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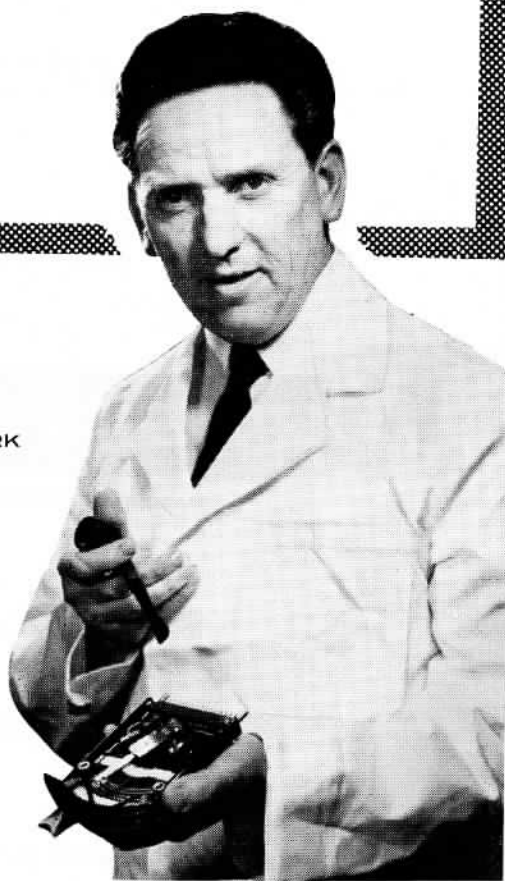
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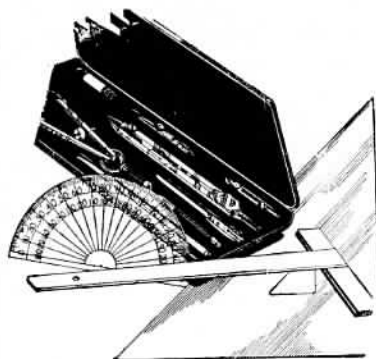
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THE TOWER

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EDITORIAL

THE character and spirit of a school is reflected in the content of its magazine. Such a magazine should mention the achievements of the school's present and past members, record the chief occasions of a school year and report the activities of its clubs and societies. Its contents should reveal that school life is not confined to the classroom and that participation in social, athletic and cultural activities is important in any individual's development to maturity.

Perhaps its most important function, however, is to give opportunity to those with an enthusiasm for writing to have their previously hidden talents acknowledged. The satisfaction of having one's work appreciated by the whole school, rather than simply by one's form, must give considerable encouragement. For this reason "The Tower" devotes its second part to original prose and verse—and the "Round The Forms" notes, where pupils can take delight in making ironic remarks about their classmates.

In this edition, we, the Editors, have tried to publish as representative a selection as possible from the different years, in the hope that readers will receive some indication of the development in style which can be achieved. We have also tried to balance serious with humorous writing. It was difficult to make the proportion of prose-writing equal to that of verse. Perhaps, contrary to the experience of other writers, our contributors find it easier to express themselves through this medium—despite the problems of rhyme, rhythm and versification.

There was a very good response to our appeal for original work, and it is gratifying to find that much of it was of a high standard—particularly the entries from the Lower and Middle Schools. We thank all our contributors, hoping that what we have said concerning the generally high standard of writing will console those whose work we have not been able to publish, and that all members of the school will continue to give us their support.

SCHOOL NOTES

We congratulate P. J. Essam, S. C. Kirby and Jean Leigh, who represented Northamptonshire in the All-England Athletics Championships held at Chesterfield last year.

Approval in principle has been given for the proposed swimming bath, the exact site as yet being undecided.

The Ministry of Education has given assurance that extensions to Trinity High School, including a Biology Lab. and Sixth-Form class rooms, will be included in the 1963-64 building programme.

We congratulate H. J. Linsley (6US), who won the Sixth-Form General Knowledge Test in October.

The School most gratefully acknowledge the gift of a megger (resistance-measuring device) from Messrs. Paignton's. This is a most valuable piece of equipment.

In December, the School collected sixty pounds for Christmas charities, which was given to the Oxford Famine Relief Fund and the Northampton and County Spastics.

We were delighted to receive from Stanley Unwin a special recording for our Christmas Concert.

In January the School XV played their first match against the Old Boys, losing 24-0.

P. Thomas (6LM) is congratulated for achieving a place in the County 1st XV for its match against Buckinghamshire in February.

We are pleased to record the birth of a sixth daughter to Mr. and Mrs. R. Bennett on 19th January, 1962.

The School welcomes the new members of Staff who joined us this year. They are: Mr. Hill, Mr. Holland, Mr. Meadows, Mrs. Queenborough, Mr. Rayton, Miss Rhead and Miss Stroud.

At the end of the last Summer term we were sorry to lose the services of Mr. Crick, Mr. Houghton, Mr. Mathews, Miss Rudling and Mr. Smithurst. We wish them every happiness and success in their new posts.

TRINITY OLD BOYS' RUGBY CLUB

TRINITY Old Boys' Rugby Club was started a year ago and we have just finished our first season.

