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EDITORIAL.

ONCE again we greet the Summer Term, and hope that it will give us fine, warm weather, so that out in the fresh air and sunshine we may forget the long and trying winter. Cricket, Tennis, Swimming, and Athletic Sports are the order of the day so far as our spare time is concerned. On the other side, the beginning of the Summer Term reminds us that the end of the school year is rapidly approaching, with the examinations drawing steadily nearer, and hopes of success and promotion very much in our minds. Again there are those for whom this is the last term of school life, and for these we trust that the work they have done, and the efforts they have made, will greatly help to bring them happiness and prosperity in the future. To those who return in the Autumn we would say "Carry on" and in so doing we hope that they will not only equal the records set up by their predecessors, but improve upon them, and so in their turn give an inspiring lead to those who follow. In work, games, and all the various activities of the school, give your best, and the best will come to you.

We offer our sincerest congratulations to all those who, during the last two terms, have so splendidly upheld the credit of the school on the playing fields, in the Dramatic, Debating and

Scientific Societies, and in other ways; their keenness and real sportsmanship have brought great help to the school, as well as to themselves. They have done their share in helping to build up worthy traditions which will be of inestimable value to the school in the future. To those who are facing the external examinations we offer our best wishes for success, and hope that the hard work they have done will be abundantly rewarded. To all we offer the advice of the School Song, in work and in play, whether life be difficult or otherwise, "Carry on, and play the game."

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We acknowledge with thanks the receipt of The Stourbridge Edwardian, The Hammer and The Magazine of the County High School, Bromsgrove.

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We offer our congratulations and best wishes to:—

Alice Riley, who has married Mr. L. Homer, of Quinton.

Percy Owins, who has married Miss Joyce Jones, of Smethwick.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Cox (née Madge Warr) on the birth of a daughter.

Salvete.

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Valete.

AUTUMN TERM, 1935—

FREDERICK BIRD.—Form VIA. Prefect; House Captain; Higher School Certificate. At Albright and Wilson's.
HUGH JONES.—Form VIA. Prefect; House Captain; School Certificate. Civil Service.
FLORENCE MAY BURBOROUGH.—Form VIB. 1st XI. Hockey Team; School Certificate. In the offices of the Midland "Red" Company.
STEPHEN GIBBS.—Form VIB. Prefect; Cast of three School Plays. Matriculation. Apprenticed to a County Analyst.
JAMES KNIGHT.—Form VIA. Prefect; Matriculation. In the Council Offices, Oldbury.

- RHONA SIDAWAY.—Form VA.I. 1st XI. Hockey Team; Hockey Colours; Tennis Team; Tennis Colours. At a Commercial School.
DORIS TAYLOR.—Form VA.I. At home.
PHILIP BUTTERY.—Form VB. Clerk in office of Messrs. Mills and Co.
KENNETH FOSTER.—Form VB. In Drawing Office at Messrs. Avery.
BARBARA ROWE.—Form IVA.I. At Oldbury Technical School.
MILLICENT DEAN.—Form IVA.I. At King Edward's, Camp Hill.
JOAN BACHE.—Form IVB. At home.
RUTH MELLOR.—Form IVB. At home.
ARTHUR GIBBS.—Form II.R. At Stourbridge Grammar School.

SPRING TERM, 1936—

- JOAN PRICE.—Form VI.A. Prefect; House Secretary; Cast of three School Plays; Matriculation. Student Teaching.
JUNE HELEN GOODE.—Form VIA. Prefect; Prize for best work in Magazine; Matriculation. At Birmingham Library.
MARGARET STACE.—Form VIB. Prefect; School Certificate. At Birmingham Library.
ROY DERWENT CHELLINGSWORTH.—Form VA.I. Prefect. In the Council Offices, Smethwick.
DORIS GARNER.—Form VA.I. 1st XI. Hockey Team. Hockey Colours; Tennis Team. In the offices of S. W. and S.
ELSIE HARRIS.—Form VA.I. 1st XI. Hockey Team; Hockey Colours. In office of Midland Electric Company.
LAWRENCE JOHN HOPKINS.—Form VA.I. 1st XI. Football. Apprenticed to General Electric Company.
MALCOLM SHOTTON.—Form VA.2. Prefect; Cast of one School Play. Articled to an Estate Surveyor.
THOMAS JOHNSON.—Form VA.2. Prefect; Cast of two School Plays; Swimming Colours. At Guest, Keen and Nettlefolds.
GEORGE PERRY.—Form VA.2. In office at Messrs. Danks.
ARTHUR BLACKBURN.—Form VB. At Larkins.
EILEEN PETERS.—Form VB. Post Office.
ALBERT COX.—Form VB. 1st XI. Cricket Team; Captain of 1st XI. Football Team. Training as Electrical Engineer.
JOAN DEAN.—Form IVB. Family left district.
MARION JEAN CHARLTON.—Form IVB. At a Commercial School.
JOYCE HOLLYOAK.—Form IVB. At a Commercial School.
GERALD BEAVAN.—Form IVB. At a Commercial School.
DOUGLAS ROUND.—Form IIIB. Joined his father's business.
GEOFFREY BRISTOW.—Form I. At Chickwell House School.

Dates to Remember.

- Feb. 15, 17—Guide Display.
Feb. 24, 25—Half Term.
April 9—End of Term.
May 5—Summer Term begins.
June 1, 2, 3—Whitsuntide and Half Term.
June 4—Athletic Sports.
July 3—School Certificate Examination.
July 6—Higher School Certificate Examination.
July 28—End of Term.
September 16—Autumn Term begins.

King's House.

Captains	-	-	D. LEWIS, D. SMITH.
Vice-Captains	-	-	R. HOOD, D. VARLEY.
Sports Captains	-	-	E. HARRIS, K. HUNTING.
Secretary	-	-	M. PARKES, F. MASTERS.

DURING the last two terms many interesting events have taken place. The most important of these was Speech Day, when many of King's House members were successful in gaining prizes.

In the School Play, "The Barretts of Wimpole Street," King's House was again well represented, and to our two members, J. Price as Elizabeth Barrett, and D. Lewis as the Maid, we offer congratulations on their excellent performance.

The Guide Display was another important event in which our members gave very good performances.

Another interesting event was the Girls' Gym. Display, when King's gained a very good second place, and we hope to do better next time.

King's was again represented in both the Football and Hockey elevens, and we offer our congratulations to E. Harris on gaining her Colours in hockey. We were not very successful in the Inter-House Football matches, but in the Inter-House Hockey matches we were placed first, winning all our matches. Congratulations to our Hockey team.

M. Parkes.

Queen's House.

Captains	-	-	M. JEPHCOTT, J. P. ADAMS.
Vice-Captains	-	-	B. MORRIS, J. ASKEW.
Sports Captains	-	-	M. JEPHCOTT, G. SAMBROOK.
Secretary	-	-	J. ASKEW, B. FARROW.

QUEEN'S House has been well represented during the past two terms in all social activities.

Members of our House took prominent parts in the School production of the popular play "Barretts of Wimpole Street." Those taking part were D. Siviter, B. Farrow, D. Forster and J. Askew.

The girls were successful in obtaining the Physical Training Cup, and the boys were placed second.

The term was completed with Speech Day, when our members P. Dobbie and M. Warr sang a duet and later P. Andrews and H. G. Jones played a pianoforte duet.

The numerous Guides of our House took part in the display which was a great success.

During these terms Hockey and Football have been played in earnest. In the Hockey, B. Morris must be congratulated on gaining her Colours. In the Inter-House Football matches we won one, drew one and lost one, and in the Hockey we won two and lost one.

We were sorry to lose our Captains, M. Burnett and H. G. Jones, and we wish them every success in the careers they have chosen.

Margot Jephcott.

School House.

Captains - - ROEBUCK, LINDA HANDS.
Vice-Captains - NOCK, DORIS GARNER.
Sports Captains - BETTS, KATHLEEN WAKEMAN.
Secretary - - MARY BRIGHT.

TWO terms have now passed since the last magazine was published, and again many members of School House have brought credit to the House in various ways.

The great event of the Autumn Term was the School Play, and many of the parts were taken by members of School House. Three of the most important parts were taken by Roebuck, Hazlewood, and May Brown, while other members of the House took smaller parts.

The girls Inter-House Gym. competition took place in the same term, but unfortunately we only succeeded in gaining fourth place.

Last term the Inter-House matches provided keen competition and excitement, but in the Hockey we only succeeded in tying with Trinity for third place.

The boys' eleven, however, did extremely well and were placed first. We congratulate them upon their splendid play.

We offer our congratulations to Kathleen Wakeman and Peggy Owins on winning their hockey Colours, and to Betts on winning his football Colours.

Thus after two very successful terms we find ourselves at the beginning of another, and we hope that the Summer Term, with its tennis, cricket, swimming and athletic sports, may prove equally successful for our House.

Mary Bright.

Trinity House.

Captains - - R. MOLE, DOROTHY BAGNALL.
Sports Captains - COX, BARBARA STUBBS.

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

In the Autumn Term "The Barretts of Wimpole Street" was produced and Trinity were well represented in this excellent production.

This same term the Gym. competition was held, and though our team tried hard we only gained third place.

We were pleased to see our House well represented by the prize winners on Speech Day.

During the Spring Term we had the Guide Display, in which our House was well represented.

In the Inter-House Hockey Competition we were unfortunately defeated by King's and Queen's, but managed to draw with School. Our Hockey team deserve to be congratulated on their determination to do their very best.

Trinity gained third place in the Football matches. Better luck next time.

We offer our congratulations to our two members, Barbara Stubbs and Cox, who gained their Colours for Hockey and Football respectively.

B. W. Stubbs.

Speech Day.

SPEECH Day was held in the School Hall on Friday, November 9th, and County Alderman H. E. Palfrey, J.P., distributed the prizes.

County Alderman W. T. Davies, J.P., presided, and extended a cordial welcome to Alderman Palfrey on behalf of the Governors.

The Girls' Captain, Dorothy Bagnall, then gave an interesting account of the School's social activities, including those of the Joint Societies and the Guides, and various School outings to Birmingham and Stratford theatres.

An account of the School sports was given by Bernard Roebuck (boys' captain). It had been a successful year for all, and Colours had been awarded to several pupils for good play.

Then followed the Headmaster's report upon School work and play. Once more the results of the external examinations had proved very gratifying, especially in the case of the Higher School Certificate, where 100 per cent. of passes was recorded. Robert H. Murray had the distinction of first winning the Albright

University Scholarship, presented to the School in June by Mr. G. S. Albright, and his brother, W. A. Albright.

Alderman Palfrey then gave his address before presenting the prizes. He referred to the transformation of Oldbury from an Urban District to a Borough, and urged the scholars, as future citizens of Oldbury, to keep it in the forefront of progressive towns, reminding them of several Worcestershire men who had become famous as politicians, authors, actors, or musicians.

A vote of thanks to Alderman Palfrey was proposed by the Rev. H. C. Hawkins, and seconded by Mr. A. C. Jephcott. In replying, Alderman Palfrey asked Mr. Howarth to allow the School a holiday—a request which the School heartily applauded.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman was proposed by Councillor Rose, and seconded by Alderman Robbins.

During the programme Margaret Dobbie and Mary Warr contributed a vocal duet, and H. G. Jones a pianoforte solo, while the singing of the School Song and the National Anthem concluded "Speech Day, 1935."

J. Goode.

Prize List.

- Form 1.—Mary Vernon 1, Derek Edmonds 2, Hazel Brunton 2.
Form 2B.—Horace Cashmore 1, C. Kenneth Spalding 2, Arthur H. Gibbs 3, Bernard Rowley 4.
2A2.—Kenneth Judd 1, Morton Peto 2, Gladys Cooper 3, Betty Hands 4.
2A1.—Clifford Adams 1, Thomas Bagnall 2, Leslie Knight 3.
3B.—Joyce Williams 1, Ernest Honeysett 2, Robert Snape 3.
3A.—Brigid Ryan 1, Frederick Nash 2, Ivy Rollason 3, Elizabeth Downing 4.
4B.—Barbara Rose 1, James Williams 2.
4A2.—Iris Hall 1, Kathleen Nock 2, Joyce Turner 3.
4A1.—Iris Thorton 1, George Perry 2, Lily Pullinger 3.
5B.—Donald Pool 1, Malcolm Shotton 2, Stanley Pearson 3.
School Certificate.—P. Andrews, R. Bates, J. S. Oakes, J. E. Richards, G. Sambrooke, F. Sillitoe, S. D. Smith, Irene Cowell, Mabel Craddock, Mildred James, Margaret Stace, Barbara Stubbs, E. Day, R. C. Hornsby, W. H. Hoskins, J. R. Nock, Florence Burborough, Dorothy Lewis.

