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EDITORIAL

Like a growing child wearing a tight suit, we have once more outgrown our accommodation. We are cramming additional pegs into the cloakrooms; our rugger pitches overlap, and only chance has prevented four teams from converging on the same spot at the same time; we are obliged to use even the labs. as form rooms.

Ever since our early days, when, in 1923, there were only seventy-six pupils and four staff, we have been faced with this same problem. We then occupied the building which is now Park Road School. By 1925, we were occupying Church House too, and, by 1929, we had overflowed into two Methodist chapels, St. James's schoolroom, and two rooms in the Mechanics' Institute. In those days, the staff were peripatetic, and there were often long gaps between lessons, whilst masters and mistresses migrated from one building to another. Our present home was then built, to accommodate 450 pupils, and, as we still continued to grow at an alarming rate, a "temporary" dining hall was added, then the Practical Subjects block, later the Science block, and finally the New Hall. We are still reminded of our history by the fact that we now take English in the old Housecraft Room, German in the old Dining Hall, Scripture in the kitchen, Music in the former Physics Lab., and Art in the Chemistry Lab.

So our present position is nothing new. Indeed, it seems that the school's chief characteristic is that it has never been static, but has suffered a constant change. We understand that we are to grow even bigger yet, and that more buildings are to be added. Let us hope that we will not soon be too big to retain the familiarity and unity which should also be amongst our chief characteristics.

At the end of the summer term we reluctantly said goodbye to the following members of staff: Mrs. Pike to family life, Miss Townsend to take up a teaching post in Birmingham, Mrs. Leggett to teach in Doncaster, Mr. Watts to Middlesborough, Mr. Jenkins to Morley, and Mlle. Bertoux and Herr Wieland to their respective native countries. In classroom, House, and Societies, we have already felt their loss and wish them success in their new spheres of activity.

In September, we welcomed Miss Mellor, Mrs. Unwin, Mlle. Gentils, Messrs. Briggs, Hammond, Mowbray, Needham, Palmer, and Smith. In January we are to be joined by Mr. Bainbridge. We hope their stay in Wath will be long and happy.

Some considerable time and patience was taken at the end of last term, in allotting the routes by which each form must journey to the hall in order that everyone may arrive at morning assembly expeditiously. Fortunately the long spell of dry weather has made the long trek from the outlying buildings comparatively easy.

During the Summer term fire drill became a part of the routine. In each classroom a notice specifies the route of the occupying form so that the building can be evacuated without confusion.

For the Deeks Trophy Competition, a book on the Dearne Valley was compiled by each house. To Mr. S. Hacking, Editor of the South Yorkshire Times, who kindly judged the finished works, we offer our thanks. We are most grateful that he found time to adjudicate and we appreciate his helpful criticism and encouraging praise.

In April the Staff Dramatic Society presented "The Importance of Being Earnest." Both acting and sets well maintained the high standards we have come to expect. The new method of encouraging forms to sell tickets was so successful that it was retained for the December production of "Macbeth." In this play the Senior Dramatic Society gave a colourful and exciting performance before large audiences.

The name of "The Wathonian" must be better known than we realised. In February the Headmaster received an inquiry from Doncaster regarding an article in the "Wathonian" (192-), by J. Lloyd on Sprotborough Church. The inquirers were so interested that they were prepared to come over to school and photograph the page on which the article appeared.

The transformation of the library is now complete. Both the upstairs junior library and the Book Club have proved popular. We are indebted to Miss Marks for the scheme of re-organisation.

We have to congratulate Russell on his selection for Yorkshire under-fifteen XV and for an England Schoolboys Rugby Trial at Gloucester.

The school was visited by Her Majesty's Inspectors from the 3rd to 7th June. As a result of their visit we hope there will be several improvements in the amenities of the school.

A lively and interesting Inter-School Debate took place at Mexborough, when members of the school Scientific and Literary Society failed to persuade the house that American Culture is one of our dearest imports.

Among the school visits which have taken place during the year, the most notable were to Italy and Spain. Other parties went to Bourneville, York, Shakespeare plays at Doncaster, French plays at Ecclesfield and films at Sheffield, attended courses at Grantley Hall and Malham and inspected behind the scenes of the Sheffield Playhouse.

During the 'bus strike in the last week of the Summer term, the school responded so magnificently to the emergency that attendances were normal for the time of year.

HOUSE NOTES

ATHENS



House Captains : J. Thompson, Jones.

Games Captains :

Senior—M. Shaw, Amos.

Junior—A. Jones, Littlewood.

Magazine Representatives : S. Pitchford,
Gawthorpe.

Games Committee : J. Smith, Harvey, M.

Outstanding this year was our victory in the Deeks Trophy Competition, when we produced a book on the Dearne Valley, which was worthy of its place in any geography library. Secondly Athens almost won the Summer Games Cup, only being beaten by one wicket in the deciding senior cricket match against Sparta. On the rugby field the senior boys failed dismally while the girls' hockey teams were fairly successful.

In athletics the juniors did exceedingly well but once again the seniors disappointed. In both the Swimming Gala and Cross-Country our position is best forgotten. Once again, because of the numbers of detentions of the same old clique and their refusal to join societies, Athens failed to win the Work Cup.

We offer our sincere thanks to Mrs. Pike who served the House so ably and we hope Miss Jaques will have similar success. Lastly, all Athenians must unite and pull their weight, and then Athens can look forward to a long run of successes.

S.P.
D.J.G.

CARTHAGE



House Captains : Pauline Turner, T. Atkinson.

Games Captains :

Senior—Anne Dunkley, G. Hill.

Junior—Barbara Richardson,

Magazine Representatives :
Maureen Conley, H. Hurrell.

Games Committee :
Anne Dunkley, G. Hill.

Carthage Beware !

While you are smugly congratulating yourselves on winning two Games cups and the Sports cup, our adversaries are hinting, none too subtly, that Carthage, alas ! (pause for wiping away crocodile tears) is sacrificing brain to brawn.

The time has come to confound our critics, to show that we are merely holding our forces in reserve, gathering strength, as it were, for the onslaught that will leave us victors in the field. In other words, we must attack classwork and homework with a will and gain more effort marks towards the Work Cup. And there are other ways of gaining points; don't be anti-social, join a school society.

For the Deeks Trophy our aim should be 100% contribution. Last year, fewer than a third of the House gave their whole-hearted co-operation when asked to help. Not everyone can contribute a winning entry, but we **can** contribute the enthusiasm that carries a House a long way towards success.

To ensure that Mr. Leadley, Mr. Readman and Mrs. Foster, and also Miss Shore, Miss Plant and Mr. Mowbray, to whom we extend a cordial welcome, will be proud to belong to Carthage, let us take as our watchword this year, in work as well as play, "Effort and Enthusiasm!"

M.C.

ROME



House Captains : Vilma A. Bailey, M. F. Macrae.

Games Captains :

Senior—Ruth Senior, B. Sidebottom.

Junior—Vivienne Oscroft, Clough.

Magazine Representatives :

Marjorie Sells, Gittins.

Games Committee :

Vilma A. Bailey, B. Sidebottom.

The highlight of the Autumn Term was the Christmas party, which was held in the New Hall for the first time. It was very successful.

For this year's Deeks Trophy Competition a book on "The Dearne Valley" had to be written and printed by each house. As the book did not have to appear until Whitsuntide, no work was done on it during the Autumn Term. However, during the Spring term much effort was put into the production of our book and we were, finally, placed second, our work being highly commended.

Also during the Spring term the Roman Swimming Club was re-formed, and much effort was made by our very keen swimmers, whose hard work was rewarded by our again winning the Swimming Cup.

The Sports were held early in the Summer Term, not leaving much time for practice, and despite the hard work and good performances of many of our competitors, we were placed 4th.

Again this year, the Work Cup has eluded us. Let us hope that the new members of the house will help us regain this cup in the near future.

M.S.

SPARTA



House Captains : Barbara Smith, J.W. Swinburne.

Games Captains :

Senior—Janet Carr, E. Wallis.

Junior—Jean Beasley, B. Humble.

Magazine Representatives :

Margaret Bingham, B. Roberts.

One of the highlights of the Summer term was the success of the senior boys in their cricket matches. They won every match. The senior boys had another success when they won the Cross-Country cup. Let us hope that this year's team will run just as well as last year's and secure first place once again. The other highlight of the Summer term was the fact that Sparta came second on Sports Day. At one time, to the surprise of the other houses and the delight of Mr. Prendergast, Sparta were leading.

Once again the Spartan ribbon decorates the Work Cup, and if Spartans continue to work hard the ribbon will decorate the cup for years to come.

In the Deeks Trophy competition we were placed an undistinguished fourth. In order that we may win next year's competition I ask all Spartans, including sixth formers, to look after their voices and use them chiefly for singing.

To all Spartans who have left us we wish every happiness and success. To all newcomers to Sparta we extend a sincere welcome and hope that they will work hard and maintain the high standard established by previous Spartans.

B.R.

TROY



House Captains : Merle Parrish, D. Wood.

Games Captains :

Senior—Ruth Bradshaw, Crampton.

Junior—Linda Smith, Hedges.

Magazine Representatives :

Lilian Orritt, T. D. Wood.

The most notable feature of Troy's history this year is our almost complete change of House Staff. We were sorry to lose Miss Townsend, who has given Troy long and faithful service which we greatly appreciate. To Mrs. Leggett and Mr. Watts also, we should like to extend our thanks for their help in the past. We welcome Miss Thorpe, Mrs. Unwin and Mr. Hammond to our ranks and hope that their terms of office will have every success.

Last year we showed a predilection for third place, the position we occupied in the Sports, the Swimming Gala, and both Winter and Summer Games.

