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EDITORIAL

THIS issue of the Oldburian is more than usually concerned with changes of staff. Those leaving include several whose tenure of office here has been of such long duration that their personalities have in a very real way become a part of the School. Their contributions to the building up of our tradition and reputation will never be forgotten.

Mr. T. L. Davies, M.A., B.Sc., retired from his position as Senior Master at the end of December, 1949. After his early education in the County School, Llanelly, he entered the University College of Wales, Aberystwyth, following which his academic successes included the award of several degrees, B.Sc. in 1909, B.A. in 1925 and M.A. in 1928. He was appointed to several teaching posts, first as Science Master at Ystradgynlais County School, Breconshire in 1909, then as Science Master at Chipping Campden Grammar School in 1911, and, after a brief period as Mathematics Master at Hitchin Grammar School for Boys he came to Oldbury in 1919, where he served continuously for over 30 years up to the time of his retirement. During his time here Mr. Davies took part in innumerable school activities in addition to those of his senior mastership, he having been Senior Science Master and also responsible for the Music of the School. The Annual Musical Festivals have for many years past been a feature of our Grammar School life. Mr. Davies has had many other local associations, including membership of the Godson Lodge, of which he is a Past Master, while in West Hagley he has since 1931 been organist of St. Saviour's Church, in addition to which he has trained and conducted choirs in various parts of Worcestershire.

It seemed almost unbelievable that after our final Assembly at the end of the Autumn Term Mr. Davies would not be returning. His kindly nature and good humour had endeared him to innumerable pupils of successive generations with whom his interests had been knit. His contribution to our general life and his friendly contacts with the headmaster, staff and pupils will long be remembered with great appreciation. It is most fitting that his responsibility for the Physics Department has been taken over by one of his old pupils. I am sure that every member of the School joins

in the heartiest of good wishes to Mr. Davies in his retirement, remembering likewise Mrs. Davies, who in the past had on occasion come to assist here as a temporary teacher.

An even longer period of service in our School was completed when Miss D. Williams, B.A., left us for retirement last July. Miss Williams' record shows that, after her early education in Liverpool College for Girls, she entered Liverpool University, where she graduated in 1909. After some seven years of experience as a teacher in Birkenhead, Stoke-on-Trent and Rotherham, she came to us in 1916. From that time Miss Williams continued her teaching here until she retired, thus completing the exceptionally long period of 34 years in the School. Miss Williams was one for whom old scholars visiting the school invariably asked, even the very old scholars, and her memory of them was unusually clear. In recent years it has gone back, not only to the elder brothers and sisters of present pupils, but to their parents who sat in her classes as members of the previous generation. Miss Williams contributed much to the school, not only by her teaching, but much more by her personality and kindly insistence upon uprightness of character in her pupils. Her good nature was well shown up to the last term she was here, for, knowing of the difficult staffing position existing at the time, she stayed on to continue her teaching for two additional terms, when for her own personal welfare she would doubtless have been better resting. Her various activities here, as Senior Mathematics Mistress and otherwise, particularly in connection with the most successful War Savings Group, will long be remembered as a great contribution to the life of the School. All wish her good health and happiness in her retirement.

Miss D. M. Allen, B.Sc., has also left us, not to retire, but to take up a post as Lecturer in Biology in Furzedown Training College, London, where she has gone to join Miss Lewis, who left a few years ago to take a post in History there. Miss Allen had been with us for over 19 years when she went last December. She is a graduate of Birmingham University, and has always maintained a close contact with university work. This is one of the secrets of her success. Another is undoubtedly her great affection for each individual child in her classes. During the time of our staffing difficulties earlier this year, when illness depleted our already shortened staff, Miss Allen came to our rescue, and, although unable to teach here full-time, as did Miss Williams, she came from London regularly to teach in our Biology Department, when, for a time, there was no one else to do so, fitting her visits in between her new duties as lecturer in London. This assistance was

immensely appreciated, and is typical of her generous and kindly nature. All in the School hope that Miss Allen will be successful and happy in her new work.

Another member of the staff who has left us is Mr. D. S. Swan, M.A., who has gone to take a post as Senior Science Master in Workington Grammar School. Mr. Swan, a Cambridge Graduate, was with us for nearly three years, ending in July, 1949, teaching in the Physics Department. His previous experience and qualifications, and further experience with us, enabled him to gain promotion quite soon. Although his time with us was comparatively short, we learnt to appreciate him for his careful and thorough work, and we wish him well in his new post.

Mr. R. D. Jane, until recently in charge of the Physical Training of the boys, has also left after a brief stay of two years. The competent way in which he carried out his work will be remembered well by those who were taught by him, and his willing assistance in our social activities also made him a valuable member of the staff. We feel sure that in his new post as a physical training specialist under the Air Ministry he will do well. We wish him every success.

The going of so many members of our staff is related to the coming of others, to whom we extend a hearty welcome. We wish them all happiness and success in their work with us, and we are glad to note that recent appointments bring our temporarily depleted staff up to the full complement again, there being now 28 full-time assistants, 15 masters and 13 mistresses.

Our recently appointed colleagues, to whom cordial greetings are extended, are listed below, their dates of appointment being shown.

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| Miss K. J. Scriven, B.A. ... | ... | 1.1.1949. |
| Mr. S. D. Smith, B.Sc. ... | ... | 1.9.1949. |
| Mr. P. T. Partridge, B.Sc. ... | ... | 1.9.1949. |
| Mr. H. Metcalf, B.Sc. ... | ... | 1.9.1950. |
| Mr. T. B. Churchill, B.A. ... | ... | 1.9.1950. |
| Mr. P. M. Russell ... | ... | 1.9.1950. |
| Miss H. C. Sendell, B.A. ... | ... | 1.9.1950. |
| Miss M. Morris, B.A. ... | ... | 1.9.1950. |

Another appointment to record is that of Mr. J. B. Richards, M.A., B.Sc., to the Senior Mastership. It was a source of immense satisfaction to headmaster, staff and pupils, as well as to the Governing Body, to know that Mr. Richards had been selected from a very large number of applicants for this post. It is undoubted that his work as Deputy Head will be an immense contri-

bution to the future success of the School. With a brilliant academic record behind him and 28 years of experience in the School already, he is unquestionably the man for the post. All wish him a fine success.

Changes of personnel are, however, not the only changes affecting our School. There are other developments influencing our general life and progress. One important change is the merging of the General School Certificate and the Higher School Certificate Examinations into the one General Certificate of Education Examination. Advantages which may well emerge from certain portions of the new regulations have unfortunately been obscured, if not more than offset, by the age limit regulation. This has, for example, prevented 22 younger members of our present Fifth Forms from sitting for their examination this year, although the group so held back includes some of our brightest pupils. Disappointing as this appears, we take this opportunity of reassuring all concerned that the School organisation has been so modified for the studies of our seniors that all will have full provision made for a successful course leading to examination in the subjects of their special choice, even if the age restriction is never rescinded.

Our less bright pupils may, moreover, take comfort in the fact that a Joint Matriculation Board Certificate will in future be awarded for even a bare pass in just one subject, even if accompanied by failure in all others. One wonders if in these circumstances it will be feasible for any pupil ever to fail completely. The question in future will be, not as to whether one has gained a certificate or not, but rather, assuming that a certificate is a certain possession, as to what is on it. We hope that under the new examination conditions our School will maintain its great reputation, and we take this opportunity of wishing all those sitting for the first new type of examination in 1951 such a splendid success as is traditional among us. C.C.H.

SPEECH DAY, 1949

THE Annual Speech Day was held in the School Hall, on Thursday, October 27th, when the prizes were presented by Mrs. C. T. Barlow.

The chair was taken by Alderman B. T. Robbins, J.P., C.C., Deputy Mayor of Oldbury.

The Chairman's remarks were followed by the Captains' reports. The Head Girl, Margaret Webb, gave an account of the

activities of the School Guide Company and the Joint Societies, and of the work of the Savings Group and Benevolent Fund. The Head Boy, J. Morse, reported the athletic activities of the School.

These reports were followed by a vocal solo, Purcell's "Passing By," by K. Seddon.

Dr. Howard then gave the Headmaster's report, in which he commented upon the work and achievements of the past year.

In her address, Mrs. Barlow urged the pupils of the School to avoid self-pity and to cultivate self-reliance.

After the presentation of the prizes, M. Cole played a violoncello solo, "Le Cygne," by Saint Saëns.

The vote of thanks was proposed by F. E. Dawes, Esq., M.A., LL.B., Mus.D., and seconded by Councillor Mrs. E. M. J. Gunn, J.P.

