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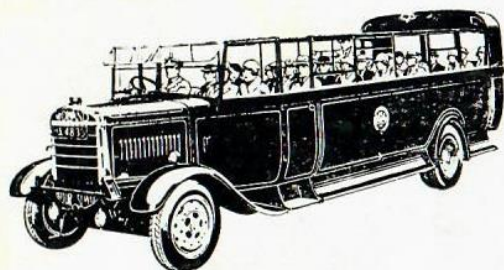
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EDITORIAL.

THE Spring Term of 1934 was an unusually short one, ending on March 29th, and therefore it was considered advisable to combine the Spring and Summer numbers of "The Oldburian" into one issue, instead of the usual two. For this reason the present number contains the history of the Autumn Term of 1933, as well as that of the Spring Term of 1934.

During the Autumn Term we lost an unusually large number of pupils for that period of the School year, and as practically every one of these left school to take up immediately some definite job of work, we hope that this exodus of pupils who had fulfilled the terms of their agreement on entry, may safely be regarded as some slight indication of better times in the world of business.

For the last ten days of the Autumn Term, and for the whole of the Spring Term, we were without the services of Mr. T. L. Davies, who was very dangerously ill. We rejoice to know that he is now well on the way to complete health, and ready for work once more. During his absence his work was most efficiently carried on by Mr. H. Edlin, B.Sc., of London University, and our thanks are due to him for the splendid way in which he adapted himself to new conditions, and for the enthusiastic help he gave us.

For the latter part of the Spring Term, we were also without Mr. Knight-Coutts, and his place was filled by Mr. E. Jessop, M.Sc., of Liverpool University, and we thank him for his excellent assistance. We are glad to have Mr. Knight-Coutts with us again this term.

Now we have the Summer Term before us, a term of strenuous endeavour, both in school and on the playing fields, and when the term is over may we all be able to say that it has been the best—so far.

Dates to Remember.

- February 15 and 17—Guide Display.
 February 26 and 27—Half Term.
 March 29—End of Term.
 April 23—Summer Term begins.
 May 21—28—Whitsuntide holiday.
 June 2—Joint Sports.
 June 6—School Sports.
 June 29—Joint Board Examinations begin.
 July 24—School closes.
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Valete.

- HERBERT W. WILLIAMS.—Form VIA. Higher School Certificate; Prefect; 1st XI. Cricket; Chairman of Joint Societies. B.T.H. Casting Department.
 WILFRED JASON ROLLASON.—Form VIA. Higher School Certificate; 1st XI. Cricket; 1st Football; House Captain. Research Laboratory, Chance & Hunt's.
 KATHLEEN RUTH HOWELLS.—Form VIA. Higher School Certificate; School Captain; 1st XI. Hockey; Chairman of Joint Societies; House Captain. Training to be Masseuse at Queen's Hospital, Birmingham.
 JOHN ASHBROOKE BIRCH.—Form VIA. Matriculation; Prefect; 1st XI. Football; 1st XI. Cricket. Civil Service, Inland Revenue Department.
 THOMAS RALPH EDWARDS.—Form VIB. School Certificate; Prefect; House Vice-Captain. B.T.H. Production Office.
 RAYMOND GRIGG.—Form VIB. School Certificate; House Captain; 1st XI. Cricket. Laboratory of Howse, Paint and Varnish Works.
 DAVID C. JOHNSON.—Form VIB. Matriculation; Prefect. Training to be a Solicitor.
 JOHN WILLIAM BOTTRELL.—Form VIB. Matriculation; Prefect; 1st XI., Cricket; 1st XI. Football; House Captain; Cast of two School Plays. Training as Pharmaceutical Chemist.
 MURIEL M. JACKSON.—Form VIB. School Certificate. Clerk at Hopes', Smethwick.
 HORATIO LORRAINE JONES.—Form VIB. Matriculation; Prefect. Clerk, Eljwells' Foundry.

- GEORGE PILLOW.—Form VI B. 1st XI. Football. Austin Motor Works.
JEAN MORRIS.—Form VA.2. Clerk, Insurance Office.
NORMAN SAMUEL MASON.—Form VB. Engineer, Wards, Selly Oak Works.
FLORENCE MAY DYAS.—Form VA. Commercial School.
BETTY TOOTH.—Form VA.2. Clerk, Manufacturers' Office.
EDGAR WILFRED JONES.—Form VA.2. Metropolitan-Vickers, B'ham.
HERBERT H. SMALLWOOD.—Form VA2. Office of Auctioneer and Valuer.
RAYMOND BAGNALL SMITH.—Form VA.2. King George V. School, Southport.
MARGARET BUTLER.—Form VA.2. At home.
EDNA DEAN.—Form VB. Commercial School.
GWEN MILLS.—Form VB. Clerk.
MARGERY WILDEN.—Form VB. Parkes' Sweet Factory.
GEOFFREY NORMAN WESTWOOD.—Form IV B. Clerk, L.M.S. Railway.
COLIN MAJOR BLOOMER.—Form IV B. Training as Pharmaceutical Chemist.
PHYLLIS KNOWLES.—Form IV B. Commercial School.
VERA SMALLWOOD.—Form III B. At home.
MARY CUTHBERTSON.—Form III R. Transferred to Purley High School, Surrey.
RICHARD HARDY.—Form III R. Transferred to Worcester Royal Grammar School.
EMMIE GILLARD.—Form II R. Returned to Elementary School.
BERYL ROSEMARY GIBBS.—Form II A. Transferred to Halesowen Grammar School.

SPRING TERM, 1934—

- WINIFRED MURIEL BIRD.—Form VI B. Matriculation. Clerk at Timmin's, Toolmaker.
JESSIE HARROLD.—Form VI B. School Certificate; Leader in Guides. Clerk at Messrs. Canning.
HILDA JEAN CAMPBELL.—Form VA. Designing Office of C. & A. Modes.
IRIS WILLETTS.—Form VB. Commercial School.
MOLLY DAINTY.—Form IV B. Removed to Dudley.
KATHLEEN PEARCE.—Form IV B.
CYRIL MILFORD.—Form IV B. Left owing to illness.
ELIZABETH BOOTH.—Form III B. Guide. Transferred to Liverpool College for Girls, Huyton.
ANNETTE BOOTH.—Form I. Brownie. Transferred to a private school at Old Colwyn.

Salvete.

- MAY FLORENCE BROWN.
MARION RUTH MILLOR.
BARBARA SMITH.
MAURICE WAKEMAN.
ARTHUR GIBBS.
CHARLES ROSS PLEASANCE.
MARJORIE JONES.
JOHN CLIFFORD POOLE.
FRANK E. B. SANDERS.
JOHN MICHAEL HOPTON.
MICHAEL SMITH.
GEOFFREY BRISTOW.

Speech Day.

SPEECH Day was held on Friday, October 27th, in the Regent Cinema, Langley, which was kindly lent for the occasion by Mr. W. Jackson and the Directors.

A. C. T. Woodward, Esq., J.P., Chairman of the County Education Committee, attended the function to distribute the prizes. Mr. A. W. Priestly, Director of Education, and many of the Governors were also present.

The proceedings were opened with an address by the Chairman (W. T. Davies, Esq., J.P., C.A.), in which he expressed his gratification at seeing a gathering of parents and scholars so large that it could not be accommodated in the School Hall. He reviewed the history of Secondary education in the district and referred to the altered conditions with regard to Scholarships.

K. Howells, the girl captain, then gave an account of the School's social life during the past twelve months; of the weekly meetings of the Joint Societies and of the Guides, of the annual School play and various School outings—accounts of which have appeared in previous issues. A pianoforte solo was pleasingly rendered by H. G. Jones, after which J. Greenwood, the boy captain, reported on the very successful year of the School in sports.

A solo, "Like to the Damask Rose," sung by C. Atkins, was very much appreciated, and then followed the Headmaster's report of the general work done by the School during the past year. He was very pleased to be able to announce that the results of the external examinations taken by the Fifth and Sixth Forms were better than they had ever been and that the School had a successful year from all points of view.

A. C. T. Woodward, Esq., J.P., then presented the prizes, and gave a short address. He pointed out that education did not consist in imparting a certain amount of knowledge but it also implied the building up of character; children could not be taught on mass production lines, but needed individual care and attention. Examinations were not always the best and surest way of finding out whether boys and girls had profited by their School life, but no other tests had yet been devised. Effort mattered more than winning a prize and if boys and girls tried their best they would make citizens of whom this country could be proud.

A vote of thanks to Mr. Woodward was proposed by Councillor Price and seconded by the Rev. H. C. Hawkins, and in replying, Mr. Woodward asked the Headmaster to give the School a holiday—a request which we all greatly appreciated.

After the vote of thanks to the Chairman, proposed by Councillor Rose and seconded by Mr. A. C. Jephcott, a film,

showing the opening of our new School in 1926, was shown on the screen by the kindness of the directors of the Cinema. We were all thoroughly entertained by this film. A news film of 1926 had become a comic of 1933!

The very enjoyable function concluded with the singing of the School Song and the National Anthem.

B. Keyte.

Prize List.

- Form 1. —Barbara Rowe 1, S. W. Alger 2.
- Form 2B. —A. R. Blackburn 1, and 1st in History, Geography, Maths, Chemistry, Biology; Joan Walker 2.
- Form 2A2.—Molly Dingley 1, and 1st in English, History, German, Maths, Biology, Art; T. R. Priest 2, and 1st in Geography.
- Form 2A1.—W. R. Sergeant 1, and 1st (equal) in English, History, German; Iris Thornton 2, and 1st (equal) in English French, Art; W. J. Cox 3 (equal), and 1st in Geography, Chemistry; Lily Pullinger (3) equal), and 1st in Maths.
- Form 3B. —D. B. Pool 1, and 1st in French, German, Physics, Chemistry; M. H. Shotton 2; Molly Dainty 3, and 1st in Maths, Biology.
- Form 3A. —Mary Bright 1, and 1st in French, German, Biology; J. S. Oakes 2, and 1st in Art; P. Andrews and G. Sambrooke 3 (equal); Molly Howells, 1st in English and History; R. D. Williams, 1st in Maths and Physics.
- Form 4C. —Marjorie Dodd 1, G. L. Chatham 2.
- Form 4B. —H. W. Hoskins 1, and 1st in Physics; Hilda Partridge 2, and 1st in English, History, Biology; E. T. G. Day 3, and 1st in French, Geography.
- Form 4A. —H. G. Jones 1; J. Fox 2, and 1st in French, Geography; B. Roebuck 3, and 1st in Chemistry; Rose Hood 4.
- Form 5B.—Mary Stokes 1, R. C. Hall 2.
- Forms 5A and 6B.—SCHOOL CERTIFICATE EXAMINATION: W. G. Dixon, Hilda Tromans, D. Willetts, Myra Hart, Kathleen W. Hepworth, T. R. Edwards, G. Holmes, Peggy Homer, Hilda Richardson, Grace Gilbert, J. H. Cole, Muriel Jackson, Margaret Adams, Marion Best, Nancy Poole, R. Grigg, Linda Hands, Beatrice Taylor, Barbara Farrow, Joan Price, Jessie Harrold, V. W. Goode.

MATRICULATION BY SCHOOL CERTIFICATE: Nancy James, W. Bottrell, F. Bird, N. K. Mason, D. H. Jackson, Winifred M. Bird, R. C. Turner, G. N. Smith, D. C. Johnston, W. Horton, Winifred M. Knott, Dorothy Bagnall.

MATRICULATION BY HIGHER SCHOOL CERTIFICATE: Bessie Turnbull, Muriel Burnett.

UPPER SIXTH HIGHER SCHOOL CERTIFICATE: J. R. Greenwood, Maths, Chemistry, Physics and English; Geraldine Marshall, English, History, Latin and French; Gwendolyn Jones, Botany, Zoology, Maths and English; W. J. Rollason, Geography, Maths, Chemistry and English; Joan Lugg, English, History, Latin and French; R. W. Keyte, English, History, Latin and French; Kathleen Howells, English, Geography, History and Latin; H. W. Williams, Maths, Physics, Chemistry, English and French, also awarded Worcester County Major Scholarship; D. C. Stevens, Maths, Physics, Chemistry, English and French, also awarded Smethwick Major Scholarship.