Matriculation by School Certificate.—S. Gibbs, R. D. Williams, Mary Bright, Florence M. Brown, Maisie Harris, Marjorie Withers, J. S. Knight, Beryl Battison, Florence J. Crump.

6B (Higher School Certificate, Subsidiary Subjects only).—Peggy Homer, June H. Goode.

6A (Full Higher School Certificate).—Muriel Burnett, Dorothy Bagnall, Thomas Greaves, Dennis Woodward, Norman K. Mason, Frederick Bird, Robert H. Murray.

SPECIAL PRIZES.—Girls' Junior Championship Medal: Margaret Parkes and Dorothy Holden. Boys' Junior Championship Medal: J. P. Adams. Girls' Senior Championship Medal and Albright Cup: Doris Garner. Boys' Senior Championship Medal and Vernon Cup: Robert Thomlinson. Chess prize: H. G. Jones. Games prize, girls': Beatrice Taylor. Games prize, boys': R. Thomlinson and H. O. Betts. House Cup for Physical Training, girls': Queen's House. House Cup for Physical Training, boys': Trinity House. House Cup for Swimming, girls': King's House. House Cup for Swimming, boys': Trinity House. House Cup: Trinity 1, School 2, King's 3, Queen's 4. Parents' match, Cricket Shield: The School. Magazine prize: June H. Goode. Prizes for Dramatics: Thelma Powell and Ronald Elliott. Old Students' Medal: Beatrice Taylor. Mrs. Dawes' prize for Leadership: Beatrice Taylor. Late Mr. Dawes' prize for Leadership: Robert H. Murray.

Football.

1st XI. Captain—A. COX. Vice-Captain—A. BETTS.

Secretary—B. ROEBUCK.

Committee—COX, BETTS, CHELLINGSWORTH, HADLEY, LOWE, ADAMS, SMITH, C.

THE first XI. had a moderately successful season, playing 17 matches of which they won 6, drew 3, and lost 8. With more accuracy and thrust in the forward line the season might have been highly successful.

A. Cox was a tower of strength at centre-half and the defence usually played well, but apart from Betts the forwards were very mediocre.

But for one lapse the second XI. played very well throughout the season, and of their 12 matches managed to win 6 and draw 2. Football Colours were well earned by H. Betts and A. Cox.

	First XI.	Second XI.
Lawrence's College...	5-0 Won	5-1 Won
Smethwick	6-5 Won	—
Holly Lodge	1-3 Lost	2-2 Draw
Handsworth	2-2 Draw	1-1 Draw
Wolverhampton	0-5 Lost	3-10 Lost
Redditch	8-0 Won	—
Dudley	0-6 Lost	2-1 Won
King's Norton	4-3 Won	—
West Bromwich	1-1 Draw	2-3 Lost
St. Philip's	1-6 Lost	—
Dudley	3-4 Lost	—
Lawrence's College...	9-1 Won	7-1 Won
Smethwick	—	3-1 Won
Holly Lodge	1-7 Lost	5-3 Won
West Bromwich	3-2 Won	1-4 Lost
Wolverhampton	0-4 Lost	3-5 Lost
Handsworth	2-2 Draw	9-3 Won
Stourbridge	0-7 Lost	3-4 Lost

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

1st XI.—Pool, Adams, Mole, Chellingsworth, Hopkins, A. R., Hopkins, L., Blackburn, Crompton, Redfern, Hadley, Betts, Harris, F. J., Harris, C., Cox, A. E., Lowe, Howse.

2nd XI.—Blackburn, Deeley, Varley, Johnston, Johnson, Jones, R. L., Howse, Priest, Smith, C., Lowe, Sambrooke, Crompton, Hopkins, E., Hopkins, G., Andrews, Richards, Hazlewood, Harris, C., Rowley, Hartley, Redfern, Hopkins, A. R., Hopkins, L.

B. Roebuck.

Hockey.

Team: Autumn Term—

Captain—M. JEPHCOTT. Vice-Captain—K. WAKEMAN.
 B. Stubbs, P. Owins, M. Weston, I. Hall, M. Jephcott, D. Garner,
 M. Burborough, B. Morris, E. Harris, K. Wakeman, R. Sidaway.

Team: Spring Term—

Captain—M. JEPHCOTT. Vice-Captain—K. WAKEMAN.
 B. Stubbs, P. Owins, M. Weston, I. Hall, M. Jephcott, E. Westwood,
 B. Farrow, M. Warr, B. Morris, E. Harris, K. Wakeman, D. Holden.

LAST Hockey season proved to be one of the most successful on record. Most excellent play was maintained throughout the season by all members of the team.

Owing to bad weather during the latter half of the Autumn term and the earlier half of the Spring term, several of the matches had to be cancelled.

Of the 6 matches played in the Autumn term, we won 6 and lost 0, and of the 8 played during the Spring term, 4 were won, 3 drawn and 1 lost.

From these results we can see that the Hockey team deserves to be congratulated for the consistently good play throughout the season.

We also wish to congratulate Elsie Harris, Kathleen Wakeman, Peggy Owins, Barbara Stubbs and Betty Morris on gaining their Hockey Colours.

RESULTS—AUTUMN TERM.

Date.	Opponent.	Home or Away.	Result.
Sept. 28.—	West Bromwich	... Home ...	Won 8—1
Oct. 5.—	Walsall	... Home ...	Won 5—1
„ 9.—	Bromsgrove	... Away ...	Won 6—1
„ 19.—	Kidderminster	... Home ...	Won 6—1
Nov. 9.—	Halesowen	... Away ...	Won 6—1
„ 16.—	Dudley	... Away ...	Cancelled
„ 20.—	Waverley Road	... Home ...	Cancelled
„ 30.—	Dudley	... Home ...	Cancelled
Dec. 7.—	Cresconians	... Home ...	Won 4—3

Played 6, won 6, lost 0; goals for 35, goals against 7.

RESULTS—SPRING TERM.

Date.	Opponents.	Home or Away.	Result.
Jan. 19.—	Wolverhampton G.H.S....	Home ...	Cancelled
„ 25.—	West Bromwich	... Away ...	Cancelled
Feb. 1.—	George Dixon...	... Away ...	Won 4—2
„ 5.—	Bromsgrove	... Away ...	Won 2—1
„ 8.—	Halesowen	... Home ...	Cancelled
„ 15.—	Walsall	... Away ...	Cancelled
„ 26.—	Wolverhampton	... Away ...	Won 5—1
„ 29.—	West Bromwich	... Away ...	Cancelled
Mar. 11.—	Halesowen	... Away ...	Draw 1—1
„ 14.—	Dudley	... Away ...	Draw 2—2
„ 18.—	Waverley Road	... Away ...	Won 13—0
„ 21.—	Cresconians	... Away ...	Draw 3—3
„ 28.—	Kidderminster	... Away ...	Lost 4—5

Played 8, won 4, drew 3, lost 1; goals for 34, goals against 15.
K. M. Wakeman.

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M. WESTON, BLACKBURN, B. RYAN, NASH, M. NICHOLLS, DEELEY

DURING the Winter months the Joint Societies have held meetings, as usual, every Tuesday evening, and these have been well attended and thoroughly enjoyed by all. The programme, of which a short account is given below, has been one of the most interesting and varied we have had.

Oct. 1.—A meeting was held to elect a committee formed by a boy and girl representative from each form. After the Chairman had welcomed newcomers, a short committee meeting was held to make arrangements for the coming session and to elect officers.

Oct. 8.—This meeting took the form of three short debates. The motion of the first was "Mr. Hore-Belisha is justified in the changes he has brought about in the last twelve months," supported by B. Farrow and H. G. Jones, and opposed by M. Brown and Williams. The motion was defeated by 70 votes to 53.

The second motion put before the House was "That the use of cosmetics is both harmful and unnecessary," supported by M. Dingley and Perry and opposed by D. Garner and Hazlewood. After an excited discussion from the floor, the motion was carried by 80 votes to 43.

The motion "That the rule of the Prefects is for the good of the School" was supported by M. Nicholls and Cumley and opposed by J. Jephcott and Howse. The motion was carried by 71 votes to 52.

The principal speakers of the three debates spoke well and there was no lack of speakers from the floor.

Oct. 15.—"Football" was the interesting subject on which Mr. C. Jephcott spoke at this meeting. Mr. Jephcott gave us a very interesting account of the history of football from very early times, and then proceeded to speak about the actual technique of the game. A vote of thanks to Mr. Jephcott was proposed by J. Price and seconded by J. Bird and unanimously carried.

- Oct. 22.—At this meeting Miss Davies gave us a very interesting account of her summer holidays which she spent touring the Continent in an Austin Seven. Miss Davies illustrated her talk by lantern slides depicting mountain and country scenes, cathedrals and chateaux in the countries through which she had passed. Miss Davies was thanked by D. Smith and M. Bright, on behalf of the Society for the very enjoyable evening which she had given us.
- Oct. 29.—Chemists of the Sixth Form, H. G. Jones and S. Gibbs, entertained us at this meeting. H. G. Jones, lecturing on soap, gave us the history of soap from early times, an account of the actual manufacture of soap and of the histories of the various firms connected with the soap industry.
- “Fireworks” was the interesting subject chosen by S. Gibbs, and after explaining the elementary principles and the more advanced stages of making fireworks, he gave a short firework display to illustrate his lecture. A vote of thanks was proposed by W. Hazlewood and seconded by D. Forster.
- Nov. 5.—Half Term.
- Nov. 12.—At this meeting we spent a very enjoyable time listening to Miss Foster’s account of her holiday in South Africa. After a short account of the history of South Africa, Miss Foster told us her own experiences there. She told us about the native population of Durban, the Zulus, her visits to Kimberley and Johannesburg, the wild animals which she had seen, and her exciting encounter with five lions. Lantern slides illustrated these points and showed us the type of country South Africa is, and the beautiful brilliantly coloured flowers which grow there. A vote of thanks to Miss Foster was proposed by D. Bagnall and seconded by Knight.
- Nov. 19.—The meeting held this week was of an unusual type and proved extremely enjoyable. Miss Tweedie and some of the Guides gave us an exhibition of Folk Dancing and afterwards, directed by Miss Tweedie, we all took part in the dances.
- We take this opportunity of again thanking Miss Tweedie for arranging such a happy evening.
- Nov. 26.—The Dramatic Section presented “The Barretts of Wimpole Street” (dress rehearsal) to the Juniors.
- Nov. 28 and 30.—“The Barretts of Wimpole Street” was publicly performed. An account of these performances is given elsewhere.
- Dec. 3.—No meeting was held, to allow the members to recover from the excitement of the previous week, but on Wednesday, Dec. 4th, all concerned in the production of the play thoroughly enjoyed a very jolly party given by Miss Jones.

After the examinations, invitations for plays were received from three schools—Halesowen Grammar School for "Much Ado About Nothing"; West Bromwich Secondary School for "As You Like It"; and Stourbridge Grammar School for "The Knight of the Burning Pestle."

All the plays were enthusiastically praised by all who went, and we take this opportunity of thanking these schools for their very kind invitations.

Jan. 14.—The Society began the term well by going to see Emile Littler's production of "The Babes in the Wood" at the Prince of Wales Theatre. The evening was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Jan. 21.—Mr. Smith, an old student of the School, and now a professional elocutionist, came to entertain us. Mr. Smith's programme was well chosen; it consisted of both prose and poetry, some serious and some lighter. His programme was "Brumana," by J. E. Fletcher; "Song of Honour," by Ralph Hodgson; "The Midlands," by John Drinkwater; "How the Whale got his Throat," from "Just So" stories by Kipling; "Jack," by E. V. Lucas; "Wine and Water," by G. K. Chesterton.

B. Farrow and Williams, representing the Society, thanked Mr. Smith.

Jan. 28.—No meeting was held on account of the funeral of the late King George.

Feb. 6.—The meeting this week was held on Thursday, as Mr. Dutton, who was coming to talk to us was unable to come on Tuesday. Mr. Dutton's subject was "Photography," and after explaining to us the proper way to use a camera, he showed us lantern slides of photographs which he had taken and which were extremely beautiful. Mr. Dutton then answered questions asked by members of the Society. A vote of thanks was proposed by D. Lewis and seconded by D. Smith.

Feb. 11.—Mr. Price, a Councillor of the Borough of Oldbury, came to talk to us on "Local Government." After briefly describing to us various forms of local government, he explained how a borough such as Oldbury is governed, and he gave us examples of the kind of work with which such bodies as the Education Committee and the General Health Committee have to deal.

The thanks of the Society were offered to Mr. Price by L. Hands and N. Hazlewood.

