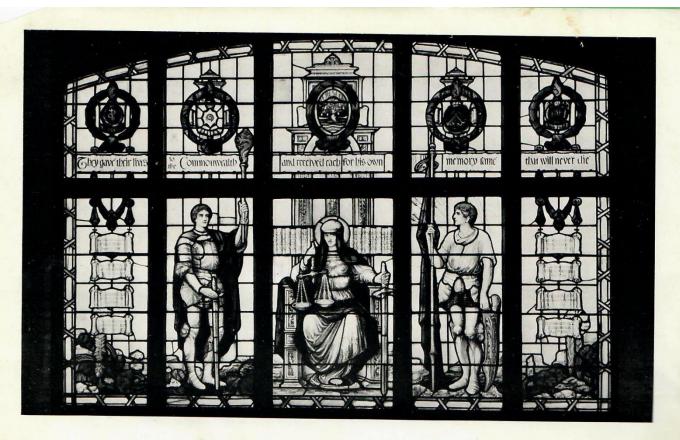


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#### **EDITORIAL**

ONCE again the Oldburian appears, to place on record after another year details which set forth all that is new in our school life, and, on the other hand, evidence that the many good things built up in the past still stand as our traditional inheritance. New names appear in all our activities and bring with them new achievements, but the general life is that which has been built up by those who have gone before. It is our belief that, true to our motto, the present generation is contributing its share full well to this general life, and it is our hope and endeavour that future generations will judge us not unworthy of those who have played

their parts here before us.

In our last issue the Roll of Honour was printed, including names from both the First World War and the Second. In the present issue we present reproductions of the War Memorial Window and of the two Memorial Tablets. It is felt that members of the School and their friends may wish to possess these and we have accordingly made them available for all. (Photographic prints may also be obtained if orders are placed through the School). The two Cast Bronze Tablets were unveiled by the Girl Captain and the Boy Captain on the occasion of the Memorial Service, held in the School Hall on May 11th, 1948. The service was conducted by a former pupil of the School, the Rev. R. S. O. Stevens, Vicar of St. Paul's, Birmingham, assisted by the Rev. H. Fletcher, Vicar of Oldbury, and the Rev. J. D. Crosland, representing the Oldbury Ministerial Fellowship. That service of tribute was an unforgettable experience.

It was with great regret that we heard that Mrs. Howarth, wife of Mr. J. G. Howarth, M.A., formerly headmaster, passed away on May 6th, 1949. Mrs. Howarth played her part most ably during the headmastership of her husband, and the School owes her a great debt of gratitude. Our deep sympathy goes out

to Mr. Howarth by reason of his sad loss.

We wish to express our sincerest good wishes to those members of the staff who have left us to take other posts. In order of leaving we have lost

Miss E. M. Lewis, M.A. (who taught here 1937-1947), who has taken a post as Lecturer in History in Furzedown Training College, London.

Miss W. H. Munro, M.A. (1941-1948), who has been appointed as Senior Mistress in Sir John Deane's

School, Northwich.

Miss F. R. Jessop (1942-1948), who has taken a post as Lecturer in Domestic Science in Manchester Training

College.

Mr. A. R. Malcolm (1946-1948), who is now working as a coach for the Amateur Athletic Association, and Mr. R. A. F. Newton-Hearn, B.A., who has taken

charge of the Sandwell School, Streetley.

Mr. Newton-Hearn taught here for twenty-one years in all, and is accordingly well-known to a large proportion of our Old Students, all of whom, we feel, will join us in the good wishes we express to him. The influence of Miss Lewis also, who completed ten years of service with us, will long be remembered and appreciated. We record our genuine appreciation of the excellent work done by them all.

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# CORRECTIONS AND ADDITIONS.

Service in the Forces during the War:-

1918. Towle, Leslie G.

1923. Greenwood, Charles (not Clifford).

1927. Field, Brian.

1937. Waring, Bernard.

Mr. Mitten, who has been resident-caretaker since 1927, served in the Royal Air Force from 1942 to 1946.

# SPEECH DAY, 1946

THE Annual Speech Day was held in the School Hall on Thursday, October 24th, when Dr. L. H. Dingley, senior honorary surgeon at the West Bromwich and District General

Hospital, presented the prizes.

The chair was taken by the Rev. H. C. Hawkins, who commented on the increasingly good results and upon the growing numbers of pupils. The chairman referred to the life of school-children in the past and quoted from records and letters showing how hard they had to work, but the Rev. Hawkins ended on an encouraging note by saying he was certain that the amount of work done to-day is not less than it was in the past.

The chairman's remarks were followed by the Captains' reports. The Girl Captain, Margaret Russell, gave an account of the activities of the Joint Societies, Guides, and the work of the Savings Group and the School Benevolent Fund.

The Boy Captain, J. B. Taylor, reported on the athletic

activities-hockey, football, swimming and cricket.

Rona Connop then gave a pianoforte solo, "Largo," from the Sonata in D by Beethoven, which was followed by the head-

master's report.

Dr. Howard commented briefly on the excellent results of the school in the year, and thanked the staff for their devotion to their work. He reminded all parents of the increased facilities open to all pupils and ended by giving a warning that if the present trend in Grammar School education continued, the atmosphere in which such schools grew would be destroyed by bureaucratic control.

The Headmaster's Report was followed by the presentation

of prizes.

After presenting the prizes, Dr. Dingley congratulated the parents of prize-winning scholars and he emphasised the importance of the school motto "Cresco," and pointed out that growth must be an all-round development, both spiritual and mental, and that the only way to find peace and happiness was by Christianity.

Dr. Dingley's speech was followed by a violin solo, "Andante Cantabile," by Tchaikowsky, and a duet, Rubinstein's "The Song of the Birds," sung by Doreen Partington and Jill Wood.

The vote of thanks was proposed by the Mayor, Councillor G. W. Rose, J.P., who, after thanking Dr. Dingley for distributing the prizes, expressed his gratitude to the chairman, whose hobby, he said, was doing good for the children of Oldbury.

The vote of thanks was seconded by Mr. A. P. Hands, J.P.

# SPEECH DAY, 1947

THE Annual Speech Day was held in the School Hall on Thursday, October 23rd, when the prizes were presented by Mr. Sydney Vernon, LL.M., Pro-Chancellor the University of

Birmingham.

The chair was taken by the Mayor of Oldbury, Alderman B. T. Robbins, J.P., who referred to the two significant changes which had taken place in the school since the last Speech Day—the alteration of the name of the school from the County High School to the Oldbury Grammar School and the transfer of administration from Worcester to Oldbury. Alderman Robbins said that Oldbury would do all in its power, not only to keep up the traditions and successes of the school, but to extend them, and he hoped that the school would add lustre to the status of Oldbury.

The Chairman's remarks were followed by the Captain's The Head Girl, Ailie Bird, gave an account of the school company of Guides, the Joint Socieites, the School Benevolent Fund and the Savings Group.

The Boy Captain, E. R. Robertson, gave an account of the athletic activities of the school - hockey, rounders, cricket and

football.

The Captains' Reports were followed by a pianoforte solo, Schubert's "Impromptu in A Flat," played by Rona Connop.

In the Headmaster's Report, Dr. Howard stressed the fact that increased responsibility rests on schools as a result of the general weakening of influence both in church and home life. He showed that the school had steadily progressed in its standard of learning, scholarship and academic achievement, and that the numbers of pupils had increased, and that the Joint Matriculation Board Examination results were excellent. He believed the Grammar Schools had their full share of responsibility ahead and must guard against numerous influences which might do them immeasurable harm. Dr. Howard criticised some of the proposed reforms in schools of this type, for only by holding on to their traditions could the Grammar Schools play their part effectively in the chaotic society of to-day.

In his speech, Mr. Vernon agreed with Dr. Howard on the subject of examinations, saying that nothing could replace them. He told pupils to think of the next fifty years because those who have done well in school and university were the people who would assure the world of an advance in conditions equal to that of the past fifty years. He pointed out that even when we leave school our education is not complete, for education continues throughout life, and he urged us never to miss an opportunity of learning.

After the presentation of prizes, Doreen Partington, accompanied by Jill Wood at the piano, sang Greig's "Solveig's Song." The vote of thanks was proposed by A. P. Hands, Esq., J.P.,

C.C., and seconded by Councillor J. F. Goode, C.C.

# SPEECH DAY, 1948

SPEECH Day was held in the School Hall on Thursday, October 29th, when Professor Bodkin, Director of the Barber Institute of Fine Arts at Birmingham University, presented the prizes.

The chair was taken by the Mayor of Oldbury, Alderman B. T. Robbins, who emphasised that the proposed modification of the school certificate examination would not mean that things would



become easier for the pupils; final results would depend on their

day-to-day work throughout their school life.

The chairman's remarks were followed by the Captains' Reports, Russell for boys and Daphne Nicholls for the girls. These were followed by a vocal solo by K. Seddon, "Where e'er you walk " (Handel).

Then came Dr. Howard's Report, in which he made a strong plea for freedom to develop the corporate spirit in the school, and commented that "In the clamour for parity there is a very serious risk of sacrificing valuable traditions."

After the Headmaster's Report, the prizes were presented by Professor Bodkin, who followed with a speech in which humour was mingled with good advice, and an exhortation to the boys not to play up to the girls and to the girls not to play down to the boys, but to aim at achieving mutual respect.

A violincello solo, "Berceuse" (Armas Jäinfelt) was then

given by M. A. Cole.

The proceedings were closed by votes of thanks proposed by Doctor E. Dawes and seconded by Councillor J. F. Goode, C.C.

# **AWARDS**, 1947

# Form Certificates for General Proficiency

FORM 1 C SHEILA R. HYDE. SHEILA J. PLANT. SHEILA J. PLANT.
FORM 1 B
JANET M. TURNER.
J. HAWKINS.
FORM 1 A
R. KITCHEN.
JANET S. TIBBETTS.
FORM 2 C
JILL A. BROWN.
M. THELMA TWIST.
FORM 2 B
JOYCE B. MEEK.
HEATHER E. HADLEY.
FORM 2 A
JANET C. HAWLEY.
OLWYN RUSTON.

FORM 3 C.
MAUREEN E. NUDDS.
MARGARET THOMPSON.
FORM 3 B
R. M. EDGE.
M. V. ABRAHAMS.
FORM 3 A
DINAH R. BAKER.
PATRICIA A. NEWMAN and
MARGARET L. POLLARD.
FMRM 4 C FMRM 4 C
NANCY E. ETHERIDGE,
OLIVE K. GIBBS.
FORM 4 B GWENDOLINE M. JONES
H. J. H. DUNN.
FORM 4 A
I. D. HOWARD.
P. T. R. BROWN.

# General School Certificates

FRASER, D. A. GRIFFITHS, A. GRIFFITHS, A.
MORRIS, B.
MORSE, J.
MOSS, S.
PRICE, J. W.
RICHARDS, P. P.
RUSSELL, G. J.

SHAW, J. F.
WHITTINGHAM, P. J.
WINTERFORD, C. W.
BASTABLE, MARGARET I
BAYLISS, VALERIE M. F.
BRUSH, VALERIE C.
DAVIES, D. BERYL.
GRIEVE, MARGARET A.

HARRIS, JANET P.
HAWKINS, JANET M.
HAYES, PATRICIA, T.
HOPKINS, LUCY J.
HOUNSELL, ELIZABETH M.
KITCHEN, MILDRED M.
LEWIS, ELIZABETH N.
PARKES, BERYL.
PUGH, DOREEN N.
SMITH, MARGARET J.
WOOD, JILL P.
ARUNDALE, G.
BLOXHAM, P. J.
BULLOCK, R. A.
CRUMP, K. W.
DOWELL, B.
GAMBLES, T. W.
HALE, M.
HERBERT, P. F.
JAMES, J. K.
MILLINGTON, G. B.
PLANT, J.
ROUND, M. C.
EMERY, JEAN, C.
HARROLD, BETTY E.

HOLLYOAKE, PAULINE J.
HUTCHINSON, PAMELA P. A.
MORGAN, ELIZABETH A.
ROBERTS, DOREEN F.
SMITH, JEAN.
WRIGHT, BERYL J.
BAKER, P. G.
BOSWORTH, A. E.
HEATH, J.
MILLER, J.
MOUNTFORD, J. B.
PARDOE, A. R.
RICHARDSON, D. N.
ROBERTS, G. H.
SCOTT, B. J. S.
SEWARD, J. P.
WESTWOOD, R.
WOOD, A.
AKERS, BRENDA J.
BRENNAN, JOYCE M.
BRIGHT, AUDREY H.
CONNOP, RONA M.
MCIVOR, JEAN.
SAYER, VALERIE J.

# Letters of Success in General School Certificate Examination

BIRD, AILEE E. NICHOLLS. DAPHNE. SMART MARGARET R. STOKES, D. C.

### **Higher School Certificates**

COOK, J.
CUTLER, A. E.
DEBNEY, R. F.
DULSON, E. V.
HILL, P. W.
LAMBERT, A. J.
LOMAX, J. M.
ROBERTSON, E. R.

SHEPHARD, J. M.
SPENCER, A, T.
TAYLOR, J. B.
WATSON, T.
HARROLD, NANCY C. M.
JEWKES, IRIS.
STEPHENS. MARGARET M.

## Letters of Success in Higher School Certificate Examination

G. F. BROWN.
A. J. FELMINGHAM.
C. J. GADEN.
G. SEWARD.
D. C. STOKES.
G. ELIZABETH GREGORY.
D. MARGARET RUSSELL.
F. E. BASSFORD.
J. B. BUTLER.
B. Y. DOWNING.
F. L. FARMER.
A. W. GEBBIE.
G. A. S. HADLEY.
E. R. KNIGHT.
S. B. LOWE.
T. B. OAKLEY.
C. SKIDMORE.
R. STEHENS.
J. B. WATERHOUSE,
AILIE E. BIRD.

AUDREY BRETTELL.
JOAN CAULFIELD.
SHEILA E. CAVE.
PHYLLIS J. COULTHARD.
MARION B. CRAGGS.
KATHLEEN M. DUNNAKER.
CHRISTINE M. EDGINGTON.
G. JULIE FREESTONE.
MARGARET HAINES.
JEAN HALE.
JOAN M. HARGEST.
MARGARET HEATH.
I, BETTY HERRING.
PATRICIA M. MANSELL.
JEAN M. MARSON.
DAPHNE NICHOLLS.
DOREEN M. PARTINGTON.
W. RUTH PLANT.
ALVA C. ROBERTS.
ELINOR B. TATTON.

# Special Awards

Albright University Scholarship: Dawes Memorial University Scholarships:

Oldbury Educational Trust University Scholarships:

State Scholarship Cambridge Open Exhibition (King's): Worcestershire County Major Scholarships: Worcestershire County Major

Exhibitions:

O.S.A. Prize for Outstanding

Achievement: Late Mr. Dawes' Prize for Leadership: Late Mrs. Dawes Prize for Leader-

ship: Best General School Certificate
Result for Girls:
Best General School
Result for Boys:

J. COOK. A. T. SPENCER. E. V. DULSON.

J. COOK. A. T. SPENCER.

NANCY C. M. HARROLD. J. B. TAYLOR. J. B. TAYLOR.

