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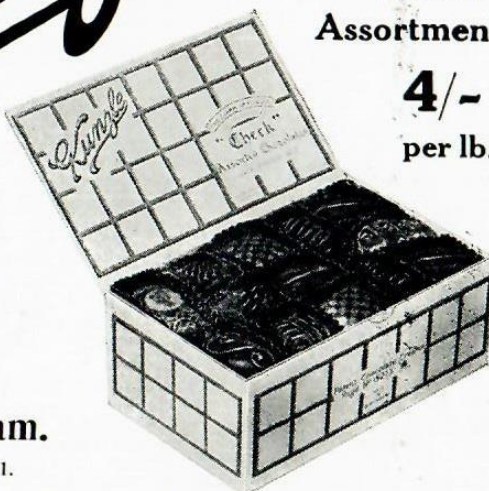
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EDITORIAL.

THIS is the first number of the "Oldburian" to appear in 1932, and so we take this opportunity of wishing all our readers a Happy New Year. By the time this is in print, the year will be no longer quite new, but we trust that the wish will be none the less acceptable on that account. To the School also we offer our very best wishes for 1932, and express the hope that in this year all previous records in every branch of school life, may be beaten.

As is usual at this time of the year, our numbers have declined somewhat, and we now have 368 on the books. Last term our number, 374, was the greatest the school has had so far.

Owing to Easter being early this year, this Spring Term is one of the shortest we have had, being just 10 weeks in length, and finishing on the Thursday immediately preceding Good Friday. This means a long Summer Term of about 14 weeks, which, provided the weather treats us kindly, should give us ample opportunity for using our facilities for exercise in the open, and for storing up the health and energy which will be needed in the dull days of next winter. In the meantime hard work and hard play should be the order of the day. For to our readers we would say once again, "In work and play, give of your best, and strive mightily." Records are not made in a day, but are the result of steady, patient work, over the whole of school life.

We would like to congratulate our friends, the West Bromwich Secondary School, on their wonderful success in the Higher School Certificate Examination of last year. Surely Three State Scholarships and Twelve Higher School Certificates in one year must be an outstanding record for a school of 500 pupils. Our greetings, also, to their Headmaster, Mr. Menzies, who retires at the end of this term. May he spend many happy years in the enjoyment of his well-earned pension.

Dates to Remember.

February 22nd and 23rd.—Half Term Holiday.
 February 25th and 27th.—Entertainment by the Girl Guides.
 March 24th.—End of Term.
 April 20th.—Summer Term begins.

Valete.

BRIAN LEONARD FIELD.—Form VIA. Matriculation; Prefect. Office at Chance and Hunt.
 RAYMOND LESLIE WALTERS.—Form VA. G.W.R. Goods Office.
 NORMA CLEGG.—Form VB. Guide patrol-leader; Senior Champion 1930, 1931. At home.
 BESSIE TAYLOR.—Form VB. Guide.
 EDWARD GREEN HUNT.—Form VB. Football 2nd XI. Training as Electrician.
 ROBERT WILLIAM PENNELL.—Form VB. Training as Electrician.
 RAYMOND FRANK BODENHAM.—Form IVR. Cricket 1st XI. Football 2nd XI. Apprenticed to Building Trade.
 WILLIAM GERALD AUSTIN.—Form IVR. Saltley Secondary School.
 EDITH DOWNING.—Form IVR. At home.
 SAMUEL LUTHER BRIDGE.—Form IVB. Farm training.
 ALFRED ALAN PRICE.—Form IVB. Holly Lodge School.
 AUDREY FARRER CAMPBELL.—Form IIB. Accrington Grammar School.
 KENNETH HENDERSON CAMPBELL.—Form IIB. Accrington Grammar School.
 SIDNEY JOHN PRICE.—Form IVB. Helping his father.
 ERIC NORMAN SMITH.—Form IIA. George Dixon's Secondary School.

Salvete.

JOYCE MARY WILLIAMS.
 KATHLEEN MOLLY BIRCH.
 OLIVE MARY LONGFORD.
 JOHN ALAN CRADDOCK.
 DOREEN RITA ADAMS.
 MALCOLM HARRY SHOTTON.
 GEOFFREY PETERS HOPKINS.
 GRANVILLE STEWART GALT.

Speech Day.

SPEECH Day was held on Friday, 30th October, when the guest of honour was Lieutenant-Colonel C. F. Milward, V.D., Chairman of the Worcester County Council. Mr. W. T. Davies, Chairman of the Governors, presided, and on the platform were Councillors G. W. Rose, H. H. Robbins, B. T. Robbins, Mr. F. Dawes, Rev. H. C. Hawkins, Mr. C. Jephcott, Mrs. E. H. Bence, Mrs. Collyer, Dr. L. C. S. Broughton and Dr. Sidney Vernon.

The experiment begun last year, of holding the function in the evening, was repeated this year, and there was so large a gathering of parents and friends that many pupils had to be accommodated in the classrooms adjoining the assembly hall.

The proceedings were opened by the Chairman, Mr. W. T. Davies, J.P., C.C., who introduced Colonel Milward.

The two school captains gave an account of the out-of-classroom life of the school; Lily Cooper dealing with Hockey, Tennis, the Girl Guides and the Literary, Debating and Dramatic Society, and W. A. Adams with Cricket, Football and the School Sports.

The Headmaster welcomed Colonel Milward and read letters of regret from those friends of the school who were unable to attend. He then read his report on the school for the past year, which showed it to have been a very successful one for the school. Colonel Milward then distributed the prizes, after which he gave an interesting and helpful address.

He said it was an honour and a pleasure to him to be present as the representative of the Worcester County Council. He considered that it was right and proper that he should be able to attend from time to time such functions. He said that he was confident that there was a fine healthy spirit in existence and the work which was being done was of a most encouraging character and justified all the money which had been expended on the school. The task of the County Education Authority was to organise education, and they expected the schools not only to train pupils to pass examinations but also to be the best type of citizens, and he felt he could sincerely impart to his committee that such was the case at Oldbury. He congratulated the winners of prizes and consoled the losers and gave as a maxim to all, "Keep on fighting, and each time try to do a little better than last, whether in classroom, workshop or at games."

Votes of thanks to Colonel Milward, the Chairman, and the Headmaster, brought the formal proceedings of the evening to an end.

There followed a short musical programme under the direction of Mr. T. L. Davies. The items were:—Pianoforte solo, Valse in D flat (Chopin), D. C. Stevens; song, "Shepherds Lullaby" (Somervill), Geraldine Marshall; violin solo "Serenade" (Schubert), Gordon Stanley; unison songs—(a) "The Earl o' Mordy," (b) "Care flies from that lad that is merry," (c) "Come my way," by the Juniors.

The School Song was succeeded by the National Anthem, and another Speech Day was over, an enjoyable and a successful function, a fitting ending to an enjoyable and a successful year of school life.

Kathleen Howells.

Prize List.

- Form I.—D. Foster 1, K. Brinton 2.
 Form II.B.—T. Cashmore 1, P. Guest 2, J. Bird 3.
 Form II.A.—T. Powell 1, F. Nicholls 2, G. A. Beardsmore 3.
 Form III.B.—R. P. Watts 1, J. Duffield 2.
 Form III.A.—D. H. Woodward 1, D. Bagnall 2, J. H. Cole special for Maths.
 Form IV.C.—K. A. Smith 1, R. C. Hall 2.
 Form IV.B.—W. Horton 1, H. L. Jones 2.
 Form IV.A.—C. E. Greaves 1, J. A. Birch 2; T. Westwood, drawing; Nora Bate, biology; E. F. J. Green, R. Murray, chemistry; F. Rudd, physics; B. Taylor, maths.; A. Shore, German; L. H. Nicholls, French; M. Knott, English.
 Form IV.R.—B. Wheatcroft 1.
 Form V.C.—K. Atkins 1.
 Forms V.A. and V.B.—School Certificate Examination: B. Turnbull, W. Eves, E. Keyte, G. Marshall, P. Duffield, N. Pickering, K. H. Worrall, J. Lugg, B. Sykes, G. Jones, W. J. Mason, K. Howells, W. J. Rollason, B. E. Harper, H. Basterfield, M. Murrell, M. Wakeman, E. Barrett.
 Matriculation by School Certificate: M. Kings, W. Cashmore, W. Cowell, B. L. Field, T. Hale, A. Watt, M. Green, J. R. Greenwood, G. Branson, G. Thomas.
 Upper Sixth Higher School Certificate: H. G. Barlow (English, History, French and Latin). D. Homer (English, Art, Zoology). R. Mustgrave (history, English, French, Latin). R. S. O. Stevens (Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, French, German).
 Matriculation by Higher School Certificate: D. Hadley (History, English, Botany, Zoology). M. Marshall (History, English, French, Latin). F. Williams (English, French, Botany).

SPECIAL PRIZES.—Presented by Mrs. L. E. Simpson, for hobbies—V. Parkes, A. Watt. Presented by Mr. W. T. Davies, for the best original work in the magazine—G. Ackrill. Chess Championship—W. A. Adams. Cricket prizes—R. Musgrave, W. A. Adams,. Hockey prize—D. Hadley. Girls' Junior Sports Championship—J. Morton. Boys' Junior Sports Championship—L. Bowley. Girls' Senior Sports Championship with the Albright Challenge Cup—N. Clegg. Boys' Senior Sports Championship with the Vernon Challenge Cup—R. S. O. Stevens. Old Students' Medal—R. S. O. Stevens. Mr. Dawes' prize—L. W. Blundell. Mrs. Dawes' prize—B. Adams.

House Cup.—School 1,847 points, Trinity 1,835 points, Queen's 1,734 points, King's 1,721 points.

King's House.

Captains - - L. COOPER, EVERETT.
 Vice-Captains - G. ACKRILL, STEVENS.
 Sports Captains - P. WILLIAMS, HORTON.
 Secretaries - - M. GREEN, HARPER.

THIS term has proved a very successful one for all members of King's House. We wish to congratulate all those who helped in the production of the school play, "Trelawney of the Wells." The following people were in the cast: Everett as Sir Arthur Gower, Orchard as Tom Wrench, Harper as Gadd, Keyte as O'Dwyer, Horton as Mr. Denzil, Crisp as Mr. Mortimer, Grace Ackrill as Mrs. Telfer, and Myra Hart as Clara de Phoenix.

We had no School Swimming Sports this year, but King's House was again represented at the Joint Sports in both Senior and Junior teams. B. Harper deserves special mention for the plucky manner in which he took W. M. Smith's place in the Two Lengths Race, when at the last minute the latter was unable to swim.

The football House matches were most successful, King's House obtaining second place, defeating School and Trinity but losing to Queen's. We hope to see King's topping the list next term. In the inter-school matches King's House was very well represented, Everett obtaining his colours.

Although there were no House matches for the girls, we were again well to the fore in the School Hockey team, five members now belonging to King's.

At the Annual Speech Day many members of King's House succeeded in carrying off prizes.

B. Harper, } Secretaries.
 M. Green, }

Queen's House.

Captains	-	-	MARY KINGS, H. PALMER.
Vice-Captains	-	-	FREDA WILLIAMS, W. G. BRANSON.
Sports Captains	-	-	BESSIE TURNBULL, H. PALMER.
Secretary	-	-	W. G. J. JONES.

LAST term was again a successful one for Queen's House. One of the most important events was Speech Day, when several members of Queen's House were presented with prizes.

Another important event was the School Play "Trelawney of the Wells," given by members of the Dramatic Society, in which the House was represented by Muriel Burnett, Branson, Shore and Worrall.

We were most successful in the inter-House football matches and were placed head of the list, having won all the matches. The results were:—Trinity 1, Queen's 2; King's 0, Queen's 2; School 1, Queen's 3.

It is also worth notice that in the 1st and 2nd XI. football teams, Queen's House has eight members.

Owing to bad weather it was impossible to have any inter-House hockey matches, but it is hoped that we shall be able to play them this term.

We wish all those who have left us every success, and hope that those who have just joined us will follow in the steps of their predecessors.

M. Kings.

School House.

Captains	-	-	G. W. N. MARSHALL, E. KNOTT.
Vice-Captains	-	-	K. R. HOWELLS, R. EDWARDS.
Sports Captains	-	-	S. M. KNOWLES, R. EDWARDS.
Secretary	-	-	J. HALE.

IT is very gratifying and encouraging to notice the enthusiastic spirit of co-operation prevalent during the previous term among all members of School House.

Last term provided very few inter-House competitions. Owing to adverse weather conditions, hockey matches were cancelled, and in the football inter-House matches we were defeated.

A number of people belonging to our House took part in the annual performance of the school play, "Trelawney of the Wells," which was an outstanding feature of last term. We also have the distinction of claiming Miss Jones as our member.

We assure the competing Houses, that we shall do our utmost to retain the House Cup, which Colonel Milward presented to us on last Speech Day.

G. W. N. Marshall.

Trinity House.

Captains - - W. A. ADAMS, D. HADLEY.
Sports Captains - W. A. ADAMS, D. HADLEY.
Secretary - - N. K. MURRAY.

LAST term was quite a successful one for Trinity House. At the end of the term football inter-House matches were played, but in these we were not quite as successful as usual, but gained third position. We defeated School 2—1, but unfortunately lost to King's 4—1 and to Queen's 2—1. Trinity was unable to find a satisfactory goalkeeper.

No hockey inter-House matches were played last term, but we are hoping to arrange such matches this term, and we trust that Trinity will be able to hold its own.

