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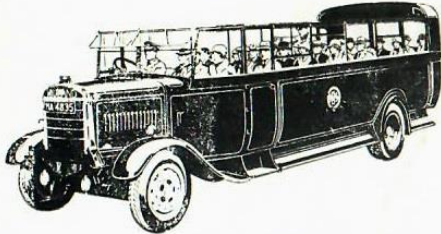
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EDITORIAL.

AT the beginning of the new year, we wish for all the members of the School, and for all those connected with them, the best of good fortune and happiness for 1933, and the years to follow. We hope that the faint signs of a return of prosperity to the country are true signs, and that they will continue to strengthen, until we are once more citizens of a really happy and prosperous nation. In the meantime, it is the duty of all of us to make ourselves as fully prepared as possible, in every way, so that we may carry out present and future work to the greatest advantage of all concerned. This year we have a long Easter Term before us, and as this will shorten the Summer Term, it will be of advantage to those who are to uphold the credit of the School in the external examinations, to get as much work done before Easter as is possible, so that they may have the benefit of whatever fine weather we may

have next term. To those who are as yet below the examination forms, we would offer the old advice, that the time to make progress is now, and not at some future time, and to all who hope to represent the School in the various athletic contests of the Summer Term, the same advice is given, get fit and keep fit.

Our Speech Day last term, was as great a success as ever, and our best thanks are due to Mr. Boyt for his kindness in coming to help us. His visit was very highly appreciated by all of us.

It is with the greatest regret that we say "Good-bye" to Dr. R. W. Thomason, who resigned early in October, after being a member of the Staff since September, 1920. Dr. Thomason has given splendid service to the school, and we hope that his future career as a member of the Medical Service will be a very happy and successful one. He has certainly made a host of friends during his period of service with the Oldbury School.

We offer a most hearty welcome to Dr. F. Johnstone, who comes to us from Carlisle, to fill the place on the Staff left vacant by the resignation of Dr. Thomason. We hope that his life here will be happy and entirely satisfactory to him, and that he will be with us for many years to come.

Dates to Remember.

Display of Girl Guides, February 16th and 18th.
Half Term, February 27th and 28th.
End of Term, April 12th.
Summer Term begins May 4th.

Salvete.

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- G. D. THOMAS.—Form VI. Prefect; Matriculation; 1st Eleven Football. Laboratory of Holden, Manufacturers of Enamels and Varnishes.
- W. J. MASON.—Form VI. Prefect; Matriculation; 2nd Eleven Football and Cricket. Clerk in Oldbury Council Offices.
- NORAH PICKERING.—Form VI. Prefect; School Certificate; "Second" in Girl Guides. Hope's, Smethwick.
- NELLIE EVANS.—Form VI. School Certificate. Hope's, Smethwick.
- H. ROBERTS.—Form VI. School Certificate. At Gentleman's Outfitter.
- N. J. BRADFORD.—Form VA. Laboratory at Chance's Glass Works.
- W. R. EVANS.—Form VA. Helping his father (a tailor).
- P. HAYNES.—Form VB. Swimming Colours; Cast of 2 School Plays.
- L. JONES.—Form VB.
- MILDRED WESTWOOD.—Form VB. Clerk in offices of Messrs. Lench, Blackheath.
- JOAN BEAUMONT.—Form Vc. At home.
- MURIEL HADLEY.—Form Vc. Commercial School.
- F. J. HARPER.—Form Vc. To train as Market Gardener.
- PEGGY DOWNING.—Form IVA. At home.
- DORIS SUMNER.—Form IVB. Commercial School.
- P. BOYD.—Form IIIB. Handsworth Grammar School.

Speech Day.

SPEECH Day was held on Wednesday, October 26th, and the school hall was packed to its fullest extent with parents and scholars.

J. E. Boyt, Esq., M.A., B.Sc., Headmaster of King Edward's School, Stourbridge, attended the function to distribute the prizes.

Most of the governors were present, but all regretted the absence of the Chairman, W. T. Davies, Esq., J.P., C.C., who, owing to a cold, was unable to be present. We are grateful to Mr. G. W. Rose, who, at a moment's notice, kindly undertook the Chairman's duties.

The evening opened with the Chairman's address, in which he placed clearly before all the advantages of salesmanship for a career, as opposed to the increasingly overcrowded professions of teaching, and of civil service.

M. Kings, the girl captain, then gave an account of the school's social life during the past twelve months. A pianoforte solo was pleasingly rendered by M. Jackson after this speech, and then D. Stevens, the boy captain, told us something of the school's sporting activities of the year.

The Headmaster gave his report of the school's general work, and of the results of the external examinations of the fifth and sixth forms, which were exceedingly gratifying.

Two violin solos by G. Stanley, accompanied by D. Stevens, were followed by the chief event of the evening—the presentation of prizes by J. E. Boyt, Esq. His speech was exceedingly useful and interesting and held everyone's rapt attention. He mentioned his great friendship with Mr. Howarth, and expressed his pleasure in the progress made by the school during the year. He outlined some of the manifold advantages of mixed schools, and closed with the hope that the next year would be as successful for the school as the past had been.

Votes of thanks to Mr. Boyt, the Chairman, and the Headmaster were tendered. The evening closed with the singing of the School Song and the National Anthem, during which the hall was darkened and the memorial window illuminated with a flood-light from outside.

So Speech Day was over for another year. Its interesting speeches, and delightful musical interludes, arranged by Mr. T. L. Davies, had been thoroughly enjoyed by all present, and the realisation of the school's progress had been most gratifying.

B. Keyte, 6A.

Prize List.

HIGHER SCHOOL CERTIFICATE.—R. M. Everett, D. C. Stevens, E. B. Knott, W. J. G. Jones, R. W. Keyte, Lilian E. Cooper, Norah N. Murray, W. A. Adams.

SCHOOL CERTIFICATE.—J. A. Birch, W. J. Mason, Elizabeth Keyte, R. H. Murray, C. E. Greaves, E. F. J. Green, F. W. Rudd, T. Greaves, H. Basterfield, Catherine Atkins, F. A. Billington, Eunice E. Hopkins, D. C. Johnston, Mary A. A. Lewis, Nellie E. Evans, Nancy R. James, N. D. Jackson, A. A. Shore, M. R. Edwards, L. H. Nicholls, Bessie Turnbull, R. R. Horton, H. Roberts, Edna B. Nelson, Muriel A. J. Burnett, H. J. D. Orchard, R. H. Marmont, W. D. R. Pardoe, G. N. Smith, R. C. Turner, C. J. Hale, H. W. Palmer.

Form VA.—T. Westwood, special drawing prize.

Form VC.—J. Lee 1, T. R. Edwards 2, R. N. F. Elliot 3.

Form IVR.—Margaret Bolton 1, L. Bowley 2.

Form IVA.—W. Horton 1, H. L. Jones 2, Grace F. Gilbert, English; K. Joan Price, Latin; Dorothy L. Parkes, Biology; R. Grigg, Art.

- Form IVB.—B. R. Roebuck 1, Rose M. Hood 2.
 Form IIIA.—J. W. Fox 1, H. G. Jones 2, Isobel B. Nicholls 3.
 Form IIIB.—Doris Sumner 1, J. E. Newton 2.
 Form IIA1.—P. H. Andrews 1, Doreen Forster 2.
 Form IIA2.—Marjory Withers 1, Margaret D. Parkes 2.
 Form IIB.—Mabel Craddock 1, Peggy Owins 2.
 Form I.—Barbara Rose 1, Jean L. Woodward 2.
 SPECIAL PRIZES.—Lily Cooper, Mrs. Dawes' Prize for Leadership.
 W. A. Adams, Mr. Dawes' Prize for Leadership.
 John Greenwood, Chess Prize with Mr. Round's Championship
 Board, W. A. Adams, Old Students' Medal.
 Albright Cup and Medal, Senior Sports' Championship—
 M. Kings.
 Vernon Cup and Medal, Senior Sports' Championship—
 B. E. Harper.
 Junior Championship Medal for Sports—Margot B. Jephcott.
 Junior Championship Medal for Sports—N. P. Laker.
 Cricket Prize—W. A. Adams and H. W. Palmer.
 Hockey Prize—Myra Hart.
 Swimming Championship for Birmingham and District
 Secondary Schools—B. E. Harper.
 Cup for Musical Festival presented by Mr. W. T. Davies—
 Trinity House.
 House Cup—King's House.

King's House.

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| Captains | - | - | G. M. ACKRILL, STEVENS. |
| Vice-Captains | - | - | G. JONES, KEYTE. |
| Sports Captains | - | - | G. JONES, HARPER. |
| Secretaries | - | - | B. KEYTE, |

THE Christmas term has ended very satisfactorily for King's House, although there have been few Inter-House competitions in which our members could distinguish themselves.

The first event of importance was the Joint Swimming Sports, held at Woodcock Street Baths, and as usual King's House was well represented in the teams which the School entered. In particular we should like to congratulate B. E. Harper, who not only won the cup for the two lengths' Breast Stroke, but also succeeded in breaking the existing record for this distance by 4-5 sec. For this notable achievement he received his Swimming Colours.

In the play, "The School for Scandal," which was performed in December last, many of our members, including Joan Price, Grace Ackrill, R. Keyte, B. E. Harper, E. Green, W. Horton,

F. Palmer and F. Bridge, all played their parts well and gained much credit for the House. Our thanks are due also to our two old members, G. Lyman and F. Bridge, who willingly came to help with the music.

On Speech Day it was gratifying to note the large number of our members who received prizes and certificates. In particular we congratulate B. E. Harper, who won the Boys' Senior Championship for the Athletic Sports, Myra Hart, who was presented with the special sports prize for good all-round play in hockey and tennis, and also R. R. Horton and F. Billington, who gained their art certificates. It was also announced in Speech Day that R. M. Everett, in the Higher School Certificate Examination, gained a Worcestershire Major Scholarship.

Last, but not least, we cannot fail to mention that this year King's House won the Inter-House Cup. We are proud of our victory, and would remind all newcomers to the House that it will depend on their help whether we retain that trophy.

G. M. Ackrill.

D. C. Stevens.

Queen's House.

| | | | |
|-----------------|---|---|----------------------------------|
| Captains | - | - | MARY KINGS, W. J. ROLLASON. |
| Vice-Captains | - | - | BESSIE TURNBULL, J. A. BIRCH. |
| Sports Captains | - | - | BESSIE TURNBULL, W. J. ROLLASON. |
| Secretary | - | - | MARY KNOTT. |
| Treasurer | - | - | A. A. SHORE. |

LAST Term, Queen's House did very well in all the activities. In the play, "The School for Scandal," Queen's was well represented by Muriel Burnett as Lady Teazle and J. Lee as Charles Surface.

We won four individual championships; the two junior sports medals, Margot Jephcott, and N. Laker, the senior girls' championship cup, M. Kings and the girls' swimming medal, Margaret Gittus.

In the inter-school debate with Halesowen, Queen's was represented by W. J. Rollason.

At the end of term, there were no inter-House hockey matches but in the football matches, Queen's won every match, the results being:—

| | | | | |
|--------------------|-----|---|---|----|
| King's v. Queen's | ... | 1 | — | 3 |
| School v. Queen's | ... | 2 | — | 5 |
| Trinity v. Queen's | ... | 0 | — | 11 |

M. Kings.

School House.

Captains - - G. W. MARSHALL, R. EDWARDS.
Vice-Captains - K. R. HOWELLS, W. BIRD.
Sports Captain - B. L. NORTH, E. GREAVES.

IT is very gratifying to notice the improvement which School House has shown in the previous term's activities both in sports and the social side of school life.

The term opened with the Annual Joint Swimming Sports, in which the members of School House were quite well represented. Of the teams which acquitted themselves well, Thomlinson and Hall represented the House.

In the annual contest for the School Chess Championship, J. R. Greenwood, a member of our House, was successful in winning the much coveted trophy.

During the term, the School Play was held and we are pleased to note that the following members of School House took part:— T. Greaves, G. Stanley, R. Elliot, A. Payne, G. W. Marshall, and W. M. Bird.

We should like to congratulate T. Westwood, R. Grigg, and W. Bird on gaining their Certificate for the National Society of Art Masters.

In the football matches at the end of the term the House showed great improvement and were much more successful than last year. We were placed second in the final position, Queen's House defeating us by a very narrow margin.

G. Marshall.

Trinity House.

Captains - - JOAN LUGG, W. BOTTRELL.
Sports Captains - JOAN LUGG, W. BOTTRELL.
Secretary - - B. D. TAYLOR.

THE past term has ended satisfactorily for the members of Trinity House, although there have been very few inter-House competitions.

On Speech Day, although we did not receive the House Cup, we were especially proud at being able to claim the Challenge Cup presented by Mr. W. T. Davies, for our musical abilities.

In the play "The School for Scandal" Joan Lugg, W. Bottrell, and Peggy Homer played their parts admirably and gained credit for the House.

The boys were not so successful at football against the other Houses as they have been in previous years, and we were placed fourth.

The House congratulates P. G. Haynes and A. Pugh most heartily for their display at the Joint Swimming Sports which gained for them their Swimming Colours.

