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EDITORIAL

EACH school year brings its own changes, problems and triumphs, recorded periodically in successive issues of our magazine. Once again we summarise them in this present number, with the satisfaction of knowing that, as a School, we are still definitely forging ahead.

We regret to report that, on July 1st, 1951, Mr. C. T. Barlow, O.B.E., a great friend and benefactor of the School passed away. We have many happy memories of times he spent among us, and particularly of his cordiality, encouragement and generous help. It is good to know that Mrs. Barlow has expressed a wish to maintain the interest which she also in the past has always taken in our activities.

Our last issue recorded an unusual number of staff changes. This year however there has been only one. Mr. A. L. Morgan, B.Sc., retired. We are pleased to know that he looks back on the seven years of his work here as the happiest in his professional career. The School is indebted to him for his contribution to its success, and wishes him and Mrs. Morgan happiness in retirement.

We welcome Mr. H. Laycock, B.Sc., who has taken the place left vacant by Mr. Morgan, and we wish him success in his work here.

In common with other grammar schools, we have now had one experience of the new Examination for the General Certificate of Education. Much justifiable criticism has been directed against certain of its features, particularly from those responsible for running the grammar schools. This critical attitude is certainly supported by many Fifth-Formers, especially those debarred from taking the examination by reason of their being brilliant but officially too young. The School is doing its utmost to reorganise for their welfare, despite difficulties. We congratulate our Sixth-Formers on their successes in this new examination. The results are outstandingly good, and the fine list of university scholarships won this year is something of which the School may be justifiably proud.

It should be recorded here that, this being the year of the

Festival of Britain, our School joined with others in one of the largest parties ever organised from the Borough, over eight hundred travelling by train to the South Bank Exhibition in London, our own contingent of some four hundred being the largest. Despite the magnitude of the party all went well, and the day was a great success. It will be remembered long by all who took part.

Associated with this Festival Year, we also have great pleasure in reporting that Mr. B. C. Pearson, M.A., of the staff, has written a poem entitled "Britain," and that this has been developed into a choral song by a former pupil of the School, now a professional musician, Cyril S. Christopher, D.Mus., F.R.C.O. The work was specially prepared for performance by our school choir and orchestra on the occasion of our Festival Concert, held on July 13th. Since then it has been published by Messrs. Elkin & Co., and so should be taken up by choirs in many parts of the country. We believe that this song expresses much of the spirit of our School, a spirit which we trust will always inspire our boys and girls to go out into the world, resolute in their determination to make a worthy contribution among their fellows, whatever difficulties they may have to surmount.

C.C.H.

BRITAIN

Let us give praise with heart and mind in song
 For all the good our land and fathers gave;
 The broad green fields, the rock-bound coasts, the brave
 Whose sacrifice has made our country strong.
 Give praise to those whose sense of right and wrong
 In generations past inspired to save
 The outcast, and to free the fettered slave.
 Their virtues shine, a guiding beam, along
 The darkening path their children daily tread.
 What though the sky be dark and tempests roar;
 What though we see not far upon our way;
 This is no cause for 'venturous souls to dread.
 Our ancestors have trod dark paths before,
 And struggled through into the light of day.

B. C. PEARSON.

SPEECH DAY

AN air of expectation filled the School on Thursday, October 26th, 1950, as once again the anniversary of the founding of the School had come round.

Parents and pupils alike crowded into the School hall: the former eager to learn of the latest successes of the School and the latter to applaud them.

After the chairman, Alderman B. T. Robbins, J.P., C.C., had made his opening remarks, the Head Girl, Janet Partington, gave an account of the many and varied social activities of the School and I. D. Howard, the Head Boy, reported on the games and athletics.

These reports were followed by a pleasing interpretation of Allan Macbeth's "Serenata" by an instrumental quartet, Joy Howard (first violin), G. H. Brindley (second violin), M. A. Cole ('cello) and I. D. Howard (pianoforte).

Dr. Howard then presented his report, commenting on the work and successes of the School, which once again had reached a very high standard.

Then came the highlight of the afternoon—a speech and the presentation of prizes by Professor C. F. V. Smout, M.D., Sub-Dean of the Faculty of Medicine. In his speech, Professor Smout discouraged the girls from becoming mere career-women, asking them not to become "pale pink editions of men," and at the same time he told of the great need for nurses.

The presentation of prizes was followed by an excellent vocal solo by Ada Jones, "The Little Road to Bethlehem" (Michael Head).

The afternoon was concluded by a vote of thanks to Professor Smout, proposed by His Worship the Mayor of Oldbury, Alderman G. W. Rose, J.P., seconded by Mrs. M. E. Garratt, J.P., and enthusiastically carried by all present. J. C. Hawley.

AWARDS, 1950

Form Certificates for General Proficiency

FORM 1C
ELIZABETH A. STOREY
P. HIPKISS
FORM 1B
NOREEN M. COX
J. W. BAKER
FORM 1A
MAVIS D. LETTS
SARAH MARTIN
FORM 2C
BARBARA M. LANG
JILLIAN R. CRYER
FORM 2B
CHRISTINA HILL
GRACE E. STURMAN
FORM 2A
BERYL FANTHOM
ANNETTE HURST

FORM 3C
JOYCE A. BIDDLE
B. S. PYNE
FORM 3B
JUDITH A. GREEN
D. T. COOK
FORM 3A
D. EDGE
R. J. OAKLEY
FORM 4C
EVA M. CROFTS
CHRISTINE M. COX
FORM 4B
A. C. POOLE
L. STEVENS
FORM 4A
R. KITCHEN
JANET S. TIBBETTS

General School Certificates

E. R. BATEY	OLIVE M. C. DAVIS
R. W. HALL	DOROTHY DYAS
E. MURRAY	HEATHER E. HADLEY
W. R. W. NICHOLLS	JUNE LOWE
D. R. PARKES	ANITA M. PAGE
J. T. RENHARD	NOREEN PEPPER
G. H. TINSLEY	MAUREEN J. STANTON
B. E. S. TRUEMAN	JEAN M. WOODHOUSE
JEAN M. ABELL	R. H. BONAS
RUBY ASHFIELD	J. M. CAVE
BETTY M. DAVIES	N. G. DAVIS
VALERIE J. ELSTON	A. E. PERRY
BERYL GARNER	T. S. ROBERTSON
SYLVIA HALL	K. G. ROCK
MARY E. HALLIWELL	J. A. STEVENTON
JANET C. HAWLEY	SHIRLEY BAYLISS
VIVIENNE M. JACOMB	MARGERY E. BROOKBANK
BARBARA A. SAVAGE	JILL A. BROWN
MARY SMITH	MARGARET B. CUTLER
ROSALIE WARE	DORIS M. HUGHES
M. V. ABRAHAMS	SARAH E. McCRACKEN
P. J. HADLEY	BRENDA M. SHIPSTONE
D. J. MALCOMSON	BARBARA SMITH
G. R. SALTER	CYNTHIA A. TEW
R. T. SHORTHOUSE	M. THELMA TWIST
M. R. H. THOMAS	

Letters of Success in General School Certificate Examination

CONSTANCE D. BAGLEY	M. G. SPENCER
KATHLEEN M. LEWIS	JOYCE M. WESTON

Higher School Certificates

P. T. R. BROWN	J. W. PRICE
J. B. CHILTON	D. I. TROWMAN
R. L. DITTRICH	P. J. WHITTINGHAM
H. J. H. DUNN	DAPHNE G. BURCHETT
I. D. HOWARD	JANET A. PARTINGTON
J. MORSE	MARGARET E. WEBB
D. C. PEARSON	

Letters of Success in Higher School Certificate Examination

M. ADAMS	CONSTANCE D. BAGLEY
R. J. BAKER	DINAH R. BAKER
N. A. JACKSON	JESSICA CHILES
S. JOLLIFFE	BARBARA W. COMLEY
R. J. SHIRLEY	YVONNE E. J. DUGMORE
G. E. BROWN	NANCY E. ETHERIDGE
M. A. COLE	SYLVIA A. FRANKLIN
A. W. EASEY	KATHLEEN M. LEWIS
R. M. EDGE	JANE MARTIN
L. N. GREEN	PATRICIA A. NEWMAN
B. HADLEY	ENID PHILLIPS
I. R. W. HARGEST	MARGARET L. POLLARD
D. HILL	MARION E. PRICE
R. M. JORDAN	CYNTHIA ROLLINSON
A. E. PARKES	JOYCE STANDLEY
J. A. PERRY	MARGARET THOMPSON
M. G. SPENCER	RITA WALKER
D. J. SUCH	JOYCE M. WESTON
W. G. K. TAYLOR	EDNA M. YORK
A. WOOTTON	

Special Awards

State Scholarship:	I. D. HOWARD
Worcestershire County Major Scholarship:	DAPHNE G. BURCHETT J. MORSE D. C. PEARSON Award deferred
Albright University Scholarship:	A. T. SPENCER
Dawes Memorial University Scholarship:	H. J. H. DUNN S. JOLLIFFE J. M. LOMAX JOYCE M. WESTON P. J. WHITTINGHAM
Oldbury Educational Trust Scholarships:	I. D. HOWARD J. MORSE MARGARET E. WEBB
O.S.A. Prize for Outstanding Achievement:	RUBY ASHFIELD
Frank Dawes' Prize for Leadership:	G. H. TINSLEY
Lydia Dawes' Prize for Leadership:	
Best General School Certificate Result for Girls:	
Best General School Certificate Result for Boys:	

Prizes for the Best Use of Leisure

Senior Boys' Prize, awarded by the late Mr. A. P. Hands:	M. A. COLE
Senior Girls' Prize, awarded by Mrs. C. T. Barlow:	DINAH R. BAKER BARBARA R. GREIG
Junior Prizes, awarded by C. T. Barlow, Esq., O.B.E.:	R. M. THOMAS BERYL FANTHOM JOY V. HOWARD
Certificates of Merit in Leisure Time Activities:	116 AWARDS

Awards for Games, Athletics, Swimming, etc.

Girl Guides' Prize:	MARGARET E. WEBB
Quayle Games Prizes:	R. L. DITTRICH M. V. ABRAHAM JANET PARTINGTON ENID PHILLIPS ANN ELSDON G. N. HOLLOWAY ANN S. COLLINS H. J. H. MOSS
Girls' Junior Champion:	MARGARET A. BENTLEY
Boys' Junior Champion:	L. N. GREEN
Girls' Intermediate Champion:	THE SCHOOL
Boys' Intermediate Champion:	THE SCHOOL COMPANY
Girls' Senior Champion, awarded Albright Cup:	
Boys' Senior Champion, awarded Vernon Cup:	
Parents' Cricket Match — Cricket Shield:	
Girl Guide Shield—Edgbaston Division:	

House Cups

Swimming:	SCHOOL HOUSE
Cup for Inter-House Games:	QUEENS HOUSE
Jephcott Cup for Athletics:	QUEENS HOUSE
Davies Cup for Music:	Award deferred
Davies Cup for Junior and Middle School Studies:	KINGS HOUSE
Hadley Cup for Academic Achievement of Seniors:	SCHOOL HOUSE

Some Recent Successes of Old Scholars**Cambridge University**

- MARGARET M. STEPHENS (Girton College) Natural Sciences
Tripos Part II, Class II.
D. S. BROWN (Queens College) Natural Sciences
Tripos Part II, Class III.

Birmingham University*Faculty of Science*

- NANCY C. M. HARROLD Hons. B.Sc. (Class II, Div. II) Botany.
S. H. TAYLOR Hons. B.Sc. (Class II, Div. I) Anatomy
and Physiology.
J. B. TAYLOR Hons. B.Sc. (Class I) Mathematics.
E. R. ROBERTSON Passed 2nd year Honours B.Sc. Course.
R. STEPHENS Passed 2nd year Honours B.Sc. Course.
G. RUSSELL Passed 1st year B.Sc. Course.
R. JAKEWAYS Passed 1st year Honours B.Sc. Course.

