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**EDITORIAL**

**T**HIS issue of the Oldburian deals with events of the 52nd year of our School. There is much good news to record. It is with deep regret, however, that we have to report the passing of Mr. Philip Woodward, an Old Boy who became our Senior French Master. News of his death came as a great shock and all felt that we had lost a loyal colleague and friend, held in great esteem by all who knew him. The School mourns his loss. For some years past, despite handicaps, Mr. Woodward carried out splendid work as Head of the French Department, and gave much valuable help in Music and in many other directions. He made a great contribution to the success and reputation of this School, which he loved so well. A fuller tribute is paid to him elsewhere in this magazine.

Two members of the staff have left during the year. Miss Valerie Jones has left us, as she is about to be married. We appreciate the good work she did, mainly in the English Department, during her period of three years with us, and we wish her well.

Mr. Douglas Smith has left to become Head of the Science Department in Coundon Court School, Coventry. Mr. Smith has been particularly closely connected with our School, for he was a pupil here from 1931 to 1938. After gaining his Degree in Science at Birmingham University, he entered the Army in 1941, during the war, and there rendered distinguished service as a specialist in radar. After the war he returned to Birmingham University and then entered the teaching profession, coming to us to take charge of the Physics Department in 1949. Mr. Smith was a greatly esteemed member of the School during both periods of his life here. As a pupil he attained the post of Captain and as such was a fine influence on the other boys, while more recently, as a member of the staff, he was an excellent teacher, colleague and friend. We wish him success in his new post.

Three new members of the staff have joined us, Mr. J. C. Dickens, B.Sc., for Physics, Miss M. J. S. Woodburn, B.A., for French, and Miss M. M. Goalby, M.A., for English. A hearty welcome and our best wishes are extended to them all.

Several recent issues of our magazine have made hopeful references to the project of installing an organ in our Assembly Hall. It is with a pleasurable sense of achievement we are able to report in this present issue that the Dawes Memorial Organ has now been installed and brought into use for our daily religious service, to



which it adds dignity and inspiration. A full account of the Dedication and Opening of the Organ is given elsewhere in these pages. Following the opening recital by Dr. F. Eric Dawes on that occasion when he officially presented the organ to the School, it is hoped to arrange for recitals to be given by other eminent organists. We also anticipate hearing the organ in our regular school concerts. All who see and hear the organ have nothing but praise for its excellence. It is a masterpiece of true craftsmanship in every detail, a rare gift for which successive generations will be deeply indebted to Dr. Dawes, and a truly magnificent memorial to his parents, Frank and Lydia Dawes.

Our J.M.B. Examination results this year are very pleasing, for 31 General Certificates of Education at Advanced Level have been gained and 107 at Ordinary Level, so making 138 certificates in all. It is worthy of note that there is again a vigorous contingent of this year's leavers going on to more advanced full-time education in universities and colleges.

Our Old Scholars are doing well wherever they go. Of those taking university courses, we have today representatives working for their degrees in Oxford, Cambridge, Edinburgh, London, Leeds, Sheffield, and other universities, as well as the largest contingent in Birmingham. Old Students are also doing important post-graduate research work with firms in industry, in Government projects and in universities. It is risky to mention individuals, but we will mention one or two. Dennis Butler, who gained his B.Sc. in Metallurgy, has been awarded a Mond Nickel Fellowship which provides funds for him to travel abroad for a year to investigate research methods wherever he goes. He has already been to many countries on the Continent and is now due in the U.S.A. An Old Girl, Valerie Williams, who has been studying Pharmacy in London, has done so well that she also has been awarded a travelling scholarship and is now in the U.S.A. for further work there. In quite another line, we may also mention Fred Preece, who was a member of a party of adventurers which completed a hazardous trek across a supposed impassable mountain region well within the Arctic Circle, their aim being to prove a theory of Professor Ross of Birmingham University that Finnish invaders of Norway could have followed that route 1,000 years ago. Joy Howard, who left a year ago, has again distinguished herself by winning the Midland Area Championship for Solo Violin as well as a Barber Scholarship in Music, her third scholarship for Birmingham University. Mavis Letts, who left only last July, has already gained her L.R.A.M. in pianoforte playing



before going to Leeds University, where music will be one of her subjects.

Dare we mention that a more mature Old Boy, who has gained his degree and is now engaged on more advanced work, recently stated that, according to his observations, our old scholars show up particularly well among others, displaying marked qualities of character and personality, which he attributed to the influence of our School.

We hope he was right.

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**IN MEMORIAM**

STAFF and pupils alike were desolated to hear of the passing of Mr. Woodward on the 25th April, 1956. They grieved for a friend who held so markedly their respect and affection.

Philip Frank Woodward was born on January 1st, 1912, and after seven years at Abbey Road Council School, attended "the County High School," as it was then known, from 1924 to 1930. Some of us well remember Philip from those days, when he played a worthy part in our cricket, and under the direction of Miss Jones helped to make a noteworthy success of "The Farmers' Wife," "The Rivals," "Marigold," and "She Stoops to Conquer" in successive years.

Philip's father, the late R. C. Woodward, J.P., took an active part as chairman of the Parents' Association during those years.

"Phil," as we all called him, after taking his Higher Certificate, went to Birmingham University in 1930, where he took his B.A. in 1933 and the Diploma in Education in 1934, after which he taught under Birmingham Education Committee until 1939, when he took a post under Middlesex Education Committee until 1942.

It was in 1942 he returned as French Master to his old School, where he also gave active help with the music, and when the School Orchestra was formed, regularly played the double bass. As a founder-member of the Cresconians Dramatic Society, he took a vigorous part and played the leading rôle in their first production, "The Late Christopher Bean."

In the staff room we remember his uniform courtesy and helpfulness. We knew his high sense of duty and devotion to his work, and, as the affliction of his illness fell on him in more recent years, we learned something of his humility and courage.

Pupils, staff and governors paid tribute to him at the final service at St. Hilda's, and our hearts go out to Mrs. Woodward and his four children, who, we hope, will always be inspired by the memory of a father so worthy of esteem.



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THE Cresconians are the old students of a fine Grammar School, of that we are convinced. The academic progress of the School is a source of delight and deep satisfaction. Her Majesty's Inspectors in 1954 confirmed our thought. To leave is not to forget. Its sphere of influence is strong and wide. Indeed, to remain attached to the School is a natural desire. To all relationships old students bring an approach and manner learned in School.

In April of this year Canon R. S. O. Stevens was principal guest at the Annual Dinner of the Cresconians and he recalled easily, and with obvious relish, his days at the School. Certain references were not for small boys' ears, but the President and Mr. T. L. Davies in their excellent speeches showed that nothing escaped them, no matter how old or how young the old student may be. Miss S. A. G. Jones delighted us with her eloquent appraisal of our Association in general and of the Secretary in particular, and Mr. J. Cook, in his reply, was characteristically forthright. We learned during the course of the evening that the pre-war Cresconians football section would have beaten the present one, and that Mr. J. B. Richards could "prove" it.



With virtually the same complement of players as in seasons before, the football 1st XI was successful beyond belief in the 1955-56 season. The team was usually selected from J. Crumpton, T. Cook, R. Kimberley, M. Abrahams, G. Betteley, M. Franks, G. T. Russell, R. Oakey, A. Ford, B. Pyne, R. Smith, P. Abell, A. Sims, H. Ward, A. Cox and V. Hale. The premier bouquets of the Birmingham A.F.A. were gained and the Cresconians were in the position of honour at the Annual Dinner of this Football Association. Letters of congratulation were received with justifiable pride from, among others, the University and Aston Villa. The section now has four teams and former 2nd XI players at School play regularly in the junior sides.

A senior at School is regarded inevitably as a junior on joining the Cresconians, but the young Cresconian is the life-blood of the Old Scholars' Association. The present main body committee includes recent School leavers Audrey Bradley, Janet Sheldon and R. Bayliss. This early representation in committee is essential for continuity in the development of the Association. Among the sections their participation is invaluable and the Tennis Secretary, June Wilcox, is pleased to report that they will be richly strengthened by 26 new members during this coming summer, when competition on the School courts should be keen.

The cricket section enjoyed a fair share of success and there were several closely contested results. From 22 matches, 8 were won, 11 lost and 3 drawn. R. Kimberley again proved his worth as Captain and as a hard-hitting batsman, who retrieved many a situation in the face of threatening rain or defeat. R. Edge was the batting mainstay, combining a solid defence with an increasing array of scoring strokes and well deserving his average of 20.3. Keen fielding supported varied bowling from L. Carrier (29 wickets), G. Abell (19), and B. Waterhouse (31). A better record is forecast for next season with the defeat of the School the major consideration.

A more serious consideration for the Cresconian as a whole is the provision of a club house and ground for its members. A Sub-Committee appointed to look into the matter has made several reports. These were largely negative because Oldbury and its environs is an area of industry and dense population, and its open space is naturally jealously guarded. For our amenities we rely on the generosity of the School, Messrs. Brades, and Chance and Hunt Ltd., and local government committees, and our requests are always politely and carefully considered. The urgent problem, however, re-



mains. If we do not purchase land soon, the opportunity will have gone for ever in this area.

The hockey section apparently is undeterred and travels cheerfully under the watchful eyes of Doris Ellis and Jean Williams with or without Pat Rowe, to Broomfield, Smethwick, to do battle with ferocious ladies of similar inclination. Francis Reeves and Brenda Stace reached the final trials of the County Hockey Association. In the inter-club tournament we were third from twelve teams which Brenda Woodall, the Secretary, reports as highly satisfactory.

The main body Secretary, Michael Turnbull, blends the sections and plans a social programme through his committee. Certain features are becoming permanent including the Annual Ball. Mr. J. S. Eacott and Mr. W. D. Morris as Masters of Ceremonies made a gay debut in 1955, and this year we are pleased to have persuaded Mr. F. L. Hawley along to officiate.

The usual visitors' book at the Ball will be replaced by a tape-recorder, supervised and produced by A. Lee, the Chairman of the Dramatics Section which has enjoyed another excellent season. Large enthusiastic audiences greeted "Indoor Fireworks," "Lady-killers" and "Beside the Seaside." There remains a need for several male actors and assistance in the preparation of stage settings to balance the membership and to give the various producers a wide range in their selection of plays. Other sections are openly invited to theatre visits, the Fancy Dress Christmas Party, and the Evening Coach Outings organised by the Secretary, Lorna Dean.