We would remind all Trinity House members that the great event of next term will be the Musical Festival, where we hope to retain our previous victory.

B. D. Taylor.

Football.

1st XI. Captain—J. W. ROLLASON; Vice-Captain—B. E. HARPER.

2nd XI. Captain—F. PALMER; Vice-Captain—W. MASON.

Secretary—R. KEYTE.

Committee—Captains, Vice-Captains, Secretary and W. BOTTRELL.

ALTHOUGH many members of last year's teams had left, the first XI. had a fairly successful term, playing in all 10 matches, of which 4 were won, 2 drawn and 4 lost.

The 2nd XI. were particularly successful and won 8 out of 9 of their matches.

| 1st XI.. | | | | 2nd XI. | |
|---------------|-----------------|-----|-----|-------------|------|
| Holly Lodge | ... A. Draw ... | 4—4 | ... | A. Won ... | 9—2 |
| King's Norton | ... H. Lost ... | 0—1 | ... | A. Won ... | 5—3 |
| St. Philip's | ... H. Won ... | 3—0 | ... | A. Won ... | 5—0 |
| Handsworth | ... A. Lost ... | 0—6 | ... | H. Lost ... | 2—4 |
| Smethwick | ... H. Won ... | 7—1 | ... | A. Won ... | 10—0 |
| Lawrence's | ... A. Draw ... | 7—7 | ... | H. Won ... | 18—0 |
| Wolverhampton | ... H. Lost ... | 5—7 | ... | A. Won ... | 7—1 |
| Redditch | ... A. Won ... | 5—3 | | | |
| Waverley Road | ... H. Won ... | 7—1 | ... | A. Won ... | 5—3 |
| Dudley | ... A. Lost ... | 2—4 | ... | H. Won ... | 6—0 |

The following represented the 1st and 2nd XI.'s:—

1st XI.—Bird, M; Harper, I., Harper, B.; Edwards R., Pillow, G., Rollason; Bottrell, W., Shore, A., Thomas, D., Keyte, R., Laker, N., Palmer, F., Grigg, Howen.

2nd XI.—Smith, K.; Thorpe, Thomlinson; Greaves, E., Mason, W., Billington, F., Smith, G., Dixon, W., Cutler, Hall, R.; Birch, J., Palmer, F., Howen, J., Grigg, R., Adams, F., Mason, N.

R. W. Keyte.

Hockey, 1932.

Team—

G. JONES; S. ACKRILL, M. HADLEY; O. HADLEY, M. HART,
M. STOKES; B. TAYLOR, B. TURNBULL, B. NORTH, J. LUGG,
P. BEAUMONT.

Captain—JOAN LUGG. Vice-Captain—MYRA HART.

Secretary—GWEN JONES.

THE hockey team, last term, excelled itself in every way. It has, in fact, proved one of the most efficient the School has ever had, for only one match was lost, and that against our old rivals, Kidderminster. We also succeeded in defeating Halesowen, which was particularly gratifying since they have succeeded in defeating us for the past seven years.

Out of eleven matches played nine were won, one lost and one drawn.

The following members deserve special mention for their excellent play: Grace Ackrill, Olive Hadley and Bessie Turnbull. We also wish to congratulate Myra Hart on gaining the sports prize for the year.

The results of the matches played were:—

| Date. | Opponents. | Place. | Result | Goals | |
|------------|----------------|----------|----------|-------|---------|
| | | | | For | Against |
| Sept. 24.— | Redditch | ... Home | ... Won | 6 | 0 |
| Oct. 12.— | Bromsgrove | ... Away | ... Won | 4 | 2 |
| „ 15.— | Cresconians | ... Away | ... Won | 4 | 2 |
| „ 19.— | Waverley Road | ... Home | ... Won | 5 | 1 |
| „ 22.— | Halesowen | ... Away | ... Won | 8 | 2 |
| Nov. 9.— | Wolverhampton | ... Away | ... Won | 6 | 5 |
| „ 12.— | George Dixon's | ... Home | ... Won | 4 | 0 |
| „ 19.— | Cresconians | ... Home | ... Draw | 2 | 2 |
| „ 26.— | West Bromwich | ... Home | ... Won | 3 | 1 |
| Dec. 3.— | Kidderminster | ... Away | ... Lost | 2 | 4 |
| „ 10.— | Holly Lodge | ... Home | ... Won | 2 | 0 |

G. Jones.

The Joint Swimming Sports.

IN October, the Joint Swimming Sports were held in Woodcock Street Baths. Three teams, a Senior, an Intermediate and a Junior, were entered for the team races. Unluckily the Juniors were unable to attend the heats and so they did not swim; the Intermediate and Senior teams swam excellently but did not secure a place in the finals.

Haynes and Hill dived very well but did not gain a place.

Harper swam very well, and having battled his way through the heats and semi-finals, won the final of the two-lengths breast stroke, in the record time of 56 2-5 seconds, the previous record being 57 1-5 seconds.

We congratulate all our representatives at these sports, but wish that more swimmers would come forward to support the school in this annual event.

R. Murray.

Literary, Scientific, Debating and Dramatic Society.

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

Vice-Presidents—

Miss G. JONES, M.A.; Miss J. DAVIES; Dr. R. W. THOMASON;
Mr. K. D. HOPKINS, B.Sc.; Mr. B. C. PEARSON, B.A.;

Mr. R. A. F. NEWTON-HEARNE, B.A.

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Vice-Chairman - - M. BURNETT.
Secretary - - - M. KINGS.
Treasurer - - - W. J. ROLLASON.

Committee—

M. KINGS, W. J. ROLLASON, M. BURNETT, E. F. GREEN, M. HART,
G. HOLMES, P. HOMER, R. ELLIOTT, M. STOKES, R. HALL,
B. BATTISSON, H. G. JONES.

THE Joint Societies had a very full and varied programme last term, of which the following is a brief record.

- Oct. 4.—A business meeting was held to elect a boy and girl representative from each form to act as a committee.
- Oct. 11.—Kathleen Howells gave an extremely interesting account of the Mediterranean Cruise. The lecture was greatly enlivened by using the Epideascope to show snapshots which were lent by people who went on the Cruise. A vote of thanks proposed by G. Ackrill and seconded by H. Williams was passed unanimously.
- Oct. 18.—About 90 members of the Society went to the Theatre Royal to see "The Miracle," and thoroughly enjoyed this play of such unusual type.

Oct. 28.—As Dr. Thomason was leaving us on October 31st, the Society gave a dance in his honour. At the end of supper, the Chairman, D. Stevens, presented Dr. Thomason with an electric reading-lamp and clock combined, as a mark of the appreciation and affection which the Society had for Dr. Thomason and as a remembrance of all the happy times we had enjoyed together at the weekly Society meetings. The President, Mr. Howarth, then proposed the toast of Dr. Thomason, after which Dr. Thomason, in a very delightful speech, thanked the Society for their gifts and good wishes. The dance was then resumed and continued until 10-40 when "Auld Lang Syne" was sung and three hearty cheers given to Dr. Thomason.

Nov. 3.—Many members visited Halesowen for an Inter-School Debate. We arrived there at 4-30 p.m., at 4-45 p.m. we all went to tea and commenced the debate at 5-30 p.m. The motion was "That the League of Nations up to the present time has been a failure," Oldbury taking the affirmative. The Speakers for the Affirmative were Williams, Grace Ackrill and Rollason, and for the Opposition Male, Olwen Jones and Bricknell. After these people had made their speeches the debate was thrown open to the House. There were many speakers from the floor, and after the debate had been ably summed up, the House divided for the votes. The motion was defeated by 88 votes to 35. A short dance then followed until 8-30 p.m.

It was a thoroughly enjoyable Inter-School function, and we wish to thank Halesowen Debating Society for the hospitality and good fellowship which they showed to us.

Nov. 8.—Half term.

Nov. 15.—This meeting was a combined meeting of the Joint Societies and our School Branch of the League of Nations' Union. A very helpful and interesting paper was read by Grace Ackrill on "The Causes of War."

Dec. 1 and 3.—The Dramatic Society gave public performances of Sheridan's "School for Scandal," an account of which is given elsewhere.

Dec. 9.—The half-session was brought to a very enjoyable close by a dance given by Miss Jones to all who had helped in any way in the production of "The School for Scandal."

M. Kings.

“The School for Scandal.”

ALTHOUGH “The School for Scandal” was written as long ago as 1776, its dialogue is as witty and entertaining, its characters as varied and as true to life as any comedy of our own times. Probably that is why this comedy of manners has been so often presented on the English stage by every great producer and by nearly every amateur company too. It is indeed a positive joy to hear the English tongue so expressive and so unhurried in every delineation.

We meet first the “Graduates” of the School for Scandal—Lady Sneerwell, Mrs. Candour and Lady Teazle. These characters were played with charm and vivacity, leaving us with distinct impressions of their personality, thoughts and designs. Grace Ackrill had, for the occasion, acquired the tone and manner in accordance with her name-part. Joan Lugg was vivacious and alertly inquisitive as well as candid as her name-part suggests. Lady Teazle, the simple country girl whom the elderly Sir Peter had married, had soon become capricious lady of fashion and a source of irritation to her husband. Every shade of feeling was expressed by Muriel Burnett in a very attractive portrayal of this fascinating rôle. Once again Geraldine Marshall took the part of a charming and demure young lady, Maria, the ward of Sir Peter. Also among the “Graduates” must be included Mr. Crabtree and Sir Benjamin Backbite, types entertaining to hear and watch on any stage but how dreadful to meet in real life. These difficult parts were excellently presented by Elliott and Greaves respectively, who sustained throughout their affectations and mannerisms. After mentioning all these characters we naturally see again in memory the very charming scene of the minuet where the presence of the musicians, Stanley and Bridge, on the stage was a most pleasing innovation.

The male characters in the play revealed great discrimination. Of Sir Peter Teazle, an elderly man who had married a young wife, Keyte gave a very careful interpretation, combining irritation and dignity in exact balance. Joseph Surface, the hypocrite, as his name implies, was an interesting and sententious character well played by Harper who was the villain of the piece. His brother Charles was truly a gay dog, it was very evident that Lee was perfectly happy in the rôle which he played so convincingly.

Of their uncle, Sir Oliver, whose little plots revealed the true nature of the brothers, we retain the happiest impression, for Bird gave a most natural interpretation in every scene. Of Moses and Rowley too it would be hard to speak too highly. Bottrell had acquired the speech and bearing of the Jewish moneylender,

and his conciliatory tone and manner were well sustained. Green, as the faithful retainer and man of business, played with great tact and quiet confidence.

We remember with particular pleasure the scene at Charles Surface's house where the boys who played the parts of the guests thoroughly entered into the spirit of the scene and provided great entertainment. Everybody also enjoyed the auction of the family portraits at the close of this scene.

Quite a number of people who played minor parts deserve commendation:—the Maids, the Footmen, the Servants of Joseph and Charles Surface, and the worthy Mr. Snake. All are to be congratulated upon their successful debut.

The costumes of all the characters were delightful reminders of the vanished glories of the eighteenth century. Many of them were hired from Citizen House, Bath, and were faithful copies of genuine costumes actually worn by the beauties and dandies of Bath in the days of Beau Nash.

Some very attractive photographs of scenes from the play are to be seen in the School Entrance Hall, and these serve to remind us of the very charming production of the School Dramatic Society for 1932.

Once again the School takes this opportunity of congratulating Miss Jones most heartily upon her very pleasing and worthy production of an English classic, and at the same time thanks her and the Dramatic Society for the great pleasure they have given to all.

E.M.F.

CAST.

Lady Sneerwell, Grace Ackrill; *Snake*, W. Horton; *Maids of Lady Sneerwell*, Peggy Homer, Joan Price; *Servants of Lady Sneerwell*, E. Edwards, R. Watts; *Joseph Surface*, B. Harper; *Maria*, Geraldine Marshall; *Mrs. Candour*, Joan Lugg; *Mr. Crabtree*, R. Elliott; *Sir Benjamin Backbite*, T. Greaves; *Sir Peter Teazle*, R. Keyte; *Rowley*, E. Green; *Lady Teazle*, Muriel Burnett; *Sir Oliver Surface*, W. H. Bird; *Moses*, W. Bottrell; *Lady Teazle's Maid*, B. Taylor; *Charles Surface*, J. Lee; *Careless*, R. Murray; *Sir Harry Bumper*, F. Palmer; *Other Gentlemen*, A. Adams, J. Birch, A. Payne, P. Haynes; *Trip*, G. Pillow; *Joseph Surface's Servant*, B. Roebuck; *Musicians*, G. Stanley, F. Bridge.

The interval music was much appreciated by all, and our thanks are due to G. Lyman (flute), D. Stevens (pianoforte), G. Stanley (violin), F. Bridge (violin).

Girl Guides.**Officers:—**

Captain—Miss F. D. TWEEDIE.

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

Company Leader—NORMA CLEGG.

Leaders—BARBARA FARROW, BEATRICE TAYLOR,
JESSIE HAROLDS, BETTY KEYTE.

THIS term has been an interesting and successful one for the Guide Company. Each Thursday night the usual meetings have taken place, starting with the Roll-Call, and enjoyably filled with dancing, badgework, competitions and athletic games. Many Guides have obtained their "Second Class" badge, and several have been successful in "Cook's" badge examination.