Faculty of Arts

- VALERIE BAYLISS Passed 1st year Honours School of
English.
DOREEN PARTINGTON Passed 1st year Honours School of
History.

Faculty of Medicine

- J. M. SHEPHARD Passed M.B. Ch.B. Part II and
awarded special Undergraduate
Scholarship.
A. E. CUTLER Passed M.B. Ch.B. Part I.
D. C. PEARSON Passed M.B. Ch.B. Part I.

School of Dental Surgery

- D. A. STOKES Completed Part I of L.D.S., R.C.S.
(London) and L.D.S. (Birmingham).

Education Department

- BETTINA PINE Gained Primary Teachers' Certificate.
MARGARET RUSSELL Gained Primary Teachers' Certificate.

University of Sheffield

- J. BUTLER Passed 2nd year Honours School of
Fuel Technology.
M. C. ROUND Passed 1st year Honours School of
Zoology.

University of Liverpool

- J. COOK B.Eng. Hons. Class I, Dept of Civil
Engineering.

University of Leeds

- E. V. DULSON Passed M.B. Ch.B. Part II.

University of Wales*Cardiff University College*

- E. COOK B.Sc. in Metalliferous Mining Engin-
eering.

University College of North Wales—Bangor

- A. J. LAMBERT Passed Intermediate Examination
B.Sc. Forestry.

University of Bristol

- C. J. CASHMORE B.Sc. in Civil Engineering.

Saltley Training College

D. C. STOKES
A. WILLETTS

Passed 1st year examinations.
Passed 2nd year examinations.

Dudley Training College

T. G. BUNCH

Gained Primary Teachers' Certificate.

University of Paris

AILEE BIRD

Certificat d'etudes françaises pour les
étrangers.

Congratulations

J. W. FIELD, M.D.

Awarded C.M.G. (Companion of the
Order of St. Michael and St.
George) in the Birthday Honours
List, for Medical Research in
Malaya.

DOROTHY PARKES

Mayoress of Halesowen.

FESTIVAL OF BRITAIN, 1951

THE Festival of Britain attracted visitors, not only from the United Kingdom, but from all the nations of the free world and, therefore, it was not strange that the pupils and staff of Oldbury Grammar School wished to visit this great Exhibition.

So, early in the morning of Thursday, July 5th, a party 450 strong collected at Langley Station, together with 400 more pupils of other schools in Oldbury, for the journey to Paddington.

An excursion on so large a scale required very careful planning, but the organisation was so perfect to the last detail that not one hitch occurred, and the Festival and even the train journeys gave great enjoyment.

The South Bank Festival illustrated extremely well the undying craft of British architecture and building, and the weird and surrealistic shapes of the many concrete buildings suggested a picture by Picasso or Klee.

The Exhibition was undeniably modern in thought and achievement, and to stress the present-day trend for abstract shapes, the Festival included works by Henry Moore and many other ultra-modern artists.

The complete Festival at the South Bank was divided into two sections representing the Land of Britain and the People of Britain, and to appreciate it fully one had to begin at the Pavilion which displayed the evolution of Britain and end at the Dome of Discovery.

The seniors went around in small groups and visited the pavilions of their own choice. But the middle and junior schools

toured the Exhibition in parties, conducted by members of the staff, who took them to the pavilions which they thought would interest them most.

The pupils took their own food which they ate on the comfortable chairs placed around the Exhibition.

The home journey was as enjoyable as the outward and we had found many things to interest us in the magnificent and fantastic world of the South Bank Exhibition, 1951.

B. E. S. Trueman.

IT was quite cold on that eventful day of July 5th when at 7-30 in the morning we lined up outside Langley Green Station. Excitement was in the air and we surged forward to peer at every train that came in, only to find that it was not our train after all.

At last, the right train did puff into the station, and chugged to a standstill beside us. An excited five hundred of us tumbled into the train. We were off at last! At first we sped past stations and factories. Then we came into the country: cattle and horses lifted their heads as we flashed past.

When we finally arrived at Paddington we trooped across the platform in crocodile fashion towards the underground. Down the escalator we went, and all we could see in front of us and behind were long lines of panamas. Then we went along a dark tunnel on to the platform, where we all stood in rather frightened little groups. After going through a maze of apparently endless tunnels we arrived at Waterloo Station and walked through the turnstiles into the South Bank Exhibition.

For a few seconds, no one could do anything but stand and gape at the glorious sights before us: the great Dome, the whirling top of the Shot Tower and the tall, slender awe-inspiring Sky-lon!

First we went into the Dome of Discovery and enjoyed especially the section of the sky and planets. Then we visited "Power and Production," where we watched wonderful machines which made ice-cream wafers and wrapped sweets.

We walked by the fountains with fire in them to "Sea and Ships" and then sat on the steps leading to the Dome and ate our dinner or what was left of it!

After a rest, we made our way to the "People of Britain" pavilion. We enjoyed this very much because of the interesting little models,

Last of all, we went to the Seaside where we climbed to the small model piers from which we could see the Houses of Parliament looking majestically down the River Thames.

Even dreams, however, have to end and soon we had to go. We all stood and took our last look at the Exhibition and then we began our journey home.

We had one long halt while we waited for the "Master Cutler," an express for Sheffield, to go through. At about 9-30, we arrived back at Langley Green Station after a never-to-be-forgotten day at the South Bank Exhibition!

Sheila Johnson. (IA).
Valerie Dawes. (IB).

JOINT SOCIETIES

President	- -	DR. C. C. HOWARD.
Vice-Presidents	- -	MEMBERS OF THE STAFF.
Chairman	- -	D. I. TROWMAN.
Vice-Chairman	- -	I. D. HOWARD.
Secretary	- -	MARGARET E. WEBB.

September 21st.—The first meeting of the Joint Societies was opened by the President who welcomed the new members, and the new vice-presidents, and introduced the officers for the session.

The meeting took the form of an inter-House quiz. Questions were asked upon various topics by Mr. Swain, Mr. Williams, Mr. Partridge, Mr. Woodward, Miss Scriven, Miss Bryant, Miss Jones and Miss Morgan.

The four scorers, one for each House, were Olwyn Ruston, Valerie Elston, Easey and Thomas.

The winning House was School, followed by King's, Queen's and Trinity.

A vote of thanks was proposed by Perry and seconded by Janet Partington.

September 28th.—At this second meeting, Miss Scriven, one of our vice-presidents, described to us her visit to the Passion Play at Oberammergau. She illustrated her very interesting talk by the use of the episcopo.

A vote of thanks was proposed by Dittrich and seconded by Patricia Newman.

October 5th.—This meeting took the form of a debate. The motion put forward was: "That in the opinion of this house, owing to the decadence of our boys, the future of England lies with our girls."

The speakers for the motion were Wootton, Freda Johnson and Joyce Standley, and against the motion, Paul Brown, Enid Philips and Walker.

After the debate had been thrown open to the house, and the summing up given by Paul Brown and Wootton, the motion was defeated.

A vote of thanks was proposed by Eric Brown and seconded by Kathleen Lewis.

October 12th.—Members of the Sixth Form History group gave a series of talks on the life of Mary, Queen of Scots, as seen by her contemporaries.

The speakers, who were introduced by D. Hill, were:

Margaret Webb, as Mary's nurse, who told of her childhood;

Nancy Etheridge, as Mary Seton, on her marriage and return to Scotland;

J. A. Perry, as an Irish soldier, on the Darnley period.

R. L. Dittrich, as an English Ambassador, on the Bothwell period;

G. E. Brown, as a Scottish nobleman, on the events leading up to the execution; and finally,

L. N. Green, an English nobleman, on the execution.

The talks were summarised by Margaret Thompson.

A vote of thanks was proposed by Easey, and seconded by Jane Martin.

October 19th.—This week the Joint Societies visited and enjoyed the Cresconians' production of "Jupiter Laughs," by A. J. Cronin.

November 2nd.—The Sixth Form presented a play-reading of "Strife," by John Galsworthy.

The scene was set at the Trenartha Tin Works during a strike. The cast was:

Chairman of the Board of Directors—D. I. Trowman.

Miss Wilson, his secretary—Margaret E. Webb.

Mr. Underwood, works manager—R. L. Dittrich.

Other Directors—Barbara Comley, A. Parkes, Cole and Howard.

Strikers—(David Roberts) A. Wootton, (Henry Thomas) G. E. Brown, and Such, Hill, Easey, Green and Hargest.

Mr. Harness, a Trades Unionist—J. A. Perry.

Enid Underwood—Janet Partington.

Mrs. Roberts—Dinah Baker.

Madge Thomas—Enid Phillips.

Other members of the Sixth Form took the part of a crowd of people on strike.

A vote of thanks was proposed by Kitchen and seconded by Janet Tibbetts.

November 9th.—The evening's meeting took the form of Biology lectures given by members of 6A Biology group.

Barbara Comley spoke on Blood,

Enid Phillips spoke on Medicinal Herbs, and

John Perry spoke on the Evolution of Man.

A vote of thanks was proposed by Jocelyn Bacon and seconded by Comley.

November 16th.—The School Orchestra and School Choir entertained the Joint Societies.

The orchestral items included:

Allegro from Second Symphony—Haydn.

Sheep may safely graze—Bach.

Allegro and Minuet from the Fire Music—Handel.

Hungarian Dance No. 6—Brahms.

Minuet from Symphony No. 3—Schubert.

Canzonetta from Don Giovanni—Mozart.

The choir sang:

Linden Lea (unison)—Vaughan Williams.

Faery Song (unison)—Rutland Boughton.

I know a bank (2-part son)—Martin Shaw.

A trio from the orchestra played:

Liebesgarten—Schumann.

And a quartet played:

Larghetto—Mozart.

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

November 23rd.—The Joint Societies took part in two debates.

The motion of the first was: "That this House maintains that men and women should receive equal pay for equal work."

Those supporting the motion were Dittrich and Jane Martin, and those against it were Perry and Valerie Elston.

The motion was carried by 66 votes to 47.

The second motion was: "That in the opinion of this House, schooldays are the best days of one's life."

Those for the motion were Eric Brown and Enid Phillips, and against the motion, L. N. Green and Janet Hawley.

After an extremely lively debate, the motion was defeated.

A vote of thanks was proposed by Ann Walters and seconded by Stephens.

November 30th.—Four French films were presented by Mr. Woodward with the help of Mr. Lee, who kindly used his projector. The films were introduced by members of the French group. The titles were:

"La Famille Martin," which was introduced by D. Hill,

"Départ de Grandes Vacances," introduced by
Barbara Savage,

"Histoire des Poissons," introduced by Joan Charnell, and

"Aux Carrejours des Pistas."

A vote of thanks to Mr. Lee, Mr. Woodward, and members of the French class, was proposed by Wootton and seconded by Dinah Baker.

January 11th.—The Joint Societies were entertained by Mr. Brian Pearson, who spoke on the Art of Puppetry. He gave a brief account of its history and showed us some excellent puppets which he had made.

A vote of thanks was proposed by Alan Parkes and seconded by Joyce Standley.

January 18th.—A most informative and interesting lecture on "Coal Tar and its Derivatives," was given by Mr. Broughall, of the Midland Tar Distillers in Oldbury.

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

January 24th.—At this meeting we had the pleasure of seeing Sir Laurence Olivier's film of "Henry V." This was shown to us by Mr. Lee, who once more very kindly used his projector for our benefit.

A vote of thanks to Mr. Lee was proposed by Dittrich and seconded by Nancy Etheridge.