B. Harper, Intermediate Examination for B.Sc. degree.

SPECIAL PRIZES.—John R. Greenwood, Chess Prize, and Mr. Round's Trophy; Thelma Powell, original article in School Magazine; R. E. Thomlinson, Athletic Sports Junior Championship Medal; Doris Garner, Athletic Sports Junior Championship Medal; Gwendolyn Jones, Hockey Prize; Joan Lugg, Hockey Prize; R. Grigg, Cricket Prize, batting; R. W. Keyte, Cricket Prize, bowling; Joan Lugg, Athletic Sports Senior Championship, Albright Cup and Medal; B. Harper, Athletic Sports Senior Championship, Vernon Cup and Medal, Joint Secondary Schools Sports Cup for 100 yards, Joint Secondary Schools Sports Cup for 440 yards, Joint Secondary Schools Sports Cup for Swimming, Old Students' Medal; Queen's House, Mr. W. T. Davies' Cup for Musical Festival; School House, "House" Cup; Mary Kings, Mrs. Dawes' Prize for Leadership; D. C. Stevens, Mr. Dawes' Prize for Leadership.

Subscriptions to the Prize Fund from the following were gratefully acknowledged:—Mr. G. S. Albright, J.P., C.A., Mrs. E. H. Bence, J.P., Miss F. M. Buchanan, Mrs. P. N. Collyer, Mr. W. T. Davies, J.P., C.A., Mrs. F. Dawes, Mr. F. Dawes, Mr. W. W. Hackett, J.P., Rev. H. C. Hawkins, Mrs. Jones, Mr. A. C. Jephcott, Mr. S. Lugg, Mr. G. H. Price, C.C., Mr. H. H. Robbins, C.C., Mr. B. T. Robbins, Mr. G. N. Robbins, Mr. G. W. Rose, Dr. C. W. Sharpley, Mr. le Souef Simpson, Mr. W. F. Vernon, C.A., Messrs. Chance and Hunt, the Old Students' Association.

“Der Tag” (1933).

The Day! what Day? Why, our Day, its here!
The Day of days in our School year,
When mother and father, sister and brother,
With aunts, not a few, stare aghast at each other,
As o'er the clatter, and chatter of tongues
Comes, “School!” shouted forth from a stout pair of lungs.

Up rise the School, very smart, one and all,
“’Shun!” comes the same loud clarion call,
Then down the hall in stately line,
Walk the learned pedagogues just on time,
Headed by one with a genial smile,
To see it (’twas said) was worth walking a mile.

Now on the platform a goodly array,
Of governors, and visitors down for the Day.
Next follow speeches and our Head’s report,
He praises our work and we find nothing short.
We are favoured with musical items a few,
The event of the evening is now almost due.

Up steps we go, a handshake, a bow,
Happy faces on every side we see now.
The last prize is given, we’ve all settled down
To hear the chief speaker, who smiles all around,
Our Speaker keeps to the “Gold Standard” you know,
His speech is just right for us children, I trow.

And now, in the School Song, all heartily sing,
Of old girls and boys who have sung this same thing.
Dear me! What is this? a cinema scene?
Faces well-known, quaint styles that have been.
To the King we now sing, as our homage we give,
Speech Day is over, but in mem’ry ’twill live.

Thelma E. Powell, Form 5A1.

King’s House.

Captains - - F. M. PALMER, E. KEYTE.
Vice-Captains - E. F. GREEN, G. JONES.
Sports Captains - F. M. PALMER, G. JONES.
Secretary - - N. K. MASON.

THE main event during the Winter Term was the School play, and King’s House was represented by E. Keyte, C. Atkins and J. Price, of whom E. Keyte is worthy of special mention.

In the Inter-House football, held at the end of both terms, King’s House were not very successful, losing five out of six matches played, but we would like to congratulate F. M. Palmer on being awarded his Football Colours.

Last term we received a visit from Halesowen for the Inter-School Debate, E. F. Green was one of the principal speakers for us and is to be congratulated on his speech.

In the School Hockey XI. we were represented by Gwen Jones, and we also wish to congratulate her on receiving her Hockey Colours.

In conclusion we wish the members who have left us every success in their new sphere of life and urge the new and present members to maintain the prestige which we have held in the past.

N. K. Mason.

Queen's House.

Captains - - J. BIRCH, M. A. BURNETT.
 Vice-Captains - H. JONES, B. FARROW.
 Sports Captains - LAKER, J. HOBBDAY.

THE past terms have proved to be very crowded ones, and it is pleasing to note that in the many functions that took place the House did very creditably.

On Speech Day we were well represented in the prize list, many of our members gaining Form Prizes and Examination Certificates.

"Quality Street" was a School production, but it is very pleasing to note that many members of Queen's House took part in it.

At the end of last term the Inter-House matches were competed, and Queen's football eleven are to be congratulated upon their very excellent performance in winning all three matches.

In Hockey we were, however, not so successful and had to be satisfied with third place, managing to beat King's but losing to Trinity and School. The team, however, is to be congratulated on the hard work done against superior forces.

Already Sports Day looms ahead and we appeal to all our members to train for some event, so that the honour of Queen's House may be upheld in the coming competitions.

M. Burnett.

School House.

Captains - - CATHERINE ATKINS, J. R. GREENWOOD
 Sports Captains - OLIVE HADLEY, B. THOMLINSON.
 Secretary - - NORA E. BATE.

THE past two terms have been very busy ones and full of interest, and we are proud that School House has once more proved her worth in the various activities.

During the Autumn Term, the Dramatic Society produced the play "Quality Street." School House was well represented

and all members are to be congratulated on their excellent performances.

The Guides Display which took place last term was a great success and we wish to congratulate all the Guides in the House who played their parts so well and gained credit for their House.

The Inter-House Hockey matches, held at the end of the Easter Term, proved most exciting. School was successful in all the matches and thus succeeded in gaining first place. Every member of the team played excellently and we hope that we shall be equally successful in the Tennis matches which will be coming shortly.

The boys, too, did very well in the Inter-House Football matches. They were successful in five out of six of their matches, but were forced to take second place as Queen's defeated them on goal average. We offer our congratulations to Thomlinson and Howen on gaining their Football Colours.

We welcome all new members and hope that everyone will strive to bring credit to the House in the forthcoming events.

We also wish to congratulate Owen Wheale, an old student of School House, on obtaining his A.T.C.L.

Nora E. Bate.

Trinity House.

Captains - - R. MURRAY, BEATRICE TAYLOR.
Sports Captains - R. MURRAY, BEATRICE TAYLOR.
Secretary - - HILDA RICHARDSON.

AS no magazine was published last term, these notes incorporate the activities of the Autumn and Spring Terms.

In the play, "Quality Street," which was produced in December, Beatrice Taylor, Peggy Homer, Mary Stokes, Dorothy Morgan, May Burborough, Hilda Richardson, R. Murray, R. Edwards, Watts, G. Walker, all played their parts well, and gained credit for the House.

In the Inter-House Hockey Competition at the end of the Easter Term, we defeated King's and Queen's but unfortunately had to admit defeat at the hands of School, who thus deprived us of first place. From the Hockey eleven, M. Stokes was awarded her Colours.

The Inter-House Football matches did not end quite so satisfactorily as they have done in previous years. However, all the team played well under the circumstances, and we hope for better results next season.

The most outstanding feature of the Spring Term was the display given by the Girl Guides, in which we were well represented. Those members of Trinity House taking part included

Beatrice Taylor, Nancy Taylor, B. Philips, P. Philips, M. Wallace and M. Withers.

The Summer Term is sure to be a very busy one and we shall need all help that our members can give us if we are to do well in the competitions.

Hilda Richardson.

Football.

1st XI. Captain—N. H. LAKER; Vice-Captain—F. PALMER.
Secretary—T. GREAVES.

Committee—Captain, Vice-Captain, Secretary, J. HOWEN and R. THOMLINSON.

FOOTBALL has again been a success this season. The first XI. played 21 matches, of which 10 were won, 1 drawn and 9 lost. The second XI. were not very successful, winning 2, drawing 1, and losing 11 of their 14 matches. Perhaps the most notable achievements of the season were the defeat of Dudley, and the moral victories over Stourbridge.

Colours were awarded to N. K. Laker, L. Palmer, J. Howen, and R. Thomlinson for excellent play throughout the season.

	1st XI.	2nd XI.
Holly Lodge ...	5—2 Won	1—4 Lost
Dudley ...	3—2 Won	1—2 Lost
Lawrence's ...	4—5 Lost	7—3 Won
St. Philp's ...	5—2 Won	—
Smethwick ...	7—3 Won	8—2 Won
West Bromwich ...	2—3 Lost	—
Wolverhampton ...	1—7 Lost	1—14 Lost
Bromsgrove ...	5—4 Won	—
Dudley ...	0—7 Lost	1—9 Lost
St. Philip's ...	—	3—4 Lost
Handsworth ...	3—5 Lost	3—3 Draw
King's Norton ...	1—4 Lost	1—3 Lost
Redditch ...	6—1 Won	—
Wolverhampton ...	3—4 Lost	1—11 Lost
Redditch ...	4—3 Won	—
Bromsgrove ...	2—2 Draw	—
Lawrence's ...	7—4 Won	1—3 Lost
Holly Lodge ...	7—0 Won	1—6 Lost
St. Philip's ...	7—0 Won	—
Handsworth ...	4—6 Lost	1—4 Lost
St. Philip's ...	—	1—2 Lost
West Bromwich... ..	2—3 Lost	—
Stourbridge ...	2—0 Abandoned	1—0 Abandoned

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

1st XI.—Greaves, T.; Thorpe, A., Jackson, E., Hall, R., Beardsmore, P., Butler, E.; Turnbull, R., Thomlinson, R., Pillow, G., Rollason W., Palmer, F.; Bottrell, W., Grigg, R., Howen, J., Jones, F., Adams, F., Betts, M., Laker, N., Edwards, E.

2nd XI.—Hornsby; Butler, Jones, J. W., Beardsmore, Jackson, Cox; Nock, Edwards, E., Hadley, Day, Willetts, Edwards, R.; Johnson, D., Hall, Cole, Brinton, Hewitt, Jones, F., Leedham, Bayliss, Betts, Mason, Greenwood.

T. Greaves.

Hockey, 1933-34.

Captain—BEATRICE TAYLOR. Vice-Captain—OLIVE HADLEY.

Secretary—GWEN JONES.

Team—

W. HEPWORTH, K. WAKEMAN, B. TAYLOR, D. MORGAN,
H. TROMANS; M. JEPHCOTT, O. HADLEY, M. STOKES;
M. BALLARD, B. HOSKINS; G. JONES.

LAST season proved to be yet another of the list of very successful ones for the Hockey team. Since several of last year's team had left, considerable difficulty was experienced in replacing these members, but the final choice proved quite equal to the majority of our opponents. The previous high standard of play was still retained, and the whole team may be congratulated upon the good play and team spirit.

Hockey Colours were presented at the end of the season to Mary Stokes and Gwen Jones for their constant service to the team in this and previous seasons.

Inter-House hockey matches were played at the end of the Spring Term, the order of the Houses being School, Trinity, Queen's, Kings's.