AWARDS, 1949

Form Certificates for General Proficiency

FORM 1C
MARGARET J. THOMPSON
ELEANOR HACKETT

FORM 1B
H. S. WARD
M. P. OSBORNE

FORM 1A
BERYL FANTHAM
ANNETTE HURST

FORM 2C
B. S. PYNE
JOYCE A. BIDDLE

FORM 2B
JEANNE PALMER
CHRISTINE M. CHADBOURNE

FORM 2A
R. J. OAKEY
D. EDGE

FORM 3C
EVA M. CROFTS
CHRISTINE M. COX

FORM 3B
A. C. POOLE
SHEILA J. PLANT

FORM 3A
R. KITCHEN
JANET M. TURNER

FORM 4C
JOYCE M. PARKES
SARAH E. McCRACKEN

FORM 4B
JOYCE B. MEEK
G. R. SALTER

FORM 4A
OLWYN RUSTON
D. R. PARKES

General School Certificates

G. E. BROWN
J. E. CHALK
M. A. COLE
A. W. EASY
R. E. FODEN
L. N. GREEN
I. R. W. HARGEST
D. HILL
A. E. PARKES
M. G. SPENCER
W. G. K. TAYLOR
A. WOOTTON

D. G. MATTHEWS
J. B. MOUNTFIELD
J. A. PERRY
R. SMITH
DORIS ASTLE
ROMA C. BARDILL
JESSICA A. CHILES
VALERIE M. FIELDING
MARJORIE D. HARGEST
JUDITH E. JEAVONS
JANE MARTIN
JOYCE McIVOR

CONSTANCE D. BAGLEY
 DINAH R. BAKER
 PHYLLIS M. CLARK
 BARBARA W. COMLEY
 JUNE M. HALL
 YVONNE E. J. DUGMORE
 FRED A. JOHNSON
 PATRICIA M. JONES
 KATHLEEN A. LEWIS
 PATRICIA A. NEWMAN
 ENID PHILLIPS
 JEAN PIPER
 MARGARET L. POLLARD
 MARION E. PRICE
 BRENDA B. RENHARD
 PATRICIA M. WOOLLARD
 P. D. ARNOLD
 M. R. JORDAN
 B. J. MALLARD
 R. W. A. COUCH
 R. M. EDGE

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
 BRENDA M. SHIPSTONE
 MARGARET THOMPSON
 EDNA M. YORK

Letters of Success in General School Certificate Examination

MARGARET A. JENKINS

J. W. PRICE

Higher School Certificates

I. D. HOWARD
 D. S. LAISTER
 J. MORSE
 J. W. PRICE
 M. C. ROUND
 G. J. RUSSELL
 P. J. WHITTINGHAM

C. W. WINTERFORD
 VALERIE M. F. BAYLISS
 MARGARET A. GRIEVE
 PAULINE J. HOLLYOAKE
 LUCY J. HOPKINS
 MARGARET A. JENKINS
 DOREEN N. PUGH

Letters of Success in Higher School Certificates Examination

T. W. GAMBLES
 B. MORRIS
 A. R. PARDOE
 BERYL PARKES
 F. DOREEN ROBERTS
 JILL P. WOOD
 BERYL J. WRIGHT
 DAPHNE NICHOLLS
 N. ADAMS
 R. J. BAKER
 P. S. BATTIN
 R. BIGLAND
 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
 N. A. JACKSON
 N. R. JENNINGS
 S. JOLLIFFE
 F. R. NEED
 D. C. PEARSON
 G. E. ROBERTS
 G. A. M. ROBERTSON
 R. J. SHIRLEY
 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 Scholarships:

I. D. HOWARD
 M. C. ROUND
 A. CUTLER
 A. J. LAMBERT
 M. C. ROUND
 G. J. RUSSELL
 C. W. WINTERFORD
 BERYL J. WRIGHT

State Scholarship :
Worcestershire County Major Scholarship :

I. D. HOWARD
VALERIE M. F. BAYLISS
AILIE E. BIRD
I. D. HOWARD
JILL P. WOOD
RONA M. CONNOP

Worcestershire County Award :
O.S.A. Prize for Outstanding Achievement :

I. D. HOWARD
G. J. RUSSELL
DAPHNE NICHOLLS

Frank Dawes' Prize for Leadership :
Lydia Dawes' Prize for Leadership :
Best General School Certificate Result for Girls :
Best General School Certificate Result for Boys :

YVONNE E. J. DUGMORE
A. W. EASEY

Prizes for Best Use of Leisure

Senior Boys' Prize, awarded by A. P. HANDS, Esq., J.P., C.C.
Senior Girls' Prizes, awarded by Mrs. C. T. Barlow.
Junior Prizes, awarded by C. T. Barlow, Esq., O.B.E.
Certificates of Merit in Leisure Time Activities :

J. MORSE
MARGARET E. WEBB
KATHLEEN M. LEWIS
GLORIA B. WHITE
M. P. OSBORNE
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Awards for 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 :
Parent's Cricket Match—Cricket Shield :

DAPHNE NICHOLLS
R. SMITH
G. J. RUSSELL
JILL P. WOOD
LUCY J. HOPKINS
NADIA J. BURTON
R. J. OAKLEY
DOROTHY ROBERTS
R. J. ROBERTS
BRENDA M. STACE
L. N. GREEN
THE 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 :

SCHOOL HOUSE
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QUEENS HOUSE
SCHOOL HOUSE

Some Recent Successes of Old Scholars

Cambridge University

MARGARET M. STEPHENS (Girton College) Natural Science Tripos Part 1, Class 1.

Birmingham University

Faculty of Science
D. H. RENHARD

B.Sc. Honours, Class II (Div. II) Geography.

J. B. TAYLOR

Passed 2nd year Honours B.Sc. Course.

NANCY HARROLD

Passed 2nd year Honours B.Sc. Course.

E. R. ROBERTSON
R. STEPHENS

Passed 1st year Honours B.Sc. Course.
Passed 1st year Honours B.Sc. Course.

Faculty of Arts

D. R. WAGG

B.A. Honours Class II (Div. II)
Spanish.*Faculty of Medicine*JOHN A. G. CLARK
GORDON K. CLARKE
JOHN M. SHEPHARD
PETER B. CLARKEPassed Final M.B., Ch.B.
Passed Second M.B. with Distinction.
Passed Second M.B. with Distinction.
Passed 3rd L.D.S. Examination.*Education Department*M. T. B. HADLEY
IRIS JEWKES
D. JEAN SANKEYDiploma in Education.
Gained Primary Teachers' Certificate.
Gained Primary Teachers' Certificate.*Scholarships and Prizes*J. B. TAYLOR
S. H. TAYLORAwarded Corbett Scholarship.
Awarded Bertram Windle Prize in
Anatomy and awarded Special
Undergraduates Scholarship.
Awarded the Orthodontics Prize and
the Stammers Parodontal Prize.

EDITH CRAWFORD

University of Bristol

C. J. CASHMORE

Completed 2nd year of Course in Civil
Engineering.

University of Leeds

E. V. DULSON

Completed 2nd year of Medical
Course.

University of Liverpool

J. COOK

Passed Final Part 1 B.Eng. (Hons).

University of Cardiff

E. G. COOK

Passed 2nd year B.Sc. Mining
Examination.

University of Sheffield

G. F. BROWN

Passed 2nd Examination of B.A.
Course.

J. BUTLER

Passed 1st Year Sessions: B.Sc.
Honours Course.

University College, Leicester

P. W. HILL

Completed 2nd year of B.Sc. Honours
Course in Physics.

University of London (King's College of Household and Social Science).

ESTHER SWINNERTON

Gained Certificate of Two Year
Course.

Birmingham College of Arts and Crafts

R. A. PENNEY

Awarded National Diploma in Design,
a Certificate of Commendation
from the Design and Research
Centre and a Research Scholar-
ship.

Burton-on-Trent Hospital

DOREEN PUGH

1st year—Awarded Silver Rose Bowl
and Prize as most efficient nurse
of the year.

JOINT SOCIETIES

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| President | - | - | - | DR. C. C. HOWARD. |
| Vice-Presidents | - | - | - | MEMBERS OF THE STAFF. |
| Chairman | - | - | - | P. J. WHITTINGHAM. |
| Vice-Chairman | - | - | - | J. MORSE. |
| Secretary | - | - | - | JANET PARTINGTON. |

September 15th.—The first meeting of the Joint Societies was opened by the President, Dr. C. C. Howard, who welcomed the new members, and introduced the new officers for the season.

The meeting then took the form of an inter-House quiz, questions upon various topics being asked by members of the staff: Miss Scriven, Mr. Smith, Mr. Pearson, Miss Allen, Miss Bryant, Miss Firth, Mr. Woodward.

The results were: 1, School (30 points); 2, Trinity (27 points); 3, King's (24 points); 4, Queen's (22 points).

A vote of thanks to all concerned in the quiz was proposed by Price and seconded by Kathleen Lewis.

September 22nd.—At the second meeting we had the pleasure of an address by Mr. Brampton, who spoke very interestingly on the possible profits of Western Union and the situation in Europe, pointing out the difference between the Germany before the 1914-18 war and the Germany of to-day.

A vote of thanks to Mr. Brampton was proposed by Morse and seconded by Daphne Burchett.