In both the Cross-Country and the Deeks Trophy Competition we came fifth, but we congratulate D. Wood on coming first. As to the Deeks Trophy, we are confident that eventually someone will think of a competition in which Troy can shine.

We rose from fourth to second in the Work Cup, and are sure that if the enthusiasm shown by Trojans at the House party is turned to their work, we shall prove invincible.

On this note of hope and expectation, we welcome our newcomers who, we know, will do their best for Troy.

L.O.

TROPHY SUCCESSES

SPORTS	Carthage
DEEKS TROPHY	Athens
SWIMMING GALA	Rome
WINTER GAMES	Carthage
SUMMER GAMES	Carthage
CROSS COUNTRY	Sparta
WORK CUP—EASTER	Sparta
SUMMER.. .. .	Sparta
CHRISTMAS	Sparta

CLUBS AND SOCIETIES

SIXTH FORM DISCUSSION GROUP

A marked feature of many of our meetings this year has been the number of outside speakers. They have given us many interesting talks.

One of the liveliest meetings held was on the occasion of the visit of Mr. Curtis, Deputy Mayor of Sheffield. He spoke of his recent visit to Russia. His talk was both informative and entertaining and drew a record attendance from all sections of Form Six. Other speakers have included Professor Meldan of the U.S.A., who spoke on racial problems in America, Miss Muriel Harrison, who spoke most interestingly of her life as a teacher at Bahrein in the Persian Gulf, and the Reverend P. K. Sircar, Vicar of Hemingfield, who is an Indian clergyman. His talk on life and conditions in India was very illuminating and very interesting. One of our most amusing speakers was Dr. Lang of London University who spoke on Soviet Colonialism.

Pupils have also taken an active part giving papers on varied subjects ranging from the "Outlook of Modern Youth" and the "Influence of Science on Future Civilisation," to Communism, Refugees and Philosophy.

This year has seen the admittance of a number of the Lower Sixth to the Society, their added numbers also adding to the liveliness of the discussions.

M.S.

DRAMATIC SOCIETIES

Seniors

This year the Senior Dramatic Society has been given the task of presenting Shakespeare's "Macbeth". Rehearsals have been held along with the noise of sucking thumbs, words not in the script, the breaking of bamboo swords on the opponent's head, and the hilarious laughter of the stage crew at our brave "witches of the VIth Form."

A party from the Society enjoyed their trip to Sheffield Playhouse earlier this year to see behind the scenes of one of the productions.

The Fourth Form Dramatic Society has been learning the basic essentials of acting, especially period acting. Make-up and its practical application caused great amusement among the members. The governing factor is the lack of male enthusiasts, as there are only three stalwart boys but many girls.

J.V.T.(U.VI.Sc.).

Juniors

On the first Thursday of this term about forty eager juniors all clamoured to join the Junior Dramatic Society. Only one thing was missing — boys. It seems that only one boy could muster enough courage to come. Our members were enrolled, and a waiting list was made. We started our work by learning how to walk and

sit down, when appearing on the stage (and our one male member tried very hard to look graceful). This was followed by a lesson in murdering and committing suicide. We will shortly be learning the art of make-up, so that if a cleaner comes suddenly face-to-face with something looking rather like Marley's ghost there will be no need for her to worry.

J.G. (3c).

CHOIR

The Senior Choir has continued to practice on Tuesdays this year and, in spite of being smaller than one might expect, has succeeded in maintaining its normal standard.

Its performance at the Christmas Carol service last year was very pleasing. The choir sang the following pieces:—

"Flocks by Shepherds safe attended,"
"When Christ was born of Mary free," and
"The Holly and the Ivy."

On Speech Day the Senior choir shared its laurels with the Junior choir, which, making its first appearance sang, "The graceful swaying wattle" (Bridge), "All in the April evening" (Robertson), and "England" (Parry).

The Senior choir's contributions were:- "My love dwelt in a northern land" (Elgar), "Non Nobis Domine" (Quilter), and "Oh, No John" (arranged by Thiman).

Unfortunately Miss Thorp was taken ill before Speech Day but Miss Knowles was kind enough to deputise for her. The membership of the Junior choir has been most satisfactory and holds out great hopes for the Senior choir of the future. It is particularly gratifying that a number of junior boys have shown a keen interest.

A performance of some of the choruses from Handel's Messiah is our ambitious project for this year's Christmas concert.

Our thanks are due to Miss Thorp and Miss Knowles for their valuable help and guidance.

B.R. (U.VI.Sc.).

THE PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

This term the Photographic Society received a surprisingly large influx of potential photographers, eager to further their knowledge of the art of photography. Another pleasant surprise was the number of feminine photographers who, although not particularly proficient, have conscientiously turned up to the meetings.

The first meeting of the term was devoted to an amusing, as well as instructive, demonstration of "Contact Printing" by Dr. Haslam. There has also been a demonstration of "Enlarging" by Mr. Pratt and a film about a trip abroad, taken and presented by Hamilton. There are two major attractions in the remainder of this term: a demonstration of "Glazing" and a talk on "Filters."

This year, the Photographic Exhibition will consist of photographs which were taken during school trips abroad, and also photographs of general interest, taken in this country.

The dark room is very often in use but could be more fully exploited by those people who have cameras and who would be welcomed by the Photographic Society.

R. HIRST (Lower VI Lit.)

SCIENTIFIC AND LITERARY SOCIETY

Chairman : J. W. Swinburne.

Secretaries : Marjorie Layhe, M. Pownall.

The Society had a lively start to the year, the first meeting taking the form of a debate on the motion proposed by Watkin and opposed by Nelson, that "A man who does not tell his wife what he earns is a traitor to the family." A session of "Any Questions" and a Balloon Debate followed in the next two meetings. After half-term, Mr. Atkinson gave a talk on Swiss Democracy.

The two debates "An acre of Middlesex is better than a hundred square miles of Utopia" (principals Messrs. Mowbray and Palmer) and "It is better to be a small fish in a large pool than to be a big fish in a small pool" (principals Watkin and Butterworth) revealed a disappointing reluctance to speak from the floor of the house. However, Jacobs in a paper on "Man's use of Natural Resources" managed to provoke a host of questions.

GUIDES

The guides have had a very successful year. Many proficiency badges have been gained and we are hoping for several more first class badges. The great number of recruits has resulted in Primrose patrol being re-formed. The district Commissioner—Mrs. Utley—is to enrol fourteen recruits on November 15th.

The guides are once more making and repairing toys for a Rotherham children's home, and in addition each guide is busily knitting squares to make into a blanket for displaced persons.

We are now firmly installed in the new Gym, where we occasionally have apparatus work under the supervision of Mrs. Lund.

Several guides attended camp during the Summer Holidays and had a very enjoyable time.

One of the most interesting events of the year was the Jubilee Celebration at Barnsley where the Company took part in the stage show.

We were very sorry to lose Mrs. Pike and deeply appreciate all she has done for us. We welcome her successor Mrs. Unwin, and assure her of our whole-hearted support.

SCOUTS

The scouts have been going their usual boisterous way since the end of last term under the watchful eyes of Mr. Wilkinson, Mr. Almond, Mr. Hilton and our new associate Mr. Lund.

The highlight of the year was camp with its happy memories—of Watkins' beret floating downstream accompanied by a fully-clothed and totally-submerged owner and a half-submerged canoe—of the glorious tints of bodies—of ten chubby seniors in one rowing boat on Lake Windermere and the astonishing manoeuvres accomplished by that boat.

Two of the troop (namely Queen's Scouts Law and Gittins) missed camp, however, for the honour of attending the Jamboree.

Of late the senior scouts have been quite rash and have been potholing in the Stump-Cross Caverns and canoeing on and in the bottom weir at Kilnhurst. The latter occasion was rendered memorable by Gittins' gracefully slow, straightfaced and very unwilling entry into an evil-smelling River Don. The potholers had a cold, wet and sleepless night spent mostly in shouting insults from one tent to the other. An encouraging sight across the breakfast tin, when they arose, was a certain L. VI Sc. personage attired in big brown boots, light green pyjama trousers, a large sweater and a balaclava helmet of revolting hue. After four hours underground they had enjoyed themselves enough to proclaim it worth doing again.

Just to indicate the athletic prominence of our lads we will again observe that we won the area Scout Swimming Gala.

This term some seniors are attending fire-fighting classes at Mexborough while the juniors are doing badgework, cooking occasionally, and wearing themselves out doing P.T. and games, while being enthusiastically urged on by the seniors.

Future plans include a week at Easter to be spent hiking and camping along the Pennine Way and a camping holiday in France during the Summer Holidays.

All this goes to show the troop is full of life, and so to all its members and all the other scouts all over the world, of whom we were reminded by the Jamboree, we say "Good Scouting."

THE GARDENING CLUB

Late in September, sixteen members visited Mr. Hudson of Wombwell to look at his famous collection of butterflies and moths.

He has specimens of every species of English butterfly and many of the moths, and specializes in rare foreign butterflies and moths. His collection includes the largest butterfly in the world and also some from the Arctic and Himalayas. Although he has only been collecting for ten years he has many thousands of specimens.

He is now carrying out some breeding with Large White butterflies and Magpie moths to try and find specimens with rare markings.

We all enjoyed the visit immensely and Mr. Hudson has extended an invitation for a return visit at a later date. We signed the visitors' book and were shown many entries, including one of a man who had travelled from Canada.

THE LIBRARY

The main library has been improved a great deal since last year. The reference section has been increased and is used extensively by both the Junior and Senior school. Much useful information is to be found in the library, and reference books now include railway timetables and a telephone directory. Among the many periodicals now taken regularly are "Yorkshire Life Illustrated," "History Today" and the "Monthly Film Bulletin" (a boon to cinemagoers). Various new books have been added to the Senior Fiction section, including "Doctor at Large" by Richard Gordon and "The Rosemary Tree" by Elizabeth Goudge. Another improvement is the addition of some sculpture, the work of the upper school artists.

