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EDITORIAL.

THIS issue of the Oldburian chronicles the activities of another term of normal progress in the School. It has been preceded by an issue which contained accounts of such considerable matters as the Opening of the New Gymnasium and the extension of the playing field. We predict that it will be followed by an issue recording even greater changes in the physical features of the school premises.

Already many pupils have seen indications of activities to come, as men with plans, measuring rods and notebooks have surveyed the building, paying particular attention to the large quadrangle. In the near future we should find an Art Room, a Domestic Science Room and a spacious Library in that hitherto

unused space. Provision will also be found, elsewhere in the school buildings, for a larger Lecture Room, a Geography Room and a Music Room. Our advice to the School is to work while one may, before workmen begin their onslaught, and, with the clatter of trowel and hammer, break into the quiet of the classroom.

Among matters of importance which have taken place this term the retirement of Mr. H. A. Anderson, Clerk to the Governors, and the undertaking of his duties by Mr. A. W. Priestley, B.C.L., Director of Education for the County of Worcestershire, must be recorded. Feepayers have regularly met Mr. Anderson when he has visited the School for the collection of fees. He has now retired from his office after a long period of service dating from the time of the first opening of the School in 1904. During that time Mr. Anderson has done a great deal of work for the School, and we wish him well-deserved relief and happiness now that he has relinquished his duties here. The School is most fortunate in that Mr. Priestley, although Director of Education for the County, has undertaken to carry out the duties of Clerk to the Governors. Mr. Priestley has for many years been connected with all the schools of Worcestershire, our own included, and his knowledge and great experience of educational matters generally are already proving to be invaluable to us, now that he has undertaken this additional office.

During the early part of this year the School was associated with the activities of the National Health Campaign. Every pupil was able to attend a local cinema to see the special programme of films produced in connection with the campaign. Our thanks are due to the Borough of Oldbury for kindly inviting us all to the Warley Odeon and the Regent Cinemas to see this programme, which proved to be both instructive and entertaining.

Our more active part in connection with the campaign was to demonstrate something of what is being done in the School itself for physical fitness. Displays of Gymnastics, by teams of girls and boys, given on three evenings during March, were greatly appreciated. As a result of those displays a sum of about eight pounds was raised for the purchase of books for the School Library. The School is grateful to all associated with that very useful piece of work.

We wish success to all pupils of the School this term, in work and play. Opportunities for all are afforded by our many activities, including just now the Musical Festival, Athletic Sports, and the Swimming Galas, in addition to normal games. To examination candidates in particular we wish a great success. We hope that their examination performances will even surpass those of former years.

Dates to Remember.

June 2.—Sports Day.

June 6, 7, 8.—Whitsuntide and Half-Term Holiday.

June 11.—Musical Festival.

June 18-25.—Parties to Stratford Memorial Theatre.

July 1.—Joint Board Examinations begin.

July 19.—Swimming Gala.

July 22.—Joint Societies Outing to Glasgow Exhibition.

July 26.—Term ends.

Sept. 14.—Autumn Term.

Valete.

WINIFRED BRADBURY.—Form VI B. Prefect; School Certificate. In office at Albright & Wilson's.

ELIZABETH DOWNING.—Form VI B. Prefect; School Certificate; Hockey 1st XI.; Hockey Colours. In office at Cadbury Bros., Bournville.

PHYLLIS GROSVENOR.—Form VI B. Prefect; School Certificate; Cast of "The Brontës." In office at Cadbury Bros., Bournville.

IVY ROLLASON.—Form VI B. Prefect; School Certificate. In office at Cadbury Bros., Bournville.

MARY TILLY.—Form VI B. Prefect; School Certificate. In office at Cadbury Bros., Bournville.

RONALD SMITH.—Form VI B. Prefect; School Certificate; Football 2nd XI. Chemist at Albright & Wilson's.

RONALD WESTBURY.—Form VI B. Prefect; Football 2nd XI. At Atlas Works, Birmingham.

LILIAN HIGGITT.—Form VA. I. Hockey 1st XI. In office at Brompton Fittings.

DOROTHY HOLDEN.—Form VA. I. Prefect; Hockey 1st XI.; Junior Sports Champion; Senior Sports Champion. At home.

MINNAH MILFORD.—Form VB. At a Commercial School.

KATHLEEN FOGARTY.—Form IVA. At home.

BARRY SANDERS.—Form IVB.

SHEILA HUGHES.—Form IVc. Family moved to Plymouth.

JAMES HALL.—Form IVc.

MERVYN KELLY.—Form IVc. Transferred to Longton High School,
Stoke-on-Trent.

Salvete.

MAURICE GRIMLEY.

DEREK SANDELL.

Speech Day

OWING to the full programme of the Autumn Term, Speech Day this year was held on February 16th in the School Hall, the guest of honour being the Lord Bishop of Worcester, the Right Reverend A. W. T. Perowne, D.D. County Alderman W. T. Davies, J.P., presided, many governors also being present.

The proceedings were opened with the School Song. Mabel Craddock then gave a review of the social life of the School for the past year; of the activities of the Joint Societies, including two inter-school debates—with Halesowen Grammar School, and with Holly Lodge; of the presentation of the eleventh School Play, "Pride and Prejudice," and of various School outings. Other activities of the year were the Guides' weekly meetings, the Musical Festival, and the holidays in Switzerland.

Following two solos, "The Wayfarers' Night Song," and "The Crown of the Year," pleasingly rendered by Sheila Bullen, Peter Andrews gave a report of the School's achievements on the sports field, from which it could be seen that the high standard of previous years had been maintained, particularly by the Football 1st XI., which did not lose a single match during the season.

A duet, "Autumn Song," sung by Margaret Moore and Mary Warr, was very much appreciated, and then followed the Headmaster's report of the work of the School during the year.

After a pianoforte solo, "Rêve Angélique," played by Peter Andrews, the prizes were presented by His Lordship, the Bishop of Worcester. In his address, Dr. Perowne stressed the great need for appreciating the beauty that is around us in our lives. He

thought it essential that people should learn to use their critical faculties in the right way. Nature teaches us many things, but particularly that there is good in everything and everybody if we look for it.

A vote of thanks, proposed to Dr. Perowne and to County Alderman W. T. Davies by Councillor G. H. Price, was seconded by the Rev. H. C. Hawkins.

A very enjoyable function concluded with the singing of the National Anthem.

Jessie Crump.

Prize List.

FORM PRIZES FOR GENERAL PROFICIENCY:—

- Form I.—Mary Davison.
- Form IIB.—Sheila Smith.
- Form IIA.—Margaret Lacon.
- Form IIIB.—Nora Freeman.
- Form IIIA.2.—Isabel Wallace.
- Form IIIA.—J. Atkins.
- Form IVB.—R. Tansley.
- Form IVA.—T. Bagnall.
- Form VB.—Margaret Henson.