The great feature of this term has been the enrolment of Brownies in the Company. Also our number has been increased by many Guide recruits who were enrolled in November.

In December a party went carol singing, and the proceeds were given for the benefit of the poor children of Oldbury. The same month we went to sing at the Welfare for the parents annual Christmas Party, and also did a few dances which seemed to be appreciated by all.

The last meeting of the term took the form of a series of competitions. The White Heather Patrol were successful in obtaining the greatest number of points during the evening.

On the 23rd of December the Company visited the Repertory Theatre to see "Alice in Wonderland," which was thoroughly enjoyed.

Thus it may be seen that the meetings of this term have been packed both with work and pleasure, and have been a source of interest to all the members of the Company. B. Keyte.

Castles in the Air.

I gazed into the sky as evening closed,
And mused, and mused, as older people do,
Of Knights, and love, and things that are no more.
It rises high, my castle in the air.
Its turrets like a mass of burnished gold,
And high above a blood red flag unfurls,
A dragon rampant on an em'rald field.
No knight comes forth to rescue sorrowing maid,
No bird sings sweetly from the mighty oak,
For castle with its battlements and flag
Are dreams, just dreams. O! castle in the air!

M. Howells, Form 3A.

The Frost Sprite.

I have frozen the pools and lakes of late,
Enabling the boys and girls to skate ;
The snow that has fallen I've made quite crisp,
And I've danced o'er the trees like a will-o'-the-wisp ;
Then by the help of the pale moonlight
I've made the hedges look ghostly white.
The roads are slippery, boys fall from bicycles,
Along the spouting I've hung long icicles ;
I've clad in a cloak the slates and tiles,
There's no warm spot I've left for miles.
I've bitten your fingers until they pain,
If you leave off your gloves, I'll do so again ;
I've made you cough and I hear you sneeze,
But that won't stop me, I mean to freeze.
The clothes on the line, I give you warning
If you leave them out they'll be stiff by morning ;
I'll paint your windows, there'll be no cost,
But just look, out, for I'm Jack Frost.

Jean Campbell, 4A.

A Walk to the Sea.

At last o'er grassy hills I 'spied the sea,
I sank on to the turf with sure relief,
For though the walk from town was but four miles,
It seemed to me to be at least four leagues.
But quickly from my soul my tiredness vanished,
I rose, and ran to bathe my aching limbs
In water which looked crystal clear and pure.
Oh, what a joy it was, to sit and watch
The gulls swoop low to catch unwary prey,
The waves lap gently over green topped rocks.
And out to sea two wreathes of smoke arose
From ships as yet invisible, but soon
Appeared a thick set funnel, followed by
A black hull rising till I saw her wake,
A boiling, seething mass, of snow white foam ;
A cargo steamer on its way to port,
With crates of fruit or maybe meat aboard.
And as I sat upon the sand and watched
The birds, the sea, the steamer, and the rocks,
I thought how well worth while, the four miles walk
From town had been, to see such lovely things.

J. Richards, Form 3A.

Tranquillity.

I climbed the steep and rocky, well-worn cliff,
Where gulls and gannets with their fledglings nest.
Some shrubs and stunted bushes growing there
Tore at my clothing as I past, and prickt.
Gaining the summit I beheld a sight
Of cultivated plenty, wheat and rye.
In pastures green the placid cattle grazed.
Round sunlit homesteads nestling in the dell
Full-laden orchards spread their shady boughs.
The full sea glittering under azure skies,
Bore on its crested waves white sailed yachts.
Soft mosses sprang about my weary feet,
All was tranquillity and peace.

P. Andrews, Form 3A.

A Carol.

Remember now on this glad morn,
The lovely Babe who once was born
As the sun's rays announced the dawn,
So many years ago.

Away in that far, distant land,
The cattle all around did stand
With wondering gaze at that strange sound,
Those many years ago.

The cry of tender Babe so fair,
In that rude stable, cold and bare,
The happy mother's loving care,
Such long, long, years ago.

The wise men came and worshipped there,
Shepherds, who watched their flocks with care,
Heard glorious music everywhere
Around them, years ago.

Our happy songs to-day we raise,
To God our Father hymns of praise,
We will remember all our days,
That Babe of long ago.

T. Powell, Form 4A.

The Frost Sprite.

I come with the winter,
When keen blows the wind,
A network of brilliance
Behind me you find,
My tracks you see plainly
In ice and in snow,
I leave a great stillness
Wherever I go.

I slide on the rivers,
(It's jolly good fun),
I ride on the cold wind
To see what I've done;
A-leaping, a-running,
A-skipping I go,
Till all the bleak highways
Are covered with snow.

I shout in my wild glee,
Above the winds' roar,
I sprinkle the green fields
With frost and with hoar;
I ride o'er the woodlands,
The moorlands and fens,
I throw over all things
My sparkling white gems.

I'm king of the Winter,
I'm king of the snow,
But when Spring awakens
Back home I must go;
I'm a hard little spirit,
But you'll like me as such,
For all things grow pretty
And bright at my touch.

Thelma E. Powell, Form 4A.

The Spirit of the Bog.

The moonbeams were ribbing the roadway with light,
From afar came an echoing wail through the night;
From over the moor and down by the bog
Where moonlight gave way to sinister fog;
The dogs in their kennels answered the call
And shrill came the owl's screech, silencing all.

The traveller stopped in the silvery road,
In the uncanny silence he tightened his load.
He stopped, for over the bog was a light
Whence came an echoing wail through the night;
The dogs in their kennels answered the call,
And shrill came the owl's screech, silencing all.

Wafting along o'er moorland and field,
A far distant clock twelve slow strokes had pealed;
Some strange inward force made him follow the light
And the echoing wail came again through the night;
The dogs in their kennels answered the call
And shrill came the owl's hoot silencing all.

The marsh soon he reached and in sinister fog,
His senses were reeling, he sank like a log.
The triumphant bog spirit aloft holds her light
With fiendish glee shrilled her laugh through the night,
Then downwards he sank while the dogs gave their call
And shrill came the owl's screech, silencing all.

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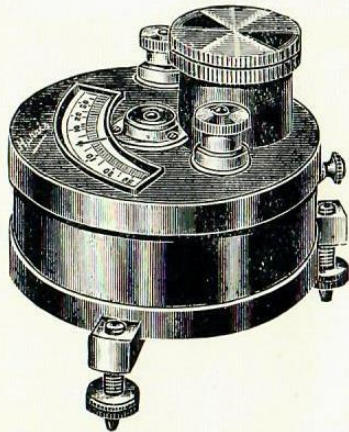
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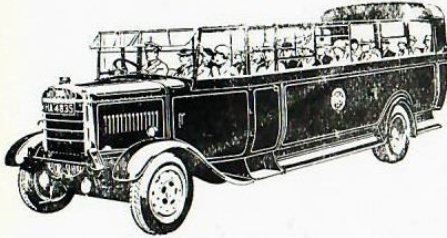
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EDITORIAL.

THE Summer Term has opened with a series of fine days, which are most welcome to all those who are really interested in the out-of-doors activities. For cricket and tennis this short term gives us far too little time for that hard and intensive practice which is essential for sound progress in these great games. The rambles of our biologists, too, can only be few in number, not nearly enough for all that might be done if the summer were longer. So in every way we must make the best use of such opportunities as may be given to us.

The term, as usual, is a fairly crowded one, for in addition to the above, there are the Swimming, the Athletic Sports, the Joint Sports, the Musical Festival, and most important of all, the July Examinations. All these need steady, hard work, if we are to be successful.

We should like to congratulate the Hockey and Football teams on the great improvement made during the winter months; the girls, in particular, made wonderful progress, and had a really good season.

It is interesting to note in each new number of the *Oldburian*, how many more writers of original work in prose and verse are sending in their contributions to the magazine, and we hope that the inclusion of their efforts in the current numbers of this school publication, will encourage them to persevere and produce still better work. This will be of the greatest benefit to them later on.

We congratulate all those Old Students who are doing so well at the University of Birmingham. The examination lists of the last ten or twelve years have contained so many gratifying successes, that one almost takes it for granted that all the students who enter the University from the Oldbury School, will add to its already high reputation with the University Authorities. In the field of athletics, also, the prestige of the school has been raised by E. B. Knott, who won the High Jump, and R. S. O. Stevens, who won the Quarter Mile, and also the Half Mile, establishing a record for this last event. Congratulations to both.

And now best wishes for all our examination candidates. May you also establish new records for future generations to strive to beat.

Dates to Remember.

Term begins—8th May.
Joint Sports—27th May.
Whitsun Holidays—5th, 6th, 7th June.
School Sports—14th June.
Higher School Certificate—29th June.
School Certificate Exam.—30th June.
Summer Term ends—25th July.
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King's House.

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| Captains | - | - | G. M. ACKRILL, STEVENS. |
| Vice-Captains | - | - | G. JONES, KEYTE. |
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| Secretary | - | - | E. F. GREEN. |

THIS term has provided very little in the way of inter-House competition, but, despite this fact, King's House has again been prominent amongst the Houses.

We were not particularly successful in the Hockey and Football matches at the end of the term. The girls only gained one point, and the boys had to be satisfied with third place.

Many of our members played prominent parts in the Guides' Display, which took place in February. In particular we should mention Miss Everett, whose play, "The Legend of St. Patrick,"

proved a fitting conclusion to an excellent evening's entertainment. It is gratifying to note that Miss Everett is an old captain of King's House.

We are pleased to congratulate G. M. Ackrill and B. E. Harper on gaining their colours in Hockey and Football respectively.

Another former captain of King's House, R. S. O. Stevens, has distinguished himself in athletics. In the annual sports at Birmingham University in May, he won the quarter-mile and the half-mile race. In the latter race he broke the record for these sports in 2 min. 3 3-5 secs.

The success of these past members of King's House should give great encouragement to those who still represent the House at School.

E. F. Green.

Queen's House.

| | | | |
|-----------------|---|---|----------------------------------|
| Captains | - | - | MARY KINGS, W. J. ROLLASON. |
| Vice-Captains | - | - | BESSIE TURNBULL, J. A. BIRCH. |
| Sports Captains | - | - | BESSIE TURNBULL, W. J. ROLLASON. |
| Secretary | - | - | MARY KNOTT. |

ALTHOUGH there was a scarcity of inter-House competitions during the Spring Term, Queen's House retained its usual high standard both in work and in sports.

The term opened with the Display of Girl Guides, which again proved a great success. In all sections of the performance, Queen's House was particularly well represented.

In spite of the fact that J. Birch was our sole representative in the Cross Country Running Team, he brought honour to his House by gaining fourth place in the match against West Bromwich.

We are very proud to have been able to supply eight regular players to the football eleven last term, namely:—W. Rollason, K. Smith, Thorpe, G. H. Smith, A. Shore, J. Birch, H. Laker and R. Turnbull, and the House has the greatest pleasure in offering its congratulations to W. J. Rollason, the first eleven captain, on obtaining his colours.

From the hockey eleven Patricia Beaumont was also awarded her colours.

The weather conditions proved very favourable for the House matches; both in hockey and football matches we gained second place.

In the football matches our keenest rival was School House. Although we were defeated by one goal to nil, our House "put up" an excellent fight. With just a little extra enthusiasm in the cricket matches this term we hope to remedy that defeat.

The weekly meetings of the Joint Societies were continued with the same keen spirit. In this sphere, also, of the School's activities the members of Queen's House took an active part. In conclusion we wish to remind our members of the numerous activities in the Summer Term, both on the social and more serious side of our School curriculum. The House Cup must be in the hands of Queen's House at the end of this school year. Therefore, we appeal to all members to co-operate and enter keenly for the contests and thus uphold the reputation made for us by our predecessors.

B. Turnbull.

School House.

- Captains - - G. MARSHALL, R. GRIGG.
- Vice-Captains - K. HOWELLS, J. GREENWOOD.
- Sports Captains - B. NORTH, B. THOMLINSON.

SCHOOL House acquitted itself very well in the term's competitions, which although few were keenly contested. We offer hearty congratulations to our boys who gained first position in the inter-House football competition.

The scores were:—

| | | | |
|-------------------|-----|-----|-----|
| Trinity v. School | ... | ... | 6—0 |
| Queen's v. School | ... | ... | 1—0 |
| King's v. School | ... | ... | 3—2 |

The hockey results were not so heartening as we lost one match and drew two.

Of the three to whom football colours were awarded last term one, R. Edwards represented School House. O. Hadley was also awarded her hockey colours.

In the two cross country runs against West Bromwich and Dudley, E. Greaves prevented ignominious defeat by the excellent way in which he led the field home. R. Edwards gained second place in the Dudley match.

Quite a different activity which took place last term was the Guides' Display when all the performers (amongst whom there were many representing School House) gave an excellent show.

Knott, an old School House captain, sets a good example to the present members of the House, by gaining first place in the High Jump at the University Sports and winning the Kitchener Scholarship.

In the events which will take place this term we ask our members to give us their hearty support as we rely on their co-operation to regain the Cups which we have held so often before.

G. Marshall.

Trinity House.

