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THE TOWER

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FOREWORD

IN process of growth, our school is gathering to itself everything associated with full life and work. The most recent development to appear is the school magazine and through this medium we hope to present ourselves and our activities to a widening circle of readers.

I have pleasure in writing this Foreword because it gives me an opportunity to thank the Editors, their helpers on the Staff, and the contributors for the time and effort given to this new venture. May it have long life and every success.

B. S. HOWARD, M.Sc. (Tech.), M.A., Headmaster.

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EDITORIAL

THE School has grown considerably in stature since its formation as the Junior Technical School in 1936, and then as the Technical High School in 1946. The need for a school magazine has gradually made itself evident. This need has now been catered for with the first edition of "The Tower." We believe that the Tower block has become a symbol of the School's lofty aims, and thus, quite appropriately, the school magazine is named after it.

The magazine is primarily directed at students of the School, past and present; secondly, at the public as an insight into the activities, news and personalities of the School. Our approach to journalism is perhaps unorthodox but, we hope, effectual in giving a true and vivid cross-section of school life. Naturally, the academic, sporting and social sides of the School will always take pride of place, but we hope to provide a living account of our school life, and not merely a factual record of results—and more results. We

are a young school with new ideas and a fine new building; the "teething troubles" are over, and we believe that we have a school that anyone would be proud to call "My old school."

A magazine, especially the pioneer copy, cannot be produced without a great deal of hard work, and all credit is due to those members of the Staff who have worked quietly in the background to produce a successful first edition. In particular, we thank Mr. Crick, "the iron hand in the velvet glove," who has guided the fortunes of "The Tower" from the beginning. We must also thank Mr. Bennett for obtaining the advertisements, without which this magazine would still only be an idea, Mrs. Taylor and her fifth-year girls for turning the magazine from scribble into type-script, and Mr. Adams for his excellent and inspiring cover design.

Now a word about the School itself. We are especially pleased with the growth of the many clubs and societies. Activities outside school-hours are increasing rapidly. Mention must be made of the concert and play, put on at Christmas, both of which were enjoyed by all who saw them. The first Prefects' Dance was held in December; it was a great success, and it is hoped to make it an annual affair.

On the academic side, the G.C.E. results, at all levels, are better than ever before, and the Sixth Form continues to grow each year. Examination results are to be found elsewhere in the magazine.

We are pleased that an Old Students' Association has been formed and we hope that its growth will continue unchecked—students of the School becoming members of the Association immediately on leaving the School.

On the critical side, we feel that there has always been a lack of interest in House activities in the School; possibly because there haven't been many House activities in the past. We feel it is time that a spirit of competition was introduced between the School Houses: more activities could be organised if pupils showed sufficient interest.

We welcome those of the Staff who have joined us during this school-year: Mr. Gibson, Mr. Jones, Mr. Major, Mr. Meldrum, Mr. Smithurst, Mrs. Wrigley, Mr. Syer, Mrs. Taylor, Miss Littler, Miss Clews, Mr. Waller and Mr. Gilkes—and extend our best wishes to those who have left us: Mlle. Reignier, Mr. Jury, Mr. Johnstone, Mr. Burn, Miss Evans, Mr. Nortney, Miss Clegg, Mr. Phillips and Mr. Hill. Our thanks are due especially to Mr. Burn, Mr. Nortney, Mr. Phillips and Miss Clegg who, between them, have devoted many years of service to the School.

Finally, we wish all those pupils who are leaving the School at the end of the Summer Term, good luck and every success in their future careers.

SCHOOL OFFICERS

Head Boy—A. W. Pell

Head Girl—D. Cumming

Deputy Head Boy—R. Baker

Deputy Head Girl—H. Miller

PREFECTS:

Upper Sixth: R. Bunting
A. Cockerill
A. Jones
J. Pardoe
A. Bradshaw
B. Tarry
S. Tomalin
D. Willmott
R. Macken

Fifth Girls: C. Whitehead
C. Pettifer
M. Walden
I. Hall
M. Taylor
M. Bullock
J. Parker

Lower Sixth: C. Finn
R. Wade
R. Pearson
L. Northover
A. Kingston
T. Hope
J. Alcock
M. Burrow
P. Brown
R. Osborn
J. Stewart
R. Daniels

Fifth Boys: M. Howes
R. Church
J. Dawkins
M. Ryan
R. Austin
K. Adams

UNIVERSITY NEWS

THE Editors would like to extend their best wishes to the following former pupils of the School who are now at Universities: A. G. Scott, G. Hobson, D. Hobson and R. D. Campin, who are all at Birmingham University; I. R. L. Lloyd, who has obtained his B.Sc., and is now doing research at Birmingham University; P. R. Johnson, who is at University College, London University; M. E. Haggett, who is at Reading University; and B. Allen, who is doing cancer research at Southampton University.