GENERAL SCHOOL CERTIFICATES:—

J. P. Adams, J. C. Button, W. T. Cox, G. S. Galt, W. L. Hadley, S. E. Hobday, Winifred Bradbury, Iris Hall, Josephine Jephcott, Joan Lawson, Lucy Marshall, R. A. Smith, R. Whitehouse, Elizabeth Downing, Phyllis Grosvenor, Ivy Rollason, Mary Tilly.

MATRICULATION CERTIFICATES:—

F. J. Harris, A. R. Hopkins, J. C. Srawley, G. Cumming, F. D. Nash, A. W. Ruderman, Brigid Ryan.

HIGHER SCHOOL CERTIFICATES:—

R. W. Williams, Barbara Farrow, Jessie Crump.

SUBJECT PRIZES:—

- English.—Senior: Barbara Farrow; Junior: E. Spears.
History.—Senior: Brigid Ryan; Junior: Betty Hands.
Geography.—Senior: Peter Andrews; Junior: Sheila Averre.
French.—Senior: Jessie Crump; Junior: Isabel Wallace.
Latin.—Senior: Maisie Harris.
German.—Senior: F. D. Nash; Junior: D. Wakeman.
Mathematics.—Senr.: A. W. Ruderman; Jnr.: K. Humphreys.
Physics.—Senior: G. S. Galt; Junior: Marie Bird.
Chemistry.—Senior: D. Smith; Junior: K. Spalding.
Biology.—Senior: R. D. Williams; Junior: Dorothy Russell.
Music.—Senior: Margaret Moore, Mary Warr, Peter Andrews.
Domestic Science.—Senior: Barbara Granville-Barker; Junior:
Margaret Newey.
Manual Work.—Senior: K. Judd; Junior: J. M. Hopton.
Art.—Senior: R. Penney; Junior: A. R. Clay.

SPECIAL PRIZES:—

Flower Competition—Jean Peasnell, Edna Round, Dulcie Parkes; Chess—K. Jones; Debating Prize—R. D. Williams; Dramatics Prize and Medal—May Brown; Dramatics Medal—J. Askew; Public Speaking Medals—D. Smith and R. D. Williams. Progress Prize—J. E. Srawley; Magazine Prize—Barbara Farrow; Mrs. Dawes' Prize for Leadership—Barbara Farrow; Late Mr. Dawes' Prize for Leadership—D. Smith; O.S.A. Medal (Best Influence)—Barbara Farrow; Albright Scholarship—Barbara Farrow.

LIFE SAVING MEDALS AND CERTIFICATES:—

Doris Birks, Jean Button, Barbara Granville-Barker, Margaret Hancox, Olive Harper, Molly Howells, Audrey James, Josephine Jephcott, Mary Warr.

PRIZES FOR ATHLETICS:—

Girls' Junior Championship Medal—Olive Harper.

Boys' Junior Championship Medal.—D. Smart.

Girls' Senior Championship Medal & Albright Cup—Dorothy Holden.

Boys' Senior Championship Medal & Vernon Cup—R. Penney.

Games Prizes (Boys)—F. J. Harris, J. Button, B. Rowley, D. E. Hadley.

Games Prize (Girls)—Barbara Farrow.

Parents' Match (Cricket Shield)—School.

TROPHIES WON AT OLDBURY CORONATION SWIMMING GALA,
1937:—

Coronation Cup for Junior Ladies—Irene Garner.

Coronation Cup for Boys—J. Poole.

Coronation Cup for Ladies—Olive Harper.

Coronation Cup for Girls' Inter-School Team Race—Olive Harper, Irene Garner, Norma Lamb.

Silver Medals for Boys' Inter-School Team Race—J. Poole, A. Foster, S. Alger.

HOUSE CUPS:—

For Physical Training (Boys)—King's House.

For Physical Training (Girls)—Queen's House.

For Swimming (Boys)—King's House.

For Swimming (Girls)—Queen's House.

For Swimming (Boys and Girls)—King's House.

Jephcott Cup for Sport—School House.

For Music—Queen's House.

House Cup for Work and Sport—School House.

King's House.

Captains	-	-	MABEL CRADDOCK, D. S. SMITH.
Vice-Captains	-	-	JOAN LAWSON, R. PENNEY.
Sports Captain	-	-	MABEL CRADDOCK.
Secretary	-	-	S. W. ALGER.

ALTHOUGH the Spring Term is not usually so eventful as the Summer and Autumn Terms, it has nevertheless provided ample opportunity for King's House to come to the fore in all the various School activities.

On Speech Day, King's House was successful in carrying off three House Cups—the House Cup for Swimming (Boys)—the Joint Swimming Cup and the Cup for Physical Training (Boys).

Another notable event of the Spring Term was the Annual Guide Display in which many of our members took part.

In the Inter-House football matches our boys excelled themselves, and the final results were inevitable. King's House was at the top!

The girls, unfortunately, were not so successful in the hockey matches, probably due to the fact that we had lost several of our hockey experts! King's House was placed a good third in the finals.

May we take this opportunity of congratulating our Captain, Mabel Craddock, on obtaining her well-earned Hockey Colours.

To those members who have left us we wish every success, and to our new members we would say "near enough is not good enough."

Joan L. Lawson.

Queen's House.

Captains	-	-	M. HARRIS, P. H. ANDREWS.
Vice-Captain	-	-	G. HOPKINS.
Sports Captains	-	-	M. WARR, P. H. ANDREWS.
Secretary	-	-	K. FOX.

IN the last two terms, Queen's House has taken a prominent part in the activities of the School. On Speech Day many of our members had the pleasure of receiving prizes, both for general proficiency in Form work, and for proficiency in individual subjects. M. Moore and M. Warr entertained the audience with a vocal duet, and P. H. Andrews played a pianoforte solo.

The House did not do too well in the House football, being placed third in the final list. Our hockey team, however, did better and were placed second. The first eleven football team contained three of our members, namely, P. H. Andrews, G. Hopkins and H. C. Hackett. G. Hopkins was given his Colours for his excellent play at centre-half. The House was well represented in the School hockey team by M. Warr, J. Woodward and B. Rose.

The House was honoured by having its captain, P. H. Andrews, elected vice-chairman of the Joint Societies, and also, in the Spring Term, as captain of the School.

K. W. Fox.

School House.

Captains - - J. CRUMP, A. R. HOPKINS.
Sports Captains - D. HOLDEN, E. HOPKINS.
Secretary - - E. DOWNING.

ON account of its short duration there are not so many School activities during the Spring Term as during the Christmas and Summer Terms, nevertheless School House was well represented in the activities which took place.

Our congratulations go to those receiving prizes on Speech Day, and to Sheila Bullen who gave a solo. On this occasion School House obtained the Cup for all-round efficiency during the past year.

We would also like to congratulate our representatives in the Guide Display on their contributions to a splendid performance.

During the last week of term the House hockey and football matches were played. Owing to the co-operation on the part of the members of our hockey team we succeeded in winning the championship. The football team, although they played extremely well, were less fortunate and had to share second place with Queen's and Trinity, King's being the victors.