September 29th.—At this meeting the pros and cons of five subjects were discussed by some of our members.

Daphne Burchett and Price spoke for and against the motion that "The Present Generation is Growing Soft," which was defeated by a definite majority.

Margaret Pollard and Wootton discussed the motion that the two sexes should be treated on a basis on equality. This motion was also defeated.

For and against the motion that "Make-up should be Taught in Schools" were Barbara Savage and Walker. The motion again met with defeat.

Jean Woodhouse and Shorthouse debated the topic of co-education, and the house by a large majority agreed that co-education is the best type of education.

Finally, the motion that "Examinations are an Unnecessary Evil" was debated by Thelma Twist and Hall. The motion was defeated by a narrow majority.

A vote of thanks was proposed by Perry and seconded by Rita Walker.

October 6th.—On this occasion the Joint Societies were addressed by one of the vice-presidents, Mr. Smith, on Radar. Mr. Smith described how an enemy aircraft was detected on a Radar screen in war-time and how this helped the ack-ack guns in finding their target. He then explained the function of a radar apparatus and enlarged upon the organisation of a radar camp. Mr. Smith's talk was illustrated by diagrams and lantern slides.

A vote of thanks was proposed by Chalk and seconded by Yvonne Dugmore.

October 13.—The School Orchestra provided entertainment for the Joint Societies at this meeting. The programme was as follows:—

- 1.—Movements from the Water Music (Handel).
- 2.—Serenade—1st violin, 2nd violin and piano (Widor).
- 3.—Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring—five soli and tutti (Bach).
- 4.—Song: Nymphs and Shepherds—Margaret Webb (Purcell)
- 5.—Hungarian Dance No. 5 (Brahms).
- 6.—Air a Danser—four soli and tutti (Gossec).
- 7.—Serenata—1st and 2nd violins, 'cello and piano (Macbeth).
- 8.—Sarabande (Corelli).
- 9.—Song: Wher'ere You Walk—K. Seddon (Handel).
- 10.—Ballet Music (Schubert).
- 11.—Pizzicato Serenade (Iliffe).

A vote of thanks was proposed by Enid Phillips and seconded by Dittrich.

October 20th.—Members of the Sixth Form Biology Class talked to us on subjects of biological and general interest.

Wooton described the life histories of the liver fluke, tape worm and malarial parasite.

Enid Phillips dealt with bird migration, giving the various theories accounting for migration and enumerating bird migration stations.

Pearson talked on insects in general, giving special attention to the dance performed by the bee, and Cole gave a commentary on a film dealing with the experiment of training bees to a particular colour.

A vote of thanks was proposed by Adams and seconded by Pat Newman.

November 3rd.—One of the members of the staff, Monsieur Weil-Nordan spoke interestingly on several aspects of his native land, and the characteristics of the French people. In addition, he commented on film strips dealing with the history of railways and modern railways in France.

A vote of thanks was proposed by Barbara Comley and seconded by Jackson.

November 10th.—The Joint Societies had the pleasure of being addressed by Dr. Wakeman, an old boy of the School, on the subject of metallurgy. Dr. Wakeman spoke on metallurgy as a science and told us some of the characteristics of metals, and the problems yet to be solved. He went on to discuss metallurgy as a career, the usual training course and the various careers open to a qualified metallurgist. He illustrated his lecture by lantern slides and specimens.

A vote of thanks was proposed by Howard and seconded by Cynthia Rollinson.

January 12th.—Members of the Sixth Form entertained the Joint Societies with gramophone records. Margaret Webb played records of extracts from the Ballets "Swan Lake," "Les Sylphide" and "Sylvia."

Parkes dealt with music connected with plays, illustrating with the Overture to "A Midsummer Night's Dream" and the song "Oh Mistress Mine" from "Twelfth Night."

Pearson described the various types of overture and played the Overture to Humperdink's "Hansel and Gretel."

Finally, Wootton played excerpts from musical comedy 'hits' "Oklahoma," "Rose Marie," and "Tough at the Top."

A vote of thanks was proposed by Dinah Baker and seconded by Baker.

January 19th.—On this occasion Mr. Hemmingway, from the Ministry of Labour, spoke to our members on the subject of Careers. Mr. Hemmingway endeavoured to touch upon many of the types of careers open to boys and girls with a reasonably good education, and answered adequately questions put to him by our members.

A vote of thanks to Mr. Hemmingway, for his assistance, was proposed by Price and seconded by Daphne Burchett.

January 26th.—The Joint Societies again had the pleasure of a lecture by an old member of the School, Mr. Wagg, who spoke of his recent visit to Spain, and related some interesting experiences. Mr. Wagg described the characteristics of the country, peculiarities of food, style of architecture, national dress and the various dialects of Spain. His talk was illustrated by the use of the episcopes.

A vote of thanks was proposed by Trowman and seconded by Margaret Webb.

February 2nd.—This meeting took the form of a talk on "Organs and their Construction," by one of our own members, Howard. Howard divided his talk into three sections, beginning by dealing with the development of organs throughout the ages. Secondly, Howard with the aid of excellent diagrams, described the construction of a concert organ and cinema organ, and concluded with an account of the construction of an electric organ. His talk was illustrated by gramophone records of organ music.

A vote of thanks was proposed by Betty Davies and seconded by Walker.

February 9th.—Mr. Renhard, an old pupil of the School, who had been on a six-weeks visit to Norway, recounted some of his experiences. He spoke of the difficulties of his journey, and of his adventures North of the Arctic Circle. Mr. Renhard's talk was illustrated by many excellent photographs shown by the episcopes.

A vote of thanks was proposed by Margaret Thompson and seconded by Green.

After the meeting, the Society went to see a production of "Cabbages and Kings," given by the Cresconians at Oldbury Parish Room.

February 16th.—The Sixth Form entertained the Joint Societies with a play reading of the Life of Elizabeth Barrett from the play "The Barretts of Wimpole Street," by Rudolph Besier. A deputy chairman and secretary, Pearson and Freda Johnson were elected by the Society as the chairman and secretary were taking part in the play.

The play was introduced by Dinah Baker and the cast was:—

Elizabeth Moulton-Barratt—Daphne Burchett.

Henrietta Moulton-Barratt—Enid Philips.

Arabel Moulton-Barratt—Janet Partington.

Wilson, the maid—Margaret Webb.

Mr. Moulton-Barratt—A. Wootton.

Robert Browning—D. Trowman.

Dr. Chambers—M. Cole.

Barratt brothers—P. Whittingham, J. Morse, R. Baker,
R. Dittrich, J. Price, E. Brown.

A vote of thanks was proposed by Jean Woodhouse and seconded by Fennell.

February 23rd.—At this meeting we had the pleasure of a visit from the general manager and secretary of the Birmingham Water Department, Mr. Fordham. Mr. Fordham dealt specifically with the City of Birmingham water supply, the Elan Valley reservoir and the schemes for other reservoirs. His talk was illustrated by a film. A vote of thanks was proposed by Price and seconded by Daphne Burchett.

March 2nd.—This meeting took the form of dramatic readings by members of the Fifth Form. 5G presented "The Dear Departed," those taking part being Tinsley, Nicholls, Smith, Valerie Elston, Mary Smith and Rosalie Ware. The play was introduced by Hall.

5M entertained us with scenes from "Victoria Regina," by L. Housman, introduced by Valerie Williams. Those taking part were Heather Hadley, Noreen Pepper, Shirley Robinson, Salter and Thomas.

Two poems of Housman were read by Jean Woodhouse.

Antonia Roberts introduced "The Followers," the play given by 5S, and those taking part were Joyce Parkes, Marjorie Brookbank, Thelma Twist and Bonas.

A vote of thanks was proposed by Spencer and seconded by Constance Bagley.

March 9th.—At this meeting the Society held a School Forum, after the style of the B.B.C. programme "Town Forum." The speakers were Kathleen Lewis, Barbara Comley, Cynthia Rollinson, Jane Martin, Marion Price, Perry, Green, Adams, Easey and Paul Brown. The chairman was Enid Phillips, and the speakers endeavoured to answer questions put to them by members of the Society.

The last meeting of the Session took the form of a Dance held in the School Hall. This proved a very enjoyable evening to end a successful session.
Janet Partington.

GUIDE ACTIVITIES

Officers—

Captain - F. D. TWEEDIE. Lieutenant - B. PINE.

FOLLOWING on from the events chronicled in the last issue, 1948-49, the first important event to take place was an Enrolment of Cadets, held in the School gymnasium, when several Guides promised "to train for service in the Guide Movement."

Country dancing has always proved to be popular amongst our Guides. Two of our Cadets represented the Company at a Cadet Country Dancing Party at Harfield Crescent School, Moseley, at which they were taught several country dances and afterwards shown an interesting film about the history of Guide headquarters.