Results of the matches played in the season of 1933-34:—

1933. Date.	Opponents.	Result.	Goals	
			F.	A.
Sept. 23.—	West Bromwich S.S.	Home ... Drawn ...	3	— 3
„ 30.—	Walsall ...	Away ... Won ...	5	— 4
Oct. 18.—	Wolverhampton S.S.	Away ... Lost ...	3	— 4
„ 25.—	University III. ...	Home ... Won ...	1	— 0
„ 28.—	Cresconians ...	Home ... Lost ...	1	— 4
Nov. 8.—	Waverley Rd. S.S....	Home ... Won ...	5	— 1
„ 11.—	Kidderminster H.S...	Away ... Lost ...	2	— 6
„ 18.—	Halesowen G.S. ...	Home ... Won ...	5	— 1
„ 25.—	Bromsgrove C.H.S...	Home ... Won ...	3	— 0
Dec. 2.—	Redditch C.H.S. ...	Away ... Won ...	8	— 0
„ 9.—	Dudley H.S. ...	Home ... Won ...	4	— 1

1934.				Goals	
Date.	Opponents.		Result.	F.	A.
Jan. 24.	—University III.	...	Away ... Lost	5	7
„ 27.	—Walsall	...	Home ... Won	5	3
Feb. 3.	—Halesowen G.S.	...	Away ... Lost	2	6
„ 17.	—Cresconians	...	Away ... Lost	2	6
„ 21.	—Waverley Rd. S.S.	...	Away ... Won	4	3
Mar. 3.	—Dudley H.S.	...	Away ... Won	10	0
„ 10.	—Kidderminster	...	Home ... Won	2	0

Gwen Jones.

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THE Joint Societies have again had a very busy and enjoyable session and were pleased to welcome, during the session, Mr. Hackett, Mrs. Booth, Dr. Hillier, Mr. Smith and Mr. Dutton, who were kind enough to give lectures.

Autumn Session:—

Oct. 3.—The first meeting was a business meeting at which a committee was elected consisting of a boy and girl from each form. After the meeting a committee meeting was held to arrange the programme for the session and to elect officers.

Oct. 10.—Mr. Pearson gave some readings from “The Dynasts,” by Thomas Hardy.

A vote of thanks to Mr. Pearson was proposed by Green and seconded by Kathleen Howells.

Oct. 17.—Two plays were read. Members of 4A. presented “The Dear Departed,” the characters being Grandfather—Smith, Henry Slater—Oakes, Ben Jordan—Gibbs, Amelia Slater—Doreen Forster, Mrs. Jordan—Doris Garner, Victoria—Mabel Craddock.

“The Old Bull” was then read by the Sixth Form, the cast of which was as follows:—Sarah Tinsley—Catherine Atkins, Bones—Greaves, Charles Elmitt—Murray, James Elmitt—Green, William Smithson—Palmer.

Oct. 31.—At this meeting Mr. Hackett lectured to the Society on "The History of Architecture." He showed how Architecture has developed through the centuries, illustrating this with many interesting photographs and drawings.

A vote of thanks to Mr. Hackett for his most interesting lecture was proposed by E. Keyte and seconded by Greaves.

Nov. 7.—Half Term.

Nov. 14.—The Society was pleased to welcome Mrs. Booth who gave a very interesting account of her voyages to India. She also described her life there and some of the native customs.

A vote of thanks to Mrs. Booth was proposed by Gwen Jones and seconded by Murray.

Nov. 21.—At this meeting there were two play readings, "The Boy Comes Home" and "Admiral Peters." The casts were: "The Boy Comes Home":—Philip—Elliott, Uncle James—Leedham, Mrs. Higgins—Nancy Pooie, Mary—Dorothy Morgan, Aunt Emily—Hilda Tromans.

"Admiral Peters":—Mrs. Dutton—May Shenton, Burton—Hoskins, Admiral Peters—Day.

Nov. 28.—Dress rehearsal of play.

Nov. 30, Dec. 2.—The Dramatic Society presented the play "Quality Street," by Barrie.

Dec. 5.—Dr. Hillier entertained the Society with a lecture on "Bacteria," which he illustrated with experiments and by many microscopic slides.

Dec. 9.—The half session was brought to a close by a very enjoyable party given by Miss Jones, to the cast and all helpers of the School play.

Spring Session:—

Jan. 23.—At the first meeting of this session Mr. Smith, an old student, gave a very interesting entertainment with a series of monologues. The programme was:—

- (i) The Patriot *Robert Browning.*
- (ii) To My Comrade *Sydney-Royce Kycett.*
- (iii) Market Day *Mary Webb.*
- (iv) Excerpt from The Beauty of Shadows
- (v) Gardens in the Rain *James Redfern Anderson.*
- (vi) A Listener *E. J. Lucas.*
- (vii) The Breakfast *Harry Graham.*
- (viii) The Bath... ..

A vote of thanks to Mr. Smith was proposed by Green and seconded by M. Bird.

Jan. 30.—This meeting took the form of a debate. The motion was that "The Enthusiasm of the Twenties has done more for progress than the experience of the Forties." The speakers for the motion were Elliott, Catherine Atkins and Greaves, and for the opposition, Barbara Farrow, Murray and Green. The subject provoked keen discussion, and after a lively debate the motion was carried by 46 votes to 30.

Feb. 9.—The Society entertained members of the Halesowen Grammar School Debating Society in an Inter-School Debate. The guests arrived at 4-30 and after tea the debate commenced. The motion was "Our Modern System of Secondary School Education is out of touch with the claims of modern life." Halesowen Debating Society proposed the motion. The speakers for the motion were Mary Jones, Green and Homer, and for the opposition Barbara Farrow, Elliott and Green. When the chief speakers had finished there were many speeches from the floor and after the summing up the House divided and the motion was rejected by 84 votes to 58. After the debate a short but enjoyable dance was held.

Feb. 13.—Four members of the Lower Sixth read papers. These were "Scouting" by Bird, "X-Rays" by Woodward, "Inks" by Mason, and "The Work of Pasteur," by Goode.

A vote of thanks for these interesting and instructive papers was proposed by Catherine Atkins and seconded by Greaves.

Feb. 20.—The Society was entertained by Mr. Dutton who gave a very interesting lecture on "Photography." He first explained how a photograph is taken, illustrating his points with a camera. By means of the epidiascope he showed many beautiful photographs and he explained how he obtained them and the difficulties he had to overcome with each. At the end of the meeting he answered several questions put to him by members of the Society.

A vote of thanks to Mr. Dutton was proposed by Barbara Farrow and seconded by Catherine Atkins.

Feb. 27.—Half Term.

Mar. 6.—No meeting was held as the School visited the Cinema to see the picture "H.R.H. The Prince of Wales."

Mar. 8.—Members of the Society visited West Bromwich Municipal Secondary School for a historical debate. The motion was "Revolution makes for Progress." West Bromwich opposed the motion. The speakers were, for the motion, Barbara Farrow and Greaves, and for the opposition Lloyd and Violet Legge. There were many speeches from the floor and after the summing up the vote was taken and the motion was carried by 52 votes to 28.

Mar. 13.—The session was brought to a close by a lecture by Mr. Edlin. His subject was "The Production of a Talkie Picture." Firstly he explained the principles underlying the production of a silent picture, and secondly the developments in the method of recording sound as a photograph and reproducing it in the Picture House. He illustrated his points with many interesting experiments and apparatus.

He concluded his lecture with an account of some of the things he saw when on a visit to Elstree.

There was a very "full house" for the meeting and all very much enjoyed the lecture and appreciated all the care and trouble taken by Mr. Edlin. We thank him most sincerely for giving us such an interesting and instructive time.

There were three visits to see plays during the session.

In December some of our members went to West Bromwich Secondary School to see the School's performance of Henry VIII. We enjoyed this very much and thank the Secondary School for their kind invitation.

In February a party of about 80 members went to the Grand Theatre, Wolverhampton, to see "Richard of Bordeaux"—a delightful production, which was greatly appreciated.

In March a party of about 70 members went to West Bromwich to see a travelling company's performance of "Macbeth"—a very pleasant mode of revision for the Matriculation candidates.

Although the serious business of the Society ended on March 13th, a dance was held, after the examinations, on March 27th, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

J. R. Greenwood (Secretary).

"Quality Street."

THE Eighth School Play was performed by the Dramatic Society on November 30th and December 2nd, 1933, when Sir James Barrie's "Quality Street," transported us to a small town with a decidedly "Cranford" atmosphere and to the period of the Napoleonic wars. We remember Miss Susan Throssel's delightful "Blue room," changed so soon to a rather bare schoolroom, the scene for ten weary years, of the sisters' brave attempts to teach the thankless young Algebra, Latin and Deportment. In the garden of the Assembly Rooms we see the renewed zest of life at the Third Victory Ball and return finally to the Blue

Room which is the true setting for the wistful charm and simple dignity of the ladies of Quality Street.

As Mr. Valentine Brown, Lee was an attractive friend and suitor. He is to be congratulated, particularly upon the scene in the garden when he expressed to Miss Livvy so sincerely and so earnestly his love for Miss Phœbe and also for the excellently managed exit of the imaginary Miss Livvy.

Betty Keyte, as Miss Susan, was a charmingly demure but romantic lady, and as her younger sister Miss Phœbe, Muriel Burnett was grave and gay by turns and we admired her as often as the brave but harassed Miss Phœbe as we did as the entrancing Miss Livvy.

As Miss Willoughby, Hilda Richardson assumed the tone and bearing of a very prim maiden lady, but a very inquisitive one withal. Her sister, the younger and romantic Miss Fanny, was Beatrice Taylor, who is to be congratulated upon the very charming and natural way in which she played this part, the most sympathetic she has so far portrayed. Her friend, Miss Henrietta, also romantic but rather more assertive, was excellently played by Barbara Farrow. Their youthful friend Miss Charlotte Parrott, with her eager self-confidence, was played in an attractive and natural way by Joan Price. Her attendant swain, so soon to be so fickle, that "bright boy" Ensign Blades was worthily played by Murray. Green, as his friend Lieut. Spicer, touchingly spoke of his hopeless love for Miss Livvy.

But in spite of all her friends, Miss Susan's household was really ruled by Patty, a faithful, hopeful, downright soul with lots of cheerful "gumption." No one could have played this part more convincingly than Thelma Powell, and the audience evidently thought so too. We hope the Sergeant recognised her sterling qualities for he was a fine figure of a man. Everyone enjoyed immensely the Schoolroom scene, not only for its naivité, humour and dancing, but because it gave the children of the Lower and Middle School an opportunity of taking some active share in what is one of the most interesting School occasions.

The dance was charming and must have been a welcome change to Miss Phœbe when such pupils as Isabella insisted upon "acquiring Algebra." "Arthur Wellesley Thompson," too, in his eager championship gave real delight.

At the Ball, the stage was well filled by the Ladies and Gentlemen who, in their pretty dresses and gay uniforms, lent colour and gaiety to the scene.

The musical interludes were once more a source of great pleasure to all, and the grateful thanks were immediately expressed to Messrs. Lyman, Stevens, Bridge, Stanley and H. G. Jones.

The costumes were a joy to behold, many of them genuine models of the fashions of Regency days; the long dresses of the little girls, the suits of the little boys, the beautiful and extravagant materials of the ladies' dresses and in particular the bewitching little cherry blush jacket.

For this production of *Quality Street*, Miss Jones must receive our sincere congratulations, not only for her infinite patience and gifts of time and trouble—for a cast of 35 schoolchildren cannot quickly and naturally assume such rôles as those described above—but also for the very pleasant picture left in our minds, a memory as sweet and fragrant as the lavender which the ladies of *Quality Street* must have loved.

E.M.F.

CAST.

Characters in the order of their appearance:—*Miss Susan Throssel*, E. Keyte; *Miss Willoughby*, H. Richardson; *Miss Fanny Willoughby*, B. Taylor; *Miss Henrietta Turnbull*, B. Farrow; *Miss Phœbe Throssell*, M. Burnett; *Patty*, I. Powell; *Sergeant*, B. Roebuck; *Mr. Valentine Brown*, J. Lee; *Children at School—Girls*: J. Bird, J. Goode, M. Burborough, I. Thornton, M. Craddock, M. Cuthbertson. *Boys*: R. Bird, M. Peto, G. Walker, A. Sidaway, R. Turley, R. Watson, S. Gibbs. *Miss Charlotte Parrott*, J. Price; *Ensign Blades*, R. Murray; *Lieutenant Spicer*, E. Green; *Ladies at the Ball*, C. Atkins, D. Lewis, R. Hood, P. Homer, D. Morgan, M. Stokes; *Gentlemen at the Ball*, F. Palmer, R. Watts, E. Edwards, J. W. Jones, R. Elliott.