The end of the Spring Term brought with it the loss of a few of our members, including our secretary, Elizabeth Downing, and our sports captain, Dorothy Holden. To these members we wish every success in their new walk of life.

We trust the success of School House during the past term will encourage the younger members to uphold its good name in the future.

Mary Goode.

Trinity House.

Captains - J. TURNER, K. B. JONES.
 Sports Captains - J. TURNER, K. B. JONES.
 Secretary - - F. D. NASH.

IN the notes for the term which has just ended it is pleasing to be able to state once more that the House has been able to hold its own in all the branches of School life.

In the Inter-House football matches the team showed determination and won one of the three games.

Determined play by the House hockey team failed to conquer the overwhelming odds afforded by the fact that the other Houses were able to field teams composed of older and more experienced players.

The House is proud that two of its members, J. Turner and K. Jones, were awarded their Hockey and Football Colours respectively.

In the Gym. Displays of last term both boys and girls of the House were well represented, and helped to make the occasion a success.

Speech Day saw many members of Trinity receive the due reward for their labours of the preceding year.

F. D. Nash.

The Joint Societies.

President - Dr. C. C. HOWARD, B.A., B.Sc.
 Vice-Presidents—THE MEMBERS OF THE STAFF.
 Chairman—D. S. SMITH.
 Vice-Chairman—P. H. ANDREWS.
 Secretary—MABEL CRADDOCK.

Committee—

E. WESTWOOD, F. J. HARRIS, B. ROSE, N. HARRIS, E. READ, BAGNALL, O. HARPER, GROSVENOR, D. PADDOCK, RAVENHILL.

THE last session has been one of the busiest and most enjoyable for the Joint Societies. The weekly meetings have been as varied and as interesting as ever and we are glad to record that they have been particularly well attended right through the season.

We were very pleased to welcome to the Societies Miss Lewis and Miss Parry, who are now two new vice-presidents, and who are taking a very keen interest in our Societies.

AUTUMN SESSION:—

Sept. 21st.—The first meeting of the session was a business meeting at which a committee was elected consisting of a boy and girl representative from each Form. The Chairman extended a hearty welcome to all newcomers and a committee meeting was held afterwards to arrange a programme for the coming session and to elect officers.

Sept. 28th.—This meeting took the form of practice in debating. Five short debates were held, the principal speakers being chosen to represent different Forms.

The motion of the first debate was "Woman's Place is in the Home," which was supported by Penney and Fox, and opposed by M. Goode and A. James. The motion was carried by 65 votes to 41.

P. Grosvenor and Hopkins proposed and E. Westwood and Butten opposed the motion that "The Study of Science is a Better Preparation for Life than the Study of Arts." This motion was defeated by 56 votes to 48.

The motion of the next debate was that "Dogs are out of place in modern city life." M. Heayel and Ravenhill proposed the motion and they were opposed by D. Paddock and Simmonds. The motion was defeated by an overwhelming majority of 82 votes to 22.

The fourth debate was on the motion "The Theatre is superior to the Cinema," which was proposed by S. Bullen and Judd and opposed by B. Hands and Macdonald. The motion was again defeated by 66 votes to 38.

The subject of the last debate was "Amusement occupies too great a place in modern life," supported by B. Barker and Darby, and opposed by O. Harper and Grosvenor. I need hardly say that the motion was defeated by a great majority, 100 votes to 14.

A vote of thanks to all concerned was proposed by W. J. Cox and seconded by Maisie Robinson.

Oct. 5th.—"Holidays in Switzerland" was the subject at this meeting. As two parties had spent their summer holidays in Switzerland, the other members of the Society were naturally very anxious to hear about the thrilling experiences. We were first entertained by Betty Hands, who gave us a description of Lucerne. Jean Butten gave us an account of the Rhone Glacier trip which

was made by the Guides from Lucerne, and Nash dealt with the Bernese Oberland. Andrews described Lugano and gave us some impressions of the rest of Switzerland. The talks were illustrated by pictures and photographs, and a film of the School party was shown by Miss Allen.

The sincere feelings of the Society were expressed in a vote of thanks to the members concerned, proposed by Penney and seconded by Mary Goode.

Oct. 12th.—At this meeting we were given two very interesting lectures by the science students—Harris and Cumming—on the Science of Paint. Cumming dealt with the pigments and oils in paint and Harris dealt with the enamels and varnishes. There were also practical demonstrations.

A vote of thanks was proposed by O. Harper and seconded by Judd.

Oct. 20th.—This week's meeting was held on Wednesday evening, and we were honoured by the presence of several Inspectors from Whitehall. Two lectures were given by Mabel Craddock and P. Andrews on "Music in Shakespeare." Andrews dealt with the instrumental music in Shakespeare's plays and displayed pictures of Elizabethan instruments.

Mabel Craddock, in her lecture, discussed the songs from Shakespeare's plays, some of which were afterwards sung to us by Margaret Moore, Sheila Bullen, Mary Warr, Mary Goode and Evelyn Westwood.

The Societies' thanks were offered in a vote of thanks proposed by Maisie Harris and seconded by Nash.

Oct. 25th.—The Society went in the evening to see Oliver Goldsmith's comedy, "She Stoops to Conquer," at the Birmingham Repertory Theatre. There was an added interest in that the play was one of our Dramatic Society's first plays, and the evening was thoroughly enjoyed by all, especially after the excitement of the previous week.

Oct. 25th.—This Tuesday night was greatly enjoyed by all, for we had the pleasure of welcoming Mr. Curtis, who came to give us a talk on "Submarines." He first enlightened us on the subject by an imaginary tour through a submarine, with the help of diagrams, after which a suit worn by the crew of a submarine was exhibited. After the lecture, many questions were put forward to Mr. Curtis by members present.

A vote of thanks to Mr. Curtis, together with a hope of a future visit, was proposed by Maisie Harris, seconded by Nash, and carried unanimously.

Nov. 2nd.—Half Term.

Nov. 9th.—A biological evening was provided by members of the Sixth Form. The first part of the programme was a paper entitled "Prehistoric Animals," prepared and read by Maisie Robinson. She described several unfamiliar animals illustrating her talk with pictures shown by means of the epidiascope.

A second very interesting lecture was then given by Joan Lawson on "Prehistoric Man."

To add to our enjoyment two films were shown; the first was on "Beavers," and was specially chosen because a party of members were going to a lecture by Grey Owl the same week; a second film, "Some Sea-shore Life," proved most entertaining. Commentaries were given on the two films by Jessie Crump.

The meeting ended in a very sincere vote of thanks, proposed by Mary Goode and seconded by Barbara Barker and by the unanimous thanks of the Society to Miss Allen and her helpers.

Nov. 10th.—About one hundred members went to the Central Hall, Birmingham, to hear a lecture by Grey Owl. After the lecture we saw a film, "Chapter and Verse," which dealt with the history of books from earliest times. We then went into the Exhibition Hall where a most enjoyable half-hour was spent walking round the Book Exhibition.

