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EDITORIAL

EACH issue of the *Oldburian* reveals two factors in our school life, continuity and change. This issue is no exception. Sectional reports which follow show that our traditional activities in work and play have continued as successfully as ever, but they also record changes, noticeably changes of staff, which have inevitably affected the general life of our school community.

The year started well with a complete staff, but most unfortunately, before the end of the Autumn Term, Miss G. Jones, the Senior Mistress, had to retire. All who knew her are aware of her exemplary devotion to duty and recognise her admirable spirit in working unceasingly for others to the very limit of her exceptional powers. But the time came when rest was the one and the only course for her to take. Much against her inclination Miss Jones followed medical advice to rest, and it is good to know that she has responded successfully to treatment and is now taking life quietly in her home. The School has thus been without her services for most of the school year. A very great deal might be said at length in praise of Miss Jones, more than our present volume could contain, but some appreciative reference to her is attempted elsewhere in these pages.

During the Spring Term the School received a terrible blow by the news that Mr. B. C. Pearson, Head of the English Department and Sixth Form Master, had died suddenly. It is with profound regret that we record his passing, for we have in mind not only the great loss which the School has suffered, but our thoughts and sympathies are turned to Mrs. Pearson and her three sons, two of whom, David and Michael, are Old Scholars of our School. The School owes more to Mr. Pearson than can possibly be set forth by writing in our magazine, but on a later page we have tried to express something of the appreciation of all members of the School for him.

Two senior members such as Miss Jones and Mr. Pearson are not readily replaced, and during the main part of the year our two remaining teachers of English carried most of the work of four. It is to the credit of Miss Scriven and Miss Goalby that they achieved what they did, for their two colleagues had been responsible for the bulk of the more advanced English classes of the Sixth and Fifth Forms. Reallocation of certain classes and duties was arranged as a temporary expedient, this involving in some way most of the staff, all of whom shouldered their additional work with true loyalty, having always the interests of the pupils at heart.

At the end of the Summer Term Miss K. J. Scriven resigned to take an appointment at Bilston High School for Girls, she having been on the English staff since 1949. Miss Scriven will be remembered, not only for her fine work during our difficult year, but also for her work as Librarian

and for her enthusiasm in working for our Joint Societies and other out-of-school activities, including excursions and holidays abroad. Miss M. Morris also resigned to take a Bilston appointment at the end of the school year. She had been with us for seven years during which she taught Scripture and gave help in other directions also. We shall remember her, not only for her kindly personality, but for her influence in founding the school branch of the Student Christian Movement, which Miss Sendell is now carrying on in her stead. We thank Miss Scriven and Miss Morris for all their work here, and we wish them success in their new posts.

We regret to report that Miss Evelyn M. Foster, B.A., formerly Head of the French Department, who resigned from her post in 1944, passed away on December 6th, 1956. Although not remembered by present pupils, Miss Foster was known to many present members of the staff as a splendid colleague, who always had the interests of the School at heart and who worked keenly for its welfare and progress. She took special interest in dramatic activities and her interest in the Joint Societies remained long after her retirement commenced, for she joined us on many occasions. The School owes much to her for all she did over the period of 27 years during which she was a member of our teaching staff. We renew here the appreciation expressed at the time of her leaving us in 1944.

During the summer vacation news came to the school that Miss A. Massey, a former Senior Mistress, who retired in 1937, passed away on August 12th. Miss Massey was one of the earliest to be appointed to the staff after the founding of the School, for she started her thirty years of service here in 1906, after some previous experience in Birmingham. She will always be looked upon with profound admiration and respect as one who helped to build up the School before its tradition and reputation had been established. We all owe much to her for her magnificent work and influence in those early days. Appreciative reference to her was made in our issue of twenty years ago, when good wishes were expressed to her for a long and happy retirement.

Appointments on the staff include the promotion of Mrs. M. Jones to the post of Senior Mistress, of Miss J. M. French to be responsible for Scripture, and of Mr. E. Jones to be responsible for Chemistry. New teachers include Mr. T. B. Hetherington, Head of the English Department, Miss P. Turner, a teacher of English, and Mrs. S. M. Piercy, also a teacher of English. We wish them all happiness and success in their appointments.

As regards our buildings and premises, the additional asphalt space recently provided is proving most useful, particularly when the playing field is out of bounds during bad weather. The planning of a room for the Senior Master has been dealt with satisfactorily and we now await the actual building of that room, so necessary. Plans for reviving our activities in dramatics are also under consideration. In this connection the

kindly gesture of Miss Jones in handing over her leaving gift to help this project must be very gratefully acknowledged. One further point on building improvements needs special mention. Our ever-growing advanced scientific work makes it necessary to ask for an additional all-purpose laboratory as soon as may be. The general need for scientists is well-known, so that the desirability of proceeding with this extra space for our scientific work is unquestionable, and it is hoped that the Authority will be able to make the necessary provision very soon.

Concerning our pupils, the enthusiasm for admission is as great as ever, and our numbers are consequently always up to the limit of our accommodation, there being 575 on the books at present. Again the advanced courses of the Sixth Forms are in great demand, it being well known that the educational standards required of our young men and women when going out rise as the years go by. The wise policy for all our seniors is not to look for immediate earnings but to take the long view and so plan and study for the years further ahead in the future. Only so can wastage of brains be avoided both personally and socially.

Despite our singular difficult year as regards staffing, fortunately now over, we have good academic results to our credit with 88 General Certificates of Education at Ordinary level and 25 Certificates of Education at Advanced level awarded on the results of the June Examinations of the Joint Matriculation Board. Our contingent of leavers going on to universities, specialist colleges, teachers' training colleges and other lines of advanced education is again strong, while our Old Students' achievements in academic work are again most laudable. To attempt individual mention would risk some invidious distinction, but we can say generally that in innumerable careers our Old Scholars are succeeding in a marked way personally and contributing well in the service to the community.

So our work goes steadily on. Despite changes and developments, the good tradition of the School continues. Although recent years have seen a number of senior members of the staff enter retirement, their influence remains, and, coupled with the loyal work of those who have replaced them, the School is the same in high purpose, high endeavour, and, we may justly say, in high achievement. The School demonstrates stability amid change. Its roots are now deep and its strength and influence are ever increasing, as generation after generation passes through its ranks. True to its motto, "Cresco", the School can again this year record sound work and progress.

MR. B. C. PEARSON

IT is with profound regret that we record the death of Mr. B. C. Pearson, M.A., Head of the English Department and Sixth Form Master. His passing on March 6th, 1957, was a sad event for our School, of which he had been a greatly esteemed member since his appointment in 1927.

Our sympathies are extended to Mrs. Pearson and her three sons, Brian, David and Michael. We well remember David and Michael as former pupils here, and we are relieved to know that they are both now established in their professions of medicine and accountancy, respectively. Brian also is a member of the medical profession. It must be a source of comfort and satisfaction to Mrs. Pearson to know that her three sons are all doing so well. Their successes are due primarily to their good home and upbringing, and follow naturally as a result of the excellent influences of their father and mother.

Mr. Pearson was a man of culture and wide interests. An honours graduate of Leeds University in 1926, he gained his Diploma in Education in 1927, and his appointment in Oldbury followed that same year. His love of literature was profound and his personal studies continued throughout the years of his teaching. He was awarded the Degree of M.A. in 1933 for research work in English Literature.

The School has lost a teacher of the very best type, a man with a real vocation, devoted to his work and imbued with an exemplary spirit of thoroughness in all he undertook to do. For almost 30 years he contributed in a marked way to the welfare and success of our pupils, his fine character and personality being a powerful influence for good throughout the School.

In the First World War he served as an officer in the Army and later in the Royal Flying Corps. He was shot down, wounded and held a prisoner in Germany. In the Second World War he became a Squadron Leader in the Royal Air Force. Locally and more recently he worked with great enthusiasm as Chief Warden in the Civil Defence Organisation of the Borough of Oldbury.

He rendered outstanding service in all to which he put his hand. As a small tribute to his memory his colleagues have subscribed and founded a trust from which the Pearson Memorial Prize for English will be awarded annually.

THE CRESCONIANS

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THERE are many tears on the last day of a final year at School and as many promises for future meetings between friends. The function of the the Cresconians is to facilitate such meetings and to provide ground for lasting friendships. Whether it succeeds is open to question.

We can look to the Sections to make specific provision for Cresconians who are interested in sport or dramatics and to the main body for the organisation of Dinners and Dances but all this may leave us open to the taunt that we are merely a glorified Sports and Social Club. If that is as far as we wish to go we are doubtlessly successful. In the past year the Ladies' Hockey Section has entered several players for Worcestershire Trials and Brenda Stace was chosen as reserve. In the inter-club Tournament we were placed second. Francis Reeves has won a place in the County 2nd XI. The Cresconians 1st XI won 9 of their 19 games and the 2nd XI won 7 from 15. Many of Miss Tweedie's finest players of recent vintage blend happily with players of longer memory. Two matches have been played against the Men whom they defeated on the first occasion, after breaking Tom Williams' nose. A confident challenge went out for the second match but they were soundly thrashed by the Men by 9 goals to 6. It is thought that the umpire's certainty during a half-time discussion that the Men would lose was sufficient provocation to drive them on to defiant victory. The rules were learnt as the game progressed. Pat Sealey is the new Secretary and she would be pleased to welcome School leavers.

There were three School leavers, B. Parker, E. Morgan and M. Law, who quickly made their mark in the tough, fast football in the Birmingham A.F.A. and they must feel proud to belong to one of the strongest amateur football clubs in the Midlands. There are fifty regular playing members, four teams, and a spirit second to none. The 1st XI leadership has passed from M. L. Franks to G. J. Russell and they are now striving for a hat-trick of league championships. R. Smith and G. Betteley can expect to be honoured again by the A.F.A. A handbook recently produced by the Football Section is now available.

The football section occupies one-half of the auditorium on the Wednesday of any Dramatics Play week and, in turn, many members are invited to the Dramatics Section Christmas Party. Last year it was "Arty Crafty" fancy dress, and Audrey Bradley gained the first prize with a delightful creation. During the season the section produced three plays, "Love's a Luxury," "After My Fashion," and "Job for the Boy". Comedy is their strong point, although it is the most difficult to present. Many visits were made to Repertory Companies of repute. The future of the section is uncertain because so many members of the stage staff and the acting fraternity have decided to leave. It will take a strong personality to weld together a new team, and in Lorna Dean, the Secretary, we believe they have one. She deserves encouragement from every available source within the Association. Six School leavers could solve the problem on stage and R. Broaderwick and G. Price could strengthen the stage staff.