The League of Nations Union.

THE activities of our Branch of the League of Nations' Union have not been very great this session and meetings have not been frequent.

13th February.

This meeting was a Committee meeting in which B. Farrow was elected Assistant Secretary, and also J. Lee was appointed to represent the School in Oldbury Branch.

16th February.

On this occasion, the meeting took the form of an interesting lecture by Mrs. Harrod, B.A. The talk was very enlightening as Mrs. Harrod explained the real extensive work of the League. A vote of thanks was proposed to Mrs. Harrod by B. Farrow and seconded by T. Greaves.

Gwen Jones.

A Visit to London.

ON March 5th about twenty-eight of the art students visited London. We left New Street, under the supervision of Mrs. Quayle and Miss Williams, on the 8-40 a.m. train, and arrived at Euston a little before 11 o'clock.

It had been arranged that we should visit the National Gallery before lunch, but it was found that we should be unable to have a lecture. Instead, we made our way to Burlington House in Piccadilly.

Here, there was a wonderful collection of English Art. There were beautifully illustrated manuscripts, exquisitely painted miniatures, and perhaps, above all, the treasured canvasses of our great English painters. There was only time to see those of importance to us, but we all appreciated the works and made the best of our time, which was only too short.

After the important event of lunch was over we left Westminster for South Kensington Museum, to see an exhibition of the work of William Morris. This was the work of a man who revolutionised art by getting away from the oppressiveness of the Victorian age, finding beauty in simplicity. The lecture there lasted about forty minutes, and we were able to appreciate still more the beautifully designed tapestries, carpets, furniture, stained glass, and the printed and illuminated copies of the works of great authors.

We left South Kensington and, after a short delay while some lost members of the party were being found, arrived at the National Gallery.

The lecture here was given by Mr. George Furlong, who had lectured to us in previous years. It was on the Spanish School, and chiefly on the work of El Greco. We all found this particularly interesting and enjoyable. Most of us wished that it could have lasted longer.

As the Gallery closed at five o'clock we found that there was nearly an hour to spare, and decided to go for a walk. This took us down Whitehall and past the Houses of Parliament, along Willbank across the river, and so back to Westminster.

From here we went to Euston for tea at six o'clock, and returned home by the 6-40 p.m. train.

Our thanks are due to Mrs. Quayle whose careful organisation gave us such an eventful day.

J. Morton.

A Visit to a Plating Works.

LAST term the Sixth Form Chemistry Class visited the plating works of Messrs. B. T. Round and Sons. Some members of the party went on bicycles but others travelled by 'bus and tram-car.

When we arrived, Mr. Round acted as guide, and we passed through a door into a dark, narrow passage where a peculiar smell lingered. Passing through another door, we entered a long room with plating baths down each side and a gangway in the middle. Men and boys dressed in white were working there. We walked through this room quickly and stopped at the farther end by a bath full of what looked like dirty water. This was a Chromium plating bath and the "dirty water" was worth £1,300, and was the most valuable plating bath of its size in the world. Here we saw an article which was already silver plated being chromium plated. The current, which was a small one, was passed for a few minutes (the period being regulated by an electric time switch). The article was then taken out of the bath and washed. Its appearance was unaltered, but Mr. Round assured us that not only was it now untarnishable but that it would resist all acids.

We now ascended a staircase and entered a finishing room where plated articles, from pepper pots to cake stands and silver cups were polished and lacquered. It is worthy of note that the polishing cloths or pads which were revolved at a high speed were very soft when touched when stationary, but they would gash the hands if touched while revolving. Going through more doors and passages and descending some stairs we came to a large room with big tanks and water running all over the floor.

The tanks were used for nickel plating. They were interesting for several reasons. The anodes were, we noticed, tied up in bags and the solution was bubbling violently. We were told that the current used was so great that the anodes were turned to powder, hence they were tied in bags and that air blown through caused all the bubbling in order to keep the solution agitated and ensure an even deposit of nickel. We then went outside into a yard and, halting before a shed, we one by one ascended steps and peered into a large, mysterious tank, the lid of which was drawn for us. There was a sickly and suffocating smell, and we did not sniff more than once. This was a degreasing plant. The work was done with trichlorethylene (for the benefit of the ignorant, the formula is $\text{CCl}_2=\text{CHCl}$), which removed the grease so completely that iron and steel objects, such as nuts and bolts, have to be plated immediately to prevent rusting.

Climbing more steps a terrific noise was heard and soon we discovered that it was due to a group of dynamos and electric motors all working at full speed. The next room was used for cadmium and gold plating. Cadmium plating is used to rustproof articles like nuts and bolts, and at the time the gold plating baths were being used for "Teddy Tail" badges. Our guide then showed us the chromium plating baths where a current of 1,100 amperes was used, in fact the current was so great that a piece of copper wire placed across the conductors was melted.

We then proceeded to a room in one corner of which was a large beaker used for chromium plating. This was the experimental bath, as the big one was too valuable to risk spoiling with unsuccessful ideas. The solution in this beaker (about one quart) was valued at £50. Here one of the younger members of the party was presented with a chromium plated souvenir. Having seen other processes, including copper plating, and smelt more smells, we returned home.

The party owes many thanks to Mr. Hopkins who arranged the visit, and to Mr. Round who acted as guide and explained all the processes very clearly.

R. H. Murray.

Girl Guides.

Officers:—

Captain—Miss F. D. TWEEDIE. Lieutenant Miss J. L. DAVIES.

Patrol Leaders—

B. TAYLOR, B. FARROW, B. MORRIS, C. POULSON, J. LEES.

Brownie Pack Leader—B. KEYTE. Sixer—B. PHILLIPS.

DURING the Autumn Term we gained many new members to whom we older Guides extend a hearty welcome. Our meetings were chiefly taken up with badge work for the older Guides, who were working for their Child Nurse Badge, while the recruits were trained for their Tenderfoot Test.

There was great rivalry between the five patrols in games and competitions as each week the most efficient patrol gained a star. At the end of the term the White Heather Patrol and the Daffodil Patrol were equal, having gained five stars each.

Our small Brownie Pack, started for children too young for Guides, in the hands of Betty Keyte, has progressed very successfully and some of the Brownies took their Second Class Badge.

At the end of the term the recruits were ready to be enrolled and we invited all parents to a joint Enrolment and party. Besides the Enrolment, badges were presented and an exhibition

of sword dancing was given, and we all enjoyed the evening very much.

We were very sorry to lose our Company Leader Norma Clegg, who has been with us for so long, and also Jessie Harrold, Olive Hadly, Mary Cuthbertson and Elizabeth and Annette Booth.

The whole of the meetings of the Easter Term were given up to rehearsals for our display which we gave on February 15th and 17th, and also later at Langley Institute for the Welfare Centre.

The display opened with the presentation of colours and the National Anthem. Then a one-act play "Square Pegs," by Clifford Box, was performed; a witty discussion of the respective merits of modern and olden days between a modern girl, Hilda, and a sixteenth century girl Giocanda.

After a short interval the play "Columbine," by R. Arkwell, was presented, a delightful little play dealing with the familiar story of Columbine, Pierrot and Harlequin, with a charming rustic element introduced. Those taking part are to be congratulated on the pleasing and natural way they acted.

The next scene was the nursery, in which the nurse, after reading to the two children, Mary and Ann, tucked them up and left them, as she thought, safe asleep. But in crept the Piper who, dancing round their beds, piped them away to Bookland where they see all their favourite characters out of their story-books. Even the Chinese book-ends came to life and to sombre music in their quaint Oriental costumes, they dance. He woos her, will she accept him? yes it is all right and they kiss behind their pretty parasol.

What a contrast are the merry boys and girls as they skip and sing; now they are playing Orange and Lemons, pull—pull—yes the Lemons have won!

Ah! here are the soldiers of the noble Duke of York, how smartly they march to their Sergeant-Major's orders. But they soon get tired doing exercises and how angry that Sergeant-Major gets!

Now Greek maidens in their simple white robes are dancing with graceful rhythmic movements, and Ali Baba is not far off for here is a Persian lady with her water-jar, but she is not too busy to dance for the children, and her cymbals clash to the Eastern music.

In clever mime we see the wooing of a pretty young lady, but she is very hard to please, the tinker and the tailor do not suit her, nor the red coat of the soldier, or the breezy sailor lad; even money does not tempt her for she sends the rich man away disappointed. Then the apothecary woos her but he is too solemn and serious, and the cowboy tries to take her by force,

but she will not have him. Lastly, the thief comes and she scorns him too, but when he has gone she finds he has stolen her money, and forgetting her suitors she runs quickly after him.

Gypsies! they are always romantic and the children clap their hands enchanted by their picturesque costumes, bright gay colours, and ribbons aflutter as they shake their tambourines. Surely this is not all, no, here is the Piper again, that cunning fellow whose pipe brings more Bookland folk.

Ah! what are these? Five little Golliwogs, their black faces are in great contrast to their blue trousers and red-striped jackets, there is a mischievous twinkle in their eyes as they gambol and jump; five little rogues they are!

Now a charming minuet is performed by old-fashioned ladies and gentlemen. Oh, there is Cinderella dancing with the Prince, the graceful stately movements. The clock strikes and Cinderella remembers and away she runs, but she leaves her slipper and the Prince sees it, he will find her.

"Oh! Fairies," cries Ann as three dainty woodland nymphs in flimsy dresses dance lightly on nimble toes. But only a moment and they are gone, and last of all come ten little Dutch boys and girls in their national costumes, how amusing are their quaint flirtations.

The display ended with a tableau of all characters and "Good Night."

So it can be seen that during both terms we have progressed in work and in play.

Barbara Fallow.

Nature's Music.

The music of nature is heard in fields,
 The whisp'ring wind in the corn,
 The soft lowing cattle, the bleating of lambs,
 And the song of the blackbird at dawn.

The music of nature is heard in the brook,
 As it ripples along, murm'ring low;
 It winds in and out, bubbling over the stones,
 By the bank where the willow-trees grow.

The music of nature is heard in the wood,
 The twitter of birds in the trees;
 The sigh of the west wind, the rustle of leaves,
 And in bowers the hum of the bees.

The music of nature is heard in the storm,
When the wind shrieks in fiendish mirth;
The white-crested billows dash fierce o'er the rocks,
And the thunder peals over the earth.

June H. Goode, 5A1.

By the Sea.

The mist veiled the cliffs in pearly grey,
The cry of a seagull died away,
And ghostly waves lapped unseen in the bay,
Ere the sun was up.

A thousand arrows of colourful light
Shot through the grey, and the sea grew bright,
While a breeze cleared away the misty sprite,
As the sun rose up.

Phœbus dipped in the fire tinged blue,
Night clothed the sky in sapphire hue,
Dusky wavelets washed the gold sand anew,
Ere the moon was up.

Silver stars shed silvery rain,
And silvery beams on a silver main,
While silver cliffs fell dreaming again,
As the moon rose up.

B. Keyte.

The Dreamer.

When I consider how my time is spent,
At school, with Maths and French and Art and all,
I sigh, and wonder why here I was sent,
To waste my days, when I hear the longing call
Of the great wide stretches of the desert space
In Africa, the world's most mystic land.
Oh dear! I often long to set the pace
On camel-back, against a tureg band,
Who have swept down upon my little camp
Out of the silv'ry night in search of prey.
Oh! then do I hear the impatient stamp
Of camels, wakened at the break of day
To do whatever work their masters plan,
Those hard-faced Arabs of Mohammed's clan.

Hilda Partridge, IV.B.

The Sorrows of Holidays.

THE worst days of my holidays were in the second week. On the Monday mother started to paper my bedroom and I had to remove all my books and furniture. Then I was sent to Bearwood for some size, flour, and a brush, and it was dinner time before I reached home.