Nov. 16th.—A debate was held at this meeting, the motion being—"The Ideal Form of Government is Benevolent Despotism." Maisie Harris and Betty Hands spoke with great feeling for the affirmative and Iris Hall and Joyce Turner very valiantly supported the opposition.

After an excited discussion from the floor, the motion was carried by 40 votes to 33.

Nov. 23rd.—Two of our own members again provided entertainment for this meeting, the subject of which was "The Brontës." Maisie Harris first gave us an extremely interesting account of the life of the Brontë family, after which Iris Hall enlightened us on the novels of Charlotte, Emily and Anne Brontë.

Both papers were well presented and the fact that our School play this year was to be "The Brontës" made the interest much keener.

A vote of thanks was proposed by Alma Taylor and seconded by Ruderman.

Nov. 30th.—The dress rehearsal of the School play was held and attended, as usual, by the Junior School.

Dec. 3rd and 4th.—The two public performances of "The Brontës" were presented by the Dramatic Society.

Dec. 14th.—At this meeting a very interesting paper was read to the Society on "Christmas Customs," by Phyllis Grosvenor. She dealt with the customs of various countries at Xmas-time, and in spite of the strangeness and peculiarity of certain of these, members thoroughly enjoyed hearing about them.

A vote of thanks was proposed to Phyllis Grosvenor by Evelyn Westwood and seconded by Betty Hands.

As this was to be the last meeting of the first half-session, the lecture was followed by half-an-hour of community singing ably led by Mr. Pearson; the meeting finally ended with a real, good, old Christmas custom, when we danced for an hour to the music of our own band.

Dec. 21st.—Some members visited West Bromwich Secondary School to see their production of Sheridan's "Critic." A very enjoyable evening was spent there, and we thank West Bromwich for their kind invitation.

SPRING SESSION:—

Jan. 14th.—The Society began the Spring session very well by going to the Birmingham Repertory Theatre to see their Christmas show, "1066 and All That." The fact that the Society occupied the whole of the balcony seats of the theatre with the exception of four, rather shows how anxious we all were to go. A most enjoyable production of the play was thoroughly appreciated by all.

Jan. 25th.—Once again we welcomed Mr. Smith, who presented another of his delightful programmes. It included:—

"Brumana," by James Elroy Flecker.

"Beauty of Shadow," by Mary Webb.

"How the Animals Entered Heaven," by Barbara Carter.

"Reynard the Fox," by John Masefield.

"The Highwayman," by Alfred Noyes.

"How the Whale got his Throat," by Rudyard Kipling.

"Jack," by E. V. Lucas.

"The Cheerful Crocodile," by T. Bott.

A vote of thanks to Mr. Smith was proposed by Mary Goode and seconded by Fox and unanimously carried.

Jan. 31st.—At this meeting, two play readings were given by members of the Fourth Forms. First, members of Form IVA presented J. J. Bell's "Thread O' Scarlet," the characters being:—

<i>Mr. Butters</i>	...	...	...	Herbert
<i>Mr. Smith</i>	...	...	...	Fox
<i>Mr. Migsworth</i>	...	...	...	Field
<i>Mr. Flet</i> (the Landlord)	...	...	...	Barley
<i>Mr. Breen</i>	...	...	...	Ravenhill
<i>A Traveller</i>	...	...	...	Humphries
<i>Comère</i>	...	...	...	Betty Ruderman

The Grand Cham's Diamond " was then read by members of Form VB, the cast of which was as follows:—

<i>Mr. Perkins</i>	...	...	...	Grosvenor
<i>Mrs. Perkins</i>	...	...	...	Olive Harper
<i>Miss Perkins</i>	...	...	...	Barbara Barker
<i>A Stranger</i>	...	...	...	Clay
<i>Albert</i>	...	...	...	Greenfield

The scenes and characters were announced to us by commère, Jean Whichello.

For a thoroughly enjoyable evening, the Society's thanks were offered by Mary Warr and Alger.

Feb. 4th.—The cast of the School play was taken by our producer, Miss Jones, to the Prince of Wales Theatre to see Emile Littler's production of "Goody Two Shoes." We all had a very happy evening, thanks to Miss Jones.

Feb. 8th.—At this meeting, we had the pleasure of welcoming for a second lecture, Mr. Curtis, who came to continue his very wide subject—"Submarines." In his talk, he dealt individually with diving, escape from a submarine, attack from the air, handing over the German "U" Boats, preparing dinner 400 feet below sea level, and a final item which we might entitle "Naval Humour."

The lecture was greatly enjoyed by all, and the Society's thanks were offered in a vote of thanks proposed by Audrey James and seconded by Ruderman.

Feb. 15th.—"Wireless" was the subject of a lecture given by Douglas Smith, which included a description of Broadcasting House, a section on wireless waves and currents, the explanation of the working of a valve and finally a few amusing comments on the humorous side of the B.B.C. The lecture was illustrated by diagrams, and parts of wireless apparatus were displayed.

A vote of thanks was proposed by Elizabeth Downing and seconded by Whitehouse.

Feb. 17th.—A party of members went in the evening to the Birmingham Telephone Exchange where a most enjoyable tour was conducted by two of the operators. We then visited the General Post Office and saw the mails sorted and stamped ready to be dispatched; in the sorting department of the foreign mail members were thrilled to see letters addressed to Hollywood and some of the famous film stars, including Norma Sheara. In the parcel-sorting department we were very amused to see 'with what great care' parcels labelled "Fragile" were handled!! After a very enjoyable tour, we proceeded to the Telegraph Department where the sending and receiving of telegrams was demonstrated.

Feb. 21st.—At this meeting a lecture was given by Phyllis Grosvenor on "Lawrence of Arabia," and his experiences among the Arabs.

The thanks of the Society were offered by Jean Whichello and Nicholls.

March 1st.—Half Term.

Members made valuable use of this opportunity to visit the "Birmingham Gazette" Offices. We were taken through every department and followed each stage in the making of the second issue of the "Evening Dispatch." At the end of the tour we were all presented with a copy of this paper.

The afternoon's outing was concluded by a visit to the Birmingham Fire Station, where a very enjoyable tour was conducted by one of the firemen.

March 2nd.—A number of members visited Holly Lodge High School for Boys to see their School plays, which were "Dr. Faustus" by Christopher Marlowe, "Thread o' Scarlet" by J. J. Bell, and the "Artisan" scenes from "A Midsummer Night's Dream." We must congratulate Holly Lodge Boys on their performance, especially the old scholars who presented "Thread o' Scarlet."

March 15th.—This was the occasion of our first Spelling Bee which took the form of a House Competition. Ten members represented each House.

In the first round, King's House made a draw against School House—each team gaining 19 points. To settle the difference, the members proposed, unfortunately for the two victims, that the girl captain of each House should fight it out between themselves. Jessie Crump, representing School House, obtained 3 points first and so School entered the final.

Trinity House competed against Queen's and won by 16 points to 13 points.

In the final round between School and Trinity, School won by 18 points to 12 points.

A vote of thanks to all who helped to provide so enjoyable an evening was proposed by Kathleen Deeley, seconded by Darby and unanimously carried.