SPEECH DAY, 1959

THIS year, Speech Day was held on March 24th in the School Hall. An interesting Address was given by Mr. E. L. Russell, Chief Education Officer for Birmingham.

A main point, made by Mr. Russell, was a warning to parents that it was a "a terrible error and delusion" to imagine that school-leavers of 15 and 16 could today make such remarkable progress as school-leavers of thirty years ago might have done. Mr. Russell said that the most interesting thing happening in English education today was the purely voluntary extension of school life. There were more 15, 16 and 17 year-olds at school than ever before. In ten years, there has been an increase of 76% of pupils of over seventeen years of age. He observed that the country was getting a much

wider educational ladder which means that many kinds of professions and occupations can demand qualifications that previously they could not insist upon.

The Headmaster followed Mr. Russell with an account of the school year in his Annual Report. Details of both the School's examination successes and the extensions and changes to the School's curriculum were given. Mr. Howard noted "the wide range of posts filled by our school-leavers," and he mentioned a particular benefit of a new building and its facilities—namely, the "healthy growth of clubs and societies." A special feature of the Report was the news that an old pupil of the School is returning to take up a post as a teacher of Mathematics.

The prizes were graciously presented by the Mayoress, Mrs. V. J. H. Harris, and a vote of thanks was proposed by the Mayor, Councillor Harris. It was seconded in a robust and competent way by the Head Boy, Antony Pell. The School Choir gave of its best with a polished rendering of two fine songs. Speech Day was presided over by the Chairman of the School Governors, Alderman F. Tollit.

C. F.

PRIZE LIST, 1959

FORM PRIZES:

- First Year: J. Crouch, J. Brawn, B. Brown, D. Rooke, H. Brien, R. Kirby, I. Calder, R. Stead.
- Second Year: S. Old, J. Massey, T. Knibb, G. Warren, G. Sanders, A. Hofman, R. Clements, J. Church.
- Third Year: L. Lewis, D. Williams, J. Clarke, S. Reeves, L. Sharpe, D. Inwood, J. Statham, R. Oram.
- Fourth Year: C. Pettifer, M. Page, E. Clapham, R. Austin, R. Leigh, D. Easty.
- Fifth Year: D. Reeve, R. Powell, A. Kingston, J. Headland, J. Birch, J. Pittam.
- Sixth Year: B. Tarry, D. Cumming, A. Pell, D. Willmott.

MIDDLE SCHOOL SUBJECT PRIZES:

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|------------|--------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| Art: | S. Seward | Mathematics: | M. Ryan |
| Craft: | D. Easty | Needlework: | J. Parker |
| French: | C. Whitehead | Science: | E. Clapham |
| Geography: | J. Sheldon | Physical Education: | B. Capell J. Parker. |
| History: | R. Church | | |

GENERAL CERTIFICATES OF EDUCATION PRIZES—ORDINARY LEVEL:

- Passes in 8 subjects: R. Alcock, J. Birch, J. Headland, A. Kingston, R. Pearson, R. Wade.
- Passes in 5—7 subjects: T. Hope (7); A. Baseley (6); R. Daniels (6); C. Finn (6); L. Northover (6); J. Pittam (6); A. Pittams (6); M. Redley (6); W. Stephens (6); R. Chambers (5); D. Headland (5); R. Osborn (5); D. Reeve (5).