I felt a bit tired but anxious to see my room papered. I thought I would try and help. However, I was soon in trouble as my suit was all over paste before I had helped long, and it was rather late when I went to bed. I soon began to wish myself back at school.

Next morning I had a shock when mother decided that my room looked so nice that she would do my sister's room. I thought, "Oh dear, another day's misery!" at night I really wished I was back at school.

Wednesday morning I felt better, both the rooms being done. I was wondering if we were going out when mother said, "Hurry up with your breakfast, we are having the bathroom papered to-day."

Then I badly wanted to go to school.

N. Harris, 2A.



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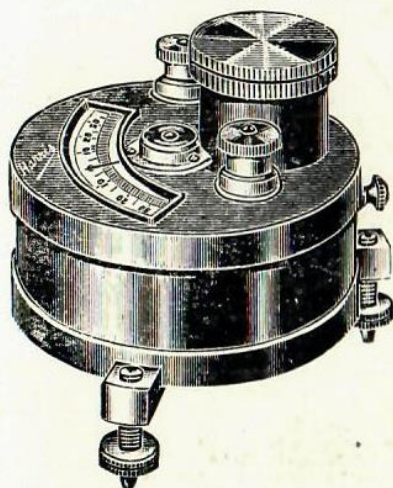
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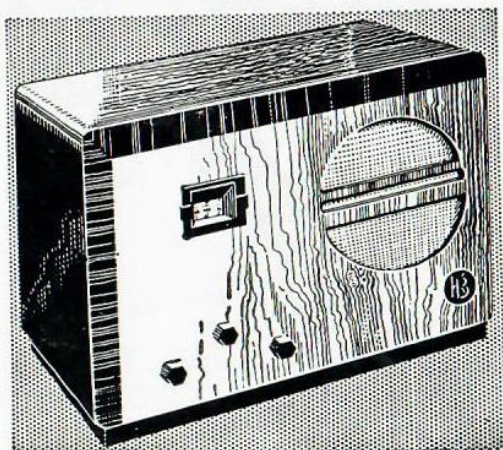


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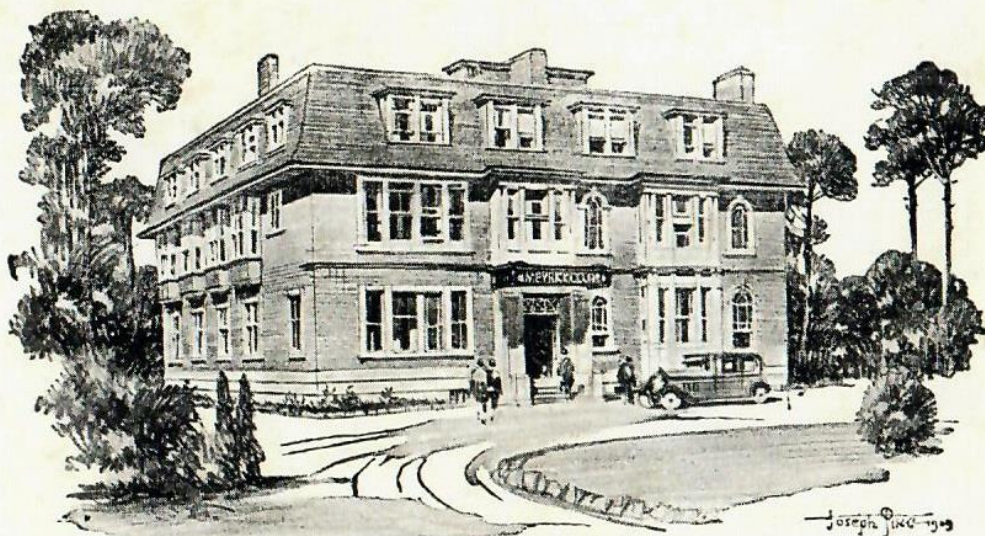
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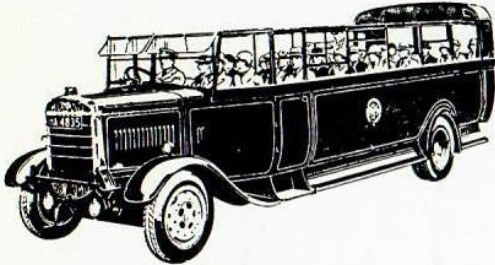
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EDITORIAL.

AT the beginning of the new school year, 1934—35, we offer a hearty welcome to all newcomers and hope that their school career may be highly satisfactory in every way. Apart from the work of the class-room, laboratory, and workshop, there are many opportunities for development in the life of such a school as ours, and we trust that all our new pupils will make the most of these advantages all the time they are with us.

The year which ended in July last, has been a good year, with many outstanding performances in almost every branch of school life, and we offer our congratulations to those who in work, and in play, have brought new honours to the school.

We have, as in every other year, lost quite a large number of our pupils at the end of the summer term, and we wish for these, all good fortune and happiness in whatever career they may have chosen for the serious work of life. We hope that all will join the Old Students' Association, and so keep in touch with their school and schoolfellows throughout the busy years ahead of them.

Once again we have a busy term ahead of us, with a full programme of work and play, the School Play, and Speech Day. In every department of school life, high standards have been set by those who are now old students, and good records made. Now it is the chance and privilege of our present pupils to set new and higher standards, and better records, and to help to build up worthy traditions, that, each in their turn, the School may honour them. So. "Carry On."

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- J. GREENWOOD.—Form VIA. School Captain; House Captain; Secretary of the Joint Societies; Cast of one School Play; 1st XI Cricket; 2nd XI. Football; Chess Champion twice; Higher School Certificate. Birmingham University.
- M. ADAMS.—Form VIB. School Certificate. At home.
- N. BATE.—Form VIB. Prefect; House Vice-Captain; Tennis Team; Matriculation. Dudley Training College.
- W. HEPWORTH.—Form VIB. Shorthand Examination; 1st XI. Hockey Team. At home.
- H. RICHARDSON.—Prefect; House Secretary; Cast of two School Plays; School Certificate. At home.
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- J. FOX.—Form VA. School Certificate; 2nd XI. Cricket. At home.
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- N. P. LAKER.—Form VA. Prefect; Football Colours; Football 1st XI. Captain; Senior Boys' Champion, 1934. At home.
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- M. BALLARD.—Form VB. 1st XI Hockey. At Comptometer School.
D. SAUL.—Form VB. Junior Clerk at Brookes'.
R. CUTLER.—Form VB. At home.
E. JACKSON.—Form VB. 1st XI. Football. At home.
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Dates to Remember.

- Oct. 26.—Speech Day.
Nov. 5, 6.—Half Term.
Nov. 22, 24.—School Play.
Dec. 21.—School closes for Christmas holidays.
Jan. 14.—School re-opens.

Examination Results.

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

HIGHER SCHOOL CERTIFICATE.

G. Atkins—Principal Standard in English. Subsidiary Standard in History, French, Latin.

T. Greaves—Principal Standard in English and History. Subsidiary Standard in Latin and French. Higher School Certificate.

E. Green—Principal Standard in Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry. Subsidiary Standard in English. Higher School Certificate.

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

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

B. Keyte—Principal Standard in English and History. Subsidiary Standard in Latin and French. Higher School Certificate.

R. Murray—Principal Standard in Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry. Subsidiary Standard in German. Higher School Certificate.

B. Farrow—Subsidiary Standard in English, History, French, Zoology. Matriculation.

V. Goode—Subsidiary Standard in English, Physics, Mathematics. Matriculation.

P. Homer—Subsidiary Standard in English, History, Zoology.

J. Price—Subsidiary Standard in English, History, French, Matriculation.

H. Richardson—Subsidiary Standard in English, French, Zoology.

B. Taylor—Subsidiary Standard in English, History, French, Mathematics. Matriculation.

MATRICULATION BY SCHOOL CERTIFICATE EXAMINATION.

P. Granville-Barker, B. Roebuck, R. Watts (Distinction in English), G. Gilbert (Distinction in English), L. Hands, R. Hood, N. Poole, T. Powell (Distinction in English).

SCHOOL CERTIFICATE.

T. Cashmore, J. H. Cole (Distinction in Mathematics), R. Elliott, J. Fox, H. G. Jones, J. W. Jones, W. Knight, J. Lee (Distinction in Handicraft), T. Miles, F. Palmer, H. Smart, R. Turnbull, D. Willetts (Distinction in French), J. Bird, J. Goode (Distinction in English and History), M. Guest, D. Morgan, J. Morton, I. Nicholls, G. Bayliss, G. Beardsmore, M. Hewitt, J. Crump, K. Wakeman.

School House.

Captains - - C. ATKINS, J. GREENWOOD.
Sports Captains - O. HADLEY, B. THOMLINSON.
Secretary - - N. BATE.

THE Summer Term with its numerous attractions has drawn to a close; it has become a memory, yet a happy one to the members of School House.

Thinking over the events of the term, our thoughts centre round the Athletic Sports, which was a notable victory for School House, especially as Doris Garner became the Junior Girls' Champion.

The excitement of the Sports recalls the spirit shewn by School House girls in the House tennis matches, in which they succeeded in gaining second place.

At the end of the term more honours were won by the School House cricket XI., who became House Champions. In the School cricket XI. six of School House were included; Hall, Howen and Day gaining their colours.

The External Examinations were held, and members of School House obtained their School Certificates, and two the Higher School Certificate.

The House hopes that success will come to those who have left, and welcomes the new House members, who, we are sure, will add fresh honours to School House.

R. A. F. Elliott.

King's House.

Captains - - F. M. PALMER, ELIZABETH KEYTE.
Vice-Captains - E. F. GREEN, GWEN JONES.
Sports Captains - F. M. PALMER, GWEN JONES.
Secretary - - N. K. MASON.

LAST term was a very busy one, particularly on the athletic side of school life.

The main event was the School Sports in which there was the usual keen rivalry. We were not so successful as in past years, only obtaining third place.

In the Girls' Swimming Sports we were placed third, but in the boys we were more successful, gaining second place. Johnson is worthy of congratulations on his fine performance.

We were well represented in the girls' tennis teams and in the inter-House matches we succeeded in winning five out of twelve games.

In the inter-House cricket matches we were placed second equal, winning 1 out of 3 matches played.

In the External Examinations held in July last, three of our members obtained Higher School Certificate and several members obtained Matriculation and School Certificate.

We shall be welcoming many new members this term and we hope they will maintain our prestige.

N. K. Mason

Queen's House.

Captains - - M. A. Y. BURNETT, N. LAKER.
 Vice-Captains - B. E. FARROW, V. GOODE.
 Sports Captains - J. HOBDDAY, N. LAKER.
 Secretary - - T. POWELL.

WHILE we regret the loss of many of our old members, we extend a hearty welcome to all newcomers, who, we hope, will work hard to maintain the honour of Queen's House.

One of the main features of last term was the Athletic Sports, and owing to great enthusiasm and united work of the whole House, we were placed a very good second. In our united efforts, our congratulations must go especially to Margôt Jephcott and Laker, who won the two senior championships.

The tennis matches were rather disappointing to a House that has its good reputation to keep up, but we had to fight against great odds.

The cricket results were pleasing as we were again placed second, but naturally not as good as we should have liked them to be.

We offer our congratulations to the many members of our House who did so well in the Higher School and School Certificate examinations.

The new school year is now beginning and we hope that with it will come a successful one for Queen's House.

M. Burnett.

Trinity House.

Captains - - R. H. MURRAY, BEATRICE D. TAYLOR.
 Sports Captains - R. H. MURRAY, BEATRICE D. TAYLOR.
 Secretary - - H. M. RICHARDSON.

THE Summer Term proved to be a most active and enjoyable one for House Competitions.

The most important event during the term was Sports Day. Although the House lacked any brilliant individuals, nevertheless in all the team races and competitions Trinity House came to the fore and headed the list. We only gained third place, but with a few more individual efforts we should do better next year.