The Junior Library continues to flourish as successfully as ever. Many new books have been added to it, including "Target Island" by Bruce Carter, "Dancer's Luck" by Lorna Hill and "Biggles' Chinese Puzzle" by W. E. Johns.

In conclusion, I would like to thank Miss Marks, Mollie Cooper, Catherine Morley and David T. Wood for the work they do to keep the library functioning.

IAN M. NICOL (Librarian) U. VI Gen.

NOTEWORTHY OCCASIONS

SPEECH DAY

Speech Day was held this year on April 10th, instead of in July as in previous years.

After the chairman's remarks by County Councillor W. Cutts, the junior choir made a successful Speech Day debut.

In his report the Headmaster dealt with the four points of criticism which he had made in his 1956 report. He said that the Sixth Form was gradually increasing in number and, he estimated, would be appreciably larger in 1958. He hoped eventually to have two hundred pupils in the Sixth Form. Dealing with early leavers, Dr. Saffell said that there was a distinct improvement, but there still continued to be too many from Darfield and Wombwell. Many early leavers were unsuited to a Grammar School education and showed no willingness to work. The third point of criticism made by Dr. Saffell concerned the occupations taken up by pupils when they left school. Many of these pupils had the ability but not the ambition to qualify for higher posts. He was pleased to report, however, that the situation was gradually improving. It was also very gratifying to see an improvement in examination results and in the number of pupils applying to training college and universities. Dr. Saffell said that although the West Riding County Council was increasing the number of university awards it still lagged behind many other county authorities. Summarising, he said that improvement had taken place on all four points of criticism.

However, he regretted that parents, who supported Parents' Evenings well, sometimes showed little interest in such school functions as performances of school plays. He then mentioned the new Sixth Form course of economics which was to be introduced for those who did not wish to take up a teaching career. Near the end of his speech, Dr. Saffell stressed the eight standards which the school tried to maintain—standards of work and effort, conduct and appearance, standards of ambition, co-operation, duty and responsibility.

After part-songs sung by the senior choir, there followed the presentation of certificates and awards by Professor H. C. Dent of the Institute of Education of the University of Sheffield. Prizes for the best results in the G.C.E. Ordinary level were awarded to Pauline Godfrey and Macrae, the Deeks Memorial Prize for English Literature to Rosalie Jackson, and the John Ritchie Memorial Prize for Science to Wallis.

In his address, Professor Dent provoked considerable mirth among the audience when he declared that he had been one of the early leavers about whom Dr. Saffell had complained. He had been reluctantly compelled to leave because he was the eldest of a large family. Indeed he not only bitterly regretted leaving school early, but all through his life had felt the lack of those years he might have had there. About border-line pupils he declared that they needed to work very hard to keep their place. He emphasised the privileges of the Sixth Former who could devote his time wholly to learning in a way impossible once he started to earn his living. Referring to the eight standards mentioned by the Headmaster, the speaker pointed out that only one—work—was entirely the concern of the teaching staff—the rest were the concern of the individual pupil and his family.

A vote of thanks was proposed by Councillor A. Hawke, and seconded by Weston, the Head Boy. The Head Girl, Cynthia Webster, associated herself with the Head Boy's remarks, and presented a bouquet to Miss Swift.

PATRICIA YELLAND (U. VI Lit.)

S. C. M.

The 1957 Student Christian Movement Conference was held on July 22nd. The Sixth form were to be the hosts to Sixth form pupils from Mexborough Grammar School. Unfortunately, Mexborough pupils were unable to attend the meeting because of the 'bus strike.

The speaker was the Reverend Canon H. G. G. Herklots, the Vicar of Doncaster. Canon Herklots has been on the staff of the British Council of Churches, was at the last meeting of the World Council of Churches, and has written books on a variety of subjects. The talks given by Canon Herklots dealt with "Who is my God?" and "Who is my neighbour?" Dr. Saffell acted as chairman during both morning and afternoon sessions.

After each talk, members formed three groups for discussion of such questions as racial prejudice, God being a personal God, and what young people can do to make the World more of a real neighbourhood. Canon Herklots answered questions arising from these discussions.

The North Eastern Secretary of the S.C.M. in schools is now Miss Joan Aldwinckle in place of Miss Lowe who was the secretary at the time of the conference.

PAMELA HUNTER (U. VI Sc.)

ITALY—AUGUST, 1957

On 23rd August, thirteen members of the senior school, under the leadership of Misses Townsend and Jaques and Mr. and Mrs. Almond, left for a holiday in Italy.

We arrived at Brunate on the Saturday night, and we very much enjoyed our stay there. The hotel, which was reached by means of a funicular railway from Como, was very comfortable; we were blessed with hot sunny weather, and we were introduced to some delightful Italian cooking. Our time was spent chiefly in boating on Lake Como, exploring Como and Brunate, lounging at the Lido, and consuming huge quantities of "gelati."

On Tuesday, 28th August, we left for Rome, not without regrets, for we had become very fond of Como. Rome, however, proved tremendously exciting; and we never had a moment to spare. Wednesday was Mr. and Mrs. Almond's wedding anniversary, and the party presented Mrs. Almond with a bouquet of roses. We then met our guide, who conducted us through St. Peter's and the Vatican. After a lazy afternoon, we saw a performance of "Carmen" by an Italian opera company, in the Baths of Caracalla.

The next day, we went to the Catacombs on the Via Appia, going on in the afternoon to the Villa d'Este at Tivoli, which is famous for its beautiful fountains. On Friday, we were handicapped by a one-day bus strike in Rome, which meant a long trek to the station in the early hours of the morning, to catch a train for Naples and Pompeii. On the journey from Naples to Pompeii, we were shown round a factory where coral cameos are hand made, and many of the party bought brooches.

On our last day, we went in the morning to the old Roman port of Ostia, where some of us had our first swim in the Mediterranean. We spent the afternoon shopping in Rome, and visited the famous Fountain of Trevi, into which the more sentimental among us threw coins, and wished.

We returned to Como on the Sunday in the first stage of our journey home; and on Tuesday, 3rd September arrived back in a cold, rainy England.

The trip was a great success, and we should like to thank the staff for all their work and organising to make our visit to Italy a delightful memory that we shall cherish all our lives.

LILIAN ORRITT (U. VI Lit.)
B. ROBERTS (U. VI Sc.)

SPAIN—EASTER, 1957

We arrived at Port Bou after a long tiring journey which had taken us through trial by sea, and over land via France.

It was early afternoon and the temperature was high. The station platform was curiously quiet in contrast to the usual hurly-burly of English junctions. Going through the Customs was a mere formality. Leaving the cool interior of the station we found the sun was overpowering, and cases seemed to become heavier and more cumbersome at every step.

A coach was waiting for us, and two or three of the heftier boys of the party literally slung the luggage aloft. Soon we were once more on the move—on the last lap. The interior of the bus became more and more comparable with an oven, in spite of windows open to the fullest extent. The road took us quite high into the mountains, but though the scenery was rocky there remained an impression of much greenery.

I realised that we were nearly at our destination. On our arrival the pleasant host of the Pension Fonda del Centro, Senor Padern, welcomed us. The pleasant white-washed rooms were allocated to us and everyone indulged in a sigh of relief.

Meals were ideally arranged to give maximum leisure during the day. I still look back with watering mouth at those mountains of delectable victuals. The food was very palatable but strange to

our taste—particularly the fried food, which was invariably cooked in olive oil. Strange dishes included rice and mussels (still in shells), a type of prawn and, occasionally, the tentacle of an octopus. The latter is a delicacy in Spain—and very nice too!

We all took the opportunity of sampling the local wines. Many were the comments and varied the opinions of self-styled connoisseurs. Many an eye sparkled and animated was the conversation, but whether from excitement or wine . . . !

Our rising each morning was meant to be early, but it was decidedly an unpopular holiday pursuit. A small fairhaired figure MIGHT be seen, but was definitely HEARD at 6.30 a.m. Muffled voices groaned and wheezed in protest as small fists hammered a tattoo on doors. Then gradually peace reigned again as everyone turned over to continue sleeping.

Blanes is a small fishing village on the Costa Brava. From a castle on the hill one had a splendid view of the graceful curve of the bay. The white houses followed the sweep of the coast-line and reflected the brilliant rays of the sun. Behind the town was a panoramic view of gently undulating hills clothed in rich green.

The beach was coarse sand almost having the appearance of red gravel, while the sea was a deep blue. Fishing nets were spread out in the sun and boats were hauled upon the sand. Activities included bathing, playing fast and furious games of rounders and making excursions to other bays along the coast.

At night the village came to life. Until then we saw little of the Spaniards. Shops were brilliantly illuminated, bars were crowded and the air was filled with the sound of guitars (No Rock 'n Roll). The Spaniards love to sing and they joined in chorus.

Our presence in Blanes created much interest, and at one period the number of followers grew to such a nuisance that the local Chief of Police offered to disperse them. We wondered how this would be done, as the police are armed with pistols and are assisted by men carrying rifles and sub-machine guns. We were told by one of our Spanish acquaintances that carrying knives was forbidden and anyone abusing the rule would lose the blade and have the handle returned!

Our time at Blanes passed all too soon and once again we were in the throes of packing and travel on to Barcelona.

The second half of our holiday was spent in Barcelona. From here we visited the monastery at Monserrat which is only reached by a cable railway. Some of us went by a funicular railway into the mountains. We also visited a bullfight which was a spectacular and thrilling sight. The latter part of our holiday was spent in souvenir-hunting and buying fruit for our return journey. We were sorry to leave Spain with its atmosphere of gaiety, but we had to leave on May 1st. The return journey was uneventful except for a few uneasy moments through the Customs. However, our bags were not opened. In spite of a rather rough crossing that turned one or two of us rather green, we arrived back at Mexborough on the afternoon of May 3rd. We should like to extend our thanks to Dr. and Mrs. Caffrey for arranging such a delightful trip.

