, the following Guides taking part:—B. Adams, I. Blackband, P. Butler, N. Clegg, V. Dancaster, R. Everett, B. Farrow, K. Goodwin, M. Green, J. Hobday, I. Johnston, E. MacAlister, K. Oxborrow, B. Sykes and B. Wheatcroft. They all did well, so it is difficult to praise one more than another, but R. Everett's interpretation of Michael and M. Green as Matryona were outstanding. Next followed some graceful dances illustrating Spring, and our grateful thanks are due to Mrs. Quayle for designing the beautiful dresses. The programme finished with an effective "Camp Fire" which proved to be very popular.

The latter half of the term was spent in badgework and training several of our recruits for their Tenderfoot Badge. A team of Guides also practised country dancing, and on March 28th went to Wolverhampton to compete against Dudley Training College. We danced three times, and to our great joy were awarded the cup.

The last meeting of the term took the form of a series of competitive games, and the Daisy Patrol, gaining the most points, were awarded Easter Eggs. We were then told that the Scarlet Pimpernel Patrol had gained the most stars during the term and so were the top patrol.

B. Adams.

Cadet Corps.

Officers:—

Captain C. Knight Coutts.

Captain K. D. Hopkins.

Non-Commissioned Officers:—

Q.M.S. Blundell. Lance Corporals:—Jackson, Knott, Bowley, Farrow.

LAST term the Corps concentrated on preparing for the proposed tour to the Continent, which is to take place early in the Summer. The Battalion will concentrate at Metz, arriving there on the 31st of July. The French Military authorities have kindly arranged that the Battalion will be accommodated in the Caserne Raffanel in Metz, throughout the tour. From this centre daily excursions will be made to points of interest, including Verdun, St. Mihiel, the Vosges Mountains, and excursions up the valley of the river Moselle.

Although field work during the term has again been very restricted, during the Summer term there will take place the annual Field Day, and the Inspection at Clent Cricket Ground, both events taking place early in June. It is to be hoped that the Oldbury contingent will live up to their reputation for efficiency and smartness while on the parade ground.

Q.-M.-S. Blundell.

To Amy Johnson.

Oh! young Amy Johnson's flown out to the west,
Thro' all the wild storm clouds her "moth" knew no rest;
Engineers, nor mechanics, companion she'd none,
She flew unattended, she flew all alone.

So faithful in purpose, so fearless in flight,
She laughed at the dangers, and feared not the night;
Across the wild mountains and through the monsoon,
Our brave girl explorer—Amy Johnson alone.

When in Australia she landed at last,
The king sent her greetings, her dangers are past;
They cabled her messages, telegraph, 'phone,
To brave Amy Johnson—Amy Johnson alone.

Now Amy Johnson just stands by her plane,
She's longing for England, seeks England again;
Then up in her moth with its head towards home,
Amy Johnson takes flight, Amy Johnson alone.

M. Burnett, Form 3A.

The Art Students Visit London.

ALTHOUGH the day for our much-looked-forward-to visit dawned rather dull, after mid-day the weather brightened up considerably. We all rose rather earlier than usual (for we were on the train at the time most of us would be getting up to go to school), and all arrived at the Station in good time. After a short impatient wait we were speeding towards London, the Mecca of all Art Lovers.

On arriving at Paddington, we proceeded by the Underground to Westminster, and on leaving Westminster Station we were accosted by a gentleman who offered to escort us round the House of Lords.

We quickly took advantage of such a good offer, and spent over an hour there, which was all too short. Our gentleman escort, whom we later found out to be Lord Rowallan, proved to be very familiar with the House of Lords, and pointed out to us many objects of interest. One thing which interested us above all others, was the example of the new wall decorations by Brangwyn in the Royal Gallery. This huge room was rather dark, and on the walls hung large oil paintings of battle scenes in heavy rather dingy frames. In complete contrast were the colourful decorations of Brangwyn, a mass of brilliant flora and fauna. The chief criticism against them is that they are not fitting for such a sombre room, and it seems very likely that they will be rejected, and if they are it will be a waste of truly wonderful work. Although this visit was not in our plans for the day, for we had a definite Art programme, we thoroughly enjoyed it. We left the House of Lords about 12-30 p.m. and walked along the Embankment to the National Gallery of British Art, The Tate Gallery.

This Gallery, together with 65 pictures, was the gift of Sir Henry Tate and was opened in 1897. Among the most important collections of pictures are the Vernon Collection bequeathed in 1847, a collection of Watts, presented by the artist himself when the Gallery was opened, and a number of pictures collected by the Chantrey bequest. Sir Francis Chantrey left a certain amount of money, the interest on which is applied to purchasing pictures from the Annual Academy Exhibition. In addition there was a superb collection of Turner's works, including some of the greatest of his oil paintings, together with some hundreds of his water colours and flat wash sketches. These are housed in a new wing of nine rooms, the gift of the late Sir J. Duveen.

There are so many Galleries full of wonderful pictures that it would give little pleasure and only be confusing to try and get a

glimpse of them all, all of us, therefore, had decided or been told previously which galleries to visit, and we concentrated on those. We left the Turner Galleries until after lunch in order to spend most of the afternoon there.

We had a very enjoyable lunch in the Underground Restaurant, and feeling very refreshed made our way to the Turner Galleries. To spend even an hour looking at hundreds of Turner's works, huge masterpieces in oil, his water colours, gems of colour, and his quick sketches, makes us realize that he is the creator of landscape.

Passing through the galleries we saw some striking pictures of famous beauties and renowned families of the 18th Century, by the three portrait painters, Reynolds, Gainsborough and Romney. They were remarkable for the freshness of the paint which looked perfectly new. The time came, however, when we had to leave these pleasures and make our way to the Italian Art Exhibition which was the main object of our visit.

On our way there we had a glimpse of London. We walked down the Mall, past St. James' and Buckingham Palace, to Picadilly, and arrived at Burlington House at about 4 o'clock. We were very lucky to find the galleries not too crowded and we were able to view, quite easily, some of the most famous pictures in the Exhibition, such as Botticelli's "Birth of Venus," and Tiepolo's huge masterpiece, "The Finding of Moses."

It was extremely interesting to see the originals of some pictures which, previously, we had only seen in small reproductions and it was very noticeable, what a small idea the reproduction gives of the beauty of colour in the original. The crowd was rather cosmopolitan, for there were Germans, French, Italians, and many other nationalities, among them, two picturesque Indian girls in saris.

Though very tired we spent, perhaps, the two most enjoyable hours of the day at Burlington House, and we were all sorry when the time came to leave it. We left about 6 o'clock and went straight to Lyons in Picadilly, where we had a good and most appreciated tea, for we were all very hungry.

From Picadilly we went by Underground to Paddington, where we boarded the waiting train with a few minutes to spare. We left Paddington at 7-48 p.m. and arrived at Birmingham about 10 o'clock. At Birmingham we separated and went our different ways home, all very tired but happy after such an eventful day.

Dorothy Homer, Form VI.

Essay Competition.

AFTER an address to the Parents' Association, Mr. Stewart-Fraser, Publicity Manager for the Austin Motor Company, Ltd., kindly offered a prize of two guineas for the best essay on "What the Motor Car Means to Us" (with special reference to the Austin Seven).

Ninety-eight essays were submitted and of these four were selected to be sent to Mr. Fraser, those of Woodward (6A), Manton (5A), Wheale (5A), and Thomas (4A).

Mr. Fraser awarded the prize to Thomas and also very kindly gave a second prize of one guinea to Woodward.

We print below the two prize essays and also Mr. Fraser's criticism of the essays.

WHAT MOTORING MEANS TO US.

(With Special Reference to the "Baby" Austin.)

Climb to the top of a hill, and scan the horizon in all directions, however wide the view, do you not always wonder what lies beyond? Perhaps faint in the mist, there is a line of rolling downs far away to the south, with clumps of beeches clearly outlined against the sky. No one with imagination can fail to want to know and to see what lies beyond those downs and beech clumps, and now in the wonderful age in which we live, it is easy to satisfy this longing by means of a "Baby" Austin.

We are lucky to have been born in the days of motoring. A few years ago we might, like millions of others, have lived out our lives at some place where there was a distant view of rolling hills without ever finding out what was on the other side, but motor cars have made the world shrink or seem to do so. In other words, they have enlarged our vision so enormously that it is difficult for many even now to realise the possibilities and powers that have come to us. And this great change has come in what, historically speaking, is a very short time. It is only a little more than twenty years ago that all journeys more than a few miles had to be made in railway trains, through the windows of which we used to get only a narrow, one-sided view of the country and towns through which we passed. Now, with a "Baby" Austin, anyone who lives in a town can get out of it by road, and anyone who lives in the country can go and see what that other country is like beyond the hills.

Some may object that the motor-car itself is not always within easy reach, that is, it is for the few who are rich rather than the many, but the "Baby" Austin can be acquired even by the working man, for it is cheap to buy, cheap to run, and small to

garage. The Austin is in actual fact better sprung, faster, and more reliable than many other cars. "Baby" Austins are being produced and sold in France and Germany and production is now taking place in America—a great accomplishment when we remember the position the Americans hold in the motor-world. The speed and comfort increase from year to year, and on the great main roads, and most by-ways, we can see, but especially on Saturdays and Sundays, the great procession of these baby cars.

Some people like to motor along country roads and enjoy the fresh air and sensation of speed, others, taking little delight in these, look upon the "Baby" Austin simply as a convenient means, like a railway train—of getting from place to place. But the good things of life are not so very good unless we make the best of them, and we are not likely to get the best out of a "Baby" Austin unless we regard it both as a means of pleasure and convenience.