We must congratulate M. Ballard and M. Burborough, who were runners-up for the Senior Girls' Championship.

We were very proud to gain first place in the Girls' Inter-House Tennis Matches. M. Stokes and D. Morgan must be congratulated for during the whole tournament they did not lose a match. M. Stokes also gained her tennis colours, because of her excellent play during the whole season.

In the Boys' Inter-House Cricket Matches, we did not do quite so well. Nevertheless we were placed second equal with Queen's House.

The Swimming Sports, both boys and girls, took place at the end of the term, Trinity House did exceptionally well, the boys gaining first place and the girls second place. The House wishes to congratulate A. Pugh on his excellent swimming.

The last important event on the term's programme was the External Examination. The results show that Trinity House is represented in all branches of School life, and all her members who were successful, we congratulate.

The House wishes to welcome all new members and bid "Adieu" to all who have left.

B. D. Taylor.

Tennis.

Captain—M. STOKES.

Secretary—G. JONES.

Team—M. STOKES, K. WAKEMAN, D. MORGAN, B. TAYLOR, V. KEELING, M. WESTON, N. BATE, R. SIDAWAY.

OWING to the gloriously fine weather tennis was very popular this season. We played very few inter-school matches, many being cancelled on account of their coinciding with other School activities.

The results were as follows:—

Opponents		H. or A.	Result
Waverley Road ...	...	H.	3—9 Won
Wolverhampton ...	...	A.	2—8 Won
Halesowen ...	...	A.	17—1 Lost
Halesowen ...	...	H.	17—1 Lost

This season was not so successful as some of its forerunners have been, but the games were, in most cases, very keenly fought.

Hearty congratulations are offered to M. Stokes for having gained her colours.

B. D. Taylor.

Cricket, 1934.

1st XI.—Captain, F. PALMER; Vice-Captain, G. R. HALL.

2nd XI.—Captain, T. W. JONES; Vice-Captain, F. ADAMS.

Secretary—T. GREAVES.

Committee—F. PALMER, G. R. HALL, T. GREAVES, J. HOWEN,
F. W. JONES, E. DAY, F. ADAMS.

THE 1934 cricket season was a great success, especially for the 1st XI., who won nine, drew four, and lost five of their eighteen matches.

J. Howen deserves particular mention for his excellent performances with the bat and ball, being the top of both batting and bowling averages. He equalled H. Palmer's record of 52 wickets for the season and also obtained a special Jack Hobbs' bat given by the "News Chronicle," by taking 7 wickets for 4 runs against Wolverhampton.

F. Palmer, C. Hall, J. Howen and E. Day were awarded their colours for excellent play throughout the season.

Perhaps two of the most exciting matches were those against Kings' Norton and Holly Lodge. At King's Norton we just managed to gain a victory by one run, while at Holly Lodge we managed to force a draw by taking their last 3 wickets for 0 runs.

The 2nd XI. played extremely well and are to be congratulated upon their victory over Halesowen.

The following are the results of the 1st XI. matches:—

Opponents

Kidderminster	...	H. Lost	...	45	—	69
Bromsgrove	...	A. Lost	...	47	—	112
Bromsgrove	...	H. Won	...	82	—	58
Redditch	...	A. Won	...	126	for 7 wkts.—	40
Lawrence's	...	A. Won	...	113	for 8 wkts.—	34
B.T.H.	...	A. Won	...	50	—	38
Kidderminster	...	A. Lost	...	57	—	140
Holly Lodge	...	A. Draw	...	105	for 7 wkts.—	64 for 6 wkts.
King's Norton	...	A. Won	...	70	—	69
Cresconians	...	H. Draw	...	67	for 8 wkts.—	74 for 9 wkts.
W. Bromwich	...	H. Lost	...	65—	133 for 3 wkts.	
Dudley	...	A. Lost	...	60—	111 for 8 wkts.	
Wolverhampton	...	H. Won	...	93	for 8 wkts.—	32
Smethwick	...	A. Won	...	81	—	29
Halesowen	...	H. Draw	...	85	for 5 wkts.—	106 for 4 wkts.
Holly Lodge	...	A. Draw	...	62	—	62
Smethwick	...	H. Won	...	71	for 2 wkts.—	69
Redditch	...	H. Won	...	64	—	30

Batting Averages:—

	Runs	Highest Score	Average
Howen ...	179	31*	11.9
Day ...	178	33	11.8

*Not out.

Bowling Averages:—

Howen ...	273	52	5.4
Greenwood ...	113	20	5.6

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

1st XI.—Palmer, Hall, Howen, Day, Greaves, Thomlinson, Turnbull, Greenwood, Thorpe, Pugh, Edwards, Adams, Jones, F., Beardsmore, Fox, Hewitt.

2nd XI.—Jones, F., Fox, Edwards, Adams, Hewitt, Beardsmore, Cole, Bayliss, Betts, Smart, Smith, Watts, Murrell.

T. Greaves.

Swimming Sports.

THE Swimming Sports were held at the end of the term in the School Baths. The weather was fine and we all thoroughly enjoyed watching the keenly contested events, particularly those events in which the keen rivalry between Pugh and Johnson produced some really excellent swimming.

Results:—

BOYS.

2 Lengths (Open): 1 & 2, Johnson, Pugh; 3, Wooldridge. Time, 26 3-5 secs.

2 Lengths (Breast Stroke): 1, Belton; 2, Greenwood; 3, Murray. Time, 42½ secs.

1 Length (Back): 1, Pugh; 2, Johnson; 3, Bromage. Time, 15 1-5 secs.

6 Lengths: 1, Pugh; 2, Green; 3, Hoskins. Time, 1 min. 57 secs.

Dive: 1, Johnson; 2 & 3, Cox and Pugh.

1 Length (dressed): 1, Hewitt; 2, Greenwood; 3, Murray. Time, 23 secs.

2 Lengths (under 14): 1, Wooldridge; 2, Richardson; 3, Alger. Time, 38 secs.

1 Length (Beginners): 1, Cox; 2, Richardson; 3, Honeysett. Time, 18 secs.

1 Width (Beginners): 1, Jones; 2, Hadley.

House Teams: 1, King's; 2, Trinity; 3, School; 4, Queen's. Time, 2 min. 14 2-5 secs.

House Championship.—1, Trinity, 46 pts.; 2, King's, 29 pts.; 3, School, 12 pts.; 4, Queen's, 5 pts.

Individual Championship, Senior.—Pugh, 16½ pts.; Johnson 12 pts.

Individual Championship, Junior. — Wooldridge, 5 pts.; Richardson, 4 pts.

GIRLS.

1, K. Wakeman (School); 2, P. Owens (School); 3, M. Howells (King's).

1 Length, for style.—1, P. Wallace (Trinity); 2, D. Darby (School); 3, M. Parkes and J. Moore (King's and School).

Beginner's Width.—1, G. Rose (King's); 2, P. Phillip's (Trinity); 3, H. Nock (Trinity).

1 Length, for speed.—1, K. Wakeman (School); 2, P. Owens (School); 3, D. Darby (School).

Diving: 1, D. Darby (School); 2, J. Moore (School); 3, P. Owens (School).

House Relay: 1, School; 2, Trinity; 3, Queen's.

4 Lengths: 1, D. Darby (School); 2, B. Stubbs (Trinity); 3, M. Howells (King's).

Points: School, 44; Trinity, 16; King's, 8; Queen's 2.

Sports' Day, June 6th, 1934.

ALTHOUGH no new records were made the performances at the Annual Sports were very good. The girl champions, Margot Jephcott and Doris Garner, gave a fine display, while the contest for the boys' senior championship was the keenest we have ever had. The outstanding event was the tug-of-war in which the grit and endurance displayed by the various teams aroused great excitement among the spectators.

HOUSE CHAMPIONSHIP.

School, 91½ pts.; Queen's, 80½ pts.; Trinity, 44 pts.; King's, 42 pts.

INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIP.

Senior Girls—M. Jephcott, 15 points; M. Burborough, M. Ballard, J. Morton, 6 pts.

Junior Girls—D. Garner, 10½ pts.

Senior Boys—Laker, 16½ pts.; Elliott, 14½ pts.; Hall, 14 pts.; Jones, 13 pts.; Goode, 10 pts.

Junior Boys—Betts, 8 pts.; Adams, Partington, Pool, 6 pts.

Event.	1st.		2nd.		3rd.		Time, height or distance.
BOYS.							
Senior High Jump ...	Jones	...	Hall	...	Elliott and Laker...	...	4ft. 9 $\frac{3}{4}$ in.
Junior High Jump ...	Partington	...	Betts	...	Partridge	...	4ft. 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ in.
Senior Long Jump ...	Laker	...	Jones	...	Hall	...	17ft. 1in.
Junior Long Jump ...	Betts	...	Partington	...	Adams	...	15ft. 1in.
Senior Cricket Ball ...	Beardsmore	...	Howen	...	Elliott	...	89yds. 2ft. 9ins.
Junior Cricket Ball ...	Cox	...	Adams	...	Betts	...	63yds. 2ft. 9ins.
Senior 100 yards ...	Hall	...	Laker	...	Thomlinson	...	11 secs.
Junior 100 yards ...	Priest	...	Pool	...	Hopkins	...	12 $\frac{1}{2}$ secs.
100 yards, under 12 ...	Craddock	...	Bird	...	Judd	...	14 $\frac{1}{2}$ secs.
Senior 220 yards ...	Hall	...	Laker	...	Elliott	...	26 secs.
Junior 220 yards ...	Priest	...	Hopkins	...	Pool	...	29 secs.
Senior 440 yards ...	Laker	...	Elliott	...	Goode	...	1 min. 2 secs.
Junior 440 yards ...	Pool	...	Hopkins	...	Bromage	...	—
Senior Half-Mile ...	Jones	...	Goode	...	Elliott	...	2 min. 24 4-5 secs.
Junior Half-Mile ...	Adams	...	Richards	...	Partington	...	2 min. 38 secs.
One Mile ...	Goode	...	Elliott	...	Hazlewood	...	5 min. 35 secs.
Steeplechase—							
Individual Result Snr.	Elliott	...	Lee	...	Goode	...	11 min. 55 secs.
Individual Result Jnr.	Mole	...	Betts	...	Deeley	...	—
Snr. House Champ'ship	School	...	Queen's	...	King's	...	—
Jnr. House Champ'ship	School	...	Queen's	...	Trinity	...	—
Tug-of-War ...	Queen's	...	King's	...	Trinity	...	—
Relay Race ...	King's	...	Trinity	...	Queen's	...	57 secs.

Event.	1st.	2nd.	3rd.	Time, height or distance.
GIRLS.				
Senior High Jump ...	M. Ballard ...	I. Nicholls ...	M. Burborough ...	4ft. 2½in.
Junior High Jump ...	E. Harris ...	M. Parkes, D. Garner	—	4ft. ½in.
Senior Long Jump ...	M. Jephcott ...	M. Burborough ...	M. Ballard ...	14ft. 8in.
Junior Long Jump ...	D. Garner ...	B. Lones ...	M. Stace, D. Holden	13ft. 2in.
Senior 100 yards ...	M. Jephcott ...	J. Morton ...	M. Burborough ...	12½ secs.
Junior 100 yards ...	D. Garner ...	M. Parkes ...	I. Thornton ...	13½ secs.
100 yards, under 12 ...	O. Harper ...	P. Grosvenor ...	H. Brinton ...	14½ secs.
Senior 220 yards ...	M. Jephcott ...	J. Morton ...	M. Burborough ...	31 secs.
Junior 220 yards ...	D. Garner ...	I. Thornton ...	B. Lones ...	31½ secs.
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All Aboard the "Doric."

AT 5 p.m. on August 15th the s.s. "Doric" steamed slowly away from the quayside at Southampton, full of happy scholars and parents.

From a certain portion of the deck, the Oldbury scholars waved farewell to Mr. and Mrs. Howarth, who had come from Bournemouth to see us off.