HAMILTON (5a)
CHRISTINE GRAMMER (U. VI Lit.)

GEOGRAPHY COURSE—MALHAM TARN, 1957

In July a party of nineteen students under the guidance of Mrs. Swann and Mr. Gaskell set out from Wath station on a week's Geography course at Malham Tarn Field Centre.

The course consisted of an introductory lecture and a number of conducted surveys taking into account the physical and human aspects of the surrounding area. The centre consisted of a large house where the main activities took place, and several small cottages at varying distances from the house, which accommodated the male members on the several courses.

We had to make our own entertainment, which was never lacking and consisted of expressing our views on the weather, games of cricket, sing-songs at 2 a.m., Hucknall's knowledge of how to handle cows and angry bulls, Communist doctrine and the variety of clothing worn.

The course, though it appeared strenuous at the time, was thoroughly enjoyed by all the party although in the end we had to forfeit a pound of our own money, which reduced some members of the party to poverty.

J. M. EGERTON (U. VI Lit.)

T. DRIVER (Ex. U. VI Lit.)

ORIGINAL CONTRIBUTIONS

"FLU"

What a morbid subject—flu,
So well-known by all of you!
"An epidemic," it's agreed,
In each newspaper that we read—
"It's the flu."

"I do feel ill," a pupil cries,
All pale and watery round the eyes;
"Go for a pill," the teacher calls,
And in a faint poor Mary falls—
It's the flu.

The pupils catch it one by one,
And sadly off to bed are gone,
They stay in bed three days or more,
Because their throats are very sore
With the flu.

Even back at school again,
If when their arms do ache or pain,
They think right back and once more fear
Lest those so fateful words they'll hear,
"It's the flu."

NOREEN SALMON (4e)

EMERGENCY WARD 10

The patient lies on the operating table. White-robed figures stand around him. One of them, the one who is going to perform this delicate operation, picks up a pair of scissors and makes a neat incision in the skin. The skin is then neatly rolled back by means of forceps and scalpels which another white-robed figure has handed him. He neatly slits and rolls back the body wall. One of the white-robed figures—obviously one of the uninitiated—slips away looking pale and breathing hoarsely. The others stand alert but unmoved. The patient rolls a little but then settles in his former position. The organs inside the patient are removed and his body wall is rolled back.

A member of the Upper Sixth Science has now completed the first stage of his dissection of a rat.

E. HARLOW (4c.)

NOVEMBER THE SIXTH

The dawn has come, the terror gone ;
But still I wonder is it done.
The awesome crack, the bang and flash,
That made me bark, and want to dash
To hide myself away from all,
To find a place in which to crawl
And find the peace that once I had,
Before the world went raving mad.

I've heard my master telling of
A dog that lives in space above.
I'd join him, but I do not dare,
For—a rocket took him there !

ELEANOR SMITH (3b).

THE RIGHTS OF DOGS

Recently a daily paper reported that an Alsatian dog would not move from a bus at Hartlepool. The bus with twenty passengers was driven to the police station. A policeman read the address on the collar and the bus was driven to Winterbottom Avenue, West View, Hartlepool.

Here it seems to me is the beginning of a new era in the transport of dogs. Until now these animals have been barely tolerated as passengers on public service vehicles. Though treated as human beings in that they, or rather their owners, must pay their fare, they do not enjoy the privileges of ordinary passengers. They cannot occupy a seat, even if seats are unoccupied. They cannot stand in the gangway and balance precariously with the help of a strap or rail placed inconveniently just out of reach, but they must sit like infants upon the lap of their owners, or slink ignominiously under a seat in constant danger from the kicks of clumsy feet.

Moreover, and this is "the most unkindest cut of all," should there already be two of their kind travelling on the bus, they may not add to that number, for the autocrats of the omnibus company decree that only two dogs may travel at one time upon the same

bus. I cannot find any reason for this absurd rule. Do they fear, these autocrats of the road, that some dreadful catastrophe will occur when three or more dogs are gathered together, or that these cowed passengers will suddenly rush from under the seats and attack the human passengers, or do they simply hold that "two's company, three's a crowd"?

Whatever the reason, it will be seen that the rule is one more source of annoyance to these long-suffering creatures, and it is small wonder, therefore, that at long last one of them has dared to make a stand. This noble Alsatian dog, in defying the efforts of these so-called superior beings to eject him, created a precedent which may have far-reaching results.

Perhaps one day a bus service for dogs and owners will provide specially built buses with seats for dogs, complete with dog biscuits and water pots.

Whatever the outcome of this incident, one cannot but admire the Alsatian, who after all merely insisted on the right of the passenger to be taken to his destination.

ANON. (Form IV).

HOCKEY DOG

Elusive, interfering hound,
That runs about our hockey ground,
And tries to stop our thrilling game,
Before too many players you maim,
Away to Coventry we send
Dog that ne'er shall be our friend ;
Dog intrusive, awkward, rude ;
Dog unwanted, blatant, crude ;
Dog a nuisance, dog astray ;
Dog accursed, keep away.
Dog who is so foolish that
He has not sense to chase a cat,
Nor wit to gnaw a tasty bone,
But will not leave our game alone,
My maledictions on you fall,
Whene'er you chase our hockey ball.
Instead of running round my stick,
Go, fly off in the next Sputnik.

ANON.

THE SPELL

One day several years ago three wicked magicians met in a dark dismal dungeon. They discussed many ways in which they could draw millions of people under their spell. They decided that each should go away for a year to try to invent such a thing. The three wicked magicians, Hooknose, Bigears and Square-eyes, met in the same place a year later and compared their inventions. Each of them thought they had the solution. Hooknose showed his first : A green solution which he guaranteed would draw all ideas into one channel. Then Bigears showed his : A cloth, which when placed on the head was supposed to draw all ideas into one track. But when Square-eyes demonstrated his, the other two instantly agreed that his was the best. What had he invented?—Television.

JEAN DILKES.

THE JUNIOR SCIENCE CLUB

Smoke poured out from Physics one
(The Junior Science Club had begun),
The silence was broken by a shout,
"Who left that Conc. Sulphuric out?"

Cried Mr. A. "Get out, you so-and-so's.
I've now got perforated clo'es!"
The acid didn't really hurt,
It just dissolved his favourite shirt;
"You'll hear much more of this!" he cried,
As stealthily we crept outside.

Then after—say—a half-an-hour,
Came back the scientific "shower."
All was peaceful once again,
Till we tried to make some oxygen.

We finished it at half-past-five,
And more were dead than were alive,
We couldn't use the "proper stuff,"
Because we hadn't got enough.

Instead we mixed up half a litre,
Of charcoal, sulphur, and saltpetre.
There was a bang, and down we fell—
And half the Chemy Block as well!

TAYLOR (3d).

ORNITHOLOGISTS IN WATH

Many people are under the impression that ornithologists are middle-aged or old people, very rich and having nothing better to do with their time than watch birds. If, however, these ignorant people would visit the marsh-land near Wath Main colliery, they would undoubtedly see a group of keen, young ornithologists belonging to the Doncaster and District Ornithological Society. Every Saturday morning, just after sunrise the keen band begins work.

The first job is to collect the trapping-nets from the barn, the use of which has been kindly granted by the farmer who owns it. With binoculars dangling from their necks, and with nets and traps slung over their shoulders the little group sets off. The traps and nets are placed in positions where it is hoped great bird activity will occur later on in the morning. The traps are of simple construction and can be left baited with bread and seeds as they work on the same principle as lobster-pots. The nets, however, have to be operated by an ornithologist.

The method of operation is that, as soon as the bird comes within "range" of the net, the vigilant person hiding in the bushes nearby pulls the string to which the firing mechanism operating the net is attached. If the net works, the watcher in the bushes eagerly charges towards the net, removes the bird, clamps a ring on it and releases it. That is what should happen. However, many difficulties

have first to be overcome. One may not run blindly over some open ground; particularly where cows have been one has to watch where one treads. By the time the person has reached the net the bird may somehow have wriggled free and the poor frustrated and unfortunate person has to retreat to his cold damp place among the bushes.

The discomforts of bird-watching, however bad, are easily offset by the pleasure derived from just watching and marvelling at the beauty of the birds, especially those in flight. It is surprising what rare and fascinating species have been seen in the marshlands and coal-flats around Wath Main. Bird-watching is not an expensive hobby; the basic equipment you require is a pair of binoculars and everything you watch does not cost you a penny.

J. B. ROBSON (4c).

CANOEING

Impetuous youths in brief array,
Toward the Don we make our way,
And in canoes, both frail and small,
Prepare to brave the wat'ry fall.

Upon the bridge an idling crowd
Make pungent comment, crude and loud.
Over the parapet they grin,
Hoping we shall topple in?

Our leader first does paddles seize,
And shoots the weir with graceful ease,
"Now," cries he, "it's up to you,
Just let us see what you can do."

Reckless down the roaring race,
Flailing paddles, abandoned grace,
Where lurking rocks the waters hide,
Headlong into the Don I slide.

Ignominious in the foam,
I almost wish I'd stayed at home.
Saturation's not the cause,
But the ironic crowd's applause!!

J. M. GITTINS (L. VI Sc.)

MY HOPES FOR THE WINTER

Although I have spent many pleasant hours during the Spring and Summer walking in the country, I am looking forward to the Winter and hoping that this year we shall have deep snow.