Our annual Jumble Sale was held in the Parish Rooms, Oldbury, when, assisted by parents and friends, a valuable sum was raised for Company funds which had dwindled somewhat during camp-time.

The next important event to take place during the year was our visit to Wolverhampton to see our Chief Guide. We were joined on this visit by several of the Holly Lodge Grammar School Company. This was the first occasion on which a large majority of us had seen Lady Baden-Powell and we were all delighted when she shook hands and spoke with many of us personally just before our departure.

On Sunday, November 6th, our Guides and Cadets attended the Parade and Remembrance Service at Oldbury Parish Church.

Some of our Cadets attended a Guiders' Christmas Social where they heard Lady Cochrane talk about Guide Uniform, and were invited to ask questions. During the interval they rendered their services by serving tea and buns to the Guiders present.

During January one of our Cadets attended the Consultative Assembly of Anglican Youth at Canterbury Hall, London, where two representatives from every Youth Organisation in the country gathered.

Quite a large number of our Cadet Company visited the week-end camp of Rovers and Rangers at Huddersfield.

During the spell of fine weather at the beginning of the summer term the Patrol Leaders organised a hike for their Patrols. The smell of burning wood, intermingled with the aroma of camp cooking, served to remind us of the not too distant camp. However, thinking of the future served to remind us of the not so distant Higher and General School Certificate Examinations which had to be endured first.

The announcement of a competition to be held amongst the Guide Companies of the Edgbaston Division aroused much interest in our Company. Time at our meetings was given to rehearsals, and our efforts were rewarded, when, at a Guide Rally held in the grounds of the Blue Coat School, we learned from Lady Gurner, Division Commissioner, that we had won all three competitions for which we had entered—signalling, Country dancing and camp fire. This Rally commenced with the formation of a large horse-shoe by

the Guides of Edgbaston Division and the hoisting of colours. Unfortunately the weather was against us and the sports and camp fire had to be held indoors, but, nevertheless, it proved to be most enjoyable.

The Guides who sang in the competition assisted the School Orchestra at a concert held in the School Hall, when they sang traditional songs of France and England.

During the last few weeks of term when we were preparing for the competitions and rehearsing for the concert much excitement prevailed amongst the Guides who were eagerly awaiting the third Tuesday in July—the day on which we went to camp. Lloyd's Bus Company provided the coach, and after the long journey we approached our destination. To quote:—

“ We lugged our bits and hearts so light,
Our shout was one of pure delight,
When, at last, we came in sight—
Of Beer.”

But camp came to an end, as do all good things.

This indeed is a happy ending to another year's Guiding, and we do appreciate the encouragement of parents, friends and sister Guides, who have helped to make it so enjoyable.

Jean M. Woodhouse.

MUSICAL ACTIVITIES

THE pleasure of making one's own music is certainly well known to members of the Orchestra. The enthusiasm of all concerned is most gratifying. It would be true to say that there is never an absence from the regular practices except by reason of necessity. Consequently excellent progress has been made.

The strength of each part has been maintained as required for proper balance, there being now 8 first violins, 8 second violins, 5 violas, 5 'cellos, 1 double bass, 1 timpani set and 1 pianoforte. The addition of the timpani has proved to be very helpful, giving that extra strength and volume of sound occasionally required.

Orchestral music presented to the Joint Societies in October was well received, and, with the addition of a quartet and trio, each by selected players of strings, and two vocal solos, resulted in a well-constructed and interesting programme. The carol service at the end of the Autumn Term brought together the Christian worship appropriate to Christmas, the joy of carol singing in which orchestra, choir and the whole school combined, and appropriate

musical items by the orchestra alone, notably "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring," by J. S. Bach, arranged for nine-string parts. Towards the end of the School year, in July, a public orchestral concert was arranged. The programme was well balanced, the general plan of each half being such as to include four main items by the whole orchestra, one chamber music group, one vocal solo, and one item by the Guides' choir. Judging by the enthusiasm of the audience and most encouraging press reports, the concert was a great success. Many have expressed the hope that we shall present such programmes regularly, and that is our object.

It is gratifying to know that audiences have found pleasure in listening to our music, but it is important to know that, in actually taking part in the making of this music, a greater pleasure is to be experienced. We hope this remark will encourage those who are learning to play, with the object of joining us when their standard of playing is sufficiently high, and, moreover, perhaps others who have not yet started.

Another contribution to our musical activities was a series of lunch-hour programmes of gramophone records, presented throughout the Autumn and Spring Terms by Mr. Richards, assisted by Antonia Roberts, Jordan, Parkes and Whittingham. These programmes, which were open to members of Forms V and VI, included various symphonies, concertos, suites and other miscellaneous classical items.

" Music, oh, how faint, how weak,
Language fades before thy spell!
Why should feeling ever speak,
When thou canst breathe her soul so well? "

—(Moore)

I. D. Howard.

A CHANGE OF PROGRAMME

AFTER Higher School Certificate Examination, which finished early this year, a series of visits to places of interest was arranged for members of Form VI. All of these proved to be very interesting, instructive and enjoyable and the members of VIA Form wish to express their appreciation to the Managers of the works who so kindly received us and to the members of our own Staff who arranged the visits.

In the afternoon of June 13th, a small Sixth Form party visited the **Aston Paper Mills**, being conveyed there by devious routes and back alleys in a Lloyd's coach.

Since it rained heavily all the afternoon, the factories and yards looked rather gloomy, but nevertheless our spirits were by no means damped. The party was divided into two small sections, Mr. Morris accompanying one and Miss Firth the other. The two groups were skilfully guided round the works, paddling in streams of water and wood pulp most of the time. All the machinery and workshops were incredibly filthy, being caked in wood pulp and fragments of rags. To start, we saw huge rotating boilers where all scrap paper and rags were being boiled to break them up and destroy the colouring matter. Scrap was then pulped in large rotary cutters and the dyes, china clay as a "filler" and sodium carbonate added. (Alum is added in the manufacture of blotting paper). The liquid suspension of pulp was filtered and pumped on to a broad conveyor belt where water was drained and sucked off for re-circulation. A continuous belt of crude dry paper then passed through many heavy steam-heated rollers and on to the cutting and rolling sections.

The two groups inspected various kinds of paper, mainly for sugar boxes and wrapping material, and were careful not to overturn the rolls which must have weighed almost a ton.

Later, the party adjourned to the factory canteen and were provided with refreshments, returning to school at 5-0 p.m. after a thoroughly interesting afternoon. D.C.P. VIA.

On June 20th a party of Sixth Form History students visited **Warwick**.

First we visited the Collegiate Church of St. Mary, where several Earls of Warwick are buried. The Beauchamp Chapel, which contains a very fine effigy of its founder was of particular interest.

Later, we were conducted around Warwick Castle itself, which is famous not only for its historical associations, but also for the Warwick collection of paintings.

We returned, having spent a very pleasant and profitable afternoon. D.B.

On Thursday, 22nd June, a party of Sixth Formers visited **Webb and Corbett's Glassworks at Stourbridge**. The visit took the form of a tour round the works, where the party was shown the whole process of glass manufacture including the mixing of ingredients, glass blowing, and the final cutting and polishing.

Before leaving, the party was taken to the show-room, where examples of many of the firm's products were on view. J.M.

On June 27th a party of eleven, including Mrs. Nash and Mr. Hawley, spent an interesting afternoon at the **Chad Valley Toy Works** in Harborne.

A tour of the factory, where toys, jig-saw puzzles and games of all descriptions were being manufactured by the thousand was followed by tea and a visit to the firm's printing works. P.B.

On Thursday, June 29th, 1950, the Sixth Form Chemistry Group spent a most enjoyable and instructive afternoon at the **I.C.I. Chance and Hunt Works in Oldbury**, by courtesy of Mr. W. G. Polack, the Works Manager. Two of the firm's chemists showed the party round to see four processes—the Contact and Lead Chamber processes for sulphuric acid, the salt-cake process for hydrochloric acid, and the manufacture of ammonium carbonate—and at all times they gave valuable first-hand information on the processes. The party was then entertained to tea by Mr. W. N. Hackett, the Assistant Works Manager, who was thanked for his trouble and courtesy in arranging this most interesting and instructive visit. I.D.H.

On Friday, 30th June, members of the Sixth Form accompanied by Mr. Smith and Mr. Partridge visited **Fort Dunlop**. During the morning we were shown the manufacture of tyre moulds, tyres, and cycle inner tubes, and we also saw many different tyres under test.

After doing justice to an excellent lunch, we visited the new research centre and saw the electron microscope. After tea, where we were honoured by a visit from Mr. F. W. Foster, we returned to school, having had an enjoyable and instructive outing. F.J.

On Friday, July 3rd, a party of sixty toured **Cadbury's, Bournville**. The outward appearance is most unlike a factory, the sports field still being gay from the previous "Youth Sports."

In the well equipped modern theatre all visitors are shown a short film—"Cocoa Harvest"—which deals with the growth and arrival of the mature cocoa bean at the factory. The party was divided into groups of eight, and each party was escorted by a guide who was extremely helpful.