There is nothing in the world more delightful than a holiday with an Austin! What can surpass the joy of roaming over the English countryside, stopping at will, and returning in the cool of the evening? How different from the annual journey on a crowded excursion train to sit on the already over crowded beach of a popular seaside resort!

Good maps reveal many things to us, and much of the joy of motoring lies in planning our tour beforehand with the map, and going over the ground mentally afterwards. We can tell from a good map, without ever having been through the district before, where the country is wooded and hilly or flat and comparatively dull; so if we are going to get photographs, we can form an idea in advance of where the best hunting grounds are likely to be. Photography of the amateur, outdoor kind was good fun and profitable before the days of motoring, but a "Baby" Austin adds enormously to its possibilities and makes it far more worth while.

Motoring has altered entirely our view of the world. The world is no longer an enormous globe stretching endlessly on every side into vast distances across which we can never hope to travel. We can, will and must travel nowadays, and in so doing we can and should get to know this world of ours. Motoring has broken down all limitations of space and it has revealed to the world beauties we had before only imagined.

But are we any better for this change? The answer is simple—if we are not better we ought to be. For if we observe, enjoy, appreciate, and remember things we see when motoring we shall be really the better. If we travel with our eyes open and our minds ready to receive what is seen, we shall not only enjoy ourselves

but in filling our memories with things worth keeping, we shall acquire the art of learning and enjoying still more the next time. By observation and appreciation we become keener, brighter, and better in every way.

In the early days of motoring it was often difficult to look upon things this way, because the motor itself was apt to take up so much attention. What people observed was the way the engine was running—or not running—and why; and what most people remembered was the place where they had to get down in the dust and mud underneath the car. What they appreciated was bringing the machine safely and in reasonable time to the journey's end. But things are different nowadays, the "Baby" Austin, with all its wonderful machinery, has taken its proper place as the servant, and not the master, of the motorist—a splendid, untiring servant.

And the "Baby" Austin itself is a beauty and wonder well worth close examination. Machinery is not necessarily something that is ugly, noisy and dirty, which ought to be kept out of sight, but on the contrary, it can be beautiful, and children, especially boys, readily love it. A great factory such as that in which these Austins are made, is one of the wonders of the world. To go into such a place and understand even dimly how the efforts of thousands of workers combine to produce thousands of cars in an incredibly short time is itself an education.

G. D. Thomas, Form IV.A.

WHAT MOTORING MEANS TO US.

(With special reference to the Austin Seven.)

Within the last two hundred years the mode of life in England has changed entirely. At the beginning of the eighteenth century our country was mainly agricultural, but owing to the "Industrial Revolution" and the subsequent discoveries of the steam engine and the motor car, our land has become industrial and most of our large towns have developed into seats of manufacture. Then life was leisurely and almost sluggish, but to-day the craze for speed and efficiency has made the modern world into a place where "slow and sure wins the race," has become an almost obsolete expression.

It is into this rapidly moving kaleidoscope of modern life that the motor car was introduced. As within the last fifty or sixty years it has slowly evolved to attain its present state of perfection, it has in its stages of development allied itself securely with business and pleasure, and so surely and firmly has it established itself that without it our national life would be paralysed.

In the world of transport the motor car has proved itself indispensable since it has been able to establish direct contact between the producer and the consumer.

As a means of pleasure and of recreation it is of inestimable value. There are for pleasure-riding the char-a-banc and the private car, both exceedingly popular. The motor char-a-banc has become such a well-patronised means of transit that, since last year, when the railways were so seriously threatened by their competition, the railway companies have purchased 'buses of many important companies and are going to use them in conjunction with their train services. With the advent of the motor-coach and its relatively cheap charges, many thousands of people have been able to go deep into the country or far away to the sea, where, perhaps, they had never before journeyed.

The private car, also, has proved itself an integral part of our pleasures, and at the present day the number of car owners is double that of only a few years ago. To the car owner the whole of our beautiful island is open. He can drive to the north of Scotland with its heather clad moors and lofty crags, down south to Devon and its windy lanes and wind swept moors, to Cornwall, the land of old Arthurian romance, whose shores are beaten by the long rolling Atlantic breakers, to Wales, the land of wild mountains and ancient castles, and to quiet country places, to roam in the pleasant fields and meadows and to wander by the peaceful river. So vast is the field of activity for the private owner that he should never tire of his beautiful native land, which always has in store for him some fresh beauty spot.

The small "Baby Austin Seven" is the ideal car for roaming through the country. First of all, and this is a most important point, it is comparatively cheap and can be run at a reasonably low cost, and therefore is within the reach of people who before had thought a car an impossible luxury. On account of its small size it can be garaged easily and enjoys the advantage of being able to start and accelerate quickly, to turn in the road more easily and moreover to go along by-ways and lanes which would be barred from large cars and chars-a-banc. The first of the "light-cars" to be built it enjoyed instantaneous popularity, and although many other motor manufacturers have challenged its supremacy as "king of the lightweights" it still remains far and away the most popular "baby" in existence.

The "Austin Seven" is known all over the world and holds sway over an empire on which the sun never sets, and it can safely be said that it is a universal car, and just as John Wesley said, "my parish is the world," so can the "Austin Seven" say

“my market is the world.” Only last year Miss de Havilland made a tour round the world in an Austin Seven, and never once did it fail her. It took her over the great continent of America, over Australia, through the sultry luxuriant forests of Assam, Burma and India, through rocky gorges and mountain passes, across burning deserts and smiling plains, and always it proved loyal and above all thoroughly safe and reliable. What a marvellous testimonial to the reliability and power of the “universal baby!”

However, the car not only gives pleasure but serves as a means of education. In journeying over the country we are taught more geography than ever we learnt studying a text-book in a classroom, more real, living geography that is. In seeing old churches and cathedrals, castles and fortifications, we are able to visualize the history of past ages with its pomp and its harsh brutality. But more important than acquainting us with history and geography, it also tends to broaden our outlook and extend our vision. Before this easy means of transport people tended to become narrow and local in their outlook upon life. They only saw their own petty quarrels and feuds and only took part in the life of the community to which they belonged, and saw nothing of the outside world with its great panoramas and even greater possibilities. All this, or most of it, has been ruthlessly swept away with the increased facilities for moving from place to place, and people have become broader in their vision and now are able to see that they are only a small part of a great and wonderful world. Is it progress or is it the motor car that has accomplished this? Surely they are one and the same thing and together have brought about this revolutionary transformation.

So far we have only dealt with the person who buys the car, and not with the person who is responsible for presenting to us the finished article. The motor industry is undoubtedly one of the greatest of the present day. Together with the industries that provide all the accessories for the cars and the selling of the cars it employs many thousands of people, and to these the motor car means a livelihood.

But the motor car is much more than a means of livelihood, of education, of pleasure or a useful, convenient conveyance, it is, in itself, an object of beauty and romance, and is one of the most perfect applications of modern science.

P. F. Woodward, Form VI.A.

RESULT.

"WHAT THE MOTOR CAR MEANS TO US."

1.—GORDON DENNIS THOMAS.

In my opinion this essay ranks first by a considerable margin. The quality in it that primarily influences my judgment is the quality of imagination—not merely by the proof given of the author's own well-developed imagination, but by the way in which he stirs up and fans into flame the readers imagination instead of calling upon the latter to digest what could so easily be made a rather stodgy meal of solid fact. This imaginative style of treatment makes the reader enjoy reading this essay; but the essay also stands well the more sternly matter-of-fact test as to the adequacy and accuracy of the information given on the subject selected. In literary style I consider it definitely the best of the set, and if I only mention its literary style as a third, rather than as a first or second standard of quality, this is because it would be unsafe, in judging essays, to allow literary style to weigh too heavily—for the reason that a really clever writer can (and not infrequently does) use his pleasant style to conceal his ignorance of the real facts of his subject!

2.—P. F. WOODWARD.

A very interesting essay from the point of view of its great difference in construction and treatment from that of Gordon Thomas. This difference impressed me in this way:—On reading Gordon Thomas's essay I said to myself, "Here is a writer," on reading P. F. Woodward's essay, I said to myself, "Here is a speaker." I can almost see P. F. Woodward standing on a political platform laying down the policy of his party, with a sequence of arguments well marshalled in his mind. He has a clear capacity for mental tidiness, for arranging his facts in their proper order, forseeing that he has missed nothing that is vital to the issue. The last paragraph shows at least something of the orator's instinct for a peroration, a climax, that sums up the argument and brings a round of applause as P. F. Woodward, with a final out-flinging of his arms, resumes his seat.

This essay is a very workmanlike, straightforward treatment of the subject. P. F. Woodward has thought round his theme as well as into it. A number of incidental allusions show that his mind has made a comprehensive sweep round the borders of his subject; although he keeps border-line details in their place and does not allow them to rob the main issue of its proper preponderance of attention. It is chiefly because of its less sensitive feeling and more restricted vision that it must, in my judgment, be considered second to that of Gordon Thomas.

A Journey in Spring.

O green was the grass as I rode on my way,
 And bright was the dew on the blossom of May ;
 And dark was the sycamore's shade to behold,
 With the oak's tender leaf of emerald and gold.
 The thrush from the holly, the lark from the clouds,
 Their joint song of rapture, sang merry and loud ;
 From the soft misty sky, to the soft grassy ground,
 There is beauty above me, beneath and around.

A. Reynolds, Form 3B.

The Cresconians.

THE Unveiling of the Memorial Window last October was a big event to the Cresconians, marking as it did the completion of an effort which has extended over a lengthy period, and, so, naturally, after the flow the ebb, their affairs this term represent a period without any striking features. But, if as an Association affairs have been quiet, events have happened to individual members, for, have not two of the Committee taken to themselves partners for life. To Mr. Fred. Screen and Miss Emmie York, or shall we say Mrs. Downing, we offer our hearty congratulations. May their shadows never grow less.