On Speech Day we learnt of several House successes and we wish to congratulate Bowley who won the Junior Sports Championship, W. A. Adams who won the Chess Championship once more, and Doris Hadley who was presented with a special hockey prize as a recognition of her many years' service in the 1st XI. In the final Cup Championship, Trinity gained second place.

Another important event of the term was the play, "Trelawney of the Wells," presented by the Dramatic Society. Trinity House was well represented in the cast, and we wish to congratulate J. Lugg, W. M. Smith, B. Taylor, H. Richardson, W. A. Adams and P. Haynes, who all played their parts admirably.

N. K. Murray,
Secretary.

I gazed upon the meadows fair,
While drinking in the country air,
My joy it was to view the mill,
That stood sedate on mossy hill.

And oft rare thoughts crossed thro' my mind
What time the sun the heavens had climbed;
When golden beams the clouds had cleft
And o'er the fields the sun had swept.

When shades of night o'erveiled the sky
And Nature crooned her lullaby;
Such peace enfolded earth and me
As strengthens in adversity.

G. Westwood, VA.

Football—Autumn Term.

1st XI. Captain—W. A. ADAMS; Vice-Captain—H. W. PALMER.

2nd XI. Captain—E. B. KNOTT; Vice-Captain—W. G. BRANSON.

Committee—Captains, Vice-Captains and R. M. EVERETT,
B. HARPER and F. MALE.

THE 1st XI. had a very successful term. We played 14 matches, won 9, lost 4, and drew 1. Seven games were won in successive weeks. The team reached a very high standard of football and in only three games was unable to produce its best form.

The 2nd XI. also did well, winning seven matches out of ten.

Neither the 1st nor 2nd XI. has yet lost at home. Football colours were awarded to R. M. Everett for his brilliant play at outside-left.

The following results were obtained:—

		1st XI		2nd XI.	
		H or A.	Goals.	H or A.	Goals.
Sept.	23.—King's Norton S.S.	...	A 2—6	...	H 4—3
„	26.—Holly Lodge H.S.	...	H 2—2	...	—
Oct.	7.—Dudley G.S.	...	A 2—7	...	H 2—1
„	10.—Redditch S.S.	...	H 10—0	...	—
„	14.—St. Philip's G.S.	...	H 4—1	...	A 5—1
„	17.—Waverley Road S.S.	...	H 3—2	...	—
„	21.—Handsworth G.S.	...	H 4—0	...	A 2—4
„	24.—University	...	Cancelled.	...	—
„	28.—Smethwick J.T.S.	...	H 8—3	...	A 3—1
Nov.	4.—Lawrences College	...	A 6—1	...	H 5—0
„	11.—West Bromwich S.S.	...	H 7—1	...	A 2—3
„	18.—Waverley Road S.S.	...	A 3—4	...	H 5—1
„	25.—				
Dec.	2.—King's Norton S.S.	...	H 4—2	...	A 1—4
„	9.—Wolverhampton M.S.S.	...	A 1—7	...	H 4—2
„	5.—Holly Lodge H.S.	...	A 4—1	...	—

W. A. Adams.

Memories.

Purple hills against the sky,
White cloud galleons sailing by,
Tranquil loch beneath the trees,
Rushes swaying in the breeze.

Rugged mountains tow'ring high,
Rock-strewn streamlets rushing by,
Fairy glens and mossy glades,
Winding path 'neath pine tree shades.

Graceful craft with dazzling sail,
Mist veiled waters grey, and pale,
Sea birds hovering to and fro,
Mellow calm of after glow.

M. Wakeman, Lower VI.

Hockey, 1931.

ALTHOUGH matches were few this season, we were extremely successful, not having one defeat. The first match of the season was against the Old Students' team, whom we defeated for the first time for many seasons. The whole team has played excellently, and the following are worthy of special mention: M. Hart, B. Taylor and P. Beaumont.

Date.	Opponents.	Result.	Goals	
			A.	F.
Oct. 3.—Old Students	Home Won	3	4
Oct. 24.—Redditch County High School		Away Won	0	6
Oct. 31.—Queen Mary's High School, Walsall		Away Won	4	8
Nov. 7.—West Bromwich Secondary School		Home Won	0	6
Dec. 5.—Waverley Road Secondary School		Away Won	1	7
Total ...			8	31

Team:—Gwen Jones; Edna Barratt, Grace Ackrill; Betty Wheatcroft, Myra Hart, Edna Nelson; Pat Beaumont, Joan Lugg, Doris Hadley, Phyllis Williams, Beatrice Taylor.

Gwen Jones.

Literary, Scientific, Debating and Dramatic Society.

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Secretary - - D. H. HADLEY.

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W. A. ADAMS, L. COOPER, K. H. WORRALL, M. GREEN,
R. HORTON, P. WILLIAMS, W. BOTTRELL, B. TAYLOR, A. SMITH,
M. GUEST, JOHNSTON, M. STOKES, W. M. BIRD, P. HOMER.

THE recent half session has proved a most interesting and enjoyable one for the joint societies. Meetings have been held, as usual, every Tuesday, and the following is a record of last term's programme.

Oct. 6.—Our first meeting took the form of a business meeting at which a committee was elected and our new members welcomed.

- Oct. 13.—This meeting took the form of a debate, the motion being "Modern Amusements are undermining the British Nation, mentally, morally and physically." The speakers were, for the affirmative, M. Green and G. Ackrill, and for the opposition, G. Thomas and D. Stevens. The motion was defeated by 59 votes to 33.
- Oct. 20.—At this meeting a mock election was held, which proved very enjoyable. The candidates were B. Harper, Liberal; K. Worrall, Conservative; M. Burnett, National Labour; J. Orchard, Communist; K. Howells, Socialist; R. M. Everett, Empire Free Trade. Each candidate had a chairman and two supporters and held a meeting at which he presented his policy. Some good speeches were delivered, and some of the candidates proved themselves surprisingly capable in dealing with hecklers. The result of the poll was:—1, M. Burnett; 2, K. H. Worrall; 3, J. Orchard.
- Oct. 27.—No meeting was held owing to the General Election.
- Nov. 3.—Half Term.
- Nov. 10.—At this meeting we were entertained by Mr. Thacker, of the Birmingham Reference Library, who gave us a very interesting talk on "Brass Rubbing," and showed us many beautiful examples of his own work. Many of us were so enthusiastic that we hope to experiment in the art ourselves, and hope that Mr. Thacker's suggestion to taking a party on a Brass Rubbing expedition may materialise.
- Nov. 17.—On this date we had the pleasure of the company of Miss Williams, an old student of the school, who gave us a very interesting account of some of her experiences in Australia. Miss Williams is a teacher and went out to Australia to teach in the schools there for a year while an Australian teacher came over here to take Miss William's place. Her life in Australia must have been very interesting, and we are very grateful to her for coming and telling us less fortunate "stay-at-homes" about it.
- Nov. 24.—The dress rehearsal of "Trelawney of the 'Wells'," to which the Junior School was invited.
- Nov. 26 and 28.—Public performances of "Trelawney of the 'Wells'."
- Dec. 1.—No meeting was held, to allow members to recover after the presentation of "Trelawney of the 'Wells'," but on Friday, December 4th, Miss Jones gave a party to all those concerned in the production of the play, which was thoroughly appreciated and enjoyed.
- Owing to the Terminal Examinations, no more meetings were held. All the meetings were well attended and all proved very enjoyable.
- D. H. Hadley.

"Trelawney of the 'Wells'."

AMATEUR actors, never so numerous or so rationally adventurous as they are to-day, shirk few masterpieces."

Thus "Trelawney of the 'Wells'" is in the direct line of tradition for a School Dramatic Society that has already produced so successfully "She Stoops to Conquer," "The Rivals" and "The Admirable Crichton."

The period of Sir Arthur Pinero's play is "somewhere in the early sixties" and the choice of the play and its obvious appreciation by the audience are indicative of our newly-awakened interest in the great Victorian age. The characters of the play fall naturally into two groups—the "theatrical folk" and "the Gower family"—yet each individual remains in our memory as a distinct personality and to have created such an impression is in itself the highest praise for the producer and for the cast. The true representation of even the smallest part demands careful study and the repression of too great a desire to shine. Many of the players may seem to be easily, almost naturally cast for "type parts" whereas others have had to school and drill themselves with deliberate effort into the part; yet in the result achieved all are to be equally congratulated, including those performers unseen yet not unheard, the makers of the lightning, thunder and rain. Mrs. Mossop was the typical kindly but busy landlady who loved a gossip in spite of "the affliction of short breath" and Sarah was her pert, inquisitive maid-servant. Mr. Ablett, a most refined green-grocer, made a very efficient waiter and thoroughly enjoyed the occasion. This part was delightfully played by Worrall who also achieved the difficult task of misplacing all his aitches.

Mr. Telfer, the old-style actor with his "gift of splendid eloquence"; Mrs. Telfer, the dignified but elderly queen of tragedy; Imogen Parrott, the successful and ambitious actress, not too proud to remember her old friends; Avonia Bunn, impulsive and friendly to all, changing suddenly from gay laughter to tears, from wild excitement to indignation; Ferdinand Gadd, the young elegant, rather jealous and self-assured yet a very human creature; Augustus Colpoys the comedian with his grimaces and graceful gestures;—how well we remember them all, both at the farewell "cold collation" and in their later struggles and triumphs.

And Tom Wrench too! General utility for year after year, in love with Rose, writing play after play, but to whom fortune finally brings luck in the production of his play—"Life, a Comedy." This was a splendid part excellently played throughout with great charm and dignity by Orchard.

Of Rose Trelawney as she develops from a "ladylike actress" to a "ladylike human being," we retain a happy impression of fresh girlish enthusiasm, natural impatience and, later on, deeper

understanding and quiet assurance. These changes of temperament were clearly and naturally portrayed by Geraldine Marshall's study of this attractive part. Her young lover, Mr. Arthur Gower, was a modest, pleasing young man who gradually became emancipated from his Grand-father's rigid outlook to make his own way as a "splendid gipsy" too. Sir William Gower, the irascible Vice-Chancellor, bore himself with great assurance. Perhaps we have the happiest impression of Sir William as he recalls his own youthful dreams at the mention of Edmund Kean. "A young man then, I was: quite different from the man I am now—impulsive, excitable." Yet we are tempted to think him not so very different after all. His sister, Miss Trafalgar Gower, was the typical Victorian lady, echoing her brother every time, reverencing convention and reputation but most kindly when assured that everything was "quite, quite in place." The lisping Captain de Foenix and his wife, the not-so-docile Clara are two more instances of small parts carefully studied and fitting perfectly into the setting required. Charles, the sympathetic butler, is yet another example. Only in the last Act do we meet Mr. O'Dwyer. He is a delightful Irishman, making more noise than all the rest of the company and subtly changing his tone as he addresses the ladies. And Keyte did both!

The remaining parts—those of Mr. Denzil, Miss Brewster, Mr. Mortimer, Mr. Hunston, the other actors in Tom Wrench's Comedy and also the Hall-keeper—although only slight ones, were modestly and adequately played, in keeping with the major parts. The dialogue of the play is deliberately "period." It was a statelier age. Present fashions in conversation are slangy and terse. In those days, they finished their sentences. In these days of our Georgian activities and hustles we should not like to wear the Victorian costume yet everyone must admit how decorative it is on the stage and how vastly becoming to all. The ladies' costumes were again made by Miss Jones, but the men's costumes were hired from Theatricals, Birmingham.

Miss Jones is again to be heartily congratulated upon another successful production.

It is remarkable again this year—as it was last year in the production of "The Admirable Crichton"—how many novices are chosen for responsible parts and how they acquit themselves most creditably. With the exception of G. Marshall, Branson, M. Burnett and Smith, all the characters in "Trelawney of the Wells" were making "positively their first appearance on any stage."

E. M. F.

CAST

Characters in the order of their appearance.

Mrs. Mossop, B. Taylor; *Mr. Ablett*, K. Worrall; *Mr. Wrench*, J. Orchard; *Miss Imogen Parrott*, J. Lugg; *Mr. Telfer*, A. Shore; *Mr. Gadd*, B. Harper; *Mr. Colpoys*, E. Knott; *Mrs. Telfer*, G. Arkell; *Miss Avonia Bunn*, M. Burnett; *Miss Rose Trelawney*, G. Marshall; *Mr. Arthur Gower*, W. M. Smith; *Sarah*, S. Knowles; *Sir William Gower*, M. Everett; *Miss Trafalgar Gower*, H. Richardson; *Clara de Fœnix*, M. Hart; *Captain de Fœnix*, W. Branson; *Charles*, A. Adams; *Mr. O'Dwyer*, R. Keyte; *Mr. Denzil*, R. Horton; *Miss Brewster*, N. James; *Mr. Mortimer*, D. Crisp; *Mr. Hunston*, P. Haynes; *The Hallkeeper*, W. M. Bird.

The Fiddler in the Square, G. Stanley.

A musical programme, arranged by Mr. T. L. Davies, was much appreciated.

MUSIC.

Before Act I.

VIOLIN—On Thursday: "Traumerei" ... *Schumann.*
 On Saturday: "Indian Love Lyrics" (No. 3)
 G. STANLEY. *Woodforde-Finden.*

Before Act II.

FLUTE—"Berceuse" *Goddard.*
 G. LYMAN.

Before Act III.