There are no problems in the cricket section which played 28 games, won 18, drew 5 and lost 5. Time and again they built up winning positions against good sides by virtue of excellent team work. L. Harrison headed the batting averages deservedly, showing excellent form, batting correctly and scoring attractively. R. Kimberley demoralised many an opposing captain by aggressive batting. The bowling lacked variety but was accurate and hostile. R. Rattlidge, the most improved player, bowled with great vigour and he and J. B. Waterhouse took more than 50 wickets each. The team contained so many good cricketers that the fielding was always at a high standard with R. Wilkes outstanding.

Outstanding in another element has been the industry of the Crescians' secretary, J. M. Turnbull, who has been the driving force behind a committee which has given us the most interesting and entertaining social year since the war. The Annual Dinner at the Blue Gates, Smethwick, was dignified and good fun. The President and Mrs. C. C. Howard graciously received an old scholar, the Mayoress, Councillor Mrs. A. Gunn, as guest speaker, and she treated us to several amusing stories of the Flash Road days. Mr. J. B. Richards surveyed us as though he had seen some of us before and the President confirmed his gift of turning a phrase and relating a story for our pleasure. Mr. J. B. Waterhouse gave us a serious analysis and constructive study of the work of the Crescians. We were sorry to hear that Miss G. Jones was too ill to come.

Shortly after the Annual Dinner we were invited by the President to take part in a Joint Societies evening at School and we decided to make our debut in a light entertaining manner with panel games and a play reading. R. Bayliss, K. Smith and A. Lee were voted most likely to win a B.B.C. contract judging by the applause from an appreciative audience of seniors. The attitude of the School to the Cresconians is the most important single element in the determination of the character of the Association and the spontaneous expression of goodwill manifested in this Joint Societies meeting was an experience to savour with pleasure.

The Annual Ball recently held at the T.I. Ballroom was attended by some 400 people who were at the mercy of the whims and fancies of those two incorrigible Masters of Ceremonies, Len Bowley and Ken Smith. We understand that there are still cabbages left for sale at the T.I. although Geoffrey Abell brought several home. The Birmingham University Carnival squads failed to find us tucked away in the heart of Oldbury.

Numerous Cresconians are University and College students whose recent achievements are listed in the magazine. Throughout the world the tradition and attitudes learnt in School are personified in some former scholar. To them we offer our best wishes and a promise that on returning home if only for a short period we shall endeavour to provide the organisation within which it is possible for them to find old friends. We find it difficult to inform them that at present membership is at a low figure and that, in fact, there are only 115 paid up members of the Association. Yet we know that there are thousands of Cresconians living in this district. Perhaps we should hound them out, persuade them to join, allowing none to escape without good reason. Then we may look forward to the day when the Cresconians will be an institution giving a local lead in culture with debating circles, musical groups, play readings, lectures and acting as a charitable organisation and a source of inspiration as well as a Sports and Social club.

The British are said to be avid founders of clubs, with one in every street. The cynic may feel that none are so pathetic as the Old Scholars' Association where people pretend they are as they were at school. We find that in their maturity old friends are not as they were at School but infinitely more interesting.

The Cresconians deeply mourn the passing of Miss Foster, Miss Massey and Mr. Pearson, and we sincerely sympathise with their relatives and the School.

V. B. Hale.

SPEECH DAY 1957

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

The School Song

Chairman's Remarks

Girl Captain's Report IRENE WALKER

Boy Captain's Report J. S. SMITH

Instrumental Trio: "Golden Sonata — Largo and Canzona" (*Purcell*)
S. R. HAINE, J. N. GOSLING, MAUREEN RAWLINS.

The Headmaster's Report

Speech and Presentation of Prizes by

THE LORD BISHOP OF ASTON
(The Rt. Rev. C. G. St. Michael Parker, M.A.)

The Lord Bishop of Aston's Speech

After an amusing commencement to his speech, into which he introduced many witticisms, the Lord Bishop of Aston developed his main theme — 'What is Education?' He emphasised that we must not think that education was related only to the time we spent at school. The Bishop said that the word 'education' was best expressed in the word 'development' and also in the school motto of 'Cresco' — I grow. We must not only grow physically but mentally and spiritually and this meant that our education was a training for service to others. It began in the cradle and continued through life. Each stage in life was a fresh page in the book of our education. Children should not be spoilt but should learn to help, even if homework also had to be done. At this point, the Bishop turned his attention to the parents; he stressed the importance of home life in a child's development. He concluded by saying that true education prepared us for the greatest thing in life, which is parenthood.

Vote of Thanks :

Proposer: HER WORSHIP THE MAYOR OF OLDBURY
(Councillor Mrs. R. Starkie, J.P.)

WENDY J. GARDNER, VIA.

AWARDS, 1957

Form Prizes for General Proficiency

Form 1C.	Patricia Hawkins. Beryl Walker.	Form 3C.	Jill Y. Lees. J. Aston.
Form 1B.	Gloria D. Bissell. Sandra J. Hadley.	Form 3B.	Pamela A. Brian. J. I. Round.
Form 1A.	Roberta D. Beardmore. Valerie A. Batten. Marjorie A. Weston.	Form 3A.	Jennifer M. Turner. D. R. Stephens.
Form 2C.	Janet M. Somers. E. Amy Bennett.	Form 4C.	R. Smallwood. V. D. Detheridge.
Form 2B.	Barbara J. Harris. B. Bywater.	Form 4B.	M. Biddlestone. R. C. Broadbent.
Form 2A.	Marion B. Jones. Judith Rollason.	Form 4A.	Angela M. Downs. A. Pardoe.

General Certificates of Education at Ordinary Level.

B. E. Ashley.	Carole A. Watton.	I. Albrighton.
G. T. Brown.	Diane J Watton.	M. J. Allen.
P. J. Darlington.	Dorothy Westwood.	R. C. Butler.
G. R. Davies.	A. P. Ashton.	J. T. Foster.
S. R. Haine.	P. R. Bates.	C. H. Glover.
D. E. G. Hathaway.	B. C. Cox.	M. T. Hall.
N. G. Holden.	J. S. Hollyoake.	A. Healey.
D. C. Owen.	R. J. Jones.	P. E. James.
G. Plant.	E. Knowles.	A. Key.
S. R. Pollard.	D. W. Onions.	R. G. Kite.
J. E. Storer.	A. S. Pitt.	G. A. Pearce.
R. Sturman.	H. W. Robertson.	D. F. Walmsley.
T. E. Walters.	P. J. Robinson.	G. F. Wilkes.
Pamela D. Barnsley.	R. G. Stubbs.	F. Margaret Bishton.
Rosalind A. Beard.	W. I. Templeton.	Sylvia M. Crees.
Margaret A. Bloomer.	K. A. Vaughan.	Christine D. Lewis.
Janet Brown.	W. K. Webb.	Maureen E. Rawlins.
Vivien E. Darlington.	A. G. Webster.	Jane R. Tromans.
Joan E. Donachie.	Patricia J. Ball.	Anne G. Winterford.
Patricia D. Green.	Gillian M. Elston.	G. Brookes.
Christine Gregory.	Annie Hall.	B. W. Davies.
Sylvia Moss.	Patricia M. Holland.	A. G. Franklin.
Maureen A. Murray.	Diana T. Holtom.	A. J. Newey.
Patricia Perry.	Gillian L. Kershaw.	Kathleen Downing.
Nora C. Reynolds.	Diane Limbrick.	Patricia M. Green.
Carol Savage.	Hazel D. Mansell.	Gillian M. Penny.
Valerie K. Shipstone.	Evelyn Poole.	Pamela Rowe.
Thelma I. Snape.	Norma Satchwell.	F. Ann Russell.
Sylvia Street.	Ann M. Sault.	F. Matthews.
Margaret D. Taylor.	Margaret A. Stephens.	

General Certificates of Education at Advanced Level

W. J. M. Barrie.	D. Morrall.	Ann M. Kelly.
G. L. Corbett.	B. Parker.	Olwen A. Llewellyn.
G. H. Eaton.	I. P. Smith.	Ann Marshall.
T. W. Eaton.	D. A. Westwood.	Jean W. McLelland.
D. H. Horton.	June Bevington.	Sandra Payne.
M. D. Jukes.	Sandra V. Davis.	Judith M. Rose.
I. M. Law.	Sylvia M. Fletcher.	Sheila Smith.
E. J. Morgan.	Sheila F. Harrison	Jean Wiggins.

Special Awards

O.S.A. Prize for Academic Achievement ...	...	G. H. Eaton.
Frank Dawes' Prize for Leadership ...	...	D. H. Horton.
Lydia Dawes' Prize for Leadership ...	...	Ann M. Kelly.
Best General Certificate of Education—Girls	...	Nora C. Reynolds.
Best General Certificate of Education—Boys	...	D. C. Owen.
Pearson Memorial Prize for English ...	...	Sheila Smith.

University Scholarships and Awards

Worcestershire County ...	...	...	...	K. E. Comley.
				G. L. Corbett.
				G. H. Eaton.
				T. W. Eaton.
				S. Jolliffe.
				G. Lago.
				D. Morrall.
				I. P. Smith.
				G. K. Withington.
City of Birmingham ...	...	...	...	B. K. Dingley.
Oldbury Educational Trust ...	...	...	...	To be announced.

Prizes for the Best Use of Leisure

Boys' Prize, awarded by the late Mr. A. P. Hands ...	...	C. V. Brown.
Girls' Prize, awarded by Mrs. C. T. Barlow ...	...	Nora C. Reynolds.
Junior Prizes, awarded by the late Mr. C. T. Barlow ...	...	J. Hughes.
		Judith Rollason.
Certificates of Merit in Leisure Time activities ...	...	58.

Awards for Games, Athletics, Swimming, etc.

Girl Guides' Prize ...	...	Ann M. Kelly.
Games Prizes ...	...	F. Darby.
		P. D. Sloan.
		Sylvia Fletcher.
		Olwen A. Llewellyn.
Boys' Athletic Champion, awarded Vernon Cup ...	...	K. Field.
Girls' Athletic Champion, awarded Albright Cup ...	...	Christine Gregory.
Parents' Cricket Match ...	...	The School.

House Cups

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

Some Old Scholars at Universities and Colleges, 1957

Oxford University
St. John's College
D. Hill.

B.A. Class II Hons. School of Modern History.

Cambridge University

Queen's College

I. D. Howard,
B.A., B.S.c.
P. T. R. Brown.

R. Kitchen.

Awarded a Harwell Research Fellowship in Nuclear Physics.
Passed the Preliminary Examination to the Mechanical Sciences Tripos Part I.
Passed the Preliminary Examination to the Natural Sciences Tripos Part I.

Selwyn College

G. Brindley,
F.R.C.O.,
A.R.C.M.

Passed the Preliminary Examination to the Music Tripos.

Birmingham University

Faculty of Medicine

R. J. Oakey.
D. M. Chaplin.

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

School of Dentistry

G. Walker.

Completed fourth year of course for B.D.S.