The usual monthly dances have been held on the second Saturday up to April, and the popularity has not waned, indeed they remain easy winners in the race for first place in the social events of Oldbury. Some novelties have been introduced from time to time, and one of the lady M.C.'s. has caused much innocent amusement among the men folk who, of course, imagined that dire disaster would inevitably result, and must now be feeling a little chagrined.

Carnival night saw the hall full to overflowing, the success of previous years being more than maintained. Dancers in every imaginable kind of fancy dress and every variety of colour created a gay scene which was enhanced by the lighting effects. Judging for the prizes taxed the ability of the judges, Councillor and Mrs. Hadley and our President and Mrs. Howarth, as was shown by the number of times the competitors paraded before them. The winners received everyones congratulations and earned them, and many who were not winners deserved to be.

Coming as it does in the Christmas holidays the Carnival affords the only opportunity many old Students have of being with us ; for, after leaving School we drift to various parts in search of

bread and cheese, and reunions are infrequent. To such Old Students we would like to say we were very pleased to see them and will be still more pleased to see them again next Christmas.

The Dramatic section is not going quite so strongly; not that there is any lack of talent, but that opportunities for the very essential rehearsals are difficult to arrange, yet the spirit is still going strong within the members and we hope next winter to have one or more very enjoyable evenings of their providing.

E. J. Anderson.

Parents' Association.

THE Session opened with an address by the Headmaster, the subject being: "How the Association can help the School." This was followed by an address by Mr. D. Stewart-Frazer, of Austin Motors Ltd., on "Careers at Home and Abroad." At the final meeting Mr. A. G. Hackett gave a racy talk on "Some Impressions of France and Germany."

C.S.H.

Life in a Domestic Science College.

THE value of Domestic Science is at last being recognised by all as an important subject in the school curriculum. A teacher of domestic subjects needs a good all-round education and at least two years training in a Domestic Subjects Training College.

One training college is to be found in Leicester, one of the cleanest cities in England. The college stands in the University College grounds, and the students in residence are accommodated in the University College Hostel. Each student has a study bedroom and those occupying rooms on the East side have a fine view across Victoria Park.

While a poor Domestic Science student is preparing a lesson on "The Washing of Woollen," etc., a glance is snatched of the tennis players in the park. How much time is wasted in gazing through the window!

In the near future a new college and hostel will be erected, and they will be equipped with the best modern devices for household management.

During college hours all students wear blue dresses with white collars and cuffs, and a white cap and apron, except in the Science Laboratory, where navy blue overalls are donned.

The college is not wholly devoted to diploma students. Some girls take a twelve months' course preparatory to taking posts as matrons in boarding schools, or to marriage. Other girls become

cooks in large institutions. One of the housewives, as they are called, has recently obtained a job at St. Bartholomew's Hospital as a cook, and another girl is entering a large catering firm.

The life of the budding teacher is the most strenuous training in college. Roll Call is taken in the Assembly Hall at 9-30 a.m., and then lectures commence.

During the first term in training most of the time is engaged in lectures and practical work in College Subjects, included in the curriculum are Laundrywork, Cookery, Housewifery, Needlework, and Science applied to Domestic Subjects. A course of Electrical Housecraft and doing odd jobs in the home is also included in the training. In the odd-jobs class one learns such things as to put new sash-cords in window frames, a little about bricklaying and wood-work.

Visits to works and other places of interest to the students are paid, Cadbury's and Chilprufe Works, Frigidaire Department at Leicester, Model Dairies and Public Laundries are only a few of the many places that are visited.

Very interesting times are spent on these occasions, the only drawback being that account has to be written of the visits.

Several days of the week are allotted to teaching, and it is now that one humble student feels sorry for many past sins and realizes what is the lot of a teacher.

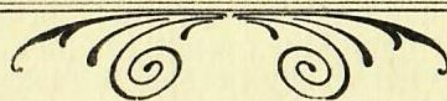
In the winter months Wednesday afternoon is allotted to sports and on Saturday afternoons hockey matches are played.

During the summer term college ends at 4 p.m. instead of 4-30 p.m., and tennis matches are arranged for Saturday afternoons.

Many events are packed into the Summer Term—Open Day, Old Students Re-union and the College Outing, which this year is taking the form of a visit to Welbeck. Plenty of work is accomplished culminating in "Finals," which take place at the end of June and beginning of July.

There is not one dull moment, and life in a training college is full of variety in work, fun, and in the dishes that are concocted in the cookery kitchen!

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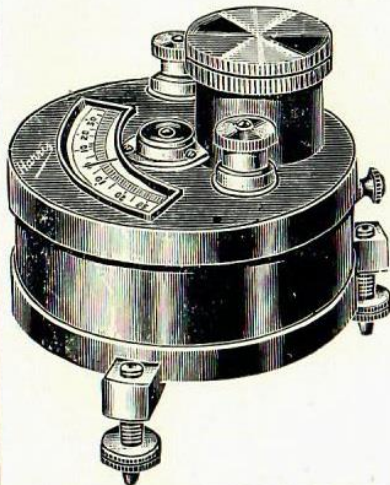
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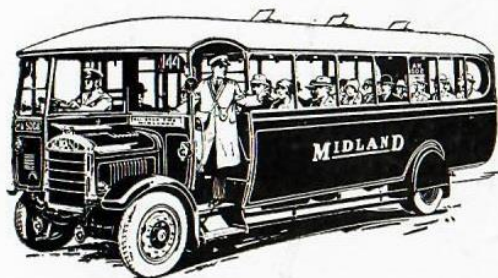
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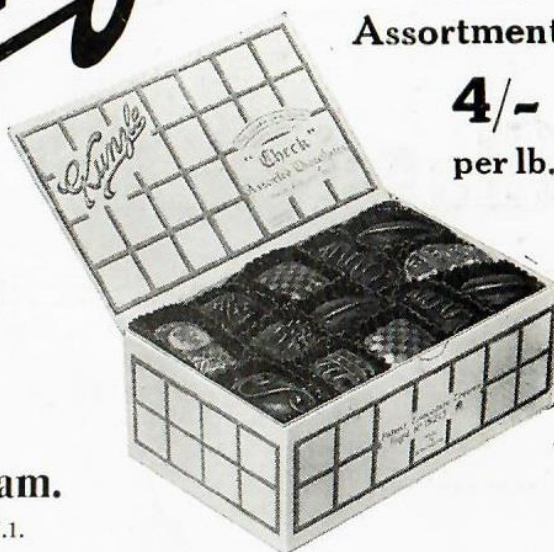
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EDITORIAL.

THE School Year 1930-31 has now fairly begun, and we are trying to reconcile ourselves to the absence of many who have been familiar figures about the school for years, boys and girls who have worked steadily up through the School and now have left us for a wider field of activity. We wish them all success and happiness in the work they have taken up, and hope to meet them on the occasions when Old Students gather at the school for their monthly meetings. In this connection, too, we trust that Miss Green, who is now Senior Science Mistress at the Girls' High School, Newport, Mon., and Mr. Passmore, Handicraft Master at the Holloway School in North London, will both have prosperity and happiness in their new surroundings. They have all our good wishes. Valeté!

And now we offer a hearty welcome to Miss Allen, B.Sc., our new Biology Mistress, who is not entirely a stranger to us, and to Mr. F. L. Hawley, our new Handicraft Master. We hope they will both be with us for a long time, and be happy in their work and surroundings. A welcome, also, to the many boys and girls who have joined the school this term, we trust that they in their turn will add to the laurels of the school which offers so much to them. Salvete!

Congratulations to those who did so well this year at the School and Higher School Certificate Examinations. Thirty S.C., and 6 H.S.C., is a creditable performance, and an extra cheer for David

Eric Adams, who after being with us since he was 10 years old, left at the age of 17 with such a splendid record. It is not given to everyone to do so brilliantly at the Higher School Certificate Examination, to obtain a State Scholarship, and to win the open 100 yards at the Birmingham Schools Joint Sports all in the same month, but we hope that now Adams has shown the way we shall have many others eager to beat even this record.

We are glad to have good news of Old Students in various parts of the world and trust that they will always keep in touch with us, wherever they may be located.

It is to be hoped that the extra prize offered by our chairman, Mr. W. T. Davies, will bring a good selection of essays on "How I Spend My Leisure Time."

Speech Day this year is to be as near to Foundation Day, October 26th, as possible, and we hope to have the privilege of hearing Professor Hearnshaw, M.A., LL.D., of London University, at that School function.

Once again at the beginning of the School Year, we urge all boys and girls to determine to make an extra good year of it, and to strive steadily and continuously for success.

THE EDITOR.

Dates to Remember.

- Oct. 2.—Swimming Sports.
- Oct. 17.—Joint Swimming Sports.
- Oct. 27.—Speech Day.
- Nov. 3 and 4.—Half Term.
- Nov. 5.—Bonfire Celebrations.
- Nov. 7.—Inter-School Debate with Halesowen.
- Nov. 27 and 29.—School Play—"The Admirable Crichton"
by Sir James Barrie.
- Dec. 19.—School Closes for Christmas Holidays.
- Jan. 14.—School Re-opens.

Valete.

- DAISY HOMER.—Form VI. School Captain; House Captain; Hockey Eleven; Tennis Captain; Vice-Chairman of Joint Societies; Leading Part in Four School Plays; Secretary of League of Nations Union; Higher School Certificate.
- DORIS RUDD.—Form VI. Prefect; House Captain; Hockey XI.; Secretary of Hockey; Tennis "Six"; Committee of The Joint Societies; Higher School Certificate.
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- M. C. DIXON.—Form V.A. 2nd Eleven Football and Cricket; Matriculation.
- J. W. MANTON.—Form V.A. Magazine Prize, 1928; Committee of Joint Societies; Cast of One School Play; Matriculation.
- B. TANSLEY.—Form V.A. Cast of One School Play.
- J. DAVIS.—Form V.B. Cricket Colours; Football Eleven.
- A. HADLEY.—Form VI.B.
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Examination Results.