March 18.—A representative portion of our Societies visited Holly Lodge High School for Boys for a debate, the motion being "This House considers that all our Public Services should be Nationalized." Peter Andrews and Maisie Harris represented our Society as principal speakers, the former being first speaker of the affirmative and the latter, second speaker of the opposition. The motion was defeated.

Speaking on behalf of Oldbury Debating Society, Nash thanked Holly Lodge for their kind invitation, and expressed the hope of seeing them again in the near future.

March 22nd.—Another very enjoyable evening was organised by Miss Allen and the Sixth Form Biology Students. First of all a lecture was given by Mabel Craddock on "Heredity," which included the work of Mendel and some of his experiments. Members were very interested in the section on inheritance in the human race; this was followed by a brief talk on "acquired characters" and "variation."

About thirty various microscope slides were then put on to the Screen by means of the micro-projector; these were commented upon by Jessie Crump who pointed out the main things of interest.

A vote of thanks to Miss Allen and the members of the Sixth Form concerned, was proposed by Nash, seconded by Judd and carried unanimously.

March 29th.—This meeting took the form of a dance practice interspersed by community singing. Music was ably provided by our own band, conducted by Penney.

After this meeting members of the Sixth Form French Class went to Cadbury's Bournville to see a French film entitled—"La Kermesse Héroïque." This was thoroughly enjoyed by all who went.

April 5th.—The first half of this meeting took the form of a Spelling Bee, Girls versus Boys. The teams were drawn by lot, ten members representing each. In the first round the Girls scored three points against the Boys' one point. At the end of the second round, the score was 8 points to 5 points in favour of the girls; in the third and final round the girls held the lead, with a score of 11 points to 6 points.

At 5-45 p.m. we welcomed Mr. Shuker, cousin of our Chairman, who came and told us about life in the army. Mr. Shuker has spent several years in Egypt, and we were all very interested as he related to us many of his experiences out there. A collection of Mr. Shuker's photographs, taken in Egypt, was shown on the screen by means of the epidiascope.

The lecture was thoroughly enjoyed and the sincere thanks of the Society were offered in a vote of thanks proposed by Peter Andrews and seconded by Mabel Craddock, expressing the wish that this would not be Mr. Shuker's last visit to us.

April 6th.—Some of our members, in the evening, visited Holly Lodge High School for Girls to see their plays. These were "The Knave of Hearts," by Louise Saunders; "Land of Heart's Desire," by B. Yeats; and "Something to Talk About" by Eden Philpotts. These plays were greatly appreciated by our members who went to see them, and we thank Holly Lodge for their kind invitation.

April 11th.—On April 11th, the session was brought to a close by a very enjoyable dance.

And so we come to the end of another session and the Society is grateful to all those friends who have so willingly helped to make it one of the most successful sessions yet. To all those members who will soon be leaving us, the Society expresses its very best wishes and hopes that the meetings and outings of the Joint Societies will long be remembered by them. Mabel Craddock.

Football, 1937-38.

1st XI. Captain, 1937—F. J. HARRIS; 1938—E. E. HOPKINS.
 Vice-Captain, 1937—A. R. HOPKINS; 1938—
 Secretary—P. H. ANDREWS.

LAST season saw the Football XI. reach the top rung of the ladder of success. However, it is not given to any team to stay there permanently (witness two notable examples in the last three years, Aston Villa and Manchester City), and this season the team's stock has fallen considerably below par. Perhaps this was partly due to the fact that such stalwarts as Harris, A. R. Hopkins and Cox had to leave before half the season was over.

In an unusually full season, unhampered by bad weather, the first XI. played 23 games, of which it won 8, lost 12 and drew 3.

Jones, left back, and G. Hopkins, centre-half, were awarded their colours.

E. E. Hopkins, a hard-working and penetrative centre-forward, topped the list of goal-scorers with 24 goals.

Let us hope that, still following the example of the first of the above mentioned clubs, the team will, in the near future, rise again to its former heights.

The second XI., always doing its best against generally superior combinations, did not meet with much success, winning 2 and losing 12 of its 14 matches.

Results of the season's games are:—

FIRST TEAM:—		1st XI.		2nd. XI.
Holly Lodge ...	...	A 0—7 Lost	...	H 0—6 Lost
King's Norton ...	...	H 1—3 Lost	...	A 2—5 Lost
Redditch ...	...	A 3—3 Draw	...	—
West Bromwich ...	...	H 6—2 Won	...	A 2—6 Lost
Lawrence's College	...	A 2—4 Lost	...	H 10—3 Won
Wolverhampton	...	H 3—2 Won	...	A 1—11 Lost
Handsworth ...	...	H 2—1 Won	...	A 2—6 Lost
Handsworth ...	...	A 2—9 Lost	...	H 1—4 Lost
St. Philip's G.S.	...	H 3—3 Draw	...	A 0—8 Lost
Cresconians 2nd XI.	...	H 2—2 Draw	...	—
Smethwick ...	...	A 2—7 Lost	...	Cancelled
Dudley ...	...	H 4—2 Won	...	Cancelled
SECOND TEAM:—		1st XI.		2nd. XI.
Bromsgrove ...	...	A 2—4 Lost	...	—
King's Norton ...	...	A 1—2 Lost	...	H 0—2 Lost
West Bromwich ...	...	A 0—2 Lost	...	H 2—8 Lost
Lawrence's College	...	H 13—0 Won	...	A 3—0 Won
Dudley ...	...	Cancelled	...	Cancelled
Holly Lodge ...	...	H 1—10 Lost	...	A 1—7 Lost
Redditch ...	...	H 5—3 Won	...	—
Wolverhampton	...	A 0—6 Lost	...	H 0—6 Lost
St. Philip's G.S.	...	A 1—7 Lost	...	H 0—5 Lost
Smethwick ...	...	A 1—2 Lost	...	Cancelled
Bromsgrove ...	...	H 4—1 Won	...	—
Cresconians 2nd XI.	...	H 4—1 Won	...	—
		62—83		24—75

1st XI. goal scorers:—E. Hopkins, 24; Brooke, 12; Andrews, 7; G. Hopkins, 4; Adams, 4; Harris, Alger, Craddock, Rowley, 2; Jones, Cox, 1; opponent (own goal) 1.

Those who represented the first and second XI's. during the season were:—

1st XI.—Harris, G. Hopkins, E. Hopkins, A. R. Hopkins, Cox, Penney, Andrews, Smart, K. Jones, Craddock, Brooke, Alger, Rowley, Peters, Adams, Hackett, Sidaway.

2nd XI.—D. Smith, Andrews, Peters, Alger, Judd, Hackett, Hunting, Nash, Craddock, Brooke, R. Smith, Sidaway, Cashmore, Turley, Westbury, Collins, Adams, Nicholls, Willetts, Hale, Jewkes.

P. H. Andrews.

Inter-House Football Competition, 1937-38.

BELOW are given the results of matches in the above competition, together with the final placings of the four Houses.