Faculty of Science

Janet Turner.
J. G. Lines.
A. P. Bennett.
J. S. Jennings.
R. W. Simmonds.
M. P. Osborne.
A. W. Pooler.
H. S. Ward.
A. F. Price.

B.Sc. Hons. Class II(ii). Zoology.
B.Sc. Hons. Class II(ii). Medical Biochemistry.
B.Sc. Hons. Class II(i). Physics.
Completed second year of course in Geology.
Completed second year of course in Chemical Engineering.
Completed second year of course in Zoology.
Completed second year of course in Civil Engineering.
Completed second year of course in Civil Engineering.
Completed first year of course in Chemical Engineering.

Faculty of Social Science

Doreen N. Pugh,
S.R.N., S.C.M.

Ophthalmic Nursing Diploma.
Completed first year of course for B.Soc.Sc. (Economics, Politics and Sociology).
Completed first year of course for B.Soc.Sc.

Jean Whitehouse.

Faculty of Arts

Margaret A. Grieve.
Joy V. Howard.

Completed second year of course in General Subjects.
Completed second year of course for B.Mus.
Awarded second year Barber Scholarship for Music.

Ann Elsdon.
G. K. Withington.

Completed first year of course in General Subjects.
Completed first year of course in Honours School of Theology.

Janet Sheldon.

Completed first year of course in Honours School of Geography.

G. E. Brown, B.A.

Awarded Diploma in Education.

Faculty of Law

R. F. Bayliss.

Completed first year of course for LL.B.

London University

Queen Mary's College

D. W. D. Slim.

Completed second year of course in Geology

University College

M. D. Spooner.

Completed first year of course in Chemical Engineering

Leeds University

D. E. M. Price.
Mavis D. Letts.

Completed second year of course in Medicine.
Completed first year of course in Geography.

Leicester University

Janet Cutler.

Completed second year of course in Physics.

Manchester University

Kathleen Hadley. Completed first year of course in History.
M. T. Wyld. Completed first year of course in Science.

Nottingham University

B. E. S. Trueman, Completed second year of M.A. course in Economic
B.A. History.

J. Hawkins, B.Sc. Completed first year of research work in Electrical
Engineering.

T. E. Smith. B.Sc. Engineering.

Sheffield University

H. J. H. Dunn. Completed sixth year of course for M.B., Ch.B.

R. M. Savage. Completed second year of course in Zoology.

A. J. Benbow. Completed first year of course in Zoology.

School of Dentistry

K. W. Parkes. Completed first year of course. L.D.S., Part II.

Southampton University

R. T. Hancox. Completed second year of course in Science.

University of Wales—Aberystwyth

Jane Martin. Completed second year of course in Economics.

Training Colleges*Birmingham*

M. Ann Whittingham. Completed Two Year course for Teaching Diploma.

Cheshire

Janet Greaves. Completed first year of course.

Kesteven

Wendy Billings. Completed first year of course.

Durham

P. Anne Lavill. Completed first year of course.

Matlock

Eunice Painter. Completed first year of course.

Furzedown

Dorothy Costin. Completed first year of course.

Dudley

Beryl Fanthom. Completed Two Year Course for Teaching Diploma.

Marjorie Downing. Completed Two Year Course for Teaching Diploma.

P. J. Abell. Completed Two Year Course for Teaching Diploma.

Whitelands, London

Jeanne Palmer. Completed Two Year Course for Teaching Diploma.

Completed Special Course in Divinity and gained
Religious Teaching Certificate.

Chelsea Physical Training College, Eastbourne

Norma Davis. Completed second year of course.

Battersea Domestic Science College

Mary Watson. Completed second year of course.

Leicester Domestic Science College

Christine Cox. Completed course for Teacher's Certificate.

Dianne Harper. Completed course for Teacher's Certificate.

Birmingham College of Technology

Gillian Smith. Completed second year of course in Institutional Manage-
ment.

Ann Darlington. Completed first year of course in Institutional Manage-
ment.

Ann V. Ward. Completed first year of course in Institutional Manage-
ment.

Stourbridge College of Arts and Crafts

Cynthia Harrold. Completed first year of course for National Diploma in Design.
G. Lago. Passed the Intermediate Arts and Crafts Examination.

St. David's College, Lampeter.

J. E. Chalk. Gained B.A. in Theology and qualified in Part I General Ordination Examination.

Harper Adams Agricultural College, 1957-59

K. E. Comley. Passed University of Educational Institutions Agricultural Examinations, 1957.
First Class Certificate in Dairying.
First Class Certificate in Poultry Husbandry.

Nursing

Hilary Lane. Orthopædic Nursing Certificate. Member of the Chartered Society of Physiotherapy.
Jean Woodhouse. Orthopædic Nursing Certificate. Member of the Chartered Society of Physiotherapy.
Janet Read. Member of the Society of Radiography and Radiotherapy.

THE RESIGNATION OF MISS G. JONES, M.A.

AN event such as the resignation of Miss G. Jones is a matter of the first magnitude in our school community, for she had for so very many years identified herself with the interests of the School and its pupils to such an extent that to think of the School generally was in a large measure to think of Miss Jones. No-one will ever realise fully what an immense contribution she made to the success and the happiness of the School by her unstinted devotion, initiative and hard work.

It was therefore with real regret that her resignation for reasons of health was received by the Governors early this year.

Miss Jones came to the School with earlier experience in both teaching and social work, her university qualifications including an M.A. degree, a Social Study Diploma and qualifications as a teacher, all of Birmingham University. It was however in her outstanding personal qualities that she excelled, she being a source of inspiration to all with whom she came in contact. Volumes might well be written regarding her work and achievements in innumerable directions. To attempt to report adequately on what she has done would be to attempt the impossible; her activities have had and will have countless helpful repercussions which will continue, and the best record of her work for the School is written in the lives of friends and pupils whom she influenced.

At the time of leaving Miss Jones made a typically generous gesture by asking that her leaving gift from the School should be put as a contribution to a fund for dramatics. The object of this fund is to purchase a stage so that plays may again be produced regularly as they were in pre-war days, when Miss Jones herself regularly worked as producer. It is good to know that the project is proceeding satisfactorily.

As Miss Jones had asked that her leaving gift should be used for the benefit of the School, an illuminated address was given to her, expressing briefly the appreciation, thanks and the good wishes of all concerned for her in retirement. The address was beautifully executed by Miss Gough and Mr. Lawton, being worded as follows: "The Governors, Headmaster and Staff hereby place on record their appreciation of the services to the School of Miss G. Jones, M.A. Over a period of 36 years she displayed unstinted devotion in all matters affecting the welfare of the School and its members. All concerned owe a very great deal to her for her outstanding initiative, untiring zeal and hard work. Her brilliant record included responsibilities as Head of the English Department, Head of the Latin Department, School Librarian and Senior Mistress. Her wide interests and enthusiasm for service were also displayed unceasingly in innumerable out-of-school activities, including the Joint Societies, play productions and holidays abroad. We are confident that her ennobling influence will remain and give cause for gratitude of all members of the School, past, present and future."

JOINT SOCIETIES

SESSION 1956-57

President: DR. C. C. HOWARD.

Vice-Presidents: MEMBERS OF THE STAFF.

Chairman: D. MORRALL.

Secretary: OLWEN LLEWELLYN

September 28th.—The President of the Society opened the session by welcoming the new members and installing the new officers, D. Morrall as chairman, M. Jukes as vice-chairman and Olwen Llewellyn as secretary. The meeting then took the traditional form of an inter-house quiz. School House won by 24½ points, followed by Queen's with 24 points. King's and Trinity tied for third place with 22½ points each. A vote of thanks was proposed by Law and seconded by Ann Marshall.

October 4th.—Members of 6A and 6B gave a talk on their Easter Holiday in Switzerland. Olwen Llewellyn described the outward journey, part of which was made in an aeroplane; Ann Marshall followed by giving a picture of Weissenburg itself. Walks and excursions around the village were described by Sandra Davis, and Jean McLelland told us about the visits to Berne and then Sandra Payne told of visits to Zwiessimen, Stadt and the Jug-fraujoek. Events of the last day and homeward journey were related jointly by Wendy Gardner and Dianne Round. Finally Miss Scriven showed her own movie film of the holiday and Joan Maneylaws gave the commentary. A vote of thanks was proposed by Sheila Smith and seconded by E. Morgan.

October 11th.—Some 6A Biologists gave a talk on "bread". Sandra Davis introduced the topic, speaking about the geographical factors governing wheat distribution; Sheila Harrison followed, telling us about the biological composition and milling of the wheat grain. To conclude, the nutritional value of bread was discussed by Sandra Payne. J. W. M. Barrie was responsible for the bread samples displayed. The vote of thanks was proposed by Jukes and seconded by Ann Marshall.

October 25.—Our meeting was conducted by a very distinguished German author, Mr. Baedecker, alias Derek Horton, who gave descriptions of Swiss weather, Spiez, the three passes and a Jung Frau excursion. Each description was followed by the modern view given by Corbett and Brown. Mr. Swain concluded a novel presentation of the boys' holiday, by describing the homeward journey of the party. A vote of thanks we proposed by Gordon Eaton and seconded by Sandra Davis.

November 1st.—Members of the Sixth Form gave a dramatic reading of the play "The Winslow Boy" by Terence Rattigan. Those taking part were D. Horton, Olwen Llewellyn, Sheila Smith, D. Morrall, M. Jukes, Sandra Davis, K. Field, J. Spittle and M. Law. Smith proposed the vote of thanks which was seconded by Wendy Gardner.

November 8th.—The Society had the pleasure and privilege of listening to Mr. W. J. Russell who spoke on the subject "The Prairies of Canada". The speaker had had first-hand knowledge of this area for he lives in the city of Winnipeg. He was in England for one year under the Teachers' Exchange System. A vote of thanks was proposed by T. Eaton and seconded by Ann Kelly.

November 15th.—"Nuclear Physics" was the topic for Physics' Night. G. H. Eaton began by explaining the development of the modern atomic theory; T. W. Eaton continued by discussing the history and composition of atomic and hydrogen bombs. Finally the peaceful uses of nuclear energy were explained by E. Morgan who also described the working of the modern atomic power station at Calder Hall. A vote of thanks was proposed by Pat Thomas and seconded by K. Field.

January 17th.—The meeting took the form of "Any Questions". The panel consisted of Sheila Smith, June Bevington, Malcolm Jukes and Edgar Morgan. In all, thirteen questions were asked all of which provoked either argument or laughter. A vote of thanks was proposed by B. Idoine and seconded by Irene Walker.

January 24th.—6B History Group presented "The Lady of the Lamp." It was a discussion of the life, work and achievements of Florence Nightingale. Those taking part were J. Spittle, Joan Maneylaws and Judith Rudman. Haine proposed the vote of thanks which was seconded by Nora Reynolds.