- H**IGHER School Certificate of the Joint Board of the Northern Universities:—
- B. ADAMS.—Principal Subjects: Mathematics, Zoology, Botany.
 Subsidiary Subjects: English, French.
- D. ADAMS.—Principal Subjects: Mathematics, Chemistry, Physics (distinction). Subsidiary Subjects: English, German.
- L. BLUNDELL. — Principal Subjects: Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry. Subsidiary Subject: English.
- C. GOODACRE.—Principal Subjects: Geography. Subsidiary Subjects: English, French, Latin.
- D. HOMER.—Principal Subjects: English, History. Subsidiary Subjects: Latin.
- D. RUDD.—Principal Subjects: Mathematics, Chemistry. Subsidiary Subjects: English, Applied Mathematics.
- R. STEVENS.—Principal Subjects: Mathematics, Chemistry, Physics. Subsidiary Subjects: English, German.
- P. WOODWARD.—Principal Subjects: English, French. Subsidiary Subjects: History, Latin.
- L. DAVIES.—Subsidiary Subjects: English, German, Geography.
- On the result of this examination D. Adams was awarded a State Scholarship.

School Certificate Examination of the Joint Board of the Northern Universities:—

Matriculation:—Cope, Dixon, Greenwood, Knott, Manton, Smith, L. Cooper, Bayliss, Everett, Rowley, E. MacAlister, N. Murray.

School Leaving Certificate:—Betts, Cashmore, Hadley, Jones, Keyte, Onions, Wheale, E. Boots, D. Bridgewater, V. Dancaster, M. Marshall, Adams, Butlin, Hodgetts, W. Cowell, D. Hadley, F. Williams.

King's House.

Captains	-	-	D. E. ADAMS, E. MACALISTER.
Vice-Captains	-	-	R. S. O. STEVENS.
Sports Captains	-	-	D. E. ADAMS, P. WILLIAMS.
Secretaries	-	-	R. S. O. STEVENS, M. MILLER.

DURING the past term a great deal of important House Competition has taken place. At the beginning of the term we had the Musical Festival, followed by the Joint School Sports, our own School Sports and the Inter-House Cricket Matches.

In the first of these, the Musical Festival, King's House was fairly successful, finishing third in the total number of points, but carrying off several events.

At the Joint School Sports, which took place at the Birchfield Harriers' Ground at Perry Barr, two of the six Oldbury representatives were from King's House, and one of them, our captain, D. E. Adams, was successful in carrying off the 100 yards cup. It has been some time since the last cup was won for Oldbury, and we are grateful to Adams for again starting us on a victorious path. We hope that his efforts will be frequently equalled in the future.

On Whit-Wednesday our own School Sports were held, and as has happened frequently during the last few years, the day resulted in a great victory for King's. We obtained 100 points, this being 34 points in front of the School House total, which came second in the list. Three of the four individual championships went to members of King's House, only the Senior Girls Championship being lost.

The Inter-House Cricket provided a sad reverse after our victory at the Sports. King's House lost all three matches and finished bottom on the list. We hope that probable members of next year's team will begin to practise at the beginning of next cricket season so as to avoid a repetition of this year's defeat.

In the School Certificate Examination our members did well, and we offer them our congratulations. The only two candidates from King's House for the Higher School Certificate were both successful. Adams gained a distinction in Physics and was awarded a State Scholarship. We are proud of him and wish him every success in his university career and in his after life.

R. S. O. Stevens (Sec.)

Trinity House.

Captains	-	-	DAISY HOMER and J. C. GOODACRE.
Vice-Captains	-	-	DORIS HADLEY and W. A. ADAMS.
Sports Captains	-	-	DORIS HADLEY and J. C. GOODACRE.
Treasurer	-	-	W. N. BUTLIN.

THE Summer Term again proved creditable to the House. The cricket was keenly contested, and to our joy we found we were at the top of the list, with School House.

Unfortunately, owing to weather conditions, Tennis was unable to be played, and so no results are forthcoming.

The Musical Festival found us bottom of the list, yet intensely proud of the team spirit which was shown by the House, and the enthusiasm of the Juniors, which was shown when we were placed first in the Mixed Choir item.

On Sports Day a keen "team spirit" was again shown, and Trinity attained first position in the tug-of-war.

On leaving, we wish the House every success and hope for great things in the future, as is predicted by the "esprit de corps" of all connected with the House.

Daisy Homer.
J. C. Goodacre.

School House.

Captains	-	-	D. RUDD, L. W. BLUNDELL.
Vice-Captains	-	-	E. BOOTS, L. DAVIES.
Sports Captains	-	-	D. BRIDGEWATER, L. DAVIES.

THE Summer Term has been yet another highly successful one for School House, and it is to be hoped that the House will again repeat last year's achievement by winning both the House cups.

At the beginning of the term the Musical Festival was held, and following on last year's triumph we again won the trophy. Queen's House, our great rivals, were a close second, and since both Houses have now won the cup twice each, the events should be very keenly contested next year. Thanks to the enthusiastic work of Mr. T. L. Davies, both the Boys' and the Girls' Unison Choirs were placed first in their respective classes.

In the athletic branch of our activities the House again did excellent work, and on Sports Day we were only robbed of the honours by King's. This latter House has to be congratulated on being the first to gain the Boys' Relay from us for a number of years, but we still hold the record.

The boys were again very successful in the cricket matches, defeating both King's and Queen's, but unfortunately, owing to a misunderstanding, we only drew with Trinity. School and Trinity therefore obtained an equal number of points and tied for first place.

Owing to the weather, the girls were unable to play their tennis matches, but School House were well represented in the tennis matches with other schools in the district.

The Fifth and Sixth Forms again covered themselves with glory in July, and the percentage of passes was exceedingly high. We heartily congratulate all in School House who were successful, and indeed everyone who did credit both to themselves and to the School, not only in examinations, but in every branch of school life.

D. Rudd.
L. W. Blundell.

Queen's House.

- Captains - - P. WOODWARD, B. ADAMS.
- Vice-Captains - G. BARLOW, D. HOMER.
- Sports Captains - P. WOODWARD, B. ADAMS.
- Treasurer - - W. BRANSON.
- Secretary - - O. SMITH.

THE past term has provided many opportunities for keen inter-House competition, and it is pleasing to note that Queen's House was able to hold its own.

On May 28th—the day of the Musical Festival—we were prepared to do our best to regain the trophy School House won from us last year. Unfortunately, owing to the lack of individual items we were once more placed second.

The House came third in the Annual Sports. The girls did very well, winning the relay race, and one of the members, Norma Clegg was the senior girls' champion and succeeded in breaking two records, the high jump and the hundred yards. The boys were better represented than last year, and were placed second in the steeplechase.

In cricket the boys House XI. did better than last year, the results being as follows:—

- Kings, 16; Queen's, 47.
- School, 39; Queen's, 32.
- Trinity, 50; Queen's, 26.

Unfortunately, owing to weather conditions, we were unable to play any inter-House tennis matches.

B. Adams.
P. Woodward.

Tennis.

FOR the first time since our residence in our new school, inter-school tennis matches were arranged this year. Of these, unfortunately only one (versus Halesowen) was able to be played owing to weather conditions. This, however, was well-contested and is the commencement, we hope, of many more in the future.

The score was:—Halesowen 12 setts, Oldbury 10 setts, and on the result of this match the Tennis VI., consisting of Daisy Homer, Beatrice Adams, Doris Rudd, Vera Doncaster, Dorothy Homer and Olive Smith were awarded their colours.

Daisy Homer.

Cricket.

1st XI. 2nd XI.

Captains - - J. C. GOODACRE, D. E. ADAMS.
 Vice Captains - L. DAVIES, H. PALMER.
 General Committee—Captains, Vice-Captains, W. A. ADAMS and
 WOODWARD.

THE season was quite a good one for both teams and was a decided improvement upon the record of the previous season.

The colours awarded this year were four, quite a large number for one season. Musgrave was awarded his for excellent batting performances against King's Norton and Kidderminster. Butlin and Davis received theirs for bowling and batting performances respectively, and Woodward for four years' good service in the 1st XI.

The following are the results of the matches played by the first XI.:

Opponents.	Ground.	Result.
King's Norton S.S.	... H.	Won. 73—68.
Kidderminster G.S.	... H.	Won. 79—68.
Parents' C.C.	... H.	Won. 116—58
Halesowen G.S.	... H.	Lost. 99—111 for 5
Halesowen G.S.	... A.	Lost. 45—105 for 5
St. Philip's G.S.	... H.	Won. 122 for 9—73
Dudley G.S.	... A.	Drawn. 142 for 8—80 for 4
Dudley G.S.	... H.	Lost. 66—22
Cresconians	... H.	Won. 50—45

The best averages for the season were:—

BATTING.

	Runs	Highest Score	Average
Davies L.	121	38	13.44
Davis, J.	65	24	13
Goodacre	100	31	12.5
Musgrave	111	35	12.33
Adams	90	42	10

BOWLING.

	Overs.	M'd'ns.	Runs	Wkts.	Average.
Adams	36	7	93	13	7.12
Butlin	64	12	144	15	9.8
Davies	64	9	185	22	8.41

The 2nd XI. played 6 matches, winning 1, losing 4 and drawing 1. The one victory was against Dudley by 36 to 27.