J. B. TAYLOR.
J. COOK.
E. V. DULSON.
A. T. SPENCER.

J. B. TAYLOR. E. V. DULSON.

D. MARGARET RUSSELL.

DOREEN N. PUGH.

C. W. WINTERFORD.

#### Prizes for Best Use of Leisure

Senior Boys' Prize awarded by A. P. Hands, Esq., J.P., C.C. Senior Girls' Prize, awarded my Mrs. C. T. Barlow:

Junior Prizes, awarded by C. T.

Barlow, Esq., M.B.E.:

Certificates of Merit in Leisure Time

65 Awards. Activities:

E. R. ROBERTSON.
J. M. SHEPHERD.
LUCY J. HOPKINS.
MILDRED M. KITCHEN.
DAPHNE NICHOLLS.
JOYCE B. MEEK.
G. H. BRINDLEY. G. H. BRINDLEY.

# Awards for Games, Athletics and Swimming

Girl Guides' Prize: Girls' Games Prizes:

Boys' Games Prizes:

Girls' Junior Champions:

Boys' Junior Champions:

Girls' Intermediate Champion:
Boys' Intermediate Champion:
Girls' Senior Champion awarded
Albright Cup:
Boys' Senior Champion, awarded
Vernon Cup:
Parents' Cricket Match—Cricket

Shield:

DAPHNE NICHOLLS.
MARGARET R. SMART.
EDNA B. HADLEY.
G. F. BROWN.
J. P. SEWARD.
VALERIE WILLIAMS.
VALERIE SHAW.
R. W. HALL.
J. CUTLER.
BRENDA STACE.
M. V. ABRAHAMS. M. V. ABRAHAMS. I. BETTY HERRING.

A. E. CUTLER.

SCHOOL.

# House Cups

Swimming:
Cup for Inter-House Games:
Jephcott Cup for Athletics:
Davies Cup for Music:
Davies Cup for Junior and Middle
School Studies:
Hadley Cup for Academic Achievement of Seniors:

KING'S HOUSE. QUEEN'S HOUSE. TRINITY HOUSE. QUEEN'S HOUSE. TRINITY HOUSE. SCHOOL HOUSE,

## AWARDS, 1948

# Form Certificates for General Proficiency

FORM 1 C
CHRISTINE M. CHADBOURNE.
SHEILA E. BASTABLE.
FORM 1 B
R. GROVE.
J. S. JENNINGS.
FORM 1 A
AUDREY C. BRADLEY.
D. E. M. PRICE.
FORM 2 C
JOAN WHITEHOUSE.
A. E. STEPHENS.
FORM 2 B
SHEILA J. PLANT.
PATRICIA A. HALL.
FORM 2 A
R. KITCHEN.
JANET S. TIBBETS.

R. KITCHEN.
JANET S. TIBBETS.
FORM 3 C
SARAH E. McCRACKEN.
JILL A. BROWN.
FORM 3 B
JOYCE B. MEEK.
G. R. SALTER.

G. R. SALTER.

FORM 3 A
OLWYN RUSTON.
JANET C. HAWLEY.
FORM 4 C.
J. COLEY.

MARGARET THOMPSON.

MARGARET THOMPSON.

FORM 4 B
JOYCE M. WESTON.
R. M. EDGE.

FORM 4 A
DINAH R. BAKER.
D. HILL.

FORM 5 S
NANCY E. ETHERIDGE.
MOLLY P. BIDDLE.

FORM 5 M
GWENDOLINE M. JONES.
J. B. C. HILTON.

FORM 5 G
I. D. HOWARD.
D. C. PEARSON.

### **General School Certificates**

M. J. ABRAHAMS.
M. ADAMS.
R. J. BAKER.
P. T. R. BROWN.
A. T. COOPER.
L. M. F. COULTHARD.
R. L. DITTRICH.
B. R. GREGORY.
P. W. HEWITT.
I. D. HOWARD.
N. A. JACKSON.
D. C. PEARSON.
M. B. PEARSON.
F. H. STRODE.
D. I. TROWMAN.
DAPHNE G. BURCHETT.
MONICA J. HARES.
HILDA HARROLD.
MARGARET M. LYONS.
JANET M. PASSEY.
EVELYN PIPER.
ENID H. SIMS.
JOAN M. SMITH.
IRIS M. STEVENTON.
JOAN M. TIMMINS.
CHRISTINE M. WATKISS.
MARGARET E. WEBB.
S. G. ANDERSON.
D. W. BARRATT.
P. S. BATTIN.
J. B. CHILTON.
H. J. H. DUNN.
D. J. GORTON.
J. GOULD.
N. R. JENNINGS.
S. JOLLIFFE.

F. R. NEED.
J. PORTER.
G. A. M. ROBERTSON.
R. J. SHIRLEY.
R. R. WESTWOOD.
H. MARGARET BLACKFORD.
RONA M. CONNOP.
AUDREY B. DAWES.
LORAINE J. JACKSON.
GWENDOLINE M. JONES.
JEAN E. JONES.
HILARY J. LANE.
JANET A. PARTINGTON.
MAUREEN ROBERTS.
SHIRLEY RUTTER.
PATRICIA M. L. SKELDING.
SHEILA J. STRONG.
A. C. ALFORD.
J. S. BATES.
D. W. BEASLEY.
R. BIGLAND.
R. J. C. BLEWITT.
D. J. CUTLER.
R. A. DULLER.
J. GRAINGER.
MOLLY P. BIDDLE.
JEAN M. BUNCH.
JUNE D. CHAPMAN.
NANCY E. ETHERIDGE.
CHRISTINE FOX.
BERYL A. HILL.
M. JOY MILES.
JOAN ROLLASON.
JEAN F. WHITE.
JUNE C. WILCOX.
MARGARET A. WILLIAMS
D. DOREEN WYLE.

# Letters of Success in General School Certificate Examination

VALERIE M. F. BAYLISS.

R. A. BULLOCK.

# **Higher School Certificates**

F. E. BASSFORD.
J. P. BUTLER.
B. Y. DOWNING.
A. J. FELMINGHAM.
A. W. GEBBIE.
G. A. S. HADLEY.
E. R. KNIGHT.
J. M. LOMAX.
T. B. OAKLEY.

E. R. ROBERTSON.
J. M. SHEPHARD.
R. STEPHENS.
J. B. WATERHOUSE.
AILIE E. BIRD.
MARIAN B. JRAGGS.
MARGARET HAINES.
DAPHNE NICHOLLS.
DOREEN M. PARTINGTON.

# Letters of Success in Higher School Certificate Examination

S. B. LOWE.
G. K. PIRIE.
ELINOR B. TATTON.
P. G. BAKER.
R. A. BULLOCK.
K. W. CRUMP.
D. A. FRASER.
D. S. LAISTER.
J. D. MILLER.
B. MORRIS.
J. MORSE.
A. R. PARDOE.
J. W. PRICE.
M. C. ROUND.
G. J. RUSSELL.
P. J. WHITTINGHAM.
C. W. WINTERFORD.
VALERIE M. F. BAYLISS.
JOYCE M. BRENNAN.

AUDREY H. BRIGHT.
VALERIE C. BRUSH.
D. BERYL DAVIES.
MARGARET A. GRIEVE,
JANET P. HARRIS.
MARGARET A. HARWOOD.
JANET M. HAWKINS.
PAULINE J. HOLLYOAKE.
LUCY J. HOPKINS.
ELIZABETH M. HOUNSELL.
PAMELA P. A. HUTCHINSON.
MILDRED M. KITCHEN.
BERYL PARKES.
DOREEN N. PUGH.
F. DOREEN ROBERTS.
JEAN SMITH.
MARGARET J. SMITH.
JILL P. WOOD.
BERYL J. WRIGHT.

# Special Awards

Albright University Scholarship:
Dawes Memorial University Scholarship:
Oldbury Educational Trust University
Scholarships:

State Scholarship:
Worcestershire County Major
Scholarships:
Worcestershire County Major
Exhibitions:
O.S.A. Prize for Outstanding
Achievement:
Frank Dawes' Prize for Leadership:
Lydia Dawes' Prize for Leadership:
Best General School Certificate
Result for Girls:
Best General School Certificate
Result for Boys:

To be announced later.

F. E. BASSFORD.
A. J. FELMINGHAM.
E. R. KNIGHT.
J. M. LOMAX.
J. B. WATERHOUSE.
J. M. SHEPHARD.
J. M. SHEPHARD.
R. STEPHENS.
To be announced later.
J. M. SHEPHARD.
E. R. ROBERTSON.
AILEE E. BIRD.
DAPHNE G. BURCHETT.
I. D. HOWARD.

# Prizes for Best Use of Leisure

Senior Boys' Prizes, awarded by A. P. Hands, Esq., J.P., C.C.

Senior Girls' Prizes awarded by Mrs. C. T. Barlow:

Prizes awarded by C. Junior Barlow, Esq., O.B.E.

Certificates of Merit in Leisure Time Activities:

P. T. R. BROWN I. D. HOWARD. D. C. PEARSON. M. B. PEARSON. BROWN. BERYL PARKES.
DOREEN M. PARTINGTON.
DOREEN M. PUGH.
VALERIE SHAW. SHAW W. DRURY. 82 AWARDS.

# Awards for Games, Athletics and Swimming

Girl Guides Prize: Quayle Games Prizes (girls):

(boys):

Girls' Junior Champion:
Boys' Junior Champion:
Girls' Intermediate Champion:
Boys' Intermediate Champion:
Girls' Senior Champion, awarded
Albright Cup:
Boys' Senior Champion, awarded
Vernon Cup:
Parents' Cricket Match—Cricket
Shield:

Shield:

MILDRED M. KITCHEN.
ENID H. SIMS.
AUDREY H. BRIGHT.
J. B. WATERHOUSE.
A. R. PARDOE.
VALERIE SHAW.
S. PURVIS.
BETTY A. HARROLD.
M. V. ABRAHAMS M. V. ABRAHAMS. ENID H. SIMS. G. K. PIRIE. PARENTS.

# House Cups

Swimming:
Cup for Inter-House Games:
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School Studies:
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SCHOOL HOUSE
QUEEN'S HOUSE
TRINITY HOUSE
KING'S HOUSE.

SCHOOL HOUSE.
QUEEN'S HOUSE.
TRINITY HOUSE
QUEEN'S HOUSE. QUEEN'S HOUSE

# **AWARDS**, 1949

# Form Certificates for General Proficiency

FORM 1 C MARGARET J. THOMPSON. ELEANOR HACKET
FORM 1 B
H. S. WARD.
M. P. OSBORNE.
FORM 1 A
BERYL FANTHOM.
ANNETTE HURST.
FORM 2 C
B. S. PYNE.
JOYCE A. BIDDLE.
FORM 2 B
JEANNE PALMER. ELEANOR HACKETT. JEANNE PALMER.
CHRISTINE M. CHADBOURNE.
FORM 2 A
R. J. OAKEY.
D. EDGE.

FORM 3 C EVA M. CROFTS. CHRISTINE M. COX. FORM 3 B A. C. POOLE. SHEILA J. PLANT. FORM 3 A
R. KITCHEN.
JANET M. TURNER.
FORM 4 C
JOYCE M. PARKES.
SARAH E. MCCRACKEN.
FORM 4 B JOYCE B. MEEK. G. R. SALTER. FORM 4 A OLWYN RUSTON. D. R. PARKES.

## General School Certificate

G. E. BROWN.
J. E. CHALK.
M. A. COLE.
A. W. EASEY.
R. E. FODEN.
L. N. GREEN.
I. R. W. HARGEST.
D. HILL.
A. E. PARKES.
M. G. SPENCER.
W. G. K. TAYLOR.
A. WOOTTON.
CONSTANCE D. BAGGLEY.
DINAH R. BAKER.
PHYLLIS M. CLARK.
BARBARA W. COMLEY.
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ENID PHILLIPS.
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MARION E. PRICE.
BRENDA B. RENHARD.
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R. M. EDGE.
M. R. JORDAN.
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DORIS ASTLE,
ROMA C. BARDILL.
JESSICA A. CHILDES.
VALERIE M. FIELDING.
MARJORIE D. HARGEST.
JUDITH E. JEAVONS.
JANE MARTIN.
JOYCE MCIVOR.
KATHLEEN A. MURPHY.
JOYCE A. PARDOE,
MARY W. SMOUT.
JOYCE STANDLEY.
RITA WALKER.
JOYCE M. WESTON.
B. BEESLEY.
J. COLEY.
A. R. GREENHALGH.
B. HADLEY.
L. R. LAWTON.
N. SOUTHALL.
M. WILLETTS.
MARGARET E. BENNETT.
SYLVIA A. FRANKLIN.
RITA GREAVES.
MARGARET A. LYCETT.
CYNTHIA ROLLINSON.
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MARGARET A. JENKINS.

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J. W. PRICE.
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BERYL J. WRIGHT.
DAPHNE NICHOLLS.
M. ADAMS.

R. J. BAKER.
P. S. BATTIN.
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R. J. C. BLEWITT.
P. T. R. BROWN.
J. B. CHILTON.
A. T. COOPER.
L. M. F. COULTHARD.
R. L. DITTRICH.

H. J. H. DUNN.
P. W. HEWITT.
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S. JOLLIFFE.
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D. I. TROWMAN.
DAPHNE G. BURCHETT.
JUNE D. CHAPMAN.
RONA M. CONNOP.
GWENDOLINE M. JONES.
JANET A. PARTINGTON.
MARGARET E. WEBB.