Feb. 14.—About twenty of our members visited Holly Lodge High School for Boys for a debate, the motion being "This House considers that newspapers are a menace to Society."

Holly Lodge supported the motion, while Oldbury, whose chief speakers were B. Farrow and Roebuck, opposed it.

When the supporters and opposers of the motion had spoken, the debate was thrown open to the floor, and most of our members availed themselves of this opportunity to speak. The motion was defeated.

Speaking on behalf of Oldbury Debating Society, Roebuck thanked Holly Lodge for their kind invitation, and expressed the wish that we should see them again in the near future.

Feb. 18.—At this meeting a play reading of "The Late Christopher Bean," was given by the Seniors. As we had no programme, the dramatic personæ and scenes were announced by the two compères, M. Bright and C. Johnson.

The cast included:—*M. Haggett*, N. Hazlewood; *Mrs. Haggett*, D. M. Bagnall; *Gweny*, B. Stubbs; *Susan* and *Ada Haggett*, K. Wakeman and R. Hood respectively; *Bruce Macrea*, D. Smith; *Tallant*, P. Andrews; *Rosen*, Hopkins; *Davenport*, Williams.

Feb. 25.—Half Term.

Mar. 3.—Miss Farrow came to address the Society on "Old Customs." She explained to us the value of old customs in our modern life, and gave us some very interesting examples of customs which still exist in City of London, the law courts, and in the country round Birmingham. Miss Farrow was thanked for her very interesting talk, the vote being proposed by D. Bagnall and seconded by M. Brown.

Mar. 6.—On Friday, March 6th, about fifty of our members visited Halesowen Grammar School for a debate, the motion being "This House considers that the study of science has brought more harm than good to mankind." Oldbury, whose chief speakers were B. Farrow, Roebuck and Hazlewood, supported the motion and Halesowen opposed it. The principal speakers of both sides spoke well and convincingly, and when the debate was thrown open for discussion many interesting speeches were made from the floor. After the summing up, the House divided for the count, and the motion was defeated.

On this occasion we were kindly entertained to tea by the Halesowen Debating Society, and after the debate a short impromptu dance was held.

Mar. 10.—A very enjoyable evening was organised by Miss Allen and the Sixth Form Biology Students. The meeting took the form of a botanical exhibition which was divided into three parts. In the hall were arranged microscopes with various specimens of botanical interest which were explained to us by J. Crump and K. Wakeman. In the Biology

Laboratory, M. Bright conducted us round a table devoted to various types of skeletons, Williams showed and explained to us some examples of pond life, and B. Stubbs examples of corals and sponges.

After the exhibition, films showing the life and habits of certain fish and animals, and two humorous films, were shown us in the Lecture Room.

Poole proposed and M. Craddock seconded a vote of thanks to Miss Allen and the Biology Students for the very interesting evening they had given us.

Mar. 17.—At this meeting we were pleased to welcome Mr. Burton, of Birmingham Reference Library, who came to address us on the subject, "Some Aspects of Modern Poetry." Mr. Burton gave us a very interesting talk on the merits and defects of modern poetry, and to illustrate his points he read some modern poems.

A vote of thanks was then passed to Mr. Burton, L. Hands proposing and Williams seconding.

On the same evening some of our members visited Holly Lodge High School for Girls to see their production of "Pride and Prejudice," a play which was greatly enjoyed by all who went. We thank Holly Lodge for their kind invitation.

Mar. 24.—The meeting held this week consisted of two parts. In the first place C. Johnston gave us a talk on life in Paris and France generally, dealing with such subjects as food, schools, the army, and in what ways they differ from the English. For his most interesting talk Johnston was thanked by N. Hazlewood and M. Bright, representing the Society.

The second part of the meeting consisted of a series of impromptu speeches. The names of a speaker and a subject were drawn from a box and the speaker was given two minutes in which to prepare his speech.

The first speaker was Smith, who had to speak on the subject "Action is better than Thought."

M. Howells then gave us an idea of what life would be like in 2000 A.D., and afterwards M. Taylor gave us her ideas on "Modern Dancing." P. Owens was called upon to speak on "The Tyranny of Fashion."

The subject which fell to Taylor was "Sports in School should not be obligatory but optional." The word "sports" was evidently misread by Taylor, for instead of speaking of *sports* in school he gave us his views on whether *shorts* should be optional or not in school.

"Men show their characters by the things they laugh at," was the subject with which B. Farrow dealt, and "The Fascination of Maps," was the next subject, Mole speaking

on it. Windmill then enlightened us as to what he would do with a gift of £10, and the last speech was made by Williams on "Pantomime."

The speakers were awarded marks by each person at this meeting and afterwards these marks were added up and it was found that B. Farrow headed the list, Smith was an easy second and Williams was third.

Feb. 26.—On Wednesday, Feb. 26th, a party went to see "Jane Eyre" at the Repertory Theatre, Birmingham. The play was very much enjoyed by all.

Mar. 28.—On Saturday, March 28th, some of our members visited the Theatre Royal, to see "The Russian Ballet." The ballets were very beautiful and we thoroughly enjoyed the whole performance.

April 7.—The session was ended by a very enjoyable dance.

D. Bagnall, secretary.

"The Barretts of Wimpole Street."

WITH the production of "The Barretts of Wimpole Street" in November last, the School Dramatic Society has now a decade of achievement to its credit. Our warmest friends were at first rather apprehensive that we were really becoming too ambitious, ". . . After all, they are only girls and boys . . ." was said many times last Autumn, but none the less all were eager to acclaim the School production an unqualified success. "You really forgot they were only girls and boys," was the final comment. And in particular, did it require considerable faith and courage to present The Barretts to a "Midland" audience.

The play was first presented at the Malvern Festival about five years ago; then it came to the Birmingham Repertory Theatre prior to its production in London where it was a great and continued success. Then again, in 1935, it was presented once more in Birmingham by the present Repertory Theatre Company. All who took part in the School production were very conscious of the high standard to which they must aspire and their hope was to be worthy in their own humble sphere, of such predecessors.

The comedy was played in Elizabeth Barrett's sitting-room at 50, Wimpole Street, London, in 1845. The Moulton-Barrett household was, we are to understand, not unique in its day. Mr. Moulton-Barrett was a rigid, unapproachable man, fully convinced that his principles were right and that all members of his family must be bent to his will for their own good. Upon this character the play depended if its dignity and truth were to be sustained, and for a novice to be entrusted with such a rôle showed great faith and discrimination. But Hazlewood was fully equal to all demands. We too began to feel afraid when he strode across

the room and really grew to hate him. In bearing and appearance, in voice and manner, he gave an excellent performance in a particularly difficult part.

Joan Price was a most charming Elizabeth. It did not seem at all strange that she should be a poetess! We felt as excited as she was in watching her recovery. It can be by no means an easy task to utter the majority of one's lines while reclining on a couch, however comfortable, nor to show the weakness of an invalid in voice and gesture—nor to be a central figure for the whole of the five acts of a play until the last few minutes.

The sisters afforded an excellent contrast. As Arabel, Dorothy Siviter was delightfully prim and correct. Her movements were graceful, her enunciation very clear, and it was a pleasure to watch the play of her hands.

As Henrietta, May Brown was impulsive and wayward. In turn we felt afraid for her, sorry for her, rebellious with her—she was so convincing in expressing her emotions.

As Octavious, the engaging younger brother, Askew was very quickly a favourite with all. He had acquired the gay artlessness and teasing charm of Occy.

The rest of the brothers were, as Elizabeth said, automata, and in these standing rôles Pearson, Chellingsworth, Shotton, Harris and Johnson nevertheless managed to appear as credible persons.

As Mr. Barrett's niece, Bella Hedley, a provocative, naughty little minx, very observant and very talkative, Barbara Farrow gave an excellent performance in an important part, where it is hard to distinguish naivety from affectation. Her swain, Henry Bevan, was the dandy of the day, and this hero, Gibbs, brought before us most eloquently both in speech and bearing.

As Captain Surtees Cook the man of action, not of words, in love with Henrietta, Smith was just as tongue-tied but well-meaning. He wore his uniform most worthily but we felt he was greatly relieved to be able to beat his retreat from the presence of Papa.

It seemed a pity that Papa had not to meet that other lover, so impetuous and so great a word-maker, as Mr. Robert Browning. Perhaps the dramatist was wise to leave that meeting to our imagination. As the poet lover, Roebuck was both passionate and commanding and never so convincing as in those difficult scenes when he told Elizabeth of his great love for her and urged her to marry him. As for the doctors, Pool had acquired that calm and sympathetic bearing, the admirable "bedside" manner of the family physician; and Mole, the calm serenity of wisdom which included the courage to tell a few hometruths even to Mr. Barrett.

As Wilson, the devoted maid of Elizabeth, Dorothy Lewis gave a most attractive study—simple, kindly and faithful, although “that bothered Miss Ba!” Jenny, in the person of Doreen Forster, made a simple but effective appearance.

To the musicians we owe a very special debt of gratitude for their share in our pleasure. Once again Stanley and Stevens assisted Jones and Andrews in a very delightful programme.

As that most important and responsible person, the Producer, Miss Jones has, for the tenth year, scored yet another triumph, and that satisfaction is fully shared by all members of the School and by that ever widening circle of friends who look upon our School Play as a most interesting and entertaining annual event.

E.M.F.

CAST.

Characters in order of their appearance:—*Doctor Chambers*, D. Pool; *Elizabeth Barrett Moulton-Barrett*, Joan Price; *Flush*, Wilson, Dorothy Lewis; *Henrietta Moulton-Barrett*, May Brown; *Arabel Moulton-Barrett*, Dorothy Siviter; *Octavious Moulton-Barrett*, J. Askew; *Septimus Moulton-Barrett*, T. W. Johnson; *Alfred Moulton-Barrett*, F. J. Harris; *Charles Moulton-Barrett*, M. H. Shotton; *Henry Moulton-Barrett*, R. Chellingsworth; *George Moulton-Barrett*, S. A. Pearson; *Edward Moulton-Barrett*, N. Hazelwood; *Bella Hedley*, Barbara Farrow; *Henry Bevan*, S. Gibbs; *Robert Browning*, B. Roebuck; *Doctor Ford-Waterlow*, J. R. Mole; *Captain Surtees Cook*, D. Smith; *Jenny*, Doreen Forster.

DRAMATIS PERSONÆ.

- A** is for *Arabel*, so stately and staid,
Perhaps of Papa she is sorely afraid.
Also for *Alfred*, whose innocent bliss
Nearly costs him the chance of stealing a kiss.
- B** stands for *Bella*, so fwightfully pwetty,
Words cannot describe her in so short a ditty.
- C** stands for *Cook*, a Captain forsooth,
Whose elegant figure belies extreme youth.
- D** stands for *Doctor*, in fact two—Mole and Pool,
Who seem awfully keen on their “Play”—out of School!
- E** is for *Edward*, or *Papa* (That’s better),
Whose word is obeyed to the very last letter.
Also *Elizabeth*, so sweet, so divine,
Whose thoughts, though unselfish, her Robert entwine;
If attentive, you’ll hear as she steals through the door,
Faint whispers of “*Omnia vincit amor.*”
- F** stands for *Flush*, a delightful young chien,
Whose conduct that night was rien but bien.

- G** is for *Gibby*—très debonair,
Amusing and witty—yet walking on air.
- H** stands for *Henrietta*, who has ruined the metre,
But after her acting, with respect we must treat 'er.
- H** stands for *Hughie* and *Peter* as well,
Whose air to the Muse was really quite swell.
- I** is for Italy, that fair sunny clime,
Where *Lizzie* and *Robert* had moments sublime.
- J** is for *Johnson*, a stately young man;
His intimates call him not Johnson but Juan.
- K** stands for *Kritics*, both the Kind kind and Kruel,
Whose comments lacked fire by shortage of fuel.
- L** is for *Linda*, whom all must commend
For singing us "Dresses and Stockings to Mend."
- M** is for *Mitten* a helpful Magician,
Who acts as the Plumber (that's wrong), Electrician.
- O** stands for *Occy*, a gallant young knight,
The ends of whose phrases are never in sight.
- P** for *Producer*, Miss Jones, need you ask,
Who distinguished herself in an arduous task.
Also for *Polka* which Chellingsworth danced,
His audience was spellbound, truly entranced.
- Q** is for *Queue*, a hard word to spell;
As long as its long, box-office does (s) well.
- R** stands for *Roebuck*, our Captain supreme,
Or *Robert*, whose prickles are nought but a dream.
- S** stands for *Shem*, with delight always siezed,
When father walks in saying "I am displeased."
- T** is for *Tony* who cannot stand still,
So accustomed to ducking when tempers are ill.
- U** is for *Ultra* which means, with Ni Plus,
That no plays are better and many are wuss.
- V** is for Fiddle--Violin I mean,
Here Gordon is Maestro—Italian I ween.
- W** is for *Willy* who makes noises "off,"
But this is no job at which you should scoff.
Also for *Wilson*—a dutiful maid,
Who sees that the supper (with Porter) is laid.
- X** stands for Xcellent, a really good show,
Bigger and better, but how I don't know.
- Y** is for "Y have we left that man out?"
Stevens, who played when the "Lights" had gone out.
- Z** is for zz . . zz where the writer has gone;
Here's luck to the next Play—of that, more. . .