1st XI.—Goodacre (capt.), L. Davies (vice-capt.), Woodward, Greenwood, Adams, Butlin, Musgrave, Davis, (J.), Barlow, Playdon, Bayliss, Onions and Stevens.

2nd XI.—Adams (capt.), Palmer (vice-capt.), Cope, Betts, Branson, Jackson, Morris, Horton, Cashmore, Rowley, Duffield, Dixon.

P. F. Woodward (sec.).

Sports Day, 1930.

THE performances on Whit-Wednesday were exceptionally good. We have had brilliant individual competitors in other years, including such fine runners as Hawkins, Lindsay, Smart and Jennings; each of these was outstanding in his own particular year. But this year we had five outstanding competitors in Norma Clegg, Blundell, R. Stevens, D. E. Adams and Orchard. Never before have we had such a galaxy of stars competing on the same day.

No fewer than seven new records were made, and it is quite possible that three or four of these will be broken again next year.

The most memorable events were the Mile, which Blundell won by inches from Orchard; the Girls' House Relay, in which Norma Clegg did some amazing running in the last lap; and the Steeplechase, in which there were 49 competitors. School House was first in the Steeplechase, Queen's second and King's third, and Blundell was the individual winner for the fifth year in succession.

J. B. R.

Joint Sports, 1930.

OUR competitors were Musgrave in the Long Jump, Goodacre in the High Jump, Stevens and Adams in the 100 Yards and Quarter Mile, and Blundell and Tansley in the Mile.

Goodacre had no real chance owing to a severe strain, but he jumped very pluckily and secured a standard certificate with a jump of 5ft.

Stevens won his heat in the Quarter Mile and we had hopes of seeing him win this event. In the final he was bumped very badly on the first corner and completely put out of his stride, but he continued very resolutely and took the lead about half-way. The effort, however, proved too much for him and he was beaten in the last thirty yards.

After his magnificent race last year, we expected great things from Blundell in the Mile. For some unknown reason, however, he was "off-colour," and though he led for the greater part of the race, he was well and truly beaten in the last lap.

It was left to Eric Adams to maintain the honour of the School by winning the 100 Yards in 11 2/5 sec. against a strong wind. He made a splendid start and won by about a yard from the Dudley sprinter.

J. B. R.

Event.		1st.	2nd	3rd.	Time, height or distance.
100 yards ...	Senior girls ...	N. Clegg ...	J. Alger ...	I. Johnston ...	11 3/5 secs.
100 yards ...	Junior girls ...	P. Williams ...	J. Morton ...	M. Taverner ...	13 secs.
100 yards ...	Girls under 12 ...	M. Burborough	B. Farrow ...	M. Woods ...	14 secs.
100 yards ...	Senior boys ...	D. Adams ...	R. Stevens ...	Musgrave ...	10 2/5 secs.
100 yards ...	Junior boys ...	Orchard ...	D. Stevens ...	Grigg ...	—
100 yards ...	Boys under 12 ...	Mason ...	A. W. Jones ...	R. B. Smith ...	13 1/5 secs.
220 yards ...	Senior girls ...	N. Clegg ...	J. Alger ...	J. Lugg ...	30 3/5 secs.
220 yards ...	Junior girls ...	J. Morton ...	P. Williams ...	M. Hadley ...	33 secs.
220 yards ...	Senior boys ...	D. Adams ...	R. Stevens ...	Plowman ...	26 2/5 secs.
220 yards ...	Junior boys ...	Orchard ...	D. Stevens ...	W. Mason ...	30 secs.
440 yards ...	Senior boys ...	R. Stevens ...	D. Adams ...	Blundell ...	57 1/5 secs.
440 yards ...	Junior boys ...	Orchard ...	Greaves ...	W. Mason ...	66 1/5 secs.
880 yards ...	Senior boys ...	Blundell ...	Tansley ...	R. Stevens ...	2min. 17 3/5 sec.
880 yards ...	Junior boys ...	Orchard ...	Greaves ...	Coates ...	2min. 31 3/5 sec.
One mile ...	(Open) ...	Blundell ...	Orchard ...	Greaves ...	5min. 2 4/5 sec.
Steeplechase	(Open) ...	Blundell ...	Orchard ...	Musgrave ...	10min. 21secs.
High Jump ...	Senior girls ...	N. Clegg ...	J. Alger ...	E. McAlister ...	4' 3"
High Jump ...	Junior girls ...	B. Turnbull ...	—	M. Hadley ...	3' 8 1/2"
High Jump ...	Girls under 12 ...	I. Blackband ...	—	K. Wakeman ...	3' 4"
High Jump ...	Senior boys ...	B. Farrow ...	B. Morris ...	—	4' 9 1/4"
High Jump ...	Junior boys ...	R. Stevens ...	Knott & Musgrave	—	4' 0 1/2"
High Jump ...	Senior boys ...	Bowley ...	Morris & Bird ...	—	4' 0 1/2"
Long Jump ...	Senior girls ...	D. Hadley ...	J. Lugg ...	J. Alger ...	14' 2"
Long Jump ...	Junior girls ...	Bowley ...	Male ...	Haynes ...	14' 3"
Long Jump ...	Senior boys ...	Musgrave ...	R. Stevens ...	Blundell ...	17' 10"
Long Jump ...	Junior boys ...	Bowley ...	Male ...	Haynes ...	15' 1"
Throwing the Cricket Ball	Senior boys ...	Dixon ...	Davies ...	Musgrave ...	74yds. 10"
	Junior boys ...	Male ...	Morris ...	Elliott ...	60yds. 2"

NEW RECORDS.

Senior Girls, High Jump—Winner, N. Clegg; record, 4' 3"; old record, 4' 2½".

Senior Girls, 100 yards—Winner, N. Clegg; record, 11 3/5 sec.; old record, 12 sec.

Senior Boys, 440 yards—Winner, R. Stevens; record 57 1/5 sec.; old record 57 4/5 sec.

Senior Boys, 880 yards—Winner, Blundell; record 2 min. 17 3/5 sec.; old record 2 min. 19 1/5 sec.

One Mile (open)—Winner, Blundell; record, 5 min. 2 4/5 sec.; old record, 5 min. 5 1/5 sec.

Junior Boys, 440 yards—Winner, Orchard; record, 66 1/5 sec.; old record, 69 sec.

Junior Boys, 880 yards—Winner, Orchard; record, 2 min. 31 3/5 sec.; old record, 2 min. 36 sec.

CHAMPIONSHIPS.

Senior Girls—Champion, Norma Clegg, 15 points. Runner-up, Jean Alger, 10 points.

Senior Boys—Champion, R. Stevens, 19 points. Runner-up, Blundell, 17 points.

Junior Girls—Champion, Phyllis Williams, 8 points. Runner-up, Janet Morton, 6 points.

Junior Boys—Champion, Orchard, 12 points. Runner-up, Bowley, 6 points.

King's	100 points
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HOUSE POINTS.

King's	100 points.
Queen's	49½ points.
School	61 points.
Trinity	38½ points.

Musical Festival, 1930.

THE fourth Annual Musical Festival for the Challenge Cup presented by Mr. W. T. Davies was held in the School Hall on Thursday, May 29th. The adjudicator was Mr. Leslie Bennet, a wireless celebrity. This is not Mr. Bennet's first appearance at the school, as he gave a recital, together with Mr. Michael Mullinar two years ago in connection with the Musical Society. Mr. and Mrs. Allen Gough kindly gave their services at the preliminary tests.

There was a large and appreciative audience, and Mr. T. L. Davies is to be congratulated on the exceedingly high standard reached, and on the keen competition between the rival Houses.

School House repeated their success of last year, and now both School and Queen's have won the trophy twice each. The events were judged as follows:—

JUNIOR PIANOFORTE SOLO—"Gigue from 4th French Suite."

Bach.

1, DAVID STEVENS (K.). 2, MURIEL JACKSON (T.).
3, M. WAKEMAN (S.).

JUNIOR GIRLS' SOLO—"The Full Orb'd Moon" ... *Schubert.*

1, MOLLY RICHARDSON (T.). 2, JANET MORTON (S.).
3, MURIEL JACKSON (T.).

SENIOR PIANOFORTE SOLO—"Toccata in A" ... *Paradies.*

1, O. WHEEL (S.). 2, D. STEVENS (K.). 3, W. JONES (Q.).

BOYS' UNISON SONG—"Blow, Blow, Thou Winter Wind" *Arne.*

1, School. 2, Queen's. 3, King's. 4, Trinity.

GIRLS' UNISON SONG—"The Violet" ... *Mozart.*

1, School. 2, Trinity. 3, Queen's. 4, King's.

BOYS' SOLO—"The Free Mind" ... *Schumann.*

1, B. ROEBUCK (S.). 2, BRISCOE (Q.). 3, GREAVES (S.) and LEE (Q.).

VIOLIN SOLO—"Sonata X. Prelude and Allenmanda" *Corelli.*

1, BRIDGE (K.). 2, STANLEY (S.). 3, FREDA WILLIAMS (Q.).

SENIOR GIRLS' SOLO—"O, My Love's Like the Red, Red Rose"

Schumann.

1, WINNIE COWELL (T.). 2, DAISY BRIDGEWATER (S.).

3, KATHLEEN GOODWIN (Q.).

OLD STUDENTS' SOLO—"Solveig's Song" ... *Grieg.*

1, MIRIAM SQUIRES (S.) and MADGE WARR (Q.).

MIXED CHOIRS—"The Spring" ... *Armstrong-Gibbs.*

1, Trinity. 2, Queen's. 3, School. 4, King's.

The Choirs were conducted throughout by P. Woodward (Q.);
E. Adams (K.); C. Goodacre (T.); and L. W. Blundell (S.).