Distinguished work in:

Applied Mathematics:	A. Kingston
Art:	D. Reeve
Chemistry	R. Daniels
Commerce:	R. Powell
English:	R. Alcock
French:	A. Kingston
Geography:	R. Pearson
Geometrical and Mechanical Drawing:	B. Westley
History:	T. Hope
Physics:	A. Kingston
Practical Subjects:	M. Burrow
Pure Mathematics:	A. Kingston

GENERAL CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION PRIZES—ADVANCED LEVEL**Distinguished work in:**

Applied Mathematics:	G. Hobson
Pure Mathematics:	G. Hobson
Physics and Chemistry:	G. Hobson
Economics:	C. Andrews
Geography:	D. Bason

Upper School Physical Education Prizes:

M. Wilkinson, R. Bunting

Staff Prizes for Reading in Prayers:

J. Hardy, P. Johnson

The P. E. Tomkins Essay Prizes:

French:

D. Bason

History:

C. Andrews

The British Timken Essay Prizes:

1st:

C. Finn

2nd:

A. Cockerill

3rd:

L. Northover

The Hennings Prize:

H. Miller

The Tollit Prize:

R. Wade

The Headmaster's Prize:

R. Campin

The Percival Prizes for Public Spirit:

J. Magauran, C. Andrews

Head Girl's Prize:

D. Cumming

Head Boy's Prize:

A. Pell

The A. Chown Trophy:

L. Northover

The "Auricula" Cup:

G. Hobson

LONDON GENERAL CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION**Ordinary Level:**

R. W. Alcock	A. R. Kingston
J. A. Allen	G. S. Kirton
C. A. Ashmore	C. A. Lovell
A. C. F. Baseley	H. M. Miller
M. Battison	C. S. Munton
J. W. Birch	A. W. G. Musgrove
J. B. Braithwaite	D. G. Newman
M. J. Burrow	L. R. Northover
R. S. Chambers	R. F. Osborn
M. A. Church	R. C. Pearson
J. Clayton	J. F. Pittam
R. P. Daniels	A. G. Pittams
J. M. Deacon	R. A. Powell
G. A. Eales	M. W. Redley
N. A. Ficken	B. J. Rednall
C. Finn	D. E. Reeve
W. E. Francis	M. W. Ross

R. S. Gibbins
J. E. Grassby
M. J. Hammersley
M. F. Hankins
D. W. Headland
J. H. Headland
R. G. Hilton
M. Hitchcock
M. J. Holmes
T. R. Hope
D. G. Ives
T. Kenlin

P. S. Smith
W. H. Stephens
J. P. Stewart
R. Sullivan
M. Tate
B. Thompson
R. M. Wade
P. Webb
B. J. Westley
M. E. Wilkinson
C. F. Woodhouse
B. H. Woods

Fourth Year:

K. Adams
A. R. Austin
I. J. P. Brown
M. A. Bullock
B. Capell
A. J. Chivers
R. G. Church
E. J. Clapham
B. A. Cosford
B. A. Coull
W. P. Culley
D. G. Easty
M. B. Edwards
G. J. French

R. Green
P. F. Hern
J. C. Hiskey
R. T. Leigh
A. O'Toole
C. M. Pettifer
M. E. Rogerson
M. T. Ryan
W. R. Sharp
C. A. Smith
D. L. Solomon
A. C. Webb
C. A. Whitehead
C. G. Wright

LONDON GENERAL CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION

Ordinary Level—Additional Subjects:

J. C. Allen
R. G. Baker
R. H. Bunting
T. A. J. Cockerill
D. M. Cumming
T. R. Dale
A. Jones

R. J. C. Lawton
R. T. Macken
J. Magauran
J. W. Pardoe
A. W. Pell
S. Tomalin
D. P. Willmott

LONDON GENERAL CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION

Advanced Level:

J. C. Allen
C. W. Andrews
D. L. Bason
D. W. Betts
R. Campin
J. A. Hardy
D. Hobson

G. Hobson
P. R. Johnson
P. R. Montier
M. F. Tew
B. F. Wilson
A. F. Worrall
P. R. Young

SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS GAINED

State Scholarship:

G. Hobson Birmingham University
(Pure Mathematics; Applied Mathematics)

Major Awards:

C. W. Andrews
R. Campin
D. Hobson
P. R. Johnson

Leeds University
Birmingham University
Birmingham University
University College, London

SCHOOL LIBRARY

FOR over a year now, this has been functioning well, although the organisation is not entirely complete yet. Borrowers are numerous and regular, especially from the Lower School whose members, we are glad to note, come armed with their lists of recommended reading material. In this connection, we are pleased to announce that it is hoped shortly to have up to half a dozen copies of each book listed in the Reading Lists for the entire School. A start has already been made with the acquisition of such books for the first, second and third years. These volumes are to be shelved separately and should be easily accessible. All boys and girls should know that the Librarian will always be glad to receive details of books, both fiction and non-fiction, that they would like to see on our shelves. Some works have already been recommended in this way and will be acquired if suitable.