PIANO—On Thursday: "Minuet" *Paderewski.*
 On Saturday: "Polish Dance" *Prince.*
 D. STEVENS.

QUARTETTE—"Ave Maria" *Schubert.*
 G. LYMAN, G. STANLEY, F. BRIDGE, D. STEVENS.

Before Act IV.

VIOLIN—"Serenade" *Toscelli.*
 F. BRIDGE.

The School Lending Library.

AS a result of the successful production of "The Admirable Crichton," in November, 1930, the Dramatic Society presented to the school a sum of money for purchasing books for a School Lending Library. This was done in the course of last Summer term, and by September, 1931, all was ready for the weekly issue of books to members of any Form. The larger share of the gift money was spent upon books for the Seniors so that they might have more immediate access and, of course, in time most Juniors become Seniors and inherit their privileges.

On the Library shelves are represented most of the authors whose works are already the accepted classics of our national literature:—Jane Austin, Charles Dickens, Sir Walter Scott, W. M. Thackeray, George Eliot, R. L. Stevenson, Joseph Conrad, Thomas Hardy and John Galsworthy.

Perhaps these books are not so often appreciated now as they were a generation or two ago. To-day there are more amusements and interests from which to choose, less time for reading, and more books, many of them remarkably good ones too, are being written all the time. Nevertheless it is likely that, unless the "old" books are read in one's school-days, they will be neglected altogether for there will certainly not be time to read the old and the new.

Though books may be read for information and even as a "duty," yet the greatest reason for reading any book is the pleasure both anticipated and realised from it. Hence the Library has tried to consider all possible preferences.

There are books of true adventure such as "The Epic of Mount Everest," "Polar Exploration," "Mystery Cities," and "With Lawrence in Arabia," books of up-to-date and technical interest such as "The Evolution of the Flying Machine," "Modern Inventions," and Sir Alan Cobham's "20,000 miles in a Flying Boat," books of travel and world wide interest such as "A Journey to China," Sir Philip Gibbs' "Since Then," Sir James Jeans' "The Mysterious Universe," and the Bolivian travel-tale "Green Hell"; books for Natural-History lovers by W. H. Hudson, E. Seton-Thompson, W. H. Davies and Frank Buck.

So far the drama is represented by the works of Sheridan, Galsworthy, Barrie and Shaw and the volume of Great Modern British Plays. After these, works of fiction remain in the majority. Many volumes by H. G. Wells, Rudyard Kipling, Rider Haggard, Conan Doyle, Arnold Bennett, W. W. Jacobs, Jack London and Zane Grey attract numerous eager readers. Present-

day novels in the "traditional" English style are represented by works of Hugh Walpole, J. B. Priestley, Sheila Kaye-Smith and John Buchan. There are books too by other modern writers such as Rose Macaulay, Vachell, Sabatini, C. G. Montague and George Preedy. Special works which, of recent years, have made new names well-known to an increasing number of readers are Albert Grope (F. O. Mann), Bengal Lancer (F. Yeats-Brown), The Edwardians (V. Sackville-West), Morning Tide (Neil M. Gunn), Grave Fairy Tale (Esther Meynell) and, although non-fiction, Eminent Victorians (Lytton Strachey).

Nor has the fiction of the other great English-speaking People been overlooked as works are included by Mark Twain, Winston Churchill, Edna Ferber and Sinclair Lewis.

Such is the foundation of the Lending Library of which any school may justly be proud and for which we owe most grateful thanks to Miss Jones and the School Dramatic Society.

Naturally we hope to increase the supply of books as often as possible. Gifts of books are always welcome, and we hope to encourage more and more readers for, after all, the highest appreciation of any gift lies in its use and enjoyment. E.M.F.

A Carol.

In a far off lowly cattle shed,
With nought on which to lay his head,
A little sweet-eyed child was born
Among the cattle, hay, and corn.

By a brightly shining beauteous star,
Wise men were guided from afar,
With costly gifts of frankincense and gold,
Just as the prophets had foretold.

Then when they found this child they sought,
They knelt to give the gifts they'd brought,
While all around the shepherds sang
And loud hosannahs through the manger rang.

That little child was deigned to be
The lord of heaven and earth and sea,
But first to live a life of pain
And die that we might live again.

Barbara E. Farrow, Form IVA

Girl Guides.**Officers:—****Captain—Miss F. D. TWEEDIE.****Lieutenants—Misses J. L. DAVIES, R. M. EVERETT.****Patrol Leaders—M. GREEN, N. CLEGG, J. HARROLD, B. KEYTE.**

THE Guides returned to their meetings full of renewed vigour and enthusiasm. There were a number of recruits ready to be taught the elementary principles of Guiding.

Parents were invited to the enrolment ceremony and watched each patrol leader lining up her recruits, presenting them to the Commissioner who received them into the sisterhood in the usual manner.

There were many interesting events during the meeting. All the patrol tables were very tastefully arranged, and the parents seemed to be most interested in watching the patrol leaders coach their patrols for the 2nd class badge. When the meeting was over the parents were given light refreshments, provided by the patrols.

This term a new system has been introduced into our company. Formerly the Guiders prepared the Guides for their 2nd class badge, but this term each patrol leader coached her own patrol to get their proficiency badge. This has proved most interesting for it was also good revision for the leaders.

At each meeting Lieutenant Davies prepared the company for the Ambulance Badge. Captain also taught the company some new country dances, which were very enjoyable.

Although there have not been any expeditions, it may be seen that we have had a very busy and successful term.

NORMA CLEGG.

A Very Unpleasant Five Minutes.

THE appointment was for 11-10 a.m. At eleven-ten and three quarters a very miserable youth dawdled along the front path, stopping to examine every flower with the utmost care. The doorway loomed up, as though it had suddenly shot forward from its original place to half-way up the garden path. The miserable youth eyed the door bell, then the knocker. He seemed to prefer the bell. He touched it lightly, very lightly, and waited, gazing with scorn and contempt at a very highly polished brass plate on which was engraved the names, I. Pull, M. Out, Dental Surgeons.

The door swung silently open, and a smiling maid enquired what his name was. On hearing he had an appointment she grinned still more, and invited him in. The miserable youth cast one despairing look out into the open-air, where everybody seemed happy, and gave himself up for lost. He groaned and stepped into the waiting room. At a table in the centre of the room sat another unhappy wretch gazing at a very funny joke in Punch. He should have, and would have, anywhere else, been rolling on the floor, holding his sides; as it was he looked still more unhappy. There are cases when one finds Punch outside a Dental Parlour, but if one does, one always thinks of the dentist's lobby.

Sitting down he shuddered, for a long agonized yell came from behind the white enamelled door, bearing a plate on which the name I. Pull was painted. At that moment the door opposite Mr. Pull's door opened, and a poor little man, with a swollen face, staggered out, followed by a long-limbed, long-faced individual grinning with diabolical glee. The smiling maid appeared from nowhere and opened the door for the poor little man to stagger out, which he did fast enough. Mr. Out, with an unholy smirk, beckoned to the poor fellow at the other side of the table and stalked back to his room with the unhappy wretch crawling behind him. The maid vanished. The miserable youth studied Punch for the space of five seconds. Mr. Pull's door burst open and Carnera II. appeared supported by a fat, rosy little man, who seemed thoroughly happy. Carnera II. was handed over to the disappearing maid, and Mr. Pull asked the youth into his room. He was placed in a large chair with a revolving table in front of it, on which was an assortment of pinchers, prodders and scrapers. Happy Mr. Pull rinsed his hands and then approached his victim, who crouched down in his chair as far as he could.

"Open your mouth!"

The miserable youth obeyed.

Mr. Pull examined every tooth with a small mirror on a long plated handle.

"Mm, fairly sound! Call in six months time."

I bounded out of the chair, out of the room into the lobby. The smiling maid appeared, I gave her my best smile, and approached the door. As it opened an ear-splitting shriek announced my friend was enjoying life. I flew up the path, stopping at the gate to look at my watch. It was a quarter past eleven.

Alan Morrell, Form 4R.

The Cresconians.

THE postponement last season of President's Evening from September to October, and the consequent extra dance held during the Christmas Holidays proved so successful that the Committee arranged the programme for the present season on similar lines, and, that the arrangement met with general approval was evidenced by the large number of Old Students and friends who were present in October and at the Christmas Dance. President's Evening this season was of special interest to us all, as, apart from the pleasure of being welcomed by our President and Mrs. Howarth and receiving their good wishes for a happy season, we had the additional pleasure of making a little presentation to Miss Massey as a token of congratulation on her completion of 25 years on the staff of the school. The presentation, which took the form of an illuminated address and a hand bound book was made by the Chairman of the Committee, Mr. C. Spalding, who, in a few well chosen words expressed to Miss Massey our pleasure at being given an opportunity of showing in a small way, our appreciation of all she has done for us and for the school. The humorous speech which Miss Massey made in reply increased our indebtedness to her! The address, the illuminating and lettering of which was very beautifully done, was the work of Mr. T. R. Stokes, of Langley, and the book "Abbeys of Romance," was bound at the Birmingham School of Art.

Since October the life of the Cresconians, as an Association, has been uneventful. Very jolly dances were held in November and December and the membership is larger than it has ever been, but nothing outstanding has taken place. No doubt among those who have, individually found the last few months of exceptional interest is an old stalwart of the Association, Mr. Roy Farrington, who has recently gone out to India to take up a position at Howrah. I am sure he has the best wishes of the Association for his future success.

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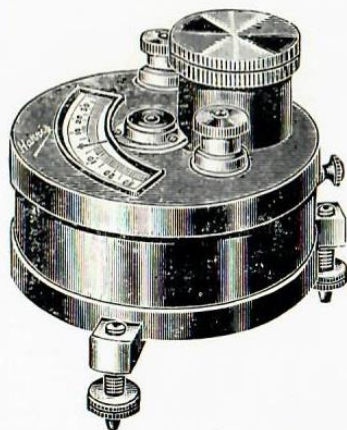
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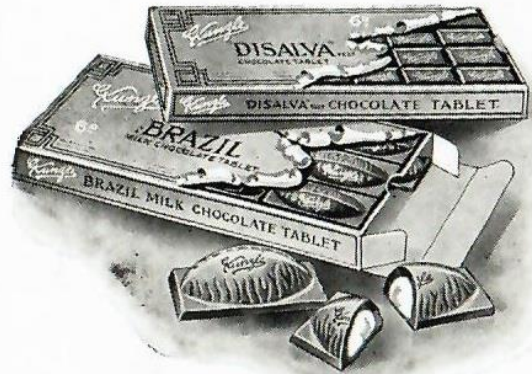
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EDITORIAL.

THE Summer Term is here once again, and so is the rain, but if the weather prophets are to be relied upon, we may expect really fine summer weather for at least the second half of the term. We hope that the prophets are correct, for it is difficult to make much headway with cricket and tennis when the grounds are saturated with almost unceasing rain.

As is usual at the end of the Summer Term, we are losing many of our senior pupils who have been with us for four, five, or six years, and we wish them all happiness and prosperity in the careers they will enter, and trust that they will not forget us, but keep in touch with the School by joining the Old Students' Association. We rely on those who will take the places of these seniors, to carry on the good work of their predecessors, and in their turn to raise the prestige of the School still a little higher. To those who will represent the School in the coming examinations, in the games and in the sports, we wish all success, and hope that once again the School records may be raised to a higher level.

The whole School will learn with regret that we are to lose the services of our laboratory assistant, Percy Owins, who after some six years' loyal service to the School, has decided to take up employment with the Midland "Red" 'Bus Company. Owins will be long remembered for his cheerful and willing help in every branch of school activities where he found that he could be of use. All unite in wishing him the best of good fortune in his new sphere of life.

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Dates to Remember.

Term begins.—18th April.
 School Sports.—25th May.
 Joint Sports.—4th June.
 Musical Festival.—11th June.
 School Certificate Exam.—1st July.
 Higher School Certificate Exam.—4th July.
 Summer Term ends.—26th July.
 Autumn Term begins.—15th September.

King's House.

Captains - - LILY COOPER, M. EVERETT.
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Hon. Secs. - - MARION GREEN, B. HARPER.

AS usual, the Easter Term provided very little in the way of outstanding events.

First, we must congratulate the members of King's House who took part in the Guides' Display last February, amongst whom were J. Harrold, K. Willetts, B. Keyte, J. Farrow, J. Cook, J. Everett, M. Craddock and A. Reynolds. We were pleased to see again two of our old members taking part, namely, J. Alger and R. Everett.

We also wish to congratulate Myra Hart and R. Horton on obtaining their hockey and football colours respectively.

There were no football House matches this term owing to lack of time. In the inter-House hockey matches, however, we did exceedingly well, being defeated only by Trinity, thus obtaining second place.

In conclusion, we should like to wish everyone the very best of success in the forthcoming examinations.

Marion Green,
B. Harper.

Queen's House.

Captains - - MARY KINGS, H. PALMER.
Vice-Captains - FREDA WILLIAMS.
Secretary - - W. G. J. JONES.
Sports Captains - BESSIE TURNBULL, H. PALMER.

AS the Spring Term was a short one there were very few inter-House activities.

The chief event was the Guides' Display, in which Queen's House was well represented.

We offer our congratulations to our members who gained football colours—H. Palmer, F. Male and A. W. Smith.

There was an inter-School debate with Halesowen, and of the three principal speakers K. Worrall represented Queen's House.

We hope that all those who have joined us will maintain the good name of the House, and we hope those who have left us will have a successful future.