Total Aggregate Score.

1, School, 473. 2, Queen's, 410. 3, King's, 288. 4, Trinity, 274.

L. W. Blundell.

Mr. Bennet—the Adjudicator—has very kindly written the following article for the Magazine:—

You no doubt have heard that in Birmingham during this week a Crusade for the development of Christian Ideals is being conducted.

At a meeting at the Queen' College yesterday, especially for *Artists, Actors, and Musicians*, Dr. Martin Shaw, the well-known Church Musician, Song Composer, and Editor of a now famous hymn book, "Songs of Praise," and Dr. Herbert Gray, a prominent Free Church leader, were the speakers. Dr. Gray said, "We are beginning to see that music must be claimed for God. The Kingdom of Heaven was a beautiful kingdom, and those who did not understand beauty could not help to build it."

Dr. Martin Shaw said, "Artists were necessary to help people to escape from the tiresome state of society."

So you see, my friends, to-night we are present to foster and promote the love of beauty in music. Music through song, which is allied to beautiful poetry; music through the pianoforte, and most important the beginnings of string music. What a proud day it will be when the County High School can boast of a full orchestra. And that is where the Old Scholars can help! American schools are behind us in vocal music, but the majority possess fine orchestras, able to play whole symphonies, and without outside help. So I do appeal to you all to help this ideal to mature.

We do not want children to become only listeners, we want them to enjoy taking part in good music. The thrill gained through participation is *greater* and *healthier* than being merely onlookers. Much of our sport has degenerated into mere onlooking; do not let us allow the mechanisation of music to kill in us the desire to see and hear the performers, or to make music for ourselves.

Music needs patrons; people who love fine music; who will help in the "Crusade" for making good music for themselves. And this is where our schools come in. The encouragement of your Governors, your Headmaster, Mr. Howarth, the vitalizing enthusiasm of Mr. Davies, together with the loyalty of the members of the staff, to the cause of the arts, is a great step forward to the achievement of this goal. And I must congratulate you all very heartily on this, your fourth Annual Musical Festival.

Cadet Corps.

Officers:—

Captain C. Knight-Coutts, M.C. Captain K. D. Hopkins.

Non-Commissioned Officers:—

Q.M.S. Blundell. Lance Corporals:—Jackson, Knott, Bowley, Farrow.

THE Summer Term again saw a revival of our field activities, which came as a pleasant change from our indoor work.

Early in the term there was a field day at Kinver Edge, our contingent belonging to the attacking brown force. The brown force, according to the umpires, succeeded in their aim and occupied the edge of the hills by 4 p.m. Frequent combats with the enemy in the narrow woody lanes approaching Kinver provided plenty of excitement for all, and everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

A little later in the term the annual inspection of the Worcestershires took place in the grounds of Clent Cricket Club. Unfortunately Lord Cobham, the Lord Lieutenant of the County was unable to be present but Brigdr.-Gen. Pedley, C.D.G. took his place. Captain K. D. Hopkins was appointed acting adjutant for the day. After the inspection and subsequent march past and parade, Brigadier-Gen. Pedley said that he could not understand the attitude of the Government in cancelling the cadet movement in Secondary Schools, but that if anything could possibly be done to maintain them he would consider it his proud duty to give us his enthusiastic and whole-hearted support.

Blundell.

Girl Guides.

Officers:—

Captain—Miss F. D. TWEEDIE.

Lieutenants—Misses J. L. DAVIES, C. CHELL, R. M. EVERETT.

Company Leader—B. ADAMS.

Patrol Leaders—M. GREEN, B. ADAMS, N. CLEGG, K. GOODWIN,
E. MACALISTER, M. FROST.

DURING the early part of the term we were pleased to welcome Miss Chell into our midst. Lieutenant Chell, although comparatively new to guiding, is very keen, and now—especially after camp—we feel that she belongs to the company and should be sorry to lose her.

Each meeting, which we held in the hall every Friday at the close of afternoon school, we began with Roll Call Drill, Captain and Lieutenants taking charge in turn, week by week. Badge work, dancing, games—athletic and otherwise—talks, and competitions filled in the rest of our programmes which usually ended with Camp-fire Sing-Songs, “Taps,” and prayers.

One evening towards the end of term the Guides pitched a tent in the field with a fair amount of success and much thrill, for it reminded us that camp itself was not far ahead.

On the last meeting before the summer holidays the whole company had a patrol hike. Each patrol chose its own menu and a point was given to the one whose management was considered to be the best. There certainly were some wonderful dishes, judging by the odours which floated round the field. The Poppy Patrol, with Beatrice Adams as leader won the point.

One of the most important events of the year in the life of a Guide is that portion which is spent under canvas with her fellow Guides. Then is the time to really get to know everyone. Then it is that one is thrown upon one’s own resources to such a large and beneficial extent. Then comes the great chance to get into touch with Nature in her many moods. Half the joy of camping is summed up in the following lines:—

“ For nights with stars;
For paths to follow
And for hills to climb”

This year the Guides held their camp at Carnarvon, and never within the history of the company have we enjoyed a more wonderful site.

Imagine before you an uninterrupted expanse of sea and sky with the sunlit island of Anglesey in the distance; to your left a wild, uncultivated stretch of coastline—deserted except for the numerous sea birds which have their homes there; to your right, three miles distant, with the many turrets of its castle outlined against the sky is the old historical town of Carnarvon; and behind you—imagine behind you the loveliest view of all—Snowdon and its companions, as beautiful cloud-topped and misty as in the clear sunlight.

There! You have our camp site.

The Oldbury Company joined forces with several other companies from Wolverhampton and with the Secondary School Company from Bromsgrove.

Each morning the cooks rose at 6-45 a.m. and breakfast was ready at 8 o'clock. Then orderly work occupied our time until colours ceremony at 10-30 a.m. to which we all eagerly looked forward, for after the Colour Party for the Day had hoisted the Union Jack and we had had prayers and inspection, letters were distributed.

During the interval between "Colours" and the mid-day meal, all the Guides, with the exception of the cooks, were free to bathe, ramble, "laze" or visit Carnarvon. The open-air seawater baths, which were only five minutes walk from the site, proved very popular, for, besides having diving facilities, they also had the advantage of being safe. Nevertheless, the bathing was always under the supervision of at least one officer.

The afternoons, too, were free (again with the exception of the poor cooks), and it was during this time that the Guides visited the many points of interest which surrounded them. A party visited Snowdon summit (no, we did not climb), and that was a never-to-be-forgotten day. Other visits included Carnarvon Castle, Menai Bridge and Anglesey. Everyone had to return to camp in time for the meal at 6-30 p.m., and afterwards there were organised amusements such as rounders, or country dancing for those who wished, to occupy the time until Colours and Camp Fire.

Then, when the flag had been lowered and any notices given out by Captain, we all, wearing our thickest coats, with macs. and ground sheets, trudged to the top of the hill where our camp fire was laid. These endings to our days in the open were the final touches needed to make our camp life complete. Camp would not have been camp without them.

We began our singing surrounded with sunset and fire-flames and the crackling of wood. Song after song we sang—sometimes a cheering round inspiring us with new vigour—then, perhaps, a softer melody which at the end would find us nodding and looking into the fire None of us will easily forget the thrill of those stories told to us round the camp fire. When at last we stood for "Taps" we found that the sunset had disappeared behind the sea, and the sky had darkened, and the moon had become bright.

But, despite the invitation of Nature, we were forced to return to camp for the night. However, the appearance of steaming cocoa, brought round in dixies to each tent, helped to console us somewhat and "Lights Out" at 10-30 p.m. was not too unwelcome.

The weather, of course, during our fortnight's stay in Carnarvon was not ideal, but we were favoured with bright spells and anyway—what did it matter? To quote an old Guide song:—

 " Be the weather fine or damp
 We shall have a jolly camp
 And be sorry when our camping days are done!"

And we were.

The Redditch Party.

ON July 25th, the examination forms of Redditch Secondary School, accompanied by Colonel Scothern and several members of the Staff, came to spend the afternoon with our examination forms. They arrived by charabanc at about 3-0 p.m., and after being welcomed by Mr. Howarth, each one sought out his or her position for the day, a student of the opposite sex bearing a corresponding number. After much reticence and natural shyness on the part of the boys (!) everyone was paired and the afternoon's programme began.

A cricket match had been arranged and those not playing cricket enjoyed tennis. The weather was gloriously fine, and everyone spent an enjoyable afternoon out in the grounds.

About 4-30 p.m. the hungry and thirsty couples retired to the dining room and did full justice to the excellent tea provided. Short speeches were made by the Captains of each School, Colonel Scothern and Mr. Howarth adding a few words suitable to the occasion.

All then went to the Hall for dancing, and although Oldbury has not the valuable acquisition of a school orchestra, one of Redditch's lucky possessions, nevertheless several accommodating pianists provided the music and the dance was a great success.

A cooling supper followed, and at about 8-30 p.m. the Redditch students started on their journey home.

We had a very happy time and shall look forward to meeting some of our Redditch friends again next July.

R. Musgrave.

A Visit to Port Sunlight.

THIS term an excursion for the Upper Vith Chemistry Form to Port Sunlight and Liverpool was arranged by Dr. Thomason to take place on the 14th May. An exclusive little party of four met Dr. Thomason at New Street and set out at 10-55 a.m. for their destination. We proceeded in great comfort, arriving at Port Sunlight at about 1-30 p.m. to be greeted by a smell of soap and a lady escort. The latter showed us over the factory, while the former accompanied us over the greater part of our tour.