We must end on a sad note and pay tribute to the memory of a fine Old Scholar, "Pip" Woodward, whose early death was a great loss to the Old Scholars' Association.

*Events arranged for 1956-57:*

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| 1956 | Friday, November 30th    | Annual Ball at Langley Baths. |
|      | Friday, December 28th    | Christmas Dance.              |
| 1957 | Friday, January 18th ... | Hockey Dance                  |
|      | Saturday, April 14th ... | Annual Dinner                 |



### THE DEDICATION AND OPENING OF THE DAWES MEMORIAL ORGAN

**T**HE official ceremony of dedicating and opening the Dawes Memorial Organ took place on Thursday, May 17th, 1956, in our Assembly Hall, crowded for the occasion by enthusiastic supporters of this our Jubilee Year project.

Alderman B. T. Robbins, J.P., C.C., supported by the Governing Body, took the chair at 7.30 p.m., and, after the introductory hymn, "The Holy Angels Bright," expressed thanks to Dr. F. Eric Dawes for his great generosity in presenting the organ to the School in memory of his parents, Frank and Lydia Dawes. He also thanked the large number of contributors to the Jubilee Fund, raised for the alteration and extension of the Assembly Hall to accommodate the organ. Tribute was paid by Alderman Robbins to the late Mr. and Mrs. Dawes, both of whom had shown a very real and active interest in the School, particularly in its early years. Mrs. Dawes was a member of the Governing Body for a considerable number of years. In addition to her kind, courteous and gracious manner, she had a determination to do what she thought to be best for the School. She was helped by her husband who, although not a Governor, exerted a great influence on the life of the School. Dr. Dawes, added Alderman Robbins, must have found in his home a tremendous educational influence, and it came as a delight when he was pleased to continue his parents' great work and join the Board. Alderman Robbins spoke of the gift as one which would be shared by many people, including generations of pupils yet unborn and, as chairman, thanked Dr. Dawes for his magnificent gift.

In reply, Dr. Dawes said his parents' hearts had been in the School and he was very glad to be associated with the organ for what it meant now and what it would mean in the future. He was more than delighted with the instrument, and he was sure it would do justice to the School and to the Borough.

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Dedication were offered by the Vicar of Oldbury, the Rev. Canon H. Fletcher.

Mr. S. E. Lambert, on behalf of Messrs. Nicholson & Co. Ltd., builders of the organ, then handed the key of the organ to Dr. Dawes, who formally opened it.

After the singing of the hymn, "Angel voices ever singing," Dr. Dawes gave the following recital of organ music, interspersed with two groups of songs by the School Choir:





Photograph by Frank Spiers, Smethwick Telephone.



1. Toccata in F ... .. *J. S. Bach*
2. Air and Gavotte ... .. *Samuel Wesley*
3. School Choir: "Thine, O Lord, is the Greatness" ... *James Kent*
4. Largo (from Symphony "From the New World") ... *Dvorak*
5. "Villanella" ... .. *John Ireland*
6. School Choir: "Praise Ye the Lord, Ye Children"  
*Christopher Tye*
7. Toccata from Fifth Symphony ... .. *Widor*

The recital was greatly enjoyed and the proceedings ended with the hymn, "All people that on earth do dwell."

It was typical of Dr. Dawes that he wished every pupil of the School to take part in the opening ceremonies, and for that reason he kindly came to the School on the following morning to play at the first School Assembly at which the organ was used. After playing for the assembly service, he then played a second recital of music for the benefit and enjoyment of all present pupils. The recital programme was as follows:

1. Toccata and Fugue in D Minor ... .. *J. S. Bach*
2. "Holsworthy Church Bells" ... .. *S. S. Wesley*
3. "Mr. Ben Jonson's Pleasure" ... .. *Robin Milford*
4. Prelude on the Welsh Tune, "Rhosymedre"  
*R. Vaughan Williams*
5. March on a Theme of Handel ... .. *Guilmant*

This recital gave great pleasure to all in the School, and the occasion served to prove what an immense contribution the Dawes Memorial Organ will make to the beauty of our daily act of worship for years to come.

Our photograph shows Dr. Dawes at the organ when about to commence the first recital.

C.C.H.



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**SPEECH DAY, 1956**

Chairman—Alderman B. T. ROBBINS, J.P., C.C.  
(Chairman of the Governors)

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Chairman's Remarks

The School Song

Girl Captain's Report ... .. ANN M. KELLY

Boy Captain's Report ... .. D. H. HORTON

Violin Solo: "Allegro from Sonata in A" (*Handel*) S. R. HAINE

The Headmaster's Report

Speech and Presentation of Prizes by

Alderman RALEIGH R. ADAM, M.A.(Cantab), B.Sc.(Leeds)  
(Chairman of the Worcestershire County Council)

**MR. ADAM'S SPEECH**

Mr. Adam commenced his speech by recalling past speech days of his own when, he said, although he had received prizes from many famous people, he could not now remember anything they had said. He expressed his condolences to those who had not received prizes, but said that even so they could still go away with a feeling of service to others.

Mr. Adam then developed his main theme of the three outstanding virtues: courage, patience and knowledge, illuminating them with many apt quotations. He stated that it was not given to many to see the fruits of their labours, and gave as an example the story of Moses.

Mr. Adam's speech was enlivened by many touches of humour, and he made reference to the medical field, in connection with which he has done so much service with his work in the Health Service.

Girls' Choir: "Windy Nights" (*Norman Gilbert*).

Vote of Thanks

Proposer: HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR OF OLDBURY  
(Councillor A. Gunn, J.P., C.C.)



## AWARDS, 1956

## Form Prizes for General Proficiency

Form 1C	Janet Idoine A. Wakeman	Form 3C	R. Smallwood V. D. Detheridge
Form 1B	B. Russell Barbara Child	Form 3B	R. C. Broadbent M. Biddlestone
Form 1A	Marion B. Jones Josephine A. Layton Judith Rollason Margaret Jones	Form 3A	Angela M. Downs Luned M. Morris
Form 2C	R. Palfrey Sandra Monk	Form 4C	Margaret F. Bishton Sylvia M. Crees
Form 2B	Pamela A. Brian J. I. Round	Form 4B	Diana T. Holtom Patricia Ball
Form 2A	Jennifer M. Turner D. R. Stephens	Form 4A	Nora C. Reynolds D. C. Owen

## General Certificates of Education at Ordinary Level

N. A. Allaway	K. M. Fennell	Deirdre Bunce
R. J. Bates	L. J. Fenton	Janet P. Currell
J. D. Clements	A. G. Franklin	Joyce A. Foster
K. E. Comley	M. A. Fry	Ann M. Hardcastle
D. F. J. Dagley	J. E. Gibbons	Vivienne B. Lawlor
K. W. Field	B. R. Idoine	Carol A. Mellichap
A. T. Harrold	B. F. Johnson	F. Ann Russell
N. Hart	B. C. Langford	Eileen M. Upton
C. M. Jackson	D. Matthews	Alma O. Langley
M. D. Jukes	F. K. Sandell	W. J. M. Barrie
R. J. Knight	D. M. Shenton	G. H. Eaton
J. C. H. Maltby	P. D. Sloan	I. M. Law
A. J. Newey	O. Tudor	F. Matthews
J. F. Richards	M. J. Wharton	B. E. Parker
J. S. Smith	Josephine T. Burgess	June Bevington
J. Spittle	Jillian I. Carter	Dorothy B. Costin
D. W. Taylor	Patricia M. Green	Jennifer Cox
Brenda M. Baber	Janet F. Horton	Sandra V. Davis
Maureen G. Brehaut	M. Ann Huxley	Sheila F. Harrison
Wendy G. Gardner	Elaine Jones	Joan Hollyhead
Patricia J. Hall	Jill B. Jones	Olwen Llewellyn
D. Ann Haughton	Jillian C. Payne	Ann Marshall
Antoinette L. Jeboult	Judith A. Rudman	Jean W. McLelland
Hazel Lester	Margaret A. Wilcox	Margaret J. Millward
Janet M. Lynn	V. C. Brown	Sandra Payne
Joan E. Maneylaws	M. Cowley	Judith Rose
Cecelia D. M. Nock	R. G. Cullwick	Sheila Smith
Dianne Round	B. W. Davies	B. K. Dingley
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M. J. Downsby	Pamela A. Bates	Beryl J. Phillips
B. W. Drew	Hazel B. Bond	

**General Certificate of Education at Advanced Level**

G. A. Ahlberg	D. Morrall	Kathleen Hadley
R. F. Bayliss	K. W. Parkes	Gillian M. Haine
A. J. Benbow	T. E. Porritt	Ann M. Kelly
D. M. Chaplin	A. F. Price	P. Anne Lavill
G. L. Corbett	W. C. Sandells	Mavis D. Letts
R. T. Hancox	M. D. Spooner	Sarah Martin
D. C. Handy	C. E. Tongue	Eunice B. Painter
P. Hipkiss	M. T. Wyld	Janet Sheldon
R. R. Holden	Wendy A. Billings	Vyvian Welch
H. C. Lane	Ann Elsdon	
K. A. Moore	Janet A. Greaves	

**Special Awards**

Worcestershire University and College Awards

- R. F. Bayliss
- A. J. Benbow
- D. M. Chaplin
- Kathleen Hadley
- R. T. Hancox
- Mavis D. Letts
- Jane Martin
- Sarah Martin
- K. W. Parkes
- A. F. Price
- Doreen M. Pugh
- M. D. Spooner
- Vyvian M. Welch
- M. T. Wyld
- Ann Darlington
- Ann V. Ward

Albright University Scholarship .. ..	No award
Dawes Memorial University Scholarship .. ..	No award
Oldbury Educational Trust Scholarships .. ..	Not yet awarded
O.S.A. Prize for Outstanding Achievement .. ..	R. F. Bayliss
Frank Dawes' Prize for Leadership .. ..	A. J. Benbow
Lydia Dawes' Prize for Leadership .. ..	P. Anne Lavill
Best General Certificate of Education—Girls..	Wendy G. Gardner
Best General Certificate of Education—Boys..	J. S. Smith