In our shed there are two pairs of skis belonging to my father. One pair which my father uses are very big, but the other skis are smaller and by wearing my mother's climbing boots I can just use them. Two years ago I put on my mother's boots and waited for my father to come home and take me skiing. When he arrived he fitted on his skis and then helped me with mine. We then climbed up the hill across the road, which I found very difficult as the skis, being too big, kept slipping backwards. However, by walking sideways like my father I soon reached the top.

I started off downhill very slowly, but soon I went faster. At this time I could not turn and the only way I could stop was to fall over in the icy snow. My father then showed me how to stop and turn, but because the skis were too large I could not do it. However, I was quite happy to carry on even with a cold tumble at the end of each run. Then I had my last go because my mother was calling to us to come indoors. I flew down the snow on the skis and fell over in the ditch at the bottom as I tried to stop. We then trudged home through the snow and put the skis back in the shed.

From then on I have looked forward to the snowy winter days and I hope that this year, now I am bigger, I shall be able to learn how to ski properly without falling over.

MICHAEL PIETKUN (1f).

THE CHASE

With a clatter of hooves they move down the lane,
Old Battler is eager to strike scent again ;
They move to the copse where the wily fox stirs,
Roused by the clamour and rattle of spurs.

He springs from his lair for now he must run,
His life is at stake ; through the rain or in sun
Far over the vale he must fly for his life,
Crossing river and bog e'er he rest from the strife.

Old Battler finds scent and bays to the pack,
The horn spurs the huntsmen, no-one holds back,
To dog, horse and man 'tis a soul-stirring sound ;
A warning to Reynard, he must go to ground.

Over the meadow he speeds on his way,
Straight through the farmyard with no time to stay ;
He breaks for the stream. Can he break off the scent ?
Can he throw off Old Battler before he is spent ?

He dashes upstream and climbs the far bank,
Turns for the swamp where the rushes are rank,
Up through the willows, and now a long climb
With twisting and turning and fighting for time.

Battler still follows, the pack closes up still,
Horses are blowing but pound up the hill.
The haven is near and Reynard pants on,
There is the earth and Reynard is gone.

BRENDA SALE (U. VI Sc.)

THE SOURCE OF HAPPINESS

A blaze of flashing colour arrests the attention of the passer-by. Figures adorned in blues, greens, yellows and reds brilliantly and clashingly displayed against each other, run out jubilantly on to the battle-field. Suddenly one of their company, dressed in a more sober apparel, gives a signal.

Without hesitation, their brilliant costumes mingling together like gems, they charge against each other, "eye for eye and tooth for tooth," no holds barred. Now standing up, now lying down—invariably in a pool of mud—they spare no thought for themselves. Their goal is victory and victory has now become an obsession. Soon it becomes noticeable that their costumes are no longer bright, but are covered with mud and are marred by black, jagged scars. But wait, victory is in sight for the "greens." Their beaming faces more than make up for their wretched appearance.

When they have at long last won their arduous battle, the satisfaction and inner glow that comes of winning a rugged match over rides all other emotions.

PATRICIA BASSINDALE (4d).

SWEETS TO THE SWEET?

I wonder if there is any connection between a sweet tooth and a sweet temper? After covert observation in recent weeks, I think there may be. For instance, a person who takes three teaspoonfuls of sugar in his or her tea tends to be a smooth talker, oozing charm and not given to violent outbursts. This type is to be suspected of insincerity.

Two teaspoonfuls of sugar indicates a calm, easy-going nature, but when a person from this group has a cold or is displeased, he probably sulks. One teaspoonful means that this tea-drinker is a "border-line case"—not specially even-tempered, but not very irascible either. But half a spoonful or complete abstinence from the sweets of life means a temperamental type who varies his behaviour between suffering major catastrophes in silence and astonishing his nearest and dearest by emotional tirades provoked by a minor irritation.

I have not yet met anyone who likes his tea with lemon. If my little theory holds true, I don't think I want to!

ANON.

THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE

If we start with a "mouse"
Then the plural is "mice,"
But the plural of "house"
Should never be "hice":
If I ask for your foot
And you show me your feet,
It's boots I put on them—not "beet".
If the singular is "that"
Then the plural is "those,"
Hence the plural of "bat"
Should surely be "bose"—
But, as it is not,
You will hardly deny
That our English grammar
Is clearly the hardest
A foreigner can try!

M. CHAPPELL (3d).

FAMILY PHOTOGRAPHS

One day, whilst visiting an elderly relative I began to show him some photographs that had been taken whilst I was on holiday. They were of the casual, informal type and had a clear stamp of the amateur ; yet he found great enjoyment in them, and expressed it as his opinion that they were better than the professional ones of his day.

"Oh, you're joking," I replied. "Just look, there's half of my head missing on this one!"

He smiled. "I was not referring to the technique."

"To what then?"

"Just wait a moment and I'll show you."

A moment or two later he returned with a photograph of the very old type which were printed upon stiff card, and were, I believe typical of the Edwardian period.

"Now let's compare this with your photographs," he said.

There was indeed great scope for comparison, for his was of a very stiff and orderly-looking family group, who had all obviously been dressed for the occasion in their very smartest turnout. They had been very tastefully arranged, with the two heads of the family sitting on a couch with a leopard skin draped over it, and the younger members of the family standing behind. Not a smile was to be seen lighting the countenance of any of the solemn group, indeed they looked as though they hardly dared to breathe for fear of spoiling the picture.

"Which do you prefer?"

"Oh, mine," I answered without delay.

"Why?"

I thought for a while, and then replied that mine were more natural and truthful, they gave a better idea of the character of their subjects.

"Yes, indeed," he agreed. "Look at great uncle George, that rigid-looking youth leering up from the depths of his collar—one jerk of his head in that stiff collar and he'd never nod again. As for great aunt Sarah, stiff as starch and sour as vinegar, well, you can take it from me that it's at least a true picture of her. And as for those two shiny-faced cherubs in sailor suits at the front, the camera certainly lied there. I can vouch for that, because I happen to be one, and your great uncle William is the other. A pair of demons there if ever there was one.

"You know," he went on, "these photographs of yours and mine seem to express the change that has taken place. People were less easy to know and as stiff as the card the photo' is printed on, whereas today people are friendlier and easier to get on with. They seem to smile more readily, and really prefer to be photographed that way."

ELEANOR SMITH (3b).

MUTINY

I wonder what would happen
If children like you and me
Decided that we'd go on strike,
Just think the fuss there'd be.

The head and all the teachers
Would be in such a stew,
Perhaps they'd then appreciate us
And think of all we do.

Who'd answer all their questions
That we get asked each day?
Who'd draw their maps and do their sums,
And lines of Shakespeare say?

Five days and sometimes six we slave,
Right through each term, and yet
No thanks do we receive, and not
One penny do we get.

Now really, can you wonder that
We feel inclined to shirk,
When grown-ups say, "You're lucky,
For WE must go to work."

ANN FRETWELL (2a).

THE BEGINNERS

Behold there was a loud voice as the voice of one crying in the wilderness, and it came to pass that the Centurion of those which are Teachers did hear the voice. And he went forth to find out what manner of lad it was, and, finding him in the room, which is of the Form which is One, did say unto him, "Why art thou full of lamentation, and wherefore dost thou wail?" He of the voice did reply in sorrowing tones, "I am of the ranks that are of the First Form. Many moons ago we of my rank did undertake the burden of the Eleven plus, and forthwith, for bearing that burden bravely we have been cast into this thine house, wherein many of us are lost and bewildered, and our hearts are sad, and for all of us I beseech thee to provide us with the guards to lead us through the many rooms of thy house, and also ask them that are of thy rank of teacher to lead us lightly in this our first stay within thy house, so that we may abide herein many, many moons, and thereby blossom into the highest of those that are of the ranks of scholars."

Then it was that he the great Centurion of those that are Teachers did see that the lad spoke wisely, and he went forth to call together all those of the rank of Teacher, and when they met in the Great Hall he did charge them saying, "Make haste and look at the plight of my scholars which are of the Form which is One, lest they perish by the wayside and my Kingdom is placed in jeopardy, and in the years that come those of the highest in the rank of scholars are few, and we in turn are therefore made to be sad."

IAN CARTWRIGHT (1c).

SCHOOLDAY THOUGHTS

(with apologies to Patience Strong).

When the gorgeous sun is rising over on the distant hill, open up your dewy eyelids, breathe the warm air deep and still. Think of all the joys before you, happiness forever spreads, the wonder of those smiling faces, gentle hearts and empty heads.

Meet your teacher's kindly face with expectant heart and true. You don't like him? Never mind, probably he don't like you. Learn to love your Latin proses, over French translation pore, there will come a time, they tell you, when you'll need'em all and more.

Then when lesson hours are over, face the gamesfield's breezy plain, freezing agony releases all your pent-up mental strain. Grit your chattering teeth with courage, purple noses do you good : tramp the frosty field for hours, refreshed of brain and chilled of blood.

Don't forget, in work or playtime, keep the fighter's flag unfurled ; wondrous destinies will face you when you reach the outer world.

There the winning goal awaits you, there you hover on the brink—the honour of the coal mine—the glory of the kitchen sink.

C.M.G.

AUTUMN WALK

To stroll along the open lanes,
To see the horses toss their manes,
When they hear the farmer call
Is a thrill shared by us all.

To tread the leafy byways,
To walk along the highways,
Gives a feeling of delight,
On a blustery Autumn night.

JENNIFER SOKELL (1c).

VISIT TO A SYNAGOGUE

Last May a party of fifth and sixth formers from Wath Grammar School attended a Jewish service held in the Belgrave Street Synagogue, Leeds.

We arrived at 9.45 a.m. outside the synagogue, which looked rather drab, and unlike a place of worship.

Inside, however, it was completely different. It was lit by chandeliers and the gallery ran round three sides of the Synagogue. In the centre of the Synagogue is the Bema, the platform from which the reading of the Law takes place in full view of the whole congregation.