# Special Awards

Albright University Scholarship: Dawes Memorial University Scholarship: Oldbury Educational Trust Scholarship:

State Scholarship: Worcestershire County Major Scholarships:

Worcestershire County Award:
O.S.A. Prize for Outstanding
Achievement.
Frank Dawes' Prize for Leadership:
Lydia Dawes' Prize for Leadership:
Best General School Certificate
Result for Girls:
Best General School Certificate
Result for Boys:

I. D. HOWARD. M. C. ROUND. M. C. ROUND.
A. J. CUTLER.
A. J. LAMBERT.
M. C. ROUND.
G. J. RUSSELL.
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# Awards of Games, Athletics and Swimming

Girl Guides' Prize:
Old Scholars' Prize for Cricket:
Quayle Games Prize for Football:
Quayle Games Prize for Hockey:
Quayle Games Prize for Tennis:
Girls' Junior Champion:
Boys' Junior Champion:
Girls' Intermediate Champion:
Boys' Intermediate Champion:
Girls' Senior Champion, awarded
Albright Cup:
Boys' Senior Champion, awarded
Vernon Cup:
Parents' Cricket Match—Cricket
Shield:

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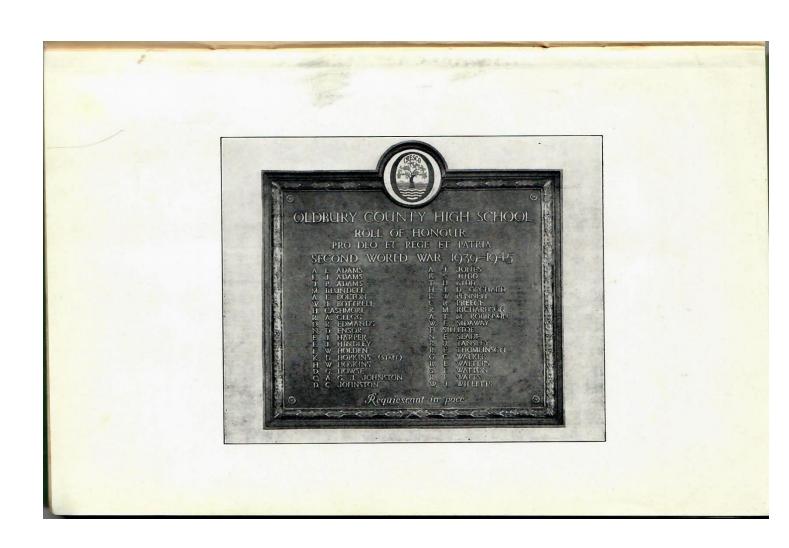
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# House Cups

Swimming:
Cup for Inter House Games:
Jephcott Cup for Athletics:
Davies Cup for Music:
Davies Cup for Junior and Middle
School Studies:
Hadley Cup for Academic Achievement of Seniors:

SCHOOL HOUSE.
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MUSICAL ACTIVITIES
1948 Musical Festival
Adjudicator: Cyril S. Christopher, Esq., D.Mus., F.R.C.O.
Junior Pianoforte Solo Prelude in F Bach
I, Olwyn Ruston (S); 2, Brindley (K); 3, Mavis Hadley
(K); 4, Janet Turner (Q).  Junior Girls' Solo 'The Children' Mozart
Junior Girls' Solo "The Children" Mozart
I, Catherine Grieve (S); 2, June Williams (Q); 3, Pamela
Higgins (K); 4, Barbara Sorrell (Q).
Junior Boys' Solo "Dulce Domum"  1, Brindley (K); 2, Seddon (Q); 3, Ashby (Q); 4, Stephens
I, Brindley (K); 2, Seddon (Q); 3, Ashby (Q); 4, Stephens
(T).  Junior Violin Minuet in G Purcell
Junior Violin Minuet in G Purcell I, Connop (K).
Intermediate Pianoforte Solo
"Allegretto" from Sanota in F Beethoven
I, Joyce Pardoe (S); 2, Howard (S); 3, Dorothy Hall (K);
4, Brenda Stace (O).
4, Brenda Stace (Q).  Intermediate Girls' Solo "Gently is the fair stream flowing"
I, Jean Abell (K); 2, Sheila Strong (T); 3, Margaret Webb
(Q); 4, Joyce Meek (K).
Senior Pianoforte Solo
"Songs with words" in B Flat Mendelssohn
I, Jill Wood (S); 2, Rona Connop (K); 3, Richards (Q);
4, Brown (Q).
Senior Vocal Solo Own Choice
I, Jill Wood (S); 2, Doreen Partington (K); 3, Jean Emery
(Q); 4, Daphne Nicholls (S).
House Choirs "Mists before the sunrise, fly" Arne
1, Queen's; 2, School; 3, Trinity; 4, King's.

#### HOUSE CHAMPIONSHIP.

I, Queen's (187 points); 2, School (155 points); 3, King's (132 points); 4, Trinity (98 points).

1949 Musical Festival.

Adjudicator: A. Vaughan Davies, Esq., Mus.Bac., L.R.A.M.
Organiser of Music for Worcestershire.

Junior Pianoforte Solo ... "Study in D" ... Heller
I, Valerie Wood (S); 2, Joy Howard (S); 3, Christine Cox
(Q); 4, Jean Rogers (T); 5, Margaret Mills (Q).

Boys' Solo ... "The Carman's Whistle" ... Old English
I, Black (K); 2, Seddon (Q); 3, Jackson (T); 4, Brindley
(K); 5, Ashby (Q).

Beginners Violin Solo ... "Gavotte in G Major" ... Handel I, Joy Howard (S).

Junior Girls' Solo

"Welcome Sweet Pleasure" (1608) ... Thos. Weelkes I, Valerie Wood (S); 2, Ada Jones (T); 3, Margaret Field (S); 4, Beryl Hollinshead (T).

Junior Violin Solo ... "Gavotte in A Major" ... I, Babington (Q); 2, Joy Howard (S); 3, Brindley (K); 4,

Connop (K). Intermediate Pianoforte Solo ... "Allegro" I, Brindley (K); 2, Sheila Payne (S); 3, Olwen Ruston (S); 4, Dorothy Hall (K).

Viola Solo

"Liebeslied" ... Beethoven
"Melody in F" ... Rubenstein " Liebeslied " I, Howard (S). 2, Brown (Q).

Intermediate Girls' Solo "The Spring's a-Coming" (1729) ... Goffey I, Antonia Roberts (T); 2, Valerie Elston (Q); 3, Jean Abell (K); 4, Joyce Parkes (K); 5, Shirley Bayliss (Q).

Senior Violin Solo ... Own Choice

I, Pearson (T); 2, Janet Hawley (T); 3, Parkes (Q); 4, Wootton (T).

Senior Pianoforte Solo

"Andante, with Variation I and 2" ... Beethoven I, Brown (Q); 2, Jill Wood (S); 3, Howard (S); 4, Joy Miles (K).

... "Berceuse de Jocelyn" ... Godard 'Cello Solo I, Cole (K); 2, Howard (S).

Senior Girls' Solo ... Own Choice

I, Jill Wood (S); 2, Doreen Partington (K); 3, Sheila Strong (T); 4, Daphne Nicholls (S); 5, Margaret Webb (Q).

House Choirs "Fall on me like a silent dew" Coleridge-Taylor

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

#### HOUSE CHAMPIONSHIP.

I, School (210 points); 2, Queen's (173 points);

3, Kings (148 points); Trinity.

Musical activities have by no means been confined to the Annual Musical Festivals. An interesting feature during the last year has been the formation and development of a School Orchestra. It is already well established, Dr. Howard, the conductor and organiser, being actively supported by Mr. Davies and eight other members of the staff, who, with a number of pupils, form a well-balanced orchestra of 9 first violins, 9 second violins, 5 violas, 5 'cellos and I double bass. Two other groups of string players, each of 12 members, are also training in readiness for membership of the main orchestra. Practices of the orchestra and the classes take place regularly every week. Performances to the Joint Societies have been given on two occasions, a special programme was presented on the last day of the Autumn Term, 1948, and the School was represented by its orchestra at the First Oldbury Schools Musical Festival, held in the School Hall, also during the Autumn Term, 1948. The orchestra is now in a position to embark on more ambitious enterprises, having a considerable repertoire of music prepared in readiness.

On January 29th, 1948, Mr. Vaughan Davies, Organiser of Music for Worcestershire, brought the Tookey Quartet to us. They presented a fine programme of music which was greatly appre-

ciated by the whole school.

On April 29th, 1948, Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Bennett, two old friends of the school, visited us again, and gave a very interesting illustrated talk on old music. Mrs. Bennett played several pieces on the virginals, a keyboard instrument little used to-day, and Mr. Bennett sang a number of songs, with his wife as accompanist.

Mr. Richards has also contributed to our musical activities by arranging a number of lunch hour programmes of gramophone records, some introduced by members of the staff and others by members of the Sixth Form. These have provided many pleasant times for those interested.

# **JOINT SOCIETIES, 1947-8**

President - - - DR. C. C. HOWARD.

Vice-Presidents - - MEMBERS OF THE STAFF.

Chairman - - - J. M. SHEPHARD. Vice-Chairman - - E. ROBERTSON. Secretary - - - AILIE BIRD.

General Committee—MARGARET HARRIS, DOREEN ROBERTS, PARDOE, BROWN, DAPHNE BURCHETT.

September 18th.—Dr. C. C. Howard installed the officers for the new session. This was followed by an inter-House competition, based on the radio programme "Twenty Questions," with Mr. Swain taking the part of Stewart Macpherson. Each House was represented by four members. The final result was: Queen's (I point), Trinity (2 points), King's (3 points), School (4 points).

In the remaining time Mr. Davies gave an impromptu Music Quiz, in which Queen's was 1st, King's 2nd, School and Trin-

ity equal 3rd.

A vote of thanks was proposed by Lowe and seconded by Doreen Partington.

September 25th.—A visit was paid to the Birmingham Repertory to see their production of "King Lear," which was greatly enjoyed by all.

October 2nd.—A lecture was given by Dr. Martin Johnson, a Lecturer in Physics at Birmingham University, on the subject of the "Unsteady Stars." He showed us the fallacy of contrasting the constancy and un-changeability of the heavenly bodies with the changeability and unstability of things on the earth, and proved to us the many great changes, eruptions, etc., which occur on the surface of the stars. His talk was illustrated by slides of sun spots and the nebulae of various constellations.

A vote of thanks was proposed by Dulson and seconded by Margaret Haines.

October 9th.—Members of the Lower Sixth History Group gave a series of lectures on tragic incidents in History.

Valerie Bayliss—" The Death Pot of Ur."
Beryl Davies—" The Death of Socrates."
Janet Hawkins—" Queen Boadicea."
Beryl Wright—" The Peasant Rebellion."
Jean McIvor—" The Great Plague."
Margaret Grieve—" The Execution of Louis XVI."
Doreen Roberts—" Marcellin during the Occupation."

A vote of thanks was proposed by Hadley and seconded by Doreen Pugh.

- October 16th.—Members of the Sixth Form Current Events Group discussed subjects of current interest, with the idea of setting the audience talking and thinking.
  - (1) Beryl Parkes and Doreen Pugh discussed the hasty withdrawal of the English from India.
  - (2) Pirie gave the view of Russia as a non-co-operative country behind the Iron Curtain, while Waterhouse put forward a less general and much more favourable view of Russia's attitude.
  - (3) Daphne Nicholls and Ailie Bird discussed the growing Communist influence in the Balkans.
  - (4) Knight and Whittingham debated the solution to the situation of the Exodus Jews in Palestine.

A vote of thanks was proposed by Felmingham and seconded by Jill Wood.

October 23rd.—No meeting was held owing to Speech Day.

October 30th.—Since both the chairman and vice-chairman were taking part in the evening's meeting, the chair was taken by Felmingham. The Upper Sixth Biology Group gave a series of lectures on parasites. The subject, which they called "Spivs," was introduced by Robertson.

Elinor Tatton-" Viruses."

Margaret Haines-" Potato Blight."

Marion Craggs—"Fasciola."
Stephens—"Parasite Worms."
Shephard—"Human Parasites."

A vote of thanks to the Biology Group was proposed by Howard and seconded by Daphne Burchett.

November 6th.—A visit was paid to the Parish Hall to see the C.A.D.S. perform "Pygmalion," a production which all greatly enjoyed.

November 13th.—By courtesy of the Central Bureau of Information, four talkie films were shown.

(1)—"Birds of our Village." (2)—"The Tennessee Valley." (3)—"Looking Through Glass." (4)—"Approach to Science."

A vote of thanks was proposed by Butler and seconded by Betty Morgan.

November 20th.—Owing to the Royal Wedding there was no meeting.

November 27th.—A lecture was given by Dr. Willetts, who is the Chief Physicist at Chance Brothers. He spoke to the Society on the manufacture of glass, illustrating the lecture by slides and films. After his talk questions were put to Dr. Willetts by various members.

A vote of thanks was proposed by Whittingham and seconded by Daphne Nicholls.

On behalf of the Society the chairman presented to Miss Lewis, who was leaving us to take up a post at Furzedown Training College, a small gift as a token of our appreciation for all she had done for the Society.

January 15th.—Dr. C. C. Howard, our President, gave us a lecture on "Bach—his Fugues and Preludes," illustrating his points by playing on the piano, and also by using gramophone records. Dr. Howard explained to us by means of charts, and by playing, the contra-puntal style of music, harmony, and the contrast of Bach's fugues.

A vote of thanks was proposed by Jill Wood and seconded by Baker.

January 17th.—We visited the Birmingham Repertory to see their production of "The Yellow Jacket," chosen for the Christmas play. It was a Chinese play, acted in the proper Chinese

manner, which we found very interesting.

January 22nd.—We had the pleasure of hearing a talk by Mr. T. C. Kemp, the Film and Drama critic of the "Birmingham Post." Mr. Kemp spoke first of the growth of British drama from its source in ancient Greece till the time of Shakespeare. He then pointed out the main differences between the stage and the screen, urging us to be discriminating in our choice of these, as in all diversions.

A vote of thanks was proposed by Robertson and seconded

by Margaret Haines.

January 29th.—Members of the Sixth Form performed "The Importance of Being Earnest," by Oscar Wilde. Pauline Hollyoake outlined the career of the author in the field of literature, and Jean Smith introduced the characters taking part.

Mr. John Worthing-Oakley.

Mr. Algernon Moncrieffe—Richards.

Dr. Chasuble—Butler.

Lady Bracknell—Beryl Parkes.

Hon. Gwendoline Fairfax-Margaret Haines.

Cecily Cardew—Lucy Hopkins. Miss Prism—Daphne Nicholls.

Lane—Hadley.

Merriman—Whittingham.

A vote of thanks was proposed by Janet Partington and

seconded by Barratt.

February 5th.—A talk was given by Mr. Swain, one of the vicepresidents, on "Ductless Glands and Hormones." He named the seven ductless glands and described what happens if they are not functioning correctly. His talk was illustrated with the aid of the episcope.

A vote of thanks was proposed by Stephens and seconded by

Janet Harris.

February 12th.—We had the pleasure of hearing a talk by Mr. David Stevens, an old student of this school. He spoke on "Law and the Government," tracing in outline the history of our legal system, and explained in detail the work of solicitors, barristers and judges. He described some of the fundamental principles of English Law and showed how the judicature is free from Governmental control.

A vote of thanks was proposed by Lomax and seconded by

Lucy Hopkins.

February 19th.—A talk was given by Mr. Grist, of Leeds University, on "Bird Watching." He also brought with him a wonderful collection of stuffed British birds.

A vote of thanks was proposed by Round and seconded by

Jill Wood.

March 17th.—End of Term Dance, with the chairman as M.C.

June 19th.—Twenty-first Birthday Party of the Joint Societies. First we paid a visit to the Birmingham Repertory to see "The Rivals." Everyone thoroughly enjoyed seeing it acted in modern dress, particularly the old scholars, who joined us, for it was the second play acted by this Society, "The Farmer's Wife" being the first. Then we came back to school for a marvellous supper—chicken, ham and salad, followed by fruit and cream and coffee!! From 7 p.m. until 10 p.m. there was dancing, and everyone went home after a most enjoyable day.