**Prizes for the Best Use of Leisure**

Boys' Prizes, awarded by the late	
Mr. A. P. Hands .. .. .	D. Horton
	S. Haine
Girls' Prizes, awarded by Mrs. C. T. Barlow..	Sheila Smith
	Patricia Green



Junior Prizes, awarded by the late Mr. C. T. Barlow .. .. .	J. Hughes J. Campbell Valerie Beardmore Catherine Edmonds
Certificates of Merit in Leisure Time activities	63

### Awards for Games, Athletics, Swimming, etc.

Girl Guides' Prize .. .. .	Janet Sheldon
Games Prizes .. .. .	K. W. Parkes M. D. Spooner Ann Elsdon Janet Sheldon
Girls' Athletic Champion, awarded Albright Cup	Ann Elsdon
Boys' Athletic Champion, awarded Vernon Cup	A. T. Harrold
Parents' Cricket Match .. .. .	The School

### House Cups

The Davies Cup for Junior and Middle School Studies .. .. .	KING'S HOUSE
The Howarth Cup for Inter-House Games ..	KING'S HOUSE
The Beard Cup for National Savings .. ..	SCHOOL HOUSE
The Jephcott Cup for Athletics .. .. .	KING'S HOUSE
The Davies Cup for Music .. .. .	SCHOOL HOUSE
Swimming Cup .. .. .	SCHOOL HOUSE
The Hadley Cup for Academic Achievement of Seniors .. .. .	KING'S HOUSE

### Trophies Won by the School

Birmingham and District Secondary Schools Athletic Association. Schools' Cup for the Intermediate 100 yards (won by R. Stubbs).  
Oldbury Secondary Schools Challenge Shield for the 4 × 100 yards Relay.  
The St. Philips' Old Boys Cricket Shield, won by the under 13 Cricket XI.  
Oldbury District Girl Guides' Swimming Shield.

#### Oxford University

*St. John's College*  
D. Hill

Completed second year of study in the Honours School of Modern History

#### Cambridge University

*Queen's College*  
I. D. Howard,  
B.A., B.Sc.

Completed second year of nuclear physics research in the Cavendish Laboratory.

P. T. R. Brown

Completed first year of study for the Mechanical Engineering Tripos.

#### Birmingham University

*Faculty of Medicine*  
M. A. Cole  
A. Wootton  
R. J. Oakey

Passed Final M.B., Ch.B.  
Passed Final M.B., Ch.B.  
Passed 2nd M.B. Part I



<i>School of Dentistry</i> G. Walker	Completed third year of course for B.D.S.
<i>Faculty of Science</i> D. H. Butler, B.Sc.	Awarded a Mond Nickel Travelling Fellowship for Metallurgical Research
J. P. Butler, B.Sc.	Ph.D. Chemical Engineering.
I. G. Betteley	B.Sc. Hons. Class II(ii). Mathematics. Awarded Scholarship for Post-Graduate Course.
A. C. Poole	B.Sc. Hons. Class II(i). Civil Engineering.
Janet Turner	Completed second year of course in Zoology.
J. G. Lines	Completed second year of course in Medical Biochemistry.
A. P. Bennett	Completed second year of course in Physics.
J. S. Jennings	Completed first year of course in Geology.
R. W. Simmonds	Completed first year of course in Chemical Engineering.
M. P. Osborne	Completed first year of course in Zoology.
A. W. Pooler	Completed first year of course in Civil Engineering.
H. S. Ward	Completed first year of course in Civil Engineering.
<i>Faculty of Arts</i> Patricia C. Newey	B.A. Hons. Class III. History.
Margaret A. Grieve	Completed first year of course in General Subjects.
Joy V. Howard	Completed first year of course for B.Mus. Awarded Barber Scholarship for Music. Winner of Midlands Area Championship for Solo Violin.
<i>Faculty of Commerce</i> G. K. Withington	Completed first year of course in Accountancy.
<b>London University</b> Valerie Williams	B.Ph. First Class Honours. Awarded Fullbright Scholarship to Wisconsin University U.S.A.
<i>Queen Mary's College</i> D. W. D. Slim	Completed first year of course in Geology.
<b>Leeds University</b> D. E. M. Price	Completed first year of course in Medicine.
Mavis D. Letts	Gained L.R.A.M. (Pianoforte).
<b>Leicester University</b> Janet Cutler	Completed first year of course in Physics.
<b>Nottingham University</b> B. E. S. Trueman, B.A.	Completed first year of M.A. Course in Economic History.
J. Hawkins	B.Sc. Class II(ii). Electrical Engineering.
R. J. Roberts	B.Sc. Civil Engineering.
<b>Sheffield University</b> H. J. H. Dunn	Completed fifth year of course for M.B., Ch.B.
R. M. Savage	Completed first year of course in Zoology.
<b>Edinburgh—Heriot Watt College</b> J. A. Steventon	Passed Pharmaceutical Chemists' Qualifying Examination (Ph.C.).



**Training Colleges***Birmingham*

Anita Page Completed Two Year Course for Teaching Diploma.  
 M. Ann Whittingham Completed first year of course.

*Dudley*

Pauline Goreham Completed Two Year Course for Teaching Diploma.  
 June Saunders Completed Two Year Course for Teaching Diploma.  
 Beryl Fanthom Completed first year of course.  
 Marjorie Downing Completed first year of course.  
 P. J. Abell Completed first year of course.

*Whitelands, London*

Jeanne Palmer Completed first year of course.

*Chelsea Physical Training College, Eastbourne*

Norma Davis Completed first year of course.

*Battersea Domestic Science College*

Mary Watson Completed first year of course.

*Leicester Domestic Science College*

Margaret Bentley Completed course for Teacher's Certificate.  
 Marjorie Coxill Completed course for Teacher's Certificate.  
 Christine Cox Completed second year of course.  
 Dianne Harper Completed second year of course.

**Birmingham School of Music**

Valerie Wood Awarded A.B.S.M. (Pianoforte teaching and performing) and T.T.D. (Teachers' Training Diploma).

**Birmingham College of Technology**

Gillian Smith Completed first year of course in Institutional Management.

**Birmingham College of Arts and Crafts**

J. A. Russell Completed first year of course.

**Stourbridge College of Arts and Crafts**

Cynthia Harrold Passed Intermediate Examination in Arts and Crafts.  
 G. Lago Completed first year of course.

**St. David's College, Lampeter**

J. E. Chalk Completed second year of course for B.A. Degree.



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**JOINT SOCIETIES**

**Session 1955-56**

President—DR. C. C. HOWARD.

Vice-Presidents—MEMBERS OF THE STAFF.

Chairman—R. BAYLISS.

Secretary—JANET SHELDON.

*September 22nd.*—The President of the Society opened the meeting by welcoming the new members and installing the new officers, R. Bayliss as chairman, H. Lane as vice-chairman and Janet Sheldon as secretary. The meeting took the form of an inter-house quiz. King's were first, followed by School, Trinity and Queen's.

A vote of thanks was proposed by Vyvian Welch and seconded by D. Chaplin.

*September 29th.*—A group of boys told us something of their holiday at Annecy in France. D. Horton described their outgoing journey, J. Smith told of their arrival at and impressions of Annecy, and R. Hancox related their visit to Geneva and Chamonix. I. Smith and Horton concluded the talk when they described the last day, the stop at Paris and the homeward journey.

A vote of thanks was proposed by H. Lane and seconded by Olwen Llewellyn.

*October 6th.*—The meeting took the form of a series of debates. Mavis Letts and P. Hipkiss spoke on "Strikes are an unnecessary evil," Spooner and Chaplin on "That the welfare state produces spineless and irresponsible people," Joan Maneylaws and M. Jukes on "Men's lack of originality is reflected in their appearance," Sloan and Judith Rudman on "A grammar school education is wasted on a girl and the majority of places should be given to boys," and finally Pamela Bates and Cowley on "Television is more of a curse than a blessing." A vote of thanks was proposed by C. Handy and seconded by Ann Kelly.

*October 14th.*—We had the privilege of hearing our senior mistress, Miss Jones, telling us about her three and half week holiday in Norway. Her vivid description of her holiday was further enhanced by most colourful slides and postcards.

A vote of thanks was proposed by Anne Lavill and seconded by A. Benbow.



*October 20th.*—Our meeting was conducted by Mr. Donald Allen, F.R.P.S., F.R.S.A., F.R.E.S., a staff lecturer for Messrs. Ilford, who talked to us on the artistic aspects of photography. A vote of thanks was proposed by Ann Elsdon and seconded by D. Spooner.

*October 27th.*—Members of the Sixth Form Biology Group gave a lecture on "Whales." Benbow spoke on "their place in the animal world" and described their internal and external features; Parkes spoke on "their methods of feeding," Chaplin on "their respiration and locomotion," and Ann Elsdon on "their reproduction and water balance." A vote of thanks was proposed by Olwen Llewellyn and R. Holden.

*November 3rd.*—Miss Nicklin, a lecturer in the extra mural department of Geography in Birmingham University came to speak to us. She spoke on the north-western part of Yugoslavia, stressing its physical and human geography. A vote of thanks was proposed by Sarah Martin and seconded by Benbow.

*November 10th.*—The Sixth Form English Group entertained the Society by presenting "Songs from Shakespeare." Ann Darlington introduced the programme, Ann Kelly continued telling us about the period in which Shakespeare lived, and Vyvien Welch explained the literature of the period into which Shakespeare was born. Hipkiss described the music and instruments which were popular at that time. Eunice Painter described the way in which the literature and the music of the period could be combined. The songs were introduced by Bayliss, who explained what dramatic purpose they served in the play. The songs were read by Anne Lavill, Sandra Payne, Sheila Smith, Janet Sheldon, June Bevington and Sylvia Fletcher and were sung by Ann Elsdon, Wendy Billings, Janet Greaves, Olwen Llewellyn, Sarah Martin, Morrall, Parkes, Lane and Horton. The music was played by Hancox, Alma Langley and Mavis Letts, and Ann Marshall gave brief historical details of the music.