M. Kings.

School House.

Captains	-	-	G. W. N. MARSHALL, E. B. KNOTT.
Vice-Captains	-	-	K. R. HOWELLS, R. EDWARDS.
Sports Captains	-	-	S. M. KNOWLES, R. EDWARDS.
Secretary	-	-	C. J. HALE.

ALTHOUGH not successful in obtaining the inter-House Championship in hockey, the House played well. The results were:—

King's	v.	School	5—2
Trinity	v.	School	5—3
Queen's	v.	School	2—1

Owing to lack of time there were no inter-House football matches.

In the annual debate against Halesowen, School House was represented by Geraldine Marshall, who did her part well.

We urge all the members of the House to put forth their best efforts to help to retain the Musical Festival Cup which we now hold.

C. J. Hale.

Trinity House.

Captains	-	-	W. A. ADAMS, DORIS H. HADLEY.
Sports Captains	-	-	W. A. ADAMS, DORIS H. HADLEY.
Secretary	-	-	NORAH K. MURRAY.

LAST term was a very short one with few important inter-House events.

There were no inter-House matches in football. However, in the inter-House hockey matches, Trinity House was very successful, winning every match.

Trinity	v.	King's	4—3
Trinity	v.	School	5—3
Trinity	v.	Queen's	6—0

The House wishes to congratulate the team on their exceedingly good results, also their members, J. Lugg and B. Wheatcroft, on their excellent play, which gained for them their hockey colours.

The Guide Display took place in February last, and we were pleased that Trinity House was well represented.

We hope that all members of Trinity House will do their very best in the coming Musical Festival.

N. K. Murray (Sec.).

Football.

1st XI. Captain—W. A. ADAMS; Vice-Captain—H. W. PALMER.
 2nd XI. Captain—E. B. KNOTT; Vice-Captain—R. EDWARDS.
 Committee—Captains, Vice-Captains and F. MALE,
 R. R. HORTON, R. M. EVERETT.

FOOTBALL during the Spring term was again very enjoyable. With the exception of the games with Stourbridge the 1st XI. were again very successful. We should like to congratulate the 2nd XI. on their brilliant victory over Stourbridge who have turned out two remarkable teams this year.

Our congratulations also to Palmer, Male, Horton and Smith, who were awarded their football colours for fine play throughout the season.

The following is a summary of the results for the whole season :—

	Played.	Won.	Lost	Drawn.	For.	Against.
1st XI.	26	15	8	3	102	70
2nd XI.	16	10	6	—	59	42

The following are the results of games played during Spring term :—

		1st XI.	2nd XI.
Jan. 20.—Dudley G.S.	H	Lost 2—4	A Lost 0—5
„ 27.—St. Philip's G.S.	A	Won 4—1	—
Feb. 3.—Handsworth G.S.	A	Draw 3—3	—
„ 6.—Redditch S.S.	A	Won 5—0	—
„ 10.—Smethwick M.C.	A	Won 7—1	H Won 7—2
„ 17.—Stourbridge K.E.S.	H	Lost 1—8	A Lost 6—1
„ 24.—West Bromwich S.S.	A	Won 4—0	H Lost 2—3
„ 27.—Cresconians	A	Draw 2—2	—
Mar. 9.—Wolverhampton M.S.S....	H	Won 3—2	A Lost 2—3
„ 16.—Stourbridge K.E.S.	A	Lost 1—9	H Won 3—2
„ 23.—Lawrences College	H	Won 6—2	A Won 11—1
Apr. 21.—Cresconians	A	Lost 3—5	—

W. A. Adams.

The Vale of Peace.

Then rode I on my palfrey o'er the hill,
 And saw a beauteous valley rich with corn
 All waving in the gentle summer breeze;
 The fruit trees dressed with flowers of ivory white,
 And children lying 'neath their shady boughs.
 A brooklet rippled, sparkling over stones,
 Between its banks of mossy green, where elves
 And fairies danced in moonbeams 'neath the stars.
 The brooklet chattered on through meadows fair,
 Wherein grew buttercups and cowslips sweet;
 The lark soared up, up to the fleecy clouds
 And sang his song of gladsome, joyous praise.
 My full heart sang, responding to this song,
 As I rode down into this Vale of Peace.

K. Wakeman, Form IVB.

Hockey.

Captain - - D. HADLEY.
 Vice-Captain - T. WILLIAMS.
 Secretary - - G. JONES.

TTEAM:—G. Jones; G. Ackrill, E. Barratt; B. Wheatcroft, M. Hart, E. Nelson; B. Taylor, P. Williams, D. Hadley, J. Lugg, P. Beaumont.

Date.	Opponent.	Result.	Goals	
			F.	A.
Jan. 16.—Redditch	Home Won	6	2
Jan. 23.—Kidderminster	Away Lost	3	5
Feb. 10.—Wolverhampton	Cancelled		
Feb. 17.—Bromsgrove	Away Won	6	5
Feb. 20.—George Dixon's	Cancelled		
Feb. 24.—Waverley Road	Home Won	8	0
Mar. 5.—Old Students	Home Won	5	1
Mar. 19.—Walsall	Home Won	4	1
Total ...			32	14

This term, although very short, has been very successful for the hockey team. The weather prevented us from playing two matches but otherwise the matches were excellent games, and only one loss was sustained.

Three of our team—M. Hart, J. Lugg and B. Wheatcroft—succeeded in gaining their school colours this term.

The team played excellently together and P. Williams and J. Lugg are specially recommended for their play during the season.

Gwen Jones.

Ladies.

Mediaeval lady in her moated castle,
 Standing on the terrace, adorned with jewels rare,
 With a retinue of pages,
 And squires and suitors,
 Falconers and trumpeters and maidens fair.

Demure Victorian maiden, sitting by her grand-ma,
 Shaking her ringlets in a prim, shy way,
 With a small feathered bonnet,
 Parasol and mittens,
 Crinolines and petticoats and flounces gay.

Agile modern lady coming from the Midlands;
 Hiking with her brother—to the coast they're bent,
 With a bulging haversack.
 Grey shorts, thick shoes,
 Long pole, thin blouse and canvas tent.

Nancy Poole, Form IVA.

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THE meetings which have been held during the recent half session have once again proved exceedingly interesting and successful. The following is a brief record of last term's programme.

Jan. 19.—The first meeting of the Spring term proved unusually interesting, as it took the form of a lecture, by Miss Foster, on "Ancient Rome." The lecture was illustrated by many beautiful lantern slides, which added to the interest. We are very grateful to Miss Foster for giving us such an entertaining evening, and we thank her also for all her work and trouble, and assure her that it was well appreciated.

Jan. 26.—On this date our meeting took the form of a debate, the motion being "The Rule of the Prefects is for the good of the School." The speakers were for the affirmative—M. Green and W. A. Adams for the opposition—M. Homer and A. Shore. The motion was defeated by 58 votes to 48.

Feb. 2.—At this meeting we were entertained by members of 5A, who gave us a reading of Galsworthy's play "Strife." They are to be congratulated upon an excellent representation. Especially good was the scene representing the mass meeting of the strikers, both the speeches of the leaders and the remarks and actions of the crowd being very praiseworthy, and we shall long remember the realistic "make up" of the "tykes," all of whom were good, but of whom Pardoe and Basterfield, perhaps, deserve special recommendation.

Feb. 9.—At this meeting a series of short debates was held. There were eight subjects and an opposer and proposer for each.

1.—"The British Nation thinks too much of Sport to the neglect of more important things." Proposer, E. Keyte. Opposer, R. Keyte. Defeated by 61 votes to 1.

2.—“ Women are Slaves to Fashion.” Proposer, B. Harper. Opposer, M. Burnett. Carried by 50 votes to 14.

3.—“ The modern tendency to disregard the Sanctity of the Sabbath is to be deplored.” Proposer, W. A. Adams.

Opposer, R. Horton. Carried by 48 votes to 20.

4.—“ A Universal Language is one of the greatest needs of to-day.” Proposer, G. Marshall. Opposer, W. Cowell. Carried by 37 votes to 35.

5.—“ Homework is an unmitigated Evil.” Proposer, B. Taylor. Opposer, D. G. Thomas. Defeated by 35 votes to 32.

6.—“ Examinations are a hindrance to education.” Proposer, W. J. G. Jones. Opposer, R. M. Everett. Defeated by 37 votes to 30.

7.—“ The breaking of speed records should be abolished.” Proposer, J. Greenwood. Opposer, W. Rollason. Defeated by 40 votes to 30.

8.—“ Competition is a hindrance to progress.” Proposer, P. Homer. Opposer, L. Jones. Defeated by 53 votes to 11.

Each speaker was allowed to speak for five minutes and then the House voted on each motion. During the evening many interesting speeches were delivered.

Feb. 16.—Annual meeting of League of Nations.

Feb. 23.—Half-term.

Mar. 4.—Although no meeting was held on Tuesday, 1st March, on Friday, 4th March, we were visited by about sixty members of Halesowen Debating Society, to debate on the subject “ Sex should not be a deciding factor in remuneration for service.” After a very enjoyable tea the debate commenced. The motion was supported by Oldbury and opposed by Halesowen. The speakers were, for affirmative, G. D. Thomas, G. Marshall and K. H. Worrall; for negative, Male, White and F. Jones. The speakers for both sides presented very convincing and sensible cases. When the debate was declared open, there was no lack of interesting speeches from the floor. After the summing up the House divided for the count and the motion was carried by 91 votes to 71.

The debate was followed by a short impromptu dance which was very enjoyable.

At our last meeting A. B. Watt read a paper on Astronomy, illustrating his remarks by many excellent lantern slides. The paper was extremely interesting and instructive and we are very grateful to Watt for all the time and painstaking care he spent in preparation and also congratulate him on the excellent delivery of the paper.

D. Hadley,
Secretary.

The League of Nations Union.

ON Tuesday, February 16th, we were favoured by a visit from Colonel Spencer, who spoke to us on the vexed question of the Sino-Japanese dispute, and gave us some idea of the important events which were then taking place in the Far East.

To open the proceedings the Secretary (Lily Cooper) read the Annual Report of the School Branch of the League of Nations Union.

In commencing his address, Colonel Spencer told us that he always liked talking to a school because the listeners were unable to run away, but he warned us that the subject on which he was about to speak, "War in the Far East," was a very difficult and complicated one.

Colonel Spencer mentioned that life in England and in most other parts of the world is much more peaceful now than it was two centuries ago, and told us an amusing story of the days when it was no uncommon thing for a man, riding alone at night, to be confronted by a loaded pistol, and a voice.

"Friend, hand me over your money-bags." The money changes hands.

"But," says the unfortunate man, "when I return without my master's money, he will say that I have stolen it, and will have me beaten. Please put a bullet through my coat, to prove that I have been robbed. Thank you; and now just another here; and one through my hat."

"But I have no more bullets."

"Then I have; friend, hand me back my money-bags."

It was also the practice, said Colonel Spencer, for men to carry swords with them, so that in the event of a quarrel arising it could be settled on the spot by means of a duel. This practice has now disappeared, of course, and disputes are settled through the more peaceful and more just medium of the law.

In these and other ways old methods and customs, often incurring bloodshed and suffering, have become obsolete, giving place to the more reasoning, peace-loving ways of to-day. By a continuation of the same process, said Colonel Spencer, the League of Nations hope to eliminate fighting, not only between individuals but between nations.

Turning now to the question of the war in the East, Colonel Spencer pointed out that Japan, "the Britain of the East," is a country, small in area but great in population, and must look for some place into which to expand so as to give room for her ever-increasing population. She might look west to Manchuria, although the climate of this country is somewhat unsuited to the Japanese people, or she might look further south to French Indo-China, or even to the northern territory of Australia, a British possession.

Japan have always had a certain jealousy of China. In the Franco-Prussian War of 1870, Cavour sent two battalions of Italian soldiers to fight, not really to help in the fighting, but in order that Italy should be entitled to a seat at the peace-table when the terms of peace were decided. In a similar manner, China sent men to Europe to fight in the Great War of 1914. These men were not sufficient to alter in any degree the course of the war, but merely enabled China to send representatives to Versailles in 1919. Japan, pursuing her usual policy of repression, tried in vain to prevent China from doing this.

That Japan had intended for some time to declare war on China is evident, said Colonel Spencer. The reason given by the former country for the opening of hostilities was that the Chinese bandits had interfered with the Japanese railways. It is significant, however, that the trouble on the railway occurred at four p.m. one afternoon, but the Japanese troops were marshalled and ready to attack by four o'clock the next morning.

Colonel Spencer strongly deprecated Japan's action as a member of the League of Nations, in not conforming to her pledge to settle disputes by arbitration. When one's word is given, said the Colonel, it should be kept, whether it was to one's advantage to do so or not, and it was a shameful thing to break a solemn pledge to gain an advantage over one's adversary.

In conclusion, Colonel Spencer reminded us that Great Britain, too, has signed the same pledge, and it is the duty of every Englishman to do his best to help the country to keep her promise. Though our individual ability is small, yet by a united effort we can do all that is necessary to preserve unharmed England's reputation in matters of international honour.

D. Stevens,
Secretary.

The Village.