January 31st.—The meeting was divided into two parts. In the first half, members of 5S presented a one-act play reading "The Leaning Shepherd" by C. Denison Smith. Those taking part were D. Walmsley, Margaret Bishton, A. Healy, A. Starrs, Maureen Rawlins and Judith Wilkes. For the second half, the Gramophone Society presented "The Carnival of Animals" by Jean Camille Saint Saens with verses by the American humorist poet, Ogden Nash. A vote of thanks was proposed by Cox and seconded by Norma Satchwell.

February 7th.—We had the pleasure and privilege of listening to Mr. Peter Wishart, B. Mus., the composer and senior lecturer in music at Birmingham University. His talk was entitled "Enjoying Music".

Among the pieces which he played were Beethoven's Bagatelle Op. 119, No. 11, the E. flat symphony by Mozart and Berlioz' L'Absence. A vote of thanks was proposed by Horton and seconded by Ann Kelly.

February 21st.—We had the pleasure of a visit from the Cresconians. The chairman, Mr. Waterhouse, introduced the programme by telling us about the general aims and activities of the club. The programme they presented introduced us to some of the outstanding personalities of the society. The first item was "Tall Story Club". Those taking part were Mr. Gordon Russell, Mr. Ken Smith, Mr. Jack Lee, Mr. Roger Bayliss and Miss June Wilcox. The drama director Mr. Tony Lee then introduced the next item which was a typical rehearsal, in this case of the coming Cresconian play, "After My Fashion" by Diane Morgan. Finally the Cresconians challenged an eminent panel of experts, Mr. Lawton, Miss Goalby, Mr. Laycock, and Miss Scriven, in the game of "What's My Line?" The panel gained 2 points and the Cresconians 3 points. To close the meeting, Mr. Waterhouse answered some questions about the society. A vote of thanks was proposed by Morgan and seconded by Sheila Smith.

February 27th.—The French group presented a number of sketches, satirising the behaviour of English people in France. Those taking part were Antoinette Jeboult, Joan Maneylaws, Wendy Gardner, Judith Rudman, J. Spittle, B. Idoine, A. Harrold and D. Horton. Our congratulations must go to 6B who wrote their own scripts. A vote of thanks was proposed by G. Eaton and seconded by Sheila Harrison.

March 6th.—A very entertaining programme was presented by the choirs of the school. The four part choir rendered "All in the April evening," Ave Verum," and "He's a Pretty Cuckoo," and the girls' choir sang "Silver," "Sweet Kate" and "The Lover and his Lass." We also had the pleasure of hearing Maureen Rawlins play the first movement of Mozart's "Pianoforte Sonata in C," and Poulenc's "Novelette." A vote of thanks was proposed by F. Darby, and seconded by Ann Marshall.

Olwen Llewellyn, Form 6A.

MUSICAL ACTIVITIES

AS has been customary in recent years, music has played a prominent part in the life of our school during the past year, providing benefit and pleasure to all, whether performers or listeners.

It seems right and proper to say first of all that our beautiful Dawes Memorial Organ is proving to be a rich source of inspiration. The dignity and beauty of our School Assembly are very largely due to its use when we meet for worship at the opening of each day. Mr. Jones, our organist, provides a wide range of music suitable for the occasion, both before and after the actual service, and this beautiful musical setting undoubtedly contributes in a profound way to the reverence and sincerity of the service itself, where again the organ is of such great use in connection with our singing.

The Orchestra continues to flourish, gaps in its ranks being filled by new members, as some leave us at the end of their school career. The balance of instruments is well maintained and a supply of talent is always waiting in the various instrumental classes. Likewise the Girls' Choir, the Four-Part Choir and the Large Choir all maintain their strength, and, we believe, their quality too.

So the Christmas Concert was again a successful occasion, the Hall being packed on the two nights of our performances. The first part of the programme consisted of secular music, the Orchestra playing three pieces, including the Allegro and Minuet from the "Fire Music" by Handel, and accompanying the Large Choir in a fourth. The Girls' Choir and Four-Part Choir both sang two songs. After an interval, Christmas music to suit the Festive Season was performed, the audience being invited to join in the singing of three carols. The Four-Part Choir sang four items, the orchestra accompanied the Large Choir in two and the Girls' Choir sang one. Two organ solos were expertly played by Mr. Jones and Michael Cowley of VIB. These evenings were concluded in the now almost traditional manner with the singing of "Good King Wenceslas", a really moving experience.

The Gramophone Society met during Friday lunch hours in the Christmas and Easter Terms. The usual varied programmes were provided and were greatly enjoyed by the very keen enthusiasts attending these meetings. On one occasion Michael Cowley of VIB presented Three Movements from Dvorak's famous "New World Symphony" but the highlight of these meetings was a selection of songs by Schubert introduced by Mr. Richards and sung by himself and Mr. Hawley, both being very ably accompanied by Dr. Howard. The Gramophone Society also gave an amusing rendering of "Carnival of Animals" by Saint Saens at one Joint Societies meeting.

On another occasion, Joint Societies were pleased to welcome Mr. Peter Wishart, Lecturer of Music at Birmingham University, who gave

a musically illustrated talk on the subject of "Enjoying Music." This meeting was well attended and all present were sure that, from then on, listening to music would be much more interesting for them.

At a third Musical Evening for Joint Societies a recital was given by the Girls' Choir and Four-Part Choir. This was arranged by Mr. Jones who conducts the choirs, for there was to be no summer concert this year. The choirs were embarking for the first time into the field of Madrigals and Tudor Music, such as "Ave Verum Corpus" by William Byrd. Mention must be made here firstly of the assistance rendered in the Four-Part Choir by some of the members of the male staff whose more mature voices give solidarity; secondly of Maureen Rawlins who admirably accompanied the choirs on the pianoforte and played a Mozart Pianoforte Sonata.

Contemporary music made its debut in the form of the "Sixth Form Refugees", a group of senior boys who composed a calypso about the School First Eleven football team, presenting it at the End of Spring Term Dance.

Contacts of many of our pupils with music outside the School are frequent, for we are within easy reach of the centre of Birmingham, but it was good to have the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra in our own Assembly Hall again, during the Autumn Term. Their programme was thoroughly enjoyed, having been conducted by Mr. David Willcocks, at that time still organist at Worcester Cathedral. One may remark here that, after the concert, Mr. Willcocks enjoyed himself on our organ, giving pleasure to many who gathered round for an unexpected additional programme of music played from his extensive memory.

May Music long continue to play its part in our school life, and may many more of our pupils participate actively in its various branches!

S. R. Haine.

D. C. Owen.

BIOLOGY GROUP VISITS TO EDMOND HALL 1957.

TWO parties, each of twenty pupils, once again visited Edgmond Hall this year, during the Easter and Summer Vacations. As always the parties were given a very warm and sincere welcome by Mr. and Mrs. Barker.

The first complete day was spent "getting to know" the village and the surrounding district. On Sunday morning pupils attended mattins at St. Peter's, Edgmond Parish Church; during the afternoon parents, relatives and friends visited from 2 p.m. until 6 p.m. and were shown around the Hall and its beautiful grounds.

The Easter Party actively supported an unusual Church ceremony, helping with the decorations of the church, assisting with the seating arrangements, and taking part in the Service of Rededication of the Peal of Bells of the Church, conducted by the Bishop of Lichfield. The bells had been retuned and rehung.

The mornings were spent in two ways; the senior members of the party collected plant specimens, and carried out soil tests, while the remainder formed a freshwater group collecting freshwater specimens from the Shropshire Union Canal, and the Monk's Pool. Many of these specimens were used to restock the wishing well which we had previously cleaned out.

During each visit a fifteen mile hike was organised. At Easter we went to Lilleshall Hill, resting there for a picnic tea, and then on to Lilleshall Abbey ruins. The Summer hike was of entirely different nature; a route was chosen avoiding all main roads. Gratefully we arrived at Caynton Mill which had been chosen for the picnic tea. The moated, half-timbered Elizabethan Manor House at Cherrington was our next destination and proved to be well worth the visit.

Visits of educational value were also organised, to Harper Adams' Agricultural College, the Milk Marketing Board, and to the National Institute for Research in Poultry Husbandry.

The whole day coach trip to Cardingmill Valley was most enjoyable. A stop was made at the old market town of Much Wenlock, and another on Wenlock Edge with its wonderful view over the surrounding countryside. After lunch the party split up into small groups, for swimming, rambling, and bird watching. The bird watchers did remarkably well on both visits, identifying eighty-seven species (a record for them) in the district around Edgmond.

The evenings were spent playing tennis, cricket or table tennis, or listening to music rendered by members of the party or supplied by gramophone records.

All good things inevitably come to an end, and too soon we were saying goodbyes and thankyous to Mr. and Mrs. Barker for these wonderful visits.

We would like to express sincere thanks to Mr. Swain who organises and makes possible these most enjoyable visits.

John Hughes, Form 4B.

THE GEOGRAPHICAL OUTING TO THE ARDEN DISTRICT

ON Wednesday, June 11th, 1957, a party of seven sixth-form geography students and Miss Firth assembled outside the Hall of

Memory in Birmingham with many other Geography students from nearby schools. This excursion, arranged by the Birmingham Branch of the Geographical Association, was designed to give us the opportunity of observing at first hand the human and physical aspects of the Arden District.

We seven had the good fortune to be placed in Coach I with Miss Nicklin, the leader of the group, who is staff tutor in the extra mural department of Geography at Birmingham University. Unfortunately the weather was dismal with frequent showers of rain, but it did not dampen our spirits.

After a general introductory talk by Miss Nicklin we left Birmingham by the A.441. Miss Nicklin asked us particularly to notice the different soils and the land use associated with each of them.

After passing through Lifford and Forhill, we turned eastwards towards Weatheroak Hill. Here, the party alighted from the coaches and from this vantage point, we had an excellent view of the surrounding countryside and an opportunity to note some aspects of the human geography, especially the settlement pattern. Dairying is prominent here and water for the farms is drawn up by means of pumps.

From here, we proceeded to Gorcott Hill where we observed that the dissected edge of the Arden country was merging into Keuper Marl Country.

Our next stopping place was Ullenhall. This was formerly a hamlet belonging to Wootton Wawen but was made into a separate parish in 1871. We were fortunate to be able to visit the old church, built in 720. This is no longer so important, as a modern church was built in 1875 and this is the centre of the modern village. Ullenhall is growing fairly quickly especially since the last war, and it is becoming a residential area for city business men, who travel to the city by car. In the vicinity, we noticed that sheep and poultry were much in evidence.