Thanks to the initiative and drive of Mr. Grimshaw, a group of old scholars gathered and laid the foundations of the Club which we sincerely hope will grow and flourish. I hope that many, if not all scholars leaving Trinity in this and coming years will join the Club, where we can offer a cordial welcome and good rugby prospects. Taking this point a stage further, I would like to congratulate Mick Ryan, our Captain, on his having been asked to play for the Wanderers (the Saints' Second Team) in this first season.

We have received a great deal of support from the School and its staff, and it is with the greatest pleasure that I announce that Mr. Howard has agreed to become President of the Club.

This first season has, naturally enough, been an uncertain one, with a tremendous struggle to field a full side for the few fixtures which we have had. The future, however, depends upon you, the readers of this magazine, because it is only with the support of new members that the Club will continue.

RICHARD BAKER.

LEEDS UNIVERSITY OLD BOYS' DINNER

THE first Dinner of Old Boys now at Leeds University was held on February 16th in Leeds, when the Headmaster, Mr. F. C. Wright, Mr. P. J. Harris, Mr. E. G. Newell, Alderman T. H. Cockerill, and other University guests were entertained by Messrs. Finn, Cockerill and Alcock, Andrews being unable to attend.

We travelled north in the astonishing gale which did so much damage but were welcomed in a most hospitable manner at the hotel by the Old Boys. After the excellent formal Dinner, with speeches by Mr. B. S. Howard, Tony Cockerill and Alderman Cockerill, the evening was prolonged into the small hours at the Hall of Residence, where we drank coffee and were regaled with stories of present-day University life. This occasion was unique and we hope that the Old Boys at Birmingham will be able to repeat this next year for we feel sure that much good can come from such events.

P.J.H.

SPEECH DAY, 1962

THIS year, the proceedings of Speech Day were completed in the record time of just over an hour. The address, given by the Bishop of Peterborough, the Rt. Rev. Cyril Eastaugh, was directed mainly at the students of the school. Referring to the recent television interview of the Archbishop of York with Adam Faith, he said that the material in his, and other 'pop' stars' songs was 'just soppy.' Boys and girls in co-educational schools could recognise the inferiority of these songs, and regard each other as human beings. Dealing with authority in schools, he compared democracy with anti-democracy, and the oppressiveness of former school days with the benefits of submitting freely to a less stringent authority today.

In his report, the Headmaster spoke of the proposed extensions to the School, expressing the need for accommodation for our growing sixth form, a biology laboratory, extra staff accommodation and dining facilities.

The prizes, presented by Lady Laura Eastaugh, included two new ones. These were contributed by Alderman Chown and Fred and Hilda Watts, who gave them for outstanding work in music, and public spirit, respectively. The Auricula Cup, which is awarded for the most outstanding work by any student, was this year won by Richard Austin, who gained a State Scholarship and is now at Hull University.

Proposing a vote of thanks, the Mayor, Councillor Mrs. K. M. Gibbs, referred to her own school days, saying that respect, both in and out of school was, and still should be, important. Seconding this proposal, the Head Boy thanked all the speakers and guests for their presence, and then led the School in three rousing cheers.

The Choir, under the guidance of Mr. Bertalot, concluded the proceedings with a fine rendering of 'I Waited for the Lord' by Mendelssohn and 'Yarmouth Fair' by Warlock.

P.D.

PRIZE LIST, 1962

FORM PRIZES:

- First Forms: J. Harrington, M. P. Turner, J. A. Newton, R. T. Cosford, D. B. Dodge-Johnson, M. A. Stimpson, M. J. Davis, M. Crawley.
Handwriting Prize: S. J. Kightley.
- Second Forms: D. A. Littlewood, G. E. Taylor, J. Malin, M. Harrison, D. Cooke, M. Hanzlik, R. J. Coe, J. Cansdale.
- Third Forms: G. E. Bromage, A. R. Bull, A. J. Roberts, K. L. Mobbs, M. J. East, D. W. Thorneycroft, G. A. Churchill, P. B. Churchill, S. L. Withington, J. E. Merriman, M. R. Patching, G. Lilley.
- Fourth Forms: R. A. Farey, I. R. Calder, T. Roy, J. M. Thornton, R. Astley, G. E. Bull, J. N. Williamson, G. T. Smith, M. Mulcahy, A. D. Cawley, J. Dyer, A. A. Chamberlain.
- Upper School
P.E. Prizes: M. T. Ryan, J. Leigh.

GENERAL CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION PRIZES

- Ordinary Level: P. A. Barford, P. S. Dickens, M. E. A. Finch, A. W. Moore, S. M. Old, T. W. Perkins, T. N. Thomas, P. G. Tilson, B. J. C. Wood.
- Advanced Level: R. Austin, R. G. Church, E. J. Clapham, J. Clarke, P. A. Dawes, G. J. French, P. F. Hern, D. A. Jeyes, A. O'Toole, S. W. Reeves, D. F. Robinson, M. T. Ryan, J. L. Sheldon, I. R. Skears, J. A. Thorpe, R. Wilmer.