A vote of thanks was proposed by Corbett and seconded by Gillian Haine.

*December 8th.*—The Gramophone Society presented "The Charm of Music." The people who took part were Sarah Martin, Gillian Haine, Wyld and Bayliss. Among the pieces of music



played to us were African Tribal Music and Dvorak's second symphony.

A vote of thanks was proposed by Sheila Smith and seconded by M. Law.

*January 19th.*—We had the pleasure of a visit from an old boy of the School, Mr. Chatham, who showed us two films taken while he was holidaying in Wales and Majorca.

A vote of thanks was proposed by Ann Marshall and seconded by Matthews.

*January 26th.*—Physics night was entitled "Journey into Space." Holden introduced the topic by describing the planets and their positions in the universe. Tongue continued by speaking on conditions governing life and the methods used for detecting life on planets. The way a rocket works and the difficulties of reaching other planets were described by G. Eaton, and T. Eaton described the liquid fuel rocket and how it is fired. A vote of thanks was proposed by D. Horton and seconded by Sandra Davis.

*February 9th.*—Members of the Sixth Form French Group presented two French plays, the first being called "Pastorale" and the second "Les meurtres chez le Coiffeur." Those taking part were June Bevington, Sandells, Horton, Westwood, Ann Darlington, Moore, Jean Wiggins, Sheila Smith, Judith Rose, Jean McLelland, Sylvia Fletcher and R. Bayliss. A number of girls sang French songs during the interval. A vote of thanks was proposed in French by J. Smith and seconded by Irene Walker.

*February 23rd.*—The Society had the pleasure of a visit from Dr. Tolley, a lecturer at the College of Technology, who gave us a very interesting talk on plastics.

A vote of thanks was proposed by D. Chaplin and seconded by Vyvien Welch.

*March 1st.*—The Sixth Form Art Group explained to us some of the finer details of impressionism and characterization. Those taking part were Janet Greaves, Wendy Billings and Alma Langley.

A vote of thanks to the Art Group was expressed by Sylvia Fletcher and seconded by C. Tongue.

*March 22nd.*—Our last meeting took the form of a very enjoyable dance.

Olwen Llewellyn.



### MUSICAL ACTIVITIES

THE past year has without question been one during which our musical activities have flourished exceptionally well.

It is the year which has seen the Dedication and Opening of the Dawes Memorial Organ, concerning which a special report is given in this magazine. That opening, on May 17th, and the first School Assembly at which the organ was used, on May 18th, will always stand as memorable occasions in the records of our School. Present pupils will also remember the Spring Term, 1956, when the Assembly Hall was out of bounds, reserved for the use of the organ builders. Piles of organ parts lay there for several months, organ pipes of all shapes and sizes, wind trunks, wind reservoirs, sound boards, miles of electric wires and thousands of electro-magnets. All have now been gathered together to make our organ beautiful to the eye and beautiful to the ear.

During the period of building, the School Orchestra was unable to meet, but, apart from that time, it has continued its good work and maintained its high standard of playing. The Girls' Choir has met regularly, as has the Four-Part Choir, while the Large Choir practised regularly during the Autumn Term, leading up to the Christmas Concert.

That Christmas Concert occupied two evenings at the end of the term and, as usual, consisted of items all of which represented corporate musical work, the smallest group taking part being an instrumental trio. All our choirs and the orchestra took part, the first half of the programme consisting of purely secular music and the second of music essentially related to the Christmas season. On the last day of term a Carol Service was held, taking a new form this year by the introduction of readings interspersed between the musical items. This arrangement was eminently successful, the service being devout and effective as well as being of a high musical standard.

Our voluntary lunch-hour musical appreciation group met regularly during the Autumn and Spring Terms, and once more most varied and enjoyable programmes of music were provided and very much appreciated. These meetings certainly form an essential part of our musical education, helping materially to an understanding of good music of all sorts, and encouraging listeners to become players also.

Our pupils' musical activities are not confined to the School, as was made evident at our Annual Exhibition of Leisure-Time



Activities. It was most encouraging to find that so many pupils spend their leisure time largely on music, many evidently reaching a high standard. A number of our orchestral players extended their interest to the Worcestershire County Youth Orchestra, attending their regular practices and playing in the concerts at Kidderminster Town Hall. One of our viola players also spent part of his summer holiday at a School Orchestra Summer Course held at Wycombe Abbey School, Bucks.

The Summer Term is not the best season for us to concentrate on music, in consequence of which we were unable to do more than send a contingent of string players to the Oldbury Musical Festival, held during May. These gave good support in the massed items and we were certainly pleased to be able to render that help.

Our proximity to Birmingham enables many of our musical enthusiasts to attend the concerts at the Birmingham Town Hall, but that fact did not lessen the enthusiastic support which the School gave to the visit of the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra when it visited Langley Baths during the year. A very large contingent of our pupils was present on that occasion.

It was perhaps a source of even greater pleasure to have the C.B.S.O. playing in our own Assembly Hall on September 26th, 1955, with Mr. David Willcocks, Master of the Music at Worcester Cathedral, conducting. The programme was well chosen to suit the school as a whole and was greatly enjoyed. Likewise the visit of the County Quintet, under the direction of Mr. A. W. Benoy, the County Organiser for Music, was a most pleasurable occasion. They played a fine programme of music which was well received, as were also the helpful comments and explanations given by Mr. Benoy.

Music is evidently still a major interest with many in the School, and, judging by the number who are learning and hoping to fill the vacancies which will occur in due course in our Orchestra and Choirs, music will still continue to be such a major interest for many years to come, particularly so with the great encouragement given by so many members of the staff.

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#### **EDGMOND HALL VISITS 1956**

ONCE again this year two parties visited Edgmond Hall, the first at Easter and the second during the last week of July. Each party consisted of thirty pupils, ten girls and twenty boys. We received



the usual very warm welcome from Mr. and Mrs. Barker, who are always at great pains to make these visits both comfortable and enjoyable. Both these visits commenced on Friday so we were able to reconnoitre the area on the Saturday, in preparation for the field work which started on the Monday. On Sunday morning everyone attended Edgmond Parish Church, and that afternoon parents visited us, so that they could see at first hand the beauties of Edgmond.

The unsatisfactory weather did not hinder the programme, as we had come prepared with gum boots and mackintoshes. The morning of each day was spent carrying out field tests, soil testing, sampling vegetation from the fields or woodfields, and collecting plant and animal specimens from the nearby Shropshire Union Canal.

During each visit observations were made of the replanting and restocking of the "Monks' Pool" with weeds and coarse fish, which had been done by a previous group. This pool was constructed in mediaeval times by the monks who lived at the Old Rectory, and from which they caught their fish. The weeds are gradually establishing themselves, but a solitary heron removes the fish almost as soon as they are freed into the pool.

A survey of the "Congo" Woodland, and a sampling survey of the Monks' Pool Field were the main projects for the Summer Visit. Prior to the introduction of myxomatosis the woodland presented a very bare grazed floor, but now the woodland floor is covered by a dense carpet of herbs of many different species. A few rabbits resistant to the disease were seen, and later visits will show what effect they will have had upon the new growth of vegetation. The whole group turned out to sample the vegetation of the Monks' Field by the skewer throw method, soil testing and photographing the area. A number of scheduled agricultural weeds were collected and the collated results tell a very sad tale of an impoverished meadow.

At Easter we had a whole day's coach excursion to Carding-mill Valley stopping at Ironbridge, Buildwas Abbey, Much Wenlock to visit the old Guildhall, Wenlock Edge, and picnic lunch in the Valley, after which small groups dispersed to explore the surrounding hills. This was a most enjoyable visit. During the summer visit the weather was so uncertain that a whole day's excursion was out of the question and we had to be content with an afternoon's scramble up the Wrekin. The party reached the top



to meet winds of gale force and a sharp rainstorm. One member of the party had a plastic mackintosh torn to ribbons by the high winds, and the whole party spent a very uncomfortable half-hour huddled in the "Needles Eye" to escape the downpour. The same evening the boys played Newport Boys' Club at cricket, and after a very perilous start when it appeared as if School were going to be defeated, a firm stand by two of our boys enabled us to win by sixteen runs.

We would like to express our thanks to Mr. Swain, who makes these visits possible.

BRIAN R. IDOINE

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#### A VISIT TO THE COUNTY RECORD OFFICE

ON Monday, July 23rd, a typically wet summer day, a party of sixth form History pupils set off in three cars to visit the Record Office at Worcester. We arrived at our destination at about 3 p.m. and were met by the assistant archivist who was to be our guide.

We were led across the entrance hall, down numerous flights of stairs passing through doors that were about nine inches thick, and were then met by Mr. E. H. Sargeant, the County Archivist. He explained how the department was set out and how the records were catalogued. From him we returned to our original guide who took us to a room where a display of original documents was arranged. Our Latin scholars eagerly tried out their talents but were unable to decipher any of the parchments without the aid of a special Latin dictionary. Our guide explained that she had been working on this set of documents for two years and that she had to examine them once more.

Suitably impressed we climbed the stairs back to ground floor and then a short spiral staircase to the repairs department. Here we were shown how parchments, often in bad condition, were repaired and we were interested to note that all the repairs were effected under water. We then found our way to the other side of the room, where photographic work was being carried out on the Photographic Survey of Worcestershire which is being prepared. Some of the more intelligent members of the party soon found pictures of Oldbury and eagerly examined them to see if they could find any familiar places.



From photography we were shown to the library, where another exhibition was set out for our inspection. Photographs of Oldbury and documents dating back to Tudor and Stuart times were examined, the earliest document on view being one recording a gift from King Stephen to the Prior and monks of Worcester, c. 1140. A discussion arose between our guide and two members of the party about local dialects. Having returned to the subject we were given details of how to be an archivist if we so desired.

After thanking our guide we retraced our steps to the cars and thence home after an interesting, enlightening and enjoyable afternoon.

JEAN WIGGINS, 6A.

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### "THE CHASE"

ON Thursday, July 5th, the sixth form geographers took part in a field study of the Cannock Chase region. This excursion, arranged by the Birmingham Branch of the Geographical Association, was designed to illustrate some of the more interesting human and physical aspects of the area.