July 23rd.—The Annual Outing of the Joint Societies took place. We set off in four Midland "Red" coaches about six o'clock in the morning, and after having broken the journey at Bedford, we arrived at Cambridge to find two of our old scholars, Margaret Stephens and Deryck Waterhouse, waiting to conduct us round the colleges. First of all we took the opportunity of seeing the world-famous "Backs," which is indeed a sight to be proud of. We then visited St. John's, Trinity, King's and Queen's. Later we walked through the town to the "Dot," where we all did justice to an excellent lunch. The coaches then took us to Ely, and we spent a most interesting afternoon going round Ely Cathedral, conducted by official guides, returning to the "Dot" for tea.

All the day the party spirits were high, but coming home some of us were all the more cheerful, as if to ward off the thought that it was to be our last outing with the J.S.—the high light and climax of its year. However, it was for us all a happy and memorable day, for which we thank Miss Jones and her

colleagues.

# **JOINT SOCIETIES SESSION, 1948-9**

Chairman – – DAPHNE NICHOLLS. Vice-Chairman – – P. J. WHITTINGHAM. Secretary – – G. J. RUSSELL.

ON Thursday, September 16th, the new Joint Societies session opened with the installation of the new officers for the year. The new chairman, Daphne Nicholls, welcomed all new members, urging them to take an active part in meetings whenever possible, and then introduced Mrs. Dorothy Hogg to the Society.

Mrs. Hogg, a personal friend of Ghandi, was able to speak from

first hand experience about Ghandi and the Indian question.

In contrast to previous meetings, when the Society was entertained by a speaker from outside, the second meeting on September 23rd took the form of an inter-house competition based on the Radio programme "Twenty Questions," which was won by King's.

The members also provided the evening's entertainment on September 30th, when four members of the Sixth Form—Ailie Bird, Doreen Roberts, Daphne Nicholls and Pardoe—talked about

the holidays they had spent on the continent.

On October 7th, the Society was visited by an old boy of the school, Detective-Inspector Mobbs, who spoke briefly about the origin of the police force and the life of a detective, and then the members saw some interesting and lurid pictures which Mr. Mobbs

had brought with him.

The Sixth Form Biology Group gave a series of talks on October 14th, and the Group—consisting of M. C. Round, J. Miller, P. P. Richards, Beryl Wright, Lucy Hopkins and Pauline Holly-oake—spoke on invertebrates, vertebrates, microscope slides, teeth, and other subjects of general biological interest, while Mr. Swaine contributed a talk of especial interest about modern medicine.

One of the high lights of the Joint Societies' year was the Sixth Form's illustrated lecture on "Shakespeare's Use of Song," which was arranged by Miss Jones. Jill Wood talked about the instruments and Valerie Bayliss about the use of the songs, while various members read and sang the songs. The whole evening

was enthusiastically received.

The members provided their own entertainment on the following Thursday, October 21st, when the Sixth Form History Group—Beryl Parkes, Daphne Nicholls, Valerie Bayliss, Beryl Wright, Doreen Roberts, Margaret Jenkins and Pardoe—gave a series of talks in the form of a broadcast, using a laboratory as a studio. They spoke about "Restoration England," and with the use of a loud speaker and incidental music an effective atmosphere was

On Thursday, November 11th, the members were entertained by the pupils of the Sixth Form Geography Group — Pauline Hollyoake, Doreen Roberts and Troman—who gave short lectures on soil erosion and hydro-electric power, and on the following Thursday the meeting took the form of a musical evening, presented by the President—Dr. Howard—who spoke about the manufacture and types of violin, while Mrs. Howard illustrated his talk. Members of the Society then had the pleasure of being entertained by the School Orchestra for the remainder of the evening.

On December 9th, the Joint Societies had its first outing of the session, when the members visited the Birmingham Repertory Theatre to see "The Comedy of Errors." This light-hearted comedy was thoroughly enjoyed by the Society, which has always had a particular affection for this Repertory Company.

The first meeting of the Spring Term was again in the form of a musical evening, and four members—Beryl Parkes, Round, Jill Wood and Richards—talked about descriptive, vocal, choral and

modern music respectively.

The most notable event of the Spring Term was undoubtedly the Sixth Form's presentation of "The Winslow Boy," by Terence Rattigan. Miss Jones produced the play and a great deal

of the credit for its success should go to her.

The members who took part were—Violet (Daphne Nicholls); Ronnie Winslow (Baker); Grace Winslow (Jill Wood); Arthur Winslow (Pardoe); Katherine Winslow (Daphne Burchett); John Watherstone (Jackson); Dickie Winslow (Richards); Desmond

Curry (Trowman); Sir Robert Morton (Whittingham).

On February 3rd, six members of the Sixth Form took part in a debate. The motion was that "In the Opinion of the House the future of youth holds more promise than ever before." Whittingham, Lucy Hopkins, Michael Pearson, David Pearson, Doreen Partington and Ian Howard took part, and there were some spirited opinions expressed from the floor. The debate was a success and members were not at all shy in stating their views.

On Thursday, February 10th, three members of the Lower Sixth spoke on subjects of their own choosing. Paul Brown talked about the industries of Oldbury, Michael Pearson on the growth of Capitalism, and Brian Gregory on Conurbation in the

Midlands.

The following meeting was devoted to Fifth Form Dramatics. Members of Vs presented "The Grand Cham's Diamond." The cast consisted of Anette, Margaret Thompson, Brenda Stace, Davies and Willetts Vg presented a one-act play—"The Bishop's Candlesticks"—the cast consisting of Enid Philips, Jean Piper, Brown, Wootton, Green, Foden and Parkes.

On Thursday, February 24th, two members of the Sixth Form spoke on "The Evolution of Man and Stalactites and Stalagmites." Miss Allen presented a film about Darjeeling, with a commentary

by Gwen Jones.

The following meeting, on March 3rd, was again devoted to dramatics, this time to two one-act plays. The Sixth Form presented "Between the Soup and the Savoury," with the scene set in a basement kitchen. Lucy Hopkins, Margaret Webb and Doreen Pugh played the parts of parlour-maid, cook and kitchenmaid respectively. Form VM presented "The Boy Comes Home,"

by A. A. Milne, the cast consisting of Jordan, Valerie Fielding, Roma Bardill, Perry, Rita Walker and Mallard.

For the last meeting of the Joint Societies year, the members had the pleasure of being entertained by an old boy of the school-Robert Murray, M.Sc.—who gave a very interesting talk on "Fermentation." And so the Joint Societies year ended as successfully as it had begun, having provided information and entertainment for every member with its varied activities, preparations for the wider social life of after-school years, and evenings of pure entertainment and good fellowship.

## **THE GUIDES, 1947-8**

FOLLOWING the events chronicled in the last issue came the Annual Camp, which was held at Beer, in Devon. We arrived in brilliant sunshine and were enthralled by the picturesque scene of a quaint little fishing village in a setting of blue sky and deeper blue sea; the camp site perched on the cliff top was pronounced ideal. We thrived on the Devon air and camp fare to the detriment of our waist lines. But time, like the tide on our bathing beach, rolled on and we were shocked to find the day of departure upon us.

After our return to "the trivial round" of school life a notable event in the history of our Company was the formation of a new Cadet Company, with Miss Tweedie as Captain. Lieutenant Russell became Captain of the Guide Company in her stead, with

Bettina Pine as Lieutenant.

Company funds always dwindle about camp time, and to swell the fund we held, on October 11th, a Jumble Sale at Oldbury. Great excitement prevailed, for the Cadets had challenged the Guides to raise more money than they. Mrs. Quayle and Miss Williams gave their usual splendid help and had a strenuous time counting up the takings. With bated breath the Guides watched the mounting totals. Finally the Cadets won by a narrow margin of shillings, and the grand total was £54—a record.

The following day we attended a Church Parade at Oldbury in commemoration of the transfer of Oldbury from Worcester to Birmingham. Our Company became the 89th Birmingham and part of the Edgbaston division. After the service the march-past was taken by Mrs. Cadbury, the Commissioner for Birmingham.

On November 1st our Cadets attended a Cadet training course at Wolverhampton at which Miss Newnham, the Commissioner for England and Miss Gilsonne, from Headquarters, were present. We thoroughly enjoyed the training and were very gratified to receive, later in the week, a letter from Miss Gilsonne stating that she had taken special notice of our Cadets and we had helped very

greatly to make the training a success.

On November 10th an open evening and enrolment was held, when Miss Danielson, the Divisional Commissioner enrolled new recruits and Cadets.

During the Christmas season our Cadets joined the Cadets of the Birmingham area in a Country Dancing Party. Some new dances were added to our repertoire and new friends made.

A number of Church Parades were attended throughout the year, the most important of these being the Divisional Parade at Edgbaston, when the salute was taken by Miss Danielson, who is

now County Commissioner.

July brought the examinations, and as one was battling with such problems as "Why were the Stuarts restored in 1660" and "What do we learn of Milton himself from his works," the delightful thought of camp would flash across one's brain — a pleasure to come! The days flew. Guide would meet Guide in the corridor and say exultantly "only ten days more to camp," and go on her way rejoicing. Soon we were counting the hours to camp—then joy of joys—the minutes for the great day had dawned. We were all thrilled to see the white-washed cottages of Beer and the blue, blue sea and once more renew our acquaint-ance with the friends of last year. In spite of heavy rain our enthusiasm was not damped and we enjoyed our fortnight's camp even more than usual. We came home very regretfully, and are now counting the months to next year's camp.

# THE GUIDES, 1948-9

THE sight of the Company Log Book, that record of our activities inscribed by varied hands and composed in varied literary styles always gives cause for reminiscence and my present task is to reminisce so as to command the interest of the unitiated

reader—"A consumation devoutly to be wished!"

Following on from the previous published record, in chonological order, comes the first important event which took place on November 8th, 1948. On this date an enrolment was held in the School Hall, when we had the support of parents and friends of the Company. The District Commissioner, Miss Merris, conducted the enrolment of several new Cadets, and Captain then enrolled some recruits. After the ceremony, displays of Tenderfoot work were given by younger Guides. Older Guides, in serried ranks, gave a display of Morse Signalling, and the Cadets performed the "Sword Dance" and a country dance, "Christ Church Bells." The traditional ending to this occasion was, of course, Camp Fire, which was enjoyed by Guides and visitors alike.

Our next record of note is November 13th when, as a result of much collecting and organising, a Jumble Sale was held in the Parish Hall, Oldbury. On emerging from the fray, with our outdoor garments intact, we found that our efforts had realised £35, not a record for such an event, but an exceedingly useful contri-

bution to Company funds.

Another effort to raise funds, this time for District Camp Equipment, took place on November 27th. This effort took the form of a "Christmas Fair," and there was an inviting display of articles of many descriptions and many were the ingenious methods adopted to coax money out of the pockets of parents and the public. Our Company's stall displayed unrationed groceries and fancy goods and the whole affair was enjoyable and very successful.

Christmas approached and we had our usual meeting enlivened by the traditional festive activities, and then came the New Year with its hopes and resolutions to settle down to real work.

Nothing else of particular interest occurred until March 18th, when the Annual General Meeting of the local Association was held in the School Hall and the President of the Association, Mrs. Stevens, was invested with her badge of office. Among the visitors of note was Miss Bristol, the local representative for International Guiding, who gave a very interesting talk on this subject. Our Company performed the enrolment ceremony for the new

members of the Association to be enrolled.

Guides followed the "even tenor of their ways" until, in search of something new and exciting, it was decided to spend one meeting cooking out of doors. This exciting event took place on May 16th when, for the first time since the early war years, each Patrol collected suitable foodstuffs in anticipation of preparing a meal in the backswoods style. Anxious eyes watched the skies during the afternoon and many hearts sank when at about 3 p.m. it began to pour with rain, which became a steady downpour lasting till 4 p.m., but hope was renewed when a watery sun struggled through threatening clouds and the weather cleared a little. The "powers that be" were a little dubious, but hopeful suppliants could not be denied and were granted permission to proceed to the "backwoods," from whence, eventually, was wafted the savoury smells of their culinary efforts and an enquiring nose was able to detect the aroma of frying bacon, sausage, eggs, chips and other succulent dainties, dear to the hearts of healthy, hungry Guides. The weather broke again but the dauntless cooks finished their task and devoured the results of their efforts in spite of the rain.

Time marched on, almost uneventfully, until June 26th, when the Company was represented by three of our Cadets at the County Ranger Parade, held at St. Martin's in the Bull Ring. An enjoyable service was conducted by the Rev. Bryan Green, who gave

an inspiring address on the subject of Guiding.

The Annual Divisional Parade was held on July 10th at Edgbaston Old Church, and our Company had the honour, for the first time in its history, of providing a Colour Party of Cadets to carry and escort the Divisional Standard, and three leaders to take the Offertory. The march past and salute was taken by Lady Gurner, the Divisional Commissioner.

We next chronicle an episode of mixed pleasure and regret, the announcement by Captain Russell of her intention to form a Guide Company at Holly Lodge. We were pleased to think of the extension of Guiding but sorry to lose her from the Company. She had been with the Company about fifteen years and we fully appreciate all she has done for it. She left with our good wishes

and promises of any required help in her new sphere.
School Certificate and Higher School Certificate came and

lapsed into the limbo of nightmares, and preparations for camp

began.

Although Beer in "Glorious Devon" was our venue there was no "contempt" even though our site was "familiar," in fact we had a most enjoyable time under fairly good weather conditions. Our "true and tried" friend, Miss Stallard, filled her usual role with efficiency and another faithful friend and supporter, Miss Davies, paid us a visit. A rather ambitious project proved very successful, the arranging of a Parents' Visit. Undeterred by the long journey, about fifty parents and friends came by coach to see us and added to the joyous memories of another happy camp.

On this happy note we ended an enjoyable and noteworthy year of Guiding, and we ask all our friends and supporters to accept our sincere thanks for their help in achieving the same.

Daphne Nicholls.

# SPORTS RESULTS, 1947

FOOTBALL—1946-47 SEASON

1st XI.—Played 10, won 3, lost 5, drawn 2. 2nd XI.—Played 5, won 3, lost 1, drawn 1. Colours were awarded to Seward and Walwyn.

#### HOUSE MATCHES.

I, Queen's—Played 3, won 3; 2, School—Played 3, won I, lost I, drawn I; 3, Trinity—Played 3, won I, lost 2; 4, King's—Played 3, won 0, lost 2, drawn I.

#### CRICKET

1st XI.—Played 12, won 8, drawn 4, lost o. 2nd XI.—Played 5, won 4, drawn 1. lost o.

Junior XI.—Played I, won I.

Colours were awarded to Cutler, Dulson, Seward and Waterhouse.

HOUSE MATCHES.

I, King's—Played 3, won 2, lost I; School—Played 3, won 2, lost I; Trinity—Played 3, won 2, lost I (equal 1st); 4, Queen's —Played 3, won 2, lost 3.