We continued to Oldberrow, an example of a village having only a small population, owing to the migration of many people to the towns. From Oldberrow we journeyed on to Wootton Wawen, formerly an enormous parish which included Ullenhall and Henley. The large and beautiful church which has some Saxon architecture remains in striking contrast to the small village of today.

We now turned northwards towards Henley-in-Arden, and here we stopped for tea. Few of us missed the opportunity to sample the famous ice-cream! Afterwards we climbed up the mound at Beaudesert, the site of a former castle belonging to the De Montfort family. Nothing of the castle remains to be seen but the site has never been excavated. The De Montforts were given a market charter in 1180 and it is from that time that Henley began to grow.

From Henley we proceeded through Preston Baggot, Kingswood and Hockley Heath to the Earlswood Reservoirs. Here, we once again left the coach to look at "Birmingham's seaside".

After leaving Earlswood, we passed through Shirley, entering Birmingham by the A.34. We all agreed that the excursion had been most enjoyable and instructive and expressed the wish that other such excursions would be arranged.

Wendy J. Gardner. VIA.

VISIT TO THE ISLE OF EIGG, EASTER, 1957.

AT 11-10 a.m. on Sunday, April 14th, a party of four boys, Peter Sloan, Fred Darby, Alan Franklin and myself, accompanied by Mr. Laycock assembled at New Street Station, Birmingham, and boarded the train for Glasgow on the first stage of our journey to Eigg, where we were going to study the geology of the island.

After passing through scenery varying from the industrial regions of the W. Midlands and S. Lancashire to the mountainous Lake District and the moorland of the Southern Uplands, we arrived in Glasgow at 7 p.m. We were to spend the night at Duncan's Hotel in the heart of the city, and be ready to catch the train for Mallaig at 5-45 a.m. on the following morning.

We were awakened early and, after a quick snack of tea and toast, made our way to Queen Street Station, arriving just in time. We were hoping that the sixth member of our party, Mr. Metcalf, would already be on the train, but it was not until about an hour after the commencement of the journey that Mr. Laycock was able to contact him — thus setting our minds at ease.

Our journey took us along Loch Long and by the Northern shores of Loch Lomond, but the weather was not at all good, and we were unable to see much of the panorama. From Loch Lomond the single track railway wound its way northward across the Highlands until we reached Fort William. From here we passed through the remote and beautiful region of West Inverness-shire, to arrive at Mallaig at 12-0 noon. Mallaig is a small fishing port, and also the starting point for MacBrayne's steamers which go via the Small Isles to the Outer Hebrides. We boarded a steamer, the Loch Mor, and after a choppy crossing, the last stage in a motor boat, arrived safely on the slippery seaweed covered 'pier' of Eigg. The next stage of our journey was perhaps the most difficult — certainly no steadier than the steamer — across the island in a 'bus' which was a converted truck. But it stood the distance and brought us within fifty yards of our goal. Mrs. McKinnon, our excellent hostess was awaiting us at the door of her cottage which was to be our home for the next ten days.

The Small Isles Parish consists of Rhum (42 sq. miles), Eigg (12 sq. miles), Canna and Sanday (5½ sq. miles) and Muck (2½ sq. miles). Of these Eigg is the most important, being the headquarters of the Minister, doctor and registrar. Policemen are apparently not required in the Small Isles! The population of Eigg (about 100) busies itself with agriculture, sheep and cattle grazing being the main pursuits. There are three small farms on the island, a crofter village, Cleadale, and a post office and general stores — the only shop in the parish.

Geographically Eigg is divided into two highland masses by a valley from N.W. to S.E. which widens out in the North to form a flattish shelf on which the village of Cleadale is situated, and in the South only slightly to give room for a few cottages which make up the hamlet of Kildonan.

The highland mass to the north east is a barren basalt plateau reaching a height of 1,000 ft. The highland mass to the south west is another basalt plateau but more rugged, and in the south it is capped by a mass of pitchstone the fantastic Sgurr of Eigg. From the north or south this looks like a giant whale. It drops perpendicularly on all sides except one which is the only ascent route.

One day after visiting Uamh Fhraing the cave on the south coast where all the inhabitants of Eigg were massacred by an invading clan from Skye, we made an ascent of the Sgurr, and after much sweat and toil arrived at the summit. The view all around was breathtaking — one author claims that it is one of the most wonderful in the world — to the North the five great peaks of Rhum, and more distant the Cuillins of Skye; to the West Muck and the open Atlantic; and to the South and East the coastal mountains of Inverness-shire and Argyllshire.

The last day of this Hebrides spell was spent on a round trip of the Isles, (excluding Muck — but in the private launch of its laird), as guests of the registrar and doctor who were visiting their clients. Canna is a crofting isle, the people devoting their land to sheep and cattle grazing. Rhum is the largest and most desolate and beautiful island. It is still mostly in its natural state — a wild area of deer forest. Red deer are very numerous. The former owner of the island, whose home Kinloch Castle, a grotesque and rather superfluous edifice stands near the island's only natural harbour, kept the island as a sporting reserve. Now Rhum belongs to the Nature Conservancy for Scotland and is to be used as a nature reserve — visitors strictly discouraged.

On Thursday morning, April 25th, we said our final goodbyes to Mrs. McKinnon and left for the long journey home, arriving in Birmingham at 6-50 a.m. on Friday, after a very pleasant holiday graced by wonderful hospitality and strange as it may seem fine weather.

Owen Tudor. 6A.

GIRLS' VISIT TO NORWAY, EASTER, 1957,

THE holiday in Norway commenced on April 11th, when we assembled at New Street Station at 10-45 a.m. We arrived in Newcastle just before five o'clock, and catching the boat train, reached the docks. After passing through the customs formalities we boarded the S.S. Leda, and crossed the North Sea during a full gale. On our arrival in Norway, we spent a few hours at Stavanger and then cruised up the coast to Bergen. There we disembarked and journeyed by coach to Ulvik-i-Hardanger.

Ulvik is an attractive village situated at the head of Ulvik pollen, a branch of the great Hardanger fiord. Snow-capped mountains tower above the village and are reflected in the clear blue fiord. A small power station supplies electricity to the district.

Ulvik Hotel is a modern building, centrally heated and spotlessly clean, with a clear view down the fiord. Herr Vikor, the proprietor, and his wife, did much to make our holiday enjoyable, and the Norwegian food, especially the koldtbord, was delicious. One night we were fortunate enough to see a display of traditional dancing to the accompaniment of the unusual Hardanger fiddle. Later in the holiday we saw two films, one of a Norwegian wedding and the other showing some of the beautiful scenery of the fiord country.

Our first long excursion to Voss and Stalheim, on which we were accompanied by our guide, Herr Olav Ljöne, was most enjoyable in spite of the dull weather. Passing through Granvin and Voss along spectacular winding roads, we reached Stalheim, where, because mist blotted out the view, we organised a snowball fight. On our return journey we visited the 13th Century church at Voss, and so back to Ulvik.

Our other major excursion was to Eidfiord and the nearby Voringfoss. Travelling by boat to Brimnes, we then went on to the Hardanger Vidda, pausing to admire Voringfoss, which thunders down 800 ft. Returning, we visited the small church at Eidfiord and then sat at the edge of the fiord, admiring the wonderful reflections.

During our stay at Ulvik, we went many walks, including those to the church, the school, the Agricultural College, Ulvik Dam and some Bronze Age sacrificial holes, and we also visited the nearby village of Osa.

All too soon our holiday was over and we sadly climbed into the coach, which was to take us to Voss, where we caught the train to Bergen. There we boarded the M.S. Venus, usually known as "the Vomiting Venus," and throughout the night cruised South to Stavanger. The return crossing was much better than on the outward journey, and after breakfast next morning, we saw the misty English coast. We left the

ship and boarded the train to York, where we changed trains and continued our journey to Birmingham.

We should like to express our thanks to Miss Scriven, Miss Firth and Miss Morris, for organising such an enjoyable holiday.

Angela Downs and Nora Reynolds, Form 6B.

AUGUST EXCURSION TO MONTREUX — 1957

FOR many of our boys the 1957 excursion was to be their first parting from parents and relatives. It was also, in one way, an experiment, for a small group of second formers were in the party, an experiment which proved the fears of parents groundless.

We left Birmingham at 11 p.m. on Monday, 19th August, and commenced the tiring outward journey to Dover, stopping at Canterbury for breakfast.

After breakfast we departed for Dover, and, at 2 p.m. our ferry, bound for Ostend, steamed out of Dover harbour. Within a few minutes the famous white cliffs dropped beyond the horizon. Our ferry "Josephine Charlotte" was a modern Belgian boat fitted with stabilisers. The four hours crossing was calm and uneventful, some of the party buying meals on board while the majority of the others dropped off to sleep in the deck chairs or on the benches.

On landing at Ostend we passed very quickly through the Customs and re-boarded our coach, for Brussels. The journey to Brussels took us through the very flat uninteresting polder land of Belgium and we soon became accustomed to driving on the right-hand side of the road.

Early, the next morning, we said goodbye to Brussels and departed for Strasbourg. Travelling south through undulating country we crossed the Meuse at Namur and from then onwards we commenced to climb towards the windswept, forested Ardennes. After crossing the Ardennes we were soon in the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, one of the smallest states in Europe. Some idea of its size can be obtained from the fact that one hour after entering it, we had left it and the French customs behind us, and were well on the way to Metz. After crossing the Moselle at Metz the scenery became more interesting with hills, valleys and hedges. Later we passed through the tiny gap in the Vosges foothills and entered the Rhine Rift Valley, arriving in Strasbourg at 7-30 p.m.

On the following day, the weather came up to expectations, and open necked shirts were the rule of the day. En route for Basle many of us noted the variety of crops: - Tobacco, Hops, Maize, Wheat and Fruit. At Basle we left the Rhine Valley and crossed the Swiss frontier. After leaving Basle we started climbing and reached our highest point about 20 miles from Montreux. Our route followed the course of the river Aare

as far as Berne and we crossed this river several times before leaving it. Still travelling south we arrived at Fribourg where we saw the first signpost to Montreux, which stated "Montreux 97". Yes, just under 61 miles to do. Then, everyone started watching the signposts. Suddenly as we topped a hillock; we were struck by the great breath-taking mountain girt expanse of water shimmering in the sun — Lake Geneva.

So this was Montreux — our journey's end. On arrival cases were unpacked and we ate our first meal at our hotel the "Nouvelle Poste" noted for its "Bonne Cuisine". The evening of our arrival was spent in finding our way around the town. The whole of the following day was free and thus, most boys, took this opportunity for buying presents.