Soon we were well on our way, and the scholars went to their cabins to unpack. At 6-15 the scholars went down to dinner, and when they went on deck again, there was no land in sight.

The next day was fine with a slight sea and the passengers made themselves at home with the various deck games. One day is like another and consists of games, sun-bathing, visiting the cinema, and dancing in the evenings.

The 17th was another fine day and in addition to the usual amusements, there was a treasure hunt in the afternoon, and a gala dinner in the evening.

We arrived at Madeira on Sunday at 2 p.m. after passing numerous islands during the day. The sea here was like a deep "Reckett's" blue, and flying fish could be seen darting here and there.

As soon as we anchored, many small boats came from the shore laden with goods for sale, on to the "Doric"; or else with two men and one small boy as passengers, which small boys dived for money. Their cry was: "Small boy dive for sixpence."

The passengers were divided up into groups, some of which went round the town, while the others went up the mountain.

Our group was taken ashore by a tender, where many people were watching our arrival. We walked up cobbled streets, under a very hot sun until we reached a railway "station," where we boarded a train to go up the mountain.

On the way we saw bananas, grapes, sugar canes and green figs, all growing alongside the railway. Arriving at the top, we walked up to the Statue of the Virgin Mary, stopping here and there to buy various things. From here the whole bay could be seen below us, and it was a wonderful sight with the green foliage and the deep blue sea.

We could either go by train or toboggan down to the town again. The toboggan was a wicker chair on runners, which was pushed or pulled by natives.

That evening some of the passengers went ashore again, and either walked round the town or paid a visit to the casino.

The following day we again went ashore, but this time our own group visited the town. All the streets are cobbled, and a common way of getting about is by an oxen-drawn sleigh.

We visited the wine lodges, tasting samples of the well-known Madeira wine, and an embroidery factory, where Irish linen is beautifully hand-worked, and saw another industry of the island, which was the basket and wicker work. We then came to the Cathedral and although it looked bare outside, it is most ornate inside. The official tour was ended by a visit to the Fruit Market and then we went to the Savoy Hotel swimming pool, where many took advantage of a dip. Everyone returned to the ship at 1 p.m., and at 2 p.m. we sailed for Las Palmas.

The following morning we arrived there and went right up to the quayside.

Twelve representatives were chosen from the ship, parents and scholars, to go to a ceremony in honour of a Spanish poet, I was one of the scholars chosen. We were taken by cars to the Town Hall, where the Mayor made a speech and then to the memorial of the poet. We then took lunch at the Hotel Metropole, and afterwards went on an official tour round the island, had tea at the Governor General's house, and so back to the ship. Meanwhile the rest of the ship's party were looking round the town and shopping and also went for a tour round the island.

Las Palmas is very different from Madeira. Here the hills and mountains are volcanic, the houses are built in the rocks, and in some cases only the door is visible.

Our next port of call was Casablanca. Here again we went up to the quayside. Disembarking, we boarded motor-buses and toured the town, the modern part and the native quarters, also the Sultan's Palace, where we were allowed to enter the gardens of the harem.

Casablanca is very sandy, a fact which made us glad to get back to the ship.

We are now on our homeward journey and our last port of call is Lisbon.

We arrived at Lisbon at 9 p.m. on the 24th August. The next day we all went ashore for the official tour. We boarded trams, which took us to places of interest, the chief of which were the Bull Ring, St. Mary's Church, and the Orphanage.

The Orphanage had at one time been a monastery, having been built for that purpose, and the stonework of the cloisters was beautifully carved.

The tour ended, we wandered at will in the afternoon. Some went shopping in the Roccio Square, and others visited the King Edward Memorial Winter Gardens.

Sailing from Lisbon, we feel we are returning home in earnest and turn our interest to the ship's activities.

Saturday, 25th, there was a fancy dress carnival.

Monday, 29th, the prize distribution took place for sports, games and deck tournaments. Some of the scholars paid a visit to the Bridge, Engine Rooms, Galley and Kitchen.

Arriving at Southampton on August 28th, it was evident that both scholars and parents, and we hope and believe the teachers, thoroughly enjoyed this cruise to the Canary Islands, and look forward to the next "Scholar's Cruise."

M. Stokes.

The Joint Societies' Excursion to London.

AT 9 a.m. on Tuesday, July 17th, the Paddington Express left Snow Hill Station with a happy party of seniors, freed at last from the gloom of examinations, and determined to enjoy the day ahead of them.

The two hours journey quickly slipped away and before we realised it the green fields had disappeared, and we were stepping out into the noise and gloom of Paddington Station. Two specially chartered motor 'buses were waiting outside, and, as we went to them, for many their first impression of the Capital was of a sudden blaze of hot sunshine.

Our first stopping place was to be at the Houses of Parliament, and on our way there the shops of Oxford Street and Regent Street, Trafalgar Square, the Cenotaph and St. Martin's in the Fields were of great interest to all, but these were soon left behind as we entered into the dimness of Westminster Hall and a new world of silence, beauty and old memories, far removed from the noise and heat of the streets.

Mr. Morgan, our local M.P., who had kindly consented to show us round the Houses of Parliament now came with Mr. Somerville, and under their escort the party split into two sections, and set off on the tour. The House of Lords and the House of Commons were too packed with interest to be really appreciated in the short time at our disposal and after a hasty glance at the awesome libraries and beautiful oil-paintings, we had only a moment to stand on the terrace and admire the gleaming sketch of "liquid history" which forms such a fitting background for the "mouthpiece of the nation."

Having a quarter of an hour to spare before dinner, many of the party hastened to Westminster Cathedral where the Poet's Corner and the Unknown Warrior's Grave soon had many interested groups of admirers. At one o'clock we had a heartily enjoyed lunch and the interesting views from the cafe opposite the cathedral. Three quarters of an hour later we set off for the Tower of London, passing St. Paul's Cathedral, the Embankment and London Bridge.

Probably the chief impression everyone carried away of the tower, was not of the ancient grey walls, nor of emerald lawns, but of the intense heat. London was certainly giving us of her best in the heat-wave line, and our gaze of wonder bent upon the picturesque guards and beefeaters was not caused solely by their picturesqueness, but by the fortitude and calm with which they endured their apparently well-padded conditions. Nevertheless every moment spent at the tower was packed with genuine interest—the Traitor's Gate, the room where the two princes were murdered, the instruments of torture, the Crown Jewels, every memory haunted corner and stone for each of us who have read and loved our country's history. With many regrets and backward glances we set off to Madame Tussaud's and tea, bearing with us a picture of grey walls, green lawns, and ancient trees bathed in sunlight beneath a cloudless sky.

Feeling much revived after a well needed meal the next half hour was spent in a delightful way—roaming round the waxworks exhibition, marvelling at the Sleeping Beauty's gentle breathing and wondering why the policeman at the gate was so unmoved by our earnest gaze. Perhaps delightful may be the wrong adjective, when we realise that many morbid spirits spent much of their time in the deep gloom which shrouds the Chamber of Horrors.

At 6.30 the 'buses discharged their last duty to us, that of carrying the party back to Paddington, at 7.10 p.m. the Birmingham train steamed out of London bearing many tired but happy persons, all busily chattering away (between prolonged dozes) of the many wonderful things they had seen and done in the past few hours, until the time had sped away and we were once more standing in the familiar bustle of Snow Hill Station.

For this very happy day, every minute of which had been packed with interest and enjoyment, and which was soon to be only a pleasant memory, we shall always be grateful to those who made it possible for us:—Miss Jones, Miss Foster, Miss Allen, Mr. Hopkins, Mr. Richards, Dr. Johnstone, and also Mr. Morgan, our M.P.
B. Keyte.

A Visit to Bournville.

ON July 10th, the middle school, which consists of the Forms from IIIA.—IVB. went by Midland Red 'Bus for a tour of Cadbury Bros.' Works at Bournville. We assembled at about 9.20 a.m. and Mrs. Quayle informed each individual which coach he or she would occupy.

This settled, and with everyone in the highest of spirits, we started at 9.30 a.m. and were accompanied by Mrs. Quayle, Miss Williams, Miss Tweedie, Miss Davies, Mr. Knight Coutts, and Dr. Johnston.

All seemed keyed up with expectation, when at last we arrived at Bournville after a very pleasant journey. We descended from the 'buses and entered the main entrance, going through which we arrived at the door of the Concert Hall. Walking in single file we were separated into parties of ten, and each party put in charge of its allotted guide.

After this, all were guided into the huge dining hall, which had French windows along one side, and faced a beautiful view of flowers and lawns. Here a light lunch was provided, including tea, cocoa or Bourn-vita, and several varieties of chocolate biscuits.

Having finished, our guides took us out again to the 'buses, where each person was given a leaflet in which were printed various numbers relating to different parts of the grounds, for we were going to inspect the estate. As we went along, one guide in the 'bus would hold up cardboard discs with different numbers on each, and whatever the number on the disc we had to look at that number on our leaflet and we knew exactly what we were passing.

First we saw the hockey, football, and cricket pitches, then the tennis courts. We came after some time to the district of Fox Hill, and the houses were very picturesque with their beautiful gardens, these were the tenants' houses. We were then shown the elementary schools, after which we observed Ruskin Hall, now a school of arts and crafts. To the right of us we saw the village park, and then farther on the parish church, the village green, the meeting house and the memorial. We also saw the shopping centre which was very quaint, and Selly Manor, a 14th century manor house re-erected at Bournville. The almshouses were then pointed out to us, and the Residential Club for Ladies, the George Cadbury Hall and also the Weoley Hill Estate, and the flood-lit tennis courts.

Here our tour of the estate came to an end, and we found ourselves outside the Cocoa Block, which is the largest building in this tiny compact world of industry. Our attention was first brought to the unloading of the raw cocoa beans from the trains, and the marvellous moving trays which took the bags of beans from the ground floor to about half-way up the building, to the warehouses where hundreds of sacks of raw cocoa beans are stacked until needed. From here we passed into the department where the cocoa beans were roasted by means of gas-heated drums, we then found ourselves in the cocoa-grinding department, and here also the cocoa was separated from other superfluous oils, and after going through certain intricate devices at last became cocoa as we know it.

We next went into the tin-making department, here also paper-bag making was performed by various machines, and labels were put on by machinery, then also we saw the tins and cardboard cocoa boxes being made.

We passed afterwards into the building where marshmallows were made, and many eyes I noticed dwelt longingly, but to no avail, upon the delicate pinks and lemons of marshmallow filling. We were then guided into the block where cream centres were made. From here we were escorted into the marzipan making room, where the girls looked very cool in their white caps and coats, as they rolled and cut slabs of marzipans into fancy shapes; we were allowed two pieces of marzipan to eat. Leaving this room behind us, we entered a hot room, which the guide, who was a very agreeable young lady, told us was the room where the wooden boxes were left to dry before putting anything into them.

After this we walked along a gallery, and looking down, we beheld men and boys busily working in the printing and card-cutting department. From here we passed into the card box making room. This is mostly done by hand, and the ribbons seem almost to tie themselves, so deftly do the girls' fingers work.

Afterwards we passed into the chocolate covering department, where the girls with the aid of a curious looking instrument dip the cream centres into trays of liquid chocolate. Afterwards we passed into the room where the more expensive chocolates were being packed by hand, and then, walking along a concrete corridor, we saw the making, labeling, and stencilling of wooden boxes for dispatch purposes.

We next arrived in a long cool room where chocolates, if desired, could be bought; this done we were shown the girls' swimming pool, and on that hot day I think we all envied the girls, most of whom were swimming. We were then shown the offices, which were very business-like with their high stools and neat sheaves of paper. After this we were taken into a show-room, and here each one of us was presented with a souvenir which consisted of a box of assorted chocolates and a booklet containing a history of the works.

Passing next through the Concert Hall, we stepped into a lift and were taken down to the ground floor, and we went into the recreation grounds. Here we saw the lily pond, the many beautiful lawns, and numerous hanging flower baskets. We then visited the rose garden; and then much to our disappointment we found it was time to return.