Our leader, Dr. Butland, of Birmingham University, gave a general talk on the area to be studied, stressing the fact that great changes had taken place in the past century because of the industrial development of a once extensive heathland. In the past, most people had avoided this unproductive region and there was only one route crossing it, the Watling Street, now the A.5 road.

We made our way north from Birmingham to Barr Beacon, from which we obtained extensive views of the Chase, for the near gale-force wind, against which it was difficult to stand, had cleared the atmosphere.

From our point of vantage we could see that the Chase area stands above the surrounding land, which has been lowered partly by faulting and partly by river erosion. To the north rises the High Chase, whilst to the south the Tame valley stands out in marked contrast, partly obliterated by the industrial haze of the Black Country.

The region is mainly one of middle coal measures, but, towards the north, the underlying strata is mainly the much younger Bunter pebble beds. The clays and sandstones of the upper coal measures in the south-east are of considerable economic importance.



As our journey continued northwards, we looked for signs of the changes which have taken place during the last hundred and fifty years, partly owing to the exploitation of coal measures and other minerals, and partly to agricultural expansion resulting from reclamation of the heathland and enclosure.

In the Aldridge and Walsall Wood area, desolation and subsidence were the most noticeable features. Swags, as the water filled hollows are called, and houses braced against subsidence were much in evidence. The best impression of this was where the banks of a canal have been built up so much that the bridge over the canal is now above the level of a nearby shop window. All that remains here, of the great heathland, is the small common at Brownhills.

As we proceeded northwards, to the region more recently exploited, larger and more active collieries such as Hilton Main and Littleton were observed.

We arrived, at last, at Castle Ring, the highest point of the Chase, from which nine counties can be seen. We certainly had a clear view of the Welsh Borderland Hills and the Wrekin. After a brisk walk around the earthwork of pre-Roman origin, we partook of our long-awaited meal.

On the return journey, we noted particularly the settlements through which we passed. Chase Terrace provided a good example of the new settlements, which are drab and uninteresting and completely devoid of any social amenities. They serve only as dormitories for the minors and their families. After we had passed through these towns the countryside took on a more agricultural aspect, market gardening being much in evidence on the lighter sandy soils.

We returned to Birmingham at 6.30 p.m. after a most enjoyable and interesting outing, during which we had absorbed many previously unknown facts about the Cannock Chase region. We agreed amongst ourselves that this was by far the most pleasant way of learning geography.

6b GEOGRAPHY GROUP.

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### EASTER VISIT TO SWITZERLAND

**T**WELVE o'clock midnight was zero hour for twenty-four girls and three members of staff from Oldbury Grammar School. At last the time had come for the long-awaited holiday in Switzer-



land. Our train was very late in arriving at London, which meant that we arrived at Blackbushe Airport late too; but fortunately our 'plane, a Dakota, was specially chartered for us. After the preliminary weighing of luggage we boarded the 'plane and soon settled for the flight, complete with cotton wool and boiled sweets and the paper bags, which soon became very much in evidence.

After landing at Basle, we were taken by coach to the station whence we travelled to Spiez and then caught another train to Weissenburg, our destination. Mme. Matter-Thummernuth, our hostess, was waiting at the tiny station to greet us, and after inspecting our rooms, we partook of our first delightful, continental meal.

We spent the next morning exploring Weissenburg and its lovely walks. Weissenburg was certainly a fairy-tale village with the sparkling river, its brightly painted chalets and snow-capped circumjacent mountains.

On Friday we awoke to a world covered with a thick blanket of white snow, so an excursion was arranged to Berne, the capital, where we spent an enjoyable, if cold, day.

On Saturday morning, although the snow was still thick, the weather had changed completely and became very warm and sunny. We decided to walk to nearby Obervil. During this walk, we saw Switzerland at its best; mountains and trees covered in snow, contrasting with the brilliant blue of the sky. At Obervil we were fortunate enough to see a Swiss wedding. This was very interesting since it gave us an opportunity to see the Swiss National costumes, with their beautiful lace decorations. In the afternoon, we enjoyed a visit to Zweissimen.

Sunday dawned. This was the day for which we were all longing for we were to make the trip to the Jungfrauoch. We were awakened at the unearthly hour of 4.45 a.m., and after a coach journey along the shores of the picturesque Lake Thun to Lauterbrunnen, we boarded the mountain railway. We stopped twice to look through the Observation windows in the Eiger tunnel at the breathtaking panorama. On reaching the Jungfrauoch, which is the highest station in Europe, some of us went out on to the plateau. Here, a gale-force wind was blowing and it was an effort to keep on one's feet. Even wearing strong sun glasses, the brilliance of the snow almost blinded us. Others visited the Ice Palace, cut in the glacier, where a car, piano, chairs and other such objects had been carved from solid ice. All too soon we had to leave this scene



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of intensely blue skies and sparkling white snow and ice to board the train for the descent via the Grindewald Valley.

On Monday, we had the choice of either joining a party which was going to Gstaad and a ride in a chair-lift, or climbing a mountain.

Tuesday was spent in visiting Thun, where we purchased presents for our relatives and friends.

On Wednesday, our last day, we went to have a final look at Spiez in the morning, whilst in the afternoon we completed our packing and rested before the long journey home.

We partook of our last meal and then climbed the steep path to the station, where we said goodbye to Mme. Matter-Thummermuth, our delightful, hostess, her husband and three small sons. We caught the train to Spiez, and from there travelled to Basle. We arrived at midnight and after passing through the customs, we boarded the train, which would take us on a twelve-hour journey to Calais. Here, we embarked on the boat and on arrival at Folkestone, we caught the first boat train to London and from there to Birmingham.

In conclusion, we should like to offer our thanks to Miss Scriven, Miss Firth and Miss Morris, without whom this wonderful and unforgettable holiday would not have been possible.

WENDY J. GARDNER & DIANNE ROUND 6b.

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### **BOYS' HOLIDAY ABROAD, 1956**

SWITZERLAND is a country of sunshine and beautiful scenery, any guide book will tell you that, but ask any member of the Oldbury Grammar School party who visited the Bernese Oberland in August, 1956, and he will paint a different picture. We found Switzerland to be a land of mist, and more mist. The weather on the outward trip was fair, even in England. The party travelled overnight via Dunchurch, and St. Albans to London and thence via Canterbury, where we stopped for breakfast, to Dover. The crossing from Dover to Boulogne was made in the Shepperton Ferry, a boat which appeared to us so old it might have sailed against the Spanish Armada. At Boulogne, customs formalities over, the coach rolled serenely on to Rheims, our stopping place for the night. Early next morning we left Rheims and continued the journey southwards to Basle. Here the party was joined by Messrs. Jones and Laycock



who had been on a walking holiday down the Rhine, complete with hiking boots, sticks and feathered hats. Thence on to our main stopping place, Spiez.

The town of Spiez proved all that was promised, a picturesque town of some 5,000 inhabitants situated about halfway along the southern shore of Lake Thun. The Hotel Terminus was most luxurious. It embraced wonderful views of the lake and the snow-capped mountains on one side and the railway station on the other. I heartily recommend this hotel to any loco-spotter, for the trains ran very frequently, and the service is maintained well into the night.

The first day of the holiday was spent exploring Spiez and its environs, despite several heavy showers of rain, and on the second day it was decided to make the classic excursion to the "Three Passes"—Grimsel, Furka, and Susten. The weather was by no means favourable when we set out, and during the day it gradually worsened. In the passes we had sleet, and at Susten a temperature of one degree centigrade. The outing was, nevertheless, most enjoyable, and made more exciting as everything was shrouded in dense mist.

On the following day an excursion was made to the city of Berne, and a very happy afternoon was spent walking around the arcaded streets. Naturally a visit was paid to the Bear Pit, where a number of bears are kept for the amusement of visitors. Everywhere in the city one is conscious of the "sign of the bear" for this animal is the emblem of the city and canton.

The party was still awaiting a clear day, so that the highlight of the holiday—the ascent of the Jungfrau—could be attempted. Then, miracle of miracles, on Sunday morning the sun shone brightly and we set off in the coach to Grindelwald, whence we took a train to Kleine Scheidegg, the skiing resort. Here we changed on to the Jungfrau railway which operates on rack and pinion. The railway runs through a tunnel five miles long until it reaches the Jungfrau-joch Station, the highest point attained by any railway in Europe. Unfortunately the weather had deteriorated and visibility was virtually nil on account of the mist and a blinding snowstorm. Still everyone contrived to enjoy himself thoroughly, either in the snow or in the ice palace. The return was made to Spiez via Kleine Scheidegg and Lauterbrunnen. On Monday morning the party ascended the Neiderhorn by chair lift, and for once we saw the clear skies and the beautiful scenery described in the guide books.



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Next day we travelled nearly three hundred miles, taking about twelve hours for our overnight stay in Rheims. The party had a most enjoyable tour of the Greno and Pommery Distillery in Rheims. Conducted through endless tunnels we saw every process in the bottling, maturing and storage of champagne, yet, though we hung around expectantly no free samples were forthcoming and we had to leave empty-handed. The journey from Rheims was uneventful, and we arrived at Dunkerque shortly after midnight to board an even more dilapidated ferry. Tired, thrilled and very happy we arrived back in Birmingham. I am sure all members of this excursion will join me in expressing very hearty thanks to the members of the Staff for organising such an enjoyable holiday. Despite the weather, every moment was enjoyable, and we fully appreciate all the hard work the staff and our excellent driver, "Charlie," did. May there be many such excursions organised from Oldbury Grammar School in future years.

DEREK H. HORTON.

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**GUIDES**

Captain—F. D. TWEEDIE.

Lieutenants—

B. PINE, M. BENTLEY, M. COXILL.

Cadets—

A. KELLY, J. SHELDON, A. WHITTINGHAM.

Leaders—

PAT SMITH (Fushia), DIANNE ROUND (Purple Heather),  
EILEEN UPTON (Daffodil), IRENE WALKER (Hawthorn),  
CHRISTINE GREGORY (Chaffinch).