February 1st.—Members of 6A spoke on different aspects of music and illustrated their talks by the use of gramophone records. Alan Parkes spoke on humour in orchestral music as illustrated by "Carnival of Animals" (Saint-Saens) and "Bolero" (Ravel).

Margaret Webb illustrated humour in light opera with excerpts from "The Mikado," by Gilbert and Sullivan.

Wootton talked on descriptive music, illustrating his talk with "Danse Macabre" (Saint-Saens), "Morning" from Peer Gynt (Grieg).

Easey and Robertson presented "Jazz in the New Orleans Idiom," illustrating their talk with "Snake Rag," "South African Blues," and "When the Saints go marching in."

A vote of thanks to all speakers, and to Hill, who played the records, was proposed by M. Cole and seconded by June Hall.

February 22nd.—Mrs. Smith, of Coventry, gave a talk on her visit to America and Canada. She described her journey and the life of the people. Her talk was greatly enjoyed by all those present and a vote of thanks was proposed by Eric Brown and seconded by Jean Woodhouse.

February 27th.—Mr. Tompkin gave a talk on America and the United Nations Organisation. He described his visit to America and to Flushing Meadows, the home of the United Nations.

A vote of thanks was proposed by Walker and seconded by Janet Hawley.

March 8th.—At this meeting, Mr. Hemmingway gave a talk on "Careers." He spoke very interestingly and clearly of some of the better types of careers open to pupils with a Grammar School education.

A vote of thanks was proposed by Valerie Elston and seconded by Trueman.

March 15th.—The last meeting of the 1950-51 session took the form of a most enjoyable dance.

Margaret Webb (Secretary).

EXCURSION TO THE PEAK DISTRICT

THIS year the Joint Societies excursion took the form of a tour of the Peak District. Once again we enjoyed glorious weather, and this, combined with the magnificent limestone scenery, did much to make our day enjoyable.

We left School at 7-45 a.m. and our first stop was at Lichfield, where an interesting half-hour was spent in the Cathedral and the town,

Then once more into the coach, and to the Peveril of the Peak Hotel, where we enjoyed our "elevenses." From the hotel we were taken to Dovedale. Here a most enjoyable hour was spent. Some of us leapt like colts to the highest crags of the beautiful dale, whilst others pursued the more leisurely occupation of basking in the sun.

At approximately half-past one, our coach arrived at Buxton, where we stopped to view the town and to take the water at Saint Ann's well.

After our sojourn in Buxton, we travelled via Cheedale, Millersdale and Chatsworth Park to Haddon Hall. We were conducted over the Hall by guides, and some of us were intrigued by the romance of Dorothy Vernon and John Manners; the more practical gazed in admiration at the huge wooden stairways, which, as the guide reiterated, "had been cut without the help of circular saws," and all of us thoroughly enjoyed the beauty of the old manor and its gardens.

From here we were transported once more to the Peveril of the Peak Hotel for high tea, after which a photograph of the whole group was taken on the hillside.

Then home we went to Langley, after a very happy time amidst the peaks. For this very successful and enjoyable excursion, we express our thanks to Miss Jones. J. Perry.

VISITS TO STRATFORD

THREE visits were arranged to the Shakespeare Memorial Theatre at Stratford-upon-Avon during the Summer Term. In the opening weeks of May, two parties of Sixth-formers were taken to see production of "Richard II" and "Henry IV" Parts I and II, while in July a large group, composed mainly of Fourth-formers, visited Michael Benthall's production of "The Tempest."

This being Festival Year, the directors of the Shakespeare Memorial Theatre had decided to produce a cycle of Shakespeare's historical plays, beginning with "Richard II," leading up to "Henry V." It is believed that this is the first time that this tetralogy has been performed in sequence in the modern theatre, and, seeing that the event afforded an opportunity which is unlikely to be repeated for many years, Miss Jones arranged for the Sixth Form to visit the three historical plays which were in the repertory at the time, on Saturday, May 5th, and Wednesday, May 9th.

At 11-15 a.m. on May 5th, a large party of Sixth-formers set out for Stratford in a Midland "Red" omnibus. We arrived in the early afternoon. Many of the party went on the river before we went to the theatre to see the first play in the historical cycle, "Richard II." The play was excellently acted, Michael Redgrave as the fanciful, poetical Richard, Harry Andrews as Henry Bolingbroke, and Hugh Griffith as John of Gaunt being outstanding. Although this play was enjoyed by most of our party, it was but a prelude to the magnificent production of "Henry IV—Part I" which we were to see in the evening.

The production of this play was notable for the fact that it contained four magnificent portraiture by Harry Andrews as the King, Anthony Quayle as Falstaff, Richard Burton as Prince Hal, and Michael Redgrave, speaking in genuine Northumbrian, as Hotspur. Having seen Mr. Redgrave play the parts of Richard II and Hotspur on the same day, we realised what a truly great actor he is.

The party left Stratford at about 11 p.m. and arrived back at School at 12-30 a.m.

On the following Wednesday, a coach-load of Sixth-formers visited the matinée performance of "Henry IV—Part II," which was greatly enjoyed. We arrived back at School at 7-30 p.m.

In addition to the historical plays the Memorial Theatre Company presented "The Tempest." This was a beautiful production. Loudon Sainthill's scenery and costumes gave an enchanted effect to the play; the incidental music heightened that impression, and the masque of the goddesses was a breath-taking spectacle. It was a finely-spoken production, and Michael Redgrave as Prospero, Alan Badel as Ariel and Hugh Griffith as Caliban, fully maintained their reputations. Our party thoroughly enjoyed the play.

Once again, our thanks must go to Miss Jones, for organising these pleasurable outings for our benefit.

G. E. Brown. VIA.

GUIDE ACTIVITIES

OFFICERS:

Captain—F. D. TWEEDIE.

Lieutenants—

B. PINE. M. MORRIS. D. NICHOLLS.

Leaders—

MARGARET BENTLEY	-	-	Forget-me-not.
ANN WALTERS	-	-	Primrose.
CHRISTINE COX	-	-	Kingfisher.
JANET TUCKER	-	-	White Heather.
MARY MORSE	-	-	Blue Tit.
LORNA DEAN	-	-	White Rose.

WE are very pleased to welcome all new guides, and also Miss Morris and Miss Nicholls as lieutenants. The cadets, who were Margaret Webb, Kathleen Lewis, Jean Woodhouse, Constance Bagley, Jessica Chiles, Joyce Stanley, Heather Hadley and Janet Howen, have now left us and we wish them every success in their ventures. Jean Woodhouse is studying physiotherapy, Margaret Webb, Jessica Chiles, Constance Bagley and Joyce Stanley are at Training Colleges, and Kathleen Lewis is at a Physical Training College.

The work of the year began with a jumble sale to enable us to raise funds for camp and work throughout the year. It was interesting to watch the excited faces of buyers and sellers as they "fought" over our bargains.

The Guides attended church parades on Remembrance Sunday and Mayor's Sunday, as usual "smiling and singing under all difficulties" in the cold and heavy rain. Later we attended the Guide annual division parade at Edgbaston Old Church, where the march-past was taken by Lady Gurner (Division Commissioner).

The annual enrolment of Cadets and Guides took place in the School hall on Monday, 13th November, when the recruits promised their loyalty to "God and King and the Guide Movement" and the Cadets took a step further along the path of Guiding by promising to train for service in the Guide Movement. After the enrolment there followed a "Bring and Buy Sale," the proceeds of which went to Guide funds.

Meetings were held each week. They lasted for two hours, during which we worked at first aid, nature study, morse, handicrafts, cooking, needlework, camp-craft, singing and child nursing. Thanks are due to Nurse Dawson for allowing twelve Guides to

study child welfare at the Day Nursery, Moat Road, and also for testing for child nurse badges. Much hard work was done and many proficiency badges gained.

On July 16th our Guides were chosen to demonstrate morse when the Chief Guide visited Birmingham.

Also during the year, our Guides won the District Guide Swimming Shield and came first in the District Athletic Sports.

At the end of the year came the highlight—"Camp." This year our camp was held for a fortnight at Aylmerton, near Cromer, Norfolk. We were all very thrilled as this was new country. Our experience was widened; the flat scenery of Norfolk contrasting with the hills and dales of Devon where we had previously camped. This, for all, was their first experience of the Eastern counties and we seized the opportunities offered by the surrounding countryside.

We spent a very happy day on the Broads stopping for lunch at Ranworth. Here we climbed to the top of the tower of Ranworth Parish Church and saw unfolding around us the waterways which spread from Wroxham to Yarmouth. The white, red and brown sails of the yachts appeared to be sailing along numerous by-roads, moving silently towards us and then disappearing into the distance.

We visited Norwich Cathedral and museum and many churches in the vicinity of camp. These were all most interesting because their structure was entirely different from any we had seen before.

We discovered many new flowers and plants and watching the bird and animal life gave us many pleasant hours. We were amazed at the abundance of soft fruit in this area, and we thoroughly enjoyed the strawberries, blackcurrants, raspberries and gooseberries which were all gigantic in size.

All the experience which we had gained during the year was put to the test. We cooked, we swam, we walked, we collected specimens, and we learnt to live together in harmony with other people.

At night, seated round the camp fire, with the magnificent setting sun on one hand, and the rising moon on the other, we listened to the night sounds and peace and contentment stole upon us. We sang our songs and we praised God, "for the beauty of the earth," and the peace which descended upon us.

Ann E. Walters.

MUSICAL ACTIVITIES

THE past year has once more been one of advancement in our musical activities. The orchestra has attained a high standard, recent performances being the best yet. It has now, moreover, been joined by choirs which also have achieved a most worthy reputation, even though formed but quite recently. The Girls' Choir of treble voices has given some delightful renderings in a most effective way; the Assembly Choir of mixed voices has likewise made a real contribution to our music; the Four-Part Choir, which brings in our senior boys as tenors and basses has contributed most pleasing unaccompanied items in our concerto; while the Augmented Choir, in massed singing with the orchestra, has established a reputation which, we hope, will long remain.

Throughout the year regular practices have been held during the lunch hours. Much hard work has been done in this way, particularly as almost all our music has been group work of one kind or another. The Christmas concert was once more a success; the Carol service again blended some fine music with the religious atmosphere appropriate to the occasion; while our latest concert, held on July 13th, was judged as the finest achievement so far.

Chamber music has not been forgotten, instrumental duets, trios and quartets figuring in all our programmes. We are glad to know that these items have revealed to many a type of music which gives unique satisfaction. Our string groups are accordingly very popular.

A group of our musicians provided some of the music for the Mayor's banquet, held in the School last May. A group was also selected to contribute items for the Oldbury Schools' Musical Festival. It was unfortunately impossible to give a fully representative set of performances, owing to limitations of accommodation as compared with the space available in our own Assembly Hall, but the adjudications given of both vocal and instrumental performances were most eulogistic and encouraging, being summed up in the final sentence of the report written by Mr. A. W. Benoy, M.A., Music Adviser for Worcestershire, his words being: "They are a joy to listen to."

Our music has again included lunch hour meetings for musical appreciation, in the form of gramophone recitals organised in the Art Room. These have also given much pleasure, and have been most helpful in understanding music.

Mention is made elsewhere of the fact that a poet and a musician, both intimately associated with the School, have pro-

duced the choral song, " Britain." It must be stated here, however, that the massed choir and orchestra experienced a great thrill in giving the first performance of this work on July 13th, with the conductor using the original manuscript score, and both Mr. Pearson and Dr. Christopher being present to hear their joint work. We hope that this composition is only one of many which may be produced by members of the School.

Our prospects for the future are better than ever. The new academic year will see Mr. Nurse, an experienced teacher of music and a viola player, coming among us to contribute to our musical activities. He will give instruction to pupils in the playing of stringed instruments, and has also kindly offered to take his place in the viola section of the orchestra.