In some schools it is a custom for pupils leaving to present a book to the Library to commemorate their contact with the School and, in some degree, to mark their appreciation of what it has done for them. A few of our pupils have begun this practice with us but we would like to see it more generally recognised. Volumes thus presented will be suitably inscribed.

Our Reference Section is particularly valuable and is used extensively by the Sixth Forms who are permitted to study privately in the Library, but it should be known that all boys and girls may consult this section after school hours during the period that the library is open for issues, that is, up to 5 p.m.

The daily routine of work in this department of the School's activities has only been made tolerable by the unstinted efforts of the Library Prefects, whose valuable and devoted service is acknowledged most gratefully.

Mention, too, must be made of the frequent service given in the evenings by working parties of Fifth and Sixth Form boys and girls who have assisted in the immense task of preparing our foundation stock for use. Their help was given cheerfully and effectively. More remains to be done in some of the evenings of the Autumn Term and new volunteers will be called for in due course.

We confidently expect that our Library will be a great power for good in the School.

E. G. B.

LIBRARY PREFECT'S NOTES

THE duty of the Library Prefect is to remain behind after afternoon school to supervise the borrowing of Library books. This he performs each day, sometimes staying until 5 o'clock.

In this task, he is helped by a rota of other members of the Sixth and Fifth Forms, for whose aid he is very grateful. Small

groups of prefects, voluntarily recruited, often stay at school until 9 o'clock in the evening in order to make more books ready for issue.

The smooth running and successful management of the School Library depend upon a keen sense of teamwork between the pupils, the Library Prefect, and the Staff. The Library Prefect would like to take this opportunity to extend his thanks to all those who have given up their spare time to ensure the success of this venture and, in particular, to Mr. Bennett.

B. W. TARRY (6.U. Modern).

THE SCHOOL PLAY

THE School Play, which was, without doubt, one of the major attractions of the Christmas concert, was performed before the assembled school on the afternoon of Wednesday, 17th December, 1958, and was seen by the parents and friends of the pupils on that and the following evening.

The play was a one-act farce, "In a local Palace of Justice," by A. T. Talbot, and, as its title suggests, the plot of this hilarious comedy dealt with the remarkable course of events during a day in a magistrates' court in an obscure country town.

That the play was not lacking in humour can be judged from the situations which arose during its performance: the presiding magistrate arrested on a charge of fraud; one of his two charming colleagues rendered unconscious by a falling coat-of-arms, and the other lady shocked to find her husband in the dock, accused of drunkenness. As if this were not enough, throughout the play the police, lawyers, court officials and spectators indulged in uninhibited betting on race-horses; the play did not, however, rely entirely upon amusing situations to provide the laughs which came so readily from the packed audiences, since a witty dialogue, with a very subtle approach to the subject, succeeded in maintaining a smooth continuity of plot.

For our first dramatic performance, this short farce was an unqualified success, and its enthusiastic reception will, I feel sure, encourage us to even greater efforts when we produce our next school play. Congratulations must be extended to the noble Thespians, who gave a very creditable performance, in spite of their inexperience and the unfavourable acoustic conditions of the School Hall, and to the many people behind the scenes, without whose help the play would not have been possible. Special thanks must be extended to Mr. Bamber, our producer, to our expert make-up artists, the invaluable crew of scene-shifters, and the lighting and sound effects department. The scenery, which had been made in their well-earned leisure time by the Staff and senior pupils, would have adequately graced any professional stage.

Lastly, we would like to express our thanks to all those who helped, in even the smallest way, to ensure the success of our first School play.