Anon.

Girl Guides.**Officers:—**

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

Company Leader—BEATRICE TAYLOR.

Leaders—MABEL CRADDOCK, JOSEPHINE JEPHCOTT,
NANCY TAYLOR, DOROTHY SIVITER.

Rangers—B. FARROW.

THE Guide Company has spent the last two terms in work and play, which has proved both profitable and enjoyable. The most outstanding event during the Autumn was the formation of a Cadet Ranger Patrol attached to the Company, composed of the older Guides who wish to remain on in Guiding, and later become officers themselves. This innovation has been very successful and has maintained the interest of those who might have felt themselves to be growing out of Guiding, and has also given an opportunity to younger Guides to become Leaders or Seconds.

The term was occupied chiefly with badge work, and the acquisition of much general knowledge which is useful for ordinary everyday affairs, so that Guides may carry out in a practical way their ideal of service.

Most of the Easter term was spent in rehearsing our Annual Display which was presented on February 15th and 17th. The programme was very varied, comprising two one-act plays and dancing. The two plays were quite different from each other, one being an imaginative Chinese play and the second an historical character-study, but both "The Stolen Prince," by Dan Tothoroh, and "Women at War" by Edward Percy, were well presented and thoroughly enjoyed by our audience, and all who took part must be congratulated.

The dancing, as ever, was very popular, and gnomes, Spanish gypsies, Dutch boys and girls, Grecians, Russians and old-world ladies and gentlemen performing the graceful minuet, combined to give a very colourful and nimble exhibition. The two novelty dances, the Policemen and the Tap Dancers, were much appreciated and thoroughly deserved the warm applause they received.

A sing-song round a camp fire concluded our programme, which thanks to the efforts of the Guides, the kind support of Mr. Howarth, Miss F. Jones, Mr. T. L. Davies, and other members of the staff, and above all the training of Lieutenant and Captain, fully maintained the very high stand the Company has set in former years.

The Company has really progressed during the last two terms in every way, and the Guides thank Captain and Lieutenant for the effort they have made to achieve this end in a manner most enjoyable for us all.

Company-Leader Beatrice Taylor obtained her "All Round" Cord, and now has earned that most coveted prize which all Guides long for—Gold Cords. We believe this to be the first award of Gold Cords in Worcestershire. We are very proud of her.

B. E. Farrow.

Some Impressions of Germany.

IN these days when a journey of a few hundred miles is a commonplace and when cruising has become the summer relaxation of the many, there is no need for the humble visitor to the Continent to regale his readers with details of his itinerary. Nor do we propose to quote the guide books on the charm and loveliness of the Rhine, or even on the beauty and interest of Munich, the birthplace and headquarters of National Socialism, or even on the delightfulness of Stuttgart, capital of Württemberg, our temporary home, and surely one of the loveliest of all cities!

The Germany of to-day is so very much alive and so very full of interest that one tends to overlook buildings and monuments in favour of men and ideas. One gains in a very short time an impression of the energy and purposefulness of the people and very soon of their hospitality and cheerfulness. The nation is to-day united not only in outward form, but also in inward conviction, perhaps as never before in its history. There exists a very warm feeling towards England and the English, and a deep understanding of our attitude to the problems of the world to-day. The writer recalls with pride the glowing tributes paid by the inhabitants of the Rhineland towns to the British troops stationed in their midst. No-one can live among the Germans to-day, meeting members of all callings and classes, without realising how deep-rooted and sincere, too, is their desire for peace.

The schoolmaster, however, must not forget his own particular sphere of activity. Here, in spite of a few superficialities, the first impression was one of familiarity. School is school, one supposes, the world over, one meets all the old familiar types! Several notions of school life in Germany current among some of my English acquaintances, however, need modifying. The much talked of stern repressive discipline for instance was certainly not in evidence, the relations of pupil and master were marked by that friendliness with which we are familiar in our own Secondary Schools. There is a happy atmosphere and a lightheartedness in German schools nowadays which in nowise militates against the traditional efficiency and thoroughness of the German at work and at play. Teaching begins at 8 a.m. in the Winter and Spring months and at 7-30 a.m. in Summer. Early rising, however,

is amply compensated for by two or three free afternoons in the week and ample free periods. Lest we give the impression that our own German colleagues' life is one of ease and half-holidays, let us hasten to add that many hours outside the timetable are occupied by correction of work, and by staff-meetings at which the character, abilities and progress of every single pupil are discussed and classified with amazing thoroughness and psychological insight.

A devotion to sport, and above all a real passion for physical training, wherever possible in the open-air, has produced a school generation of truly magnificent physique and general physical fitness. A word must be said here of the youth organisations about which some misunderstanding seems to exist in this country. They are "political" only in so far as they seek to train young people to a consciousness of their duties and obligations as citizens and to an appreciation of their country's mission amongst the nations. Their precepts are at least as idealistic as those of any of our youth movements here, and their benefits to youngsters are at least as great. The charge of "militarism" so often brought against them is patently absurd.

Space will not permit us to dwell on the beauties of the Winter landscape of Bavaria nor on the thrills and spills of an initiation into Winter sports. We cannot, however, close without placing on record our very deep gratitude to Dr. and to Frau Weitbrecht, and to the entire staff of the Friedrich-Eugens Oberrealschule, whose ever ready kindness and helpfulness did so much to make our stay in Stuttgart a joyous and an unforgettable experience.

R. A. F. N.-H.

The Spider

The spider spins its silver thread
 With patience and with care,
 'Tis strange that such an ugly thing,
 Can weave a web so fair.

I wish that I could gather one,
 All hung in dewdrops bright,
 To wear it as a fairy gown,
 To dance with elves at night.

The spider has no snowy pillow,
 He sleeps in his latticed web,
 The flowers from the weeping willow,
 Make him his sky roofed bed.

Megg Whitehead, Form 2A2.

The Sands.

The sands with sunshine all aglow,
The children merry and bright
To see the Punch and Judy show
They quickly take to flight.

How thoroughly the imps enjoy
Poor Punch's sad despair,
When Judy hits the poor old boy
As hard as ever she dare.

And when the show is over,
They all go home to tea,
And with their dog named Rover
They splash into the sea.

The children dream in bed at night
Of distant far off lands,
But nothing beats the jolly sight
Of "castles" on the sands.

Sheila Hughes, Form 2A2.

The Aspens.

See! how the graceful Aspens grow,
In the calm sweet air of the Spring,
See! how they reach up, straight and tall,
As the sap rises high
Telling Summer is nigh,
And the green buds open to Summer's call.

See! how the graceful Aspens sway,
To the song of the Summer breeze,
But see, how those quivering leaves of green,
Will fade and die,
For Autumn is nigh,
With its tints of russet and silver sheen.

See! how the graceful Aspen's leaves,
Have turned to a rusty brown.
See, how they float down one by one,
From the branches, high,
For Winter is nigh,
And no more will they gleam in the Summer sun.

See! How the graceful Aspens stand,
 'Gainst the sky of gloomy grey,
 See! how they sway like a bird on the wing,
 As the branches stark and bare
 Quiver in the wintry air,
 Waiting once more for the promise of Spring.

Barbara Granville-Barker, Form 3B.

The Spring.

The queen of Spring with all her maidens bright,
 Is come to bid the slumb'ring world awake,
 And rise from out its bed into the light,
 And from her lips a joyous greeting take.

The snowdrop is first herald of the Spring,
 A maid clad all in garments white and green,
 Who wakes the daffodil, and seems to bring
 The nodding tulip with its stately mien.

The thrush rebuilds his tiny home
 And sings his song in praise of Spring's delight;
 The fledglings from their nests begin to come,
 And lisp their evensong at fall of night.

The queen of Spring looks on in happiness,
 To see how glad her coming makes her friends,
 To see the world shake off its drowsiness,
 And how her beauty with its spirit blends.

Betty Hands, Form 3B.

The Streamlet.

Down in the valley, o'er the meadow,
 A little streamlet winds its way;
 Racing on and never tiring,
 Sparkling in the sun's last ray.

A weeping willow bending o'er it,
 Whispers to the silver fish
 Of the hills and golden sunsets,
 Of the stars and the angler's wish.

In between its shining pebbles,
 Little fishes dart and play,
 Caring not for wind or weather,
 Always wending on their way.

Olive Harper, Form 3B.

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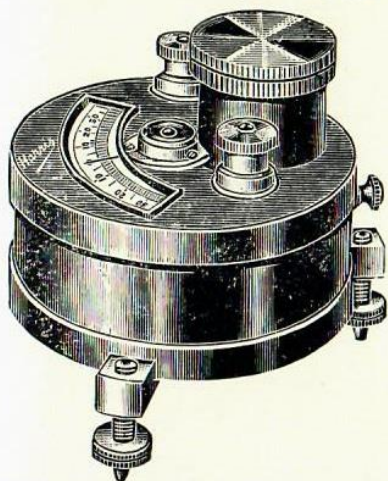
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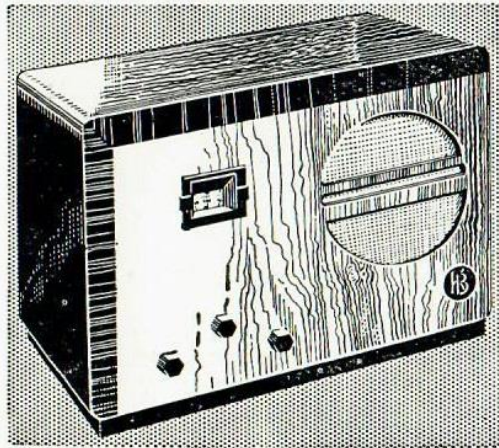


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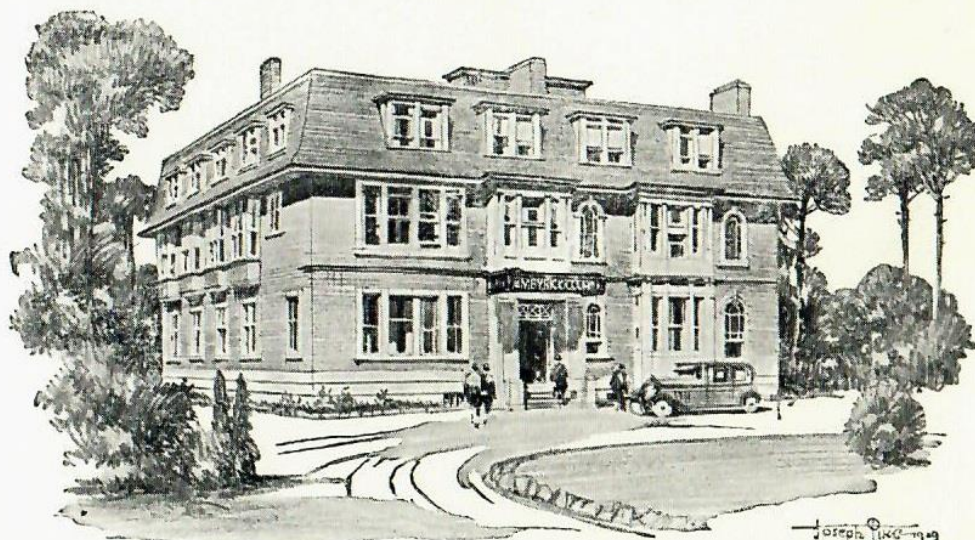
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EDITORIAL.

THERE is always some sense of change at the beginning of the school year in September. Many have completed their school career with us and have gone out to take their places in the world, while others have just entered and are beginning to work their way up through the school. There are changes and re-arrangements in classes, teams, captancies, in the prefecture, as well as the staff itself. Change is the essence of life.

We of the present School, whatever our place in the School may be, feel that we owe a great debt of gratitude to those who have gone before us in succeeding generations. We bear in mind that from them we have received a great inheritance and a great tradition. We remember the ideals for which former members of the School have worked, the ideals of service, of progress, of loyalty to the School motto, and of striving for the honour and good name of the School in all its activities. In particular, the headmaster, Dr. Howard, has clearly in mind the debt he owes to the line of headmasters who have preceded him, and specially

wishes to place on record here his appreciation of the way in which Mr. Howarth assisted in making things work smoothly at the time of the recent change of headmastership.