As a final word, it should be said that, with such excellent facilities for developing skill in music, our pupils will be wise to come forward as recruits for the voluntary classes, leading to experience in the concert groups—and, not to be forgotten, much pleasure in later life.

Ian D. Howard.

HOLIDAYS ABROAD

THE BOYS VISIT SWITZERLAND

AT the beginning of the summer vacation, Mr. Woodward, assisted by Mr. Swain, Mr. Metcalf, Mr. Partridge and Mr. Churchill, took a party of senior boys to Montreux, in Switzerland, on an excursion which was purely for pleasure. We started from Snow Hill Station at 9-30 a.m. on Tuesday, 31st July, and arrived back there in the evening of Thursday, August 9th.

The beginning of our 36-hour journey saw all the members of the party in high spirits, and the journey to London, together with the excellent lunch provided for us at a hotel there, did nothing to dampen our enthusiasm. After lunch, we travelled to Dover by means of the boat-train, and made a quick and uneventful passage through the customs.

Our crossing to Ostend, on the " Prins Albert," a Belgian ship, was, contrary to expectation, extremely calm, and no one on the boat suffered from sea-sickness. It was at Ostend that our hitherto pleasant journey took a decided turn for the worse. The French train which we boarded was to be our home for the next 13 hours, that is, until we descended from it at Basle station. The compartments were, to say the least, small, stuffy and uncomfort-

able, and hardly any of our party managed to get adequate sleep.

Thus it was a very tired and bedraggled school party that crossed over to the Swiss side of Basle station on the morning of August 1st. Here, our journey was once more transformed into a pleasant one, thanks to the packed lunch that we were given at the station buffet, and to the contrast between the smoky and stuffy French trains and the clean, airy Swiss trains, which are all electrified. So we travelled on until we reached Montreux, whence we were conveyed by motor-coach to the Institute Fisher, which was to be our base while we were in Switzerland.

When we had recovered from our tedious journey, we settled down to enjoying our stay in Switzerland. Mr. Woodward had arranged several very enjoyable excursions for us, to such places as Le Château Le Chillon, a medieval castle, les Rochers de Naye, a vantage point dominating Montreux and le Lac Léman, the Grand St. Bernard Monastery, and Geneva, which is a truly wonderful city.

I must pause to say a little about the coach-driver who conducted our trip to Grand St. Bernard, as none of the other members of the party would forgive me if I omitted to do so. He was truly brilliant, and I am convinced that he could have turned his coach on a sixpence, as the saying goes. He won our complete confidence on the dangerous Alpine roads, which, in places, are little more than glorified sheep tracks.

We were not, however, overburdened with excursions, and had plenty of time for varied individual enjoyment. There was plenty of time for swimming and rowing, exploring the town, shop-gazing, and sampling the delicious concoctions sold at the Swiss street cafés.

In fact, it was the perfect holiday, and I should like to express the thanks of the party to the members of the staff who accompanied us, for giving us such a wonderful time. They never spared themselves, and at the same time managed to enjoy themselves thoroughly.

Thus the time flew for everyone and all too soon we found ourselves commencing the return journey. This time the Basle—Ostend journey was a little more comfortable. The channel crossing, however, was rougher than on the outward voyage. There was nothing on the return journey which could spoil the memories of the last eight days, and we returned to England, knowing we had had an invaluable experience, and a wonderful holiday.

D. Hill. 6A.

THE EASTER VISIT TO PARIS

ON the afternoon of March 26th the weather was dismal, and an atmosphere of gloom seemed to fill Birmingham — except New Street station — where we gathered to begin the first stage of our eagerly awaited journey to Paris. We were very excited and had so much to talk about that it was rather a relief to find ourselves on the train heading for London.

We reached London without mishap, and next morning, after a rather restless night at an hotel, we boarded the train for New-haven, where the cross-channel steamer was waiting to take us to Dieppe. It seemed only a few moments before we found ourselves in mid-channel, and most of us could hardly believe we had left England so far behind. The exceptions were the unfortunate few who found the movements of the ship rather unpleasant.

Our journey by train from Dieppe to Paris was the beginning of a wonderful week. So many sights were strange and unusual that we scarcely knew which to look at first.

One of our earliest visits was to the Panthéon, which was very near our hotel. It was built first as the Church of Saint Geneviève, the patron Saint of Paris, but later received its present name, and became the burial place of many of France's most famous men. We saw the tomb of Rousseau, with a hand holding a torch carved upon it, a symbol of Rousseau's contribution to the Revolution. We also visited L'Arc de Triomphe, Notre Dame, La Madeleine, where all the fashionable weddings take place, and the Louvre. At the Louvre we were able to see the Mona Lisa, and were much impressed by its beauty and simplicity.

One of our most exciting visits was to the Eiffel Tower. From below it was a very imposing structure, but it did not seem so high as we had expected. We were able to go to the top, however, and as the lift carried us upwards, we revised our opinions. The ascent was made in three stages. When we finally reached the top the view we had of the city and the River Seine was more than worth any uneasiness we had felt on the way up.

Three outstanding days in a most enjoyable week were those upon which we went to Versailles, to Fontainebleau and to the Opera. On each occasion we travelled in a luxurious motor-coach.

On the way to Versailles we stopped at Mal Maison, the home of the Emperor Napoleon and his wife, Josephine. This contained many of his personal possessions, and from these we gained insight into his tastes and the life he led. Also before we reached Ver-

sailles, we saw the Grand Trianon and the Petit Trianon, which are both built in the palace grounds. The Petit Trianon, rather like a country house, was a residence beloved of Marie Antoinette. Here she and her ladies led a much simpler life than they were obliged to lead when at the Palace itself. At a little distance from the house there is a miniature farm, with a mill pond and out-buildings where Marie Antoinette passed some of her time pretending to be a shepherdess. It is said that some of the carp with which the pools were stocked are still alive to-day.

The chateau of Versailles was built in the seventeenth century for Louis XIV. At the highest point in the great courtyard is an equestrian statue of Louis himself and to the left and right of this stretch the wings of the palace. We were taken through countless rooms decorated with elaborate gilded carvings, full of mirrors and paintings, and also into the gardens, which were very extensive and are still kept in excellent condition.

On the way to Fontainebleau we passed through a little village where the painters who formed the school of Barbizon lived. After having lunch in the forest of Fontainebleau, we went to the chateau itself. Fontainebleau was for a long time the home of the kings of France, and every one of them added some new part to it, so that from a small keep it grew to its present size. Napoleon became attached to it and had it restored and redecorated. It was there that he signed his abdication, and said farewell to his guard in the White Horse courtyard, now renamed the Farewell Courtyard.

One evening, we went to the Opera House to hear Verdi's "La Traviata," but our interest in the opera was almost surpassed by our interest in the theatre itself, which was richly and colourfully decorated. A description could not do justice to that vision of white marble, red velvet and dazzling golden lights. When the coach took us back to the hotel, well after midnight, we were tired but very happy.

The end of our holiday came all too soon. It seemed we had scarcely arrived in France before it was time to return. Our journey home was not quite as peaceful as our journey to Paris: we had to start out much earlier since we should not be staying a night in London this time; the channel crossing was much rougher, and when, after some delay, we arrived in London, we found we had missed our train by about two minutes. However, we caught a later train which brought us safely back to Birmingham. We were all very tired, and very hungry, but agreed upon one thing.

Thanks to Miss Keay and Miss Sanders, we had had the most wonderful holiday of our lives. Yvonne E. J. Dugmore.

UN COURS DE VACANCES À LAUSANNE

THIS summer I decided to try a new venture, and combine a holiday in Switzerland with an attempt to improve my French. so I went on a cours de vacances to Lausanne, where the spoken French is reputed to be purer than that of Paris itself. The course was a new experiment by the Educational Travel Association, and the syllabus included both French language and literature.

I had not previously met any of the party, which consisted of ten boys and ten girls from varied parts of Britain, but we had ample opportunity for making friends on the outward journey, during which we visited Paris for a few hours and saw some of the main places of interest.

Our home for three weeks was Lycée Jaccard, a boys' school situated just outside Lausanne, right on the edge of Lake Geneva, which was very convenient for bathing. We had excellent continental food, and lived on the principle of "early to bed and early to rise"; lessons were for three hours on five mornings a week, and were conducted entirely in French.

The other inhabitants of the Lycée, nearly all boys, formed a very cosmopolitan company. Some were resident pupils, others had just come for the summer vacation; Persians, Iranians, Germans, Italian, American, and many other nationalities seemed all to be living quite happily together.

By methods of transport which varied from lake-steamer to "shanks' pony," we saw the whole northern shore of the lake stretching from Geneva to Montreux, and part of the Rhône valley with the mountains to the east and west of it. We also went for numerous walks in the well-wooded country which rises above the lake behind Lausanne, and where vines are the main crop.

Geneva, like Lausanne, has been long established, but has been so much restored in recent years that it appears to be comparatively modern. It is a beautiful city, with lovely fountains and gardens and interesting monuments such as the huge, sculptured wall which is the Reformation Monument. A remarkable feature is the three-hundred-feet-high geyser which rises in the lake at Geneva, and forms an impressive introduction for miles before the city itself is reached. The European centre of the League of Nations is also to be found there, a very modern and magnificent buildings which commands a clear view of the lake.

To reach the Great St. Bernard Pass we followed the Rhône, which is the characteristic whitish-green colour of a swiftly-flowing glacial river, for about twenty-five miles, and then turned off up a narrow mountain road with many "hairpin" bends. At the summit of the pass is a small lake with a cluster of ugly stone buildings round the St. Bernard Hospice on one side, and the Italian frontier-post on the other. We went a short distance into Italy and walked on a small glacier there, and on the Swiss side saw the famous St. Bernard dogs.

On another occasion we went to the Château de Chillon, famous for its associations with the poet Byron, and along a tributary valley of the Rhône to Les Diablerets, a very pretty village overlooked by the snow-capped Diablerets Massif. At Ostaad, in the German-speaking part of Switzerland, we went up to a height of eight thousand feet on a ski-lift, which commands a magnificent view of the village with its scattered chalets in the valley below, surrounded by snow-capped and pine-covered mountains. The day was completed by a visit to Gruyères, a mediaeval fortified village where the famous cheese is made.

From where we were staying, we could see the Savoy Alps of France across the lake to the south, with the Jura to the west and the mountains of Valois to the east. Although this region surrounding Lake Geneva is very beautiful, as indeed is the whole of Switzerland, I personally prefer the German-speaking Alpine part of the country, because it fulfils to a much greater extent the Englishman's idea of typical Switzerland; the mountains are higher and have a more impressive proximity, while the houses are nearly all in the picturesque chalet style. In the former area I had to keep reminding myself that I was in Switzerland, while in the latter I was fully aware of the fact the whole time.

B. A. Savage. 6A.

LA CÔTE D'AZUR

I WAS bitterly disappointed by my first view of the Mediterranean. I saw it early in the morning after having travelled all night without a seat! There was much cloud, the sea was not blue and the scenery was not inspiring. But, by the time I reached Toulon, the sun reached its zenith, the scenery had become sub-tropical, the sea was a vivid blue, I had lost my tiredness and was thrilled at seeing a scene as brilliantly colourful and beautiful as shown on the many coloured picture postcards which I had received from my pen friend,

During my stay on the Côte d'Azur, my headquarters were at St. Tropez, which is washed on three sides by the Mediterranean and is a favourite haunt of artists. It is a town of narrow twisting streets, with a harbour full of yachts with brightly coloured sails, and it has many picturesque bays.