At the eastern or Jerusalem end is the Ark, the repository of the Sacred Scrolls. The Ark is concealed by richly embroidered, red velvet curtains, bearing the Magen David. Above the Ark are two tablets inscribed with the first words of each of the Ten Commandments. Before the Ark hangs the Ner Tamid, or Perpetual Light, which is always kept burning. It is symbolical of the light of revelation which God has given the world through the Torah (the Law). The Ark is approached by several steps.

When we went in, the Chazzam (Rabbi Brown, Professor of Hebrew at Leeds University) was chanting in Hebrew from the Psalms, and was later joined by the congregation. All the men were wearing hats as a sign of reverence and submission to God. Whilst the Rabbi was chanting, many men came in. On their arrival each was given a white shawl, which he put round his eyes, and each corner of which he kissed.

The whole of the Jewish service centres on the reading of the Law. At 11 o'clock a scroll of Law was carried ceremoniously by the Rabbi to the reading desk (Bema) in the centre of the Synagogue. The Scroll was covered in red embroidered velvet, with a silver end-piece on the top, and tiny bells which tinkled as the Rabbi passed. It was carried to the Bema, amid the singing of the congregation.

When the singing ended the cover was removed and a portion of the Scroll opened. Members of the congregation were called up to read the Law. There must be amongst the readers, a Cohen, a member of the family of Levi, and five others. To avoid touching the Scroll the Rabbi used a silver pointer to assist the reader as he "read" (actually chanted) his portion of Law.

Before the reading, each man touched the Scroll with his shawl, and then kissed the shawl. After the reading was finished the Rabbi held the Scroll aloft for all to see, before he finally returned it with elaborate ceremony to the Ark. The Rabbi then gave the sermon and a short prayer, after which the Jews went out. We, that is, the visitors were invited downstairs to ask any questions of the Rabbi about the Synagogue and Judaism.

Despite the length of the service (two hours) and its decidedly Eastern tone (the singing and reading were entirely in Hebrew), I felt that it was an interesting and, at times, a moving experience.

SYLVIA SOKELL (5b).

A VISIT TO MEZIERES

This year we were lucky enough to spend our summer holidays at Mézières in northern France with our pen friend Rolande Huleux. Mézières-Charleville is a fairly large town on the river Meuse in the Ardennes region, which is very near to the Belgian and German frontiers.

The Ardennes are a range of high rocky, forest-covered hills, and are very picturesque. In the thick evergreen woods wild boars still roam freely, though they are now very rare, and vipers are all too numerous. We ourselves were horrified to see two in the space of ten minutes!

Mézières is not at all like English towns. All the inhabitants live in flats and there are no semi-detached houses as we know them. We were astonished to find that of the great number of shops only two were sweet shops, while there were about two hundred cafés.

We found that the French were very friendly, noisy people. Complete strangers call out greetings in the street and are most disappointed if one does not reply. On meeting and leaving an acquaintance it is the custom to shake hands or even, with intimate friends, to kiss them on both cheeks.

We left Mézières several times to go on excursions to surrounding places of interest. These included a day in Belgium, and visits to Rheims and Verdun. At Rheims we inspected the famous cathedral and the various monuments, and also spent an extremely interesting afternoon in the champagne cellars of Pommery and Greno. We did not of course leave Rheims without bringing back some samples of the local brew!

The most delightful day of our stay, however, was spent at Verdun and the surrounding forest of Argonne, the scene of the first world war. We visited the American cemetery, the monuments, the forts and the trenches.

Our three weeks in France passed very quickly and we thoroughly enjoyed every day of our holiday. We are pleased to hear that more people from school will next year be able to visit Mézières and we know that they will enjoy their stay as much as we did.

BARBARA and ELEANOR SMITH.

“IL NOUS FAUT DE L'AUDACE”

Georges Jacques Danton.

The assembly sits and ponders, and gazes up in awe,
For majesty is speaking, and the like they never saw
Of this pock-marked, pig-like being, who will make the rising law.
This man is life and blood to revolutionary sway,
For the flame of France burns in his heart and it fades not night nor
day.

Now he sweeps away with mighty voice all opposing France's soul,
And the lowly know that titled heads will bow, then break, then roll,
As Madame Guillotine cries out, "I'll change the world this night,"
While Danton shouts, "For liberty and freedom we must fight."
He turns the world right over, holding France within his hand,
He looks at it with seeking eye, and loves his own dear land.
But away from them they throw his love and turn upon his spleen—
Thus he stands, alone but glorious, under Madame Guillotine.

T. H. ATKINSON (U. VI Gen.)

AD MAJOREM FACTIONIS GLORIAM

In the current Deeks Trophy Competition, some pupils have been invited to paint a scene depicting "Spring in the Dearne Valley." Hence the following effusion.

By the Dearne that dirty river,
By that slimy, muddy water,
Stood the easel of an artist ;
Dark before him rose the slag heap,
Rose the mountains of the outcrop.
Sad before them sat an artist,
Sat an artist with his paint brush,
Sat and stared at Manvers chimney,
Pictured it with Spring sun shining,
Pictured trees around in blossom,
And the birds upon them singing.
Still the smoking Manvers chimney
Marred his picture for Deeks Trophy.
Then, despairing, sighed the artist,
"Spring ne'er saw this dirty valley.
How then paint a picture of it !"
Deeper grew his gloom and deeper.
As there was no prima donna
In the house to win them honour—
All depended on his picture.
Through his gloom the artist noticed
Dirty raindrops on his canvas—
Spring had kept its reputation
In this dirty, smoky valley.
Looked he sadly at his canvas,
At his smudg'd and sodden canvas,
Looked with hatred at the chimney,
At the smoking Manvers chimney
That had spoiled their chance of winning.
Yet he entered for the trophy,
Entered for the competition,
For the truth was plain and fitting
That his canvas, smudg'd and rain streaked,
Pictured—"Spring in our Dearne Valley."

JETTA SMITH and KATHLEEN WALKER

GAMES



SCHOOL SPORTS

The School Sports were held this year on the 29th May. It was a rather cool day and not exactly ideal for athletics, but in spite of this, nine records were broken and one was equalled.

New Records :

Group IV Boys :	1 Mile	.. Mack	.. 4 mins. 57.6 secs.
Group III Boys :	100 Yards	.. Russell	.. 11.6 secs.
	Hurdles	.. Short	.. 12.4 secs.
	330 Yards	.. Binns	.. 43 secs.
	Long Jump	.. Ives	.. 18 ft. 6½ ins.
	Relay	.. Troy	.. 1 min. 19 secs.
Group II Boys :	Long Jump	.. Humble	.. 16 ft. 2¼ ins.
	Relay	.. Carthage	.. 56.6 secs.
Group I Boys :	80 Yards	.. Storey	.. 10.4 secs.
Group III Girls :	Hurdles	.. B. Fisher	.. 12 secs.

(equals record).

The winning house was Carthage (265½ points) followed by Sparta (259 points), with Troy third and Rome fourth.

INTER SCHOOL SPORTS

The 19th Inter-Grammar School Sports were held on July 18th at Goole. For the very first time girls were competing—much to their (and the boys') delight.

Several old records were broken by Wath competitors.

Boys Middle Shot	.. Harrison	.. 51 ft. 7½ ins.
Boys Middle Javelin	.. Jackson	.. 150 ft. 8 ins.
Boys Senior Javelin	.. Wroe	.. 152 ft. 6 ins.
Boys Junior Relay 52.8 secs.

The Junior Shield was won by Wath with 28 points.

The final placings were :—

1. Maltby—94 points.
2. Wath—84½ points.
3. Thorne—71½ points.
4. Goole—69 points.
5. Mexborough—58 points.

G. HAYWOOD (U. VI Lit.)

ROUNDERS

Owing to the very bad weather last season only three rounders matches were played, the results being as follows :—

v. Doncaster Convent, School won 9—4 and 19½—5.

v. Barnsley High School, the first team lost 4—8 and the second team lost 4—6.

v. Mexborough, the first team won 5—2 and the second team won 6—2.

Many attempts were made to play other matches and on one occasion the teams played each other at basketball in the gym, because the opposing team cancelled the match.

The first team :— Ruth Senior (*Captain*), Vilma Bailey (*Vice-Captain*), Brenda Sale, Merle Wolfinden, Rita Moore, Frances Bower, Iris Francis, Jean Ward and Anne Rawlinson.

The second team :— Marina Wilson, Valerie Moore, Maureen Hancock, Jacqueline Walton, Anne Dunkley, Betty Cowdell, Jean Wallis, Eunice Price and Maureen Conley.

No Colours were awarded owing to the lack of games.

VILMA A. BAILEY.

TENNIS

First team :— *M. Huddart (*Captain*), *M. Parrish, *B. Fisher,
†D. Banks, P. Eames, M. Sidaway.

* Full Colours. † Half Colours.

Results :

- v. Barnsley Won (56—29)
- v. Mexborough Won (58—41)
- v. Doncaster Convent Lost (44—55)

Though the tennis team only played three matches during the past season their efforts were rewarded by two victories. The weather which marred many other sporting events caused many attractive fixtures to be cancelled. Our prowess seemed to frighten the staff who could not raise a team for our annual match. It is a great pity that this traditional clash has been allowed to lapse.

M. PARRISH (U. VI L.)



CRICKET

FIRST XI.

The record of the First XI is not so dismal as it appears on paper. The team played the game in the right spirit and towards the end of the season played quite well. The fielding reached a high standard, but unfortunately there was a dearth of reliable batsmen and bowlers.

Full colours were awarded to Law and Swinburne, and half-colours to Sidebottom, Hill and Atkinson.

The team was chosen from : Law (*Captain*), Wood (*Vice-Captain*), Amos, Barker, Nelson, Roberts, Hill, Schofield, Sidebottom, Swinburne, Tate, Atkinson, Jackson, Garbett and Crampton.