The second day at Montreux consisted of an excursion to the Great St. Bernard pass by road and rail; taking the train from Montreux we followed the Rhone valley as far as the great bend at Martigny whence we followed the course of the Dranse, a tributary of the Rhone, as far as Orsiers. From then on we travelled by mountain coach still following the course of the Dranse, to the Hospice of St. Bernard, the highest point reached by the pass. The majority of the party then ascended the famous pinnacles, by chair lift, where a magnificent panorama is afforded to tourists. To the west of the pinnacles, on which we were standing, was the eternally snow-capped Mont Blanc. To the south was the valley of Aosta while to the East were the Pennine alps, also snow-capped, with Monte Rosa outstanding.

After descending in the chair lift some members of the party crossed the nearby Italian frontier to send post-cards. At the same time others visited the kennels of the famous St. Bernard dogs. Later in the afternoon the coach returned in mist to the railway terminus and the remainder of the journey was uneventful.

The third day at Montreux was spent at Geneva where the most impressive sights were the fountain two hundred or more feet high and the Rhone sluice gates. Here a force of many thousands of tons of water per square inch, caused by a difference in water level of six feet between the lake and the river results in millions of gallons of water an hour leaving the lake for the Mediterranean.

On the fourth day, the afternoon was devoted to an excursion by funicular railway to the Rochers de Naye which command a magnificent view of lake Geneva and its environs. Apparently the Swiss cows do not take kindly to intruders, and so, when some of our boys attempted to take close up photographs of the cows, they were butted by other cows from behind, and thus, were dissuaded from risking injury to themselves or to their cameras.

On the last day at Montreux we visited Evian-les-bains in France.

The following day we were up bright and early and at 7-15 a.m. our chief feeling was "Au Revoir Montreux, c'a bien été te connaître". Three hours later Switzerland lay behind us and at 11-30 a.m. we arrived at Besançon, on the river Doubs, for refreshment. Here, many of us bought French loaves, which were stale by the time they were half eaten. From then on we rolled through the undulating land of Franche Comte and at length arrived at Rheims eagerly awaiting our meal.

The morning of the following day was spent touring the Pommery and Greno champagne distillery, and the famous Rheims Cathedral. After lunch Rheims lay behind us and we were heading for Dunkerque, which we reached at midnight. Once on board ship many of us slept inside the coach and on waking found that we were not far from Dover. Customs over, we re-boarded our coach bound for home, stopping en route for breakfast at Canterbury, and arriving at Oldbury at 5 p.m.

In conclusion I would like to voice the thoughts of the whole party in heartily thanking Messrs. Swain and Metcalf, without whom the excursion would not have been possible, and our excellent driver "Bert". Although the weather was not perfect, the holiday came up to all expectations, and I, for one, hope that in future there may be other such trips abroad.

M. Biddlestone, Form VM.

GUIDES

Captain: F. D. TWEEDIE.

Lieutenants: B. PINE, M. BENTLEY, M. COXILL.

Cadets: A. KELLY, C. GREGORY, I. WALKER.

Leaders:

PAT SMITH (Fuschia), NINA ROGERS (Orchid),

DIANA HOLTOM (Bullfinch), IRENE WALKER (Hawthorn),

DIANNE ROUND (Purple Heather), CHRISTINE GREGORY (Chaffinch),

NORA REYNOLDS (Daffodil).

GUIDE meetings were held regularly on Monday evenings throughout the year, and on one occasion during the summer term we cooked our tea on campfires on the field. One guide gained her First Class and several other commenced the Test.

The sale of work, held in November, was very successful and raised a large sum of money, and later in the term an enjoyable Christmas Party took place. Some senior guides attended a Cadet campfire and performed an amusing stunt.

As 1957 is Lord Baden-Powell's centenary, several services were held. Two colour parties and a contingent of guides attended a Guide's Own at Wolverhampton and Patrol Leaders shook hands with Lady Baden-Powell. A Thinking Day service was held at Oldbury Parish Church, and many guides also attended the Mayor's Sunday, Remembrance Sunday, and Empire Youth Sunday Parades, and also lined the route for the Queen's visit.

Several guides took part in a Centenary Pageant, and most of the company attended the World Scout Jamboree at Sutton Park. During the Summer holidays a cadet attended the Windsor World Camp, and at Easter some Patrol hikes took place to various parts of the nearby countryside.

A team of guides was placed third in the local Guide sports, and the company gained first place in the Youth Clubs' Swimming Gala at Langley Baths, winning every event, and thus being presented with the shield for the seventh time in succession.

As always, camp proved a most enjoyable end to the year, and on this occasion the weather lived up to expectations. We should like to thank Miss Tweedie and the other Guiders for organising so many activities for us during the year.

Nora Reynolds and Christine Gregory, Form 6B.

STUDENT CHRISTIAN MOVEMENT

Chairman: J. C. H. MALTBY.

Secretary: JUDITH RUDMAN.

THE school branch of the S.C.M. has met regularly during the year, on Tuesday evenings. At the first meeting of the 1956/57 session, officers were elected, and a programme was arranged.

The meetings for the Autumn Term consisted of discussions on the various points raised by studying Paul's Epistle to the Romans. These proved most interesting, lively, and informative.

For the Spring Term a programme of talks on different religions was arranged, and many of us learned about the religious beliefs of other peoples. The climax of the Spring Term was the Annual S.C.M. Conference, held at Kidderminster Girls' High School, on 5th April. A large party of Sixth Formers attended this most enjoyable Conference.

A few meetings were held in the Summer Term, and these proved of interest to those who were able to attend.

On behalf of all the members of the S.C.M. I should like to thank Dr. Howard, Miss Morris and Miss Sendell for making these meetings possible; and for the help and guidance they have given in all matters relating to the S.C.M.

J. C. H. Maltby, Form 6A.

GIRLS' ATHLETIC SPORTS

ROUNDERS BALL

- Group A and B.—1, P. Manning (Q); 2, S. Taylor (K); 3, S. Buckley (S).
Group C and D.—1, L. Turner (K); 2, P. Webb (S); 3, S. Bradshaw (K).
Group E. 1, P. Rowe (T); 2, C. Gregory (S); 3, J. Bagnall (T).

HIGH JUMP

- Group A and B.—1, M. McLelland (S); 2, S. Hadley (T) and J. Parsons (Q).
Group C and D.—1, V. Beardmore (S); 2, S. Bradshaw (K) and J. Brooks (T).
Group E.—1, C. Gregory (S); 2, A. Marshall (T) and J. Parkes (T).

LONG JUMP

- Group A and B.—1, M. Walton (Q); 2, R. Beardmore (S); 3, S. Taylor (K) and J. Tranter (S).
Group C and D.—1, S. Bradshaw (K); 2, P. Hadley (Q); 3, J. Fletcher (K).
Group E.—1, R. Beard (Q); 2, K. Downing (K); 3, J. Bagnall (T) and E. Leadbeater (K).

100 YARDS

- Group A.—1, J. Parsons (Q); 2, A. Smith (K); 3, M. McLelland (S).
13.2 secs.
Group B.—1, S. Taylor (K); 2, M. Walton (Q); 3, B. Walker (S).
12.7 secs.
Group C.—1, L. Turner (K); 2, M. Moore (S); 3, L. Moores (T).
12.6 secs.
Group D.—1, J. Thurman (K); 2, P. Hadley (Q); 3, J. Fletcher (K).
12.8 secs.
Group E.—1, C. Gregory (S); 2, R. Beard (Q); 3, M. Rawlins (S).
12.6 secs.

220 YARDS

- Group A.—1, J. Parsons (Q); 2, A. Smith (K); 3, M. McLelland (S).
34 secs.
Group B.—1, S. Taylor (K); 2, M. Walton (Q); 3, S. Elsdon (K).
30.5 secs.
Group C.—1, M. Moore (S); 2, L. Moores (T); 3, L. Turner (K).
31.6 secs.
Group D.—1, J. Fletcher (K); 2, J. Brookes (T); 3, S. Bradshaw (K).
31.7 secs.
Group E.—1, M. Rawlins (S); 2, C. Gregory (S); 3, R. Beard (Q).
31.3 secs.

SKIPPING

- Group A.—1, J. Parsons (Q); 2, M. McLelland (S); 3, A. Smith (K).
14.7 secs.
- Group B.—1, S. Taylor (K); 2, G. Smith (S); 3, M. Walton (Q).
14 secs.
- Group C.—1, L. Turner (K); 2, M. Moore (S); 3, L. Moores (T).
14.1 secs.
- Group D.—1, J. Thurman (K); 2, A. Wright (Q); 3, J. Fletcher (K).
14.1 secs.
- Group E.—1, C. Gregory (S); 2, J. Parkes (T); 3, R. Beard (Q).
13.7 secs.

440 YARDS

- Group E.—1, C. Gregory (S); 2, J. Fletcher (K); 3, C. Watton (S).
75.2 secs.

JUNIOR RELAY

- 1, Kings 65.0 secs.; 2, School; 3, Queens.

INTERMEDIATE RELAY

- 1, Kings 61.4 secs.; 2, School; 3, Queens.

SENIOR RELAY

- 1, School 62.9 secs.; 2, Queens; 3, Trinity.

School House was the Champion House of the girls' sports. They had 379 points and were followed by King's 289 points, Trinity 279 points and Queen's with 253 points.

The Girl Champions this year were as follows: -

Junior.—Stella Taylor, 23 points; Runner-up, Jean Parsons, 21 points.
Intermediate.—Linda Turner, 20 points; Runner-up, Joyce Fletcher 16 points.

Senior.—Christine Gregory, 32 points; Runner-up, Rosalind Beard, 14 points.

GIRLS' SWIMMING GALA, 1957.

1 LENGTH BREAST STROKE

- 11 years.—1, J. Nash (S); 2, M. McLelland (S); 3, C. Millard (T).
12 years.—1, B. Walker (S); 2, S. Taylor (K).
13 years.—1, P. Webb (S); 2, J. Somers (T); 3, J. Rollason (T).
14 years.—1, S. Snelus (S); 2, S. Bradshaw (K); 3, C. Edmonds (K).
15 + years.—1, C. Gregory (S); 2, S. Smith (S); 3, E. Leadbeater (K).

DIVING

- 11 years.—1, M. McLelland (S) and J. Nash (S).
 12 years.—1, B. Walker (S); 2, A. Fletcher (Q); 3, P. Hawkins (T).
 13 years.—1, P. Webb (S); 2, J. Beech (T); 3, J. Somers (T).
 14 years.—1, J. Fletcher (K); 2, S. Bradshaw (K); 3, C. Edmonds (K).
 15 + years.—1, C. Gregory (S); 2, E. Leadbeater (K); 3, J. Brown (T).

BEGINNER'S WIDTH

- 11 years.—1, C. Norris (T); 2, J. Nash (S); 3, E. Basterfield (K).
 12 years.—1, S. Taylor (K); 2, P. Manning (Q); 3, M. Grant (T).