B. W. T.

THE CAST

Magistrates: Jasper Scroggs	..	..	M. Edwards
Mrs. Huffer	..	..	M. Bullock
Mrs. Jones	..	..	N. Stevenson
Clerk to the Magistrates	..	..	B. Tarry
Woman Counsel	..	..	S. Walters
Man Counsel	..	..	R. Church
Detective	..	..	J. Tero
Police Sergeant	..	..	R. Austin
Mrs. Briggs	..	..	S. Seward
Mrs. Jolliffe	..	..	D. Sheppard
John Henry Jones	..	..	A. Chivers
Constable Gubbins	..	..	B. Meredith
Policewoman	..	..	B. Cosford
Mrs. Parmeter	..	..	S. Ward
1st Woman Spectator	..	..	E. Merry
2nd Woman Spectator	..	..	M. Taylor
3rd Woman Spectator	..	..	J. Parker
PRODUCER	..	..	Mr. Bamber
SCENERY AND STAGE CREW	..	..	Mr. Clarke, Mr. Bamber, Mr. Adams, Mr. Hartwell, Mr. Guffogg.
			R. N. Wilkins, I. Fitzhugh, J. Dawkins, D. Jewell, D. A. Jeyes, D. G. Easty, D. Plester, J. Forth.
LIGHTING AND SOUND EFFECTS	..	..	Mr. Guffogg, R. W. Howes, A. O'Toole
MAKE-UP	..	..	Miss Wilkinson, Mr. Hartwell, Mrs. Hartwell, Mr. Major

A FINE FIRST ATTEMPT

THE first concert by pupils of the School was presented on the 17th and 18th of December, 1958, and, on both occasions, was well supported by parents and friends. The fine new hall proved to be the perfect setting for this melange of music, singing, and dancing, which reflects much credit upon Mr. Chesters, Miss Rudling, the choir, and the dancers, who had obviously put in much hard work to present such a smooth and polished performance.

The concert opened with two part songs, "Behold 'tis Golden Morning," and "Shadow Questions," by the choir who, throughout, were skilfully accompanied by Mr. Chesters at the piano. Keith Robertson proved to be a violinist of some promise, performing the "Air" from Handel's "Water Music" with the confidence of a professional. A seasonal touch was provided by a group of first-

"IN A LOCAL PALACE OF JUSTICE"

(December 17th and 18th, 1958)



Back Row: Norma Stevenson, M. Edwards, Madeline Bullock
Front Row: B. W. Tarry, R. Church, Susan Walter, Susan Seward,
R. Austin, Diane Sheppard

FOLK DANCERS

(December 17th and 18th, 1958)



year girls who sang three carols, and the clear treble voice of Vaughan Meakins was heard to advantage in "The Little Road to Bethlehem."

A dance, spontaneously created by the performers to the music of "In the Hall of the Mountain King" from Grieg's "Peer Gynt Suite," was original, and the colourful costumes of the third-year girls, performing folk dances from various parts of the world, provided one of the high spots of the evening. The voices of T. Peploe, V. Meakins and B. Williams, harmonised pleasingly in Purcell's "Shepherd, Shepherd," and the results of much hard rehearsal by the instrumental group were heard to good effect playing music by Bach and Boismortier.

A resounding rendering of the beautiful "Gloria in Excelsis Deo" by the choir concluded a very successful performance, which, it is hoped, will become a "hardy annual."

T. A. J. C.

THE SCHOOL JOURNEY TO BEXHILL, WHITSUN, 1959

THE two coaches, H.M.S. Unicorn and H.M.S. Ocean, arrived at Bexhill at about 4.40 p.m. on a sunny, Saturday afternoon. The two parties alighted from the coaches and, after sorting out the luggage, were shown to their rooms.

After a delicious salad tea, the evening was spent playing games such as table-tennis, soft-ball and cricket. Some of the boys went for a swim in the hostel's open-air swimming pool.

On Sunday morning, the party assembled in school uniform and walked to a delightful country church nearby. After the service, we made our own way back to the hostel and had a typical Sunday dinner. In the afternoon, we journeyed to the 300 feet chalk cliffs at Beachy Head.

After a very good breakfast on Monday, we were taken to Battle Abbey just outside Hastings. We were shown the historical sites by an experienced guide who told us all the details of "1066 and all that." The afternoon was spent in the amazing Wannock Gardens, Berwick Church and Drusilla's Zoo.

Tuesday was a full day spent in visiting Folkestone and Dover. We stopped outside Dover Castle where we had a packed lunch. Then we had "free time" in Dover. The Staff members were greeted by a chorus of "Why are we waiting?" when they arrived back at the coaches—ten minutes late! The homeward journey was broken by a trip on the world's smallest railway, from Hythe to Romney.