Captains - - JOAN LUGG, W. BOTTRELL.
 Sports Captains - JOAN LUGG, W. BOTTRELL.
 Secretary - - B. D. TAYLOR.

AS the Easter Term was very short it provided few outstanding events.

The first event worthy of any special mention was the Guides' Display, in which we must congratulate the members of Trinity House who took part.

Once again Trinity House was successful in obtaining the inter-House championship in hockey, and although all the House played well, Joan Lugg is worthy of special mention. B. Taylor also obtained her hockey colours.

Although the boys of Trinity House played exceedingly well in the inter-House championship in football, we were placed fourth.

In the coming Musical Festival we hope that all the members of Trinity House will do their very best so that we might attain the standard we reached last year and once again win the Cup.

B. D. Taylor.

Football.

1st XI. Captain—J. W. ROLLASON; Vice-Captain—B. E. HARPER.

2nd XI. Captain—F. PALMER; Vice-Captain—M. BIRD.

Secretary—R. KEYTE.

Committee—Captains, Vice-Captains, Secretary and W. BOTTRELL.

THE football XI's. were not so successful as usual, this term.

The 1st XI. played 11 matches, winning 2 and losing 9, and the 2nd XI. played 8 matches, winning 4 and losing 4.

Colours were awarded to J. W. Rollason, B. E. Harper and R. Edwards for excellent play during the season.

| 1st XI. | | 2nd XI. | |
|---------------|-----------------|---------|-------------|
| Smethwick | ... A. Won 9—2 | | H. Won 7—0 |
| Dudley | ... H. Lost 4—5 | | A. Won 3—2 |
| West Bromwich | ... A. Lost 1—5 | | |
| Handsworth | ... H. Lost 0—4 | | A. Lost |
| Wolverhampton | ... A. Lost 1—4 | | H. Lost 3—6 |
| Lawrence's | ... H. Won 3—0 | | A. Won 4—1 |
| West Bromwich | ... H. Lost 4—5 | | |
| St. Philip's | ... A. Lost 0—2 | | H. Won 4—1 |
| Stourbridge | ... H. Lost 3—6 | | A. Lost 1—9 |
| Stourbridge | ... A. Lost 0—9 | | H. Lost 1—2 |

The following represented the 1st and 2nd XI's.—

1st XI.—Smith, K.; Bird, M.; Thomlinson, R.; Harper, B.;
 Edwards, R.; Pillow, G.; Rollason, W.; Howen, J.; Smith, G. N.;

Bottrell, W.; Shore, A.; Thorpe, A.; Keyte, R.; Laker, N.; Birch, J.; Grigg, R.

2nd XI.—Bird, M.; Greaves, E.; Hall, R.; Turnbull, R.; Palmer, F.; Dixon, W.; Birch, J.; Mason, N.; Howen, J.; Grigg, R.; Betts, M.; Cutler; Adams, F.; Jackson; Johnstone, D.; Hornsby; Payne, A.; Williams, H.

Hockey, 1933.

Team—

G. JONES; G. ACKRILL, J. MORTON; O. HADLEY, M. HART, M. STOKES; B. TAYLOR, B. TURNBULL, B. NORTH, J. LUGG, P. BEAUMONT.

Captain—JOAN LUGG. Vice-Captain—MYRA HART.
Secretary—GWEN JONES.

OWING to adverse weather conditions; last term was not very eventful for the hockey team. Out of nine matches arranged four were played, of which three were won and one lost against our neighbours, Holly Lodge.

Our heartiest congratulations are due to the following members of the hockey team, who were presented with their hockey colours, for their excellent play during this and previous seasons:—Grace Ackrill, Pat Beaumont, Olive Hadley, Beatrice Taylor and Bessie Turnbull.

The results of the inter-House hockey matches will be found in the respective House notes.

| Date. | Opponents. | Place. | Result | Goals | |
|-----------|----------------------|--------|----------|--------|---------|
| | | | | For | Against |
| Feb. 11.— | Bromsgrove C.H.S... | Home | ... Won | ... 10 | 0 |
| Mar. 8.— | Wolverhampton S.S. | Home | ... Won | ... 3 | 2 |
| Mar. 25.— | Holly Lodge H.S.... | Away | ... Lost | ... 3 | 8 |
| April 8.— | Kidderminster H.S... | Home | ... Won | ... 3 | 1 |

Gwen Jones.

Cross Country Running.

THIS term we had two home fixtures, with West Bromwich on January 25th and with Dudley on February 15th.

We were represented against West Bromwich by a team of six. The course was about 4½ miles, a little shorter than that of last year. We were unfortunately beaten as a team but had the honour of first man home. This credit was due to E. Greaves, who led the field from the beginning.

Against Dudley we were represented by 8 runners. We were defeated, and although the team ran well we were outclassed. The first man home for Oldbury was Edwards.

The people who ran in these races were E. Greaves, Edwards, Stevens, Pillow, Birch, Williams, Rowe, Elliot, Stanley and Harper.
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ONCE more the Joint Societies have had a very full programme.

Jan. 24th.—The first meeting took the form of a debate. The motion was that “The Science of Biology is of more use to mankind than either the Science of Physics or Chemistry.” The speakers for the motion were Muriel Burnett and Gwen Jones, and for the opposition R. Murray and E. F. Green. After the chief speakers had finished there were many speeches from the floor. After the summing up the House divided and the motion was carried by 34 votes to 28

Jan. 31st.—Mr. Smith, an old student, gave a very interesting entertainment with a series of monologues. His programme was:—

- (1) The Dawn Song—T. E. Ellis.
- (2) He fell among thieves—Henry Newbolt.
- (3) The Highwayman—Alfred Noyes.
- (4) Wolsey's Farewell, from Henry VIII.—Shakespeare.
- (5) Excerpts from Reynard the Fox—Masefield.
- (6) How the animals entered Heaven—Barbara Carter.
- (7) The Man in the Fustian Jacket—G. Moggridge.

A vote of thanks was proposed to Mr. Smith by H. Williams and seconded by Geraldine Marshall, and they expressed the wish of all present, when they hoped he would come again.

Feb. 7th.—Two plays were read. Members of IVA. presented "The Followers," the characters being Lucinda Baines—Jacqueline Bird, Helen Masters—Rosie Hood, Susan Crowther—Thelma Powell, Colonel Redfern—Roebuck.

"Campbell of Kilmhor" was then read by the Sixth Form, those who took part being Bessie Turnbull, Betty Keyte, W. J. Rollason, D. C. Stevens, H. Williams, and A. A. Shore.

Feb. 14th.—No meeting was held owing to the Dress Rehearsal of the Guide Display.

Feb. 21st.—At this meeting three biology students read papers.

The first one was by Beatrice Taylor on "Beautiful Things in Nature." She showed us what beautiful structures there are always around us and she dealt particularly with microscopic and sea structures. David Johnston then gave a very interesting paper on Malaria, showing us the life history of the malaria germ. Lastly we were enlightened on "Protective Colouration in Animals" by Gwen Jones.

The three speakers illustrated their points by excellent lantern slides shown through the Epidiascope. A vote of thanks for the enjoyable and instructive lectures was proposed by Betty Keyte, and was seconded by H. Williams.

Feb. 28th.—Half Term.

March 7th.—The Society was pleased to welcome Mr. Sperry, a master of George Dixon's School, who gave us a very interesting talk on a walking tour in Cornwall. By means of lantern slides he was able to show us many beautiful places of the S.W. of England. A vote of thanks was proposed to Mr. Sperry by Beatrice Taylor and seconded by R. Murray.

March 14th.—This date was allocated to a meeting of the League of Nations.

March 21st.—The session was brought to a close by a lecture by Dr. F. Johnstone. His subject was "Dyes and Dyeing." He gave us much interesting information about dyes and demonstrated some of the processes used in dyeing. We are grateful to him for a very interesting and instructive evening.

Although the serious business of the Society ended on March 21st, after the examinations a dance was held in the School Hall on April 11th and was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

M. Kings (Secretary).

Girl Guides.

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THE Easter term, despite the fact that it forced all activities to be of an indoor type, has been a very progressive one for the Guide Company.

Weekly meetings have taken place as usual every Thursday night, filled with interesting competitions, athletic games and badge-work. Many new members have increased the ranks both of Guides and Brownies.

The great event of the term was the annual display given on Thursday and Saturday, the 16th and 18th of February. This was very well attended on both nights. The first item was a display of semaphore signalling, followed by a one-act play, "The Slippers of Cinderella," by Graham Robottom. The play was succeeded by "Dances of All Nations," in a colourful series, led by the Spirit of Dance, which gained much applause. The evening was ended by camp fire songs, including a story which took the form of a play based on the life of Saint Patrick.

On March 23rd the Display was again performed in Oldbury Town Hall, and the proceeds were given to Oldbury Welfare Association.

On April 26th the Company was represented by a team of country dancers who took part in a contest held at King Edward's School and received an "A" certificate.

Thus it may be seen that the past term has been interesting and successful in every way.

B. Keyte.

The School Branch of the League of Nations Union.

ONLY one meeting was held this term. This was on Tuesday, March 14th, and took the place of the usual meeting of the Joint Societies. Mr. Pearson gave a talk on the position of the League of Nations in general, and of the School Branch of the L.N.U. in particular.

The statement of accounts for 1932 was first read, and accepted by the meeting.

Mr. Pearson, in opening his talk, said that he wished to clear up certain misunderstandings which had arisen in connection with the League. The public was not giving to the League the whole-

hearted support which was its due; this was due mainly to two causes, firstly, the attacks which were being launched against the League by certain newspapers, and secondly, the disturbing trouble in the Far East. The effect of these things, said Mr. Pearson, could be seen not only in public opinion in general, but in this School.

Many people appeared to think, Mr. Pearson went on, that to support the League of Nations was to be unpatriotic. This is not so. To prevent war was certainly in the interests of our country, especially at the present time. Mr. Pearson hoped we were all staunch patriots, but said we need have no fears of the League in that respect.

As to the trouble in the Far East, the League of Nations did not claim to prevent all future wars, but to do its best in that direction. While the world maintained its sceptical attitude it could not succeed. It depended on universal support for its success, and we could do our bit towards getting this in our own sphere of life, the School.

A vote of thanks was proposed and seconded, and answered by Mr. Pearson. It was agreed that at this meeting many problems which had been troubling the minds of those present had been solved, and many people went away with a much higher opinion of the League than when they came.

D. Stevens (Secretary).

Anger.

I STOOD on the craggy foreland and gazed upon the tumbling sea beneath, which stretched away as far as the eye could reach, merging into the inky blackness which was only rent by the flashes of vivid lightning which flickered from one stormy, ragged, and angry cloud to another, lighting the scene with a pale bluish glare. The very earth seemed to shake as rolling and roaring peels of thunder crashed, sounding like a battery of heavy guns in action. The wind howled like a multitude of lost souls, whilst my face was stung by the blinding, driving rain.

Down below the sea dashed in frenzied anger at the cliffs, only to retreat snarling and in a flurry of foam to dash again at the rocks with more energy than ever, if that were possible. When the clouds broke it was possible to see the pale wan light of the sickly moon which, when it peered out, seemed to turn even paler at the sight of the unleashed furies of the elements.

D. Smith, Form 3A.

Poverty.

THE snow lay thick upon the ground, covering the cottage with a white pall. The only sign of habitation was a thin wreath of smoke emitted by a very cracked chimney pot.

Within the cottage an old man, bent with age, was trying to rekindle a very small fire at the bottom of a rusty old grate. Huddled up in a corner was a little boy, vainly trying to keep himself warm by wrapping himself in an old newspaper. There was no wallpaper on the walls, instead they were distempered and a dirty looking green, marked with splashes of bacon fat, candle grease and other kinds of dirt. An old oil lamp hung from a hook, but it had long since sprung a leak. Instead the room was lit by a stub of candle stuck on to a piece of wood. The remains of a very scanty meal lay upon the rickety old table, and to complete the scene of poverty-stricken desolation, the ceiling of the room was covered with dusty looking spider's webs.

J. Richards, Form 3A.

What the Moon Saw.

Oh, Lady Moon, as you glide through the sky,
What did you see as you looked from on high
On a summer eve, in June?

" I saw a labourer come home to rest,
I saw the birds fly again to the nest,
I saw a babe hushed on its mother's breast,
That's what I saw," said the Moon.

" I saw ships rocked on a starlit sea,
I saw a mumuring stream 'neath a tree,
I saw night creep over meadow and lea,
That's what I saw," said the Moon.

" I saw the gold eyes of the daisies close,
I saw pearls of dew in the midst of a rose,
I saw the bank where the violet grows,
That's what I saw," said the Moon.

" I saw a shepherd driving his sheep,
I saw the light from the thatched cottages peep,
I saw a world hushed in tranquil sleep,
That's what I saw," said the Moon.

June H. Goode, Form 4A.

The Melody.

Softly a plaintive melody arose,
Which stilled the very singing of the birds
And hushed our noisy chatter and our din.
Spellbound we listened to the throbbing notes,
Which seemed to plead our audience for a while,
And Nature, as if in answer to the plea
Hushed the babbling brook to murmur low.
Then did the tune grow high and wild, and sobbed
A tale of bitter misery and pain,
Of hope long past, of memories dimmed with time;
Yet even as it played of black despair,
As if the quietness of the wood had soothed
The player's mind, a note, lowly and soft
Crept in, and changed that song of woe
To one of sweet content, then quieter grew,
And died away, and silence reigned anew.