CRICKET—Ist XI v. Parents' XI, 31st May, 1947. School beat the Parents by four wickets. Parents' XI 57 all out, 1st XI

68 for six wickets declared.

CRICKET—Ist XI v. Staff XI, 18th June, 1947. Drawn. Staff XI, 77 for nine wickets declared (Mr. J. Eacott 45 not out), 1st XI 56 for seven wickets (time limit).

# ATHLETIC SPORTS RESULTS, 1947 BOYS.

Class A—under 12; Class B—under 13; Class C—under 14; Class D—under 15; Class E—open.

#### CROSS COUNTRY.

Class B—I, Williams (S); 2, Comley (K); 3, Curtis (T).

(I, Trinity; 2, School; 3, Queen's). Class D—I, Green (S); 2, Coley (T); 3, Abrahams (T).

(I, Trinity; 2, School; 3, King's).

Class E—I, Cutler (K); 2, Lomax (S); 3, Gould (Q). (I, Trinity; 2, Queen's; 3, King's). Time—12 mins. 30 secs.

#### ONE MILE.

Class E—I, Cutler (K); 2, Lomax (S); 3, Pirie (Q). (I, King's and Queen's (tie); 3, Trinity). Time—5 mins. 13½ secs.

#### 100 YARDS.

Class E-1, Shephard (Q); 2, Felmingham (Q); 3, Cook (K).

Class D—I, Morse (K); 2, Lee (T); 3, Trowman (K). 12 secs.

Class C-I, Abrahams (T); 2, Mallard (S); 3, Hall, R. (T).

Class B—I, Cutler, J. (Q); 2, Betteley (S); 3, Renhard (T).  $12\frac{4}{5}$  secs.

Class A—I, Curtis (T); 2, Carter (Q); 3, Comley (K). 132 secs.

### HIGH JUMP

Class E-1, Cutler (K); 2, Shephard (Q); 3, Cook (K).

5ft. 3½ ins. Class D—1, Trowman (K); 2, Bates (K); 3, Law (K). 4 ft. 4 ins.

Class B—I, Hall (T); 2, Tinsley (S); 3, Betteley (S). 3 ft. 10 ins.

#### CRICKET BALL

Class E-1, Cook (K); 2, Downing (S); 3, Barratt (Q). 94 yds. I ft. 2 ins.

Class D-1, Bates (K); 2, Abrahams (T); 3, Lee (T). 82 yds. I ft.  $6\frac{1}{2}$  ins.

Class B—I, Abell (K); 2, Betteley (S); 3, Aldridge (Q). 59 yds.  $6\frac{1}{2}$  ins.

#### 880 YARDS

Class D-I, Cole (K); 2, Green (S); 3, Smith, R. (Q). 2 mins. 32½ secs.

Class E-1, Cutler (K); 2, Lomax (S); 3, Pirie (Q). 2 mins. II secs.

#### LONG JUMP

Class E-1, Cutler (K); 2, Cook (K); 3, Pardoe (S). 16 ft.  $4\frac{1}{2}$  ins.

Class D-1, Abrahams (T); 2, Morse (K); 3, Smith (Q). 13 ft.  $7\frac{1}{2}$  ins.

Class B-1, Hall (T); 2, Cutler (Q); 3, Tinsley (S). 12 ft. 8 ins. 220 YARDS.

Class A—I, Carter (Q); 2, Comley (K); 3, Curtis (T). 32 secs. Class B—I, Betteley (S); 2, Renhard (T); 3, Cutler (Q). 301 secs.

Class C-I, Abrahams (T); 2, Mallard (S); 3, Coley (T). 28 secs.

Class D-1, Trowman (K); 2, Smith (Q) and Cole (K). 282 secs.

Class E-1, Shephard (Q); 2, Cook (K); 3, Felmingham (Q). 253 secs. 440 YARDS.

Class C-1, Abrahams (T); 2, Mallard (S); 3, Baker (K). 68 secs.

Class D-1, Trowman (K); 2, Porter (T); 3, Green (S). 693 secs.

Class E-1, Cutler (K); 2, Lomax (S); 3, Pirie (Q). 56\frac{1}{2} secs.

Class B—1, School; 2, Trinity; 3, Queen's. 63 secs.

Class D—I, King's; 2, Trinity; 3, Queen's. 2 mins. 3 secs. Class E—I, King's; 2, Queen's; 3, Trinity. I min.  $48\frac{3}{5}$  secs.

#### INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONS

Senior—Cutler (18 points); Intermediate—Abrahams (15 points); Junior—Hall and Cutler (6 points).

#### HOUSE CHAMPIONSHIPS.

I, King's  $(82\frac{1}{2} \text{ points})$ ; 2, Trinity (68 points); 3, School (51 points); 4, Queen's  $(50\frac{1}{2} \text{ points})$ .

# ATHLETIC SPORTS RESULTS—1947 GIRLS

#### ROUNDERS BALL.

Class E-1, J. Jakeman (K); 2, A. Brettel (K); 3, M. Smart (T). 50 yds. 10 ins.

Class D—I, D. Batey (T); 2, B. Hounsell (K); 3, R. Walker (T).

44 yds. 4 ins. Class B—I, J. Charnell (T); 2, M. Lilley (S); 3, M. Pepper (K). 38 yds. 4 ins.

## HIGH JUMP

Class E—I, E. Sims (T); 2, H. Lane (Q); 3, B. Herring (Q) and M. Sankey (Q). 3 ft. 9½ ins.

Class D—I, E. Phillips (T); 2, P. Newman (Q); 3, B. Harrold (S). 3ft. 8½ ins.

Class B—I, A. Roberts (T); 2, V. Williams (T); 3, R. Ware (S) and S. Plant (Q). 3 ft. 5 ins.

# LONG JUMP.

Class E—I, A. Brettell (K); 2, O. Gibbs (K); 3, M. Haines (K).

12 ft. 2½ ins.

Class D-1, K. Lewis (T); 2, B. Stace (Q); 3, E. Phillips (T).

12 ft. 5 ins.
Class B—1, V. Williams (T); 2, J. Stamps (T); 3, J. Turner (Q).
10 ft. 7 ins.

#### 100 YARDS.

Class A—I, V. Shaw (S); 2, J. Whitehouse (K); 3, S. Payne

(S).  $13\frac{3}{5}$  secs. Class B—I, H. Hadley (T); 2, J. Bacon (Q); 3, M. Abbey (K).

Class  $C_{-1}$ , P. Newman (Q); 2, B. Harrold (S); 3, B. Davies (S).  $13\frac{1}{5}$  secs.

Class D—I, B. Stace (Q); 2, K. Lewis (T); 3, E. Phillips (T). 12\frac{3}{5} secs.

Class E—I, B. Herring (Q); 2, E. Sims (T); 3, M. Smart (T). 12 $\frac{3}{5}$  secs.

#### SKIPPING.

Class A-I, V. Shaw (S); 2, F. Reeves (S); 3, A. Collins (Q).

Class B—I, S. Plant (Q); 2, V. Williams (T); 3, J. Bacon (Q).

Class C—I, P. Newman (Q); 2, M. Pollard (K); 3, B. Davies

(S).  $14\frac{2}{5}$  secs. Class D—I, B. Stace (Q); 2, K. Lewis (T); 3, A. Davies (Q).

13\frac{1}{5} secs.

Class E—I, B. Herring (Q); 2, O. Gibbs (K); 3, M. Smart (T).

13\frac{1}{5} secs.

#### 220 YARDS

Class B—I, H. Hadley (T); 2, M. Abbey (K); 3, V. Shaw (S).

Class D—I, B. Stace (Q); 2, J. Partington (S); 3, C. Fox (S).  $30\frac{3}{5}$  secs.

Class E—I, B. Herring (Q); 2, E. Sims (T); 3, O. Gibbs (K). 29½ secs.

#### RELAY

Class B—I, Trinity; 2, Queen's; 3, King's.  $67\frac{4}{5}$  secs. Class D—I, Trinity; 2, Queen's; 3, King's.  $62\frac{4}{5}$  secs. Class E—I, Trinity; 2, Queen's; 3, King's.  $62\frac{1}{5}$  secs.

#### INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONS.

Senior—B. Herring (9½ points); Intermediate—B. Stace (II points); Junior—V. Williams and V. Shaw (7 points).

#### HOUSE CHAMPIONSHIPS

r, Trinity (65 points); 2, Queen's (52½ points); 3, King's (30 points); 4, School (20½ points).

House Championships—Combined Results.

1, Trinity (133 points); 2, King's (112½ points); 3, Queen's (103 points); 4, School (71½ points).

### SWIMMING GALA—1947 BOYS

Intermediate: Dive—I, Lawton (K); 2, Jones (Q); 3, Gould (S).
Senior: I length Breast—I, Grainger (K); 2, Gould (Q); 3, Jennings (T). 20 secs.

Intermediate: I length Breast—I, Gould (S); 2, Annett (T); 3, Shirley (S). 23\frac{2}{5} secs.

Junior: I length Breast—I, Buttress (K); 2, Rock (T); 3, Wallin (S). 27 secs.

Senior: Plunge—1, Grainger (K); 2, M. Pearson (T); 3, Morse (K).

Junior: I width Back—I, Wallin (S); 2, Viney (S); 3, Hughes (K).  $12\frac{1}{5}$  secs.

Intermediate: I width Beginners—I, Cutler (S); 2, J. Smith (K). II secs.

Junior: I width Beginners—I, Cox (T); 2, Cave (T); 3, Lines (K). II<sup>1</sup>/<sub>5</sub> secs.

Intermediate: 2 lengths Free Style—I, Lawton (K); 2, Jones (Q);

3, Gould (S). 39\frac{4}{5} secs.

Junior: Dive—1, Viney (S); 2, Hughes (K); 3, Mitchell (S).

Senior: 1 length Back Stroke—1, Downing (S); 2, Strode (T);

3, Gould (Q). 21 secs.

Intermediate: 1 length Back Stroke-1, Cole (K); 2, Lawton (K);

3, Jones (Q). 24 secs.

Senior: I length Free Style—I, Abrahams (T); 2, Downing (S); 3, Strode (T). 15\frac{1}{5} secs.

Under 14: I length Free Style—I, Rock (T); 2, Easey (K); 3, Jacobs (S). 21 secs.

Intermediate: I length Free Style—I, Lawton (K); 2, Jones (Q);

3, Shirley (S). 181 secs.

Junior: I length Free Style—I, Rock (T); 2, Viney (S); 3, Mitchell (S). 21 secs.

Senior: Dive—1, Strode (T); 2, Grainger (K); 3, M. Pearson (T) 4 x 1 length Relay—1, Trinity; 2, Queen's; 3, King's.

#### INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONS

Senior—Downing (S), Grainger (K) and Strode (T) all tied with 8 points each; Intermediate—Lawton (K) 11 points, runner-up Jones (Q) 7 points; Junior—Viney (S) 7 points, runner-up Rock (T) 5 points.

#### HOUSE CHAMPIONSHIP.

I, Trinity (37 points); 2, King's (36 points); 3, School (32

points); 4, Queen's (14 points).

From the foregoing results it can be seen that the school teams enjoyed a reasonably successful and enjoyable season. The football fixture list was lamentably curtailed by prolonged bad weather during January and February, and this seemed to affect the team, so that it was unable to settle down, in the latter part of the season to its initial sturdy performances.

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The cricket XI, under Fred Brown's thoughtful and inspiring captaincy, completed its 12 fixtures undefeated, and only Mr. J. Eacott, of the Staff, succeeded in completely mastering the fine attack of Cook and Seward, scoring 45 not out in the School v.

Staff match.

The Parents' XI provided yet another fine game, which the School won by four wickets. After a fine opening stand by Messrs. Tatton and Waterhouse had been broken, the rest of the team offered little resistance, and were all out for 57. Stalwart contributions by Seward, Cook and Sheppard, enabled this score to be comfortably passed, and the Shield became the possession

of the School XI for the second year in succession.

On Sports Day, Cutler achieved success in decisive fashion, winning every event for which he entered, and emerged as Senior Champion with 18 points. All observers were amazed by the surprisingly fast times returned by M. V. Abrahams, Trinity's intermediate runner. Great things are expected of this youngster next year. This was the first Sports Day at which the times and performances returned in several events were placed on record. Trinity once more won the House Championship, thus maintaining its superiority of the past few years.

The Swimming Gala was held at Langley Baths and some fine swimming resulted in Trinity becoming House Champions (Boys)

by a very narrow margin over King's House.

# SPORTS RESULTS—Boys, 1948

#### FOOTBALL—1947-48 SEASON.

1st XI.—Played 23, won 14, lost 8, drawn 1. Goals for 86, goals against 46.

and XI.—Played II, won II, lost o. Goals for 68, goals against

Junior XI.—Played 10, won 0, lost 9, drawn 1. Goals for 11, goals against 35.

Colours were awarded to D. Fraser, N. Bradley, B. Walker, K. Pirie, J. Gould and E. Grosvenor.

#### HOUSE MATCHES.

I, Trinity—Played 3, won 3; 2, Queen's—Played 3, won 2, lost 1; 3, School—Played 3, won I, lost 2; 4, King's—Played 3, won 0, lost 3.

The Champion House, Trinity, then played "The Rest"

and won by 3 goals to I.

#### CRICKET-1948 SEASON.

1st XI.—Played 13, won 4, lost 6, drawn 3. 2nd XI.—Played 7, won 5, lost 2, drawn o. Junior XI.—Played 5, won 0, lost 5. Colours were awarded to D. Fraser.

#### HOUSE MATCHES.

I, King's—Played 3, won 3; 2, Queen's—Played 3, won 2, lost 1; 3, School—Played 3, won 1, lost 2; 4, Trinity—Played 3, won 0, lost 3.

The match, "King's v. The Rest," resulted in a win for "The

Rest " by four wickets.

CRICKET—School XI v. The Parents, May 22nd, 1948. Parents' beat the School by one wicket. School, 88 for six wkts. declared (Waterhouse 37), Parents' 91 for nine wickets.

CRICKET—School 1st XI. v. Staff XI, July 28th, 1948. The Staff beat School by 14 runs. Staff XI 96 all out (A. R. Malcolm 51), School 1st XI 82 all out (Grainger 22, Waterhouse 22).

Mr. Malcolm, Sports Master, makes the following comments

on the members of the School 1st XI.-

Shephard (capt.)—Has had a poor season with bat and ball,

but has done well as captain with the material available.

Waterhouse (vice-capt.)—Sound opening defensive batsman, who should make plenty of runs when he develops more strokes. Has bowled well at times, but must not overdo the off-spinner.

Fraser.—His bowling has improved considerably during the season; has the build of a fast bowler, but does not put enough bodywork into his action. Has batted well at times.

Bassford.—Purely defensive left-hand bat; must learn to hit

the ball harder. Has fielded well.

Russell.—Has the eye of a good batsman, but not the tech-

nique. Has fielded very well.

Dittrich.—Very promising slow left-arm bowler who is not afraid to toss the ball up, but must study his field placing, and must not drop the ball short when being hit. Has possibilities as a batsman.