King's 6, Queen's 2.
King's 3, Trinity 0.
King's 6, School 1.
Trinity 4, School 1.
Queen's 2, Trinity 1.
School 1, Queen's 0.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Goals.		Points.
					For	Agst.	
King's	3	3	0	0	15	3	6
Trinity	3	1	2	0	5	6	2
Queen's	3	1	2	0	4	8	2
School	3	1	2	0	3	10	2

P. H. Andrews.

Hockey.

AUTUMN TERM, 1937—Team:

Captain—EVELYN F. WESTWOOD. Vice-Captain—E. MARY WARR.

Secretary—JOYCE M. TURNER.

BARBARA E. ROSE, MABEL CRADDOCK, BETTY HANDS, IRIS L. HALL, EVELYN F. WESTWOOD, JOYCE M. TURNER, JEAN I. WOODWARD, MARY E. GOODE, E. MARY WARR, ELIZABETH DOWNING, DOROTHY HOLDEN.

SPRING TERM, 1938—Team:

Captain—E. M. WARR.

Vice-Captain D. HOLDEN.

Secretary—J. M. TURNER.

B. E. ROSE, M. CRADDOCK, B. HANDS, I. L. HALL, D. HOLDEN, J. M. TURNER, J. I. WOODWARD, M. E. GOODE, E. M. WARR, D. HARPER, L. HIGGIT.

THE exceptionally good weather last season made it possible for the team to play more matches than usual. The season was quite successful for us, and out of thirteen matches played we won seven, lost five and drew one.

We were very sorry at Christmas to lose our captain and centre-halfback (E. F. Westwood) and our left inner (E. Downing). We wish them luck in their respective spheres of life.

Results:—

Opponent.	Venue.	Result.
Holly Lodge ...	... H ...	Won 6—2
Kidderminster ...	... H ...	Lost 2—4
Cresconians ...	... A ...	Lost 2—4
Wolverhampton High ...	... H ...	Drew 3—3
Wolverhampton Secondary ...	... A ...	Won 4—2
Halesowen ...	... H ...	Won 4—0
Dudley ...	... A ...	Won 1—0

SPRING TERM.

Cresconians ...	... H ...	Lost 1—4
Halesowen ...	... A ...	Lost 2—4
Kidderminster ...	... A ...	Lost 2—5
Dudley ...	... H ...	Won 4—0
Wolverhampton Secondary ...	... H ...	Won 7—2
Walsall ...	... H ...	Won 4—1
American Tournament	Holly Lodge	Won 1
		Lost 1
		Drew 1

We must congratulate M. Craddock, E. Downing, M. Goode, E. Westwood, J. Woodward and J. Turner on gaining their Hockey Colours during the past season.

Joyce M. Turner.

The Swimming Gala.

ON April 9th the School was represented by many competitors in the Swimming Gala at the Vicarage Road Baths. This year we were not so successful as in the previous year.

The first event was the Junior Ladies' Coronation Cup, presented by Councillor H. Gould. This race was actually won again by Irene Garner, but unfortunately she was disqualified for altering her stroke. The Cup was awarded to Norma Lamb.

Day, Richardson and Kimberley represented us in the Boys "A" School Team Race; Mole, Foster and Trow the "B" team. Both teams swam very well, but were beaten by Bristnall Hall School Boys.

The third event was the Local Men's Coronation Cup, presented by Councillor C. T. Barlow. In the first heat of this race Poole and Alger came second and third respectively. Poole came fourth in the final, only losing by about eight feet to P.C. Sherrick, the winner.

Bristnall Hall Girls' team defeated us in the School Team Race. Members of our teams were: Irene Garner, Norma Lamb, Beatrice Haines, Daphne Lones.

A very instructive and interesting Life Saving Display was provided for us by the Bournville Ladies Club.

The Ladies' Coronation Cup, presented by Alderman K. H. Wilson, was held last year by Olive Harper, she swam splendidly to defend her title but unfortunately lost her trophy to Miss Blanchard. Jean Button and Doris Birks also swam in this race.

The Local Men's Club Team Race was won by Chance and Hunt.

The Boys' Coronation Cup, presented by Alderman H. H. Robbins, C.C., was won by Field, of Bristnall Hall School. Day came in a close second.

A very delightful display of figure and flower formation was given by the Wolverhampton Ladies Swimming Club.

Introductory remarks were made by the Chairman, Councillor R. M. Hadley, C.C. The address was given by T. Jebb Lee, Esq., the Midland representative of the A.S.A.

The Mayoress, who was presented with a bouquet by Norma Lamb, presented the prizes. Votes of thanks followed.

The last event was a very thrilling Polo Match between West Bromwich and Mitchells and Butlers, which was won by M. & B., a member of their team being Dennis Varley, an old student of O.C.H.S. Mary Warr.

Displays in the Gymnasium.

ON the 8th, 10th and 11th of March the boys and girls of the School took their share in the "National Health Campaign," by giving a demonstration of their prowess in the Gymnasium. The Displays took place on the Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, with an additional practice on Monday afternoon at which the whole School was present.

The displays were well supported by parents, the staff, Governors, and Members of the Oldbury Council. On each occasion Dr. Howard explained that the exercises were just the daily work of the pupils, and not extra display work for that occasion.

The evening commenced at 7 o'clock with the display by the Junior Boys, directed by Mr. Congdon. This was succeeded by the Junior Girls, in charge of Miss Tweedie, followed by the Senior Boys, and last but not least, the Senior Girls completed the evening, showing how they did their "daily dozen" in exercises and apparatus work.

A silver collection was taken between the last two items, and the proceeds devoted to the Library Fund.

The displays were thoroughly enjoyed by all, both spectators and performers, and the School thanks Miss Tweedie and Mr. Congdon for providing such enjoyable evenings.

B. Barker.

Visit to Local Works.

DURING the Spring Term some of the Fifth and Sixth Form boys were taken by Mr. Hawley and Dr. Johnstone on a tour of the Anchor Iron works, and the extensive works of Messrs. Stewart and Lloyds.

We were conducted round the Anchor Works by Mr. Smith, the father of one of our pupils.

We commenced our tour in the scrap yard, where we certainly saw a lot of luck—sixty or seventy thousand horse shoes. We then visited the furnaces and watched the workers "puddling." In this process the puddler works up the semi-liquid iron into masses called "blooms," weighing about three to four hundred-weight. These "blooms" are then removed from the furnace and hammered into blocks of convenient size by means of a mechanical hammer. The block of iron then passes through a series of rollers, each roller being smaller than the one preceding it, so that at one end a square lump of iron is put into the rollers and at the other a long snaky strip of iron emerges. It was quite fascinating seeing the men handle strips of white-hot steel about 20-30 feet long just as if they were skipping ropes. Another thing which impressed us was the great physical strength of the men. They handle with ease blocks of iron which took the combined strength of two of us to lift off the floor. A vote of thanks was proposed to Mr. Smith, and we returned home knowing a little more of one of Britain's greatest industries.