Both Dr. and Mrs. Howard wish, furthermore, to express in no uncertain language their thanks to all the staff of the School for the cordial welcome they have received at the time of their coming, and for the friendly atmosphere into which they have entered. It is their confident hope that this will be maintained, for the good of the School as a whole.

No school can maintain its good name by merely appealing to tradition and past achievements. Like every other living thing, a school is always either progressing or retrogressing. There is no standing still. In order that progress may be maintained, there must be, on the part of all concerned, real initiative, a readiness for change, and the spirit of adventure.

School days are a preparation for life and must be lived accordingly. The world to-day needs men and women who are adaptable to rapidly changing conditions, who can show initiative, who are pioneers, and who can contribute to ordered progress. We therefore hope that every member of the School will play his part while still with us, by doing his best in work and in play, by showing sterling qualities both in the classroom and on the field, and by endeavouring to contribute something original and really his own to the general progress of the School. By so doing he will be living up to our splendid traditions, and will be one of those who can truly say, "Cresco."

Dates to Remember.

Oct. 29th.—Speech Day.

Nov. 2nd, 3rd.—Half Term Holiday.

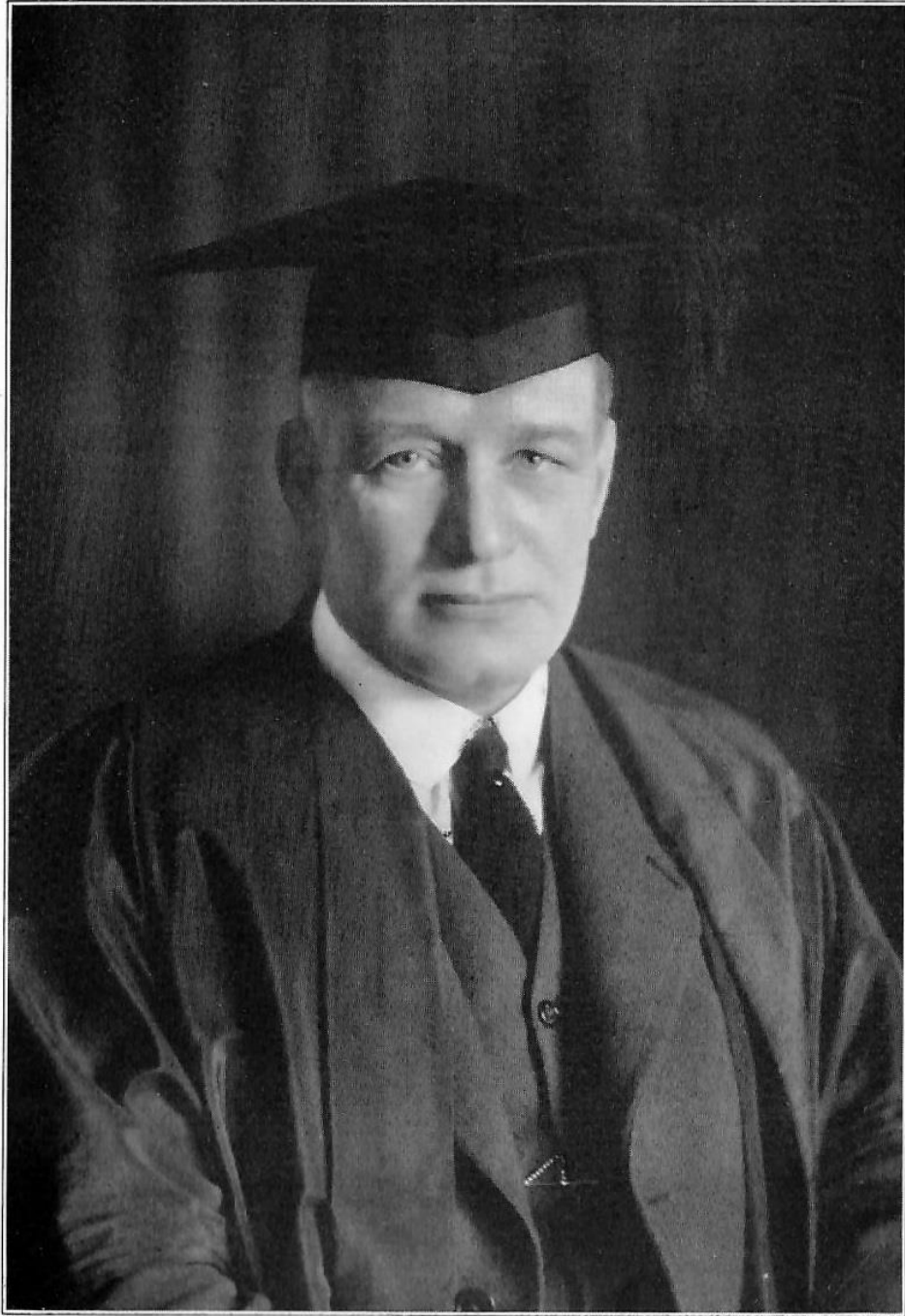
Nov. 17, 19, 21.—School Play: "Pride and Prejudice."

Dec. 22nd.—End of Term.

Jan. 12.—Beginning of Spring Term.

Valete.

THE end of the Summer Term has, for the County High School, a special significance. Staff and pupils have been compelled to take a regretful farewell of the Head Master who, for sixteen years, has guided the destinies of the school.



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Staff and pupils are mindful of the far-sighted wisdom and wise kindness with which he has exercised his authority. Under the rule of Mr. Howarth, our school has been a happy school. In work and play, Mr. Howarth has continually exhorted us to "Play the game." There is no need to remind the senior pupils what they owe to Mr. Howarth's precept and example, and we of the Staff are not unmindful of what we have gained under his leadership.

We made some attempt to show our appreciation by the gifts which we presented to Mr. and Mrs. Howarth and we hope that they will always derive great pleasure from the hall wardrobe and canteen of cutlery presented by the pupils and their parents, the silver tea service presented by the Old Students' Association, the electric fire presented by the Joint Societies, the cut glass bowl presented by the Guides, and the silver salver, engraved with the signatures of the Staff, presented by the Staff. They were just small tokens of our very great and sincere esteem and affection for them both.

We wish Mr. and Mrs. Howarth many, many years of health and happiness to enjoy their well-earned leisure, and desire to place on record here our very great gratitude to them for their sturdy comradeship and good fellowship to us, and for their unstinted labour in the cause of the school they have loved and served so well.

Salvete.

ON another page we have expressed our regret at the departure of our late Head Master, Mr. J. G. Howarth, M.A. Owing to the lateness of our magazine in going to press, we are fortunately permitted, in the same number, to welcome our new Head Master, Dr. Cyril C. Howard, B.A., B.Sc.

In academic attainments and experience, Dr. Howard is well qualified to enter upon his new duties, and we have already had the opportunity of realising that with those more elusive qualities of personality and leadership, our new Head Master will continue to increase the prestige of the school, and to extend the power for good, which our school has in the past exerted.

Pupils and Staff unite in expressing their kindly greetings to Dr. and Mrs. Howard, and hope that they will have every success and happiness in their new surroundings. We also wish good luck, health and happiness to their young son, Ian.

Valete.

- DOROTHY BAGNALL.—Form VIA. School Captain; House Captain; Matriculation; Higher School Certificate; Secretary of Joint Societies. At Birmingham University.
- LINDA HANDS.—Form VIA. Prefect; House Captain; Matriculation; Higher School Certificate. At Birmingham University.
- ROSE HOOD.—Form VIA. Prefect; Matriculation; Cast of one School Play. At Birmingham University.
- B. R. ROEBUCK.—Form VIA. School Captain; House Captain; Matriculation; 2nd XI. Cricket; Boys' Sports' Secretary. Chairman of Joint Societies; Cast of four School Plays; Joint Societies' Honours for Dramatics and Debating. At Birmingham University.
- WINIFRED CLIFT.—Form VIB. Office at William Hunt and Sons.
- DOROTHY LEWIS.—Form VIB. Prefect; House Captain; School Certificate; Cast of three School Plays; Joint Societies' Honour for Dramatics. At Cheltenham Training College.
- PATRICIA PRICE.—Form VIB. In office at Messrs. Guest, Keen and Nettlefolds.
- BARBARA STUBBS.—Form VIB. Prefect; School Certificate; Hockey XI.; Hockey Colours. In office at J. A. Phillips and Co., Smethwick.
- KATHLEEN WAKEMAN.—Form VIB. Prefect; School Certificate; Hockey XI.; Hockey Colours; Hockey Secretary; Tennis Team. At Dudley Training College.
- C. JOHNSON.—Form VIB. 2nd XI. Football. In a London Insurance Office.
- MOLLY DINGLEY.—Form VA. Lawrence's College.
- LILIAN DYE.—Form VA. School Certificate. In office at Howse's Paint Works.
- IRENE HOLLYOAK.—Form VA. Guide. Training as a Dispenser at the General Hospital.
- MILDRED JAMES.—Form VA. School Certificate. Birmingham Corporation, Omnibus and Tramway Dept.
- BETTY LAMB.—Form VA. Training as a Nurse.
- BETTY MORRIS.—Form VA. Hockey XI.; Tennis Team; Hockey Colours. At a secretarial training college.
- MARGARET PARKES.—Form VA. Tennis Team. At home.
- H. O. BETTS.—Form VA. Prefect; Vice-Captain of 1st XI. Cricket; Vice-Captain of 1st XI. Football; Cricket and Football Colours. Training as an Auctioneer.

- N. HAZLEWOOD.—Form VA. Prefect; 2nd XI. Cricket; Cast of one School Play; Joint Societies' Honour for Dramatics. At Accles and Pollock's.
- E. T. LOWE.—Form VA. School Certificate; Captain of 2nd XI. Football. At Carriage Works.
- R. MOLE.—Form VA. Prefect; House Captain; 1st XI. Football; 1st XI. Cricket. Cast of one School Play.
- R. NOCK.—Form VA. Prefect; House Captain; School Certificate; 1st XI. Cricket; 1st XI. Football. In draughtsman's office at the Rover Co., Tyeseley.
- D. B. POOLE.—Form VA. Prefect; School Certificate; 1st XI. Cricket; 1st XI. Football; Cast of two School Plays. In an Insurance Office.
- T. REDFERN.—Form VA. School Certificate; 1st XI. Football; 2nd XI. Cricket. In Drawing Office at Ham, Baker's.
- J. E. RICHARDS.—Form VA. Prefect; Matriculation; 2nd XI. Football; 2nd XI. Cricket; Senior Athletic Sports Champion, 1936. At Accles and Pollock's.
- R. ROLLASON.—Form VA. Laboratory at Howse's Paint Works.
- G. SAMBROOKE.—Form VA. Prefect; House Captain; Matriculation; 1st XI. Football. At Accles and Pollock's.
- MARGOT JEPHCOTT.—Form VB. Captain of Hockey XI.; Tennis Team; Hockey and Tennis Colours; Guide Patrol Leader; Senior Sports Champion. In father's office.
- GWEN ROSE.—Form VB. At Commercial School.
- NANCY TAYLOR.—Form VB. Guide. Training as a Nurse at Sparkhill.
- MARGARET WESTON.—Form VB. Hockey XI.; Tennis Team; Hockey and Tennis Colours. In office at Ham, Baker's.
- C. HARRIS.—Form VB. 1st XI. Football; 1st XI. Cricket. In office at Messrs. Lucas.
- R. PRIEST.—Form VB. Training as Electrical Engineer.
- GWEN BRINTON.—Form IVA. At Accles and Pollock's.
- GWEN HAMMOND.—Form IVA. In Drawing Office at B.T.H., Rugby.
- MADGE NICHOLLS.—Form IVA. At the "Midland Tar Distillers."
- JOYCE WILLIAMS.—Form IVB. Lawrence's College.
- K. DEELEY.—Form IVB. 2nd XI. Football. Test House at Albright and Wilson's.
- G. PARTRIDGE.—Form IVB. Air Force.
- BETTY HUMPHRIES.—Form IIA. Transferred to Halesowen.
- D. EDMUNDS.—Form IIA. Transferred to Holly Lodge.

Salvete.