We had our worst weather on the Wednesday, but that did not deter us from our programme and we visited the town of Lewes, as planned. In the afternoon, however, we all agreed to abandon

outdoor plans and a table-tennis tournament was organised along with drawing room games in the Library.

Brighton, on Thursday, proved a wonderful but expensive day out. At the end of the day, the boys came back eating large balls of candy floss, wearing frilly cowboy hats and armed to the teeth with water pistols.

Friday morning was spent swimming in the sea, but this was a quick "in and out," even for the brave ones. Our last trip was to Eastbourne where we bought presents for our parents. Friday night proved the most hectic night of all and, for some unfortunate members of the party, included rather an uncomfortable sleep.

This school journey with its fun, interest and excitement has been agreed by all to have been one of the most successful holidays ever. R. J.

SIXTH FORM EDUCATIONAL VISITS

DURING the year, visits were made to the Peterborough factory of Baker-Perkins, Ltd., the sugar-processing plant of the British Sugar Corporation, and the Vauxhall Motor Works at Luton. At the end of April, those of us taking Economics travelled to London, by train, to learn more about that mysterious part of London known as the "City."

Baker-Perkins manufacture bakery machinery for many well-known firms. During our visit, we were shown an enlightening film illustrating some of the uses to which the finished machinery is put. The following tour of the factory completed an interesting morning.

After lunch, we were conducted round the extensive factory of the B.S.C. and followed the entire process of sugar-beet conversion to crude sugar. We saw the arrival of the beet from the farm; the intensive washing of the root; the fascinating shredding process; the elimination of the pulp; and the processing of the juice until the final product of crude sugar is obtained.

It is interesting to note that this factory is an example of intensive automation, for a small amount of labour is employed in relation to the large factory.

A separate visit was made, some months later, to the Vauxhall Motor Works at Luton. Although we spent an entire day touring the vast factory, we were unable to see every operation, as was only to be expected. However, we followed the complete assembly of four and six-cylinder engines; the huge and expensive pressing machinery stamping out the car bodies; and part of the final assembly line. In addition to the actual manufacture of vehicles, this firm provides a well-equipped Apprentice School and numerous

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excellent sporting, social and dining facilities. We were impressed by the cleanliness of the factory and the courtesy with which we were received.

In London we visited the Stock Exchange where we were shown a film entitled "My Word is my Bond"—the motto of the Stock Exchange. From the Visitors' Gallery, we overlooked the very heart of the City—the floor of the Stock Exchange, where all transactions in stocks and shares are made.

Our next port of call was the Institute of Bankers; here we visited the Library and were especially interested in a collection of obsolete bank notes from Northants. They represented a tale of disaster and ruin, since most of the banks only lasted for a few years.

A brief stop at Guildhall, where they were preparing for the banquet in honour of the Shah of Persia, completed a busy morning, and after lunch we made our way to Lloyd's.

The highlights of this visit were the magnificent Underwriting Room (44,250 sq. ft.), the Nelson Room, containing the Lloyd's collection of Nelson relics, and the Committee Room which was adapted from the original Adam Great Room of Bowood House, Wiltshire.

After tea in the Captains' Room at Lloyd's, we went to Barclays Bank to see the way in which machines are playing an increasing part in the techniques of modern banking. Our last visit was to the House of Commons; we listened to a Committee discussing Secondary School Education. Afterwards, a bus ride took us to Euston Station where we were shepherded into the train by a patient Mr. Hartwell.

Further visits are planned, but details of these will be included in the next issue of the magazine.

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LETTER FROM THE PREFECTS' ROOM

SLANDEROUS accusations in the past have made us realize that the time has come to reveal the sordid "TRUTH" about the Prefect body. Contrary to general opinion, the prefects are not merely pretty faces, unemployables, layabouts, beachcombers, drug-addicts and eye-sores. The prefects' integrity is on trial and we feel it necessary to present an account of "A day in the life of a prefect."

The daily round begins with entrance duty: a sleepy prefect blinks owlishly against the unaccustomed daylight. The duty is renowned for the many cases of shell-shock, combat-fatigue and nervous twitching which are commonplace among the martyrs of the prefect body.

The next crisis is known as Morning Assembly. At a given signal, the prefects emerge from their lairs and form a line along