St. Tropez was originally a Greek colony, Torpeto Polis, and derived its name from the Knight Torpés, the favourite of Nero. His body was put in a boat and left to the mercy of the waves; it was cast on the beach at the spot where St. Tropez now stands. It was destroyed several times by the Saracens, reconstructed in 1050 and again in 1471, and it looks as if it has been very little changed since then.

I travelled along the coast as far as Menton and particularly enjoyed Monaco, Monte Carlo and Menton which, although they are fashionable resorts, have retained their own atmosphere.

The towns along the Riviera seem literally to sparkle; every house is painted a very bright colour with shutters in a contrasting shade. These bright hues, together with the blue of the sea and sky and the dark green of the trees, make a very impressive picture.

As can be imagined, bathing in the Mediterranean is truly wonderful. The water is warm yet very refreshing, though it has a very salty taste which can be most unpleasant. The hottest period of the day is from 11 a.m. to 2-30 p.m. but before and after that I found the temperature quite bearable.

I found the French people most friendly and hospitable. French food is very different from English: in the south, the main diet is meat, fish, tomatoes, bread, grapes and wine, and most courses are garnished with oil and garlic. There are three meals a day, breakfast, lunch and dinner. It is customary for an ordinary French family to have five or six courses at lunch and dinner but it is unusual to have "elevenses" or afternoon tea.

J. Hawley. 6A.

MY HOLIDAY ON THE CONTINENT

ON Good Friday we left Dover on the night boat and arrived at Dunkirk at 4 a.m. after a fairly rough crossing.

From here we set out by car for Arlon in Belgium, very near to the Luxemburg border. Here snow was falling!

We crossed into Luxemburg, then proceeded to Basle and on to Metz and Nancy. After some delay at the customs we stopped for the night.

The next day we reached the Gotthard Pass. As this was snowed up, we put the car on the train and went through to Ambre-Piotta. There the snow scene was marvellous.

We made our way to Lugano for a tea of meringues! The weather was now very fine and we stayed here for a week and made various trips—to Como, to Milan and Varese.

Returning via the Simplon Pass, we stayed for three days at Montreux on Lake Geneva. It was lovely there.

After this, we drove to a place near Rheims and then back to Dunkirk. We had done about 2,500 miles—but I was glad when I saw England again!

R. Husband. Ic.

MY VISIT TO SWITZERLAND

I WAS extremely fortunate to pay a visit to Switzerland. We stayed in Sigrisuil, a small village on the hillside overlooking Lake Thun in the Bernese Oberland.

We travelled from Snow Hill station to London and from there to Folkestone. After crossing the channel, we boarded the continental train to Basle and continued our journey from there on a local train.

On Wednesday, May 16th, we paid a visit to Grindlevald, a pretty little village in the heart of the mountains. We decided to go to see the glacier and, after a pleasant walk, we came to the foot of the mountain. To reach the glacier, we had to climb about eight hundred steps. A passage had been cut a little way into the ice, which was a beautiful blue. We descended and visited a waterfall which was reached by a lift up the mountain-side. On our way home, we had a wonderful view of the Jungfrau, bathed in sunlight.

Another day, we went by boat to Spiez on the other side of Lake Thun and visited an interesting Swiss castle.

We had many other pleasant excursions and walks and by the end of the week we all voted that we had had a very enjoyable holiday.

Gillian Haine. IIIA.

SPORTS RESULTS—Boys

FOOTBALL

The season was not a bright one, either from the point of view of our achievements or in respect of the weather. The Junior XI did show signs of promise and there is little doubt that we shall soon have a really first class Senior Team again.

The seasonal statistics are:

1st XI—Played 17 matches of which they won 7, lost 8 and drew 2. Eight matches had to be cancelled due to bad weather.

2nd XI—Of their 12 matches, they won 3 and lost 9.

Junior XI—Won 7 of their 12 matches, lost 2, and drew 3. They scored 37 goals and had 19 scored against them. An excellent record.

In the Birmingham and District Grammar Schools Cup, we were drawn in the first round against Wolverhampton Technical High School, the eventual winner of the competition, and they disposed of us by three goals to nil.

We lost by 6—4 on our first seasonal meeting with the Cresconians, but at our second encounter, redeemed ourselves by beating them 3—2.

Abrahams captained the 1st XI at the beginning of the season, and when he left us at Christmas, the captaincy was taken over by Abell. Perry was captain of the 2nd XI and Grove of the Junior team.

Holloway, Harris and Russell played throughout the season for the Oldbury Town Intermediate Team, of which Holloway was the captain. Harris had the good fortune to be selected as ball boy for the Wembley Cup Final. Moss, Ashby, Purvis, Pyne and Grove played for Oldbury Town in the Birmingham and District Schools Shield Competition.

The House matches were played off despite the adverse weather conditions. The result of the Inter-House Competition was that Kings and School tied on points. Consequently the tie was decided on goal average, making Kings the winning House. Trinity took third place.

At the end of the season, Football Colours were awarded to Hadley, Hughes and Parkes.

CRICKET

During the cricket season, the 1st XI played 12 matches. They won 5 and drew 5 of these, one match was lost and the other, with the Cresconians, had to be abandoned because of bad weather. Four matches were cancelled. The Junior XI won three and lost three of their six matches. Five matches had to be cancelled.

It was found impossible to fit two match pitches into the playing fields and thus we could not have a 2nd XI. It is to be hoped

that work now being carried out on the playing fields will make it possible for us to run three cricket XI's again in the not too distant future.

The Parents' Match was played on 21st July and resulted in a victory for the school XI. The score card ran thus:—

SCHOOL TEAM

Pyne lbw b Mr. Spooner, 1; Dittrich b Mr. Birch, 1; Abell lbw b Mr. Spooner, 15; Shaw b Mr. Davies, 11; Brindley b Mr. Hollinshead, 14; Purvis lbw b Mr. Davies, 0; Such b Mr. Smith, 13; Moss b Mr. Smith, 1; Seddon c Mr. Spooner b Mr. Hollinshead, 5; Paice b Mr. Hollinshead, 0; Hadley not out 0; extras 13; total 75.

Congratulations to Mr. Hollinshead who took three wickets for 1 run in 13 balls. Mr. Davies took two wickets for 6 runs, Mr. Smith two wickets for 9 runs and Mr. Spooner two wickets for 10 runs.

PARENTS' TEAM

Mr. Davies b Purvis, 1; Mr. Spooner ct Shaw b Abell, 0; Mr. Gross ct Moss b Abell, 0; Mr. Jennings run out, 0; Mr. Parkes ct Ppne b Purvis, 5; Mr. Smith b Purvis 21; Mr. Hollinshead b Purvis, 17; Mr. Sherwood b Dittrich, 3; Mr. Doughty ct Brindley b Dittrich 0; Mr. Edge b Purvis, 0; Mr. Birch, not out, 0; extras 5; total 53.

Dittrich took two wickets for 5 runs in 13 balls. Purvis took five wickets at the cost of 25 runs, and Abell took two wickets for 17 runs.

The captain of the 1st XI throughout the season was Dittrich with Abell as his vice-captain. Edge captained the Junior team.

The only outstanding batting average in the 1st XI was that of Abell, 24.27. His highest score of the season was 59 not out. Dittrich had a highest score of 30 not out. Perry headed the 1st XI bowling averages; he took 22 wickets for 101 runs, giving an average of 4.59. Abell was second with 5.07 and Dittrich third with 7.8. It says much for the fielding of the team that, in one match, no fewer than six of our opponents were caught out. Paice brought off 8 catches during the season and Brindley, behind the stumps, caught 9 of our opponents.

In the Junior XI, the best batting average was that of Hewitt, 9.33. The Junior bowling analysis shows much greater promise however. Ward took 21 wickets for 48 runs, giving him an average of 2.3. In one match Ward took seven wickets for 2 runs,

in another two wickets for 1 run, and in a third seven wickets for eight runs. The second best bowling average, that of Hargest, was 4.5 and Hewitt was third with an average of 5.0. Stevens averaged 6.2. The Juniors caught 7 of their opponents out in one match.

The House matches resulted in a tie for the first place between King's and School, each of whom won two of their three matches. The full results were:—

King's beat Queen's and Trinity.
Queen's beat Trinity.
School beat King's and Queen's.
Trinity beat School.

At the end of the season, Perry was awarded his Cricket Colours after three years of noble service in the 1st XI.

During the Summer vacation, both Abell and Dittrich managed to get in some useful cricket. Dittrich knocked up 62 in a trial for the Staffordshire Schoolboys' Team and was put in as their opening bat. Abell played for the Worcestershire Schoolboys with such success that he came to the notice of the reporting staff of the " Birmingham Mail " by whom he was acclaimed.

ATHLETICS

The annual Road Race was run off on Wednesday, 14th March, around the usual courses. There was a good entry in the Junior and Intermediate sections, but it would be pleasing to find more Seniors taking part in this annual competition. The results was as follows:—

Junior Race. The race was won by Blewitt of Queen's in a new record time of 11 mins. 23.4 secs. Allen of Trinity was second and Hargreaves of King's came in third. The winning House team was King's with 143 marks. Queen's was second with 179 marks. School took third place with 235 and Trinity had 266 marks. It is interesting to note that the minimum possible number of marks which can be scored by four teams of ten runners each is 820. The Junior House teams scored only 823 marks between them; the event was actually decided at the 41st place.

Intermediate Race. Holloway of Queen's was first home in this event in 12 mins. 30.2 secs. Thomas and Oakey, both of Trinity, were second and third respectively. The House competition resulted in a win for Queen's with 118 marks—a substantial lead. King's was second with 229 marks, Trinity had 250 and School 286 marks.

Senior Race. In this race, Green took the first place for School House in 11 mins. 41 secs. Trowman, of King's followed two seconds later and Betteley was right on his heels to take third place. The House team results were: School first with 152 marks, King's second with 160, Trinity third with 179, and Queen's fourth with 392 marks.

Sports Day was held on Tuesday, 17th July, in excellent weather conditions. Outstanding times were put up by the following:—

Green won the Open Mile in the exceptional time of 4 min. 44.4 secs., thus lowering the 21 year old school record by 18.4 seconds.

Hancox equalled the Junior record of 29 seconds for the 220 yards. School House Junior Relay Team established a new record of 61 seconds for the 4 x 110 yards Relay.

Full results were as follows:—

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

100 YARDS

Group A—1, Reynolds (K); 2, Hart (T); 3, Blewitt (Q).
Time: 13 secs.
Group B—1, Hancox (S); 2, Knight (Q); 3, Taylor (Q).
Time: 13 secs.
Group C—1, Bailey (Q); 2, Hadley (T); 3, Kirk (T).
Time: 13 secs.
Group D—1, Carter (Q); 2, Oakey (T); 3, Willetts (K).
Time: 12.8 secs.
Group E—1, Mitchell (S); 2, Paice (T); 3, Parkes (Q).
Time: 11 secs.

220 YARDS

Group B—1, Hancox (S); 2, Knight (Q); 3, Taylor (Q).
Time: 29 secs.
Group C—1, Bailey (Q); 2, Kirk (T); 3, Price (S).
Time: 30 secs.
Group D—1, Carter (Q); 2, Oakey (T); 3, Lane (Q).
Time: 27.9 secs.
Group E—1, Mitchell (S); 2, Paice (T); 3, Parkes (Q).
Time: 25.9 secs.

440 YARDS

- Group C—1, Hadley (T); 2, Sadler (Q); 3, Russell (Q).
Time: 1 min. 10.6 secs.
- Group D—1, Oakey (T); 2, Barratt (Q); 3, Lane (Q).
Time: 1 min. 6.1 secs.
- Group E—1, Green (S); 2, Trowman (K); 3, Robertson (S).
Time: 56.9 secs.

880 YARDS

- Group E—1, Green (S); 2, Trowman (K); 3, Garrington (S).
Time: 2 mins. 14 secs.