OUR Guide Company held their regular Monday evening meetings during the year, carrying on their usual activities some of which are badge work, country dancing and the singing of camp fire songs.

The sale of work was held in November and a large sum was once more raised for camp funds.

The company attended several parades during the year including the Mayor's Sunday Parade and the Empire Youth Sunday parade which was held as usual at Edgbaston Old Church.

At the Youth Club Swimming Gala the Guides won every event and thus retained the Guide Swimming Shield for a further year. The Guides taking part are to be congratulated on this excellent performance.

The highlight of the year was the visit of H.R.H. Princess Margaret on May 26 to Wolverhampton. The day turned out to be warm and sunny and everyone was delighted with their close view of the Princess. Janet Sheldon and Ann Kelly represented the company in the guard of honour for the Princess.

Several Guides attended weekend camps during the year, but as the end of term approached we all looked forward eagerly to camp. This was held once more at Beer in South Devon. The day of our departure was an excellent one but the weather did not keep up with its fine start. The Guides awoke one morning to find that the marquee had collapsed during the night's gale. They were eventually forced to abandon camp, for the first time in all the camps. The following night was spent in a hut in Beer which was warm and dry even though the floor proved rather hard. In spite of this



misfortune a thoroughly enjoyable holiday was spent by all Guides, who were undaunted by the unpleasant weather.

In conclusion we express our thanks and appreciation to our Captain, Miss Tweedie, and our Lieutenants and friends for giving us such an enjoyable year once more.

ANN KELLY.

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### THE STUDENT CHRISTIAN MOVEMENT

THE activities of the S.C.M. this year have taken the form of discussions, film strips, quizzes and debates. I am pleased to be able to report an increase in the number of regular members over the past year.

On March 23, members from the sixth form attended an S.C.M. conference at Stourbridge. In the morning the Rev. T. T. Whitfield spoke on the problems caused by the sudden large influx of coloured people into this country. He raised several points to be discussed by the members, who divided into smaller groups.

After lunch the Speaker was Canon Bryan Green, whose topic was Family Relations. Again the conference divided for discussion. The day was concluded by a short service, conducted by Canon Bryan Green.

During the Spring Term the junior branch of the S.C.M. led by members of forms five and six, held an exhibition to illustrate life during the first century A.D. The exhibition was held in the school library on March 20, and visited by many interested members of the school.

J. B. RUDMAN 6b.

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### GIRLS SPORTS

#### HIGH JUMP

- 11 yrs.—1, Pauline Manning (Q); 2, Barbara Harris (K); 3, Valerie Underhill (Q).  
12 yrs.—1, Patricia Webb (S); 2, Lilian Moores (T); 3, Linda Turner (K). 3 ft. 10 in.  
13 yrs.—1, Valerie Beardmore (S); 2, Sandra Richards (S); 3, Josephine Brookes (T), C. Edmonds (K). 4 ft. 1½ in.



14 yrs.—1, Carol Walton (S); 2, Margaret Stevens (T); 3, Carol Savage (S).

15 + yrs.—1, Christine Gregory (S); 2, Maureen Brehaut (Q); Janet Currell (T). 4 ft. 1½ in.

#### LONG JUMP

11 yrs.—1, Marilyn Moore (S); 2, Pauline Manning (Q); 3, Valerie Underhill (Q). 11 ft. 3 in.

12 yrs.—1, Patricia Webb (S); 2, Christine Haines (Q); 3, Linda Turner (K). 12 ft. 6 in.

13 yrs.—1, Patricia Hadley (Q); 2, Janet Thurman (K); 3, Margaret Stanaway (T). 13 ft. 5 in.

14 yrs.—1, Pauline Marlowe (S); 2, Elizabeth Leadbeater (K); 3, Judith Bagley (K). 12 ft. 5 in.

15 + yrs.—1, Ann Elsdon (K); 2, Janet Currell (T); 3, Patricia Morton (T). 15ft. 7 in.

#### ROUNDERS BALL

11 yrs.—1, Marilyn Harvey (S); 2, Judith Tranter (S); 3, Valerie Underhill (Q). 21 yd. 2 ft.

12 yrs.—1, Patricia Webb (S); 2, Linda Turner (K); 3, Jeanette Rowles (T). 45 yd. 1 ft. 5 in.

13 yrs.—1, Christine Andrews (S); 2, Joyce Fletcher (K); 3, Sylvia Bradshaw (K). 38 yd. 2 ft.

14 yrs.—1, Elizabeth Leadbeater (K); 2, Janet Parkes (T); 3, Carol Walton (S). 36 yd.

15 + yrs.—1, Pamela Rowe (T); 2, Christine Gregory (S); 3, Ann Ward (K). 59 yd.

#### 100 YARDS

11 yrs.—Marilyn Moore (S); 2, Marilyn Harvey (S); Yvonne Smith (K).

12 yrs.—1, Linda Turner (K); 2, Audrey Wright (Q); Christine Haines (K).

13 yrs.—1, Patricia Hadley (Q); 2, Janet Thurman (K); 3, Catherine Edmonds.

14 yrs.—1, Carol Savage (S); 2, Carol Walton (S); 3, Nora Reynolds (Q).

15 + yrs.—1, Ann Elsdon (K); 2, Rosalind Beard (Q); 3, Maureen Rawlins (S).

#### 220 YARDS

12 yrs.—1, Patricia Webb (S); 2, Hazel Bolton (K); 3, Susan Hawley (T).

13 yrs.—1, Patricia Hadley (Q); 2, Joyce Fletcher (K); 3, Valerie



Beardmore (S).

14 yrs.—1, Janet Parkes (T); 2, Carol Walton (S); 3, Nora Reynolds (Q).

15 + yrs.—1, Ann Elsdon (K); 2, Christine Gregory (S); 3, Rosalind Beard (Q).

SKIPPING

11 yrs.—1, Marilyn Moore (S); 2, Marilyn Harvey (S); 3, Barbara Harris (K).

12 yrs.—1, Christine Haines (Q); 2, Audrey Wright (Q); 3, Hazel Bolton (K).

13 yrs.—1, Catherine Edmonds (K); 2, Valerie Beardmore (S); 3, Josephine Brookes (T).

14 yrs.—1, Janet Parkes (T); 2, Carol Savage (S); 3, Elizabeth Leadbeater (K).

15 + yrs.—1, Ann Elsdon (K); 2, Rosalind Beard (Q); 3, Patricia Horton (T).

440 YARDS

15 + yrs.—1, Ann Elsdon (K); 2, Christine Gregory (S); 3, Nora Reynolds (Q).

RELAY

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

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

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

House Results—1, School (241); 2, King's (239); 3, Queen's (154); 4, Trinity (140).

ATHLETIC SPORTS, 1956

SPORTS Day was held on May 11th. The weather remained fine until the last event, the senior relay, which was run in a violent downpour.

The events were keenly contested and the standard of performance was high. Results:—

Group A

100 YARDS

1, Whittaker (T); 2, Griffiths (Q); 3, Downing (K). 12.8 secs.

220 YARDS

1, Whittaker (T); 2, Wyton (S); 3, Griffiths (Q). 31.8 secs.

H. S. JUMP

1, Wyton (S); 2, Jones, R. (T); 3, Pardoe (S). 26 ft. 11 in.



**LONG JUMP**

1, Jones, R. (T); 2, Limbrick (T); Lane (Q). 12 ft. 1 in.

**HIGH JUMP**

1, Jones, R. (T); 2, Moore (K); 3, Pibworth (K). 4 ft. 0 in.

**CRICKET BALL**

1, Parsonage (Q); 2, Reardon (K); 3, Pibworth (K). 145 ft. 7 in.

**SHOT**

1, Reardon (K); 2, Chapman (Q); 3, Moore (K). 25 ft. 8½ in.

**RELAY**

1, School; 2, Queen's; 3, Trinity. 63.6 secs.

**Group C****100 YARDS**

1, Hughes (T); 2, Massey (Q); 3, Parsons (S). 11.55 secs.

**220 YARDS**

1, Hughes (T); 2, Massey (Q); 3, Neale (S). 28 secs.

**440 YARDS**

1, Page (K); 2, Robertson (K); 3, Lloyd (Q). 70.55 secs.

**HIGH JUMP**

1, Freeman (S); 2, Hunter (K); 3, McKittrick (K). 4 ft. 3½ in.

**LONG JUMP**

1, Hunter (K); 2, McKittrick (K); 3, Parsons (S). 13 ft. 7 in.

**H. S. JUMP**

1, Hughes (T); 2, Hunter (K); 3, Robertson (K). 30 ft. 9 in.

**JAVELIN**

1, Stone (K); 2, Ashwood (S); 3, Page (K). 84 ft. 1½ in.

**DISCUS**

1, Robertson (K); 2, Upton (S); 3, Parkes (Q). 64 ft. 7 in.

**SHOT**

1, Lloyd (Q); 2, Neale (S); 3, Page (K). 27 ft. 6 in.

**RELAY**

1, Kings; 2, Trinity; 3, Queens. 88.45 secs.

**Group D****100 YARDS**

1, Glover (Q); 2, Burns (Q); 3, Moore (S). 10.6 secs.

**220 YARDS**

1, Burns (Q); 2, Glover (Q); 3, Ellis (K). 21.6 secs.



440 YARDS

1, Bristow (Q); 2, Spooner (K); 3, Ellis (K). 65.55 secs.

880 YARDS

1, Bristow (Q); 2, Tudor (T); 3, Walters (K). 2 mins. 28.2 secs.

HIGH JUMP

1, Glover (Q); 2, Spooner (K); 3, Onions (Q). 4 ft. 5½ in.

LONG JUMP

1, Burns (Q); 2, Moore (S); 3, Ellis (K). 15 ft. 1½ in.

H. S. JUMP

1, Moore (S); 2, Templeton (S); 3, Allen (Q). 29 ft. 2 in.

JAVELIN

1, Spooner (K); 2, Cotton (T); 3, Onions (Q). 122 ft. 2 in.

DISCUS

1, Bristow (Q); 2, Walters (K); 3, Onions (S). 93 ft. 5 in.

SHOT

1, Cotton (T); 2, Cartland (K); 3, Detheridge (T). 29 ft. 0 in.