Results : Played 12. Won 3. Drawn 1. Lost 8.

- v. Mexborough (Home). Lost. Mexborough 56 (Swinburne 5—14), School 51 (Sidebottom 21).
- v. Ecclesfield (Away). Lost. School 57—8 declared. (Atkinson 26). Ecclesfield 58—4.
- v. Oakwood (Home). Lost. Oakwood 61—6 declared. School 35.
- v. Hemsworth (Away). Lost. Hemsworth 78 (Swinburne 7—23). School 36.
- v. De la Salle (Away). Lost. School 87 (Amos 21). De la Salle 88—5.
- v. Mexborough (Away). Lost. School 61 (Schofield 20). Mexborough 62—2.
- v. Bretton Hall (Away). Won. Bretton Hall 144 (Swinburne 6—48). School 146—8 (Swinburne 62, Hill 28).
- v. Rotherham (Away). Lost. Rotherham 97 (Swinburne 6—41). School 90—8 (Swinburne 28, Sidebottom 26).
- v. Woodlands (Home). Lost. School 57. Woodlands 58—3.
- v. Old Boys R.U.F.C. (Home). Won. School 86—8 declared (Sidebottom 32, Swinburne 20). Old Boys 68 (Hill 4—42).
- v. Old Boys (Home). Won. School 120—8 declared (Atkinson 37, Law 26 N.O.). Old Boys 53 (Hill 6—25).

The Staff defeated the Prefects by sixty-one runs, thanks to a stalwart innings of forty-two by Mr. Gaskell, and the cunning bowling of Messrs. Almond and Anthony.

CRICKET — UNDER 15

The Junior XI had a fairly successful season, winning three and losing three of their six matches. The team spirit was good and, although the team lacked a consistent batsman, a promising bowler was found in Willetts.

Results :

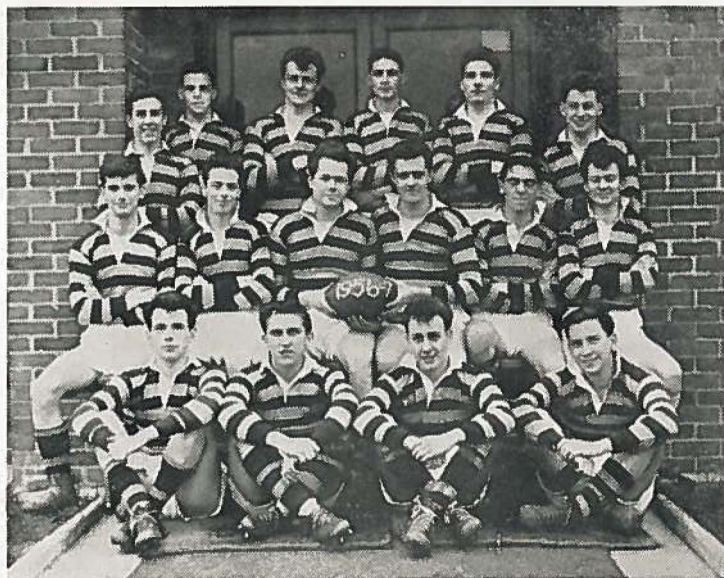
- v. Ecclesfield (Home). Lost by 33 runs 58—91 for 4 declared.
- v. Rotherham Boys (Home). Lost by 5 wickets 62—65 for 5.
- v. Mexborough (Home). Lost by 11 runs, 37—48.
- v. Rotherham G.S. (Home). Won by 1 run, 52—51.
- v. Oakwood (Home). Won by 8 runs, 35—27.
- v. Hemsworth (Home). Won by 7 wickets, 36 for 3—35.

HOCKEY FIRST XI, 1956-57



Ruth Senior, Vivienne Hughes, Sylvia Easom, Ann Rawlinson, Vilma Bailey, Rita Moore, Mary Huddart, Beryl Fisher (*Captain*), Anita Wigfield, Merle Parrish.

RUGBY FIRST XV, 1956-57



Jones, Watkin, Turnbull, Swinburne, Mack, Wilson.
Macrae, Powell, Bell (*Captain*), Wood, Law, Atkinson.
Nelson, Sidebottom, Parkin, Harvey.



HOCKEY

First Team : V. Bailey, M. Parrish (*Captain*), E. Price, A. Cropper, D. Marvin, V. Hughes, R. Senior, B. Cowdell, J. Walton, A. Dunkley, B. Senior.

Second Team : R. Bradshaw, J. Wallis, B. Rogers, E. Foster, M. Hurrell, J. Smith, S. Clayton, J. Wilkinson, H. Sagar, J. Moody, S. Wainwright, J. Carr.

Results : (School score first).	1st Team	2nd Team	Under 15
v. Ecclesfield	8-8	2-5	1-2
v. Doncaster Convent.. ..	11-3	4-2	—
v. Old Wathonians	5-3	—	—
v. Hemsworth	2-1	2-3	4-1
v. Abbeydale	3-2	3-0	3-1
v. Thorne	3-3	4-2	4-1
v. Rotherham G.S.	2-4	3-0	0-1
v. Ackworth	3-7	2-3	—
v. Barnsley	—	4-6	—
v. Mexborough	6-0	5-1	—

By the end of last season the Wath Grammar School hockey teams had built up quite a reputation for themselves. This year's First and Second teams are maintaining that reputation as the results show. We now have a flourishing Under 15 team who are as skilled as their elder colleagues and whose efforts were well rewarded by their victory in the Doncaster tournament.

M. PARRISH.

RUGBY

Last season closed very favourably for the first team, the climax being the defeat of the Old Boys.

The Second XV had a good season all round, and the "Under 15" played very well.

This year's pack is not as heavy as last year's, but although they are as fast they do not unite to stop their opponents' attack. Harder and more enthusiastic practice is needed to make the forwards into a unit. The backs play within themselves and as a result they have only held their own in the matches instead of being on top.

The second team is quite a strong side and have successfully fought some very keen battles.

The "Under 15" also have quite a strong team this season although there is room for improvement in both the forwards and the backs.

The first team is chosen from :— Swinburne (*Captain*), Watkin (*Vice-Captain*), Jones, Sinebottom, Kaye, Parkin, Jackson, Russell, Macrae, Gittins, Pownall, Schofield, Harvey, M., Flint, Cooper, B., and Nelson.

Results so far :

First XV.				Second XV.			
Ex-Captain's XV	H.	Lost	0-6	Sheffield R.U.F.C.	A.	Won	27-3
Pontefract	A.	Lost	0-11	Hemsworth	H.	Won	22-8
Hemsworth	H.	Lost	8-18	Thorne	H.	Won	22-3
Thorne	H.	Lost	6-19	Sheffield R.U.F.C.	H.	Drew	3-3
Morley	A.	Lost	0-3	Pontefract	H.	Won	9-0
Morley	H.	Drew	0-0	Hemsworth	A.	Won	17-6
Doncaster	A.	Won	17-3	High Storrs	H.	Won	18-0
Barnsley	H.	Won	35-0	"Under 15"			
Old Boys	H.	Lost	3-16	Spurley Hey	H.	Drew	9-9
Pontefract	H.	Won	6-5	Hemsworth	H.	Lost	3-9
Hemsworth	A.	Lost	6-14	Thorne	A.	Lost	0-11
"Under 14"				Spurley Hey	A.	Won	8-6
Hemsworth	A.	Won	8-6	E.S.C.	H.	Drew	3-3
Spurley Hey	A.	Won	21-0	Hemsworth	H.	Won	11-6
Hemsworth	H.	Won	19-6				

J.W.SWINBURNE, *Captain* (U.VI Sc.)

OLD WATHONIANS' ASSOCIATION

The Annual Re-Union Dinner was held on Saturday, 4th May, 1957. Old Wathonians were very pleased to see Coultard, an old scholar who is now Headmaster of a Home Office School. Coultard gave a most interesting and enlightening talk about his work.

The Dinner was followed by the Re-Union in the new hall. This gave Old Scholars an opportunity of seeing the Memorial to Mr. Ritchie.

The Re-Union of 1958 is to be held on Saturday, 29th March. Tickets, 11/6d. for the Dinner, 3/- for the Re-Union only, may be obtained from School or from the Secretary. It is hoped that all who know of this event will make it as widely known as possible and that many more Old Scholars will come along. Subscriptions are payable at the Re-Union, or should be sent to the Secretary. (Annual Subscription 1/6d., or 3/- to include the following year's Magazine. Life Membership 30/-, or 25/- if paid by the first Re-Union after leaving school).

The Tennis and Cricket Matches were held as usual in the Summer. The Hockey Club is flourishing. Anyone who is interested should contact Mary Taylor, 6 Rotherham Road, Great Houghton, near Barnsley.

In September a party of Old Wathonians went by special 'bus to Doncaster Arts Centre to see Philip Mackie's "The Whole Truth." The outing was very much enjoyed by all who went. Another visit is already being arranged, and it is hoped there may be more in the future. Anyone who is interested should contact the Secretary.

MARRIAGES

Rex Burkinshaw (W.G.S.) to Mollie Winder.
Frank Hooper (W.G.S.) to Pamela Ruth Firth.
Walter G. Staniforth (W.G.S.) to Gwen Howells.
John Graham Teale (W.G.S.) to Jean Bedford.
James S. Walker (W.G.S.) to Jean Sandiforth.
Donald John Watson to Iris Dyer (W.G.S.).
Stanley Taylor (W.G.S.) to Joan M. Dyson.
Glyn Carling to Elizabeth Jose Davis (W.G.S.).
Malcolm C. Davies to Patricia G. Wroe (W.G.S.).
Harry Jones to Lesley J. Shaw (W.G.S.).