As the dawn broke upon the world, I rode,
And reached a hill, in golden sunlight bathed;
And up the heather-covered side I went
Until I reached the crest, and there I gazed,
And gazed upon the scene which lay below.
There was a village, still in slumber wrapped,
The silence only broken by a bird
As it welcomed the coming of the dawn;
Or by the gurgling of the rippling stream
Wending its course beside the one white road,
Which twisted in and out between two rows
Of white thatched cottages. But soon a cart
Came lumbering down the road, awakening all.
Then life and noise displaced the peace and quiet
Which through the whole long night had reigned supreme.

R. Hood, Form IVB.

Girl Guides.

Officers:—

Captain—Miss F. D. TWEEDIE.

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

Patrol Leaders—M. GREEN, N. CLEGG, J. HARROLD, B. KEYTE.

THE last term has been a most successful and enjoyable one for the Guides. Early in the term—on January 20th, a new recruit joined our company, and was enrolled as a member by Mrs. Bence on March 10th. Mrs. Bence afterwards gave us an interesting talk on Guiding.

Most of the meetings until half-term were occupied by rehearsing, and preparing for the Guide Display which took place on the 25th and 27th of February.

The display was altogether a success and entirely different from the one given in 1931. First there was drill by the Guides, then a quaint medieval play, "The Masque of Two Strangers," by Lady Alix Egerton. This was followed by a display of signalling.

The next item was a well performed play, namely, "The Travelling Man," and then "Camp Fire" provided a fitting end to the successful programme.

The meetings of the latter half of the term were filled with badge work, athletic games, competitions, tests, etc., and proved very popular.

On Tuesday, March 22nd, a few Guides went with Captain to an enrolment at Brierley Hill and spent an enjoyable evening.

On March 18th the final meeting of the term took place. It was very interesting, consisting of games and competitions, in which the "Cornflower" patrol were victorious, gaining the prize of a box of chocolates, by only half a mark.

This meeting brought to a close a very happy Winter term, and though all broke up for the holidays in eager expectancy for the Summer term, when open-air Guiding is more possible, yet none could feel that these successful indoor meetings could be in any way surpassed.

B. Keyte.

On Returning to School.

THERE are many thoughts about returning to school after the holidays, but a lot depends on what sort of a holiday you have had. If the holiday has been a good one, then you do not want to go to school, but if the holiday has been a bad one with wet days, then you want to get back to school for something to do, to see your friends and enjoy yourself.

Sometimes you meet someone who wants to go back to school just for the sake of work, I know I don't. Or you may meet someone who wants to go back to school just for the sake of meeting friends because they live in the country, or away from friends.

The first morning you are awakened at ten to eight instead of about nine. That is the first thing that disheartens you. You have to hurry round so as not to be late the first morning back. Then there is the thought of the masters, that is the second that disheartens you, but you have your happy thoughts getting out of the way of mother's annoying jobs, and also of her grumbles, but anyway you arrive at school and attend the first day of imagined horror in happiness.

C. M. Bloomer, 3B.

An Etcher's Paradise.

A YOUNG moon was shedding silver light over the wild scene where moor met forest, and marshland the heights. Beyond were the silent mountains, glittering, snow-capped, under the stars, and high on the ridge each slender tree became a sentinel, sharply outlined against the blue black sky.

Here lay the marshes; a perfect etching of spikey grass and swamp verdure; with a heron, guardian of the watery wastes, its curved neck and muffled wings like an ebon statue, poised on one slim leg. Afar a thousand silent pools imaged the serene moon.

Here farflung, lay the darkening shadows of the forest and each knotted twig and leaf stood out in fairy tracery, while moonbeams, spilled from above, lay in enchanting pools upon the mossy carpet between the broad trunks.

It was a study of magical shadows, swampy wastes and snow-capped mountains—jet and silver in witching contrast.

A Painter's Paradise.

THE sun was setting and spreading a crimson halo over the picture of the far East, set like a jewel amidst the burning wastes of sand.

In the distance a slender minaret pierced the shimmering sky and here a quaint mosque seemed to glow in rosy marble, while the sacred river that lapped its portals held its image in lazy swirls.

Around the city lay the high white wall, and before the gate the white robed travellers knelt beside their weary camels, bowed in the sunset call to Allah.

The red dust streets were now silent, and over the desert sped the night, enfolding the city in dusky robes, while stars bejewelled the violet sky.

B. Keyte, Form VA.

The Cresconians.

THE Annual Meeting of the Cresconians was held on Monday, May 23rd, the President and 27 members being present. No doubt the rather small attendance was due, to a large extent, to the weather, which was not such as to encourage anyone to go out.

Mr. Spalding, Chairman of the Committee, gave a brief report on last season's activities which he felt had again been enjoyable and successful. He also thanked Mr. Howarth for his continued keen interest in the Association and for the use of the School, and the Officers and Committee for their work.

The Treasurer submitted his report which showed a substantial balance in hand which, considering the short time it has been since the funds were drained almost dry to pay for the Memorial Window, was considered very satisfactory, and Mr. Peers was congratulated on the manner in which he fosters the finances of the Association.

The reports of the sports sections were, on the whole, very satisfactory. The Football Club has not done quite so well as in previous years, the 1st team having lost their position in the league and gone down into the Third Division. In justice to the 1st team it is only fair to say that they were exceedingly unfortunate in having two goalkeepers injured early in the season and in losing several of their best players during the season. However, given ordinary luck, there is no doubt they will regain their position next season. The 2nd team, in spite of being hampered somewhat by the misfortunes of the 1st team, maintained their position.

The Hockey team had an enjoyable season, and quite successful, having won more than half the matches played and drawn others. It is hoped to be able to run two teams next season, but more players are needed, and in order to encourage members to join immediately on leaving School it has been decided to admit them on payment of half the usual subscription for their first season.

The Officers elected for 1932-33 are, with the exception of three new Vice-Presidents, the same as for last season. The new Vice-Presidents are Mr. and Mrs. Frank Dawes and County Councillor G. H. Price (an old Student of the School), all three of whom have shown a keen interest in the Association for some time.

The retiring members of the Committee, according to Rule 9a, were Mr. C. Spalding and Misses A. E. Doyle, F. M. Bowen, A. Riley (who was co-opted in place of Miss E. Watson early in the season). There were two other vacancies caused by the

resignations of Mr. S. Screen, who has obtained an appointment at Slough, and Mr. T. Nicklin. Mr. Spalding, Miss Doyle and Miss F. M. Bowen were unanimously re-elected en bloc, and Miss Riley will automatically serve on the General Committee, having been elected Hockey Secretary. This left a vacancy for one lady and two gentlemen, and the following members were nominated: Messrs. N. Farrington, L. W. Blundell, T. Thomas, S. Birch, Mrs. Downing and Miss M. Bowen. On a ballot being taken it was found that Miss M. Bowen, Mr. L. W. Blundell and Mr. N. Farrington had most votes and they were duly elected to serve on the Committee.

The full list of Officers and Committee for 1932-33 is therefore:—

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Secretary: E. J. Anderson.

Assistant Secretary: C. E. Bagnall.

Treasurer: W. J. Peers.

Hockey Secretary: A. Riley.

Football Secretary: E. A. Richards.

Committee: C. M. Spalding, G. W. Rose, J. S. Morse, N. Farrington, L. W. Blundell, L. Green, A. E. Doyle, F. M. Bowen, M. Bowen, W. Busby.

No alterations to the rules were made. A suggestion was made that a rule regarding the admission of Old Students who are not members of the Association be added, but, it was pointed out that this was not possible. All Old Students are welcomed to the dances, but in order not to infringe on the Police regulations it is necessary that everyone admitted to a Cresconians Dance should either be a *member* of the Association *or* have one of the invitation cards issued in the membership booklets.

This concluded the business of the meeting, and a vote of thanks to Mr. Howarth having been passed the meeting was brought to a close.

On behalf of the Officers and Committee I should like to take this opportunity of inviting all those about to leave, or having recently left, School to join the Association early next season.

E. J. Anderson.

A Summer's Evening.

The shades of night are creeping
Across the golden sand,
Where lacy foam is thrilling
By contact with the land.
The ev'ning breeze is stirring,
It stops and then recurring,
Sets up a tender purring
Across the lonely strand.

The fishing boats are bobbing
Upon the rising tide,
With tiny wavelets washing
Upon the grey rocks side.
The sleepy gulls are crying,
As homeward they pass flying;
The sun's last rays are dying
Across the heavens wide.

Kathleen Howells, Lower VI.

The Art Students Visit London.

ON 29th February a party of art students visited London under the supervision of Mrs. Quayle, Miss Williams and Miss Allen, to view the National Gallery and the Exhibition of French Art at Burlington House.

The party met in Birmingham at New Street Station and proceeded by L.M.S. to Euston Station. Here we boarded the Underground and went to Leicester Square and from there we walked to the National Gallery. A most enjoyable morning was spent in the Gallery, during which a lecturer gave us a most interesting discourse on the Italian School of Painting, and then we walked down Whitehall, past the Cenotaph to Bridge Street where we partook of an excellent dinner provided by Maison Lyons and Co. Here we discovered that two of the party had disappeared, but they reappeared in time to eat a good dinner.

From Bridge Street we walked by way of Bird Cage Walk and the Green Park, past St. James' Palace to Burlington House. Here we found that art as portrayed by the French is even more interesting than the art of the Persians which we saw the last time we visited Burlington House. The exhibits here were very interesting and we could scarcely tear ourselves away when we were told it was time for us to go to Euston.

We arrived at Euston at about 6 o'clock, after an extremely thrilling time on escalators and Undergrounds. At Euston we had tea in the Tea Rooms, had just time to scramble on to our train and returned to Birmingham, where we parted and went our various ways.

We should like to thank Mrs. Quayle, who organised the trip, and also Miss Williams and Miss Allen who helped to make the trip a success, and we sincerely hope that they will take us again next year.

W. M. Cowell and M. Kings.

April.

I love to roam the country-side in April time
 In the sunshine and the showers,
 Along the lanes with budding trees
 Fringed with grass and sweet, wild flowers,
 In April time.

I love to listen to the birds in April time
 As gaily they sing in the trees,
 Answering a mate with cooing notes,
 Feathers beruffled by the breeze,
 In April time.

I love to wander thro' the woods in April time,
 When bluebells' fragrance scents the air,
 And king-cups glow beside the stream.
 Everything is fresh and fair
 In April time.

Muriel Bird, Form IV_A.

Astley in May.

Have you ever been to Astley and found
 In the merry month of May
 Fruit trees scatter their blossom around
 Which falls like scented snow to the ground
 In the merry month of May?

Have you ever been to Astley and seen
 In the merry month of May
 Lads and lasses dance on the green
 Around their newly crowned May Queen
 On the merry first of May?

Have you ever been to Astley and heard
 In the merry month of May
 The ecstatic song of an enchanted bird
 As he pours forth his heart, deep stirred
 By a moonlight night in May?

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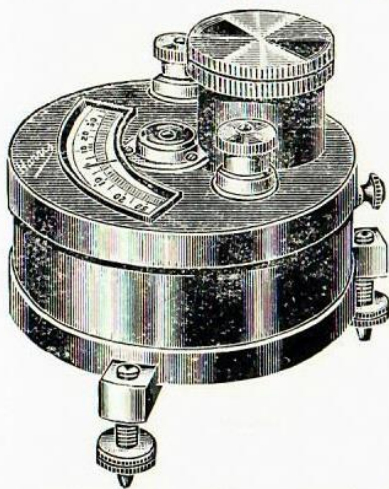
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EDITORIAL.

THE School Year 1931-32 ended on July 26th, and, as is usual, we had to say good-bye to a considerable number of boys and girls who had been with us for several years. It is always a matter of regret when this July contingent leaves the School, and sets out to make a place for each of its members in the world outside. We wish these pupils every success in their future careers, and hope that they will keep in touch with their School for as long a period as possible. We hope that those who move to other parts of the country, and to other countries, will let us know where they are, and what they are doing. Letters from our friends in various parts of the world are full of interest to those of us who must stay at home. We would also remind those who remain in this neighbourhood, that they should join the Old Students' Association immediately. It is of great interest to all connected with the School to learn of the appointment of Mr. Roy Ball, an old boy of Oldbury School, to the Head Mastership of the Burnage Secondary School, Manchester. We congratulate him most heartily and wish him, and Mrs. Ball, who is also an old student, all happiness and success in their new sphere of work. Mr. Jack Chambers, another old pupil, has been appointed Senior Assistant Master at the same school, and we wish him the best of good luck also. It will be a change for him to teach the boys of Lancashire after his work in Czecho Slovakia.

Congratulations to our representatives at Birmingham University on the successes they obtained at the recent examinations, and also to those members of the School who did so well at the Higher School, and School Certificate Examinations in July. To obtain six Higher and thirty-two School Certificates, all at the same time, creates another record for the School.

We must include the two School Captains, Lily Cooper and W. A. Adams in this note, for they deserve the thanks of the School for their excellent efforts and splendid work in their own spheres of duty, also Adams and Palmer for their work in the cricket team, and Bernard Harper for his swimming successes.

The Mediterranean cruise was a great adventure for those who undertook the voyage, and the memory of it will be a joy to them for always. Miss Jones and Miss Foster are to be congratulated on the results and success of this new venture in School journeys.

And now we are once again beginning another School Year, 1932-33. May it be rather better than our previous best.

Valete.