On the second excursion we were met at Stewart and Lloyds by Mr. Woodward, who handed us over to two guides. Our party was split into two and each group was conducted by one of the guides around the works. Woodward, an old boy, was one of our escorts. The work done here varies a great deal from that at the Anchor Works. We saw pipes varying in diameter from 1 inch to 6 feet being bent. We were greatly attracted by the large number of wonderful machines, one of which was capable of boring simultaneously 16 holes. Another remarkable machine which we saw was one used for making seamless tubes. The lump of iron was placed in a furnace and was then untouched by hand until it finally emerged as a finished tube. We were very interested in the welding and our guide produced the dark masks necessary to shield our eyes from the intense glare. We then stood round looking like mortals from Wells' "Shape of Things to Come," and watched a piece of welding. We were taken to the part of the works where tubes were bent into large spirals. These were tested by forcing water at high pressure into the coils, one end being closed. When we saw that the indicator was showing a pressure of about 4,000 lbs. to the square inch, we decided that discretion was the better part of valour and so moved further on in case anything burst. After seeing many other processes we were conducted to the board room, where we met Major Naylor and Mr. Woodward, and sat down to tea. After expressing our thanks to Major Naylor and Mr. Woodward we left Messrs. Stewart and Lloyds with many pleasant recollections.

D. Smith.

Girl Guides.

Officers:—

Captain—Miss F. D. TWEEDIE. Lieutenant Miss J. L. DAVIES.
Company Leader—BEATRICE TAYLOR.

Company Treasurer and Secretary—MABEL CRADDOCK.

Leaders—MABEL CRADDOCK, BARBARA ROSE, JEAN WOODWARD,
JEAN BUTTON, IRIS HALL, JOYCE TURNER.

Seconds—BARBARA BARKER, BRENDA PHILIPS, OLIVE HARPER,
BETTY RUDERMAN.

THE Easter Term has been a very progressive one for the Guide Company, both in work and in play.

The great event of the term was the annual display which was presented on Thursday and Saturday, the 3rd and 5th of February. This was very well attended on both nights by appreciative audiences.

The programme was very varied, comprising two-one act plays and a Dancing Cabaret.

"The Poetasters of Ispahan," by Clifford Bax, performed by the younger members of our Company, was the first item on the programme.

This was followed by N. K. Smith's fantasy and light satire, "They Refuse to be Resurrected," performed by the older members of our Company.

Both plays were well presented and thoroughly enjoyed by our audience, and all who took part must be congratulated.

The Dancing Cabaret was particularly popular and consisted of singing and dancing items, which included a Russian dance, a tap dance introducing those ten scrumptious girls at the village school, a minuet, a Spanish dance, a Harlequin-Columbine ballet dance, a Greek hunting dance and a proud little Golliwog revelling in his stunts; all these combined to give a very colourful show.

The "Christopher Robin" and the "Little Old Lady" songs were much appreciated and thoroughly deserved the warm applause they received.

Each of the "Cabaret" items were alternately introduced in verse by Pan or the smiling commère of modern cabaret, according to the nature of the dance in question.

A most fitting conclusion to the Dancing Cabaret was presented by the Cabaret Chorus in the song "Good Night to You All," and our programme finally concluded with the entry of the colours and the National Anthem. Thanks to the efforts of the Guides, the kind support of Dr. Howard, Miss F. Jones and Mr. T. L. Davies, and other members of the Staff, and above all the training of Captain and Lieutenant, the Company maintained its very high standard of former years.

We are glad to be able to report that since the Autumn Term many new members have increased the ranks of our Company.

After the great event of our Guide year, we settled down once again to our usual weekly meetings, and the remainder of the term was occupied chiefly with badgework. Second Class Guides are studying for their Needlewoman's and First Class Badges with the coaching of Lieutenant. The rest of the Guides are working for their Tenderfoot and Second Class Badges.

Since the Company was in need of funds, a Jumble Sale was held in Oldbury at the end of the term and proved most successful.

On Tuesday, February 22nd, the Annual County Guide Display for the Stourbridge Division was held in the School Hall. We were pleased to welcome as guest of honour, the Countess of Plymouth,

who gave a very valuable address to all the Guides. A representative Company from each district took part in the display. Our Company gave a display of "Keep Fit" exercises, which were extremely popular.

At the end of the term, the Guides challenged the School to a hockey match. Although the match resulted in a win for the School, the game proved to be very enjoyable for both sides. After the match, the Guides invited the School team to tea. A very happy evening was spent and we look forward to future tennis and rounders matches with the School teams next term.

And so we come to the end of yet another successful term, and our thanks are due to Captain and Lieutenant, who so willingly forfeit their time in preparing such delightful programmes each week. We all enjoy Guiding and we should like to assure them that we do really appreciate all they do for us.

Mabel Craddock.

Nightfall.

The sun sinks down upon his westward way,
 Causing long deepening shadows to be cast
 Upon the fields of grass and clover green
 And corn all waving in the evening breeze.
 The country here is spread out like a map,
 With patches coloured green and gold and brown,
 Divided from their neighbours by those lines
 Of hedges green which make our countryside.
 Occasionally a cottage can be seen
 Sending a film of smoke into the air;
 The lamps shine out as daylight slowly dies,
 And stars, as though in answer, shine above,
 And silently proclaim the majesty of space
 To the now still and sleeping world beneath.

J. Atkins, Form 4A.

Diana and the Wolves.

The shades of night are falling fast,
 The earth is dark and still,
 The moon a heavenly light has cast,
 Upon the dreary hill.
 Diana bright against the black,
 Is riding through the night,
 The wolves are ever on her track,
 Trying to drown her light.

P. Curtis, Form 3A.

Sunset.

The sun was sinking low behind the hills,
Across the sky a path of azure stretched
To touch the blue upon the high hill's crest.
The fishing smacks were sailing from the bay,
Their sails were gleaming crimson in the light,
While all around the shadows lengthened out.
Meanwhile the lights were glimmering in the town
Which nestled in the pretty, sheltered cove.
The swallows chirped their vesper from the eaves,
A night owl screeched its answer from the woods.
And often in my memory's wistful eye
I love to gaze on this enchanting scene,
And think about the peace and solitude
Which reigns supreme at sunset in that cove.

F. Goode, Form 4A.

Had I not lost my way that day
When wand'ring through a quiet wood,
I never should have seen
The cottage nestling 'neath leafy green
Of birch trees, rowans, laburnums gay;
Or its sweet garden, where big bold hollyhocks
Stand like sentinels; where night-scented stocks
And purple lavender in profusion sweet
Mingle with roses and cornflower blue,
Pinks, thrift and flowers of ev'ry hue.

Had I not missed my path that day
When following the rippling stream,
I never should have seen
The dazzling hues and shimmering gleam
Of a woodpecker, teaching its babies gay
The art of flying. I never would have known
Of the hill where dainty harebells dance,
Or the elm up which the squirrels glance,
To shyly peep, when safe from harm,
At that which caused them such alarm.