Bradley.—The best attacking batsman in the side; should

develop well. Very good field and useful change bowler.

Grainger.—Improved towards the end of the season. A good runner between the wickets and good fielder.

Jackson.—Has proved a sound wicket-keeper; must always

back up his hands with his legs.

Morgan.—Has not fulfilled his promise of last season as a batsman, being too much inclined to play back, and must correct his method of so doing. Has bowled well at times. His fielding needs tightening up.

Barratt.—Maintained his place through excellent fielding. An

unscientific hitter

Hadley.—Must learn to move bat and body to the ball and not let the ball hit the bat.

#### AVERAGES—BATTING.

Grainger—Innings, 7; Times not out, 4; Most in an inns., 22; runs, 46; Average, 15.3.

Fraser—12—4—21\*—82—10.25.

Waterhouse—11—0—37—110—10. Bradley—11—4—21\*—70—10.

#### BOWLING.

Fraser—Overs, 108.3; Maidens, 28; Runs, 196; Wickets, 37; Average, 5.3.

Morgan—36.7—13—79—15—5.3. Waterhouse—60.5—14—140—26—5.38.

\* Denotes " not out."

#### ATHLETIC SPORTS RESULTS-1948.

#### GIRLS.

## 80 YARDS FLAT.

Class A-I, J. Cutler (Q); 2, M. Jeavons (T); 3, G. Pearce (T). II secs.

#### 100 YARDS FLAT.

Class B—I, V. Shaw (S); 2, S. Payne (S); 3, F. Reeves (S).  $13\frac{1}{5}$  secs.

Class C-I, V. Williams (T); 2, J. Bacon (Q); 3, S. Plant (Q). 13½ secs.

Class D—I, B. Harrold (S); 2, P. Newman (Q); 3, B. Davies (S).

Class E-I, E. Sims (T); 2, E. Phillips (T); 3, B. Stace (Q). 12% secs.

#### SKIPPING.

Class A—I, I. Farr (T); 2, C. Chadbourne (K); 3, J. Cutler (Q) 15\frac{1}{5} secs.

Class B—I, F. Reeves (S); 2, V. Shaw (S); 3, A. Collins (Q). 13号 secs.

Class C-1, J. Bacon (Q), 2, S. Plant (Q); 3, V. Williams (T). 141 secs.

Class D-I, B. Davies (S); 2, P. Newman (Q); 3, M. Pollard (K) 145 secs.

Class E-1, B. Stace (Q); 2, E. Sims (T); 3, O. Gibbs (K). 13者 secs.

## 220 YARDS FLAT

Class B—I, S. Payne (S); 2, F. Reeves (S); 3, J. Johnson (S).  $31\frac{4}{5}$  secs.

Class C-1, V. Williams (T); 2, J. Bacon (Q); 3, M. Abbey (K). 32 secs.

Class D—I, B. Harrold (S); 2, S. Strong (T); 3, P. Newman (Q) 30\frac{2}{5} secs.

Class E—I, E. Sims (T); 2, B. Stace (Q); 3, E. Phillips (T).  $29\frac{1}{5}$  secs.

LONG JUMP.

Class B—I, J. Whitehouse (K); 2, J. Turner (Q); 3, F. Reeves (S). 12 ft. 8 ins.

Class D—1, B. Harrold (S); 2, P. Newman (Q); 3, V. Williams (T). 12 ft.  $7\frac{1}{2}$  ins.

Class E—1, K. Lewis (T); 2, E. Phillips (T); 3, A. Bright (S). 13 ft.  $9\frac{1}{2}$  ins.

HIGH JUMP

Class B—I, J. Whitehouse (K); 2, M. Morse (K) and A. Collins (Q). 3 ft.  $7\frac{1}{2}$  ins.

Class D—1, B. Harrold (S) and M. Pollard (K); 3, P. Newman (Q). 3 ft. 10½ ins.

Class E-1, E. Sims (T); 2, A. Bright (S) and K. Lewis (T). 3 ft. 10 ins.

ROUNDERS BALL.

Class B—1, V. Shaw (S); 2, A. Collins (Q); 3, B. Sorrell (Q). 38 yds. 2 ft. 8½ ins.

Class D—1, B. Gough (T); 2, M. Halliwell (S); 3, J. Charnell (T). 43 yds. 8 ins.

Class E—I, D. Batey (T); 2, O. Gibbs (K); 3, B. Hounsell (K). 47 yds. 2 ft.  $4\frac{1}{2}$  ins.

INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONS

Senior—E. Sims (T) 11 points, B. Stace (Q) 6 points; Intermediate—B. Harrold (S) 11½ points, P. Newman (Q) 8 points; Junior—V. Shaw (S) 8 points, F. Reeves (S) 7 points.

## ATHLETIC SPORTS RESULTS—1948 BOYS

100 YARDS.

Class A—I, Oakey (T); 2, Carter (Q); 3, Spencer (S) and Perkins (Q). 13\frac{4}{5} secs.

Class B—I, Gurney (Q); 2, Hargest (T); 3, Moss (Q).  $13\frac{2}{5}$  secs. Class C—I, Betteley (S); 2, Cutler (Q); 3, Roberts (Q).  $12\frac{3}{5}$  secs.

Class D—I, Abrahams (T); 2, Mallard (S); 3, Parkes (Q) II<sup>3</sup>/<sub>5</sub> secs. Class E—I, Grosvenor (T); 2, Shephard (Q); 3, Felmingham (Q). II secs.

#### 220 YARDS.

Class A—I, Carter (Q); 2, Oakey (T); 3, Spencer (S).  $32\frac{2}{5}$  secs. Class B—I, Hargest (T); 2, Moss (Q); 3, Gurney (Q).  $31\frac{1}{5}$  secs. Class C—I, Betteley (S); 2, Roberts (Q); 3, Mitchell (S).  $29\frac{2}{5}$  secs. Class D—I. Abrahams (T): 2, Mallard (S): 3, Parkes (O).

Class D—I, Abrahams (T); 2, Mallard (S); 3, Parkes (Q).  $27\frac{1}{5}$  secs.

Class E—1, Grosvenor (T); 2, Gould (Q); 3, Shephard (Q). 25 secs.

# 440 YARDS.

Class C—I, Betteley (S); 2, Mitchell (S); 3, Roberts (Q).  $71\frac{1}{5}$  secs. Class D—I, Abrahams (T); 2, Coley (T); 3, Mallard (S).  $64\frac{1}{5}$  secs. Class E—I, Gould (Q); 2, Pardoe (S); 3, Barratt (Q).  $59\frac{4}{5}$  secs.

#### 880 YARDS.

Class D—I, Coley (T); 2, Murray (S); 3, Edge (K). 2 mins.  $32\frac{1}{5}$  secs.

Class E—I, Pirie (Q); 2, Gould (Q); 3, Smith (Q). 2 mins. 2I secs.

#### ONE MILE.

Class E (individual)—1, Pirie (Q); 2, Lomax (S); 3, Green (S).

5 mins. 10\frac{3}{5} secs.

Class E (team)—I, Queen's; 2, School; 3, King's.

#### CROSS COUNTRY.

Class B (individual)—1, Purvis (S); 2, Chetwynd (T); 3, Deeley (K). 12 mins. 59\frac{2}{5} secs.

Class B (team)—I, Trinity; 2, King's; 3, School.

Class D (individual)—I, Abrahams (T); 2, Coley (T); 3, Westwood (K). 12 mins. 28<sup>2</sup>/<sub>5</sub> secs.

Class D (team)—I, Trinity; 2, School; 3, Queen's.

Class E (individual)—I, Lomax (S); 2, Pirie (Q); 3, Green (S). II mins. 31<sup>2</sup>/<sub>5</sub> secs.

Class E (team)—I, Queen's; 2, School; 3, Trinity.

# LONG JUMP.

Class B—1, Ashby (Q); 2, Rose (T); 3, Turner (T).
12 ft. 9½ ins.

Class D—I, Abrahams (T); 2, Mallard (S); 3, Parkes (Q). 15 ft. 2½ ins.

Class E—I, Pardoe (S); 2, Russell (S); 3, Laister (T). 16 ft. 8½ ins.

# HIGH JUMP.

Class B—I, Ashby (Q); 2, Rose (T); 3, Turner (T). 3 ft. 8 ins.

Class D-1, Parkes (Q); 2, Hall (T); 3, Green (S).

4 ft. 5 ins.

Class E—I, Shephard (Q); 2, Hadley (T); 3, Lowe (S). 4 ft. 10 ins.

CRICKET BALL.

Class B—I, Purvis (S); 2, Cook (K); 3, Deeley (K).

58 yds. 2 ft. 4 ins.

Class D-1, Abrahams (T); 2, Mallard (S); 3, Hall (T).

73 yds. I ft.  $4\frac{1}{2}$  ins.

Class E—I, Bates (K); 2, Oakey (K); 3, Barratt (Q). 88 yds. I in.

RELAYS.

Class B (4 x 110)—1, Queen's; 2, Trinity; 3, King's. 62  $\frac{4}{5}$  secs. Class D (4 x 220)—1, Trinity; 2, School; 3, Queen's. 2 mins.  $2\frac{4}{5}$  secs.

Class E (4 x 220)—1, Queen's; 2, Trinity; 3, School. 1 min. 48½ secs.

# INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONS

Senior—Pirie (Q) 8 points, Gould (Q) 7 points; Intermediate—Abrahams (T) 18 points, Mallard (S) 9 points; Junior—Purvis (S) 6 points, Hargest (T) 5 points.

#### FINAL HOUSE POSITIONS.

I, Trinity (143½ points); 2, Queen's (120 points); 3, School (117½ points); 4, King's (45 points).

## BOYS' SWIMMING GALA-1948.

Junior—under 13 years; Intermediate—under 15 years; Senior—open.

Intermediate: Dive—I, Hughes (K); 2, Viney (S); 3, Chalk (T). Senior: I length Breast Stroke—I, Grainger (K); 2, Gould (S);

3, Pearson, M. (T).

Intermediate: I length Breast Stroke—I, Chalk (T); 2, Thomas (T); 3, Wallin (S).

Junior: I length Breast Stroke—I, Cook (K); 2, Turner (T); 3, Jones (K).

Intermediate: I width Beginners—I, Johnson (S); 2, Thomas (S); 3, Bonas (Q).

Junior: I width Beginners—I, Chetwynd (T); 2, Debney (K);

3, Babington (Q). Senior: 1 length Free Style—1, Downing (S); 2, Abrahams (T);

3, Strode (T).
Intermediate: I length Free Style—I, Chalk (T); 2, Lawton (K);

3, Rock (T).

Junior: I length Free Style—I, Jones (K); 2, Cook (K); 3, Spencer (S).

Junior: Dive-1, Spencer (S); 2, Jones (K); 3, Cook (K).

Senior: I length Back Stroke—I, Downing (S); 2, Howard (S);

3, Barratt (Q).
Intermediate: I length Back Stroke—I, Chalk (T); 2, Viney (S);

3, Abrahams (T).

Junior, I width Back Stroke—I, Jones (K); 2, Turner (T); 3, Lines (K).

One length Free Style, under 14-1, Viney (S); 2, Mitchell (S);

3, Rock (T).

Senior: Plunge—1, Grainger (K); 2, Chalk (T); 3, Shephard (Q) Senior: 2 lengths Free Style—1, Downing (S); 2, Strode (T); 3,

Jennings (T).

Intermediate: 2 lengths Free Style—I, Chalk (T); 2, Lawton (K);

3, Mitchell (S).

Senior: Dive-1, Grainger (K); 2, Strode (T); 3, Pearson, M. (T)

## RELAY.

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

## HOUSE CHAMPIONSHIP.

I, Trinity (43 points); 2, School (37 points); 3, King's (34 points); 4, Queen's (6 points).

### INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIPS.

Senior—Downing (S) and Grainger (K) 9 points; Intermediate—Chalk (T) 15 points; Junior—Jones (K) 9 points.

Once more, a fine year of sport was enjoyed by all the School teams. The Cricket Eleven, though not so successful as last year, was by no means disgraced, as four victories, three drawn games, and some very narrow defeats show. A sporting declaration by Shephard in the Parents' match provided an exhilarating finish, with the Parents' just wresting the Shield from the School. The annual match against the Staff was thoroughly enjoyed by both teams, and again the all-round ability of J. Eacott and A. R. Malcolm carried the Staff to victory.

In the Athletic field, Trinity maintained its position as Champion House, M. V. Abrahams being well to the fore over a wide range of events. Three new records were established; Ashley in the Junior Long Jump, the Intermediate and Senior Relays, provided new record times. Pirie became a deserving Senior Champion, while M. V. Abrahams again scored maximum points in be-

coming Intermediate Champion.

The Swimming Gala was very well conducted, and was therefore most enjoyable, with Trinity emerging as Champion House after a close struggle with School.

The 1st Football XI got through a heavy programme creditably, a high standard of play being maintained throughout. A happy augury for the future was the fine display by the 2nd XI, who won every match, with a large favourable balance in goal average.

Trinity were undefeated in House Football matches, achieving the rare feat of defeating "The Rest." They failed to win a Cricket match, however, and King's House gave a fine display of

keen fielding, batting and bowling to win three matches.

It is fitting that this summary should end with a tribute to Mr. A. R. Malcolm, who left us at the end of the year. His stay at the School was of immense benefit to every branch of Sport, and he maintained and enhanced the tradition of the School in every way. Whatever he did was efficient and whole-hearted, and above all, he left everyone with the feeling that he had encouraged others, and had contrived himself, to always play the game.

# HOCKEY—1946-47. HOUSE CHAMPIONSHIPS.

Trinity played 2, won 2; Queen's played 2, won 1, lost 1; School played 2, won 1, lost 1; King's played 2, lost 2. First Eleven played 5, won 5.

# HOUSE CHAMPIONSHIPS.

Queen's played 3, won 2, lost 1; Trinity played 3, won 2, lost 1; King's played 3, won 1, lost 1, drew 1; School played 3, lost 3. First Eleven played 15 matches, won 8, drew 3, lost 4.

# TENNIS—1947. HOUSE CHAMPIONSHIPS.

Queen's played 3, won 3; School played 3, won 2, lost 1; Trinity played 3, won 1, lost 2; King's played 3, lost 3.

Outside matches—Played 1, lost 1.

#### 1948.

#### HOUSE CHAMPIONSHIP.

Queen's played 6, won 5; King's played 6, won 4; School played 6, won 3; Trinity played 6, won 0.

Outside matches—Played 3, lost 3.

# ROUNDERS—1947. HOUSE CHAMPIONSHIP.

Queen's played 3, won 2, lost 1; Trinity played 3, won 2, lost 1; King's played 3, won 2, lost 1; School played 3, lost 3. Outside matches—Played 2, won 2.

#### 1948.

## HOUSE CHAMPIONSHIP.

King's played 3, won 2, drew 1; School played 3, won 1, drew 2; Trinity played 3, won 1, lost 1, drew 1; Queen's played 3, lost 3. Outside matches—Played 4, won 4.