The most interesting features were the marvellous machines which made the printed labels for the sweets. It was a joy to see some of the beautiful pre-war boxes that are still for export.

Every facility possible for a healthy life is found at Cadbury's. Employees are able to use both outdoor and indoor swimming baths; tennis, hockey, football and cricket are played. They also have a dramatic and music society.

Cadbury's therefore not only offers employment but also a very full life, and a very healthy Youth Club. K.L.

Starting from School at 1-55 p.m. we, a party of seventeen, reached the **Observatory** in Waterworks Road at 2-30 p.m.

Although pouring with rain, this misfortune did nothing to dampen our spirits.

On reaching the Observatory Tower the party was divided into two. Mr. Kelly, our guide, led the first group up the spiral staircase into a small room. This room contained a barograph, which is used for measuring pressure, and is one of the only three of this type in existence. In the room above we were shown an Anemometer, used for measuring the velocity of the wind. On the roof is a Campbell Stokes sunshine recorder.

Mr. Kelly then related to us the history of the Tower. It was built originally in the 18th century by a wealthy squire as a monument from which a panoramic view could be seen. On a clear day the Leicester district is visible from the top.

On descending the Tower, the party was taken to the Waterworks, further down the round, to see a rain gauge, a hydrograph, used for measuring the relative humidity of the air, and several types of thermometers, including a maximum, a minimum, a wet bulb and a dry bulb.

After our very enjoyable afternoon, we left for home, thanking Mr. Kelly for his very kind co-operation. F.J.

There were two visits to the **Stratford-on-Avon Memorial Theatre** this summer. On 17th June, a party of Sixth Formers went to see Tyrone Guthrie's production of "Henry VIII," the play which Their Majesties the King and Queen saw during their visit to Stratford. Antony Quayle played the title role.

On July 12th a party consisting of Fifth Formers and a few Sixth Formers visited Stratford to see "Julius Caesar," with Andrew Cruickshank as Julius Caesar and Harry Andrews as Brutus.

Both parties had fine days for their visits and most of the pupils found time to go on the river. As always, this year's two visits to Stratford were most enjoyable. E.P.

SPORTS RESULTS, 1950**FOOTBALL—Season 1949-50.**

Captain: M. V. Abrahams; Vice-Captain: N. A. Jackson.

Results:—

1st XI.—Played 24, won 8, drawn 1, lost 15.

2nd XI.—Played 18, won 5, drawn 3, lost 10.

Junior XI.—Played 12, won 5, drawn 7, lost 0.

Colours were awarded for good play to Adams, Cutler, Dittrich and Tinsley.

The 1st and 2nd XI's did not have such a successful season this year as in the past two years, mainly due to the youthfulness of the two teams. However, a good augury for the future was the display of the Junior XI, which did not lose a match. Some of our boys, Cutler, Abell, Hadley and Purvis again played for the Oldbury schoolboy team, and Cutler also represented Worcester County.

In the House matches, Queen's topped the list with five points and Trinity and School tied for second place with 3 points each.

Results:—

Queen's.—Played 3, won 2, drawn 1, lost 0 (5 points).

Trinity.— Played 3, won 0, drawn 3, lost 0 (3 points).

School.— Played 3, won 1, drawn 1, lost 1 (3 points).

King's.— Played 3, won 0, drawn 1, lost 2 (1 point).

THE CROSS COUNTRY RACE.

The annual cross country races provided some keen competition and close finishes this year. The junior record for the course of 12 mins. 45 secs. was not only broken by the winner, Holloway, of Queen's House in 11 min. 52 secs., but also by Harrison and Russell.

In the senior race, Green of School House, beat the old record of 11 mins. 31 $\frac{2}{5}$ secs by 5 secs. to win in 11 mins. 26 $\frac{2}{5}$ secs. The winner of the intermediate race was Purvis, who completed the course in 13 mins. 16 $\frac{3}{5}$ secs.

Trinity and King's tied for first place in the House Competition and Queen's were third with School fourth. Results:—

JUNIOR HOUSES.

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

INDIVIDUALS.

1, Holloway (Q); 2, Harrison (Q); 3, Russell (Q).
Time: 11 mins. 52 secs.

INTERMEDIATE HOUSES.

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

INDIVIDUALS.

1, Purvis (S) 2, Turner (T); 3, Cryer (T).
Time: 13 mins. 16 $\frac{2}{5}$ secs.

SENIOR HOUSES.

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

INDIVIDUALS.

1, Green (S); 2, Cole (K); 3, Chilton (K).
Time: 11 mins. 26 $\frac{2}{5}$ secs.

CRICKET—Season 1950.

1st XI.

Captain: R. Dittrich; Vice-Captain: N. Jackson.

Results versus other Schools:—

Played 14, won 5, drawn 3, lost 6.

A rather disappointing season was experienced by the 1st XI for more matches were lost than won. The beginning of the season was marked by bad weather which caused the cancellation of several matches. However, after a poor start, the team improved after the examinations, when a full side could be put out. Since the examinations, the team has been quite successful against the neighbouring schools. Results:—

O.G.S. 1st XI v. George Dixon's (away). Result: lost by five wickets. Oldbury 69, G.D., 70 for five wickets.

O.G.S. 1st XI v. Holly Lodge (away). Result: Lost by 37 runs. Holly Lodge 64 for nine wickets (dec.), Oldbury 27.

O.G.S. 1st XI v. Cresconians (home). Result: Drawn. Cresconians 73, Oldbury 35 for two wickets.

O.G.S. 1st XI v. George Dixon's (home). Result: Lost by six wickets. Oldbury 32, G.D. 33 for four wickets (Adams three for 7).

O.G.S. 1st XI v. West Bromwich (home). Result: Won by 34 runs. Oldbury 74 (Abell 34), West Bromwich 40 (Taylor six for 13).

O.G.S. 1st XI v. King's Norton (away). Result: Lost by six wickets. Oldbury 40 (Adams 24), King's Norton 41 for four wickets (Perry three for 9).

O.G.S. 1st XI v. St. Philip's (home). Result: Lost by 18 runs. St. Philip's 92 for two (dec.), Oldbury 74 (Jackson 32, Aldridge 24).

O.G.S. 1st XI v. King's Norton (home). Result: Lost by 50 runs. King's Norton 75, Oldbury 25.

O.G.S. 1st XI v. Dudley (away). Result: Won by two wickets. Dudley 75 (Dittrich six for 25), Oldbury 77 for eight (Abrahams 29).

O.G.S. 1st XI v. Redditch (away). Result: Won by four wickets. Redditch 102 for eight wickets (dec.), Oldbury 103 for six wickets (Abrahams 33, Jackson 28).

O.G.S.; 1st XI v. West Bromwich (away). Result: Won by 9 runs. Oldbury 38, West Bromwich 29 (Taylor four for 11 and Perry five for 9).

O.G.S. 1st XI v. Halesowen (home). Result: Drawn. Oldbury 110 for seven wickets (dec.) (Jordan 45), Halesowen 57 for three.

O.G.S. 1st XI v. Saltley (home). Result: Won by 63 runs. Oldbury 125 for one wicket (dec.) (Abell 64 not out, Jordan 51 not out), Saltley 63.

O.G.S. 1st XI v. Halesowen (away). Result: Drawn. Halesowen 117 for eight (dec.), Oldbury 50 for six wickets.

PARENTS' CRICKET MATCH, 1950.

This annual match between the 1st XI and the Parents' was arranged for Saturday, July 15th, but due to heavy rain, it was postponed. However, a 20-overs match was arranged for the following Monday evening. This match was won by the 1st XI by 10 runs and they thus regained the Shield. The outstanding feature of the game was the all-round performance of Abel.

O.G.S. 1st XI 57 for five wickets (Abell 23), Parents' XI 47 all out (Abell six wickets for 6 runs).

STAFF MATCH, 1950.

The Staff match was played on Tuesday, the 18th of July. The 1st XI batted first and scored 122 for three wickets declared.

Abell again batted well to score 50 not out. Abrahams also scored 25. The Staff XI was all out for 54, Adams taking four wickets for 13 runs. Thus the School won by 68 runs.

1st XI AVERAGES—BATTING.

Abell—Innings, 14; Not out, 3; Runs, 234; Highest score, 64*; Average, 21.3.

Jordan—14; 2; 128; 51*; 10.8.

Adams—11; 2; 92; 24; 10.2.

Abrahams—16; 0; 158; 33; 9.9.

Jackson—12; 0; 113; 32; 9.4.

Dittrich—8; 4; 36; 16*; 9.

*Denotes "not out."

BOWLING.

Taylor—Overs, 107.4; Maidens, 39; Runs, 202; Wickets, 32; Average, 6.3.

Abell—82.4; 25; 153; 19; 8.

Perry—107.4; 30; 236; 28; 8.5.

Dittrich—46.1; 7; 133; 15; 8.8.