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- DORIS HADLEY.—Upper VI. Prefect; Matriculation; Hockey Captain; Librarian. Veterinary work.
- NORAH MURRAY.—Upper VI. Prefect; Matriculation. Domestic Science College, Leicester.
- FREDA WILLIAMS.—Upper VI. Prefect; Matriculation; Librarian. At home.
- W. A. ADAMS.—Upper VI. School Captain; Football Captain; Cricket Captain; Cast of "Trelawney of the 'Wells'"; Gained Old Students' Medal. Goldsmith's College, University of London.
- R. M. EVERETT.—Upper VI. Prefect; Higher School Certificate; 1st Eleven Football; 1st Eleven Cricket; Cast of "Trelawney of the 'Wells'." Birmingham University.
- W. J. G. JONES.—Upper VI. Prefect; Higher School Certificate. Birmingham University.
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- WINIFRED M. COWELL.—Upper VI. Prefect; Matriculation. Birmingham University Training College.
- MARGARET WAKEMAN.—Form VI. Prefect; Matriculation. Birmingham Library.
- ALEX. WATT.—Upper VI. Matriculation. Training as Engineer.
- MARION GREEN.—Form VI. Prefect; Patrol Leader in Guides; Matriculation. Birmingham University Medical School.
- EDNA BARRETT.—Form VI. Prefect; Matriculation. Clerk at S.W. and S. Electrical Power Co.

- H. F. BILLINGTON.—Form VI. 2nd Eleven Football; 1st Eleven Cricket; School Certificate. Training as Chemist.
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 P. BOYD.—Form 2A2. Transferred to Handsworth Grammar School.

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Dates to Remember.

Term begins.—15th September.
Speech Day.—26th October.
Half Term.—7th and 8th November.
School Play.—1st and 3rd December.
Term ends.—21st December.
Spring Term begins.—12th January, 1933.

Examination Results.

Joint Matriculation Board.

HIGHER SCHOOL CERTIFICATE.

Full Certificate:—Lily Cooper, R. Keyte, R. H. Everett, W. J. G. Jones, E. B. Knott, D. Stevens.

In Part of the Examination:—Norah Murray, W. A. Adams.

In Subsidiary Subjects only:—Norah Pickering (English, History, Geography).

SCHOOL CERTIFICATE.

Matriculation:—H. Basterfield, J. Birch (Distinction in History and Latin), C. E. Greaves, T. Greaves (Distinction in History), E. F. Green, W. J. Mason (Distinction in History and Mathematics), R. H. Murray, F. W. Rudd (Distinction in Mathematics), B. Keyte (Distinction in History), C. Atkins.

SCHOOL CERTIFICATE.

F. Billington, M. R. Edwards, C. J. Hale, R. Horton, K. Jackson, D. Johnston, R. H. Marmont, L. H. Nicholls, H. J. D. Orchard, H. W. Palmer, W. Pardoe, A. Shore, G. N. Smith, E. Hopkins, M. Lewis, E. Nelson, B. Turnbull, H. Roberts, R. C. Turner, M. Burnett, N. Evans, N. James.

King's House.

Captains - - G. M. ACKRILL, D. C. STEVENS.
Vice-Captains - E. BARRATT, R. KEYTE.
Secretaries - - B. KEYTE, F. BILLINGTON.
Sports Captains - G. JONES, B. E. HARPER.

LAST Term provided much scope for inter-House competition in athletic and other directions and King's House was well to the fore in everything.

The first event of the term was the Athletic Sports. In these we were again successful, easily gaining first place. In particular we are pleased to congratulate B. E. Harper senior champion, and also R. M. Everett and J. H. Orchard, who had a magnificent struggle for second and third places, respectively.

The three above-mentioned boys together with D. C. Stevens, represented our School in the Joint Sports at Perry Barr. R. M. Everett succeeded in gaining a place in the High Jump, and J. H. Orchard in winning his certificate for running the mile in under five minutes. It should be noticed that the School record for this distance is well over this time. Well done, Orchard!

As usual the Musical Festival was held last June, and although our members sang valiantly, we had to be content with third place.

In the Inter-House matches at the end of term, our cricket team only succeeded in winning one match, but the tennis teams carried all before them, the first team winning every match and the second team losing only to Queen's.

The results of the Swimming Sports, of both boys and girls, forced us to realise that our House owns very few strong swimmers. Fortunately, B. E. Harper saved us from ignominious defeat, by carrying off the Boys' Championship.

I am sure the House will join me in congratulating Lily Cooper, our sadly missed captain, D. C. Stevens, R. Keyte and R. M. Everett, on their success in the Higher School Certificate, and also those who gained their Matriculation Certificates. Surely these results prove that King's House excels not only in athletic, but also in educational pursuits.

In conclusion we extend a hearty welcome to all new members, knowing that they will do their best to make future terms even more successful than the last.

G. M. Ackrill.

Queen's House.

Captains	-	-	M. KINGS, W. J. ROLLASON.
Vice-Captains	-	-	B. TURNBULL, J. A. BIRCH.
Sports Captains	-	-	B. TURNBULL, W. J. A. ROLLASON.
Secretary	-	-	M. KNOTT.
Treasurer	-	-	A. A. SHORE.

DURING last term, although Queen's House was not so successful as usual, there were many activities which were keenly contested by the House.

In the Musical Festival Queen's was placed bottom, but the events were very well fought out and several members were successful in obtaining places.

The Annual Sports was the event in which Queen's shone most. Though we were placed third, three of the individual championships were gained by our House.

In the Guides' Display Queen's House was very well represented.

Several boys of Queen's House took part in the relay teams at the Joint Sports, and all these ran very well.

At the end of the term there were Inter-House tennis and cricket matches. In both these Queen's were placed third. The cricket was especially well contested, all the matches being played to a finish.

We wish all those who left us last term success in the future, and we extend a hearty welcome to those who will join us.

M. Kings.

School House.

Captains - - G. MARSHALL, E. KNOTT.
Vice-Captains - K. HOWELLS, R. EDWARDS.
Sports Captains - B. NORTH, R. EDWARDS.
Secretary - - C. J. HALE.

As usual, the Summer Term proved plentiful in competitive events between the four Houses. Although not always successful, School House put up a good fight every time.

The Musical Festival was an important item on last term's programme and proved a great success once again. Unfortunately we missed gaining first place by a few marks. We were, however, recompensed by many of our members gaining first or second places in different solos.

A very creditable number of our girls entered for the Girls' Swimming Sports and gained second place for the House. The boys in their Swimming Sports gained first place.

Tennis and cricket did not prove so satisfactory for us, but it was certainly not for want of trying or support. Specially notable, however, was the cricket match against Trinity, when our House put up a noble fight against a House who obviously had all the advantages, but in which Trinity only beat us by 9 runs.

In the finals of the Joint Sports last term, School House claimed two of the competitions, namely, E. Knott and B. Thomlinson.

The Annual Sports resulted in School House being placed second, again only missing the first place by a few points.

Hearty congratulations are extended to all who took part, and especially to the Girls' relay team which carried off the first place, giving an excellent example of team spirit.

Splendid as was our record last year, yet we call on our members to try to do even better this year.

G. Marshall.

Trinity House.

Captains - - J. LUGG, G. D. THOMAS.
 Sports Captains - J. LUGG, G. D. THOMAS.
 Secretary - - B. D. TAYLOR.

THE past term has been a particularly full one, as far as House activities are concerned. The first important event in the term's programme was the Athletic Sports, in which we had to be satisfied with third place, although the House was not lacking in enthusiasm.

Following this event was the Musical Festival, and, after many unsuccessful attempts Trinity House succeeded in gaining the cup of which we are all very proud.

The boys again maintained their usual standard, and were placed first in the Inter-House cricket matches. We were not quite so successful in the tennis matches, but gained second place.

A hearty welcome is extended to all new members, who we hope will support the present members, and show the enthusiasm that is expected from all Trinity House members.

B. D. Taylor.

Cricket.

1st XI.—Captain, W. A. ADAMS; Vice-Captain, H. W. PALMER.

2nd XI.—Captain, F. PALMER; Vice-Captain, C. J. HALE.

Secretary—E. B. KNOTT.

Committee—W. A. ADAMS, H. W. PALMER, F. PALMER, C. J. HALE, E. B. KNOTT and A. W. SMITH.

AFTER a bad start due perhaps to the weather, the 1st XI. finished the season in very successful style, winning in all six out of the thirteen matches played.

One of the most interesting matches was that against the Parents, who eventually won after a most exciting game. Our captain, W. A. Adams, had a very successful season, scoring 95 not out against West Bromwich, 58 against Dudley and 56 not out against the Old Students. With Keyte he made a record first wicket stand of 104 against West Bromwich. H. W. Palmer bowled consistently well, taking 51 wickets at a low cost, while Keyte batted so well that he was awarded his colours midway through the season.

Averages.

BATTING.

	Innings.	Highest Score.	Average.
W. A. Adams ...	12	95 not out	26.3
R. W. Keyte ...	13	44	14.4

BOWLING.

	Wickets.	Runs per wicket..
H. W. Palmer	51	4.7
F. Billington	14	7.5
A. W. Smith	26	8.6

The following matches were played by the 1st XI.:-

St. Philip's (A) 87, Oldbury 94—7 wkts.	... Won.
West Bromwich (A) 43, Oldbury 18	... Lost.
Wolverhampton (A) 83—2 wkts., Oldbury 23	... Lost.
Smethwick (H) 45, Oldbury 32	... Lost.
Redditch (H) 45, Oldbury 53	... Won.
Wolverhampton (H) 68, Oldbury 39	... Lost.
Holly Lodge (H) 110, Oldbury 44	... Lost.
West Bromwich (H) 40, Oldbury 141—5 wkts.	... Won.
Dudley (H) 83, Oldbury 91—3 wkts.	... Won.
Redditch (A) 56, Oldbury 61—1 wkt.	... Won.
Halesowen (H) 102—9 wkts., Oldbury 63	... Lost.
Parents (H) 118, Oldbury 78	... Lost.
Old Students (H) 51, Oldbury 94	... Won.

The 2nd XI. played 7 matches, winning 4 and losing 3.

The following played for the 1st XI.

*W. A. Adams, *H. Palmer, *A. W. Smith, *R. Keyte, W. Bottrell, R. Grigg, M. Bird, R. Thomlinson, F. Billington, K. Smith, B. Harper, R. Everett, F. Male, R. Horton.

*School Colours.

R. W. Keyte.

Tennis.

Team—M. HART (Captain), E. NELSON; P. MARSHALL, B. TURNBULL; S. ACKRILL, J. LUGG.

OWING to unfortunate circumstances, only three matches were played, although six were arranged.

The results of these matches were:—

Against—Holly Lodge	... ..	... Lost.
Halesowen	... ..	... Lost.
Waverley Road	... ..	... Draw.

Gwen Jones (Secretary).

School Sports, 1932.

THE Annual Sports were held on May 25th, in fine weather. Only two new records were made, Laker jumping 4ft. 6ins. in the Junior Boys High Jump and Leedam throwing the cricket ball 73yds., 1ft., 3ins. in the Junior Boys event.

RESULTS.**CHAMPIONSHIPS.**

Senior Girls—M. Kings 13 pts., J. Morton 8 pts.
 Senior Boys—B. Harper 19pts.; Everett 18pts.; Orchard 16pts.
 Junior Girls—M. Jephcott 9 pts.; D. Garner 5 pts.
 Junior Boys—Laker 16 pts.; Hall 11 pts.; Rowe 10 pts.

HOUSE CHAMPIONSHIP.

1.	King's	...	...	...	...	93½ points.
2.	School	...	...	...	...	71 "
3.	Queen's	...	...	...	...	64½ "
4.	Trinity	...	...	...	...	38 "

Joint Sports.

THE Joint Sports were held on June 4th at the Alexander Sports Grounds. Although we did not repeat last year's successes, our competitors did very creditably. Everett was third and Knott fourth in the High Jump, and Thomlinson was fourth in the Junior 100 Yards. Orchard ran well in the Mile and secured a Standard Certificate. The Intermediate Team and Senior Team ran well in their heats, the latter deserving special commendation for a really fine effort.

Junior A.A.A. Championships, 1932.

IN the Championships held at Stamford Bridge, R. S. O. Stevens, holder of the School quarter-mile record and the Joint Sports quarter-mile record, was placed third in the final of the quarter-mile.

Event.	1st.	2nd.	3rd.	Time, height or distance.
BOYS.				
Junior Long Jump ...	Laker	Hall	Edwards	15ft. 2½in.
Junior High Jump ...	Laker	Rowe	Hall	4ft. 6in.
Junior Cricket Ball ...	Leedam	Hall	Howen	73yds. 1ft. 3in.
100 yards, under 12 ...	Priest	Richardson ...	Hunting	14 2/5 sec.
100 yards, Junior ...	Hall	Thomlinson ...	Laker	11 4/5 sec.
220 yards, Junior ...	Hall	Laker	Thomlinson ...	28 sec.
440 yards, Junior ...	Laker	Rowe	Hazlewood ...	69 1/5 sec.
880 yards, Junior ...	Rowe	Laker	Richardson ...	2 min. 33 3/5 sec.
Senior Long Jump ...	Everett, Harper		Morris	17ft. 10in.
Senior High Jump ...	Everett	Knott, Bowley ...		4ft. 11½in.
Senior Cricket Ball ...	Everett	Adams	Morris	83yds. 1ft. 8in.
Senior 100 yards ...	Harper	Everett	Edwards	11 1/5 sec.
Senior 220 yards ...	Harper	Stevens	Everett	26 3/5 sec.
Senior 440 yards ...	Harper	Stevens	Orchard	60 1/5 sec.
Senior 880 yards ...	Orchard	E. Greaves ...	R. Edwards ...	2 min. 23 sec.
One mile ...	Orchard	Pillow	Birch	5 min. 22 sec.
Relay Race ...	Kings	Trinity	School	54 4/5 sec.
Tug-of-War ...	Kings	School	Trinity	
Sack Race ...	Bradford	Watts		
Slow Bicycle ...	Munslow	Billington ...		
Junior Steeplechase ...	Rowe	Laker	Betts	
Senior Steeplechase ...	Orchard	E. Greaves ...	Edwards	10 in. 37 4/5 sec.