#### GIRLS' SWIMMING SPORTS-1947.

#### HOUSE CHAMPIONSHIP.

King's,  $50\frac{1}{2}$ ; School, 38; Queen's,  $37\frac{1}{2}$ ; Trinity, 15.

#### INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIP.

Senior—Jeanne Jakeman (K), Betty Herring (Q); Intermediate—Audrey Dawes (Q), Betty Harrold (S); Junior—Mary Reddick (S), Norah Fletcher (S) and Doris Easter (Q) equal.

#### 1948.

# HOUSE CHAMPIONSHIP.

School, 73; King's, 54; Queen's, 43; Trinity, 10.

# INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIP.

Senior—Christine Fox, Gwendoline Jones; Intermediate—Barbara Smith, Norah Fletcher; Junior—Barbara Sorrell, Mary Watson.

#### AWARDS OF THE ROYAL LIFE SAVING SOCIETY.

1943: Intermediate Certificate — Brenda Campbell, Doreen Partington; Bronze Medal—Brenda Campbell, Doreen Partington.

1944: Intermediate Certificate—Ailie Bird, Gillian Fox, Betty

Herring, June Hinsley; Bronze Medal-Gillian Fox.

1946: Intermediate Certificate—Christine Fox, Margaret Grieve, Janet Hawkins, Betty Hounsell, Jeanne Jakeman, Doreen Pugh; Bronze Medal—Ailie Bird, Christine Fox, Margaret Grieve, Janet Hawkins, Betty Herring, June Hinsley, Betty Hounsell, Jeanne Jakeman, Doreen Pugh; Silver Medal—Brenda Campbell, Doreen Partington.

## GIRLS' SWIMMING RESULTS, 1948.

Juniors (II and I2 years)—

Beginners Width (II years)—I, A. Whittingham (T); 2, J. Palmer (S). (I2 years)—I, M. Watson (S); 2, P. Goreham (Q); 3, J. Hutchinson (T).

Length (II and I2 years)—I, M. Watson (S); 2, D. Easter (Q); 3, P. Goreham (Q).

Diving for Style—B. Sorrell (Q).

Back Stroke (I length)—I, P. Goreham (Q); 2, B. Sorrell

(Q); 3, M. Bagnall (K). Diving for Plates—1, M. York (Q) and B. Sorrell (Q).

Champion—Betty Sorrell, 12½ points.

Intermediate (13 and 14 years)—

Beginners Width-1, J. Howen (Q); 2, R. Ware (S).

Length (13 years)—1, N. Fletcher (S); 2, M. Hall (Q); 3, V. Williams (T). (14 years)—I, B. Smith (K); 2, V. Jacomb (K); 3, B. Harrold (S). Diving for Style—M. Reddick (S).

Back Stroke (I length) (13 years)—I, N. Fletcher (S); 2, V. Williams (T). (14 years)—1, B. Smith (K); 2, J.

McIvor (S); 3, J. Eggington (K). Life Saving (I length)—I, B. Harrold (S); 2, N. Fletcher (S) Sculling—I, B. Smith (K); 2, B. Harrold (S).

Champion—Barbara Smith, 15 points. Runnner-up—Norah Fletcher, 13 points.

Senior (15 and over)—

One Length-I, B. Hounsell (K); 2, C. Fox (S); 3, A. Dawes (Q).

Diving for Style—1, G. Jones (K); 2, C. Fox (S); 3, A. Dawes (Q).

Sculling-1, D. Partington (K); 2, C. Fox (S); 3, B. Hounsell (K).

Diving for Plates—1, G. Jones (K); 2, C. Fox (S); 3, D. Partington (K).

Life Saving (I length)—I, C. Fox (S); 2, M. Grieve (O); 3, D. Pugh (K).

House Team Race-I, King's; 2, School; 3, Queen's. Champion—Christine Fox, 17 points.

## HOUSE CHAMPIONSHIPS.

I, School (73 points); 2, King's (54 points); 3, Queen's (43 points); 4, Trinity (10 points).

#### INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIPS.

Senior-C. Fox (17 points), G. Jones (10 points); Intermediate—B. Smith (15 points), N. Fletcher (13 points); Junior—B. Sorrell (12½ points), M. Watson (10 points).

# SPORTS RESULTS, 1949—Boys

#### FOOTBALL SEASON-1948-49.

1st XI.—Played 32, won 19, lost 6, drawn 7. Goals for 114, goals against 73. Captain—G. Russell, vice-captain—A. R. Pardoe.

Colours were awarded to Barratt, Grainger, Jennings, Smith and Abrahams.

Chief goal scorers were Russell (32), Jackson (31) and

Barratt 24.

2nd XI.—Played 24, won 16, lost 6, drawn 2. Goals for 110, goals against 56.

Captain-Round.

Junior XI—Played 13, won 6, lost 6, drawn 1. Goals for

47, goals against 44.

Abrahams was selected for several English Trials throughout the season. He was selected to play in the Final English Trial at Bristol. He played for "The Rest" v. England, but unfortun-

ately he was not selected for the International side

Several of our junior pupils have been assisting the Oldbury Schoolboys' Team throughout the season and they have done extremely well. Among those who have played are—Abrahams, Abell, Hadley, Williams, Parkes, Steventon, Purvis, Cutler, Brindley and Green.

HOUSE MATCHES—FOOTBALL, 1949.

I, School—Won 3, lost o; 2, Queen's—Won 2, lost I; 3, Trinity—Won I, lost 2; 4, King's—Won o, lost 3.

# CRICKET—SEASON 1949.

1st XI.—Played 16, won 9, lost 5, drawn 2. Captain—G. J. Russell; vice-captain—N. K. Jennings.

#### AVERAGES—BATTING.

- R. Smith—Innings, 16; Not out, 2; Runs, 197; Highest score 45, Average, 14.07.
- G. J. Russell—15—2—151—34—11.62.
- P. Abell—14—2—134—42—11.17.
- N. Jackson-14-2-124-40-10.33.

#### BOWLING.

- G. J. Russell—Overs, 10; Maidens, 3; Runs, 14; Wickets, 5; Average, 2.8.
- R. L. Dittrich—82.4—12—254—57—4.45.
- N. K. Jennings—29.5—5—83—12—6.92.

S. S. Taylor—96—24—179—7.46.

Jackson (wicket-keeper)—Caught 14, Stumped 11.

Colours were awarded to Russell, Dittrich, Smith and Jackson.

2nd XI.—Played 5, won 1, lost 2, drawn 2.

Captain-M. Round.

Junior XI.—Played 5, won 3, lost 1, drawn 1. Captain—J. Cutler.

# PARENTS' CRICKET MATCH, 1949.

The boys defeated the parents and thus regained the Parents' Shield.

School XI.—123 for nine declared. Russel (34), Abell (42), Jackson (14), Taylor (16 not out).

Mr. Devenport took five wickets for 15 runs.

Parents' XI.—53. Mr. Gross (24), Mr. Smith (13).

Dittrich took five wickets for 13 runs.

## CRICKET HOUSE MATCHES.

Senior: King's—Played 3, won 2, lost 1; Queen's Played 3, won 2, lost 1; School—Played 3, won 2, lost 1; Trinity—Played 3, won 0, lost 3.

Junior: King's—Played 3, won 3, lost 0; School—Played 3, won 2, lost 1; Trinity—Played 3, won 1, lost 2; Queen's—Played

3, won o, lost 3.

# ATHLETIC SPORTS RESULTS, 1949 BOYS.

Class A—under 12; Class B—under 13; Class C—under 14; Class D—under 15; Class E—open.

## CROSS COUNTRY.

Class B—1, Oakey (T); 2, Perkins (Q); 3, Fardon (K). 12 mins. 45 secs.

I, King's; 2, Queen's; 3, School.

Class D—I, Purvis (S); 2, Betterley (S); 3, Williams (S).
13 mins. 33 secs.

I, School; 2, Trinity; 3, Queen's.

Class E—I, Green (S); 2, Cole (K); 3, Jennings (T).
12 mins. 6 secs.

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

## ONE MILE.

Class E—I, Green (S); 2, Jennings (T); 3, Cole (K).
I, Trinity; 2, King's; 3, School.

#### 100 YARDS.

Class E—I, Laister (T); 2, Morse (K); 3, Parkes (Q). II secs. Class D—I, Cutler (Q): 2, Abell (K): 3, Roberts (Q), II o secs.

Class D—I, Cutler (Q); 2, Abell (K); 3, Roberts (Q). II.9 secs. Class C—I, Gurney (Q); 2, Hargest (T); 3, Chetwynd (T).

Class B—I, Barratt (Q); 2, Carter (Q); 3, Oakey (T). 13.2 secs. Class A—I, Hadley (T); 2, Bailey (Q); 3, Harrison (Q). 13.4 secs.

# HIGH JUMP.

Class E-I, Trowman (K); 2, Foden (S); 3, Cole (K).

4 ft. 7 ins.

Class D-I, Poole (K); 2, Mitchell (S); 3, Cutler (Q).

4 ft. 43 ins.

Class B-1, Osborne (S); 2, Oakey (T); 3, Mandell (T). 3 ft. 8½ ins.

CRICKET BALL.

Class E-1, Abrahams (T); 2, Jennings (T); 3, Adams (Q). 246 ft.. 3 ins.

Class D-I, Abell (K); 2, Purvis (S); 3, Hadley (Q). 186 ft. 9 ins.

Class B—1, Cook (K); 2, Oakey (T); 3, Cox (S). 159 ft.

# 880 YARDS.

Class D—1, Williams (S); 2, Betterley (S); 3, Robertson (T). 2 mins. 36.2 secs.

Class E-1, Green (S); 2, Jennings (T); 3, Round (Q). 2 mins. 20.2 secs.

## LONG JUMP.

Class E-1, Laister (T); 2, Morse (K); 3, Russell (S). 17 ft.  $7\frac{1}{2}$  ins.

Class D-1, Moss (Q); 2, Shaw (S); 3, Green (S). 13 ft. 11 ins. Class B-1, Oakey (T); 2, Osborne (S); 3, Mandell (T) 13 ft. 8 ins.

## 220 YARDS.

Class A—I, Hadley (T); 2, Bailey (Q); 3, Jackson (T). 32.6 secs. Class B—I, Barratt (Q); 2, Oakey (T); 3, Carter (Q). 31.6 secs.

Class C—I, Gurney (Q); 2, Chetwynd (T); 3, Moss (Q). 30.4 secs. Class D—I, Roberts (Q); 2, Mitchell (S); 3, Cutler (Q). 28.6 secs. Class E-1, Laister (T); 2, Abrahams (T); 3, Russell (S).

26.2 secs.

#### 440 YARDS.

Class C-1, Purvis (S); 2, Ashby (Q); 3, Chetwynd (T). 73 secs. Class D-1, Roberts (Q); 2, Mitchell (S); 3, Betteley (S). 68.6 secs.

Class E-1, Jennings (T); 2, Green (S); 3, Smith (Q). 60 secs.

#### RELAYS.

Class B (4 x 110 yds.)—1, Trinity and Queen's (tie); 3, School. 64.8 secs.

Class D (4 x 220 yds.)—I, Queen's; 2, School; 3, King's. 2 mins. 3\frac{4}{5} secs.

Class E (4 x 220 yds.)—I, Trinity; 2, School; 3, King's, I min. 51% secs.

#### INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONS.

Senior—Green (II points); Intermediate—Roberts (7 points): Junior—Oakey (13 points).

#### HOUSE CHAMPIONSHIP-BOYS.

I, Trinity (79 points); 2, School (69 points); 3, Queen's (62 points); 4, King's (41 points).

# ATHLETIC SPORTS RESULTS, 1949—Girls

## ROUNDERS BALL.

Class E—I, K. Lewis (T); 2, B. Stace (Q); 3, M. Halliwell (S). Class D.—I, D. Roberts (S); 2, V. Underhill (S); 3, N. York (Q). Class B—I, P. Such (Q); 2, G. Hancox (S); 3, M. Field (S).

HIGH JUMP

Class E—I, B. Harrold (S); 2, M. Pollard (K) and E. Phillips (T) Class D—I, D. Roberts (S); 2, M. Morse (K); 3, V. Elston (Q). Class B—I, N. Burton (Q); 2, C. Hill (S); 3, J. Farr (T), J. Horne (T) and P. Such (Q) (all equal).

LONG JUMP.

Class E-1, E. York (T); 2, B. Harrold (S); 3, B. Stace (Q) and E. Phillips (T).

Class D--1, J. Turner (Q); 2, J. Whitehouse (K); 3, D. Roberts (S).

Class B-1, J. Farr (T); 2, N. Burton (Q); 3, J. Cutler (Q).

#### 100 YARDS.

Class A-1, D. Davies (Q); 2, J. Horne (T); 3, V. Wood (S). 14 secs.

Class B—I, C. Hill (S); 2, N. Burton (Q); 3, J. Cutler (Q).  $13\frac{2}{5}$  secs.

Class C—I, S. Sabin (S); 2, F. Reeves (S); 3, A. Collins (Q). 12 9/10 secs.

Class D—I, D. Roberts (S); 2, S. Plant (Q); 3, J. Bacon (Q).  $13\frac{1}{5}$  secs.

Class E—1, B. Stace (Q); 2, K. Lewis (T); 3, P. Newman (Q).  $12\frac{3}{5}$  secs. SKIPPING.

Class A—1, D. Davies (Q); 2, V. Wood (S); 3, G. Cryer.  $15\frac{1}{5}$  secs.

Class B—I, C. Hill (S); 2, J. Farr (T); 3, N. Burton (Q). 13\frac{1}{5} secs.

Class C—1, F. Reeves (S); 2, A. Collins (Q); 3, S. Sabin (S). 13\frac{3}{5} secs.

Class D—I, D. Roberts (S); 2, J. Bacon (Q); 3, J. Plant (Q). 14 secs.

Class E—I, B. Stace (Q); 2, K. Lewis (T); 3, M. Pollard (K) and P. White (K). 125 secs.

## 220 YARDS.

Class B—I, A. Hurst (T); 2, J. Farr (T); 3, C. Hill (S).  $32\frac{2}{5}$  secs. Class D—I, F. Reeves (S); 2, A. Collins (Q); 3, D. Roberts (S). 32 secs.

Class E—I, B. Stace (Q); 2, K. Lewis (T); 3, M. Pollard (K). 30\frac{3}{2} secs.

# RELAY (4 x 110 yds.)

Class B—I, Trinity; 2, School; 3, Queen's. 66 secs. Class D—I, School; 2, King's; 3, Queen's. 63\frac{4}{5} secs. Class E—I, Queen's; 2, King's; 3, School. 63\frac{4}{5} secs.

#### INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONS.

Senior—Brenda Stace (11½ points); Intermediate—Dorothy Roberts (14 points); Junior—Nadia Burton (9 points).