MILE

- Group E—1, Green (S); 2, Trowman (K); 3, Garrington (S).
Time: 4 mins. 44.4 secs.

RELAYS

- Group B (4 x 110 yds.)—1, School; 2, Queen's; 3, King's.
Time: 61 secs.
- Group C (4 x 110 yds.)—1, Trinity; 2, Queen's; 3, King's.
Time: Not taken.
- Group D (4 x 110 yds.)—1, Queen's; 2, Trinity; 3, School.
Time: 57.4 secs.
- Group E (440, 220, 220, 440 yds.)—1, Queen's; 2, Trinity; 3, School. Time: 2 mins. 55.6 secs.

MILE (TEAM RESULT)

- Group E—1, School; 2, Queen's; 3, King's.
Time: Individual time only taken.

HIGH JUMP

- Group A—1, Reynolds (K); 2, Mountney (S); 3, Law (T).
Height: 3 ft. 6 ins.
- Group B—1, Allaway (Q); 2, Teale (S); 3, Thomas (T).
Height: 4 ft. 0 ins.
- Group C—1, Franklin (K); 2, Hadley (T); 3, Wilshaw (S).
Height: 4 ft. 2½ ins.
- Group D—1, Smith (Q); 2, Oakey (T); 3, Footman (K).
Height: 4 ft. 5 ins.
- Group E—1, Mitchell (S); 2, Trowman (K); 3, Paice (T).
Height: 4 ft. 8¾ ins.

LONG JUMP

Group A—1, Reynolds (K); 2, Law (T); 3, Parker (T).

Distance: 12 ft. 11 ins.

Group B—1, Taylor (Q); 2, Hargreaves (K); 3, Padgham (S).

Distance 14 ft. 3½ ins.

Group C—1, Hadley (T); 2, Kirk (T); 3, Bailey (Q).

Distance: 13 ft. 10¼ ins.

Group D—1, Oakey (T); 2, Carter (Q); 3, Cox (S).

Distance: 15 ft. 2 ins.

Group E—1, Moss (Q); 2, Mitchell (S); 3, Parkes (Q).

Distance: 17 ft. 1 in.

THROWING THE CRICKET BALL

Group A—1, Parker (T); 2, Hart (T); 3, Mountney (S).

Distance: 143 ft. 10 ins.

Group B—1, Jackson (S); 2, Moore (K); 3, Mountford (S).

Distance: 148 ft. 1 in.

Group C—1, Tongue (Q); 2, Franklin (K); 3, Cotton (T).

Distance: 158 ft. 6 ins.

HOP, STEP AND JUMP

Group B—1, Price (S); 2, Hargreaves (K); 3, Teale (S).

Distance 27 ft. 10 ins.

PUTTING THE SHOT

Group B (7-lb.)—1, Hancox (S); 2, Allaway (Q); 3, Price (S).

Distance: 32 ft. 5 ins.

Group C (10-lb.)—1, Cotton (T); 2, Bayliss (K); 3, Fullwood (K)

Distance: 26 ft. 9½ ins.

Group D (10-lb.)—1, Carter (Q); 2, Cox (S); 3, Tipper (T).

Distance: 32 ft. 10 ins.

Group E (12-lb.)—1, Green (S); 2, Hadley (Q); 3, Holyhead (S).

Distance 35 ft. 6 ins.

THROWING THE JAVELIN

Group D—1, Cox (S); 2, Belt (K); 3, Hadley (T).

Distance: 97 ft. 4 ins.

Group E—1, Green (S); 2, Trowman (K); 3, Parkes (Q).

Distance: 124 ft. 9 ins.

THROWING THE DISCUS

Group E—1, Abell (K); 2, Ashby (Q); 3, Johnson (S).

Distance: 86 ft. 9 ins.

A system of standards gave every boy an opportunity to score points for his House this year and it is hoped to enlarge the Standard Performance Scheme in future years. The points scored under this scheme during the season under review were:—

School, 99; Trinity, 96; Queen's, 87; King's 82.

The Senior Victor Ludorum was Green, of School House. Intermediate champion was Oakey, and Reynolds and Hancox shared the honour in the Junior Section.

The winning House in the Athletic Sports was School with 194 points. Queen's was second with 181, Trinity gained 165 and King's 148 points.

A small team was entered in the Birmingham and District Grammar School Sports, held at Perry Barr. Green won the Coronation Cup for the Mile Event in the outstanding time of 4 mins. 43.8 secs, only 8 seconds over the record time set up in 1933. Green also gained second place in the Shot Putting event.

Relay teams took part in various outside meetings in order to gain experience for future years.

SWIMMING

The Boys' Swimming Gala was held at Langley Baths on Friday, 20th July. Results were as follows:—

JUNIOR EVENTS

1 Length Free Style—

1, Ahlberg (K); 2, Hargreaves (K); 3, Matthews (K). 20.1 secs.

1 Length Breast Stroke—

1, Teale (S); 2, Russell (Q); 3, Easey (K). 22.5 secs.

1 Width Back Stroke—

1, Tongue (Q); 2, Matthews (K); 3, Teale (S). 13.8 secs.

1 Width Beginners—

1, Russell (Q); 2, Law (T); 3, Holland (Q). 9.3 secs.

Dive—

1, Russell (Q) 2, Cotton (T); 3, Ahlberg (K).

4 x 1 Length Relay—

1, King's; 2, School; 3, Trinity. 1 min. 29 secs.

INTERMEDIATE EVENTS

- 2 Lengths Free Style—
 1, Fardon (K); 2, Turner (T); 3, Thomas (T). 34.1 secs.
- 2 Lengths Breast Stroke—
 1, Fardon (K); 2, Turner (T); 3, Cook (K). 44.8 secs.
- 1 Length Back Stroke—
 1, Smith (Q); 2, Turner (T); 3, Fardon (K). 19.8 secs.
- 1 Width Beginners—
 1, Hargreaves (K); 2, Harris (K); 3, Barratt (Q). 10.8 secs.
- Dive—
 1, Jennings (T); 2, Smith (Q); 3, Spencer (S).
- 4 x 1 Length Relay—
 1, King's; 2, Trinity; 3, Queen's. 1 min. 14.9 secs.

SENIOR EVENTS

- 3 Lengths Free Style—
 1, Johnson (S); 2, Viney (S); 3, Jones (K). 52.4 secs.
- 2 Lengths Breast Stroke—
 1, Jones (K); 2, Thomas (T); 3, Chetwynd (T). 43.4 secs.
- 2 Lengths Back Stroke—
 1, Viney (S); 2, Jones (K); 3, Wallin (S). 45.6 secs.
- Dive—
 1, Johnson (S); 2, Jones (K); 3, Fardon (K).
- 4 x 1 Length Relay—
 1, School; 2, King's; 3, Trinity. 1 min. 7.9 secs.

The final placing of the Houses was King's first with 48 points, School came second with 27 points, Trinity gained 25 points and Queen's 20 points.

Individually, the Senior Swimming Champion was Jones. Fardon was champion of the Intermediate Section and the Junior number one swimmer was Russell.

A team was entered, for experience, in the Birmingham and District Grammar Schools Swimming Sports. As a result, the form of our own sports will have to be changed considerably in future years to come into line with other Grammar Schools in the district. Times will be taken at future galas in order to establish School swimming records.

A water polo team formed late in the season was narrowly defeated in a challenge match against the champion school team of the district. Considering that this was their first match and that it was played in the evening of our own Swimming Sports Day, our team was by no means disgraced.

GYMNASTICS

During the year, gymnastic competitions have been held in the lower School upon an individual and a House basis. The competitions were held during normal class periods and the results have proved extremely satisfactory.

Individually, Pye was first with a rating of 98.3. Franklin was second with a rating of 96.25, Mountford, Reynolds and Belt all rated at 95 and Harrison and Glover at 93.3. The series of competitions resulted in a win for School House with 857 points. King's was second with 818 points. Queen's and Trinity gained 760 and 740 points respectively.

THE PLAYING FIELDS

The levelling of the playing fields must necessitate a certain modification of our sports programme during the next two or three years. It is hoped, however, to continue to hold the traditional annual fixtures, although some temporary arrangement may be necessary. The inconvenience we shall experience by reason of the work being carried out on the playing fields will, we hope, be amply compensated by an improved field worthy of the ambitious sports programme which we envisage for the future.

P.M.R.

SPORTS RESULTS—Girls

HOCKEY

The 1st XI Hockey team had a successful season winning 13 of their fifteen matches. Goals scored for the School amounted to 72 with 26 against.

The team was composed of Kathleen Lewis (captain), Pat Newman (vice-captain), Janet Partington, Valerie Williams, Margaret Bentley, Jocelyn Bacon, Frances Reeves, Joan Whitehouse, Audrey Bradley, Jean Woodhouse, Ann Collins and Enid Phillips.

Hockey Colours were presented to Valerie Williams, Jocelyn Bacon, Frances Reeves, Joan Whitehouse and Margaret Bentley.

At the end of the season Audrey Bradley took over the work of Games Secretary for the girls' side of the School.

TENNIS, 1951.

Oldbury 1st IV tennis team played 7 matches, winning 2, losing 1 and 4 were drawn. The captain was Janet Partington, and the other members of the team were Jocelyn Bacon, Mary Hall and Joan Humpage.

Each House played 3 games.

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

ROUNDERS, 1951

The Senior team played 7 matches, won 5, drew 1 and lost 1. The Junior team played 7, won 4, lost 3.

The scores for the Seniors being $40\frac{1}{2}$, against $17\frac{1}{2}$. The Juniors scored $30\frac{1}{2}$ and had $29\frac{1}{2}$ scored against them.

The following girls played for the Senior Rounders team: Pat Newman, Valerie Williams, Pat Newey, Jean Woodhouse, Kathleen Lewis, Frances Reeves, Margaret Bentley, Ann Collins, Mary Bagnall, Joan Charnell, Barbara Sorrell.

The following girls played for the Junior team: Diane Allbrook, Sarah Martin, Eileen Kent, Ann Elsdon, Nadia Burton, Valerie Jarret, Norma Davis, Margaret Thompson, Barbara Falkner, Barbara Brennan.

ATHLETICS

100 YARDS

Class A—1, M. Shepherd (S); 2, J. Cox (T); 3, J. McLelland (S)
 Class B—1, B. Foley (S); 2, J. Sherwood (S); 3, S. Rollason (T).
 Class C—1, A. Elsdon (K); 2, J. Barrett (Q); 3, J. Bosworth (K).
 Class D—1, I. Farr (T); 2, N. Burton (Q); 3, A. Hurst (T).
 Class E—1, E. Phillips (T); 2, M. Bentley (S); K. Lewis (T).

220 YARDS

Class C and D—*I*, A. Elsdon (K); 2, A. Hurst (T); 3, N. Burton (Q).

Class E—*I*, E. Phillips (T); 2, V. Williams (T); 3, F. Reeves (S).

SKIPPING

Class A—*I*, M. Shepherd (S); 2, J. Cox (T); 3, J. McLelland (S).

Class B—*I*, J. Sherwood (S); 2, B. Foley (S); 3, S. Rollason (T).

Class C—*I*, A. Elsdon (K); 2, L. King (K); 3, J. Burnell (K).

Class D—*I*, R. Walker (K); 2, N. Burton (Q); 3, I. Farr (T).

Class E—*I*, K. Lewis (T); 2, F. Reeves (S); 3, V. Williams (T).

HIGH JUMP

Class A and B—*I*, R. Rollason (T); 2, A. Marshall (T); 3, J. Rose (T).

Class C and D—*I*, N. Burton (Q); 2, J. Barrett (Q); 3, C. Hill (S)

Class E—*I*, M. Bentley (S); 2, M. Morse (K); 3, A. Collins (Q) and M. Redick (S) (tie).