First of all we passed into the boiling room, where we saw huge vats of fat being boiled with alkali and made into Sunlight or Life-buoy soaps. In the next department we saw the soap, which had been run into flat pans to form slabs, being cut into the well-known tablets. This was followed by the stamping of the tablets with the name of the maker and the packing into cardboard boxes. Then we saw the making of Lux, when ordinary soap was cut into fine shavings. In this department the air was full of very fine particles of soap dust which made the atmosphere misty and difficult for the newcomer to breathe.

After this we saw the manufacture of toilet soap, in which fine shavings like Lux are compressed and a little perfume is added.

After seeing the Vim and Monkey Brand departments, and the vast printing works where the cardboard cartons are printed in nearly every language imaginable, we proceeded to what was the real object of the trip, a visit to the extensive laboratories. In the large general lab. specimens of the products of the factory are selected at random and examined to see if the high degree of purity is being maintained. Also the dyes used on the cartons are exposed to alkali and bright sunlight and then analysed to determine the effect of tropical conditions on the packets of soap.

In the research laboratories a different type of work is done. Here new processes are discovered and in an adjoining cellar a miniature factory has been erected. Here the chemist and chemical engineer collaborate to obtain a plant for producing soaps, etc.—by the hundredweight, and when this has been perfected, it is made several times larger to obtain these products by the ton. In the research laboratories we saw an intricate device for measuring the pressure required to burst a piece of fabric, and also a miniature laundry for comparing the effects of the newly discovered soaps on cloth when subjected to the same amount of washing.

At the conclusion of this most interesting and instructive tour, we were presented with souvenirs and we proceeded by train to Birkenhead, and across the Mersey to Liverpool by the river ferry.

After tea we took a trip on the famous overhead railway along the river towards its estuary, and on this journey we had an excellent view of the docks. Unfortunately time would not permit a tour of a liner but we had a most interesting walk round the docks. At the White Star Line's docks we saw the coaling of the s.s. Baltic. To our dismay we discovered that it was time we started back for Birmingham, and after a really frantic dash we reached Lime Street as the train was moving out, and were just able to board the last coach. The remainder of the journey was comparatively uneventful, and indeed we were all tired out after our strenuous day. We were exceedingly grateful to Dr. Thomason for affording us this opportunity of visiting the famous factory, and the City of Liverpool, which none of us had previously visited; and also for his generosity in giving us such an enjoyable time.

Ralph Stevens.
L. W. Blundell.

A Memorable Journey.

LOOKING through the "Birmingham Mail" one evening during the early part of the summer, I noticed that an inland air service had been inaugurated between London, Birmingham, Manchester and Liverpool. Knowing that my holidays were to be spent at Southport, which is very close to Liverpool, I made up my mind, parents and weather permitting, to travel by air, so I commenced to save my surplus cash. When I did speak of my ambition there were all sorts of tempting things offered me as alternatives if I would only go by train, but these were of no avail. Just as I had

persuaded mother to believe how safe air travel is the Meopham disaster occurred, and we had to go over it all again.

Having finally decided on which day to travel I went into Birmingham to book my seat at the Queen's Hotel.

At last, Monday, August 25th, arrived and, wonderful to relate, it was a glorious day. I thought the time would never pass until 4-30 p.m., when I was due to leave Langley by 'bus.

The Imperial Airways' taxi picked me up at the Queen's "en route" for Castle Bromwich, which is about twenty minutes ride from Birmingham. Nearing Castle Bromwich I saw a Gipsy Moth circling overhead, and the sight of it seemed to whet my appetite for the thrill that was to come. When I arrived at the hangars, which are made of corrugated iron, I and my luggage were weighed. Each person is allowed 15 kgs. free, I was given a yellow ticket, No. 1521. I had to wait twenty minutes for the 'plane. The clouds were high and the sky moderately clear; the wind-socks were partly blown out by a steady breeze. From out of the distance a glistening silvery machine roared overhead, turning at the opposite end of the aerodrome so as to land into the wind, and gliding to the ground with its engines throttled down, it alighted and roared round to a standstill in front of the hangars. A boy rushed out with a pair of steps and placed them by the door on the left side of the fuselage, and I climbed in and chose a seat on the left side of the gangway, just opposite the side engines.

The seats are of black wicker and upholstered in blue, very thickly padded to lessen the vibration. There is a large monogram, "I.A.," embroidered on the back of each seat. There is also a small rack for light articles, similar to those in a train, and a fenced-off portion for the luggage and a lifebelt for each passenger. These are similar to a waistcoat, fastening with two brass buckles. There is a small bottle of compressed air in one of the corners, and by turning a small tap the air is released into the lifebelt. There is also a cuspidor in case of air-sickness. In the front of the cabin there is a row of dials showing air-speed, time, and height in feet.

Presently the machine taxied to the other side of the aerodrome. Bumping and swaying owing to the ground being uneven, it turned, the engines revved up, the gangway became level as the tail lifted, and the machine became steady. Looking down I noticed that we were leaving the ground. It was then 6-35 p.m., we climbed rapidly until we reached 1,000 ft., and as I gazed at the ground below a verse from Kipling's, "The Triumphant Airman" ran through my mind:—

Ere the Flame and the Fountain,
The Spark and the Wheel,
Sank Ocean and Mountain
Alike 'neath our keel.

The 'plane banked and slowly turned to the left, after which it gradually climbed to 2,500 ft., and remained at that height. For a little while I was very interested in the dials. The air-speed indicator was hovering round about 95 m.p.h. As we were flying

with the wind the land speed must have been over 100 m.p.h.

The first thing I noticed was a double railway track, which looked like a narrow brown ribbon. I managed to discern four, fine, dark threads running through it, these were not actually the rails, but their shadows. It is very difficult to recognise anything from the air unless it casts a shadow. When possible, an air-pilot likes to steer his course by the railway lines, and the rule of the air is "keep to the right." Looking down on the Midlands, the view reminded me of the models we see on Snow Hill station.

The steward handed me a packet containing a wad of cotton wool and some Wrigley's Spearmint. The cotton wool was to put in my ears to lessen the noise of the engines, and the chewing gum was to prevent air-sickness. The former I used and was very glad of it, but the latter I put in my pocket, thinking that air-sickness was the lesser of the two evils. Actually, few people suffer from air-sickness, for although one gets a few "bumps" through ascending and descending air currents, the 'plane's movement is not a regular roll like that of a ship.

Looking out through the window again, I was struck by the curious contours, which shown up quite clearly. Also the irregular shapes and colours of the fields, and judging from the number of cabbage and potato fields one would think they were the staple diet of the average Englishman. The motors appeared to be crawling along, and a hay-cart, crossing a bridge seemed to be at a stand-still. The roads appeared to be strips of grey ribbon twisting in and out of the blocks of houses.

The aeroplane has many comforts; the cabin is enclosed, and has windows and curtains, and it is possible to walk up and down the gangway whilst travelling. There is a buffet at the rear from which one can obtain various refreshments, including whiskey, port, absinthe, Bovril, tea, and French spa water.

A black cloud of fog and smoke signified that we were nearing Manchester. Strange to say, the smoke does not appear to ascend, but seems to hang motionless like a black shroud.

The engines were throttled down, and with a swerve we volplaned down. As we were gliding down I was amused at the consternation caused amongst the inhabitants of a chicken-run, about thirty of them, darting hither and thither amidst loud protestations. A nice grey cow looked as if it didn't know whether to face the monster or flee. It was just 7-0 p.m. when we landed at Barton Aerodrome, Manchester. Here two of our passengers left us, and we had a fresh pilot and mechanic. We had a twenty minutes wait. There was a large crowd looking on, and I tried to look bored, as if flying was an exercise I took every morning before breakfast.

Once again we taxied to the lee side of the aerodrome, turned round, and roared into the air. After circling round to gain height, we headed for Liverpool. We were then flying across the wind, and our pilot had to counteract the wind-force, which kept blowing him out of his course.

Just outside Manchester there was an interesting building scheme which was seen to advantage from the air. It consisted of a group of houses arranged in three concentric rings with about four or five roads radiating from the centre.

Visibility was getting poor, however, I just managed to see a cargo-steamer on the Manchester Ship Canal. There was little more to be seen until Liverpool loomed ahead. There was a slight fog over the river, which ran like a broad silver ribbon below. The ferry-boats and tugs could be seen churning up the water. I had an interesting, though rather distant view of the docks, for we flew some distance down the river, and I saw two large liners, which I afterwards learned were the *Brittanic* and the *Carpathia*. Then we reached Speke. The aerodrome was next to a football field and on looking down I could see the pink, upturned faces of the spectators. We were then at about 1,000ft., but the pilot did not land owing to a wireless message having been received that another plane coming from Ireland was to land first. After a short detour up the river we turned back and the pilot throttled the engines down, and put the machine into its glide down to land. We were soon skimming the grass, the machine swayed, the engines roared to life again, and we bumped along the aerodrome to the small corrugated iron hut at the side of the field. I reached my hat and coat from the rack above me and walked down the gangway, now sloping at an angle of 30°. As the steward collected the luggage I happened to glance at the wing on my left and noticed that the part behind the engine was flecked with oil, which had probably been blown back by the propellor from a small leak. Suddenly the engines stopped, and on looking up at the clock I saw it was exactly 7-55 p.m.; we were dead on time, and had been in the air for just 55 minutes. The small steps were placed at the cabin door and we stepped down.

Speke is a quiet little place some distance outside the city, and the silence seemed awful after the roar of the three multi-horse-powered engines.

An official came to collect the tickets, and our bags were placed on top of the waiting taxi, the engine was started up, and as we moved off I gave one last glance at the craft which had carried us so well. Now I understand the meaning of the passage from "Sir Galahad":—

"I muse on joy that will not cease."

To me that journey will always be a joyous memory. I have thought of it many times since and if I close my eyes I can hear the roar of the engines and again capture the thrill of my first long flight.