Adams—49; 12; 113; 12; 9.4.

Wicket-keeping: Jackson—caught 5, stumped 4.

Cricket colours were awarded to P. J. Abell, M. Adams and R. M. Jordan.

There was no 2nd XI but the record of the Junior XI's matches is as follows:—

Played 6, won 3, drawn 2, lost 1.

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In the August holidays, R. L. Dittrich played for the Worcestershire County Schoolboys XI in various matches against other County Associations. N. A. Jackson played in the final trial, but unfortunately did not play for the County.

Other members of the 1st XI played in Staffordshire County trials.

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CRICKET HOUSE MATCHES 1950.

1st, Queen's—Played 3, won 3, lost 0.

2nd, Trinity— Played 3, won 2, lost 1.

3rd, King's— Played 3, won 1, lost 2.

4th, School— Played 3, won 0, lost 3.

The Champions, Queen's v. The Rest. Result: A tie.

Queen's 54, The Rest 54.

HOCKEY, 1949-50.

The 1st XI hockey team played 14 matches this season, 8 of which resulted in victories for the School, 2 were drawn and 4 lost. In all 51 goals were scored for the School and 30 against.

The 1st XI hockey team consisted of the following players: Kathleen Lewis (captain), Janet Partington (vice-captain), Freda Johnson, Pat Newman, Constance Bagley, Margaret Thompson, Edna York, Jessica Chiles, Jocelyn Bacon, Frances Reeves and Enid Phillips.

The following girls have also played in 1st XI matches this season: Margaret Webb, Jean Woodhouse, Pat Newey, Valerie Williams, Vivien Jacomb, Ann Collins and Margaret Bentley.

HOUSE CHAMPIONSHIPS.

1—Trinity played 2, won 2; 2—School played 2, won 1, lost 1 (being beaten in the final); 3—Queen's played 2, won 1, lost 1; 4—King's played 2, lost 2.

TENNIS, 1950.

The 1st IV tennis team played 3 matches, drawing 2 and losing 1. Janet Partington was captain of the tennis team; the other members were Brenda Shipstone, Margaret Thompson and Jocelyn Bacon.

Tennis colours were presented to Margaret Thompson.

HOUSE MATCHES.

Each House team played 3 games.

1—Trinity won 3; 2—King's won 2; 3—School won 1; 4—Queen's lost 3.

ROUNDERS, 1950.

The senior and junior Rounders teams each played 3 games. Both teams won 1 and lost 2. Altogether $12\frac{1}{2}$ rounders were scored for the School and 15 against.

The senior Rounders team was composed of Pat Newman (captain), Constance Bagley, Edna York, Vivien Jacomb, Joan Charnell, Mary Halliwell, Pat Newey, Valerie Williams and Jean Woodhouse.

The junior Rounders team consisted of Frances Reeves (captain), Margaret Bentley, Jennifer Hutchinson, Mary Hadley, Kathleen Plimley, Barbara Sorrell, Mary Morse, Pauline Such and Valerie Beard.

Rounders colours were presented to Edna York, Vivien Jacomb, Joan Charnell and Mary Halliwell.

HOUSE MATCHES.

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

ATHLETIC SPORTS, 1950.

BOYS.

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

ONE MILE (Open).

1, Green (S); 2, Cole (K); 3, Rock (T).

Time: 5 mins. 5 secs.

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

100 YARDS.

Class A—1, Reynolds (K); 2, Knight (Q); 3, Hancox (S).
12 secs.*

Class B—1, Holloway; 2, Hadley (T); 3, Barratt (Q).
11.4 secs.*

Class C—1, Carter (Q); 2, Oakey (T); 3, Ward (K).
12.3 secs.

Class D—1, Gurney (Q); 2, Babington (Q); 3, Moss (Q).
11.6 secs.

Class E—1, Morse (K); 2, Mallard (S); 3, Cutler (Q).
10.8 secs.

220 YARDS.

Class A—1, Knight (Q); 2, Reynolds (K); 3, Teale (S).
32 secs.

Class B—1, Holloway (Q); 2, Barratt (Q); 3, Hadley (T).
29 secs.*

Class C—1, Carter (Q); 2, Oakey (T); 3, Ward (K).
31 secs.

Class D—1, Gurney (Q); 2, Fardon (K); 3, Ashby (Q).
29.6 secs.

Class E—1, Abrahams (T); 2, Morse (K); 3, Mallard (S).
26.8 secs.

HIGH JUMP.

Class B—1, Frankin (K); 2, Barratt (Q); 3, Harris (T).
4 ft. 1½ ins.

Class D—1, Moss (Q); 2, Oakey (T); 3, Lines (K).
4 ft. 3½ ins.

Class E—1, Hall (T); 2, Poole (K); 3, Mitchell (S).
4 ft. 8¾ ins.

LONG JUMP.

Class B—1, Hadley (T); 2, Holloway (Q); 3, Reynolds (K).
14 ft. 7½ ins.

Class D—1, Moss (Q); 2, Ashby (Q); 3, Kitchen (T).
16 ft. 4 ins.

Class E—1, Mallard (S); 2, Parkes (Q); 3, Abrahams (T).
18 ft. 0½ ins.

DISCUSS.

Class B—1, Harris (T); 2, Cotton (T); 3, Barratt (Q).
58 ft. 5 ins.

Class D—1, Moss (Q); 2, Kitchen (T); 3, Rose (T).
71 ft.

Class E—1, Mallard (S); 2, Green (S); 3, Abrahams (T).
111 ft. 4 ins.

THROWING THE JAVELIN (Class E only).

1, Mallard (S); 2, Green (S); 3, Parkes (Q). 112 ft.

PUTTING THE SHOT.

Class B—1, Holloway (Q); 2, Spooner (K); 3, Bayliss (K).
31 ft. 8ins. (6-lb. shot).

Class D—1, Fardon (K); 2, Lines (K); 3, Ashby (Q).
30 ft. (8-lb. shot).

Class E—1, Green (S); 2, Adams (Q); 3, Abrahams (T).
37 ft. 3 ins. (12-lb. shot).

440 YARDS.

Class C—1, Holloway (Q); 2, Carter (Q); 3, Edge (K).
73.2 secs.

Class D—1, Ashby (Q); 2, Fardon (K); 3, Purvis (S).
67.4 secs.

Class E—1, Green (S); 2, Abrahams (T); 3, Mitchell (S).
61 secs.

880 YARDS.

Class D—1, Purvis (S); 2, Cryer (T); 3, Lines (K).
2 mins. 44.6 secs.

Class E—1, Green (S); 2, Cole (K); 3, Chilton (K).
2 mins. 16.4 secs.

INTER-HOUSE RELAY.

Class B—1, Queen's; 2, Trinity; 3, King's.
1 min. 8 secs. (4 x 110 yards).

Class D—1, Queen's; 2, Trinity; 3, King's.
2 mins. 1 sec.* (4 x 220 yards).

Class E—1, Queen's; 2, School; 3, Trinity.
1 min. 55 secs. (4 x 220 yards).

INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONS.

Senior—Green (19 points); Runners-up—Mallard (12 points),
Abrahams (7 points).

Intermediate—Moss (10 points); Runners-up—Ashby, Fardon,
Purvis (7 points each).

Junior—Holloway (11 points); Runners-up—Barratt and
Hadley (6 points).

HOUSE CHAMPIONSHIPS.

1, Queen's (123 points); 2, Trinity (86 points); 3, King's (83
points); 4, School (80 points).

ATHLETIC SPORTS RESULTS, 1950.

GIRLS.

ROUNDERS BALL.

Class B—1, P. Wilcox (Q); 2, B. Phillips (K); 3, E. Kent (T).

Class D—1, P. Such (Q); 2, A. Collins (Q); 3, G. Hancox (S).

Class E—1, M. Halliwell (S); 2, M. Bentley (S); 3, V. Underhill
(S).

HIGH JUMP.

- Class B—1, M. Gripton (T); 2, J. Barratt (Q); 3, A. Elsdon (K).
3 ft. 10 ins.
- Class D—1, N. Burton (Q); 2, M. Bagnall (K); 3, A. Collins (Q).
4 ft. 3 ins.
- Class E—1, B. Harrold (S) and M. L. Pollard (K) tie for 1st; 3,
M. Morse (K). 4 ft. 1½ ins.

LONG JUMP.

- Class B—1, A. Elsdon (K); 2, M. Gripton (T); 3, J. Barratt.
- Class D—1, J. Whitehouse (K); 2, A. Hurst (T); 3, P. Such.
14 ft. 1½ ins.
- Class E—1, M. Bentley (S); 2, P. Newman (Q); 3, K. Lewis.
14 ft. 9 ins.