I know not what it was which led my feet to stray
Where golden fields and purple heather kissed,
But had I not, that July day,
By some strange guidance, lost my way,
All this, and more, would I have missed.

Jessie Crump, Form 6A.

The Country Awakens.

The blue-birds and the violets
 Are with us once again,
 And promises of summer fill
 The hill-side and the plain.

The clouds around the mountain tops
 Are riding on the breeze,
 Their trailing azure clouds of mist
 Are tangled in the trees.

The snowdrifts, which have lain so long,
 Haunting the hidden nooks,
 Like guilty ghosts have slipped away,
 Unseen, into the brooks.

The lazy wheel that hung so dry
 Above the idle stream,
 Whirls wildly in the misty dark,
 And through the miller's dream.

Loud torrent unto torrent calls
 Till at the mountain's feet,
 Flashing afar their spectral light
 The noisy waters meet.

They meet, and through the lowlands sweep
 Towards sleepy stream and lake,
 Proclaiming to the distant towns
 "The country is awake!"

J. Whichello, Form 5B.

Of I, my work complete, my mind at rest,
 Recall again, those memories, that I love best,
 Of nestling villages, and chalets quaint,
 And little wayside shrines to patron saint.
 Recall once more, the shadowy lake, deep blue,
 The purple hills, the snow-capped peaks where grew
 The Edelweiss and Scarlet Alpine rose,
 Beside the rushing mountain stream which flows
 With sparkling cascades through the tingling air.
 Thou Switzerland, what country can compare,
 With thy majestic beauty?

B. Granville-Barker, Form 5B.

A seagull floats upon the placid air,
Regarded from below as a small speck
In that vast world of blue and cloudy white.
He sees the sea as one dark patch of blue,
Divided from the mottled land by lines
Of curling foam and yellow sand, which twist
And turn across the coloured scene below.
Small yachts and little toylike boats with sails
And steamers with their dirty smoking stacks,
Slowly across this shimmering stretch of sea
Move on, like snails across a garden path.
A little village nestles in the bay,
Its tiny roofs all golden in the sun;
Upon the sand the little boats are drawn
Where rising tides will carry them to work
Where undisturbed old Nature reigns supreme;
Green fields and forests stretch before the eye,
More beautiful than all man's handiwork.

R. Atkins, Form 5B.

Autumn.

The leaves are dancing o'er the ground,
Strong winds do blow them round and round;
Hats blown off and corn bowed down,
This is what happens in country and town.

The leaves are yellow, russet and brown,
Giving this earth a magnificent gown;
Squirrels a'scampering here and there,
Hiding their nuts for the winter bare.

Some birds have flown to a warmer land,
But robins and starlings are still at hand;
All the flowers have gone to sleep,
And the branches bare through the mists do peep.

J. Carter, Form 3A.

Sic Transit . . .

I will arise and go now, for the Inland Rev'nue calls,
An office desk will be my lot, with papers stacked on high,
And inky scribes will I see there, pigeon-holes 'gainst the walls,
While I sit and dream of the days gone by.

And dream of the cricket and tennis, of the soccer and swimming,
too,
And then, of course, of the work I've done, though that's not
much, some say,
In that, though I beg to differ, my supporters are all too few,
So I will retire early from the fray.

Long I'll remember the cricket, especially that great day
When I had my own back on the Parents for the first time (and
last I fear);
But 'Ill think of the practice-wickets in a very different way,
And hope in the future of such to steer well clear.

And many's the time I've marvelled at the queer tricks that balls
perform
On what go by the name of "tennis-courts," though none I've
met know why;
Their mumpish swellings, ups and downs, will ne'er succumb to
storm,
Nor to Sammy's watchful, earnest eye.

I shall think with distinct affection of the tadpoles, frogs and newts,
That I've been honoured to consort with in the liquid of the baths;
And I'll spare a thought for the others, who follow their old pursuits,
While I follow mine, but mine along new paths.

In a few months' time I'll be thinking of the progress of the Play,
Of those carrying on traditions that their forbears help to build,
Of the grease-paint, footlights, cues, and props. that were always
in the way,
And of old-time clothes that were too strong-willed!

And when I am totting up figures, and going blue in the face
At the unusual exertion, Joint Societies will spring to mind,
And, recalling these happy meetings, I'll be able to stand the pace,
Inspired by them, leave dull care behind.

There's lots more mem'ries will rise again, but they're best not
mentioned here,
Such as that climb round the roof of the School, and . . . but
that's enough for now,
Perhaps it is well to let them rest, those joys of a bygone year,
So I'll push on once more, with beetled brow.

Of course I'll remember the teachers, who have given me many a
frown,
I'll see that the forms for their Income Tax go out to them in
good time,
And woe betide any that try their hand at doing the Revenue down,
I promise their plans shall be cut off in their prime.

But I think my dreams will be pleasant ones, of schooldays worth-
while,
Of pleasant work, of sporting games, of lasting friendships made,
And when rocks arise in the sea of life, I will face them with a smile,
Encouraged by the past that will not fade.

Sic transit gloria mundi, sic transit me as well,
" Venit, vidit, vicit," I'd have liked them to say of me,
But I know that is too ambitious; and now I bid farewell,
And head my craft for the open sea.

P. H. Andrews, 6A.

The Sea.

The mighty rollers sweep,
Upon the foaming deep;
The tiny wavelets creep,
While all the mermaids sleep.

The wheeling seagulls cry
As fishes they do spy;
Like arrows they flash by,
As on the beach I lie.

The sun is shining bright,
The sea reflects its light;
It's such a splendid sight,
The sun in its great might.

M. Bunn, Form 3A.

The Haunted House.

The Haunted House is old and grey,
And ghosts haunt it by night and day;
The doors shudder, the windows creak,
Inside is always damp and bleak.

Sometimes maybe there's a weird groan,
Then a scuffle, then a moan;
Perhaps a footstep, three or four,
Then a skeleton opens the door.

The mice and rats that are about,
They would be very hard to rout;
Even behind one single door
There's easily fifteen million score.

The stairs are broken and worn away,
Some by wear and some by decay;
Now they are used by human bones,
And perhaps that accounts for the creaks and groans.

There's broken glass here and there,
But I'm quite sure that the ghosts don't care;
The chimneys are wide and all blocked up
And on entrapped flies great spiders sup.

The Haunted House which is old and grey,
Perhaps has secrets which will be told one day;
Perhaps there's treasure—money too,
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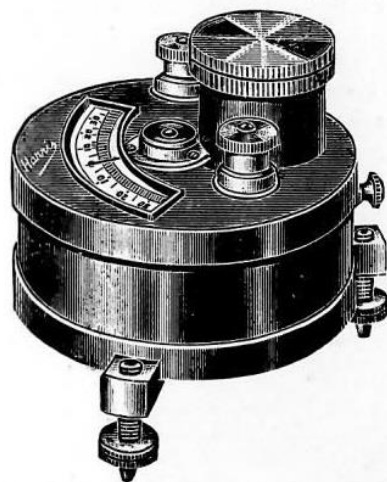
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