## HOUSE CHAMPIONSHIP—GIRLS.

I, School (59 points); 2, Queen's (57 points); 3, Trinity (33

points); 4, King's (15 points).

Unfortunately, the weather on Sports Day was not conducive to good running. Rain had fallen all the morning and the ground proved to be very wet and slippery in the afternoon. Thus, no records were broken that day.

In the Junior Long Jump however, which was postponed to another day, Oakey beat the existing record of 12 ft.  $7\frac{1}{2}$  ins. with

a jump of 13 ft. 8 ins.—a fine performance.

## The final placings of the Houses were-

I, School (128 points); 2, Queen's (119 points); 3, Trinity (112 points); 4, King's (56 points).

# DETAILS OF GIRLS' GAMES FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR SEPTEMBER, 1948—JULY, 1949.

# HOCKEY (1st Eleven only).

Eleven matches were played, 4 were won, 3 were drawn and 4 were lost. Goals for the School, 31, goals against the School, 21.

Hockey colours, awarded for good play during the season, were given to Constance Bagley, Freda Johnson, Jessica Chiles, Edna York, Kathleen Lewis, Brenda Stace, Janet Partington and Pat Newman.

#### ROUNDERS.

Senior—5 games were played, 3 were won, 2 were lost. Rounders for the School, 19; against the School, 17½.

Junior—5 games were played, 3 were drawn, 2 were lost. Rounders for the School, 9½; against the School, 14½.

### TENNIS.

1st and 2nd Couples played 4 matches, won 1, lost 3. Scores being 8 games for the School to 13 against.

## HOUSE MATCHES-1948-49.

TENNIS (Each House played seven matches)

I, Trinity (won 5, lost 2); 2, Queen's (won 4, lost 3); 3, King's (won 3, lost 4); 4, School (won 2, lost 5).

HOCKEY (Each House played two matches).

I, Trinity (won 2, lost 0); 2, School and Queen's (won I, lost I); 3, King's (won 0, lost 2).

ROUNDERS (Each House played three matches).

I, School (won 2, drew I,  $2\frac{1}{2}$  points); 2, King's (won I, drew I, lost I,  $1\frac{1}{2}$  points); 3, Queen's (won 0, drew 2, lost I, I point), and Trinity (won I, drew 0, lost 2, I point).

#### GIRLS' SWIMMING SPORTS-1949.

On Wednesday, July 13th, the Oldbury Grammar School held the Swimming Sports for the girls at Langley Baths. There was great excitement, each pupil eager for victory to fall to her House. The team races were awaited with bated breath, for extra marks were awarded for these events. There was keen competition between the Houses and, as the Gala drew to a close, Queen's and School fought for a first place, these Houses taking the lead alternately and not until the last race was the position made clear, Queen's winning by the narrow margin of three points, their total being 70 points, School, a close runner-up with 67 points.

The results were as follows-

Relay: Junior—1, Queen's; 2, School; 3, Trinity. Senior—1, School; 2, Queen's; 3, King's.

Diving for Plates: II and I2 years—I, Nadia Burton (Q); 2, Christine Slim (Q). I3 and I4 years—I, Barbara Sorrell (Q). Diane Harper (Q) and Marie York (Q).

Life Saving: 13 and 14 years—1, Doris Hughes (T); 2, Diane Harper (Q); 3, Jean Palmer (S). 15+ years—1, Margaret Grieve (Q); 2, Brenda Stace (Q); 3, Betty Harrold (S).

Sculling: 13 and 14 years—1, Kathleen Plimley (K); 2, Jean Palmer (S); 3, Mary Bagnall (K). 15+ years—I, Vivienne Jacomb (K); 2, Barbara Smith (K); 3, Betty Harrold (S).

Boat Race-I, School; 2, Trinity; 3, King's.

Beginner's Width-1, Judith Green (T); 2, Norma Davis (K); 3,

Diane Care (K).

I length: 12 years—1, Nadia Burton (Q); 2, Margaret Siviter (T); 3, Gillian Hancox (S). 13 years—1, Doris Easter (Q); 2, Diane Harper (Q); 3, Jean Palmer (S). 14 years—1, Nora Fletcher (S); 2, Jennifer Hutchinson (T); 3, Doris Hughes (T). 15 years—I, Vivienne Jacomb (K); 2, Barbara Smith (K); 3, Mary Redick (S).

I length Backstroke: II and I2 years—I, Ann Whittingham (T); 2, Christine Slim (Q); 3, Margaret Siviter (T). 13 and 14 years—I, Nora Fletcher (S); 2, Jean Palmer (S); 3, Diane Harper (Q). 15+ years—I, Brenda Stace (Q); 2, Betty

Harrold (S); 3, Jean McIvor (S).

Diving for Style: II and I2 years—I, Gillian Hancox (S); 2, Christine Slim (Q); 3, Dorothy Webb (K). 13 and 14 years— I, Nora Fletcher (S); 2, Jennifer Hutchinson (T); 3, Doris Easter (Q). 15+ years—I, Mary Redick (S); 2, Vivienne Jacomb (K); 3, Barbara Smith (K).

# INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONS.

Junior-Nadia Burton (10 points); Christine Slim (9 points); Intermediate—Nora Fletcher (15 points), Diane Harper (10 points); Senior—Vivienne Jacomb (13 points), Brenda Stace (8 points). HOUSE CHAMPIONS.

I, Queen's (70 points); 2, School (67 points); 3, King's (35 points); 4, Trinity (34 points).

# BOYS' SWIMMING GALA.

The boy's annual Swimming Gala was held at Oldbury Baths on Friday, July 15th. The swimming was of a good standard and the whole programme was enjoyed by all spectators.

The Inter-House competition was closely contested and only

three points separated the winners. The order was-

r, King's (37 points); 2, School (36 points); 3, Trinity (35 points); 4, Queen's (12 points).

Individual Champions were: Juniors, under 13—Cook (K) (9 points); Intermediate, under 15-Jones (K) (6 points); Senior, over 15-McKay (S) and Jennings (T) (4 points).

Detailed results—

1 width, Junior Beginners-1, Tipper (T); 2, Hyde (S); 3, Jennings (T). 14 secs.

I width, Intermediate Beginners-I, Stevens (T); 2, Poole (K); 3, Hargest (T). 9.1 secs.

Junior Dive-1, Smith (Q); 2, Cook (K); 3, Oakey (T).

I width, Junior Backstroke-I, Carter (Q); 2, Footman (K); 3, Cook (K). 9.8 secs.

Senior Dive-1, Thomas (S); 2, Johnson (S); 3, Cave (T).

I length, Free Style (Junior)-I, Cook (K); 2, Carter (Q); 3, Thomas (T).  $21\frac{1}{5}$  secs.

2 lengths, Free Style (Intermediate)-1, Hughes (K); 2, Johnson

(S); 3, Viney (S). 39 3/10 secs. 4 lengths, Free Style (Senior)—I, McKay (S); 2, Jennings (T); 3, Lawton (K). I min. 35\frac{1}{2} secs. Intermediate Dive—I, Thomas (S); 2, Spencer (S); 3, Johnson

(S).

I length, Breast Stroke (Junior)-I, Cook (K); 2, Thomas (T); 3, Footman (K).

2 lengths, Breast Stroke (Intermediate)—I, Jones (K); 2, Turner (T); 3, Chetwynd (T). 48.5 secs.

2 lengths, Breast Stroke (Senior)-I, R. Thomas (T); 2, Jennings (T); 3, Annett (T). 48.6 secs.

I length, Back Stroke (Intermediate) - I, Jones (K); 2, Viney (S); 3, Hughes (K). 20.2 secs.

2 lengths, Back Stroke (Senior)-I, Chalk (T); 2, Viney (S); 3, McKay (S). 50.4 secs.

Junior Relay-1, King's; 2, Queen's; 3, Trinity. 1 min. 36.9 secs. Intermediate Relay-1, School; 2, King's; 3, Trinity.

I min. 16.2 secs.

Senior Relay—1, School; 2, Trinity; 3, King's. 1 min. 15.6 secs. The School greatly appreciates the help given by Mr. Morgan and his assistants in connection with both these Galas.

# **POEMS**

# The Treat.

Said the Cow. To the Sow, Would you like a little treat, There's sweet clover in the meadow for us to eat. Said the Sow, To the Cow, That's no treat.

Mary Grieve, IA.

There was a young fellow of Clent Whose legs were decidely bent, This caused him much trouble When he ran at the double, And instead of him coming he went.

Jean Edwards, IA.

# The Swimming Pool.

How wonderful it is, at the swimming pool, With the children's shouts in your ears, In the frothy water, delightfully cool, To dive and have no fears.

The beginners struggling to master their strokes, The proficient gliding along, A boisterous, splashing jumble of folks, Some timid, some brave, and some strong.

Gillian Haine. Form IA.

# The Cunning Fox.

The cunning fox, so red and gay, 'Tis sad to tell, was killed to-day. O'er hill and dale he sped so fast, O'er moors so plain, to forest vast.

The hounds they hunted all the day, But that old fox did hear them bay. It vexed him much to think that they Should seek to kill him by the way.

So on he sped with utmost speed, Lest should be done that dreadful deed. He raced and tricked, but all in vain, For now to-day that fox was slain.

Joy Howard. Form 2A.

# Snowflakes.

A snowflake drifted softly down Upon the darkened bough, Another came and sat beside Its friend as they are now.

They sat and talked upon that bough, I sat and watched them pray
That they may last till morning came,
Before they went away.

They talked of things that they loved most, Of the clouds from which they came, Of the little birds that sang nearby Thinking of spring again.

And as the morning softly came,
The boughs began to sway,
The morning sun came shining through
And the snowflakes melt away.

Gabrielle Shaw. Form 21.

## Autumn.

The leaves have shed their emerald green, And now in red and gold are seen. They are so pretty and so light, The wind soon blows them out of sight. They make a bed upon the ground, For little birds to hop around.

The trees their leafless branches spread, As if to guard the fallen bed.
The squirrel too has searched for nuts, And these into the holes he puts.
The store must last him all along, Until the birds burst out in song.

The hedgehogs and the moles have all Come out to search for insects small. And all the creatures of the wood, Are out to gather Winter's food. For now the time is very near For them to sleep till spring is here.

Kathleen Hadley. Form 2A.

# Spring.

In spring, when flowers bloom so gay,
And ev'rything looks new,
I love to watch the lambs at play,
And feel the sparkling dew.

I love to hear the birds that trill, So high up in the trees, And see the lovely daffodil, That dances in the breeze.

The spring is quite the best, of all
The seasons in the year,
And though the little rain-drops fall,
It's always very dear.

Mary Ruston. Form 2A.

# The Mystery House.

One dark night in a lonely lane,
As the wind howled and it poured with rain,
I came across a lonely house
With not a sound of man or mouse,
I went up to the door and knocked
I gave a push, but it was locked.
Then all of a sudden, without a sound,
A hand came up from out of the ground,
But my heart failed at this strange sight,
So I turned and fled in a head-long flight.

N. McKay. Form 2B.

# A Crazy Dream.

I dreamt I was a pussy-cat, Lying on the kitchen mat, I was fed with lots of milk, Which kept my fur as soft as silk.

Then I turned into a pig,
Not too small and not too big.
I had the cutest curly tail,
Which swept behind me like a sail.

This was the end, or so I thought, But things come in threes, so I was taught, And sure enough I changed again, Into a lion with flowing mane.

I roared all day and roared all night, I gave the people such a fright. I must have scared the dream man too, He made my roar into a moo.

Christine Slim. Form 2C.

# Lullaby.

Hush a bye, rock a bye, soft from the west, Nature is calling all creatures to rest; The birds on their tired wings homeward now fly, All scarlet and golden the sun paints the sky.

Hush a bye, rock a bye, bright moonbeams peep, Drowsily, drowsily, all young things sleep; The stars shine in glory, the heavens aglow Speak of the Babe who was born long ago.

Hush a bye, rock a bye, sweet babe so small, Like Christ who was born in the Bethlehem stall; Your mother will watch you and silently pray, The angels will guard you till dawns the new day.

Patricia Newey, 3B.

The mountains on each side rose dark and drear; The sun had failed to pierce the rolling clouds And faintly round the towering peaks still swirled The last tenacious tendrils of the mist. And down within the hollow of the vale No breeze disturbed the surface of the pool Or whispered through the grasses on the bank.

Marion Price. 5G.

## Winter.

Winter drear has cast its sombre mantle
Over the autumn woods and meadows gay;
The north wind howls where the breezes gentle
Blew, heavy with the scent of new-mown hay.

Winter reigns over a sorrowing world,
Bereft of colour, warmth and summer joys;
The golden banner of the sun is furl'd,
And the sullen clouds weep with mournful noise.

Thus does despair reign in the hearts of men
When the summer of their few days has passed
And Winter comes; but they may hope again,
For, remember, Winter must end at last,
And when it casts it shadows o'er the land
The dawn of joyous Spring is close at hand.

Daphne Burchett. 5G.

#### The Mona Lisa.

Oh, lovely lady, veiled in mystery,
Silently smiling, eyes and lips serene,
With one swift glance around, you seem to see
The follies of the world. Your eyes have seen
Crowned heads who, wond'ring, whispered out your name.
That Gioconda smile, from pole to pole
Proclaimed the work of genius. From your frame
Your eyes betray the workings of your soul.
Da Vinci, captor of your natural grace,
Patrician manner, poise and secret smile,
The powers of King Pygmalion has surpassed,
By painting on the canvas your fair face,
Although not living, able to beguile
All hearts. Your image ages more will last.

Janet Passey. 5G.

# Neptune's Garden.

Far beneath the dancing, foam-crested waves, Far beneath the prancing, gay sea-horses, Fathoms down in the cool, dim ocean caves, Neptune keeps a garden for the mermaids. Narrow, winding paths of fine white sea-sand Twist among beds of sea anemones, Their soft fingers swaying with each ripple. Many-hued coral brought from tropic seas, Glowing and growing in fantastic forms; Pearl from the oyster, lustrous and lucent, Finer than finest of the Orient; Sea-shells, fan-shap'd, twisted like Triton's horn, Hued like a sunset in a summer sky; Rocky thrones with cushions of bright sea-weed, Where the sea-nymphs sit and comb their tresses; Gaily colour'd fish darting to and fro; All these wonders are in Neptune's garden, Far beneath the dancing, foam-crested waves, Far beneath the prancing, gay sea-horses, Fathoms down in the cool, dim ocean caves.

Daphne Burchett. 5G.

# To Music.

Thy sacred strains impart to human soul A thrilling rapture, as from Heaven come; The royal organ's pond'rous rumbling roll, Or sweetest singing of three score of tongue, Inspire the spellbbound host, and take them far From earthly worries to Olympus old, Upon thy wings, divine Cecelia, Who didst the first of mighty organs mould. Thy greatest raptures are, however, found In making music, not in hearing it; Though one's efforts make but feeble sound, They give felicity—one steals not it: For while thy strains inspire celestial thought, In playing, one to Paradise is brought!