R. Hood, Form 4A.

The Rag-and-Bone Man.

Ding! dong! ding! dong! the rag-man is near,
Turn out your rags and bones, you won't shed a tear
At parting with rubbish you've hoarded so long,
"Rags and bones! Rags and bones!" that's the theme of his song.

The children are crying, "Oh! Mother, make haste,
He's just going past the door, there's no time to waste,
The balloons, they are lovely, there's goldfish and toys."
"All right! dear, don't worry, don't make such a noise!"

"Just ask him to wait for a moment or more,
An old jacket, a cap, that bone by the door
That Fido has left, there's a collar of dad's,
And shabby old pinnies of my two little lads."

The ragman is waiting, a wise man is he,
When he sees kiddies running, fine harvest there'll be,
"Pile 'em up! there you are!" the child runs with glee,
"Any rags! Any bones? Any bottles for me?"

Down the road the cart rumbles, as on draws the night,
The donkey is tired, his stable's in sight,
With gay streamers flying, all bright in the sun,
The rag-man is happy, his day's work is done.

Thelma E. Powell, Form 4A.

Spring.

Beneath the eaves the starlings sleep,
 And in the grass the lizards creep,
 The fish dream in the streamlet deep
 And cattle on the hillside steep,
 The valley rests below.

Below the hill the meadows lie,
 The woods call to the bright blue sky,
 The air is filled with bee and fly
 And past it all the stream laughs by
 And ripples to the sea.

Shadows play and skylarks twitter,
 Moths and Mayflies frisk and flutter,
 Nymphs the grass with daisies litter
 Round the lakes and streams, which glitter
 'Neath the sparkling sun.

Nancy Poole, Form V.A.

Barnin.

On either side the winding lane,
 Thatched cottages with lattice pane,
 Behind, rich fields of golden grain,
 In picturesque Barnin.
 And there the cornflower's bright blue head
 Stars the field and garden bed,
 And 'cross the road the chestnuts spread
 Their branches, o'er the poppy red,
 Around the old Tarn Inn.

Roses through the rustic arches,
 Climb beside the slender larches,
 The burning sun the brown earth parches
 In gardens of Barnin.
 Daisies drooping, dried leaves crinkling,
 Lilac blooms their petals sprinkling,
 Lilies pure their white bells tinkling,
 Sparrows watch with bright eyes twinkling,
 From the eaves of old Tarn Inn.

W. F. Oakes, Form V.A.

A Song of the Sea.

A heaving sea and the land to the lee,
The rustling, wind-filled sails;
As we plough a track on the starboard tack
The good ship never fails.

A keen sea breeze and the rolling seas,
The pennant fluttering wide;
As we skim along in time with the song,
Played by the gurgling tide.

P. F. Granville-Barker, Form IV.A.

The Cresconians.

THE Annual General Meeting of the Cresconians was held at the County High School on Monday, May 15th, 1933, the Chair being taken by the President, Mr. J. G. Howarth.

The Minutes of the previous General Meeting having been confirmed and the apologies for non-attendance received, the Chairman of the Committee, Mr. C. M. Spalding, gave a brief report on the activities of the past season, which had been a very enjoyable one. He drew attention to the formation of two new sections of the Association, namely a Rifle and a Swimming Club, and said these promised to be as successful as other branches of the "Cresconians." Mr. Spalding also thanked the President and Officers and Committee for their help and co-operation during the season.

The Treasurer gave his report which showed a substantial balance in hand. Mr. Peers said that he had hoped to be able to show an even larger balance, but, the meeting considered his report very satisfactory and congratulated Mr. Peers on the way in which he fosters the funds of the Association.

Mr. Richards and Miss Riley briefly reported on the Football and Hockey teams, both of which had successful seasons. Their finances are in a satisfactory condition in spite of the fact that both sections have, for this season, done without the usual donation from the main funds of the Association. It was explained that the object of the Association now being to get sufficient funds to purchase a sports ground of its own, the football and hockey clubs felt it was up to them to help in every way possible, and they had therefore foregone their donations from the general fund.

The following elections were made for 1933-34 :—

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TREASURER : Mr. W. J. Peers.

The retiring members of the Committee according to rota were Messrs. E. N. Farrington, L. W. Blundell, T. C. Thomas, and Miss W. Busby, and all were willing to stand for re-election except Mr. Thomas who has gone to live at Hall Green and would be unable to attend meetings. The names of Mr. Farrington, Mr. Blundell and Miss Busby were nominated for re-election and the names of Mr. D. F. Nelson, Mr. R. Horton and Miss D. Homer were also proposed. This meant six names nominated for four vacancies, and a ballot was accordingly taken, the result of which showed that Messrs. Farrington, Blundell and Nelson, and Miss Busby had the largest number of votes, and they were accordingly elected.

The full Committee for 1933-34 is therefore : Messrs. C. M. Spalding, G. W. Rose, E. N. Farrington, L. W. Blundell, D. F. Nelson, Misses L. Green, A. E. Doyle, F. M. Bowen, M. C. Bowen and W. Busby.

Mr. Spalding proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Howarth for conducting the meeting. Mr. Howarth briefly responded, assuring the members of his continued and keen interest in the Association and its activities ; he also paid a tribute to the amount of work done for the Association by its Officers and Committee.

The Old Students hope to have the pleasure of welcoming to the ranks of the Cresconians all the pupils who have recently left, or who will shortly be leaving School, at the commencement of next season. Intending new members of the sports sections should communicate with the respective Secretaries as soon as possible.

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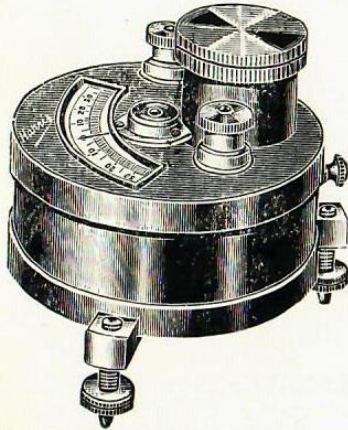
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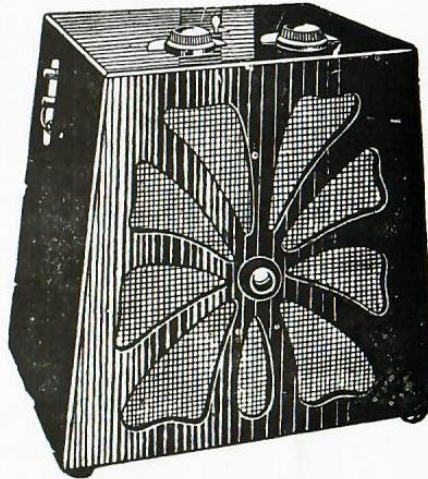
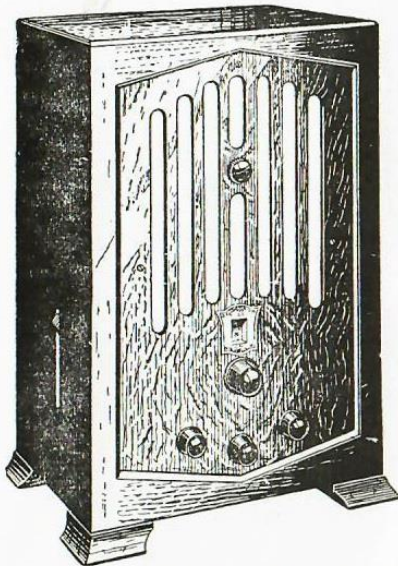
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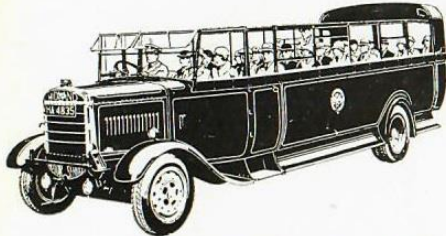
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EDITORIAL.

ANOTHER school year begins, and we extend a hearty welcome to all those who have recently joined us, and hope that their school career may, in every way, be happy and successful. To those who left us in July, we offer all good wishes for their future, in the hope that their lives may be filled with happiness and prosperity.

The school year which ended in July was an exceedingly busy one, and we offer our sincerest congratulations to all those who, by careful preparation and strenuous effort, won fresh laurels for the school on the playing fields, on the sports' ground, and, most important of all, in the examination room. The football, cricket, hockey, tennis, swimming and athletic teams, which represented the school, were all worthy of high praise, not merely for the successes they achieved, but for the sportsmanship they all displayed, and for the example they have set for those who follow. In the external examinations 9 Higher School Certificates, 1 Intermediate Science, 39 School Certificates and 25 Matriculation exemptions constitute a school record, which will take some beating. Also we offer congratulations to B. Harper on his triple success at the Birmingham and District Secondary Schools Joint Sports.

As is usual in July, at the end of the school year, a large number of our senior pupils left to take up the business of life, and it is now the duty and privilege of those who follow on, to try to equal, and to surpass, the achievements of their predecessors. And to those who are in the lower part of the school we would say, that though the results of hard work come to those in the upper school, the foundations of success must be laid in the first year, and built upon during the succeeding years.

This term promises to be as busy as usual. We have Speech Day in the near future, and the School Play later in the term, when the Dramatic Society are to entertain us with that charming play, "Quality Street."

May we also remind everyone that we hope to be able to hand over a substantial sum to the Hospital in December, as a result of a little thought and self-denial on the part of each one of us.

So "Carry On."

Dates to Remember.

1933

Oct. 27.—Speech Day.

Nov. 6—7.—Half Term.

Nov. 30—Dec. 2.—School Play.

Dec. 21.—End of Term.

1934

Jan. 16.—Spring Term Opens.

Valete.

GRACE M. ACKRILL.—Form VI. Prefect; Matriculation; Cast of "Trelawney of the 'Wells'" and "The School for Scandal"; House Captain; Hockey Colours; Tennis Colours. At Comptometer School.

MARY KINGS.—Form VI. School Captain; House Captain; Secretary of Joint Societies; 1st Eleven Hockey; Senior Sports' Champion, 1932; Matriculation. At Aberystwyth University.

JOAN LUGG.—Form VI. Prefect; House Captain; Captain of Hockey 1st Eleven; Hockey Colours; Tennis Colours; Senior Sports' Champion, 1933; Cast of "Trelawney of the 'Wells'" and "The School for Scandal"; Higher School Certificate. At Commercial School.

GERALDINE MARSHALL.—Form VI. Prefect; House Captain; Tennis Colours; 2nd Eleven Hockey; Cast of "Marigold," "The Admirable Crichton," "Trelawney of the 'Wells'," "The School for Scandal"; Higher School Certificate. Student teaching.

- B. E. HARPER.—Form VI. Prefect; Football Colours; 1st Eleven Cricket; Swimming Colours; Running Colours; Senior Sports' Champion, 1932 and 1933; Cups for 100 yards and 220 yards at Joint Sports; Cast of "Trelawney of the 'Wells'" and "The School for Scandal"; Cup for 2 lengths at Joint Swimming Sports; Winner of Old Students' Medal; Matriculation. Science Course at Birmingham University.
- R. W. KEYTE.—Form VI. Prefect; Sports Secretary; 1st Eleven Football; Cricket Colours; Cast of "Trelawney of the 'Wells'" and "The School for Scandal"; Higher School Certificate. Student teaching.
- D. C. STEVENS.—Form VI. School Captain; House Captain; Chairman of Joint Societies; Runner at Joint Sports; Secretary of League of Nations Union; Winner of Senior Pianoforte Solo Competition; Higher School Certificate; Smethwick Major Scholarship. L.L.B. course at Birmingham University.
- NANCY R. JAMES.—Form VIB. Matriculation; Cast of "Trelawney of the 'Wells'." At home.
- MARY A. LEWIS.—Form VIB. School Certificate. At Dudley Training College.
- BESSIE TURNBULL.—Form VIB. Prefect; Hockey Colours; Tennis Colours; House Sports Captain; Matriculation. Student teaching.
- E. J. HOWELL.—Form VIB. Prefect; Matriculation. Apprenticed to Messrs. Bellis and Morcam.
- K. D. JACKSON.—Form VIB. Prefect; Matriculation. Time Study Department of Messrs. Lucas.
- G. N. SMITH.—Form VIB. Prefect; 1st Eleven Football; Matriculation.
- R. C. TURNER.—Form VIB. Prefect; Matriculation. Training as a Chemist.
- WINIFRED M. BIRD.—Form VA. Matriculation. At home.
- MYRA G. HART.—Form VA. Hockey Colours; Tennis Colours; Captain of Tennis Team; Cast of "Trelawney of the 'Wells'"; School Certificate. At a Commercial School.
- WINIFRED H. KNOTT.—Form VA. Prefect; House Secretary; Matriculation. At Birmingham University.
- BETTY L. NORTH.—Form VA. 1st Eleven Hockey; House Sports' Captain. At a Commercial School.
- W. FRED A. OAKES.—Form VA. Matriculation. In office of Messrs. Lucas.
- W. G. DIXON.—Form VA. 1st Eleven Cricket; 2nd Eleven Football; School Certificate.
- G. HOLMES.—Form VA. School Certificate. In Accountant's Office.
- W. HORTON.—Form VA. Cast of "School for Scandal," Matriculation. At Messrs. Chance and Hunt.
- JOYCE E. GOREHAM.—Form VA2. At home.
- ALICE A. REYNOLDS.—Form VA2. Tennis Team; Guide. At a Commercial School.
- W. M. BIRD.—Form VA2. Prefect; 1st Eleven Football; Cricket Colours; Cast of "Trelawney of the 'Wells'" and "The School for Scandal." In Drawing Office of Messrs. Hope Bros.
- E. HILL.—Form VA2. At a garage.
- J. L. HUMPHRIES.—Form VA2. At the M.C.L.
- F. T. JAKEWAYS.—Form VA2. At Messrs. Cuxson and Gerrard.
- K. J. MUNSLOW.—Form VA2. At Cradley Gas Company Works.
- A. PAYNE.—Form VA2. 2nd XI. Football; Cast of "School for Scandal."