RELAY

1, Queen's; 2, King's; 3, Trinity. 115.2 secs.

Group E

100 YARDS

1, Parkes (Q); 2, Harrold (K); 3, Stubbs (T). 10.7 secs.

220 YARDS

1, Field (S); 2, Parkes (Q); 3, Stubbs (T). 25.4 secs.

440 YARDS

1, Harrold (K); 2, Lane (Q); 3, Langford (S). 58.65 secs.

880 YARDS

1, Field (S); 2, Parkes (T); 3, Cox (T). 2 mins. 16.5 secs.

HIGH JUMP

1, Taylor (Q); 2, Allaway (Q); 3, Ashley (K). 5 ft. 0½ in.

LONG JUMP

1, Taylor (Q); 2, Templeton (S); 3, Smith (T). 16 ft. 0½ in.

H. S. JUMP

1, Templeton (S); 2, Stubbs (T); 3, Taylor (Q). 35 ft. 11 in.

JAVELIN

1, Hart (T); 2, Sloan (K); 3, Tongue (Q). 119 ft. 2 in.

DISCUS

1, Lane (Q); 2, Parker (T); 3, Spooner (K). 102 ft. 4 in.



**SHOT**

1, Harrold (K); 2, Spooner (K); 3, Parkes (Q). 34 ft. 6 in.

**MILE INDIVIDUAL**

1, Harrold (K); 2, Parker (T); 3, Stubbs (T). 5 mins. 11.5 secs.

**MILE TEAM**

1, Trinity; 2, King's and Queen's.

**RELAY**

1, Trinity; 2, School; 3, Queens. 4 mins. 22.5 secs.

Group Champions—A, Jones, R. (T), 16 points; C, Hughes (T), 18 points; D, Bristow (Q), 18 points; E, Harrold (K), 22 points.  
House Results—1, King's (408 points); 2, Queen's (390 points); 3, Trinity (364 points); 4, School (297 points).

**GIRLS' SWIMMING RESULTS**

- Final, 1 length free style, 11—12 yrs.—1, Patricia Webb (S); 2, Hazel Bolton (K); 3, Lynette Daniels (K).
- Final, 1 length free style, 13 yrs.—1, Catherine Edmunds (K); 2, Sylvia Bradshaw (K); 3, Barbara Jarrett (S).
- Final, 1 length free style, 14 yrs.—1, Brenda Harrold (T); 2, Elizabeth Leadbeater (K); 3, Angela Downs (S).
- Final, 1 length free style, 15+ yrs.—1, Christine Gregory (S); 2, Sheila Smith (S); 3, Janet Currell (T).
- Final, 1 length back stroke, 13 yrs.—1, Sylvia Bradshaw (K); 2, Catherine Edmunds (K); 3, Jean Horrocks (T).
- Final, 1 length back stroke, 14 yrs.—1, Elizabeth Leadbeater (K); 2, Angela Downs (S); 3, Brenda Harrold (T).
- Final, 1 length back stroke, 15+ years—1, Sheila Smith (S); 2, Christine Gregory (S); 3, Janet Brown (T).
- Beginners' width—1, Christine Jones (K); 2, Joyce Pardoe (S); 3, Janet Somers (T).
- Diving, 11—12 yrs.—1, Patricia Webb (S); 2, Janet Beach (T); Amy Bennett (Q).
- Diving, 13 yrs.—1, Sylvia Bradshaw (K); 2, Susan Phipps (T); 3, Joyce Fletcher (K) and Joan Mitchell (Q).
- Final, 1 width back stroke, 11—12 yrs.—1, Patricia Webb (S); 2, Christine Jones (K); 3, Amy Bennet (Q) and Patricia Tarr (S).



Final, 1 length breast stroke, 13 yrs.—1, Shirley Snellus (S); 2, Sylvia Bradshaw (K); 3, Susan Phipps (T).

Diving, 14 yrs.—1, Elizabeth Leadbeater (K); 2, Patricia Norville (S); 3, Judith Hemming (Q).

Final, 1 length breast stroke, 15 + yrs.—1, Sheila Smith (S); 2, Christine Gregory (S); 3, Olwen Llewellyn (Q).

Final, 1 length breast stroke, 11—12 yrs.—1, Patricia Webb (S); 2, Susan Bates (T); 3, Judith Rollason.

1 width life saving, 13—14 yrs.—1, Angela Downs (S); 2, Sylvia Bradshaw (K); 3, Gillian Wilkes (K).

Diving, 15 + yrs.—1, Christine Gregory (S); 2, Sheila Smith (S); 3, Janet Brown (T).

1 length breast stroke, 14 yrs.—1, Veronica Bishop (S); 2, Elizabeth Leadbeater (K); 3, Angela Downs (S).

Life saving, 15 + yrs.—1, Sheila Smith (S); 2, Christine Gregory (S); 3, Janet Brown (T).

Sculling, 13—14 yrs.—1, Angela Downs (S); 2, Brenda Harrold (T); 3, Jean Horrocks (T).

Final, 15 + yrs.—1, Christine Gregory (S); 2, Sheila Smith (S); 3, Janet Brown (T).

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

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

Boat race—1, School; 2, Queen's; 3, Trinity.

House Results—1, School (131 points); 2, King's (65 points); 3, Trinity (46 points); 4, Queen's (12 points).

#### **GIRLS' SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS**

Senior—Sheila Smith and Christine Gregory (24 points each); runner-up—Janet Brown (4 points).

Intermediate—Sylvia Bradshaw (19 points); runner-up—Betty Leadbeater (16 points).

Junior—Pat Webb (20 points); runner-up—Christine Jones (8 points).

#### **BOYS' SWIMMING GALA RESULTS 1956** **JUNIOR EVENTS**

1 length free style—1, Trickett (T); 2, Reardon (K); 3, Pibworth (K).

1 length breast stroke—1, Reardon (K); 2, Pardoe (S); 3, Wyton (S).



- 1 width back stroke—1, Harvey (K); 2, Moore (K); 3, Pibworth (K).  
 1 width beginners—1, Pibworth (K); 2, Harvey (S); 3, Oakes (Q).  
 Dive—1, Moore (K); 2, Trickett (T); 3, Whittaker (T) and Rearon (K).  
 Relay—1, School; 2, King's; 3, Trinity.

### INTERMEDIATE EVENTS

- 2 lengths free style—1, Glover (Q); 2, Page (K); 3, Bailey (Q).  
 2 lengths breast stroke—1, Graham (K); 2, Currier (S); 3, Russell (S).  
 1 length back stroke—1, Glover (Q); 2, Ashwood (S); 3, Graham (K).  
 1 width beginners—1, Robertson (K); 2, Wellings (Q); 3, Isherwood (S).  
 Dive—1, Currier (S); 2, Page (K) and Graham (K); 3, Lloyd (Q).  
 Relay—1, Queen's; 2, Trinity; 3, King's.

### SENIOR EVENTS

- 3 lengths free style—1, Lane (Q); 2, Husband (S); 3, Downsby (T).  
 2 lengths breast stroke—1, Thomas (T); 2, Bates (T); 3, Lane (Q).  
 2 lengths back stroke—1, Walmesley (Q); 2, Rollason (S); 3, Law (T).  
 Plunge—1, Porritt (S); 2, Harrold (K); 3, Bates (T).  
 Dive—1, Knowles (K); 2, Rollason (S); 3, Law (T).  
 Relay—1, Trinity; 2, King's; 3, School.

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### OLDBURY SECONDARY SCHOOLS CHALLENGE SHIELD FOR THE 4 × 110 YARDS RELAY

This revived competition was won by the School Team at the Worcestershire A.A.A. meeting.

Runners were: Ashley, Templeton, Glover, Stubbs, who were presented with medals for their performance.



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### **TRIANGULAR ATHLETICS COMPETITION**

For the first time the School entered a team to compete with Redditch G.S. and Bromsgrove G.S. in Athletics.

The team did extremely well, taking first place in the competition with a points score equal to that of the two other schools combined.

### **BIRMINGHAM AND DISTRICT GRAMMAR SCHOOLS ATHLETIC SPORTS**

The School improved on last year's performance and once again the team returned with a cup (which the School has never won before).

The boys attained 13 Standards, and Certificates for High Standards were awarded to the following: Templeton, Glover, Stubbs (two Certificates).

The School took three places in the final of two events. Glover was 3rd in the Intermediate 100 yards, Stubbs was 3rd in the Intermediate 880 yards, Stubbs was 1st in the Intermediate 100 yards.

Stubbs was presented with the Schools Cup for his performance.

### **ROAD RACE 1956**

Junior Individual Result—1, Whittaker (T); 2, Page (K); 3, Freeman (S). 11 mins. 1 sec.

Junior House Results—1, King's, 151 points; 2, Queen's, 193 points; 3, School, 207 points; 4, Trinity, 281 points.

Intermediate Individual Result—1, Wellings (Q); 2, Smallwood (S); 3, Burns (Q). 12 mins. 28 secs.

Intermediate House Result—1, Queen's, 149 points; 2, School, 194 points; 3, Trinity, 245 points; 4, King's, 249 points.

Senior Individual Result—1, Cox (T); 2, Turner (Q); 3, Widdett (K). 11 mins. 50 secs.

Senior House Result—1, King's, 180 points; 2, Queen's, 189 points; 3, School, 215 points; 4, Trinity, 248 points.

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### **FOOTBALL RESULTS 1956**

Captain—K. W. PARKES.

Vice-Captain—D. C. HANDY.

A very successful season. Every team more than held their own.



The 2nd XI deserves special mention since they only lost one of their 14 matches.

### RESULTS

1st XI—Played 19, won 12, drawn 3, lost 4. Goals for 89, against 49.

2nd XI—Played 14, won 13, lost 1. Goals for 87, against 18.

Junior XI—Played 9, won 7, drawn 1, lost 1. Goals for 36, against 17.

Under 13½ XI—Played 7, won 4, lost 3. Goals for 23, against 17.

King's top the list of House Matches, having won every game.

Result:

King's—Won 3, lost 0.

Trinity—Won 1, lost 2.

Queen's—Won 2, lost 1.

School—Won 0, lost 3.