When outside again we found the 'buses waiting for us, and we started back at about 12.20 p.m. Everything went beautifully, and with the exception of one or two people losing their guides all was serene.

We arrived back at school at about 12.45 p.m., and after thanking Mrs. Quayle for all that she had done to make the outing a success, we all settled down to work, but I am sure we shall not forget the most enjoyable morning that I for one have ever spent.

M. Dingley.

Girl Guides.

Officers:—

Captain—Miss F. D. TWEEDIE. Lieutenant Miss J. L. DAVIES.
Brown Owl—B. KEYTE. Brownie Leader—J. ROBERTS.

Patrol Leaders—

B. FARROW, B. MORRIS, C. POULSON, J. LEES, B. TAYLOR.

THE Guides returned to their meetings full of renewed vigour and enthusiasm. Each meeting during the whole term proved to be more and more delightful and enjoyable. This was partly due to the fine weather, which enabled us to have plenty of outdoor games and competitions, making the events in the programme each week, wide and varied.

There were very few new recruits to be taught the elementary principles of Guiding, but we hope to have more next term.

During each meeting all games and competitions were keenly contested among the patrols. Each week we had marks for inspection, patrol corners, log books, homework and games. The Patrol with the maximum amount of marks for the evening gained a star, and left the meeting feeling very proud and satisfied. We must congratulate the Poppy Patrol, which although comprised of nearly all new Guides did very well.

Swimming was a very interesting and enjoyable item during our meetings. Captain taught us life-saving drill. We had lots of fun, and it seemed quite easy on dry land, but in the water, well, "the less said is the better. However, there was a marked improvement at the end of the term.

The members of our folk dancing team are to be congratulated on their splendid results in the competition at Wolverhampton, where they gained two first-class certificates and a cup. Also while dealing with the lighter side of Guiding, we must thank these members of the team—B. Farrow, J. Woodward, M. Jephcott and J. Jephcott who helped in the Stourbridge Pageant, held in aid of the hospitals.

What a disappointment we experienced at the end of the term, when instead of having our usual hike, we had to be content with a picnic, the drought preventing us from lighting any fires. Nevertheless we all thoroughly enjoyed our picnic.

The last and most looked forward to event during the term was camp. During the whole term Guides had been working hard to increase camp funds. They gained money by "trading," and during the term, many cakes, toffee and lavender bags were sold. Some Guides even sold firewood, being very eager to do their share, and not at all skilled in the arts of cooking.

The longed for time at last arrived, and although camp this year was not an outdoor one, it proved to be one of the most enjoyable, a real "Guides Holiday," and that means that every one enjoyed it.

Camp this year was held at Perranporth, Cornwall, and there, thanks to Captain and Lieutenant, everything for our accommodation and comfort was excellently provided for.

Each day provided a new interest, such as visits to Newquay, Lands End, Falmouth, Gillon, St. Ives,, Stale and Truro Cathedral.

Although on the whole the weather was very delightful, even on miserable days we fully enjoyed ourselves. Our spirits were kept high by partaking in treasure hunts and playing at charades.

During the fine days, as there was only surf-riding and no bathing at Perranporth, Newquay was often frequented. Many amusing incidents happened there, and perhaps one may be mentioned. While bathing, having hidden our clothes among the rocks, it began to rain. Consequently our clothes were soaked, and to add to our miserable plight, some mischievous people, out for pranks, had tied all our shoes together; and filled them with sand and stones. Looking dishevelled but still smiling we wended our way to the railway station, to return to Perranporth, wearing, well, not what the First Oldbury County High School Girl Guides should wear.

Not forgetting the serious side of Guiding, we had colours and prayers every morning and evening. Also we thoroughly enjoyed our parade to the Church at Perranporth, and our visit to Truro Cathedral.

Thus it may be seen that there are many sides of Guiding, and only by combining them, which week by week Captain and Lieutenant do, can you really enjoy Guiding. We do all enjoy Guiding and thank both Captain and Lieutenant for forfeiting so much of their time in preparing such delightful programmes each week.

B. Taylor,
N. Taylor.

Old Students' Successes at Birmingham University.

- R. M. EVERETT, to receive B.Sc. (Division I.), after further year's study.
W. J. G. JONES, to receive B.Sc. (Division II., Distinction in Chemistry), after further year's study.
E. B. KNOTT, Part of B.Sc. examination (Distinction in Chemistry).
B. E. HARPER, Second Industrial Fermentation Examination.
H. G. BARLOW, B.A. (School of History, Class II., Division II).
LILY COOPER, Second Examination, School of History.
R. W. MUSGRAVE, B.A., Division II.
P. WOODWARD, Education Diploma.
D. C. STEVENS, Intermediate Examination, School of Law, Class I.

The Cresconians.

THE Cresconians winter season 1933-34, which was brought to a close by the General Meeting on May 14th, was, once more, a great success. The usual number of dances were held, most of them being well attended and very jolly, but, it has to be admitted that one or two were not quite up to scratch; possibly this was due to lack of "pep" in the band on those occasions and the Committee did their best to remedy this by trying other bands, with the result that the last two dances were among the most enjoyable of the season. However, any slight falling off there may have been in the success of the dances was more than made up by the particularly good winter the sports section enjoyed. The football club did especially well, the 1st team ended up fourth in the Amateur League, which is higher than they have ever been before, and the 2nd team maintained their previous position. The hockey players were somewhat handicapped by the smallness of their numbers—they had only 2 or 3 reserves—but those who did play played well for they won 22 matches out of 27 played. The newly formed rifle club bids fair to be an extremely popular section of the Association; the members last season certainly enjoyed their meetings and also acquitted themselves very creditably in their matches.

The General Meeting brought forth nothing of particular interest. The Chairman of the Committee, Mr. E. A. Richards, gave a general report on the past season, and the Secretaries of the sub-sections made their reports. The Officers and Committee elected for 1934-35 are substantially the same as for last season.

The Coming of Love.

(Based on the story of Isis and Osiris.)

LOVE descended to the earth in the form of a beautiful maiden. She was endowed with the rich gift of gentleness. Her shape was the most perfect human eye had ever rested upon. Her cheeks had a beautiful crimson flush, her eyes shone like stars at midnight, her brow was white and flawless, and her long shining tresses glittered in the sunshine. A long white, flowing robe completed this. Indeed she was very fascinating, comforting and assuring for the eye to rest upon.

In all the cities, towns and countries Love visited, peace, fellowship, feeling and happiness reigned. Love presented herself in the homes of the sick and suffering, lame and sad, and to them came a new realisation of happiness. The world began to get better because of the coming of Love.

But there came a day full of sorrow for Love. Alas! her most bitter enemy descended to earth and presented himself to her. His name was Hatred. He was a great contrast to Love, for he came to earth in a most ugly form of man, his hair was cut close to his scalp, his eyes were of the very dullest kind, and his cheeks had no rosy glow in them. As for his dress, it fitted his ugly shape closely and was of very coarse grey cloth.

Love feared him greatly and would not go near him. When Hatred went into the cities, towns and countries that Love had made happy and content, they began again to fight and quarrel, and to the sick, sad, lame and suffering came back the feeling of despair and unhappiness. Thus was the message of Love scattered in many directions, and she has not yet fully recovered the power that would have been hers had not Hatred entered the world.

Dulcie Parkes, Form IIB.

My Favourite Hobby.

MY favourite hobby is stamp collecting, and I think it is "King of Hobbies." It is only about ninety years since the first adhesive postage stamp was issued, and yet to-day millions of people of all classes and nationalities find pleasure in collecting those "scraps of paper."

And why is this? someone may ask. Well, everyone at heart is a collector. There is keen pleasure in hunting, but all postage stamps have advantages of their own. They are very easy to obtain and so small that quite a large collection need occupy a small space. In that small space the whole world is represented by small pictures of all kinds, often in beautiful colours. The stamp album is as interesting as a cinema for those to whom the stamps have a story to tell, and there is a lot of fun to be got by trying to acquire as big a collection as possible.

If one is fond of the sea you will find stamps associated with sailors. Wireless has its stamps, and so has sport. Wars are recalled by many stamps, and often the past is revealed. They are the world's picture gallery and story book—the key to knowledge, romance and adventure. On a cold winter's night I love to sit by the fire and count my stamps, and look them over, as they reveal memories gone by.

Jean Willetts, Form IIIB.

The Village Fair.

“ A fair has come,” said Mary,
“ We saw it late last night,
With caravans and horses gray—
A really splendid sight.
There’s dodgem cars, and roundabouts
And lots of little huts,
So come along; we’ll try our luck—
We *might* win coconuts.”

We jumped upon our bicycles,
And pedalled hard and fast
Till, helter-skelters towering o’er,
We found the fair at last.
“ Walk up! Walk up!” the showman cried
With a stentorian bellow;
“ Walk up and see the Lion King,
Signor Birandarello!”

We rode upon the roundabouts,
And rolled our coppers down.
We paid a penny, just to see
A dwarf in trailing gown.
We tried our luck on coconuts,
And Mary hit one—whack!
But soon the sun began to set—
We must be starting back.

So, mounting on our bicycles,
We left the fair behind,
And pedalling o’er the dusty road,
We all looked back, to find
The fair was lighted—on the breeze
Wafted a lusty bellow,
“ Walk up and see the Lion King,
Signor Birandarello!”

Jacqueline Bird, Form VA.

The Old Clock.

Tick! tock!—I'm the grandfather clock,
I stand at the head of the stairs,
I look down the Hall, bathed in bright sunlight,
And drowse thro' the long, long years;
Old memories come as I tick time away
And I see golden dreams of the past,
Of days that were happy and full of joy—
They are dreams that will always last.

My first dream is one of a bridal pair,
So happy and full of glee,
And I hear little quarrels and big make-ups—
See sights that are pleasant to see.
Bye and bye there are children's voices
To add to the fantasie sweet,
And I hear a swish on the bannister rails,
And the tripping of tiny feet.

Then at Xmastime there were parties,
And the Hall was with light, all aglow,
And many a laugh and a lover's kiss
I have seen 'neath the green mistletoe.
I once had a terrible feeling
Of weakness in my tick-tock,
Till I heard a gruff voice beside me say,
"I've forgotten to wind the old clock!"

Yet at times in the twilight I hear a low voice,
And the step of my mistress draws near,
Her children have flown to homes far away,
But have left her with memories dear,
She lingers to gaze at my time-worn old face,
The face of her own dear old clock,
And I try to tell her of all these, my dreams,
With the sound of my gentle "Tick! Tock!"

Thelma E. Powell, Form VA.

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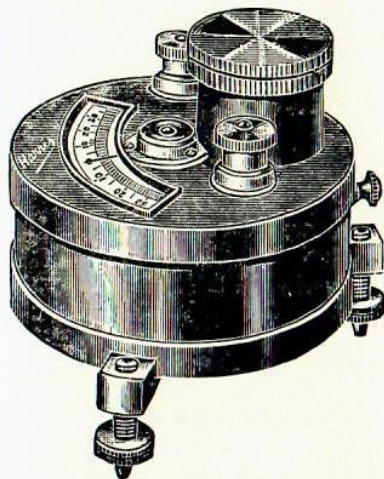
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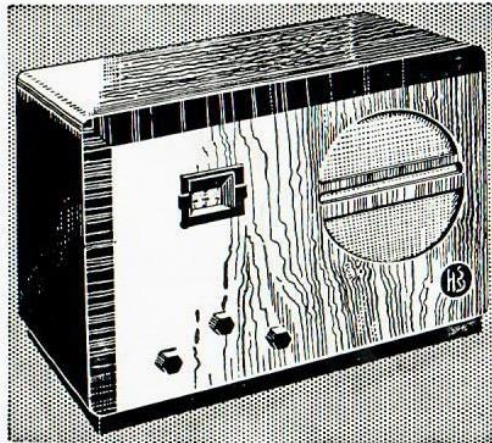


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