100 YARDS.

- Class A—1, V. Welch (Q); 2, J. Howard (S); 3, J. Sutton (T).
11 secs. (80 yards only).
- Class B.—1, J. Barratt (Q); 2, A. Elsdon (K); 3, J. Burnell (K).
12.1 secs.*
- Class C—1, A. Hurst (T); 2, N. Burton (Q); 3, C. Hill (S).
12.4 secs.*
- Class D—1, A. Collins (Q); 2, F. Reeves (S); 3, B. Lavender (Q).
12.1 secs.*
- Class E—1, B. Harrold (S); 2, E. Phillips (T) and M. Bentley
(S) tie. 12.2 secs.*

220 YARDS.

- Class C—1, A. Hurst (T); 2, C. Hill (S) and N. Burton (Q).
31.4 secs.
- Class D—1, M. Biddulph (S); 2, A. Collins (Q); 3, F. Reeves
32.5 secs.
- Class E—1, E. Phillips (T); 2, M. Bentley (S); 3, B. Harrold.
32.5 secs.

SKIPPING (100 yards except Class A 80 yards).

- Class A—1, J. Sutton (T); 2, W. Billings (T); 3, E. Storey.
12.9 secs.
- Class B—1, A. Elsdon (K); 2, M. Gripton (T); 3, J. Burnell.
13.8 secs.*
- Class C—1, C. Hill (S); 2, N. Burton (Q); 3, M. Jordan.
13.8 secs.*
- Class D—1, F. Reeves (S); 2, A. Collins (Q); 3, B. Lavender.
13.1 secs.*
- Class E—1, M. Bentley (S); 2, E. Phillips (T); 3, B. Harrold
13.1 secs.*

HOUSE RELAY (4 x 110 yards).

Class B—1, King's; 2, Queen's; 3, Trinity.

67.1 secs.

Class D—1, School; 2, King's; 3, Queen's.

63.4 secs.

Class E—1, Trinity; 2, School; 3, King's.

63.4 secs.

INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONS.

Junior Champion—Ann Elsdon (9 points); Runners-up—Maureen Gripton (7 points), Judith Barratt (6 points).

Intermediate Champion—Ann Collins (10 points); Runners-up—Nadia Burton (8½ points), Annette Hurst (8 points).

Senior Champion—Margaret Bentley (11½ points); Runners-up—Betty Harrold (7½ points), Enid Phillips (6½ points).

HOUSE CHAMPIONSHIPS.

1, School (50 points); 2, Queen's (45½ points); 3, Trinity (45½ points); 4, King's' (32 points).

COMBINED RESULTS.

1, Queen's (168 points); 2, School (130 points); 3, Trinity (124 points); 4, King's (115 points).

SWIMMING SPORTS, 1950.

GIRLS.

Junior Champion—Eileen Kent (19 points); Runner-up—Norma Griffin (9 points).

Intermediate Champion—Ann Whittingham (10 points); Runner-up—Nadia Burton (9 points).

Senior Champion—Nora Fletcher (16 points); Runners-up—V. Jacomb, B. Harrold, M. Redick (9 points each).

HOUSE POINTS.

King's (49 points); Queen's (33 points); School (73 points); Trinity (66 points).

BOYS.

Junior Champion—Hargreaves and Porritt (6 points each).

Intermediate Champion—Turner (6 points).

Senior Champion—Jones (9½ points).

HOUSE POINTS.

School (46 points); King's (41½ points); Trinity (26½ points); Queen's (6 points).

POEMS**Matilda and the Derelict Farm.**

Do you remember a farm,
Matilda?
Do you remember a farm?
Where the children used to play
In the sweet-smelling hay
When the sun shone warm,
And the baby lambs were born,
And the cats were afraid
Of the barks
The dogs made
When asking for their dinner;
Not one wanting to get thinner.
Do you remember that farm,
Matilda?
Do you remember that farm?
And the farmer's cheery wife
With her silver carving knife,
When she heard
The pit-a-pats
Of the tiny feet of rats
Who tried to eat the cheeses in the vats.
She would chase those little rats
Until the pit-a-pats
Went as quick as lightning
Past the big cheese vats.
And do you remember that sweet little bird
Who sang when the small church bell was heard
With the hip, hip, hop
Of his dancing feet
And the tweet, tweet, tweet
Coming from his tiny beak,
And in the distance a sound
Ding,
Dong,
Dell!
The sound of the old church bell.
Never more;
Matilda,
Never more
Will you hear the scratch of the dog's paw
On the bright green-painted door.
Only the wild wind's roar

Upon the dreary moor.
Never more will you see the cheery wife
Chase the rats with her silver knife;
Only the broken shutters banging
Against the part of the farm still standing;
Only the mist-like gloom
Hung around the farm-yard tomb.

Lilian Thompson. IA.

Music.

Nearly everyone likes music,
Whether opera, jazz or swing.
Some like to play an instrument,
While others like to sing.

There are different kinds of instruments,
And different kinds of song,
But if you choose the sort you like,
Well then, you can't go wrong.

Ada Jones. Form 2c.

Towser.

I have a dog who's white and brown,
I call him Towser-boy.
At him I never have to frown,
He is my pride and joy.

It really is a treat to see
My little canine pet;
His eyes do sparkle cheerfully,
His nose looks cool and wet.

His lead, which flies out past his tail,
Is very vivid blue.
He looks so pert, he cannot fail
To raise a smile from you.

His coat is very neat and trim,
Devoid of any flea.
It shows his figure up—so slim!
He seems to smile with glee.

A lot of Towsers have I seen
 In windows, shops and stores,
 And some had leads of red and green,
 But, from tail-tip to paws,
 They're only made of plastic, and
 They're only one inch high,
 But don't you think they're really grand?
 You do? And so do I!

Barbara Lang. 2C.

Cobwebs.

O silken cobwebs in your shady nooks,
 Who was the maker of your dainty thread,
 Which bright with morning dew so fragile looks,
 Oft-times above each pretty flower bed?

A spider was the maker of this thread,
 Well hidden 'neath the pleasant almond tree,
 Which now hath all its handsome blossom shed,
 And so no more can aid the busy bee.

But see! a careless fly is buzzing near,
 Quite unaware of his own cruel fate,
 Until the sticky web awakes his fear,
 When thought of caution is, alas, too late.

O pretty cobwebs in these shady nooks,
 A spider was the spinner of your thread,
 Which wound about with skill, attractive looks,
 Until, as in a snare, a fly is dead.

Joy Howard. 2A.

The Gipsies.

As by the river I did walk
 Alone on the bright summer's day,
 I heard some strange and mystic talk

And saw strange children at play.
 I then saw camping in the glen
 A crowd of jolly gipsy men,
 And I saw in the caravans
 A lot of shining pots and pans.

Their homes were painted very bright,
The colours filled me with delight.
The women in the brightest frocks
Getting the meals and washing crocks.

But soon they went upon their way.
I hope they'll come back there some day.
I like to see the gipsy men,
While they are camping in the glen.

K. Bratton. 3C.

Spring.

The traces of winter now are gone,
Spring has covered them one by one,
Covered them with her mantle green,
Decked the fields with a glorious sheen;
Touched the trees with her fingers light,
Clothing them all with rich delight;
Wakened the flowers from their winter sleep,
Made them from their leaf-coats peep;
Given birth to the lambkins gay,
Making them happy the livelong day.
Spring has come with her colours bright
To cheer our hearts and give delight.

Mary Bagnall. 3B.

The Night.

I love the still, deep calm of night,
So full of gentleness,
With an occasional hoot from an owl nearby,
To break the restfulness.

I love the moon and the stars at night,
With them I lie and think
Of all the things I've done that day—
Then into dreams I sink.

I love the long dark hours of night,
That come before the dawn,
When comes the crow of the cock in the yard,
To tell us that it's morn.

Jeanne Palmer. 3B.

Nature's Music.

The world is awakening, the sun shyly peeps,
 The sweet lark is singing, the fish gaily leaps;
 All hail to the morning, and greet the sun's ray,
 All nature is singing a hymn to the day.

The brooks swiftly burbling o'er stones in the stream,
 The leaves gently rustling, all part of the dream,
 The beasts' gently lowing, the birds' sweetest song,
 All add to the chorus that sounds the day long.

The small streams that tinkle between leafy walls,
 The melodious booming of Niagara's Falls,
 The crickets that chirrup, the birds on the wing,
 All part of the contrasts that Nature's sounds bring.

The owl now is hooting, for Night sounds its horn,
 The old sounds are dying and new ones are born;
 The whole world is sleeping, awaiting the sun,
 But all through the night Nature's music goes on.

Janet S. Tibbetts. 4A.

Nature's Music.

As the summer sun is glowing
 Over maple, oak and palm,
 And the zephyrs softly blowing
 Bring a peace so sweet and calm,
 You can hear a gentle rustling
 Coming from the murm'ring trees,
 As the leaves are gaily bustling
 To the rhythm of the breeze.

With the evening shadows falling
 At the closing of the day,
 You can hear the wise owl calling
 'Ere he searches for his prey.
 There is no place for resentment
 In this happy, carefree life,
 There's no sound of discontentment,
 No discordant note of strife.