Colours were awarded to F. Darby and K. W. Field for good play.

In the Birmingham and District Grammar Schools Cup the School reached the Semi-Final, where they lost to West Bromwich Grammar School.

### WORCESTERSHIRE GRAMMAR SCHOOLS COUNTY XI.

Field, Handy, Benbow and Parkes played regularly in the above team. Darby and Sloan also represented the County.

### OLDBURY TOWN FOOTBALL XI

Stubbs, Vaughan, Ashley, Glover, Kite and Walters were selected to play for the above team.

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### CRICKET 1956

Taken as a whole the School had a very successful season and fielded four elevens, despite the difficulty of finding suitable pitches and practice facilities on the field. Most 1st XI games were played as away matches so that the School's better cricketers could enjoy their game on a reasonably good wicket.

The 1st XI batting showed a marked improvement and several boys derived benefit from winter coaching at Stourbridge. D. Spooner proved an able and enthusiastic captain and handled the



side well, both on and off the field. The fielding was keen, with Parkes a very competent wicket-keeper and Sloan outstanding. Parkes was the mainstay of the batting and scored 279 runs for an average of 27.9, being well supported by Spooner, who averaged 20.6 and Law 24.2. Smith and Richards, who both showed considerable promise, failed to find their true form, but with more experience should make plenty of runs next year.

The bowling was not as good as it has been in recent years, but proved adequate. Spooner took 38 wickets at an average of 9.3 and was well supported by Moore (27 wickets at 9.0) and Matthews (17 wickets at 7.6).

School Cricket Colours were awarded to Parkes, Moore and Matthews, whilst Spooner is to be congratulated on playing regularly for the Worcestershire Grammar Schools County XI during the summer holidays, when he performed creditably as an all-rounder.

1st XI results—Played 13, won 6, drawn 5, lost 2.

The 2nd XI played seven matches, of which four were won and three were lost. Darby proved an able captain and showed much promise as a wicket-keeper.

The Colts' Eleven played five matches, winning four and losing one—much of the success of this team was due to two promising fast bowlers, Stubbs and Spooner, both of whom played several times for the 2nd XI. Stubbs played for the Worcestershire County Junior XI during the holidays.

The Under 13 Eleven had a most successful season, playing nine matches of which five were won and four drawn. They are to be congratulated on winning the St. Philip's Shield for a competition played throughout the season between Grammar Schools' Under 13 XIs. Hughes proved an able and keen captain and had excellent support from Jenkins and Webb.

Batting—Jenkins averaged 19.0.

Bowling—Hughes 22 wickets, average 2.5; Webb 34 wickets, average 3.0; Jenkins 12 wickets, average 3.7.

The success of this team has been due in no small measure to the organisation and care of Mr. Metcalf, who has given up much of his time out of school hours on their behalf.



The House matches were keenly played and produced some good matches. Trinity were the Champion House, results being:

			Played	Won	Lost
Trinity	...	...	3	3	0
King's	...	...	3	2	1
Queen's	...	...	3	1	2
School	...	...	3	0	0

In conclusion our thanks are due to Mr. Hudson for his assistance in coaching and to all members of staff who have given up their time to umpire matches.

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**The Savage Lion**

In the middle of the jungle,  
In the midst of trees and creepers,  
Lived a lion, mighty Simba,  
Bold and strong was mighty Simba  
In a clearing in the jungle,  
In a clearing, was a village.

As the village folk lay sleeping,  
From his den the lion came creeping.  
"Who is that?" they cried in terror,  
"Who is that? It's mighty Simba."  
And each night he took a victim,  
From the little sleeping village.

Then up spoke the village chieftain,  
"I will give you half my riches,"  
"And the hand of my dear daughter,"  
"If this savage beast you'll slaughter."

But no one killed the might Simba  
And his legend lives for ever.

R. WALKER, FORM 1A.

**Only a Mongrel**

He's nothing to look at,  
Not handsome at all,  
His favourite pastime,  
Is chasing a ball.  
He chases and scampers,  
Creating a dust,  
I'd like you to meet,  
My little dog, Rust.

His breed is uncertain,  
His family unknown,  
He's never happier,  
Than when chewing a bone.  
Each night and each morning,  
A walk is a must,  
Oh, how he loves it,  
My little dog, Rust.



He's only a mongrel,  
 But, oh, what a friend,  
 To his care and well-being,  
 I always must tend.  
 To whip or neglect him,  
 I think is unjust,  
 The pleasures he gives me,  
 My little dog, Rust.

JANET GUEST, FORM 2B.

### Harvest

A gust of wind darts rustling through the trees,  
 And shakes from each worn bough a shower of leaves,  
 While in the field below a merry breeze  
 With gentle hand disturbs the golden sheaves;  
 Until the farmer old,  
 With tired and wrinkled hand,  
 From off the rich brown land  
 Takes into high-walled barns his crop of gold.  
 His well-earned fruits of all the year here stand,  
 Which he has cared for with his gentle hand,  
 From fields he ploughed and tended with great care,  
 And plants which ripened in the mellow air.

Then through the laden trees the breezes sweep  
 To shake the red-tinged apples to the ground,  
 Whereon they form a green and crimson heap  
 Amongst the grass, where autumn leaves abound,  
 A mass of brown and red:  
 The farmer old and grey,  
 At misty break of day,  
 Will take his apples from their leafy bed.  
 His well-earned fruits of all the year here stand,  
 Which he has tended with his careful hand,  
 The trees he grew and watered with great care,  
 The fruit which ripened in the mellow air.

NORA C. REYNOLDS 4A.



**SALVETE**

Webster, A.	Trueman, M.	Aston, Margaret
Lewis, Christine	Vincent, P.	Brown, Jennifer
Holloway, D.	Yandell, S.	Goodwin, Patricia
Watts, Georgina	Aldridge, Patricia	Grout, Maureen
Allen, Joyce	Bayliss, Rita	Groves, Susan
Bowen, Diane	Bevington, Patricia	Hawkins, Patricia
Sulley, Teresa	Bissell, Gloria	Hancock, Gillian
Basterfield, Betty	Clay, Ann	Holling, Vivienne
Batten, Valerie	Detheridge, Janet	Hope, Joan
Beardmore, Roberta	Elsdon, Susan	Smith, Angela
Clark, Margaret	Fletcher, Ann	Smith, Gillian
Gilbert, Valerie	Hadley, Sandra	Smith, Meriel
Hodgkiss, Sandra	McLelland, Mary	Stevens, Margaret
Hollyhead, Margaret	Millard, Anita	Sutton, Elizabeth
Hunt, Jean	Parsons, Jean	Tolley, Margaret
Johnson, Ann	Round, Margaret	Walker, Beryl
Lowe, Sheena	Sabin, Sandra	Wall, Denyse
Nash, Jane	Stevenson, Doreen	Bridgen, A.
Newman, Margaret	Taylor, Stella	Currier, G.
Norris, Christine	Walton, Marilyn	Downing, R.
Oakes, Carol	White, Mary	Flowerdew, L.
Robothan, Janet	Billingham, S.	Gray, R.
Weston, Marjorie	Crane, J.	Hall, W.
Beacham, D.	Grainger, C.	Isherwood, P.
Bradley, R.	Grigg, W.	Jackson, G.
Cooper, D.	Grosvenor, A .	Jefferson, G.
Green, R.	Hayward, R.	Martin, J.
Hughes, D.	Healey, P.	Parker, I.
McDougall, A.	Hipkiss, K.	Parkes, J.
Mitchell, J.	Jones, H.	Pegg, M.
Morrey, M.	Jordan, E.	Sadler, R.
Palfrey, J.	Jukes, R.	Sutton, C.
Russell, J.	Limbrick, P.	Webb, P.
Simkin, B.	Percival, R.	Haynes, Joan
Skeldon, R.	Rogers, P.	
Trevis, R.	Woolvin, M.	



## VALETE

Osborne, M. P.	Carter, Gillian	Lester, Hazel
Hall, H. R.	Chaplin, D. M.	Letts, Mavis
Lewis, P. S.	Comley, K. E.	Lymn, Janet
Lewis, Eileen	Cox, Jennifer	Martin, Sarah
Phipps, Janice	Currell, Janet	Mellichap, Carol
Chalk, Mary	Darlington, Ann	Moore, K. A.
Dyson, A.	Downsby, M. J.	Nock, Cecilia
Eaves, J.	Drew, B. W.	Painter, Eunice
Harvey, Barbara	Elsdon, Ann	Parkes, K. W.
Jones, Jean	Fennell, K. M.	Phillips, Beryl
Price, Vera	Fletcher, A. E.	Porritt, T. E.
Roberts, J.	Foster, Joyce	Price, A. F.
Tyler, Ann	Fry, M. A.	Rollason, G.
Horton, K. V.	Greaves, Janet	Rose, S.
Mountney, A. J.	Hadley, Kathleen	Rowles, Jeanette
Dingley, B. K.	Hancox, R. T.	Sandells, W. C.
Costin, Dorothy B.	Handy, D. C.	Sheldon, Janet
Hollyhead, Joan	Hart, N.	Spooner, M. D.
Bennett, J. P.	Haughton, D. Ann	Taylor, D. W.
Smith, R. J.	Haine, Gillian	Thomas, J. H.
Ahlberg, G. A.	Hipkiss, P.	Tongue, C. E.
Allaway, N. A.	Holden, R. R.	Upton, Eileen
Baber, Brenda	Horton, Patricia	Ward, Ann
Bates, Pamela	Hulse, Pat	Welch, Vyvian
Bates, R. J.	Jackson, C. M. B.	Widdett, J. A.
Bayliss, R. F.	Johnson, B. F.	Wilcox, Margaret A.
Benbow, A. J.	Johnson, Sheila	Wright, W. F.
Billings, Wendy	Jones, Jill	Wyld, M. T.
Bond, Hazel	Knight, R. J.	Langley, K.
Brehaut, Maureen	Langford, B. C.	Lane, H. C.
Bunce, Deirdre	Langley, Alma	Gibbons, J. E.
Burgess, Josephine	Lavill, P. Anne	Moore, C. T.
Butler, Judith	Lawler Vivienne	