A. B. Watt, Form 5A.

A Modern Creation of Man.

A LITTLE knot of men stood conversing earnestly, and seemed, although they looked so distinguished, a trifle nervous and thrilled. No wonder they appeared thrilled and expectant, when

a modern gladiator clad in black leather riding kit appeared, like an ancient god of war. He wore a curiously shaped helmet, around which appeared a halo of glittering silver beams, twinkling and flashing like a brilliant star. He looked such a fine knight of modern times, and his steed was so sleek, yet powerful and of so graceful appearance, that man and machine looked as if they had been created by the same skilful hands. The machine glittering like an orbed sun, cast about it a blaze of brilliant colour, yet although so dazzling, it gave the impression of enormous latent power. It was truly an ideal model of Speed. How proud the "God of Speed" must have felt of this latest creation in his honour.

The men dispersed from the broad, smooth, concrete track, as they heard a sharp, staccato crackle, combined with a shrill whine as the mighty engine bellowed out its challenge. Then a dull booming sound was heard and the sharp crackle rose to a roar as man and machine flashed by in a blaze of light cast by gleaming metal. The sound of the engine died away, and seemingly immediately afterwards a bell rang, announcing the fact that this dynamic creation of man was returning. First a whine was heard, then a steady roar, rising to a scream, as a marvellous sight appeared; machine and rider seemingly engulfed in a stream of silver, gold, and purple light. They flashed by, quicker than the eye could follow, leaving the senses dulled by having witnessed Man achieve such a tremendous speed on a motor-cycle, many times faster than the ancient gods would have ever dreamed.

W. Lowe, Form 4R.

Daffodowndilly.

She wore a green petticoat
And a yellow satin gown,
And she curtsied to the winds
As they tossed her up and down,
She turned to the sunbeams
And shook her golden locks,
And whispered to the daisies
And silv'ry ladysmocks.

K. Howells, Form 4A.

When Daylight Dies.

The sun's bright beams are waning fast,
The lengthening shadows fall,
The toil of daytime now is past
And peace reigns over all.
Above the brow of yonder hill
The moon begins to rise,
And shows the hamlets lying still
Beneath the spangled skies.
Except where shines a lonely light
Where watchers vigil keep,
Enshrouded in the cloak of night
The world lies fast asleep.

M. Wakeman, Form 4A.

Old Students' Association.

MRS. A. C. JEPHCOTT—*Memoria in aeterna.*

IT is with profound regret and an overwhelming sense of loss that I have to record the passing of one of our most esteemed Vice-Presidents in the person of Mrs. A. C. Jephcott, whose death took place with tragic and bewildering suddenness in August last. Mrs. Jephcott, who was the elder daughter of the late Mr. Robert Green, J.P., C.C., a former Governor of the School, was one of the best known personalities in the social life of Oldbury. The great services which she rendered in connection with the various social and charitable institutions in the town are known to us all, and when we bear in mind the magnitude and extent of her activities we are everlastingly grateful to her for the time and energy which she devoted to the work of our Association. It is as yet impossible to appreciate fully the loss which the Association has sustained by her untimely death, but to those who were privileged to work with her it is apparent that it will indeed be a heavy one. The deceased lady had occupied the position of Vice-President for a considerable number of years and it is no contravention of facts to say that she was one of the most prominent workers in bringing about the gradual but steady improvement in the organisation of the Association during recent years. Throughout the period of her vice-presidency the Association amply benefited from Mrs. Jephcott's keen intuition and sound judgment, but the help she gave us did not cease there, for at all times she was ready and willing to help with the actual work of putting her suggestions into practical effect. In this latter respect she was always full of vitality and never spared herself in any work which she undertook.

Brief though the present session has been, the absence of her bright, energetic personality, quick thought and cheerful voice has already been felt especially by the members of the Committee, who always appreciated her helpful advice.

It is hard to reduce one's feelings to mere words, but to her husband, Mr. Claude Jephcott, her sister, Miss Lottie Green, and her two daughters, Margôt and José, we offer our very genuine sympathy and to the memory of the greatly respected lady who has passed from our midst, we say *pax vobiscum.*

George W. Rose (Chairman).

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It is with the greatest regret that we report the death of Mr. J. P. Homes, of Woodlands, Lightwoods Hill, Warley Woods, who, for very many years, has been a Governor of the School, and a very good friend to it in many ways. Mr. Homes never missed a school function if he found it possible to attend, he always subscribed generously to the prize fund for Speech Day, was very interested in the progress of our pupils, especially in Chemistry, and was always eager to do all he could to further the interests of the school. May the school never lack the service of such men as Mr. J. P. Homes.

The Cresconians.

THE Annual General Meeting of the Cresconians was held on Friday, May 30th, the chair being taken by the President, Mr. J. G. Howarth.

In the absence of the Chairman of the Committee, Mr. G. W. Rose, a short report on the work of the season was given by the Vice-Chairman, Mr. C. Spalding, who said he was sure everyone would agree that the session had been a most successful and enjoyable one, the great outstanding event being, of course, the Unveiling of the Memorial Window.

The Treasurer, Mr. W. J. Peers, read his report which showed a balance in hand of rather more than £100, which was considered highly satisfactory.

Mr. Downing reported that the hockey season had again been a very successful one in spite of the fact that a number of matches had had to be cancelled owing to bad weather.

Mr. A. Tatton, reporting on the activities of the football club, said that the first eleven had maintained its position in the Senior Division of the Birmingham Amateur League, although the goal average was not quite so good as the previous season. The second team, however, had done extremely well, being among the leading teams in their league and having created a goal scoring record in league matches. Mr. Tatton spoke highly of the standard of play shown by the members who joined the Cresconians' teams last season for the first time, having only left School during the previous summer.

The election of officers and committee for the Season 1930-31 was as follows:—

PRESIDENT—J. G. Howarth, Esq., M.A.

VICE-PRESIDENTS—T. L. Davies, Esq., M.A., B.Sc.; H. L. Jones, Esq.; J. B. Richards, Esq., B.Sc.; A. C. Jephcott, Esq.; Miss A. Massey, B.A.; P. W. Ward, Esq.; Mr. Rose; Mr. Jephcott; Miss G. Jones, M.A.

AUDITORS—Miss A. Massey and Mr. A. Tatton.

SECRETARY—Miss E. J. Anderson.

ASSISTANT SECRETARY—Mr. C. Bagnall.

TREASURER—Mr. W. J. Peers.

The three new members elected on the committee in place of the three retiring members were Mr. J. Morse, Mr. S. Screen and Miss W. Busby. The Committee for 1930-31 is therefore:—

Messrs. G. W. Rose, C. Spalding, C. Greenwood, J. Morse, S. Screen; Misses L. Green, A. E. Doyle, E. Watson, M. Bowen, W. Busby, and the two School Captains.

It was reported that the sub-sections had elected the following secretaries:—

FOOTBALL—Mr. E. A. Richards.

HOCKEY—Mrs. Downing.

DRAMATIC—Mr. A. R. Herbert.

The meeting was brought to a close after the usual votes of thanks to the President and Officers had been passed.

E. J. Anderson.

News of Old Students.

- D. HOMER, D. RUDD, D. E. ADAMS, J. C. GOODACRE, P. WOODWARD have gone to Birmingham University and L. DAVIES to Dudley Training College.
- A. G. BAYLISS is teaching.
- O. SMITH is at the Birmingham Library.
- M. MILLER is at the School of Art.
- V. DANCASTER, N. STANDING, E. DARLEY, B. CAULKIN, H. POOLE have gone to Commercial Schools.
- The following are in offices:—W. HODGETTS, A. ONIONS, O. WHEALE, J. F. BRIDGE, F. E. GRIFFITHS, G. KENT, S. BRIDGE, A. PLOWMAN.
- A. HADLEY and H. DIXON are training for chemists.
- J. HARRIS and R. SMITH are training for engineers.
- J. W. MANTON is apprenticed to an accountant.
- V. TIPSON is in the Post Office.
- G. TAYLOR is in a drawing office.
- D. S. PRICE is training in the Royal Air Force.
- J. R. WARDS is at Sharratt and Co., London.
- J. SHAW has taken up farming.
- G. WESTON and F. HOLDEN are helping their fathers, who are fruiterers.
- E. MORSE has removed to Leicestershire and H. DUDLEY to Devizes.

Successes of Old Students.

- J. MORTON, Ph.D., Cambridge.
- FIELD,
- C. W. GREENWOOD, 1st Class Honors in History. Gladstone Memorial Prize.
- P. ICKE, 1st Class Honours in Physics.
- J. HEBBARD, 2nd Class Honours in Zoology.
- E. JOHNSTONE, 2nd Class Honours in German.
- H. GRIGG, entitled to B.Sc., after further year's study.
- E. SMITH, entitled to B.A. after further year's study.
- G. NOCK, }
- J. L. JONES, } Teaching Diploma.
- K. BROWN, }
- C. NOCK, 2nd Year Examination for B.Com.
- J. V. LEWIS, }
- CORK, } 1st Year Science Examination.
- LYMAN, }

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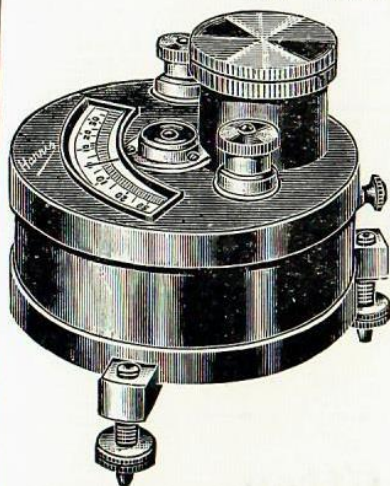
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