Joan Gambles. 4A.

The Birch.

A slender, silver-shafted birch grows where
The broken fragment of a wall, moss-cloaked
And weather-worn, a rustic well-head, and
A riot of golden-hearted roses mark
A forsaken garden. When the summer sun
Shines down at noon-day, and the tranquil air
Is laden with the fragrant incense breathed
From the creamy-petalled rose, she stands death-still,
Her graceful height thrown into bold relief
Against the clear, blue depths of a cloudless sky.
But at the faintest breeze the slim boughs sway,
The leaves flutter like dainty butterflies
And dapple the grass beneath with dancing shadows.
When night enfolds the earth in darkness, and
A silv'ry crescent moon is mirrored in
Each willow-watchèd pool, the scar-slashed bark
Gleams ghostly-pale in the moonlight and the cool
Caress of night air stirs the restless leaves
To whisper long-forgotten secrets to
The quiet, watchful stars. These moods are calm;
The birch sways to the gentle breeze, her hair,
Sun-gilded, light as floating gossamer.
She is lovely then, but lovelier by far
When dark clouds scud across a livid sky.
She flings her arms to the storm in an ecstasy,
Exulting in the gusts that toss her leaves
In wild abandon. Here is liberty,
Far from the prison of a crowded wood
Where all must thrust and strive to reach the light.
Proudly she stands, daring the fury of
The wind and rain, revealed by a vivid flash
Of lightning, stark against a writhing mass
Of angry cloud. Alone but never lonely,
Intensely alive, she stands on the green slope
Of a wind-swept hill, in a forsaken garden.

Daphne Burchett. Form 6.

IN AFFECTIONATE REMEMBRANCE
 OF
JOYCE BARBARA MEEK,
 of Form 5M
 who passed away on November 29th, 1949,
 and of
MARGARET THELMA TWIST,
 of Form 5S
 who passed away on July 20th, 1950.

VALETE.

FORM 6A.

- M. Adams.**—School Certificate; Prefect; 1st XI Football and Cricket Teams; Queen's House Captain and Sports Captain, House Teams.—At Tangye's.
- Daphne Burchett.**—School Certificate and Higher School Certificate; County Major Scholarship; Prefect; School House Captain.—At Cadbury Bros.
- J. B. Chilton.**—School Certificate and Higher School Certificate; Prefect; King's House.—At Stewart & Lloyds.
- N. Jackson.**—School Certificate; Prefect; 1st XI Football and Cricket Teams; Trinity House Teams.
- S. Jolliffe.**—School Certificate; Oldbury Charity Trust Scholarship; Prefect; 1st XI Football; Trinity House Teams and Secretary.—At School of Art.
- J. Morse.**—School Certificate and Higher School Certificate; County Major Scholarship; Boy Captain; Prefect; Vice-Chairman of Joint Societies.—Faculty of Science, Nottingham University.

- D. Pearson.**—School Certificate and Higher School Certificate; County Major Scholarship; Prefect; Trinity House Captain; 1st XI Cricket; House Team; Violinist in School Orchestra.—Faculty of Medicine at Birmingham University.
- J. W. Price.**—School Certificate and Higher School Certificate; School House Secretary; Prefect.—Arts Faculty at Leeds University.
- R. Shirley.**—School Certificate; Prefect.—At Midlands Electricity Board.
- P. J. Whittingham.**—School Certificate and Higher School Certificate; Oldbury Charity Trust Scholarship; Prefect; Vice-Captain; Chairman of Joint Societies; Trinity House.—Faculty of Chemistry, Birmingham University.

FORM 6B.

- P. Arnold.**—School Certificate.—Midlands Electricity Board.
- Constance Bagley.**—School Certificate; Prefect; 1st XI Hockey; Senior Rounders; Trinity House Teams; Games Colours; Girl Guide and Cadet.—Pupil-Teacher.
- Roma Bardill.**—School Certificate.—Cadbury Bros.
- R. Bigland.**—School Certificate.
- Jessica Chiles.**—School Certificate; Prefect; 1st XI Hockey; Queen's House Teams; Violinist in School Orchestra; Girl Guide and Cadet. — Physiotherapy at Queen Elizabeth Hospital.
- J. Coley.**—School Certificate; 2nd XI Football.
- Sylvia Franklin.**—School Certificate; Prefect.—Pupil-Teacher.
- A. R. Greenhalgh.**—School Certificate.—In Civil Service.
- B. Hadley.**—School Certificate.
- R. M. Jordan.**—1st XI Football and Cricket Teams; School House Teams.—In Accountant's Office.
- L. R. Lawton.**—School Certificate; 2nd XI Football. — Clerical Work at Tube Investments Ltd.
- Margaret Lycett.**—School Certificate; Prefect; Trinity House; Pianist.—Pupil Teacher.
- B. Mallard.**—School Certificate; 1st XI Cricket; Athletics.—Accountancy.
- Joyce McIvor.**—School Certificate; School House Teams.—Secretarial Course.
- Joyce Pardoe.**—School Certificate; School House Secretary; Pianist.—Insurance Office.

- Margaret Pollard.**—School Certificate; Prefect; King's House Hockey and Tennis Teams; Girl Guide and Cadet.—Pupil-Teacher.
- Marion Price.**—School Certificate; Prefect.—Clerical Work.
- Brenda Renhard.**—School Certificate; Prefect.—Teaching in Nursery School.
- Cynthia Rollinson.**—School Certificate; Prefect; School House Tennis Team.—Secretary at Albright & Wilson Ltd.
- Brenda Shipstone.**—School Certificate; 1st Tennis Team; House Hockey and Tennis.—Secretarial College.
- Rita Walker.**—School Certificate; Prefect.
- Joyce Weston.**—School Certificate; Prefect.—Central Technical College, Pharmacy.
- Edna York.**—School Certificate; Prefect; 1st XI Hockey; Rounders Team; Trinity House Hockey and Rounders Team.—Pupil-Teacher.

FORM 5G.

- Jean Abell.**—School Certificate; King's House; Singer.—Clerical Work at Guest, Keen & Nettlefolds.
- E. Batey.**—School Certificate.—At Cuxson & Gerrards.
- Betty Davies.**—School Certificate.—B'ham Reference Library.
- J. E. Chalk.**—School Certificate; Intermediate Swimming Champion.—Agricultural Work.
- Beryl Garner.**—School Certificate.—Clerical Work.
- R. Hall.**—School Certificate; 1st XI Cricket and Football Teams.—Royal Navy.
- Sylvia Hall.**—School Certificate.—At Midland Tar Distillers.
- Mary Halliwell.**—School Certificate; Rounders Team; School House Teams.—Clerical Work at M.T.D.
- Vivienne Jacomb.**—School Certificate; King's House Hockey and Rounders Teams.
- E. Murray.**—School Certificate; 2nd XI Football Team; School House Football and Cricket Teams.—Drawing Office.
- R. Nicholls.**—School Certificate.—Apprentice to Chance Bros.
- J. Renhard.**—School Certificate.—Training as Architect.
- G. Tinsley.**—Best School Certificate; 1st XI Football; School House Vice-Sports Captain.—Accountancy.
- Rosalie Ware.**—School Certificate.—Hudson's Printing Works.

FORM 5M.

- M. Bowater.**—In Merchant Navy.
Pauline Clifford.—Queen's House Hockey Team.—Clerical Work at I.C.I.
Olive Davis.—School Certificate.—Clerical Work.
Dorothy Dyas.—School Certificate.—Insurance Office.
June Lowe.—School Certificate.
D. Malcolmson.—School Certificate.
Noreen Pepper.—School Certificate.—At Cadbury Bros.
Shirley Robinson.—At Lloyds Bank.
R. Shorthouse.—School Certificate.—Drawing Office.
Maureen Stanton.—School Certificate.—Office Work.

FORM 5S.

- Shirley Bayliss.**—School Certificate; Queen's House Hockey Team; Singer.—Secretarial College.
Jill Brown.—School Certificate.—Birmingham Central Library.
J. M. Cave.—School Certificate.
Betty Harrold.—Office Work.
Gwendoline Hipkiss.—At Cadbury Bros.
J. Mellor.
Sarah McCracken.—School Certificate.—At Cadbury Bros.
Joyce Parkes.—Singer for King's House.—Oldbury Library Assistant.
E. Perry.—School Certificate; 2nd XI Football; School House Football Team.—Insurance Office.
J. Reynolds.—Insurance Office.
T. Robertson.—School Certificate; Trinity House Teams.
Barbara Smith.—School Certificate.
Cynthia Tew.—School Certificate.
Patricia White.—Bank.
Antonia Roberts.—Singer; Trinity House Teams.—Teleprinter Operator.

FORM 1C.

- L. Ireland.**—Transferred.
Joan Dawson.—Transferred.
R. Dawson.—Transferred.
Dorothy Roberts.—Transferred.