BIRTHS

Mr. and Mrs. L. Barber (Mary George)—a second daughter.
Mr. and Mrs. A. Sykes (Margaret Kitchener)—a son.
Mr. and Mrs. Berry (Joan Clegg)—a son.
Mr. and Mrs. Haigh (Constance Clegg)—a son.
Dr. and Mrs. C. Booth (Pat Winch)—a son.
Mr. and Mrs. Rayner (Pamela Skelton)—a son.
Mr. and Mrs. Earnshaw (Betty Phillips)—a daughter.
Mr. and Mrs. Ibberson (Mabel Ward)—a daughter.
Mr. and Mrs. D. Binns (Kathleen Fitch)—a daughter.
Mr. and Mrs. K. C. Phillips—a daughter.
Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Walker—a daughter.
Mr. and Mrs. R. Bond (Carrie Bridges)—a daughter.
Mr. and Mrs. K. Pike (ex Staff)—a son.
Mr. and Mrs. R. Walker (June Willey)—a daughter.
Mr. and Mrs. W. Hammond (Monica Bell)—a daughter.

DEATHS

We record with regret the death of :—

Joan Roddison (W.G.S. 1947-1952).
Raymond Prendergast (W.G.S. 1925-1932).

CONGRATULATIONS

We congratulate the following on obtaining degrees :—

John Norman Knutton, B.Sc. Honours Degree at Rugby Technical College.

Thomas Swallow, B.A. Honours in French at Bristol University.

John Darley, B.A. Honours Degree in History at Bristol University.

Anne Bentcliffe, B.A. with Honours in History at Birmingham University.

George Kay, B.A. Hons. (Geography) at Liverpool.

Brian Wilby, B.Sc. (Maths.) at Leeds.

Dennis Knowles, B.A. (History) at London.

Janet Wood, B.A. (Social Service) at Liverpool.

John Seago, First Class Hons. in Glass Technology, and F. J. Wood Medal for best performance of the year.

Congratulations are also extended to :—

Dorothy Egerton on being appointed to a Headship at Broomhill.

E. Auty on his appointment as an Associate Member of the Institution of Electrical Engineers.

Maurice S. Beedan on being appointed under-manager of a Colliery.

Colin Cutler on being appointed to a Headship at Wath National School.

Phyllis Parkin on being appointed to a Headship at Darfield.

Janet Wood on her appointment as Children's Officer at Warrington.

Roy Dilkes—N.C.B. scholarship to read for a degree in Electrical Engineering at Durham.

Barrie Davies—N.C.B. Scholarship (Mining) at Sheffield.

Dr. Kenneth A. Steer, on being appointed Secretary of the Royal Commission on the Ancient and Historical Monuments of Scotland.

Bryan Law on passing the final examination of the Association of Chartered Accountants.

Leslie Pownall on passing the Law Society's Final Examination.

Jean Dearden, S.R.N.

News of Old Scholars should be sent to Miss Swift at School, or to the Secretary, Miss Kathleen Clark, 19 Claypit Lane, Rawmarsh, Rotherham.

OLD WATHONIANS R.U.F.C., 1957

The most outstanding feature of 1957 was the adoption of a Club Badge, after many attempts. The design, while not related to the school, is truly "Old Wathonian" in character, as any club member will explain.

Cricket matches were again arranged, and helped to tide us all over the summer.

Our first game was with Woolwich Polytechnic, who had obviously prepared themselves in view of last year, and promptly beat us. Nevertheless, everybody enjoyed the trip.

Since then, the club has had its ups and downs with narrow wins and the occasional heavy defeat. The Crossleyan game was close despite the score and the Cup Game was only a shadow of last cup meeting with Yorks C.W.

As in previous years the Army has taken its toll of our playing strength, but the recruits from school and elsewhere are pulling their weight and lack only experience. If we could keep a team together for at least two seasons, winning the Yorks shield would not be just a dream. We hope the game against the school was a sign of things to come.

G. Wood is again to the fore when it comes to scoring tries, whilst M. Wood is kicking his way to his half-century, which he should reach in his next game.

Our next dance is to be held at Wombwell Baths on Friday, 3rd January. All are invited.

Results :*For Against*

Sept.	14th	Woolwich Polytechnic	A.	6	11
"	21st	E.S.C.	A.	9	3
"	28th	Sheffield Tigers	A.	8	6
Oct.	5th	Sheffield T.C.	A.	0	6
"	12th	Barnsley	H.	12	11
"	19th	Old Crossleyans	A.	6	20
"	26th	Leeds Y.M.C.A.	A.	11	9
Nov.	2nd	Old Mannerians	H.	27	3
"	9th	Yorks C.W. (3rd Rd. Yorks Cup)	H.	11	17
"	16th	Burley	A.	0	3
"	23rd	School	H.	16	3
"	30th	Old Dronfeldians	H.	16	3
Dec.	14th	Scunthorpe	H.	3	6

B. LIDSTER (*Hon. Secretary*).**PREFECTS, 1957-58**

Thelma Fellows (*Head Girl—left in October*), Pamela Hunter (*Head Girl*), Patricia Yelland (*Deputy*), Pamela Brown, Marjorie Sells, Merle Parrish, Marjorie Layhe, Janet Thompson, Christine Grammer.

Watkin (*Head Boy*), Spencer (*Deputy*), Butterworth, Jacob, Knaggs, Nelson, Swinburne, Barker.

SUB-PREFECTS

Vilma Bailey, Margaret Bingham, Maureen Biram, Frances Bower Janet Carr, Maureen Conley, Denise Downing, Anne Dunkley, Doreen Hatfield Patricia King, Lilian Crritt, Brenda Sale, Ruth Senior, Barbara Smith, Jetta Smith, Margaret Swallow, Pauline Turner, Kathleen Walker, Jacqueline Walton, Jane Wilkinson.

Atkinson, Blythe, Cooper, Crampton, Crossley, Egerton, Hartley, Harvey, Haywood, Hucknall, Hurrell, Macrae, Marriott, Pownall, Roberts, Sidebottom, Taylor, Tomlinson, Wood, D., Wood, W. T.

EXAMINATIONS, 1957

State and County Major Scholarship—Ann Young.

County Major Scholarship—H. Mack.

County Exhibitions—G. Bell, J. S. Butterworth, B. Cox, A. Lawson, C. F. Mathews, J. G. Spencer, Pamela Hunter, C. J. Clayton, A. Driver, J. T. Weston, Jennifer Barker, Pamela Brown, Joan Senior, Patricia Yelland.

County Bursary—Thelma Fellows.

Passes at Advanced Level :

U.6 Sc.—Bell (3), Butterworth (3), Cox (3), Jacob (3), Knaggs (3), Law (3), Lawson (3), Mack (3), Mathews (3), Potts (2), Spencer (3), Tomlinson (2), Watkin (3), Wilkinson (3), Wilson (2), P. Hunter (3), A. Young (3).

U.6 Lit.—Clayton (3), Driver (3), Weston (3), J. Barker (3), A. Beaumont (3), P. Brown (3), T. Fellows (3), B. Fisher (3), S. Haigh (1), M. Huddart (3), P. Jenkinson (3), C. Jones (1), J. Baxter (2), M. Sells (2), J. Senior (3), C. Webster (3), P. Yelland (3).

U.6 Gen.—P. Eames (2), M. Hallam (1), R. Jones (1), M. Nicholls (2), M. Sidaway (1).

L.6 Gen.—Moody (1), M. Herring (1).

Deeks Memorial Prize for English Literature—Jennifer Barker.

John Ritchie Memorial Prize for Science—Ann Young.

"O" Level. (*Passes in five or more subjects*)—

Q.5—Blythe, Gawthorpe, Gittins, Graveson, Harvey, Hill, Hirst, Hucknall, Hurrell, Keeling, Marriott, Osborn, Rodgers, J. Cousins, B. Cowdell, J. Dilkes, A. Dunkley, A. Hudson, P. King, V. Powell, E. Price, A. Rawlinson, D. Robinson, R. Senior, J. Walton, J. Wilkinson.

5a—Barley, Dearden, Garbutt, Kirk, Lewis, Moore, Parkes, Swales, Wild, D. Downing, J. Jenkinson, J. Jesson, N. Mirfin, S. Pitchford, M. Smith, M. Thomas, P. Thompson.

5 Alpha—Griffiths, Harvey, Randerson, Short, Smith, Tune, J. Swift, M. Ullyott.

5b—Bell, H. Thornton.

5 Beta—Binns, D. Meade, A. Oldham.

(*Passes in fewer than five subjects*)—

Q.5—Davis, Longly, Maxwell, R. Bradshaw, M. Thorpe, S. Wainwright,

5a—Ashton, Selby, Sidebottom, Tate, L. Atkinson, C. Barwell, F. Bower, R. Cleary, I. Dolman, J. Fletcher, M. Hancock, M. Moore, J. Ward.

5 Alpha—Burkinshaw, Carr, Jones, Myers, Schofield, A. Bird, M. Boulton, L. Holmes, W. Nortcliffe, H. Sutcliffe, P. Taylor, A. Vallance.

5b—Amos, Bentley, Clifton, Neal, Percival, Simmonds, Spooner, Upton, W. Elliott, M. Green, S. Harrison, S. Jones, H. Maddison, R. Moore, C. Noble, D. Pollard, M. Redfern, J. Stanley.

5 Beta—Gordon, Kerry, Machin, Parkin, C. Chafen, B. Depledge, J. Francis, S. Newham, J. Smith, S. Sokell, P. Wilkinson, J. Wydell.

Best performance at "O" Level—Hucknall, Jane Wilkinson.

There were also twenty-one Supplementary Certificates gained by members of the Lower Sixth, and of the thirty-one Fourth Form candidates in French twenty-nine were successful.

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