LONG JUMP

Class A and B—*I*, B. Foley (S); 2, S. Rollason (T); 3, J. Rose (T).

Class C and D—*I*, A. Elsdon (K); 2, A. Hurst (T); 3, I. Farr (T)

Class E—*I*, P. Newman (Q); 2, F. Reeves (S); 3, K. Lewis (T).

ROUNDERS BALL

Class A and B—*I*, J. Fenton (T); 2, N. Northall (K); 3, M. Lander (S).

Class C and D—*I*, B. Phillips (Q); 2, M. Thompson (S); 3, B. Timmins (S).

Class E—*I*, A. Collins (Q); 2, V. Underhill (S); 3, B. Brennan (S).

RELAY

Class A and B—*I*, School; 2, Trinity; 3, King's; 4, Queen's.

Class C and D—*I*, Queen's; 2, King's; 3, Trinity; 4, School.

Class E—*I*, Trinity; 2, Queen's; 3, King's; 4, School.

SWIMMING**ONE LENGTH**

- 12 years—1, Margaret Millward (T); 2, Janet Sheldon (K); 3, Olwen Llewellyn (Q).
- 13 years—1, Eileen Kent (T); 2, Brenda Timmins (S); 3, Diane Davis (Q).
- 14 years—1, Ann Whittingham (T); 2, Nadia Burton (Q); 3, Christine Hill (S).
- 15+ years—1, Pat Rooker (S); 2, Mary Redick (S); 3, Diane Harper (Q).

ONE WIDTH BEGINNERS

- 11—12 years—1, Sheila Rollason (T); 2, Sheila Johnson (T); 3, Janet Fenton (T).
- 13—14 years—1, Linda King (K); 2, Pat Hall (Q); 3, Betty Smith (Q).

ONE LENGTH BACK STROKE

- 11—12 years—1, Olwen Llewellyn (Q); 2, Joy Wood (T); 3, Ann Ward (K).
- 13—14 years—1, Ann Whittingham (T); 2, Valerie Jarrett (S); 3, Margaret Siviter (T).
- 15+ years—1, Diane Harper (Q); 2, Pat Rooker (S); 3, Kathleen Plimley (K).

DIVING STYLE

- 11—12 years—1, Sheila Smith (S); 2, Olwen Llewellyn (Q); 3, Janet Sheldon (K).
- 13—14 years—1, Eileen Kent (T); 2, Norma Davies (K); 3, Brenda Timmins (S).
- 15+ years—1, Mary Redick (S); 2, Marie York (Q); 3, Diane Harper (Q).

LIFE SAVING

- 13—14 years—1, Nadia Burton (Q); 2, Ann Whittingham (T); 3, Margaret Siviter (T).
- 15+ years—1, Diane Harper (Q); 2, Pat Rooker (S); 3, Kathleen Plimley (K).

SCULLING WIDTH

13—14 years—1, Nadia Burton (Q); 2, Eileen Lowe (T); 3, Ann Whittingham (T).

15+ years—1, Kathleen Plimley (K); 2, Diane Harper (Q); 3, Mary Redick (S).

VALETE

FORM 6A.

Dinah Baker.—School Certificate and General Certificate of Education (advanced); Prefect; Queen's House Secretary, House Hockey Team.—Training College, Dudley.

P. T. R. Brown.—School Certificate, Higher School Certificate, G.C.E. (advanced); Prefect; Queen's House Captain; Orchestra.—Accepted at Cambridge University.

M. A. Cole.—School Certificate, G.C.E. (advanced); Prefect; King's Vice-Captain; Orchestra; 2nd XI Football and Cricket; Choir. — Faculty of Medicine at Birmingham University.

R. L. Dittrich.—School Certificate, Higher School Certificate, G.C.E. (advanced); Prefect; Trinity House and Sports Captain; 1st XI Football; State Scholarship, Birmingham University Open Scholarship.—History at Birmingham University.

H. J. H. Dunn.—School Certificate, Higher School Certificate, G.C.E. (advanced); Prefect; Queen's House Secretary.—Faculty of Medicine at Sheffield University.

Nancy Etheridge.—School Certificate, G.C.E. (advanced); Prefect.—Pupil-Teaching.

June Hall.—School Certificate, G.C.E. (advanced); Prefect.—Pupil-Teaching.

I. D. Howard.—School Certificate, Two Higher School Certificates; Inter B.A. and Inter B.Sc.; School Captain; Orchestra; Intermediate Swimming Champion; Worcestershire County Major Scholarship, Two State Scholarships, Albright Scholarship, Munro Major Open Scholarship to Cambridge.—Natural Sciences at Cambridge University.

- Freda Johnson.**—School Certificate; Prefect; 1st XI Hockey; Choir; Queen's House Secretary.—T.I. Offices.
- Kathleen Lewis.**—School Certificate, G.C.E. (advanced); Prefect; Trinity House Captain; 1st XI Hockey Captain, Senior Rounders Team.—Physical Training College, Liverpool.
- Patricia Newman.**—School Certificate, G.C.E. (advanced); Prefect; Queen's Sports Captain, Senior Rounders Captain. — Dispensing at Boot's.
- A. E. Parkes.**—School Certificate, G.C.E. (advanced); Prefect; Choir.—M.T.D.
- Janet Partington.**—School Certificate, Higher School Certificate, G.C.E. (advanced); School Captain; School House Captain; Tennis Captain; Choir; 1st XI Hockey Team.—Worcester Training College.
- Enid Phillips.**—School Certificate, G.C.E. (advanced); Prefect; Choir; Trinity Sports Captain; 1st XI Hockey; Worcestershire County Major Scholarship.—Biology at Birmingham University.
- G. A. Robertson.**—School Certificate, G.C.E. (ordinary and advanced); Prefect.—Army.
- M. G. Spencer.**—School Certificate, G.C.E. (ordinary); Prefect; Choir.—Suffolk Street Pharmaceutical College.
- Joyce Standley.**—School Certificate, G.C.E. (advanced); Prefect; School House Secretary.—Training College, Dudley.
- D. J. Such.**—School Certificate, G.C.E. (advanced); Prefect; 1st XI Cricket and Football.—Surveyor's Office.
- W. G. K. Taylor.**—School Certificate, G.C.E. (advanced); Prefect; Choir.—Chemistry at Nottingham University.
- Margaret Thompson.**—School Certificate; King's Sports Captain; Prefect; Tennis.—Physiotherapy.
- D. I. Trowman.**—School Certificate, G.C.E. (advanced); Prefect; King's House Captain; Bristol Open Scholarship.—Engineering at Bristol University.
- Margaret Webb.**—School Certificate, Higher School Certificate, G.C.E. (advanced); School Captain; Queen's House Captain; Orchestra; Choir.—Training College, Dudley.
- A. Wootton.**—School Certificate, G.C.E. (advanced); Prefect; Orchestra; Choir; Trinity Vice-Captain; House Cricket XI.—Faculty of Medicine at Birmingham University.

FORM 6B.

- D. Aldridge.**—School Certificate; Prefect; 1st XI Cricket; 2nd XI Football.—Lucas Production Engineering Apprentice.
- R. H. Bonas.**—G.C.E. (ordinary); Prefect.—Drawing Office.
- Valerie Elston.**—School Certificate; Prefect; Choir.—The Woodlands, training for Physiotherapy.
- Heather Hadley.**—School Certificate; Prefect.—M.T.D. Office.
- P. J. Hadley.**—School Certificate; Prefect; 1st XI Football.
- L. T. Hall.**—G.C.E. (ordinary); Prefect.—Engineering Apprentice.
- Doris Hughes.**—School Certificate; Prefect.—Nursery Nurse.
- Jean Woodhouse.**—School Certificate; Prefect; Senior Rounders; Choir.—The Woodlands, training for Physiotherapy.
- J. Cutler.**—Prefect; 1st XI Football; Junior Cricket.—Oldbury Sanitary Department.

FORM 6X.

- Joan Charnell.**—G.C.E. (ordinary); Prefect; Senior Rounders.—Midland Counties Dairy Laboratory.
- B. W. Fennell.**—Bank.
- D. J. Curtis.**—G.C.E. (ordinary).
- B. Shelton.**—G.C.E. (ordinary).—Chemical Laboratory.
- June Taylor.**—G.C.E. (ordinary).—Boxfoldia, Office

FORM 5G.

- R. L. Hughes.**—1st XI Football.—B.I.P.
- S. S. Taylor.**—1st XI Cricket.—P. W. and A.
- Pauline Tranter.**—
- Marilyn Abbey.**—G.C.E. (ordinary).—Commercial College.
- Mary Blackford.**—G.C.E. (ordinary).—Royal Devon and Exeter General Hospital, Nursing.
- Barbara Greaves.**—G.C.E. (ordinary).—Bank.
- J. Gurney.**—G.C.E. (ordinary).
- M. K. Hall.**—G.C.E. (ordinary).—T.I.
- Joan Humpage.**—G.C.E. (ordinary); Tennis Team.—Guest, Keen and Nettlefold.
- A. C. Johnson.**—G.C.E. (ordinary).—Salesman, P.W.A.,
- Janet King.**—

Gladys Kirkaldy.—G.C.E. (ordinary).—Secretarial College.

Maureen Lilley.—G.C.E. (ordinary).—Bank.

Eileen Martin.—G.C.E. (ordinary).

Kathleen Robinson.—G.C.E. (ordinary); Junior Rounders.—
Birmingham General Hospital (Clerical).

D. Shaw.—G.C.E. (ordinary); 1st XI Cricket.—Australia.

Valerie Underhill.—G.C.E. (ordinary).—I.C.I., Office.

FORM 5M.

Janet Andrews.—G.C.E. (ordinary).—I.C.I., Office.

R. H. Beard.—G.C.E. (ordinary).—Insurance Company.

Sheila Cartwright.—G.C.E. (ordinary).—Bank.

W. V. Drury.—G.C.E. (ordinary).—Mechanical Engineering.

D. J. Garrington.—G.C.E. (ordinary).—Midland "Red" Works
(Engine Fitter).

Brenda Harris.—G.C.E. (ordinary).—Bank.

J. K. Holyhead.—G.C.E. (ordinary).—R.A.F.

Sheila Hyde.—G.C.E. (ordinary).—Government Service.

F. Huntley.—Junior Cricket XI; 2nd XI Football.—Steamship
Agents.

M. B. Jones.—Austin's, Toolmaker.

B. Mitchell.—G.C.E. (ordinary); 1st XI Football.—Estate Agents.

J. B. Paice.—G.C.E. (ordinary).—Chance Bros. (Laboratory).

G. C. D. Parkes.—G.C.E. (ordinary).—Bank.

Sheila Plant.—G.C.E. (Ordinary).—Bank.

F. R. Preece.—G.C.E. (ordinary).—M.T.D. Precision Instruments.

Mary Redick.—G.C.E. (ordinary).—The Woodlands, Physio-
therapy.

Audrey Roberts.—G.C.E. (ordinary).—Tracer, B.R.

Joan Smith.—G.C.E. (ordinary).—Tube Works, Tipton, Office.

Beryl Whitehouse.—G.E.C. (ordinary).—Student Teaching,
Garry House.

FORM 5S.

J. E. Black.—G.C.E. (ordinary).—Bank.

Ann Collins.—G.C.E. (ordinary); Senior Rounders; 1st XI
Hockey.—Cadbury's.

M. J. Fisher.—G.C.E. (ordinary).—Trinidad and Limmer Asphalt Company.

Nora Fletcher.—Intermediate Swimming Champion.

Gladys Franks.—G.C.E. (ordinary).—Co-op. Office.

B. E. Green.—G.C.E. (ordinary).—

Dorothy Hall.—G.C.E. (ordinary).—Smethwick Library.