- J. G. STANLEY.—Form VA2. Helped at most School functions by playing the violin. At Messrs. Accles and Pollock.
 PATRICIA BEAUMONT.—Form VB. Hockey Colours.
 DOROTHY BRINTON.—Form VB. At home.
 MURIEL T. CHARLON.—Form VB. At home.
 DIANA REMINGTON.—Form VB. Training as Nurse.
 BERYL SCARLET.—Form VB. Training as Nurse.
 R. JOHNSON.—Form VB.
 F. ROWE.—Form VB. At Messrs. Bodginton.
 K. A. SMITH.—Form VB. 1st XI. Football; 1st XI. Cricket. At Messrs. Albright and Wilson.
 W. T. TAYLOR.—Form VB. At the Credenda.
 N. HUGHES.—Form VB. At General Electric Company.
 JOAN S. DUFFIELD.—Form IVA. At home.
 FLORENCE FIGG.—Form IVA. Assistant in a shop.
 PAMELA GUEST.—Form IVA. At a Commercial School.
 VERONICA LAMBOURNE.—Form IVA. At a Commercial School.
 C. H. CHAMBERS.—Form IVB. At Messrs. Sheward.
 A. S. REMINGTON.—Form IVc.
 KATHLEEN N. MOORE.—Form IIIA. Family moved to Manchester.
 W. R. SERGEANT.—Form IIA. Transferred to Holly Lodge.
 KATHLEEN M. BIRD.—Form I. Transferred to Halesown.
 H. A. HORDEN.—Form IIA. Transferred to Boarding School.

Salvete.

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| R. D. SNAPE (19-6-33) | R. WESTBURY |
| IVY ROLLASON (14-9-33) | R. WHITEHOUSE |
| DORIS M. BIRKS | W. H. WINDMILL |
| MILLICENT M. DEAN | JOAN E. BACHE |
| KATHLEEN E. DEELEY | N. J. HARRIS |
| ELIZABETH DOWNING | MARY E. TILLEY |
| ADA M. EVANS | E. J. HINDLEY |
| BERYL R. GIBBS | J. R. CARR |
| EDITH M. GOODE | H. JEWKES |
| PHYLLIS E. GROSVENOR | D. W. BROOKE |
| MARGARET HENSON | EDITH M. MILFORD |
| LILIAN HIGGITT | A. R. CLAY |
| DOROTHY HOLDEN | JANET M. HARRIS |
| JOAN R. LEA | D. E. ROUND |
| MAISIE I. ROBINSON | DOROTHY J. SKIPP |
| BRIGID RYAN | E. O. DARBY |
| MARION TAYLOR | BARBARA G. GRANVILLE- |
| A. W. F. COMLEY | BARKER |
| G. CUMMING | J. D. W. CRESSWELL |
| C. E. COX. | JEAN HOWEN |
| A. EVANS | HAZEL BRUNTON |
| K. W. FOX | C. K. SPALDING |
| E. E. HOPKINS | JOYCE S. M. SPALDING |
| A. E. JONES | C. P. G. WHELDON |
| F. D. NASH | DOROTHY MARY VERNON |
| A. W. RUDERMAN | P. J. LAWLEY |
| R. A. SMITH | K. S. NICHOLLS |
| W. T. WATKINS | GLADYS COOPER |

Joint Sports, 1933.

THE Joint Sports were held on May 27th at the Birchfield Harriers Ground, Perry Barr. Our senior team and the individual representatives: Stevens, Williams, Birch, Laker, Hall, Elliott and Thomlinson all did well but were unable to qualify for any of the finals, although Williams reached the semi-final of the 100 Yards and was unfortunate in not obtaining a place in the final.

Bernard Harper, however, fully maintained the honour of the School by winning the 100 Yards in 10 4-5 secs. and the 440 Yards in 55 2-5 secs., thus repeating the performance of Ralph Stevens in 1931. In addition he was fourth in the Broad Jump final. These remarkable performances, combined with his success in the Two Lengths Breast Stroke event at the Joint Schools' Swimming Sports in October last, make Harper's record unequalled in the history of our School athletics.

We have now won the Schools' Cup for the Quarter Mile twice in three years and the Schools' Cup for the 100 Yards three times in four years—a magnificent achievement for a school containing only 200 boys.

Old Students' Athletic Successes.

AT the Birmingham University Sports on May 6th E. B. Knott won the High Jump at 5ft. 3½ins., while Ralph Stevens won the Quarter Mile in 53 2-5 secs. and the Half Mile in 2min. 3 2-5 sec., a new record for the University Sports.

Later in the year Stevens won the Quarter Mile Championship of Staffordshire.

Tennis, 1933.

Team—M. HART, G. ACKRILL, J. LUGG, B. TURNBULL, B. FARROW,
G. MARSHALL, O. HADLEY, A. REYNOLDS.

Captain—M. HART. Vice-Captain—G. ACKRILL.

Secretary—G. JONES.

THIS season the tennis team has been more successful than ever before, and our heartiest congratulations are due to them for the exceptional play displayed.

The weather has been perfect and all the matches played were won. This is an excellent performance as this is but the fourth year that inter-school matches have been arranged.

Six people were presented with their colours for their good service in the team, these being: Grace Ackrill, B. Farrow, M. Hart, J. Lugg, G. Marshall, B. Turnbull.

The results of the matches played were:—

| Date. | Opponents. | H. or A. | Games | |
|-----------|--------------------------------|----------|-------|-------|
| | | | F. | A. |
| May 17.— | Wolverhampton S.S. | ... | H 5 | ... 3 |
| „ 24.— | Wolverhampton S.S. | ... | A 12 | ... 3 |
| „ 31.— | Waverley Road S.S. | ... | H 17 | ... 7 |
| June 10.— | Halesowen G. S. | ... | A 8 | ... 7 |
| „ 21.— | Waverley Road S.S. (Cancelled) | ... | A | |
| July 22.— | Halesowen | | H 11 | ... 4 |

Gwen Jones.

Cricket, 1933.

1st XI.—Captain, W. J. BOTTRELL; Vice-Captain, R. W. KEYTE.

2nd XI.—Captain, J. BIRCH; Vice-Captain, W. ROLLASON.

Secretary—R. W. KEYTE.

Committee—W. J. BOTTRELL, R. W. KEYTE, R. GRIGG, W. M. BIRD, F. M. PALMER, J. BIRCH, W. ROLLASON.

THE season was a very successful one for the School on the cricket field, and particularly for the first eleven, who won eight of the sixteen matches played, losing only three and drawing the remaining five.

Perhaps the most exciting match was that at Dudley, where the home side won in the last over of the day. The annual match with the Parents' was interrupted by rain, and at the close of play was left drawn, the Parents' scoring 72 for 9 wickets in reply to the School's total of 101 for five wickets.

R. Grigg was the most successful batsman. During the season he had scores of 50 not out against Dudley, 37 against King's Norton, 26 not out against Lawrence's College, 28 not out against Holly Lodge and 21 against the Cresconians.

The number of colours for the season was three, W. J. Bottrell and R. Grigg receiving theirs for batting and W. M. Bird for splendid all-round play. Other members of the side who distinguished themselves were, R. Hall and J. Howen, both fine all-rounders, and E. Day for taking two wickets with the first two balls he bowled for the first eleven. Special mention must be made of R. W. Keyte, who not only excelled with both bat and ball, but was also a very capable vice-captain.

The following are the results of the matches played by the 1st XI.:-

| Opponents. | Ground. | Result. |
|----------------------|----------|------------------------|
| Dudley G.S . . . | ... Away | Drawn ... 110-9 — 68-8 |
| Holly Lodge ... | ... Home | Lost ... 41 — 51 |
| King's Norton ... | ... Home | Won ... 86 — 64 |
| St. Phillip's G.S. | ... Home | Won ... 74 — 24 |
| Lawrence's College | ... Away | Won ... 75-1 — 44 |
| Smethwick J.T.S. | ... Away | Won ... 56-2 — 50 |
| Holly Lodge ... | ... Away | Won ... 46-1 — 44 |
| Waverley Road G.S. | ... Home | Won ... 105-4 — 102 |
| Cresconians ... | ... Home | Lost ... 63 — 65-8 |
| Lawrence's College | ... Home | Won ... 54-7 — 51 |
| Dudley G.S. ... | ... Away | Lost ... 87 — 153-8 |
| Parents' ... | ... Home | Drawn ... 101-5 — 72-9 |
| Kidderminster G.S. | ... Home | Drawn ... 39-4 — 91-6 |
| Wolverhampton M.S.S. | ... Home | Drawn ... 34-3 — 80-3 |
| Smethwick J.T.S. | ... Home | Won ... 64-5 — 60 |
| Cresconians ... | ... Home | Drawn ... 81-6 — 97-5 |

The best averages for the season were:—

BATTING.

| | Innings. | Highest Score. | Average. |
|----------------|----------|----------------|----------|
| Grigg ... | 222 | 50* | 20.1 |
| Bird ... | 161 | 42* | 14.6 |
| Bottrell ... | 173 | 40 | 12.4 |
| Keyte ... | 130 | 37 | 10.8 |
| Thomlinson ... | 106 | 36 | 10.6 |

*Not out.

BOWLING.

| | | | |
|-----------|-----|----|------|
| Keyte ... | 123 | 20 | 6.15 |
| Bird ... | 249 | 37 | 6.7 |
| Howen ... | 175 | 24 | 7.2 |
| Hall ... | 295 | 32 | 7.2 |

The 2nd XI. played 8 matches, winning 3, losing 4 and drawing 1.

The teams were as follows:—

1st XI.—Bottrell (capt.), Keyte (vice-capt.), Grigg, Bird, Thomlinson, Howen, Hall, Palmer, Dixon, Day, Williams, Harper, Birch, Graves, Smith, K., Johnston.

2nd XI.—Birch, Rollason, Thorpe, Horton, Leedam, Johnston, Hewitt, Greenwood, Williams, Harper, Pugh, Greaves, Smith, D., Jones, F., Adams, Edwards, Varley, Jakeways, Day.

W. J. Bottrell.

Annual Sports, 1933.

THE Sports were held on June 14th, and it is very gratifying to the record that the School maintained, and in one or two events actually improved, the extremely high standard set up by its athletes in the past few years.

In the senior girls' events, the individual championship was very keenly contested and Doris Garner and Margot Jephcott accomplished some brilliant performances in their struggle for the junior girls' championship. The senior boys' events were notable for the fine efforts of Birch, Stevens, Williams, and Laker, efforts which brought out the very best in Harper who proved himself a champion worthy in every way to rank beside R. S. O. Stevens and Blundell. Thomlinson did more or less as he liked in the junior boys' events, obtaining 20 out of a possible 21 points.

Five new records were made, two by the girls and three by the boys. M. Jephcott won the Junior Long Jump with a splendid jump of 5ft. 6ins. and she also won the Junior 220 Yards in the fast time of 30 secs. Beardsmore threw the cricket ball 80yds. 1ft., a record distance for the junior boys, Harper won the 220 Yards in 23 3-5 secs., and King's House accomplished what was probably the best performance of the day by winning the Relay Race in 52 secs.

RESULTS.**HOUSE POINTS—**

| | | | | | |
|---------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| School | ... | ... | ... | ... | 88½ |
| Queen's | ... | ... | ... | ... | 67 |
| King's | ... | ... | ... | ... | 56½ |
| Trinity | ... | ... | ... | ... | 45 |

INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIPS.

Senior Girls—J. Lugg.
 Junior Girls—D. Garner.
 Senior Boys—Harper.
 Junior Boys—Thomlinson.

NEW RECORDS.**GIRLS—**

Junior Long Jump—M. Jephcott, 15ft. 6ins.
 Junior 220 Yards—M. Jephcott, 30 seconds.