Event.	1st.	2nd.	3rd.	Time, height or distance.
GIRLS.				
Junior Long Jump ...	M. Jephcott ...	P. Beaumont ...	D. Remington ...	13ft. 2in.
Junior High Jump ...	D. Garner ...	D. Remington ...	K. Wakeman ...	3ft. 7½in.
Under 12, High Jump	M. Parkes ...	J. Woodward ...	{ R. R. Sidaway ... J. Jephcott ...	3ft. 6½in.
100 yards, under 12 ...	I. Thornton ...	J. Woodward ...	B. Ware ...	15 1/5 sec.
Junior 100 yards ...	M. Jephcott ...	D. Garner ...	H. Tromans ...	13 2/5 sec.
Junior 220 yards ...	M. Jephcott ...	M. Gittus ...	P. Beaumont ...	34 sec.
Senior Long Jump ...	{ M. Kings ... B. Turnbull ...	—	G. Jones ...	13ft. 4½in.
Senior High Jump ...	B. North ...	G. Ackrill ...	M. Kings ...	4ft. 0in.
Senior 100 yards ...	M. Kings ...	J. Morton ...	M. Tavener ...	13 2/5 sec.
Senior 220 yards ...	J. Morton ...	I. Kings ...	G. Jones ...	34 1/5 sec.
Relay Race ...	School ...	Queen's ...	Trinity ...	65 4/5 sec.
Junior Skipping Race	D. Garner ...	P. Beaumont ...	—	—
Egg and Spoon Race...	R. Sidaway ...	I. Thornton ...	—	—
Sack Race ...	B. Wheatcroft ...	J. Lugg ...	—	—
Leap Frog ...	Trinity ...	School ...	—	—

Swimming Sports.

THE boys swimming sports were held in the last week of the Summer Term and the girls were postponed until the beginning of the Autumn Term. Both proved very successful events. The following are the results:—

GIRLS.

1 length (under 12)—1, M. Hancox (Q.); 2, M. Cuthbertson (Q.); 3, B. Rose (Q.).

1 length (under 15)—1, K. Wakeman (S.); 2, J. Norris (Q.); 3, B. Farrow (Q.).

1 length (over 15)—1, J. Lugg (T.); 2, D. Remmington (Q.); 3, L. James (S.).

2 lengths (under 12)—1, M. Hancox (Q.); 2, B. Rose (Q.).

2 lengths (under 15)—1, M. Gittens (Q.); 2, K. Wakeman (S.); 3, J. Norris (Q.).

2 lengths (over 15)—1, J. Lugg (T.); 2, M. Stokes (T.); 3, M. Charlton (K.).

2 lengths championship—1, M. Gittens (Q.); 2, B. Farrow (Q.); 3, L. Pickering (S.).

Beginners width—1, H. McCalla (Q.); 2, J. Jephcott (Q.); 3, M. Bright (S.).

Diving—1, D. Garner (S.); D. Remmington (Q.); 3, B. Stubbs.

Tyre Race—1, B. Rose (Q.); 2, J. Lugg (T.); 3, D. Garner (S.)

Relay Race—1, Queen's; 2, School; 3, Trinity.

BOYS.

Relay Race (1st team)—1, School; 2, Trinity; 3, King's.

Relay Race (2nd team)—1, Trinity; 2, Queen's; 3, School.

6 lengths—1, Pugh (T.); 2, Harper (K.); 3, Hale (S.).

Diving—1, Hill (S.); 2, Haynes (T.); 3, Bloomer (Q.).

2 lengths (open)—1, Harper (K.); 2, Pugh (T.); 3, Stanley (S.).

2 lengths (breast)—1, Harper (K.); 2, Stanley (S.); 3, Bloomer (Q.).

1 width (beginners)—1, G. N. Smith (Q.); 2, D. Smith (K.).

1 mile. The following finished: 1, Harper (K.); Hale (S.); Hill (S.); Greenwood (S.); Murray (T.)— $\frac{3}{4}$ mile.

$\frac{1}{4}$ mile—1, Pugh (T.); 2, Rowe (T.); 3, Bowley (T.); 4, Munslow (K.); 5, Murrell (T.).

Individual Championship—Harper 18; Hill 13.

FINAL RESULT—1, School; 2, Trinity; 3, Queen's; 4, King's.
B. Turnbull.

Girl Guides.**Officers:—**

Captain—Miss F. D. TWEEDIE.

Lieutenants—Miss J. L. DAVIES,
Company Leader—N. CLEGG.

Patrol Leaders—B. KEYTE, J. HARROLD, B. FARROW, B. TAYLOR.

THIS term the Guides have been re-arranged into new patrols with new Leaders and Seconds when necessary; the Leaders, in turn, taking charge of the opening ceremonies at the meetings.

Second Class Guides are studying for their Cook's Badge. They are being coached by Lieut. Miss Davies. The rest of the Guides are working for their Tenderfoot and Second Class Badges.

Twenty minutes are allotted each week for Patrol Work, under the supervision of the Leaders.

Talks are given each week upon various subjects by different Guides.

We have many new recruits this term, three of whom are too young to become Guides, and so they are to be enrolled as Brownies and are to be attached to the Company.

The Enrolment is to take place on Nov. 10th. Captain Miss Norman of the Tettenthal Wood Guides is to enrol the Guides and Brown Owl Miss Davies of the same Company is to enrol the Brownies.

At the beginning of the term a Patrol Leaders' Conference was held at Stafford and three of our Leaders were present. The talk given by Miss Daniels was most helpful, and was related to the Company the following week by one of the Guides.

As the Company are in need of funds, the Guides will hold a Jumble Sale in Oldbury on Oct. 29th, 1932.

You will see by this short analysis of the Guide meeting held each week, that we have once more settled down to work, while at the same time making Guiding interesting and enjoyable.

Norma Clegg.

The Musical Festival, 1932.

THE Fifth Annual Musical Festival for the Challenge Cup presented by Mr. W. T. Davies, was held in the School Hall on Saturday, June 11th.

The adjudicator was Mr. H. Oakes, F.R.C.O., whose kindly criticism put the competitors completely at their ease.

There was a large and appreciative audience, together with the usual enthusiastic gathering of boys and girls, wearing their House colours, and prepared to cheer their respective Houses to victory.

The competition was exceedingly keen between the rival Houses, and we were all proud of the adjudicator's praise of our efforts.

The results were as follows:—

1. JUNIOR PIANOFORTE SOLO—"Allegretto in E minor" ... *Scarlatti*
1, Andrews; 2, J. Jephcott; 3, M. Craddock.
2. JUNIOR BOYS SOLO—"Own Choice"
1, Hazelwood & Leedham; 2, Richards; 3, Partridge.
3. GIRLS' UNISON SONG—"Robin' on the Appletree" ... *Rathbone*
1, Trinity; 2, Queen's; 3, King's; 4, School.
4. INTERMEDIATE PIANOFORTE SOLO—"Rondo from Partita No. 2"
Bach
1, M. Jackson; 2, P. Andrews; 3, H. Tromans.
5. JUNIOR GIRLS SOLO—"The Lamb" ... *R. Boughton*
1, Thelma Powell; 2, J. Jephcott; 3, P. Homer.
6. SENIOR PIANOFORTE SOLO—"Nocturne in F minor" ... *Chopin*
1, Muriel Jackson; 2, W. J. G. Jones & D. Stevens;
3, M. Everett.
7. SENIOR GIRLS' SOLO—"Lonely Woods" ... *Sully*
1, Doris Hadley & Winnie Cowell; 2, Muriel Charlton
& Katherine Atkins.
8. OLD STUDENTS SOLO—"Own Choice"
1, Milward (39 points); 2, M. Boaler (38 points).
9. MIXED CHOIRS—"Daffodils" *Thiman*
1, Trinity; 2, King's; 3, School; 4, Queen's.

FINAL POSITIONS.

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

Owing to the absence of the donor, Mr. W. T. Davies, the cup was presented to the captains of the winning House by the adjudicator.

Finally, to Mr. T. L. Davies, who organised the Festival and trained the competitors we offer our most hearty thanks, and appreciation.

Eunice Hopkins (Lower 6).

The Natural History Students Visit to the Zoo.

AT 8-30 a.m. on Monday, the 13th of June, we met at New St. Station and boarded the train for our two hour trip to London. Arriving at Euston, we passed to the Tube Railway and from there to the South Kensington Museum. Here, there were many interesting things, such as skeletons of prehistoric animals, horses and human beings; a whale of about ten feet in length was especially interesting.

A walk through Broad Walk and Hyde Park gave us the opportunity of viewing the exquisite colouring of the flower beds for which London Parks are noted. After this walk we did full justice to a lunch which had been arranged at one of Lyons' cafes.

After lunch we went to the Zoo, where we first visited the Aquarium, which has a very fine selection of water animals. Considerable time having been spent here, we visited other parts of the Zoo and had the good fortune to see the keepers feeding the lions, tigers, and elephants.

All too soon the interesting afternoon ended and we returned to the station, where we had tea, and then caught the 6-30 p.m. train for Birmingham.

Our thanks are due to Miss Allen for organising the excursion and also to Mrs. Quayle and Miss Williams who helped to look after us.

Catherine Atkins.

An Outing to Windsor and Eton.

THIS year it was decided that the annual outing of the Joint Society members should take the form of a visit to Eton and Windsor, and thence by steamer up the Thames to Great Marlowe. This decision was hailed with delight by the members, and the day chosen was Tuesday, July 19th, when all examinations were over.

The sun was shining brightly, promising us a warm day, when we left school at 7-30 a.m., well packed in two Midland "Red" motor 'buses. We set forth through delightful scenery past Stratford-on-Avon, where many of us gained our first view of the new Shakespeare Memorial Theatre.

From here to Woodstock, our first stopping place, we had ample opportunity of seeing rural England at its best. At Woodstock we spent an interesting half-hour wandering through its old world streets.

We lunched amidst the delightful scenery of Nettlebed Woods, and resumed our journey through the sunny lanes to Eton. Here we explored the outer quadrangle, bounded by Lower School, Upper School, the Clock Tower, and the handsome chapel. In the centre was a large statue of Henry VI., the founder of the college.

We passed through the ancient Lower School and then ascended the staircase, whose panelling was covered with the carved names of old Etonians, and entered Upper School, a very long room which contained busts of many famous "old boys" such as Pitt, Fox, and Walpole.

The chapel was a fine building whose chief characteristics were its loftiness, and its beautiful stained glass windows. In the memorial chapel at the west end were many interesting relics of the bravery of old scholars. It was with great reluctance that we left this ancient college with its many treasures, and soon we found ourselves in the town of Windsor, with its stately grey castle before us.

The State Apartments through which we were conducted proved a treasure house of beauty. First we passed up the Grand Staircase, with its fine specimens of arms and armour, and the colours of disbanded regiments, to King Charles II. Dining Room with its fine wood carvings, paintings, and furniture.

Ruben's Room with its fine paintings by that artist next claimed our attention, and then we entered the State Bedroom, whose bed has held most of the crowned heads of Europe. The tasteful furnishings of the King and Queen's dressing rooms now provoked our admiration, and now the Picture Gallery, and now the beautiful Van Dyck Room.

We passed through the Queen's Audience Chamber, and Presence Chamber, the Guard Room, the beautiful Throne Room, and the Waterloo Gallery, shaped like a ship's cabin. The Grand Vestibule completed our tour of the truly magnificent State Apartments, and we made our way into the town again to Great Bridge, where we embarked on the steamer to take us to Great Marlowe.

The scenery down these reaches of the Thames is very beautiful. Now flat fields bordered the river, now wooded hills, and now charming bungalows and villas. All too soon Great Marlowe was attained, where we had a delicious high tea at the "Compleat Angler Hotel."

Afterwards we set off on our return journey, which was broken only by two stops, the first being a hectic few moments at the rustic fair of Islip, and the second, a quarter of an hour at Banbury where we tasted the famous "Banbury Cakes" and found them very good.

At half-past eleven we arrived at school, after a perfect day's outing. The day, to which we had looked forward with so much pleasure, was over, but very happy memories remain, and we offer our sincere thanks to Miss Jones, Miss Foster, Miss Allen, Dr. Thomason, and Mr. Hopkins, who made possible for us this day which we all so thoroughly enjoyed.

B. Keyte, Lower 6.

The Mediterranean Cruise.

AT 8-45 a.m. on 17th August, we an excited party of twenty-one boys and eight girls, arrived at New Street Station and joined about two hundred equally excited boys—all of us in good time for the 9-10 a.m. train which was to take us to Liverpool. After a pleasant journey we arrived at Riverside Station and immediately boarded the "Adriatic." Feeling very strange but very thrilled we were conducted to our cabins, which we had little time to inspect at this stage as the steward informed us that it was lunch-time. We found our way to the dining room, a most spacious room which impressed us very much, and we thoroughly enjoyed our lunch—as we did all our meals throughout the cruise. No Oldbury person missed a meal during the whole voyage.