LIFE SAVING

- 12 years (1 width).—1, L. Daniels (K); 2, 2, M. Grant (T); 3, B. Walker (S).
 13, 14 years (1 length).—1, S. Bradshaw; 2, P. Webb; 3, A. Bennett (Q).
 15 + years (1 length).—1, C. Gregory (S); 2, P. Rowe (T); 3, S. Smith (S).

1 LENGTH BACK-STROKE

- 12 years.—1, M. Grant (T); 2, M. Harvey (S); 3, B. Walker (S).
 13 years.—1, P. Webb (S); 2, P. Tarr (S); 3, H. Bolton (K).
 14 years.—1, S. Bradshaw (K); 2, C. Edmonds (K); 3, S. Snelus (S).
 15 + years.—1, S. Smith (S); 2, C. Gregory (S); 3, A. Downs (S).

1 LENGTH FREE STYLE

- 11 years.—1, J. Nash (S); 2, M. McLelland.
 12 years.—1, M. Grant (T); 2, B. Walker (S); 3, S. Taylor (K).
 13 years.—1, P. Webb (S); 2, H. Bolton (K); 3, A. Bennett (G).
 14 years.—1, C. Edmonds (K); 2, S. Snelus (S); 3, S. Bradshaw (K).
 15 + years.—1, C. Gregory (S); 2, S. Smith (S); 3, E. Leadbeater (K).

1 WIDTH SCULLING

- 13, 14 years.—1, P. Webb (S); 2, C. Edmonds (K); 3, J. Picken (K).
 15 + years.—1, C. Gregory (S); 2, A. Downs (S); 3, B. Harrold (T).

JUNIOR RELAY

- 1, School; 2, Trinity; 3, Kings.

SENIOR RELAY

- 1, School; 2, Kings; 3, Trinity.

HOUSE BOAT RACE

- 1, School; 2, Kings; 3, Trinity.

The Champion House was School with 97 points. They had a decisive lead over Kings who were second with 48 points; Trinity were third with 29 and Queens gained only 6 points.

The Junior Champion was Beryl Walker—10 points; Runner-up, Jane Nash—9 points. Intermediate Champion—Patricia Webb—17 points; Runner-up, Sylvia Bradshaw—11 points. Senior Champion, Christine Gregory—17 points; Runner-up, Sheila Smith—8 points.

GIRLS' GAMES 1956-57.

Hockey

THE 1st XI hockey team had on the whole a successful season, winning six of their twelve matches, drawing two and losing four. Goals scored for the School amounted to 43 with 26 against.

Permanent members of the team were:- Pamela Rowe (Captain), Sylvia Fletcher (honorary secretary), Sheila Smith, Jean McLelland, Olwen Llewellyn, Jean Wiggins, Kathleen Downing, Christine Gregory, Joan Maneylaws, Margaret Barratt, Patricia Webb.

Hockey colours were awarded to Sheila Smith, Jean McLelland, Christine Gregory.

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The following girls were entered for the final trials: Pamela Rowe, Sylvia Fletcher, Sheila Smith, Kathleen Downing, Jean Wiggins, Jean McLelland. From these, the selectors chose Pamela Rowe as centre half-back in the County 1st XI, Sylvia Fletcher as right inner, and Sheila Smith as right wing, in the County 2nd XI. Pamela Rowe also acted as vice-captain of the 1st XI, and Jean Wiggins was chosen as a reserve.

The 2nd XI hockey team were not very successful. They won one of their four matches, drew two and lost one. Goals scored for the School amounted to 4, with 10 against.

Those who played in the team were: Judith Rose, Margaret Frost, Brenda Harrold, Sylvia Bradshaw, Gillian Newman, Nora Reynolds, Rosemary Kenwick, Sheila Harrison, Patricia Green, Sandra Davis.

HOUSE MATCHES

The hockey house matches were keenly contested. School House were first, winning two matches and drawing one. They were closely followed by King's, who won 1 match and drew 2, Queen's who won 1 and lost 2 matches, and Trinity who drew 1 and lost 2 matches.

Rounders

THE senior rounders team had a dismal season with one bright patch. They won only one of their four matches. Rounders scored for the School 33, with 32 against.

Those who played in the team were: Kathleen Downing (captain), Patricia Green, Sandra Davis, Patricia Webb, Sylvia Bradshaw, Jacqueline Dawes, Margaret Bishton, Janet Parkes.

Colours were awarded to Margaret Bishton and Patricia Green.

The junior rounders team had a remarkably successful season, winning all four of their matches. Rounders scored for the School amounted to 61, with 32½ against.

Those who played in the team were: Betty Leadbeater (captain), Brenda Harrold, Janet Betts, Joyce Fletcher, Janice Bagnall, Margaret King, Patricia Norville, Margaret Barratt.

HOUSE MATCHES

Kings won all their three matches, and were worthy champions; Trinity were second, winning two matches and losing one; School won one and lost two; and Queens failed to win a match.

Tennis

THE tennis team had a successful season, winning four of their five matches. They won 34 games and lost 11.

Permanent members of the team were: Olwen Llewellyn (captain), Jean McLelland, Pamela Rowe, Christine Gregory, Judith Hemming, Christine Mallard.

Jean Wiggins, Joan Maneylaws, and Sylvia Fletcher also played.

HOUSE MATCHES

The tennis house matches were keenly contested, and finally resulted in a draw between School and Trinity who won two matches and lost one. Queens won one match and lost two; Kings lost all three of their matches.

Colours were awarded to Christine Gregory and Judith Hemming.

BOYS' ATHLETIC SPORTS

Monday, July 22nd, 1957.

Group A/B.

100 yards.—1, Harvey (S); 2, Mitchell (Q); 3, Bywater (T). 12.5 secs.

220 yards.—1, Harvey (S); 2, Mitchell (Q); 3, Bywater (T). 30.7 secs.

Long Jump.—1, Jones (T); 2, Billingham (S); 3, Mitchell (Q).

Distance: 12 ft. 11 ins.

High Jump.—1, Jones (T); 2, Hall (Q); 3, Walters (S). 4ft. 2 ins.

Throwing the Cricket Ball.—1, Harvey (S); 2, Hall (Q); 3, Downing (K). Distance: 180 ft. 4 inches.

Putting the Shot: 1, Jackson (S); 2, Gethins (Q); 3, Jefferson (K).

Distance 26 ft. 1 inch.

Relay.—1, School; 2, Trinity; 3, Kings. Time: 63.7 secs.

Group C.

100 yards.—1, Wyton (S); 2, Pickering (Q); 3, Pinson (T). 12.6 secs.

220 yards.—1, Whittaker (T); 2, Pinson (T); 3, Wyton (S). 29 secs.

440 yards.—1, Whittaker (T); 2, Pardoe (S); 3, Griffiths (Q). 66.2 secs.

High Jump.—1, Pinson (T); 2, Russell (S); 3, Moore (K). 3 ft. 11 ins.

Long Jump.—1, Downing (K); 2, Limbrick (T); 3, Pardoe (E).

Distance: 13 ft. 11 ins.

Hop, Step and Jump.—1, Jones (T); 2, Wyton (S); 3, Pardoe (S).

Distance 28 ft 9 inches.

Javelin.—1, Trickett (T); 2, Jackson (S); 3, Pibworth (K). 84 ft. 3 ins.

Discus.—1, Whittaker (T); 2, Trickett (T); 3, Reardon (K). 77 ft. 4 ins.

Shot.—1, Reardon (K); 2, Trickett (T); 3, Pickering (Q). 27 ft. 8 ins.

Relay.—1, Trinity; 2, School; 3, Queens. Time: 93.5 secs.

Group D.

100 yards.—1, Hughes (T); 2, Parsons (S); 3, Newell (T). 11.1 secs.

220 yards.—1, Hughes (T); 2, Stevens (Q); 3, Webb (T). 26.2 secs.

440 yards.—1, Robertson (K); 2, Page (K); 3, Webb (T). 63.8 secs.

880 yards.—1, Page (K); 2, Sabin (K); 3, Palfrey (T). 2 mins. 23.6 secs.

High Jump.—1, Freeman (S); 2, McKittrick (K); 3, Stevens (Q).

Height: 4 ft. 8 inches.

Long Jump.—1, Robertson (K); 2, Parsons (S) and Freeman (S) (Tied).

Distance: 15 ft. 5 inches.

Hop, Step and Jump.—1, Hughes (T); 2, Freeman (S); 3, McKittrick

(K). Distance: 30 ft. 10 inches.

Javelin.—1, Stone (K); 2, Lloyd (Q); 3, Palfrey (T). 104 ft.

Discus.—1, Robertson (K); 2, Upton (S); 3, Mallard (T). 65 ft. 2 ins.

Shot.—1, Lloyd (Q); 2, Page (K); 3, Massey (Q). 37 ft. 1 inch.

Relay.—1, Kings; 2, Trinity; 3, School. Time 1 min. 58.4 secs.

Group E.

100 yards.—1, Stubbs (T); 2, Harrold (K) and Glover (Q) (Tied).

Time: 10.4 secs.

220 yards.—1, Stubbs (T); 2, Glover (Q); 3, Cox (T). 24.8 secs.

440 yards.—1, Darby (S); 2, Parker (T); 3, Bristow (Q). 58.7 secs.

880 yards.—1, Templeton (S) and Field (S) (Tied); 3, Bristow (Q).

Time: 2 mins. 13.7 secs.

High Jump.—1, Stubbs (T); 2, Dagley (K); 3, Glover (Q).

Height 5 ft. 4½ inches (RECORD).

Long Jump.—1, Field (S); 2, Templeton (S); 3, Burns (Q). 16 ft. 7 ins.

Hop, Step and Jump.—1, Templeton (S); 2, Parker (T); 3, Darby (S).

Distance 37 ft. 5 inches.

Javelin.—1, Sloan (K); 2, Spooner (K); 3, Eaton (T). 137 ft. 4 ins.

Discus.—1, Sloan (K); 2, Parker (T); 3, Idoine (Q).

Distance: 122 ft. 6½ inches (RECORD).

Shot.—Shot.—1, Harrold (K); 2, Sloan (K); 3, Law (T). 34 ft. 11½ ins.
Relay.—1, School; 2, Trinity; 3, Kings. Time: 4 mins. 11.9 secs.
Mile (Individual).—1, Cox (T); 2, Field (S); 3, Templeton (S).
Time: 4 mins. 59 secs.
Mile (Team).—1, Trinity; 2, Queens; 3, School.

House Results.

Boys.—1, Trinity (347); 2, School (292); 3, Kings (290); 4, Queens (259).

Final Result (Boys and Girls).

1, School (681); 2, Trinity (626); Kings (579); 4, Queens (512).

Boys' Champions.