BOYS—

220 Yards Senior—Harper, 23 3-5 seconds.
 Relay Race—King's, 52 seconds.
 Cricket Ball, Junior—Beardsmore, 80 yds. 1ft.

| Event. | 1st. | 2nd. | 3rd. | Time, height or distance. |
|--------------------|-----------------|-------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|
| 100 YARDS— | | | | |
| Senior Girls ... | M. Kings ... | J. Morton ... | J. Lugg ... | 12 secs. |
| Junior Girls ... | M. Jephcott ... | M. Burborough ... | — | 12 1/5 secs. |
| Girls under 12 ... | D. Garner ... | J. Woodward ... | B. Hoskins ... | 14 secs. |
| Senior Boys ... | J. Jephcott ... | Williams ... | Birch ... | 10 1/5 secs. |
| Junior Boys ... | Harper, B. ... | Smith, D. ... | Goode ... | 12 secs. |
| Boys under 12 ... | Thomlinson ... | Peto ... | Alger ... | 13 4/5 secs. |
| 220 YARDS— | | | | |
| Senior Girls ... | Harper ... | Williams ... | Stevens ... | 23 3/5 secs. |
| Junior Girls ... | J. Morton ... | J. Lugg ... | M. Kings ... | 31 secs. |
| Senior Boys ... | M. Jephcott ... | D. Garner ... | M. Ballard ... | 30 secs. |
| Junior Boys ... | Harper, B. ... | Williams ... | Hazlewood ... | 27 3/5 secs. |
| 440 YARDS— | | | | |
| Senior Boys ... | Thomlinson ... | Brinton ... | Williams ... | 56 4/5 secs. |
| Junior Boys ... | Harper, B. ... | Stevens ... | Betts ... | 66 3/5 secs. |
| 880 YARDS— | | | | |
| Senior Boys ... | Thomlinson ... | Laker ... | Stanley ... | 2 mins. 19 3/5 secs. |
| Junior Boys ... | Birch ... | Betts ... | Chellingsworth ... | 2 mins. 34 secs. |
| 1 MILE ... | Priest ... | Hewitt ... | Day ... | 5 mins. 25 secs. |
| CRICKET BALL— | | | | |
| Senior Boys ... | Leedam ... | Hall ... | Elliott ... | 92yds. 1ft. 10ins. |
| Junior Boys ... | Beardsmore ... | Thomlinson ... | Nock ... | 80yds. 1ft. |
| HIGH JUMP— | | | | |
| Senior Girls ... | J. Lugg ... | P. Beaumont ... | G. Ackrill, B. North | 4ft. 2 1/2 ins. |
| Junior Girls ... | D. Garner ... | I. Nichols ... | K. Wakeman ... | 4ft. 1/2 in. |
| Senior Boys ... | Rowe ... | Elliott, Hall ... | — | 4ft. 6 ins. |
| Junior Boys ... | Thomlinson ... | Brinton ... | Partington ... | 4ft. 1 1/2 in. |

| Event. | 1st. | 2nd. | 3rd. | Time, height or distance. |
|-------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------|------------------------------|
| LONG JUMP— | | | | |
| Senior Girls ... | P. Beaumont ... | B. Turnbull ... | J. Lugg ... | 14ft. 5½ins. |
| Junior Girls ... | M. Jephcott ... | D. Garner ... | M. Burborough ... | 15ft. 6in. |
| Senior Boys ... | Harper ... | Laker ... | Stanley ... | 17ft. 8¼ins. |
| Junior Boys ... | Thomlinson ... | Betts ... | Brinton ... | 14ft. 11ins. |
| RELAY RACE— | | | | |
| Girls ... | School ... | Queen's ... | Trinity ... | _____ |
| Boys ... | Kings ... | School ... | Queen's ... | 52 secs. |
| TUG-OF-WAR ... | Trinity ... | School ... | King's ... | _____ |
| LEAP FROG— ... | Trinity ... | School ... | King's ... | _____ |
| HIGH JUMP— | | | | |
| Under 12 ... | J. Woodward ... | J. Jephcott ... | B. Rowe ... | 3ft. 7½ins. |
| STEEPLE CHASE— | | | | |
| Junior ... | Betts ... | Richards ... | Bayliss ... | _____ |
| Senior ... | Birch ... | Stevens ... | Laker ... | 11 mins 34 secs. |
| SKIPPING RACE ... | D. Garner ... | M. Parkes ... | _____ | _____ |
| DOG RACE ... | Queen's ... | Trinity ... | _____ | _____ |
| SLOW BICYCLE ... | Redgern ... | Mason ... | _____ | _____ |
| SACK RACE— | | | | |
| Girls ... | J. Lugg ... | E. Keyte ... | _____ | _____ |
| Boys ... | Sturges ... | Alger ... | _____ | _____ |

The Swimming Sports, 1933.

BOYS.

THE Boys' Swimming Sports were held at the end of last term in the School Baths. The weather was glorious, and all the events were keenly contested.

A very notable feature of the sports was the rivalry between Harper and Pugh who gained 21 and 26 points respectively. Both swam excellently and are to be congratulated.

The Long Distance Swimming took place the week previous to the sports. Harper created a record for the mile by winning it in 37½ minutes. Pugh was close behind and finished in 39 minutes. Harper's time last year was 45 minutes.

The following are the complete results:—

One Mile: 1, Harper (K.); 2, Pugh (T.); 3, Hill (S.). Time, 37½ minutes.

Quarter Mile: 1, Jackson (T.); 2, Stanley (S.); 3, Murray (T.); 4, Munslow (K.); 5, Green (K.); 6, Greenwood (S.); 7, Johnston (T.). Time, 10¼ minutes.

Six Lengths: 1, Pugh (T.); 2, Harper (K.); 3, Stanley (S.). Time, 1 min. 47 secs.

Two Lengths Open: 1, Pugh (T.); 2, Harper (K.); 3, Hall (S.). Time, 31 secs.

Two Lengths Breast Stroke: 1, Harper (K.); 2, Pugh (T.); 3, Stanley (S.). Time, 35 secs.

One Length on Back: 1, Pugh (T.); 2, Harper (K.); Hill (S.). Time, 18 secs.

One Length in Clothes: 1, Pugh (T.); 2, Harper (K.); 3, Greenwood.

Dive: 1, Hill (S.); 2, Pugh (T.); 3, Stanley (S.).

One Length Breast Stroke, under 14: 1, Belton (T.); 2, Alger (K.). Time, 18 secs.

One Length for Beginners: 1, Alger (K.); 2, Hewitt (T.).

One Breadth for Beginners: 1, Alger (K.); 2, Hewitt (T.).

Relay Race: 1, School; 2, King's; 3, Queen's; 4, Trinity. Time, 2 mins. 27 secs.

Senior Championship: 1, Pugh, 26 points; 2, Harper, 21 points; 3, Hill, 14 points.

Junior Championship: Alger, 5 points.

FINAL RESULT: 1, Trinity, 39 points; 2, King's 36 points; 3, School, 33 points; 4, Queen's, 6 points.

GIRLS.

The Girls' Swimming Sports was held on Friday, 15th September, and events and results were:—

1 Length, under 12: 1, M. Cuthbertson (Q.); 2, M. Wallace (T.); 3, E. Booth (Q.).

1 Length, 14 and under: 1, D. Garner (S.); 2, B. Stubbs (T.); 3, J. Moore (S.).

1 Length, 15 and over: 1, K. Wakeman (S.); 2, M. Stokes (T.); 3, P. Knowles (S.).

2 Widths: 1, M. Wallace (T.); 2, J. Moore (S.); 3, M. Warr (Q.).

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

2 Lengths, 14 and under: 1, D. Garner (S.); 2, B. Stubbs (T.); 3, D. Darby ().

2 Lengths, 15 and over: 1, K. Wakeman (S.); 2, M. Stokes (T.); 3, P. Knowles (S.).

Diving: 1, M. Howells (K.); 2, M. Cuthbertson (Q.); 3, D. Darby ().

Relay: 1, School; 2, Trinity.

R. H. Murray.

Girl Guides.

Officers:—

Captain—Miss TWEEDIE.

Lieutenant—Miss DAVIES.

Company Leader—NORMA CLEGG.

Leaders—

B. TAYLOR, B. KEYTE, J. HARROLD, B. FARROW.

THE Summer Term was an eventful and progressive one for the Guide Company. The weekly meetings have been full of interest with their games, competitions, badge-work and outdoor activities.

After being trained by Miss Tweedie many Guides entered for the Folk Dancing Badge and the following were successful in obtaining the Badge—B. Farrow, J. Jephcott, M. Jephcott, N. Clegg, I. Thornton, H. Craddock.

Some Guides studied for Sick Nurse Badge and after examination by Dr. Broughton, Badges were awarded to J. Harrold, B. Taylor, B. Farrow, B. Keyte and J. Hobday.

Taking advantage of the beautiful weather the whole company took part in a "hike" on the playing fields at the end of the term. After cooking a meal on an open fire (ham and eggs and sausages on a hot summer's day!) and cleaning up, we had games and a treasure hunt, concluding with songs round a real camp fire.

Also, at the end of term, we invited the Guides of 1st Tettenhall Wood Company and the Royal Orphanage to an outdoor party. Tennis, Rounders, etc. were played, and our visitors enjoyed a cool dip in the School bath.

B. Farrow.

Examination Results, 1933

THE following results were obtained in the Joint Board Examinations:—

HIGHER SCHOOL CERTIFICATE.

Grace Ackrill—Subsidiary Standard in English, Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry.

J. R. Greenwood—Principal Standard in Mathematics and Chemistry and Subsidiary in English and Physics. Higher School Certificate.

B. E. Harper—Principal Standard in Mathematics and Physics. Subsidiary in Chemistry. Matriculation Certificate.

Kathleen Howells—Principal Standard in English, History, Geography, and Subsidiary in Latin. Higher School Certificate.

Gwen Jones—Principal Standard in Botany and Zoology and Subsidiary in English and Mathematics. Higher School Certificate.

R. W. Keyte—Principal Standard in English and History. Subsidiary in English and Mathematics. Higher School Certificate.

Mary Kings—Subsidiary Standard in Art.

Jean Lugg—Principal Standard in English and History. Subsidiary in Latin and French. Higher School Certificate.

Geraldine Marshall—Principal Standard in English and History. Subsidiary in Latin and French. Higher School Certificate.

W. J. Rollason—Principal Standard in Geography and Mathematics. Subsidiary in English and Chemistry. Higher School Certificate.

D. C. Stevens—Principal Standard in Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry. Subsidiary in English and French. Higher School Certificate.

H. W. Williams—Principal Standard in Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, and Subsidiary in English and French. Higher School Certificate.

Muriel Burnett—Subsidiary Standard in English, History, Latin, Zoology. Matriculation Certificate.

Mary Lewis—Subsidiary Standard in English and French.

Bessie Turnbull—Subsidiary Standard in English, History, Latin. Matriculation Certificate.

MATRICULATION BY SCHOOL CERTIFICATE EXAMINATION.

F. Bird, W. J. Bottrell, W. Horton (Distinction in Mathematics), H. L. Jones, N. K. Mason, D. H. Woodward, D. Bagnall, N. Bate, W. M. Bird, W. M. Knott (Distinction in English), F. Oakes, J. E. Howell (Distinction in Mathematics), K. D. Jackson, D. C. Johnston, G. N. Smith (Distinction in Mathematics), R. C. Turner, N. James.

SCHOOL CERTIFICATE.

J. H. Cole, W. G. Dixon, T. R. Edwards, V. Goode, R. Grigg, G. Holmes, M. E. Best, L. D. Hands, J. Harrold, M. G. Hart, K. W. Hepworth, M. M. Jackson, N. D. Poole, H. M. Richardson, R. D. Taylor, D. Willetts, M. E. Adams, B. E. Farrow, G. F. Gilbert, M. P. A. G. Homer, K. J. Price, H. Tromans.

King's House.

Captains - - G. ACKRILL, D. STEVENS.
 Vice-Captains - G. JONES, R. KEYTE.
 Sports Captains - G. JONES, B. HARPER.
 Secretary - - E. F. GREEN.

THERE were many inter-House events last term in which King's were well represented.

The first event of the year was the Athletic Sports. Although King's were placed third, we succeeded in winning several individual championships. We are especially proud of Harper's winning of the 220 Yards Senior Boys. Three of our members, Harper, Stevens and Williams, ran at the Joint Sports at Perry Barr and Harper succeeded in winning the Cups for the 100 Yards and 440 Yards races.

The Musical Festival was also held last term. D. Stevens won the senior pianoforte solo, and we obtained second place.

Three of King's members were in the school tennis team, of whom M. Hart and G. Ackrill obtained their colours. In the inter-House tennis we succeeded in gaining first place.

Of the School cricket team, several members were of King's, and these members ably helped us in the House matches at the end of the term in which King's were placed top.

In the Boys' Swimming Sports, Harper won the mile, but in the Girls' Swimming Sports we were placed fourth.

We wish to congratulate Harper on so many splendid successes and say how much we shall miss him in the House events, and we also wish to congratulate those members of King's who obtained either their School Certificate or their Higher Certificate. Of those who gained a Higher Certificate, Stevens also won a Staffordshire Major Scholarship.

We hope that all new members will carry on as these have done and make even greater achievements.

E. F. Green.

Queen's House.

- Captains - - M. KINGS, W. J. ROLLASON.
- Vice-Captains - B. TURNBULL, J. A. BIRCH.
- Sports Captains - B. TURNBULL, W. J. ROLLASON.