ELIZABETH BANFORD.	S. BRETTEL.
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EILEEN BISHTON.	R. BRODERICK.
PEARL BROMWELL.	G. BRUSH.
NELLIE BULL.	J. P. BULLER.
MARGARET BURN.	J. BURDLEY.
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JOYCE CLARKE.	R. CUMMING.
MARGARET CROSS.	C. CUTLER.
MARY CURTIS.	J. DAVISON.
MARY DAVISON.	T. C. DOIGHTLY.
BRENDA DETHERIDGE.	E. E. FOSTER.
MARJORIE FRANKS.	D. J. GREEN.
DORIS GRANT.	J. GREEN.
MARGARET LACON.	J. K. HAINES.
JOAN LAWSON.	R. A. HALE.
BERYLL MOORE.	E. JEWKES.
EDNA NOCK.	S. JOHNSON.
JOYCE OAKES.	A. G. JONES.
JEAN PEASNELL.	A. R. KIMBERLEY.
KATHLEEN RICHMOND.	C. MALE.
DOROTHY RUSSELL.	K. MORGAN.
MURIEL SAMMONS.	G. PARDOE.
SILVIA SIDAWAY.	A. R. RICHARDS.
SHEILA SMITH	K. H. ROSE.
SHEILA WILLIAMS.	H. STUBBS.
AUDREY WINSPER.	
BEATRICE YEOMANS.	

Examination Results.

Joint Matriculation Board.

HIGHER SCHOOL CERTIFICATE :—

Dorothy Bagnall.—Principal: English, History. Subsidiary: Latin, French.

Barbara Farrow.—Principal: English, History. Subsidiary: French.

Linda Hands.—Principal: English, History. Subsidiary: French.

Rose Hood.—Principal: English. Subsidiary: French, Latin, Geography.

Roebuck.—Principal: Mathematics. Subsidiary: English, German. Physics, Chemistry.

D. Lewis.—Subsidiary: English, French, History.

B. Stubbs.—Subsidiary: English, Mathematics, Zoology.

K. Wakeman.—Subsidiary: English, Zoology.

MATRICULATION BY SCHOOL CERTIFICATE EXAMINATION :—

P. Andrews, J. E. Richards, G. Sambrooke, M. Craddock, J. B. Ellis, L. Pullinger, I. Thornton.

SCHOOL CERTIFICATE:—

R. J. Bates, D. E. Hadley, F. J. Harris, E. J. Lowe, J. R. Nock, S. A. Pearson, D. B. Pool, T. Redfern, D. E. Forster, M. C. Howells, M. R. James, K. E. Sutton, W. J. Cox, C. S. Mole, L. G. Dye, C. M. Wallace.

King's House.

Captains - - D. LEWIS, D. SMITH.
Vice-Captains - R. HOOD, D. VARLEY.
Secretary - - M. WESTON, F. MASTERS.
Sports Captains - M. PARKES, K. HUNTING.

MUCH to the pleasure of its members, King's House has greatly improved its position in the inter-House competitions this term.

In the Athletic Sports we obtained second place, a very pleasing improvement on last year's position.

Our position in the Girl's Swimming competition was second, and we hope that we shall be able to maintain this standard in the future.

We were first in the Girls' Gym. competition, a position for which everyone strove very enthusiastically, and which we gained with great delight.

We were successful in gaining first place in Tennis, tying with School House; in Cricket the boys obtained third place.

We congratulate D. Lewis and J. Price on gaining their Dramatic Honours for their very excellent performances in the School plays.

R. Hood.

Queen's House.

Captains - - M. JEPHCOTT, J. P. ADAMS.
Vice-Captains - B. MORRIS, J. ASKEW.
Sports Captains - M. JEPHCOTT, G. SAMBROOK.
Secretary - - B. FARROW, J. ASKEW.

THE Summer Term has once more come to a close and many out-door sports have had to be cancelled owing to the very bad weather.

On Sports' Day Queen's House were placed third. R. Priest ran very well and succeeded in being runner-up to Hopkins, who was Junior champion. M. Jephcott was Senior champion, and she broke her long jump record by jumping 16 feet 1½ inches.

The Tennis team has played well, although no one received colours.

Honours were awarded to B. Farrow for Dramatics and Debating, and we congratulate her on this splendid achievement.

On a cold day in July we held our Swimming Sports, Queen's House was placed fourth. Those representing the House were B. Rose and O. Harper, and both swam well.

The Tennis and Cricket House matches were contested at the end of the term, the girls obtained third place and the boys first place.

To all those who are leaving we offer our good wishes. Good luck to all of them.

Margot Jephcott.

School House.

Captains	-	-	L. D. HANDS, ROEBUCK.
Vice-Captains	-	-	NOCK.
Sports Captains	-	-	K. WAKEMAN, BETTS.
Secretary	-	-	MARY BRIGHT.

THE Summer Term, one of the busiest of the School year, is now over, and in spite of extremely bad weather there has been keen inter-House competition. In the Athletic Sports our House gained first place; two individual championships were won by two members, Dorothy Holden being Junior champion and Richards Senior boys' champion.

Inter-House Tennis matches were played at the end of term, and in these School House succeeded in tying with King's for first place, winning four out of six matches.

Several members of School House played in the 1st and 2nd Cricket XIs., and when the inter-House matches were played the House was placed second.

In the girls' inter-House Gym competition we were not very successful, being placed fourth, but we hope for better results next time.

The girls' Swimming sports took place during the Summer Term and in these we were proud to have gained first place.

Lastly, to turn aside from sports we offer our heartiest congratulations to members of our House who were presented with the new Joint Societies' "Honours." Hazlewood and Roebuck both gained Dramatic "Honours" for splendid acting in the School plays, while Roebuck gained Debating "Honours" for speaking at Joint Society meetings or at inter-School debates.

In conclusion, we wish the best of luck to School House people who have left, and we hope that the new-comers will try to carry on the splendid work which these people have done for the House.

M. G. Bright.

Trinity House.

Captains - - D. M. BAGNALL, R. MOLE.
Sports Captains - B. STUBBS, R. MOLE.
Secretary - - B. STUBBS.

THE Summer Term, although a short one, proved to be a very active one for House competitions.

Sports Day, held at the very beginning of term, was again marred by bad weather. Trinity was unfortunate in being placed fourth, but this we felt was due to the lack of brilliant individuals, not to any lack of team spirit.

In the Girls' Gymnastic competition Trinity gained third place, and the same position was gained in the Girls' Swimming competition. The boys, in their Swimming competition succeeded in gaining fourth place.

In the Girls' inter-House Tennis matches Trinity was placed third and in the Boys' inter-House Cricket matches fourth.

To many the external examinations were the most important if not the most interesting event of the term, and we must congratulate all members of Trinity House who were successful.

Although Trinity has been unfortunate this term, from the point of view of positions in House competitions, nevertheless enthusiasm has by no means been lacking, and we hope and expect that Trinity will do much better this year.

D. M. Bagnall.

Annual Sports, 1936.

ONCE again a splendid spirit of healthy rivalry prevailed, and each event was very closely contested. King's was the best House in the team races, but School had the better individual performers and finished first in the House Championship with King's a good second.

Two new records were made. Margot Jephcott jumped 16ft. 2½ins. to beat her own record of 16ft. made last year, and Dorothy Holden jumped 4ft. 1½ins. in the Junior High Jump, beating the previous record made in 1926 by Rhona Everett by no less than 1½ins.

Individually, there were some very pleasing performances by M. Jephcott, I. Thornton and D. Holden among the girls, and by

Richards, Smith, Penney, Hadley, Hopkins, Priest and Harper
among the boys.

Results:—

	1	2	3	Time Height, Distance.
High Jump—				
Senior Boys ...	Betts ...	Adams ...	Johnson and Pool ...	4ft. 7¼ins.
Junior Boys ...	Brooke ...	Hopkins ...	Priest ...	4ft. 1in.
Senior Girls ...	M. Jephcott...	M. Parkes ...	M. Wallace...	4ft. 2ins.
Junior Girls ...	D. Holden ...	J. Harris ...	M. Warr ...	4ft. 1½ins.
Under 12 Girls...	T. Berke ...	B. Lones ...	H. Bridge ...	3ft. 2ins.
Long Jump—				
Senior Boys ...	Hopkins, A. R. ...	Sambrooke...	Adams ...	17ft. 5ins.
Junior Boys ...	Hopkins, E.	Priest ...	Turley ...	16ft. 1in.
Senior Girls ...	M. Jephcott...	P. Owins ...	I. Thornton...	16ft. 2½ins.
Junior Girls ...	D. Holden ...	O. Harper ...	B. Barker ...	14ft. 1in.
Cricket Ball—				
Senior Boys ...	Nock ...	Mole ...	Adams ...	77yds. 2ft. 9ins.
Junior Boys ...	Jones ...	Alger ...	Smart ...	65yds. 0ft. 9ins.
Steeplechase—				
Senior Boys ...	Richards ...	Deeley ...	Penney ...	10min. 52sec.
Junior Boys ...	Harper ...	Jones ...	Srawley ...	—
100 Yards—				
Senior Boys ...	Smith, D. ...	Penney ...	Richards ...	12 1/5 sec.
Junior Boys ...	Harper ...	Priest ...	Hopkins, E.	12 secs.
Under 12 Boys...	Bordiss ...	Baker ...	Herbert ...	14 1/5 secs.
Senior Girls ...	M. Jephcott...	I. Thornton	M. Parkes ...	13 secs.
Junior Girls ...	D. Holden ...	E. Baker ...	M. Warr ...	12 4/5 secs.
Under 12 Girls...	S. Avenue ...	B. Ruderman	J. Barker ...	14 4/5 secs.
220 Yards				
Senior Boys ...	Richards ...	Pool ...	Penney ...	29 2/5 secs.
Junior Boys ...	Hopkins, E.	Smart...	Srawley ...	28 3/5 secs.
Senior Girls ...	I. Thorton ...	M. Jephcott...	H. Nicholls	30 1/5 secs.
Junior Girls ...	D. Holden ...	M. Warr ...	O. Harper ...	32 1/5 secs.
440 Yards—				
Senior Boys ...	Penney ...	Richards ...	Hadley, D...	63 4/5 secs.
Junior Boys ...	Harper ...	Hopkins, E.	Priest ...	67 4/5 secs.
Half Mile—				
Senior Boys ...	Hadley, D...	Johnson ...	Richards ...	2 min. 24 4/5 secs.
Junior Boys ...	Priest ...	Hopkins, E.	Srawley ...	2 min. 35 4/5 secs.
1 Mile—Open ...	Richards ...	Betts ...	Hadley ...	5 min. 23 1/5 secs.
Relay—				
Senior Boys ...	School ...	King's ...	Queen's ...	1 min. 56 2/5 secs.
Junior Boys ...	King's ...	Trinity ...	School ...	1 min. 3 1/5 secs.
Girls ...	King's ...	Queen's ...	School ...	1 min. 3 2/5 secs.
House Race—Girls ...	King's ...	School ...	Trinity ...	—
Obstacle—Boys ...	Walker ...	Honeysett ...	—	—
Girls ...	M. Howells...	B. Morris ...	—	—
Slow Bicycle—Boys ...	Clay ...	Poole ...	—	—
Sack Race—Boys ...	Jewkes ...	Sidaway ...	—	—
Skipping Rope—Girls...	B. Ruderman	J. Barker ...	—	—
3-Legged—Girls ...	School ...	Queen's ...	—	—
Tug-of-War ...	School ...	Queen's ...	King's ...	—

CHAMPIONSHIPS.

Senior Boys—Richards 20 pts., Penney 10 pts., Adams 8 pts.

Senior Girls—M. Jephcott 18 pts., I. Thornton 8 pts.

Junior Boys—E. Hopkins 13 pts., Priest and Harper 9 pts.

Junior Girls—D. Holden 12 pts., M. Warr 4 pts.

HOUSE.

School	...	...	...	101½ points.
King's	...	...	...	73 points.
Queen's	...	...	...	68½ points.
Trinity	...	...	...	36 points.

Records broken by :—M. Jephcott, long jump, 16ft. 2½ins., beat her own record. D. Holden, high jump, 4ft. 1½ins., previous record 4ft., Rhona Everett 1926.

Cricket, 1936.

1st XI.—Captain, J. HARRIS; Vice-Captain, H. BETTS.

2nd XI.—Captain, A. HOPKINS; Vice-Captain, J. ADAMS.

Secretary—B. R. ROEBUCK.

Committee—ADAMS, BETTS, J. HARRIS, A. HOPKINS, MOLE, NOCK, ROEBUCK.

OF the 15 1st XI. matches which were arranged, 4 had to be cancelled and 2 abandoned due to rain. In spite of this fact, last season's matches were all thoroughly enjoyed, and of 9 matches played 2 were won and 2 were drawn.

J. Harris returned to his form at the end of the season and returned an average of 17 runs for 11 innings, his best score being 59 not out. Nock bowled well and took 27 wickets at an average cost of 6.74 runs.

Well earned colours were won by J. Harris, Hadley, Nock and C. Smith.