Janet Howen.—Accles and Pollock.

Jennifer Hutchinson.—G.C.E. (ordinary).—Bank.

Dorothy James.—Clerk, Laxton and Midland Die and Tool Co.

D. B. Jones.—G.C.E. (ordinary).—G.K.N., Accountant's Office.

J. Jones.—G.C.E. (ordinary).

K. Seddon.—G.C.E. (ordinary); Orchestra.—T.I. Apprentice.

Doreen Simmonds.—G.C.E. (ordinary).—Poplar's Nursing Home.

A. E. Stephens.—G.C.E. (ordinary).

B. S. Thomas.—G.C.E. (ordinary).—Police College.

B. C. Wallins.—G.C.E. (ordinary).

Janet Watson.—G.C.E. (ordinary).—Training for Nursery Teaching.

G. Willetts.—G.C.E. (ordinary).—Simplex.

Margaret Willis.—

FORM 4A.

C. Shaw.—Australia.

FORM 4B.

Shirley Garbett—British Trades Association, Office.

Joan Baum.—Scribbans, Office.

June Preston.—Scribbans, Office.

Marie Yorke.—Training for Office, Comptometer.

FORM 4C.

Brenda Horne.—Comptometer School.

SALVETE

FORM 3A.

Iris Hoult—transferred from Durham.

FORM 1A.

June Bevington.

Joyce Brown.

Ann Darlington.

Sheila Rollason.

Judith Rose.

Sheila Smith.

G. Eaton.

T. Eaton.

D. Horton.

Janet Fenton.	Nora Tucker.	G. Kettle.
Sylvia Fletcher.	Jean Wiggins.	R. Maddock.
Eileen Hollinshead.	A. Allen.	F. Matthews.
Sheila Johnson.	W. Barrie.	J. Padgham.
Sheila Jordan.	D. Blundell.	I. Smith.
Eileen Lewis.	B. Dingley.	D. Taylor.
Olwen Llewellyn.	R. Dunn.	D. Westwood.
Patricia Owen.		

FORM 1B.

Mary Charles.	Ann Marshall.	H. Lane.
Dorothy Costin.	Naomi Northall.	I. Law.
Gillian Cox.	Sandra Payne.	T. Lowe.
Jennifer Cox.	Maureen Shepherd.	P. Marks.
Valerie Dawes.	Wendy Woollams.	E. Morgan.
Marjorie Downing.	M. Bagnall.	M. Northall.
Beryl Foley.	D. Blewitt.	A. Sabin.
Sheila Harrison.	V. Brown.	J. Thomas.
Margaret Kershaw.	B. Fardon.	B. Wilcox.
Glennis Lee.	L. Hargreaves.	C. Woolley.
Jean McLelland.	J. Jones.	

FORM 1C.

Jeanette Bosworth.	Jean Sherwood.	G. Holding.
Sandra Davis.	Doreen Tustin.	A. Holland.
Jean Edwards.	Anne Ward.	K. Horton.
Joan Hollyhead.	Dorothy Wood.	A. Martin.
Marina Landa.	N. Allaway.	J. Millward.
Dorothea Lavill.	R. Bates.	A. Mountney.
Margaret Millward.	J. Bennett.	B. Parker.
Janet Moore.	K. Comley.	J. Russell.
Barbara Mullett.	A. Firkins.	H. Snooks.
Gillian Penny.	N. Hart.	J. Widdett.
June Rose.		

During the School Year:—**FORM 1A.**

A. Jeffries.	Pamela Lewis.
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FORM 6A.

Jessica Chiles—(re-admitted).

POEMS

An English Spring

The farmer sees the sodden ground,
Sad and depressed is he.
He murmurs as he looks around,
The weather, oh dear me.

I have not sown my seeds as yet,
I'm many weeks behind.
The miller wants to sell his flour,
But where's the corn to grind?

He gazes upward to the sky,
Oh, will the sun ne'er shine?
I think I'll really have to try
To plough those fields of mine.

The sun and wind have dried the fields,
The tractor's noise we hear,
Carts will bring the harvest yields,
He need have had no fear.

Sheila Smith. IA.

The Daffodil Queen

Tall and stately sentinels
Hold your trumpets high,
Sound them loudly through the dells,
"The queen is coming," cry.

Young and beautiful, the queen
Dances in the breeze,
As she glides o'er velvet green
Underneath the trees.

Then she passes on her way
Through the fading throng,
Telling us she cannot stay
With us very long.

Summer is approaching fast,
Spring is almost o'er,
Yellow petals soon we'll cast
At its closing door.

Edna Partington. IA.

Buns for the Bear

Whenever I go with Mum to the zoo,
 The very first thing I always do,
 Is to visit the bear that, with open mouth,
 Sits begging for buns with his face to the south.

If I were a very rich millionaire
 I'd buy for my garden that sad, brown bear,
 I'd keep in my kitchen a chef in white,
 To bake him buns to his heart's delight:

Four and twenty currant buns,
 Four and thirty rice,
 Four and forty ginger ones,
 Made of sugary spice.

Four and fifty coconut—
 Very tasty stuff,
 And four and sixty "Sally Lunns"
 If these are not enough!

Jean Ollis. 2A.

Dovedale

High on the top of Dovedale Peak,
 The gentle breezes fan;
 And one can sit in solitude,
 And all the country scan.

The tiny fields lie far below,
 Hemmed in by walls of grey;
 Where lazy cattle chew the cud,
 Or cotters turn the hay.

Half-lost amid the tufted trees,
 A little church up-rears
 The pointed tower of ancient stone,
 Grown mossy through the years.

The homely chiming of the hours,
 Or tolling of the bell,
 Is carried on the gentle air
 To reach the upland swell.

The humble cottages, whose thatch,
Bleached by the sun and rain,
Gives shelter to the swallow's nest,
Close huddle in the lane.

The lowing cattle wind their way,
With drover close behind,
To where the milking pails are set,
Or pastures new they find.

But here on lofty Dovedale Crag,
Alone I sit, and see
The wonders of dear Derbyshire
All spread below for me.

Vyvian Welch. 2A.

The Winter Sports

It was a lovely, healthy day,
The morning mist had gone.
There was no single cloud to stay
And veil the glorious sun.

Above a rosy Alpine glow,
The sky was dazzling blue.
The mountain peaks, all capped with snow,
Reflected back its hue.

But in that land of glistening white,
And scented, fresh pine trees,
One tiny figure, slim and bright,
Stood with a pair of skis.

She poised her sticks, light-hearted, for
One powerful, downward thrust,
And she was off! and skimming o'er
The snow's hard, crunchy crust.

She, gathering momentum, sped
With expert grace and ease,
And in that thrill, her cares were shed
And cast upon the breeze.

Her smiling lips, her sparkling eyes
 Her happy feelings voiced,
 And gliding over dip and rise,
 Her thumping heart rejoiced.

And then at last, she gently slowed,
 Till there she stood, quite still.
 Her eyes still shone, her face still glowed
 With mem'ry of that thrill.

And as she stood, wild and untamed,
 Upon that icy slope,
 Her rapturous young face proclaimed
 Emotion, joy and hope.

And wild excitement at the deed.
 Her carefree, grateful thoughts
 Then knew that nothing could exceed
 The thrill of Winter Sports.

Barbara Lang. 3C.

Going to School

As I go to school each weekday morn,
 I don't hear the sound of the hunter's horn
 As children do who are country-born.

They hear the sound of the birds in the trees,
 The soft sweet humming of busy bees,
 And feel the light, soft, summer breeze.

But the sounds I hear as I wend my way,
 Are motor-car horns and cycle bells gay,
 Rumbling 'buses and children at play.

Hazel Spriggs. 3B.

Snow-clad Winter

Snow is the king of a winter's day,
 Snow, cold snow;
 Snow is the idol of children's play,
 Snow, cold snow
 Up the hills and down again
 Children's merry laughter,
 As they pull their sledges with following train
 Enjoying the tumbles that follow after!

Snow causes frost on the window panes,
Snow, cold snow;
It blocks all your doors and drifts in the lanes,
Snow, cold snow;
Far away it covers hills,
Mantles oaks and birches;
Snow covers the landscape—both ridges and rills,
And farmsteads and houses and churches.

And now let us leave the snow outside,
Snow, cold snow;
And turn to the cheer of the bright fireside,
Glow, warm glow;
Such bliss we would not miss.
To be out in the snow is glorious spree;
But goodness gracious! what is this?—Hot muffins for tea!
Eleanor Hackett. 3B.

Night

The day has crept away into the west,
A misty, purple veil enshrouds the trees,
A lonely bird flies homeward to his nest,
And twilight rules the silence and the breeze.

The stars begin to penetrate the gloom,
Like precious gems set in a velvet case,
And, as a ghost arises from the tomb,
The frosty moon starts on her path through space.

This is the beauty of the fragrant night,
Which stills the noisy bustle of the day,
And at the coming of the pearly light,
Starts once again upon his mystic way.
Annette Hurst. 3A.

Morning, Noon and Night

As dawn arrives, a tiny glow appears
In eastern skies, the herald of the day.
The glow of the morn shines forth; it cheers
The hearts of all mankind, and makes them gay.

But comes the sultry noon, and weary men,
 From labour in the fields seek rest and shade,
 While busy bees buzz melancholy then
 With droning, doleful tunes in yonder glade.

'Ere fading twilight comes at close of day,
 The greatest glory seen on earth is spread
 Across the western sky in grand display,
 As now the sun is sinking in his bed.

Joy Howard. 3A.

The Express

Snow had fallen in the night,
 And the white blanket
 Seemed to smother all things in sight.
 Nature was quiet and still;
 The fir-trees stood like sentinels
 On the far-distant hill.

The rails had been cleared,
 And already a freight train had passed, southbound.
 The express neared,
 Breaking the silence of the countryside.
 Nearer she came and nearer,
 Until, round the bend, appeared
 The dark form of the great engine,
 Each feature sharply outlined
 Against the glistening background of snow.

The locomotive passed,
 Followed by the coaches, from which
 Pale faces peered.
 Then, at last
 The train rounded a bend
 in the line and was gone.

Save for a distant roar,
 The countryside was as quiet
 And peaceful as it had been before
 The express train went by.

Janet Cutler. 5X.

Too Young

Being too young
Is a sickening state
It must be my fate.
Whenever I want to go somewhere exciting,
Whenever I want to eat something inviting,
Someone round about
Is sure to call out
“ You’re much too young, my son.”

When I want to do all things conceivable,
Some of which are quite unbelievable,
Someone will say,
“ That’s not the way
Let somebody else do it.. You’re too young.”
So I wait for the time to come
When I’ll be able to have some fun,
When I’ll be old enough
Not to be—“ Too young.”

G. Raxter. 5x.

Ode to a Deceptive Muse

O speak Heav’nly Muse from your bower in the sky!
To write a great epic I’m now going to try,
Inspire me with passion, with beauty, with fire,
And if you are worthy, your service I’ll hire.
But Muse, I’m still waiting; downstairs there’s my tea,
You gave thought to Milton and Pope—why not me?
I’m ling’ring sweet Muse, come along, there’s a dear,
Inspire me this minute! my mother I hear.

O creature false, away with thee!
You’ve no more rhyme than has a flea.
Now go and gaze upon the moon,
And on your silver orbit croon!
Selfish Muse! you cheat and liar,
Shakespeare, Virgil, Burns and Prior,
They all invoked you hour by hour,
You let them think you had great power,
While from their minds the poems came,
Yet Muse, you tried to seize their fame.
But now I’ve found you out, dead Muse!
This race for glory you’re to lose.
In hist’ry books my name will be,
But now I’m off to have my tea.

B. Trueman. 6B.

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J. Keay.

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PAT Sealey.

Margaret Jordan