We unpacked as soon as possible after lunch, so that we could examine our home for the next twelve days, and a most luxurious and pleasing home we found it to be. When we got on deck we found that there were boys everywhere, but only a few girls, in fact there were five hundred schoolboys and only thirty-three schoolgirls. By the time we had looked round the ship it was time to change for dinner, and after dinner we went to bed very tired. So ended our first day at sea.

We obtained very little sleep during the night, owing to the fog-horn which blew for five seconds in every minute for several hours. When the fog-horn stopped the crew started swabbing the decks, and so before we had gone to sleep it was time to get up. Many of the boys went swimming at 2 a.m.

We spent most of our time during the following days bathing and playing deck games. Tournaments were arranged, and we were pleased to find Harper in the semi-final of the Deck-Tennis Championship. We soon discovered a swing on the top deck, and swinging proved to be a favourite pastime with many of us. The gymnasium was open every morning and we often paid it a visit. Every evening there was dancing and a cinema performance from 9 o'clock.

On Thursday the boys visited the engine room, but as Miss Jones was overcome by the heat and had to come up again, none of the girls ventured the descent. On the same day we had a treasure hunt and great excitement was caused when we were looking for "the lady with the green-heeled stockings," whom we knew to be Miss Jones, but whom we could not find!

On Saturday we entered the Bay of Biscay, which was very calm, although many had hoped that it would be rough. As we were due to arrive in Gibraltar on the next day we were given a lecture on the history and importance of Gibraltar, which was very interesting. Next morning many of us got up very early to see the sun rise as we were entering the Straits, and most of us will never forget the first sight of the Rock and the thrill of seeing the African coast for the first time. A little later we had thrills of another kind, one a pleasant one—the arrival of the boats of the native traders with their fruit, etc., and another of a very different nature—a man overboard! Fortunately some of the native traders picked him up in their boat and we returned to the unusual and exciting experience of buying from over the side of the ship large baskets of fine grapes at sixpence a basket. Other native traders boarded the ship selling beads, shawls, leather-work, table-cloths and various other things, and we had great fun bargaining with them. Some of our party were particularly skilful bargainers and were even commissioned by other people to make purchases for them. One of our party once got her article cheaper than she hoped for—

TRADER: "One shilling!"

SCHOOLGIRL: "No—too dear—I'll give you ninepence."

TRADER: "No—not ninepence—sixpence!"
and the goods and the sixpence quickly changed hands.

After lunch we were taken ashore and spent about two hours in the main street of Gibraltar, shopping in a novel fashion. All the shops were closed (by law)—but as soon as a crowd collected round the window the proprietor cautiously opened the door, invited us in, and shut the door again. Our exit was equally stealthy, the proprietor first going to the door and looking up and down the street, after which we were let out a few at a time. Later we were driven in buggies, each holding four people, to the galleries and other places of interest. We were shown round the galleries and were very interested, although the heat was oppressive. In the evening the Chaplain of Gibraltar conducted a service on the ship and at 12 p.m. we left Gibraltar and entered the Mediterranean sea on our way to Algiers.

The next morning was spent in having our photograph taken (a lengthy operation) and in visiting the captain's bridge, a very great privilege. The officer who conducted us succeeded in making the visit very interesting; he explained the use of the various instruments and showed us that if one thing went wrong there was always something that would act in its place, and we need never be afraid of a breakdown.

We reached Algiers at 6 a.m. on Tuesday. Before breakfast we watched the natives diving for coppers and were very amused at the commotion caused by a native who nearly lost a penny. We had breakfast at 7 a.m. and went ashore to do our shopping. Algiers has some very fine streets and boulevards with good shops and some beautiful white buildings, rising in terraces from the sea. But you turn off a very beautiful road into a dirty narrow street with many nasty smells. The square at the top of the quay steps is a very surprising contrast. On the left there are beautiful Government buildings, better class shops and flower stalls. On the right there is the native mosque with the native market around, and the dirty beggars lying asleep on the pavements.

After lunch we were driven through the French quarter to the Governor-General's palace for an official reception. We were shown round the palace but we were disappointed at not receiving the tea which we had been promised and of which we were in great need. It was the hottest day for twenty-one years in Algiers (120° in the shade) and we had hoped for ice-cream. Afterwards we were conducted round the Arab quarters, a maze of very narrow streets, indescribably dirty and smelling, and we were glad to get out again to visit the Sultan's palace. We were not sorry to get back to the ship for dinner, and although Algiers had interested us, we felt glad that we lived in England.

The whole of the next day was taken up with the Gymkhana and preparing for the Carnival in the evening. The boys were very excited about the Carnival and were most particular about the details of their dresses and make-up. Some of them went as school-girls and ransacked our cabins to find suitable clothes, with the result that afterwards we were never able to find all of our clothes. On deck we found it almost impossible to tell boys from girls, so many boys had dressed as girls. We all thoroughly enjoyed the evening and were very sorry when the bed-time bugle was blown.

On Friday we sailed up the river Tagus to Lisbon. The city is seven miles up the river and it is very beautiful, rising from the banks of the river. We had a very exciting drive round the city. The drivers spoke scarcely any English and drove about sixty miles an hour. To miss a tram by an inch or so became quite a common experience. We found Lisbon very interesting with its beautiful streets and squares and good shops, and the people of Lisbon

evidently found us interesting too—for we were a source of wonder by going about with bare legs and arms.

Concerts were held on the two nights following. One was given in the boys' dining room and the other in the adults', and both were enjoyed very much.

August 29th rolled round much too soon for everybody and we were all very loth to come home.

In conclusion, we should like to thank Miss Jones and Miss Foster for taking care of us on the cruise (no light task), and for the time they spent beforehand, making preparations and arrangements. Also we should like to congratulate Crisp upon winning the first prize in one group and a consolation prize in another group in Lewis' snapshot competition.

Kathleen Howells.
Joan Lugg.

Old Students' Successes.

At Birmingham University:—

- H. H. CORK, B.Sc. (Physics). 2nd Class Honours.
- G. LYMAN, B.Sc., Distinction in Physics—Division I.
- J. V. LEWIS, B.Sc. (Division II.).
- D. E. ADAMS, B.Sc. (Distinction in Physics).
- R. S. O. STEVENS, 2nd year examination for degree of B.Sc.
- P. F. WOODWARD, B.A.
- H. G. BARLOW, 1st examination for B.A. (History).
- R. W. MUSGRAVE, Part of 1st examination for B.A. (English).
- J. C. GOODACRE, Intermediate Arts.
- MILDRED GRIGG, Diploma in Education—Division II.
- DAISY HOMER, Primary Teacher's Certificate.
- DORIS RUDD, Primary Teacher's Certificate (Distinction in Craft-work).
- MARGUERITE MARSHALL, 1st year examination for Primary Teacher's Certificate.
- DOROTHY HOMER, 1st year examination for Primary Teacher's Certificate.
- C. N. NOCK, B. Com.
- MARJORIE KNOTT, 2nd examination for B. Com.
- L. W. BLUNDELL, 1st examination for M.B., Ch.B.

Leicester Domestic Science College:—

- LOUIE HINDS, Board of Education Diploma for Teacher of Domestic Science.

At Sea.

FROM the glass-sheltered promenade deck our anxious eyes sought for familiar landmarks of England. The teeming rain, the shifting mists, and the angry swell of the grumbling seas, had made our journey tiring to the point of boredom. A staggering walk, and a climb with a lurch in every step, brought us to the heaving boards of the upper deck. Here monotony and boredom were conquered by the spectacle of a man-made machine battling against the frenzied anger of the elements. Crouching behind a ventilator, to shelter from the wind, which howled and hissed in boisterous fury, we beheld the seething seas crashing over the bows, and swirling in a scurry of foam around the various tackle of the foredeck. We pitched and rolled, the wind roared and the seas lashed our frailty in a seemingly redoubled effort to submerge our resistance, but still the ship nosed on.

Raymond Smith, Form Vb.

The Cricketer.

HE walked from the pavilion swinging his bat with a jaunty air. The previous man, who had been caught out in the slips, after a score of seven, he thought of a little scornfully. Glancing round at the crowd he imagined himself scoring a century. How this mass of humanity would cheer him; he would probably be chaired round the field. He recognised a deadly enemy in the host; he'd show him how to play. His head tilted upwards a little at the thought, but finding the sun in his eyes, he was forced to lower it again. He fixed his gaze on the cricketers; he was proud to be one of them; they would find him useful. He pulled his cricket cap further over his eyes and strode majestically to the wicket. He was to receive the bowling.

The bowler was running. His arm was lifting. The ball had left his hand. It was spinning in the air, hurtling towards him at a terrible speed. The batter at the crease grinned, he was thinking of the pleasant click he would hear when the leather met the willow. He raised the bat, the ball was almost on him, he made a swipe, expecting to see the ball soar over the boundary, but instead he heard a crash of wickets. A voice called out,

"How's that?"

He was out for a duck.

J. Campbell, Form IVb.

Imagination.

IT was dead of night, and I was watching that great, whirling, clanging, throbbing mass of machinery, seeing the waving of huge arms of metal throwing fantastic shadows against the glare of the furnace. I could see a huge black wheel turning in the background slowly, noiselessly, casting a hideous ever-changing shadow behind it, making you feel queer to look. It was uncanny, like something that did not belong to this world, moving slowly, stealthily, like some awesome monster ready to pounce on you.

It gave me a feeling of impending danger, the thought of twisting, tortured metal, the low menacing hiss of steam, like snakes swirling and sliding in a grey murky pool. Here and there were small red and green electric bulbs, like the eyes of demons; if these were smashed they would sign the death warrant of hundreds. They seemed to be mocking me, trying to flicker out.

G. Chatham, Form IVc.

Dudley Castle.

There on its own steep hill it stands,
Amidst the busy town,
With its old grim towers and cobbled ways,
A relic of renown.
For there a hard-fought battle was won and lost you know
When knights were knights, and men were men,
And life was nought, I trow.

There is the ruined kitchen
Next to the dining halls,
How many lords have feasted there
Within its now ruined walls?
And still on its own steep hill it stands,
Amidst the busy town,
With its old grim towers and cobbled ways
A relic of renown.

S. Gibbs, Form IIa.

The Redditch Party.

ON Friday, 22nd July, the examination forms, tightly packed into a Midland "Red" omnibus and private cars, set off to Redditch to spend a social afternoon with the examination forms of that school, and also to see their new building. We were the first visitors to their new school and we appreciate the honour.

We were welcomed on our arrival by the Upper Forms of Redditch School and then proceeded to the hall, where after receiving numbered tickets we searched for and found our partners. Our partners conducted us round their new school, a modern and well equipped building.

The party now divided, some playing tennis and some mixed cricket. The latter game was very amusing and some members of our school distinguished themselves.

Our partners then took us to the dining-hall where our hearty appetites were appeased by an excellent tea. After tea, speeches were made by the Headmaster and head-boy of both schools.

After tea, tennis was resumed for a short period and then we proceeded to the hall for an impromptu dance. The dance was short but was exceedingly enjoyable, and was probably the most popular feature of the evening.

We later adjourned to the dining hall once more for supper, after which farewells were made, and somewhat sorrowfully we returned to our 'bus and to our school. We had a most enjoyable time and wish to express to Redditch School our sincere thanks and appreciation.

Robert H. Murray.



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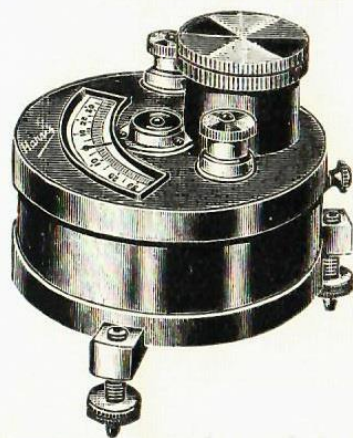
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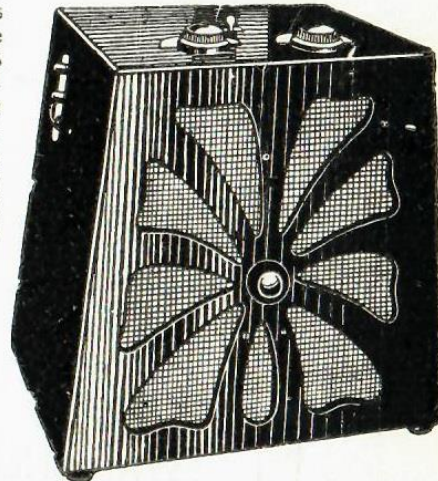
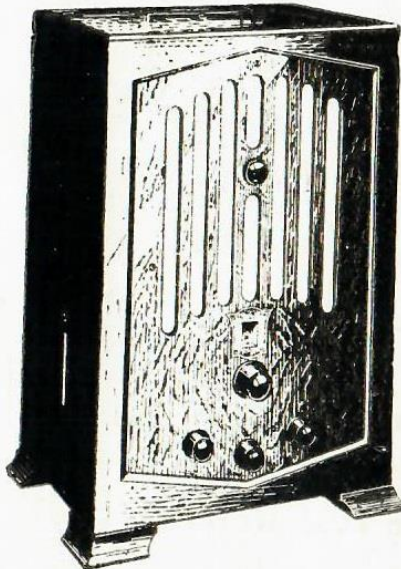
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