Of 7 matches finished the 2nd XI. could only win 2 and draw 1. At Kidderminster the team was very unfortunate in having to be content with a draw due to lack of time.

One of the most interesting matches was that against the parents. The School won the toss and decided to bat, Button and Varley opening. These gave the School quite a good start, but after this the majority of wickets fell rather cheaply, chiefly owing to the bowling of Mr. Birks, who took six wickets for 19 runs. The School's total was 59. There was an interval for tea, after which the School took the field. Betts and Smith opened the

bowling and continued to bowl well throughout the innings. The School had the satisfaction of dismissing the Parents for 25. The afternoon was concluded by the presentation of the shield by Mr. Hammond, the Parents' captain, to F. J. Harris, the School captain.

The results of the 1st XI. are as follows:—

Opponents	Home or Away	Result	Score.
Wolverhampton S.S. ...	H. ...	Lost ...	56—58 (5)
Lawrence's College ...	H. ...	Won ...	129 (7)—21
Kidderminster ...	A. ...	Lost ...	28—149 (8)
Holly Lodge ...	A. ...	Lost ...	35—83 (9)
Lawrence's College ...	A. ...	Lost ...	56—77
Dudley G.S. ...	H. ...	Lost ...	60—64 (5)
Redditch ...	A. ...	Drawn ...	52—33 (7)
King's Norton S.S. ...	A. ...	Won ...	119 (4)—51
Kidderminster ...	H. ...	Drawn ...	65 (3)—64 (7)

Notable averages for the season were:—

BATTING.

	Innings.	Times not out.	Runs.	Average.
J. Harris ...	11	3	136	17
Hadley ...	11	2	132	14.7

BOWLING.

	Overs.	Maidens.	Runs.	Wickets.	Average.
Nock ...	70	15	187	27	6.7
Betts ...	68	25	165	19	8.7

Those who played in the teams are as follows:—

1st XI.: J. Harris, Betts, Andrews, Button, Hadley, Mole, Nock, Poole, Smith, C., Smith, D., Varley, Roebuck, Harris, C., Hopkins, A., Adams.

2nd XI.: Hopkins, A., Adams, Cox, Harris, C., Hartley, Hazlewood, Howse, Hopkins, E., Hopkins, G., Male, Penney, Poole, Richards, Redfern, Roebuck, Rowley, Rollason, Taylor.

B. R. Roebuck.

Tennis.

Captain—K. WAKEMAN.

Vice-Captain—M. JEPHCOTT.

Team—K. WAKEMAN, B. FARROW, M. WESTON, M. JEPHCOTT, B. MORRIS, M. PARKES, D. SIVITER, E. WESTWOOD.

THE Tennis season proved to be fairly successful on the whole, although several of the matches had to be cancelled. The whole team did their best, and must be congratulated for the good games which were played both at home and away. Of the nine

matches arranged only five were played, two of these were won and three lost.

Date.	Opponent.	Home or Away.	Result.
May 16.—Halesowen	...	Home	Lost 3—6
June 10.—Wolverhampton	...	Away	Won 7—2
June 17.—Halesowen	...	Away	Lost 3—6
June 27.—Walsall	...	Away	Lost 1—7
July 1.—Wolverhampton	...	Home	Won 7—2

K. Wakeman.

Swimming Sports.

THE Girls' Swimming Sports were held at the end of the Summer Term, and the Boys' at the beginning of the Autumn Term. There was keen competition and some very good swimming on both occasions.

The events and results were as follows:—

GIRLS

Events.	1st	2nd	3rd
1 Length	Irene Garner (S.)	Olive Harper (Q.)	Peggy Owins (S.)
1 Length least No. of Strokes	Betty Collis (S.)	Rosie Hood (K.)	Doris Birks (K.)
Life Saving	School	King's	Kings.
Diving	Vera Leek (T.)	Irene Garner (S.)	Peggy Owins (S.)
Team Race	King's	Trinity	School.

Final Results—1st, School, 29 points; 2nd, King's, 14 points; 3rd, Trinity, 11 points; 4th, Queen's, 9 points.

BOYS

Events.	1st	2nd	3rd
Dive	Harper (T.)	Poole (K.)	Honeysett (Q.)
2 Lengths Senior	Varley (K.)	Harris (S.)	Honeysett (Q.)
2 Lengths Junior	Poole (K.)	Bolton (K.)	Jones (S.)
1 Length Beginners	1st equal Morgan		
Senior 1 Length	(S.) Plumley (Q.)		Foster (Q.)
Backstroke	Honeysett	Varley	—
2 Lengths			
Breast Stroke	Alger (K.)	Jones (T.)	Srawley (T.)
1 Length Backstroke			
Juniors	Poole (K.)	Plimley (Q.)	Dale (S.)
1 Width Beginners	Morgan (S.)	Foster (Q.)	Dale (S.)
6 Lengths	Varley (K.)	Srawley (T.)	Carr (S.)
Relay	King's	Trinity	School.

Junior Champion—Poole, 13 points.
Senior Champion—Varley, 13 points.
House positions—1st, King's, 42 points; 2nd (equal) School, Queen's, 19 points; 4th, Trinity, 18 points.

The Joint Societies.

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Mr. K. HOPKINS, B.Sc.; Mr. B. C. PEARSON, M.A.; Dr. F. JOHNSON.

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M. WESTON, BLACKBURN, B. RYAN, NASH, M. NICHOLLS, DEELEY

IN June three visits were made by members of the Society to the Shakespeare Memorial Theatre at Stratford. Members of the Sixth Form went to see "King Lear," the Matriculation Forms "Twelfth Night," and the Fourth Form "Julius Cæsar," all these plays were greatly appreciated.

Each party, after the theatre, was provided with tea at the Shakespeare Gallery Café, and then the time which remained before the homeward journey began was spent in visiting the places of historic interest, and the beauty spots of Stratford or on the river.

On July 22nd about 20 of our members visited St. James' Theatre, London, to see "Pride and Prejudice," and had a very happy day.

For these thoroughly enjoyable days the Society thanks Miss Jones, who so carefully organised them.

It was decided that the Joint Societies' annual outing this year should be to see R.M.S. "Queen Mary," and great was the excitement when this announcement was made.

At 7 a.m. on Monday, July 20th, four "Gliderways" coaches set out from School carrying about 120 happy and excited people—all complete with lunch and a "guide book."

Our first stop was made at Oxford, where, unfortunately, we could only stay for a short time. However, we did see many of the colleges and famous buildings, and the glimpse we had of this beautiful city made us determined to view it more closely at a later date.

By the kind permission of Major Deans and Mr. Rayson we had lunch at Three Maids Fork, about three miles before Winchester.

Arriving at Southampton, we went straight to the docks and were conducted over R.M.S. "Queen Mary." To try and describe everything we saw on this wonderful ship would be impossible—we saw so much—the spacious saloons, the first class staterooms with their beautiful decorations, the various decks, the shops, the swimming bath and the children's playrooms. All I can say is that everything that has been said about the size and

magnificence of this ship is true and has not in the least been exaggerated.

When we had seen all we could see (and although we were on the ship more than two hours, yet many of us would have liked to have stayed on much longer) we returned to our coaches and set out for Winchester. To go from the "Queen Mary" to Winchester is indeed to pass from the modern to the ancient. We visited the beautiful Cathedral, an extremely interesting Cathedral from the point of view of history and architecture; we saw the burial chests of many early kings and the tomb of William of Wykeham, and we also all paid our homage at the tomb of Jane Austen. It is indeed a beautiful Cathedral and we did appreciate it just as we had appreciated in a different way "the up to the minute" efficiency and splendour of the "Queen Mary."

We then returned to the Cadena Café for tea—an item appreciated by all. Losing no time, we hastened to Winchester College, over which we were conducted. This college was built by William of Wykeham and is the oldest Public School. Nearly everything in the College to-day is the same as in the fourteenth century, and even the customs of the scholars have changed very little—for instance they still eat off wooden trenchers. Even the most "hard boiled" of us were impressed by the dignity of the College.

Then, tired but very happy, we set out for home, which we reached about 11 o'clock.

We offer our heartiest thanks to Miss Jones, who organised the outing, to Miss Foster who, with Miss Jones, went over the course to make and time arrangements, and to Miss Allen, Miss Tweedie, Miss Davies, Dr. Johnston and Mr. Richards who accompanied us. They gave us a very happy day and one of the best outings we have ever had.

In July the Joint Societies first Awards of Merit were made. We wished to have some means of showing our recognition of special merit in dramatics and public speaking; some method parallel to awarding "Colours" in the realm of sport. Two badges were designed for this purpose, the one for dramatics, an oval shaped badge with the masks of tragedy and comedy, and the one for public speaking, a round badge with a laurel wreath and the words *Dicendi Peritus*. Both badges have the initials of the School and the year of award. After very careful consideration by the Committee of the Societies, awards were made in Dramatics to: Barbara Farrow, Joan Price, Dorothy Lewis, B. Roebuck and N. Hazlewood; and in Public Speaking to: Barbara Farrow and B. Roebuck. The badges were presented to these people by Mr. Howarth, our president, whose never failing interest

in the Societies we have always greatly appreciated. A Roll of Honour, containing the names of those to whom awards are made, and showing the designs of the badges, is now hanging in the School Hall. We congratulate those whose names head this Roll, and hope that it will be the ambition of all members to see their names inscribed there.

D. M. Bagnall, Secretary.

The Art Students' Visit to the London Galleries.

THE annual visit to the London Galleries took place on 22nd June, and having proceeded by train from New Street to Euston, the usual itinerary was followed.

We visited first the National Gallery, and as the requirements for our studies called for a review of the artists of the Umbro-Florentine School (14th to early 16th centuries) we concentrated on a selection of the pictures of this period.

Having studied the above and quite a number of others, such as the Milanese, Venetian, Italian, Dutch, and similar works too numerous to mention, the suggestion of lunch was accepted unanimously, and so, after a very enjoyable and profitable time, we went to Lyons' Café. While walking from the café along the Embankment we were very interested in watching one of the river boats slowly lower its funnels in order to pass under Westminster Bridge.

After lunch we went to the Tate Gallery and here saw many of the beautiful pictures for which this Gallery is famous.

By now the heat of the day was causing our footsteps to become rather lagging, but nevertheless we were able to enjoy a quiet walk through St. James' Park and admire the gorgeous display of hydrangeas. We felt somewhat sorry for the guards who, though the day was scorchingly hot, were forced to stand motionless in their regimental uniform.

A visit to the Academy was then our next delight, and in contrast with the conventional works were seen the more unorthodox ideas, for which there seems to be a vogue, by present-day futurist painters.

We were forced to make a brisk return to Euston, where we had tea and afterwards spent a few hurried moments in purchasing such literature as is read in trains, and finally found ourselves speeding towards Birmingham.

The art students are extremely grateful to Mrs. Quayle and Miss Williams for the enjoyable day which was provided for them.

Doreen E. Forster.

Girl Guides.

Officers:—

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

Company Leader—BEATRICE TAYLOR.

Company Treasurer and Secretary—BETTY MORRIS.

Leaders and Seconds—MABEL CRADDOCK, JOSEPHINE JEPHCOTT,
NANCY TAYLOR, MARGOT JEPHCOTT, LILIAN DYE,
ALMA TAYLOR, BARBARA ROSE, JEAN WOODWARD.

Rangers—BARBARA FARROW, JESSIE LEES.

THE last term has been a most enjoyable one for the Girl Guides, many of the meetings having been spent out of doors, when the weather permitted. At these meetings we enjoyed treasure hunts, country dancing and signalling.

The most outstanding event of last term was the enrolment, to which we invited Mrs. Rose, our District Commissioner, who brought with her our new District Secretary, Mrs. Rollason. At this enrolment we welcomed into our company I. Wallace.

After the enrolment Mrs. Rose presented B. Taylor, our Company Leader, with her gold cords. This is the first award of gold cords in Worcestershire, and we congratulate Beatrice upon this achievement.

One of our meetings took the form of a hike, and the cooked meal was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

We wish to say how sorry we all are that Mr. and Mrs. Howarth are leaving us, and we wish them every happiness in the future.

We also wish to thank the Staff for the kind interest they take in us, especially our Captain and Lieutenant, who make our Guide meetings so enjoyable.

Betty Morris.

Old Students' at Birmingham University.

SCIENCE:—

B.Sc. with Honours—School of Industrial Fermentation—B. E. Harper.

Second Examination in Industrial Fermentation—R. H. Murray (Chemistry II.).

Second Engineering Examination—J. R. Greenwood.

ARTS:—

School of History—T. Greaves, History, English, Philosophy.

EDUCATION:—

Diploma—Evelyn Cooper, IIA. in Theory, IIA in Practical.