Group A/B.—Harvey (S) 32 points; Runner-up: Jones (T) 23 points.
Group C/D.—Hughes (T), Robertson (K) Tied 38 points; Runner-up: Whittaker (T) 36 points.
Victor Ludorum (Group E).—K. W. Field 39 points; Runner-up: R. Stubbs 35 points.

BIRMINGHAM AND DISTRICT GRAMMAR SCHOOLS' SPORTS

For the first time in three years the school failed to gain any trophies at this year's meeting. Sloan did well gaining certificates in the javelin and discus events, and Templeton gained one for reaching the final of the 880 yards with a high standard. Several low standards were gained.

K. W. Field (Captain).

ANNUAL ROAD RACE 1957

INDIVIDUAL

Junior.—1, Whittaker (T); 2, Mitchell (Q); 3, Downing (K).

Time: 11 mins. 0.6 secs.

Intermediate.—1, Bristow (Q); 2, Lacon (T); 3, Spooner (K).

Time: 12 mins. 1.5 secs.

Senior.—1, Parker (T); 2, Field (S); 3, Templeton (S).

Time: 11 mins. 35 secs.

HOUSE RESULTS

Junioir.—1, Queens (151); 2, Kings (205); 3, School (241); 4, Trinity (249).

Intermediate.—1, Kings (115); 2, Trinity (203); 3, Queens (270); 4, School (288).

Senior.—1, Trinity (176); 2, Queens (181); 3, School (237); 4, Kings (285).

GYMNASTICS CLUB

An experimental gymnastics club held weekly meetings under the guidance of Mr. Davies. Some success has been attained, for some boys have reached a very high standard in gymnastics.

A. T. Harrold. 6A.

BOYS' SWIMMING GALA

Friday, July 12th, 1957.

Junior Events.

One length Free Style.—1, Hall, W. (Q); 2, Mitchell (Q); 3, Parker (Q). Time 18.5 secs.

One length Breast Stroke.—1, Mitchell (Q); 2, Skeldon (Q); 3, Trueman (K). Time: 22.8 secs.

One width Back Stroke.—1, Harvey (S); 2, Griffin (K); 3, Vincent (Q). Time: 10 secs.

One width Beginners.—1, Jefferson (K); 2, Bywater (T); 3, Green (K). Time 10.4 secs.

Dive.—1, Healey (K); 2, Flowerdew (T); 3, Parker (Q).

Relay.—1, Kings. Time: 84.8 secs.

Intermediate Events.

Two lengths Free Style.—1, Page (K); 2, Trickett (T); 3, Graham (K). Time: 33.9 secs.

Two lengths Breast Stroke.—1, Graham (K); 2, Trickett (T); 3, Lloyd (Q). Time: 47.2 secs.

One length Back Stroke.—1, Ashwood (S); 2, Graham (K); 3, Stone (K). Time: 18.6 secs.

One width Beginners.—1, Wellings (Q); 2, Hughes (T); 3, Palfrey (7). Time: 10.6 secs.

Dive.—1, Trickett (T); 2, Massey (Q); 3, Lloyd (Q).

Relay.—1, Kings; 2, School. Time: 77 secs.

Senior Events.

Three lengths Free Style.—1, Walmsley (Q); 2, Glover (Q); 3, Currier (S). Time 60.2 secs.

Two lengths Breast Stroke.—1, Medhurst; 2, Ludlow (T); 3, Clements (K). Time: 44.7 secs.

Two lengths Back Stroke.—1, Medhurst (Q); 2, Walmsley (Q); 3, Currier (S). Time: 37 secs.

Plunge.—1, Barrie (S); 2, Idoine (Q); 3, Harrold (K).

Dive.—1, Knowles (K); 2, Idoine (Q); 3, Currier (S).

Relay.—1, Queens; 2, Kings; 3, School. Time: 65.4 secs.

Result.

Queens were Boys' House Champions with 43 points; Kings gained 41 points; School gained 18 points; Trinity gained 16 points.

Champions.

Junior.—Mitchell (Q) 10 points; Runner-up: Tie between 5 each with 6 points.

Intermediate.—Trickett (T) 14 points; Runner-up: Graham (K) 12 pts.

Senior.—Medhurst (Q) 12 points; Runner-up: Walmsley (Q) 10 pts.

BOYS' GAMES 1956-57

Football

Captain: F. DARBY. *Vice-Captain:* P. SLOAN.

Secretary: F. DARBY.

Results.

1st XI.—Played 25, won 15, lost 6, drew 4. Goals for 105, against 53.

Goalscorers: Stubbs 35; Sloan 28.

2nd XI.—Played 17, won 8, lost 7, drew 2. Goals for 77, against 44.

Under 15 XI.—Played 7, won 3, lost 2, drew 2. Goals for 39, ag'nst 23.

Under 13½ XI.—Played 5, won 2, lost 2, drew 1. Goals for 12, against 24.

Representative Games.

Worcestershire Grammar School XI.—Field, Darby, Sloan.

Birmingham and District Grammar School XI.—Parker, Sloan. Darby was Captain of this team.

1st XI Colours were awarded to Morgan, Kite, Smith, Spittle, Vaughan, Stubbs and Law.

Birmingham and District Grammar Schools' Cup Competition.

Preliminary Round. v. Handsworth. won 5—0 (Home)

1st Round. v. Waverley. won 7—0 (Home)

2nd Round. v. Coventry (Calludon Castle)
won 7—0 (Away)

Semi-Final. v. West Bromwich. won 4—2 (at Dudley).

FINAL: Oldbury 1, Dudley 2. (after extra time).

(Match played at The Hawthorns, West Bromwich).

This thrilling game, played at a fast pace, ended a successful and memorable season. Despite the fact that the match was lost, the school was by no means disgraced, being evenly matched and rather unlucky to lose. Extra time was allowed after J. Richards equalised for Oldbury in the 90th minute. Oldbury tried hard, but Dudley finished more strongly and won by 2 goals to 1. Outstanding for Dudley was their goalkeeper, while E. Morgan at right back played well for Oldbury.

The team was: Field, Morgan, Kite, Smith, Spittle, Vaughan, Richards, Darby, Stubbs, Sloan, Law.

House Matches.

Trinity.—Played 3, won 3; School.—Played 3, won 1, drew 1, lost 1.

Queens.—Played 3, won 1, drew 1, lost 1. Kings.—Played 3, lost 3.

The Rest beat Trinity by 7 goals to 1.

J. Spittle. 6A.

Cricket

Captain: P. SLOAN. *Vice-Captain:* G. CORBETT.

Secretary: J. SMITH.

Results.

1st XI.—Played 13, won 9, lost 1, drew 3.

The 1st XI had a very successful season and maintained an unbeaten record against all other schools; the season was blotted by only one defeat. This was at the hands of the Cresconians.

Unlike last season, the batting was more stable. Law, with 206 runs at an average of 17.2; Corbett, 181 runs at an average of 16.4; Sloan, 175 runs at an average of 17.5; and D. Matthews, 129 runs, all gave good performances, but the outstanding batsman of the year, who also gave many splendid performances as wicket-keeper was F. Darby. He scored 176 runs at an average of 25.1.

The bowling was also very reliable, and each of the following bowlers had fine individual performances at one time or another. Spooner, who claimed 28 wickets at an average of 5.28, and Stubbs, 28 wickets at an average of 5.79, were the mainstays. They were given excellent support by Morgan, 12 wickets at 5.3, and F. Matthews, 16 wickets at 7.68.

Colours for outstanding play were awarded to Sloan, Darby, Corbett and Law.

Thanks must be accorded to Mr. Hudson who gave up so much of his time for the boys.

M. Law. 6A.

Other Cricket Results.

2nd XI.—Played 9, won 5, lost 3, drawn 1.

Under 15 XI.—Played 2, won 0, lost 1, drawn 1.

Under 13½ XI.—Played 4, won 2, lost 2.

House Matches.

Trinity were House Champions, playing 3 and winning 3.

Kings, School and Queens, all won one and lost two.

Representative Games.

Sloan, Darby, and F. Matthews all had trials for Worcestershire Grammar Schools XI, as a result of which Matthews played for them against a County Senior XI, and against Staffordshire.

ODE TO MUSIC

THOU God of mystery and unknown bliss,
King of our senses, in unfading might,
Happy is he, who feels thy drowsy kiss
And fades with thee into unknown delight.
Thy magic flows on like a golden stream
Encircling all, who pause a while to hear,
An echoing, viewless dream,
Which holds in bonds of joy the listening ear,
And banishes all hate and enmity.

He, who has never bowed beneath thy throne,
Or dwelt within thy realms of liberty,
Can never justly boast that he has known
True happiness, delight, serenity.
Thy subjects have supreme, eternal joy,
And live in matchless beauty without end,
Which earthly strife and conflict cannot harm,
Or lingering cares destroy;
Thy melodies o'er all the world extend
Immortal power, a boundless, infinite charm.

Nora C. Reynolds, Form 6B.

KINDNESS TO ANIMALS

LITTLE boys should never give
Pain to things that think and live;
Let the Robin Redbreast come
For the crumbs you save at home.
As his food you throw along,
He will sing a cheery song.

The little hare will run all day,
In the merry month of May.
He has a little fluffy coat;
Soon it will be time to moult.
Let him come and jump and play,
On your lawn at break of day.

The little bird goes soaring high
To the clouds up in the sky.
Let them sing their happy songs,
And never do them any wrongs.
Let them sing and fly all day;
When winter comes, they'll fly away.

David Cowell, Form 1B.

DAWN IN THE ESTUARY

THE dawn was breaking in the sky
When in the marshes I heard a cry
Of plovers flying near the ground,
In from the sea and for the river bound.
I moved, and saw them standing on the edge
Of muddy sand, among the grass and sedge.
With darting beaks their crawling prey they chased
And sometimes two for one poor insect raced,
But all too soon they saw: with anxious song
A screaming gull announced me to the throng,
Which whistling rose and o'er the river wheeled,
To fly away to some more secret field.

Ian Flavell, Form 3A.

A DESCRIPTIVE PASSAGE

I WISH I were among that select few who, on a sudden impulse and quite without premeditation, could write descriptions in appreciation of a landscape, a tree, of a poem or even an emotion. I am swift to appreciate such things. I am filled with an acute awareness of the presence of something striking or beautiful, and often I am filled with the urge to write about it. In spite of this no sooner does my pen touch paper than I am filled with a groping inarticulation; my brain becomes a woolly mass and all my thoughts a nothingness. My muse has fled, I am left frowning because I am unable to express my feelings, and desperately I woo inspiration as if my life depended on it. It is not altogether surprising, therefore, that when it happens that I must write a "descriptive passage", my mind refuses to reach for higher altitudes in the art of description. Carelessly I scan my page — and suddenly realise (what a boost to my morale!) that I have written a description after all!

Veronica Kingsworth, Form 5A.