FOR Queen's House, last term proved to be quite successful. In the Musical Festival the House succeeded in gaining the W. T. Davies Cup for the fourth time during recent years. Our congratulations are especially due to Peter Andrews, who was so successful in the Junior, Intermediate and Senior Pianoforte Solos, and we hope that our new members will follow his example and bring credit to the House.

In the annual School Sports our competitors in the various events performed creditably but we must congratulate B. E. Harper, of King's House, on his successes in the School Sports and also the Joint Sports.

The School Cricket Teams did not contain as many members of Queen's House as usual and it was not surprising that we won only one inter-House match. We offer our congratulations to Bessie Turnbull and to Barbara Farrow on gaining their tennis colours.

To those who have left us we wish every success and we hope that our new members will strive to bring credit to their House.

W. J. Rollason.

School House.

- Captains - - GERALDINE MARSHALL, R. GRIGG.
- Vice-Captains - KATHLEEN HOWELLS, J. R. GREENWOOD.
- Sports Captains - BETTY E. L. NORTH, B. THOMLINSON.

LAST term there were many inter-House competitions, in all of which members of School House distinguished themselves. The most important event of the team was the Sports. Many members of the House entered and we gained first place, while Doris Garner and B. Thomlinson were both Junior Champions and Janet Morton was runner-up to the Girls' Senior Championship.

Although the girls played very well in the tennis matches they were not very successful; the boys, however, balanced this by winning two out of three of their matches. In the Swimming Sports the girls of School House obtained first place and the boys second place.

Seven members of School House were in the 1st Cricket Eleven, and of them M. Bird and R. Grigg obtained their colours. In the tennis team there were two girls from School House and Geraldine Marshall was given her colours.

School House, unfortunately, did not repeat her previous success by gaining the Cup in the Musical Festival although many of her individual members were very successful.

In the External Examinations at the end of the term, nine members of the House obtained School Certificate and three Higher School Certificate.

In conclusion we wish to offer our heartiest good wishes to those who have left, and to welcome all new members.

Kathleen Howells.

Trinity House.

Captains - - JOAN LUGG, W. BOTTRELL.
 Sports Captains - JOAN LUGG, W. BOTTRELL.
 Secretary - - BEATRICE D. TAYLOR.

IN all the House activities of the past term, although we did not distinguish ourselves, we did our best.

We had to be satisfied with fourth place in the Athletic Sports, in which the achievements of the House were attributable to the girls, who gained most of our points for us, and produced the Senior Champion.

Unfortunately we did not repeat our previous success and retain the W. T. Davies Challenge Cup at the annual Musical Festival, although we were proud to be judged first in the set piece for mixed choirs. Nevertheless we hope that next year the enthusiasm required to bring Trinity to the top will be shown.

In the Tennis and Cricket inter-House matches Trinity House was very successful, the girls gaining second place and the boys tying with School House for first place. Joan Lugg and W. Bottrell played exceptionally well in the matches, and also gained their tennis and cricket colours respectively.

The House wishes to congratulate its members who were successful in the External Examinations and to extend a hearty welcome to all new members.

Beatrice D. Taylor.

The Musical Festival.

THIS year the Musical Festival was held on July 22nd. Dr. Eric Dawes, M.A., Mus. Doc. (Cantab.), very kindly came to adjudicate. We are very grateful to him for his help and should like to take the opportunity of congratulating him on his recently acquired Doctorate of Music.

The inter-House competitions were very keenly contested and provided an enjoyable evening's entertainment.

The competitions and results were as follows:—

Junior Pianoforte Solo:—

1, P. Andrews; 2, J. Jephcott; 3, E. Adams.

- Junior Boys' Solo:—
1, Hazlewood; 2, Partridge; 3, Masters.
Girls' Unison Song:—
1, Queen's; 2, Trinity; 3, King's; 4, School.
Intermediate Pianoforte Solo:—
1, P. Andrews; 2, H. G. Jones; 3, T. Powell.
Old Students' Solo:—
1, M. Boaler; 2, Milward; 3, W. Cowell.
Junior Girls' Solo:—
1, D. Parkes and E. Harris; 2, J. Jephcott.
Duet:—
1, G. Marshall and C. Atkins; 2, J. Harrold and M. Charlton.
Senior Pianoforte Solo:—
1, D. Stevens; 2, P. Andrews and H. G. Jones.
Senior Girls' Solo:—
1, M. Charlton; 2, C. Atkins; 3, J. Price.
Mixed Choirs:—
1, Trinity; 2, King's; 3, Queen's; 4, School.

FINAL RESULTS:

- 1, Queen's, 752; 2, King's, 541; 3, School, 506; 4, Trinity, 436.

Old Students' Successes at Birmingham University.

- D. E. ADAMS, B.Sc., 1st Class Honours (Physics).
R. S. O. STEVENS, to receive B.Sc. after further year's study.
H. EVERETT
W. G. JONES } 1st Examination for B.Sc.
E. KNOTT }
H. G. BARLOW, Second Examination—School of History.
L. COOPER, First Examination—School of History.
J. C. GOODACRE |
R. W. MUSGRAVE | Second Examination for B.A.
P. WOODWARD, B.A., Division I.
H. H. CORK }
J. V. LEWIS } Diploma in Education.
G. LYMAN }
C. N. NOCK }
D. HOMER }
M. MARSHALL } Certificate in Education.
M. GREEN, Pre-Medical.
M. KNOTT, Degree of B.Com.

The Path through the Wood.

The path through the wood in springtime,
Is a path between primrose beds;
A path which winds down to the streamlet
Where the daffodils nod their heads;
And the violets blow beneath the trees,
And waft their scent on the soft, spring breeze.

The path through the wood in summer,
Is a carpet of beautiful flowers;
The wood is a mystic garden
Where the stately trees form bowers;
And the nightingale sings in the copse at night
When the moon bathes the wood in silvery light.

The path through the wood in autumn,
Is a pathway of mellowing leaves,
Of sunset tints, golden and orange,
A path which is blown from the trees;
Where the slanting beams of the autumn sun
Proclaim to the wood that the day is done.

The path through the wood in winter,
Is hid by a mantle of white,
The bare trees stand bleak, silhouetted
Against the grey sky of the night;
And the robins wake with the light of dawn
And sing to welcome a winter's morn.

June H. Goode, Form IVa.

The Happy Family.

Did you ever hear of a family
That went by the name of Brown?
Ah! didn't the folks just stand and stare
When they all trooped off to town!

First there was Grandpa; a hearty old man,
Extremely good-tempered was he,
Although on his face eighty summers you'd trace,
He was upright a man as could be.
Then there was Grandma; a fussy old dame,
A spruce well-dressed lady was she,
Your hat must be straight or you'd meet a sad fate,
When you went out with Grandma to tea.

Then we had Father, a bit of a rake,
With his hat tilted back, so 'tis said,
And Mamma, with eyes so despairingly fixed
On the angle of said hat on head.
But the peach of the family was sister Susanne—
Golden curls framing such a sweet face,
That all who beheld it were filled with amaze
And wonder, at seeing such grace.

Next followed Bobbie, whose one aim in life
Was to keep in good temper the Twins,
For two such scapegraces you never did see,
They taxed all his tact with their whims.
But Queen of the homestead reigned sweet baby Nell,
So winsome and gentle a maid,
From Grandpa to Twins, they were all willing slaves,
And her wishes were strictly obeyed.

If you ever meet that family,
That goes by the name of Brown
Just try to copy their cheerful ways,
As they all troop off to town.

Thelma E. Powell, Form IVa.

Dawn.

The rising sun its early beams displays,
The misty night is slowly growing pale,
And as the beams creep slowly up the dale,
Their pleasing warmth dispels the clammy haze.

Once more the earth is bathed in golden rays,
And bird sends unto bird its cheery hail,
While denizens of night seek out the trail,
That leads to where they sleep throughout the days.

All nature awakes anon, and with it man,
Who sees afresh the wonder of the dawn
And thanks the God from whom all wonders come.

Another day's begun in the great plan
Of universe, and with the sun-bathed morn,
Resounds from every side life's busy hum.

E. Murrell, Form IVb.

The Hidden Cipher.

ON the top of a lonely, pine-clad hill overlooking the River Glen, stood the grotesque mansion of a mad millionaire. It was Glencliff Manor. Its brooding look of solitude was unbroken by a single sign of human habitation, yet, in spite of the spectral aspect, it had acquired the reputation of being haunted from the time its wealthy but unhappy owner, Sir Edwin West, had passed away under tragic circumstances.

At about 11-30 one dark night in January, if one cared to look, there could be seen a shadowy figure creeping along in the inky blackness towards the old manor. It was Jack Durrant, secret service agent of His Majesty's service. Jack felt his heart beat a quick tattoo as he crept softly over the frail wooden footbridge.

Under him the river ran gurgling, softly, eerily.

At last he reached the left wing of the manor, and soon found the side window of West's library.

"Click," Jack had forced the window and jumping quietly over the low window sill, he gained admittance to the eerie, dusty library of Glencliff Manor. The library contained a few old pieces of furniture, and the four walls were covered with panelling. All this Jack took in with one peering glance, but his pulses quickened when he saw the panelling; this, he thought, would he try first in hope of finding the secret Cipher which the Government were so eager to obtain, and which the old millionaire had hidden, so keeping it from foreign powers. All this the Government had only just found from West's will.

Jack began to try all the panelling, sliding his hand over the dusty surface. At last in one corner, a few inches from the floor, he came upon a small knob, and when this was pressed upon a piece of panel slid back with a slight grinding whirr, revealing a small cavity of about six inches.

From inside there came to Jack's nostrils a horrid musty decayed sort of smell, giving Jack a frightening eerie experience.

But nevertheless he plunged in his hand and pulled out a faded yellow-hued envelope. Opening it Jack found to his delight that it contained the secret cipher. As he was thus engaged he felt an indefinable sense of panic creep in his flesh, warning him that there was something in the room with him, and then he felt a touch on his shoulder. Stiffly, he slowly turned his head, to see who or what was behind, and then he saw two hideous greeny-blue eyes staring at him out of a sea of blackness. Again he smelt the nauseating musty smell pervading the room.

For an instant Jack stood still, petrified, but with a mighty effort he regained his shattered nerves and plunged for the window. At all costs he must not wake the old keeper, who was slightly insane, so he ran as quietly as possible back over the bridge, through the trees and back to the car which was waiting for him in a lane nearby. Jack had had enough of bats for one night.

G. Chatham, Form IVc.

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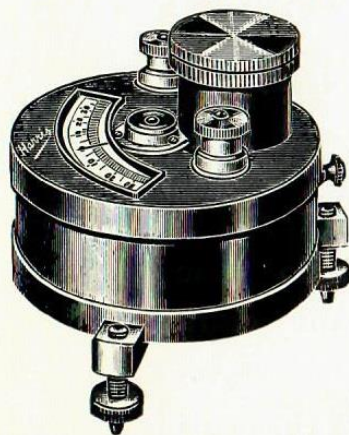
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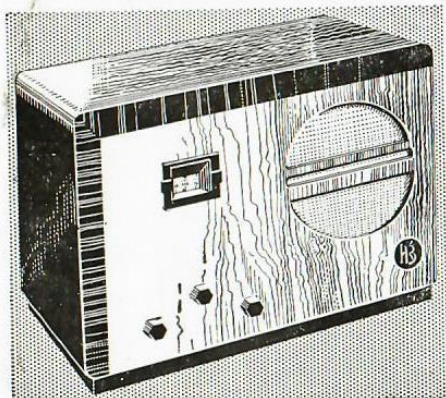


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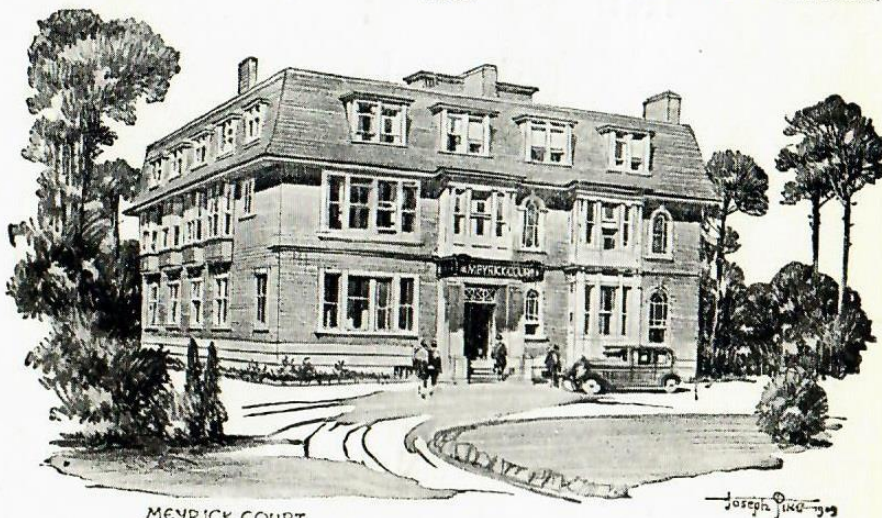
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