Primary Teachers' Certificate—

Elizabeth Keyte (Distinction for Advanced History, Credit for Teaching), Catherine Atkins, Geraldine Marshall, Bessie Turnbull.

MEDICINE :—

Fourth Examination for Degrees of B. of Medicine and B. of Surgery—L. W. Blundell.

LAW :—

Degree of Bachelor of Law with Honours. Class II.—D. C. Stevens.

Priestley Scholarship in Chemistry—W. J. G. Jones.

Kenrick Prize in History—B. Keyte.

Hugh Morton Scholarship in Law—D. C. Stevens.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY :—

B.A.—R. Stevens.

The Cresconians.

THE Annual General Meeting of the Cresconians was held on May 18th and was presided over by the retiring President, Mr. J. G. Howarth. A good deal of the business was of a routine nature and calls for no comment, but the various reports on the activities of last season were not lacking in interest.

In presenting his annual report the Chairman (Mr. E. A. Richards) made mention of what seemed to him a lack of keenness on the part of some of the younger members of the Association to shoulder the responsibilities of office. He expressed the hope that this attitude was only a passing phase and that in the near future the "old 'un's" who had carried out the work for a number of years would find the young recruits anxious to share in the duties and pleasures of Committee work, and even to act like young cuckoos and shoulder the others out of the nest. Mr. Richards felt that the Dances during the season had been very enjoyable, but that the outstanding success had been the Dinner held in April. The first suggestion of a Reunion Dinner was made by one of the oldest Old Students' and consequently the reunion had been confined—for that one occasion—to Old Students'

of the "old" School. The Dinner had been an unqualified success and everyone concerned hoped that it would become an annual event—open to *all* Old Students' of the Oldbury School. Mr. Richards thought that a Reunion each year, such as the one recently held, would do much to bridge the gulf between the Old Students of the "old" school and those of the County High School, and he hoped that in time the gulf, slight as it is now, would cease to exist altogether.

The sports sections had somewhat mixed reports to make—the hockey club was small in number but great in strength, having won 75 per cent. of its matches and drawn 15 per cent. of the remainder—while the football club was strong in number—but! The 1st football team had had an unfortunate season as far as winning matches was concerned, but they had gained a reputation for being the best losers in the League, which shows the Cresconians to be good "sports" even if they are not always good, or good enough, footballers.

The Past President, Mr. Howarth, felt, in view of his approaching retirement, unable to again accept the Presidency of the Association although, he said, he would always have its welfare, and that of its members, at heart. Further, Mr. Howarth thought that the Headmaster of a School should act as President of the Old Scholars' Association. Appreciation of this attitude was expressed by Mr. Richards, who proposed that Mr. and Mrs. Howarth should be elected as Honorary Life Members of the Association; this was seconded by Mr. Rose and carried with acclamation.

All the previous Vice-Presidents and Officers of the Association were unanimously re-elected for 1936-37, but a slight change took place in the personel of the Committee, Mr. J. V. Lewis and Mr. T. Greaves being elected in place of Messrs. E. N. Farrington and D. F. Nelson.

On July 23rd a large number of Cresconians foregathered at a Flannel Dance which had been arranged to afford the Old Students an opportunity of bidding farewell to Mr. and Mrs. Howarth, and paying them some tribute for their kindness to the Association and its members during their 16 years in Oldbury. The gift took the form of a silver tea service, each piece of which had the Cresconians badge engraved on it, and the tea-pot suitably inscribed.

Mr. Richards, in making the presentation, referred to the help and encouragement which Mr. and Mrs. Howarth had always given to the Association and its individual members. Mr. Richards extended the thanks of the Association to Mr. and Mrs. Howarth and wished them every happiness and joy in their future

life, and hoped that they would on some occasions be present at functions of the Association. Councillor G. W. Rose supported Mr. Richards in making the presentation, and said that he was sure no headmaster could be more beloved than Mr. Howarth had been. Mr. Howarth had come to the School at a critical period of its history, and taken an important part in its development, with the result that we have a School to be proud of.

Mr. Howarth, in reply, said he would always regard the Cresconians as his very dear friends, and that he and Mrs. Howarth would treasure the gift made to them. Mr. Howarth spoke of experiences he had had during his 47 years in the teaching profession and said that Oldbury, unlike some of the Schools at which he had served, was a new School and only just building up its traditions, but he was sure that the Old Students would do all they could to help forward those traditions and the reputation of the School. Mr. Howarth also paid tribute to the help and encouragement which he had always received from Mrs. Howarth, without which he felt it would have been impossible to carry out his work as he had done.

Musical honours were accorded to Mr. and Mrs. Howarth, and a very enjoyable dance ended with the singing of Auld Lang Syne.
E. J. Anderson.

The Girls' Gymnastic Competition.

COMPETITION for the Girls' Gymnasium Cup was very keen. Each House Captain trained and drilled all her members and conducted her team in the actual display, which took place in the hall on Friday, July 24th.

The order in which the Houses appeared was drawn by lots, and was King's, School, Trinity, Queen's. The teams marched into the hall singing a marching tune chosen by their respective captains. The exercises were performed smartly by all competitors, marks being awarded for neatness and smartness. The display was watched by all the lady members of the Staff and judged by Miss Tweedie.

The results were: King's 1st, Queen's 2nd, Trinity 3rd, School 4th.

Congratulations to King's House and their Captain, Dorothy Lewis.
I. Thornton.

Autumn.

When chilly is the morning air,
And green leaves turn to brown and gold,
When skies are lit by bonfires' flare,
And purple mists the fields enfold,
Then dying leaves fall to the ground
And lapwing sings, while circling round,
 "Peewit,"
"Peewit, peewit," a plaintive note,
While doves are cooing from their cote.

When hazel nuts are ripe and brown,
And hips and haws are turning red,
When farmers all their fields have mown,
And all their grain have harvested,
Then o'er the earth reigns peace profound
And lapwing sings, while circling round,
 "Peewit,"
"Peewit, peewit," a plaintive note,
While doves are cooing from their cote.

Mary Goode, 5A.

Autumn.

When tinted leaves come rustling down,
And leave the trees all gaunt and bare,
And squirrels clad in coats of brown,
Start gathering in their winter fare,
When blust'ring winds sweep o'er the hill,
Then robin's voice pipes sweet and shrill,
 Tweet-tweet,
Tweet-tweet, tweet-tweet, a cheerful sound,
While acorns strew the frosty ground.

When swallows seek a warmer nest,
And morning air is clear and cold,
And woods in sombre hues are dressed,
And sheep lie closer in the fold,
When blust'ring winds sweep o'er the hill,
Then robin's voice pipes sweet and shrill,
 Tweet-tweet,
Tweet-tweet, tweet-tweet, a cheerful sound,
While acorns strew the frosty ground.

Brigid Ryan, Form 5A.

To November.

O, much-reviled November! Why art thou
 So much by ev'ry poet thus despised?
 Thou month of mists and careless fantasies,
 Of naked trees and silv'ry glist'ring frosts.
 Beneath a sombre cloak of penury
 Is hid a mystic soul of mellowed charm,
 Which those who seek may find; 'tis not revealed
 To all whose aimless glance may choose to rest
 Upon thy face, only to those who gaze
 Long on thy subtle-changing sylvan slopes
 Or fairy glens, among whose peaceful shade
 Bubbles the gurgling brook, whose innocence
 Sublime enchanteth all. How rich the prize
 Of those who can divine thy whisper sweet
 And mark thy beauty as it really is.

J. R. Bates, Form 6B.

October.

October—the month of many changes,
 When golden days give way to mist and fog,
 And white fleeced sheep have left the mountain ranges,
 And straining horses drag the fallen log;
 When hunter's horn is heard across the mead,
 And withered leaves fall from the sapless bough,
 And squirrels work to meet the winter's need,
 For winter's winds are with us even now;
 When night falls quick and hunter's moon is o'er,
 And stars shine bright across the milky-way,
 When spiders' webs are sparkling in the hoar
 Of morning frost, which greets returning day.
 Such are thy beauties, glorious October,
 A welcome change when summer's days are over.

Molly Howells, Form 6B.

Land of Unhappy Memories.

To the casual thinker, eighteen years of this progressive age would seem enough time to wipe out unhappy memories. To one who has toured Belgium it is only too obvious that this is not the case. Nieuport, Ypres, Menin, Namur, Dinant, Louvain, Liege and Antwerp all bear evidence of the days of the past, the repetition of which is dreaded by all who have witnessed such times.

Evidence of Belgium's great sacrifices of 1914-1918 can be found throughout Belgium to-day in the form of war memorials. More eloquent than these, however, are the preserved British and Canadian front line trenches at Ypres. There one sees old khaki tunics, old boots, innumerable tin hats and rifles, an aeroplane engine and every imaginable type of explosive. In this little wood are many tree stumps, relics of the war's destruction. In the town itself can be seen the ruined Cloth Hall, the shelling of which was mourned by all who knew it in its magnificence. People of Ypres will tell you that in 1918, as far as the undulating nature of the country permitted, the country, scarred and blasted away, could be seen to be bare of grass and trees—a dead land peopled by the dead.

At Dinant is a memorial to the Dinant civilians who were victims of the barbarity of the Germans. A little time ago, in the same town, was unveiled a memorial to all the heroic Belgian citizens who dared to oppose the German soldiers—and they were many.

Next one comes to Louvain, in whose exquisitely-built and carved Town Hall there are many fine paintings. Through one of these is a rent, caused by a German bullet. Fortunate it is indeed that in this, one of Belgium's most beautiful cities, the Germans did not feel the urge to destroy.

Last of all comes Antwerp. Close by the River Scheldt rises a twenty-five storey skyscraper. A certain shopkeeper will tell how five hundred houses round the site of this building were blown from the face of the earth. So we look upon this massive building as a unique memorial.

Finest and most impressive of Belgium's war memorials is the Menin Gate at Ypres, a beautiful structure of white stone. Every imaginable inch is covered with the names of the 50,000 heroes who fought at Ypres and who have no known graves. Amongst the names are those of ten Indians.

Many Cathedrals have been totally or partly rebuilt. In the latter cases the red bricks go ill with the worn grey stones.

The most beautiful sights of all are the cemeteries. These are

exquisitely kept and are surrounded by little walls. One enters through a memorial gateway of marble or white stone. From there to the close-clipped turf a glorious blaze of colour meets the eye. A gardener is putting fresh flowers on some graves. Take a look at an inscription: "To the glorious memory of an unknown soldier." Seven out of every ten graves bear this inscription. Most of these cemeteries are British, but a fair proportion are Belgian and French.

Occasionally one sees a German cemetery, a mass of black crosses. It is pleasing to note how neatly the Belgians keep them in memory of fallen foes.

Such did Belgium appear to me on my first visit—a land of unhappy memories.

P. H. Andrews, Form 6B.

To the Clouds.

O soft and filmy dwellers of the sky,
Whose airy lightness dims the Summer's blue,
Who gath'ring darkly tell when storms are nigh,
Descending, clothe the Earth in mist and dew,
How often, playing softly in the trees,
The Summer breezes sing us songs of thee,
Or raging blizzards, howling o'er the screes,
Tell of your majesty o'er sky and sea!
What tales of misery, and death and life,
Of love and envy, hope, and dark despair,
What sights and sounds of jealousy and strife
Could you relate if we with you dwelt there.
But no! you float serenely on your way,
For naught can change immortal Nature's sway.

R. D. Williams, Form 6A.

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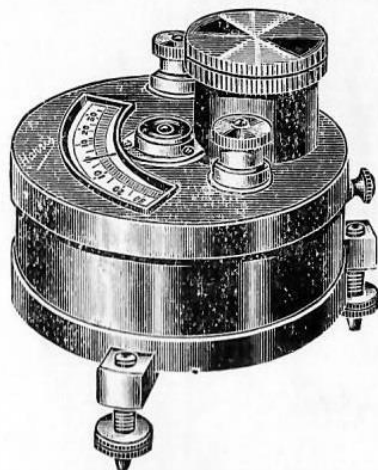
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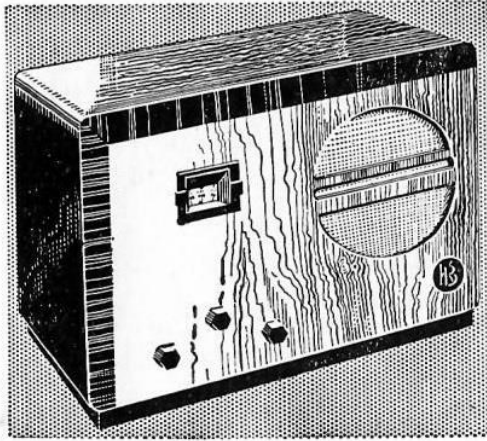


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