Sixth Form Prizes:

- P. E. Tompkins Prize for French:
P. E. Tompkins Prize for History:
Anthony Cockerill Prize for Geography :
Physics :
Chemistry :
Mathematics :
Economics :

- C. A. Whitehead
R. G. Church
C. M. Smith
R. Austin
E. J. Clapham
M. T. Ryan
D. A. Jeyes

Commerce :		J. E. Leigh
Craft :		J. Dawkins
Sixth Form General Knowledge Prizes :		H. J. Linsley, R. E. Harrison
		M. E. A. Finch
The Timken Essay Prizes :	1st:	T. F. Knibb
	2nd:	M. J. Lacey
	3rd:	A. L. Hofman
Staff Prizes for Reading in Prayers :		L. M. Baker, R. G. Church
The Hennings Prize :		S. E. Ward
The Tollit Prize :		D. J. Ashby
The Headmaster's Prize :		B. Capell
The Fred and Hilda Watts Prize for Public Spirit :		I. M. Hall, R. G. Church
Head Girl's Prize :		L. A. Lewis
Head Boy's Prize :		P. J. York
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Barford, P. A.	Hancock, A. G.	Peacock, C. R.
Barnes, R. D.	Hemmaway, S. M.	Perkins, T. W.
Bending, R. J.	Hensman, R. T.	Pointer, P. D. M.
Blundell, R. G.	Hinde, R. J.	Rappitt, S. M.
Brabbins, K. R.	Hofman, A. L.	Richards, V. A.
Brown, A. E.	Horn, P.	Roberts, T. G.
Chinn, G. M.	Hudson, S. H.	Rogers, R. P.
Church, F. A.	Humber, V. A.	Roke, T. J.
Church, J. A.	Irons, P. M.	Row, D.
Clements, R. L.	Ives, A. M.	Sharp, J. E.
Coley, J. J.	James, H. A. S.	Sheerman, C. M.
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Dickerson, W.	Martin, R. A.	Spring, T.
Draper, D.	Mason, R.	Tero, J. P.
Dunville, J. K.	Massey, J. A.	Thomas, P. W.
Egan, M. E.	McDonald, W. S.	Thomas, T. N.
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Felce, M.	Merry, E.	Tollit, J. L.
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Bampkin, D. W.	Harrison, R. E.	Rixon, K. R.
Breakspear, N.	Hope, T. R.	Sanders, G. R.
Brewer, N. T.	Humphryes, C. H.	Sheldon, J. L.
Brown, I. J. P.	Jerred, R. A.	Shulman, K. J.
Capell, B.	Jewell, D. H.	Skears, I. R.
Carroll, L. W.	Knibb, T. F.	Smith, C. M.
Clapham, E. J.	Lacey, M. J.	Spencer, I. J.
Clarke, J.	Lewis, L. A.	Spice, A. G.
Dawes, P. A.	Linsley, H. J.	Street, G. J.
Dawkins, J.	Newton, D. W.	Warren, G. J.
Dunkley, R. P.	O'Toole, A.	Whitehead, C. A.
Edwards, H. M.	Panther, G.	Winter, T. W.
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Austin, R.	French, G. J.	Ryan, M. T.
Capell, B.	Hall, I. M.	Sheldon, J. L.
Church, R. G.	Hern, P. F.	Skears, I. R.
Clapham, E. J.	Jeyes, D. A.	Thorpe, J. A.
Clarke, J.	O'Toole, A.	Whitehead, C. A.
Dawes, P. A.	Pearson, R. C.	Wilmer, R.
Dawkins, J.	Reeves, S. W.	York, P. J.

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Advanced Level—Additional Subjects :

Freeman, E.	Hope, T. R.	Pearson, R. C.
Hames, A. E.	Humphreys, C. H.	Ryan, M. T.
Hern, P. F.	McPherson, R. J.	Stevenson, D. A.

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State Scholarship :

R. Austin:	Physics
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Major Awards :

R. Austin:	Hull University
E. J. Clapham:	Sheffield University
G. J. French:	Birmingham College of Advanced Technology
P. F. Hern:	Birmingham College of Advanced Technology
D. A. Jeyes:	Leicester University
M. T. Ryan:	Durham University

SUCCESES GAINED BY PAST PUPILS DURING THE YEAR 1960/61

University Degrees :

B. Allen:	Ph.D. in Electronics, Southampton
R. D. Campin:	2nd Class Honours in Mechanical Engineering, Birmingham
D. Hobson:	1st Class Honours in Mechanical Engineering, Birmingham
G. Hobson:	1st Class Honours in Mechanical Engineering, Birmingham

FARE WELL

THE Editors offer their congratulations and best wishes to the following members of our Sixth Form who have been accepted, or have received provisional acceptance, for Training Colleges, Colleges of Advanced Technology and Universities:

D. J. ASHBY (Northampton Advanced College, London—Civil Engineering)
 L. W. CARROLL (Coventry Training College)
 P. A. DAWES (Birmingham University—Physics)
 P. HAGGER (Northampton Advanced College—Civil Engineering)
 R. E. HARRISON and D. C. INWOOD (Battersea Advanced College—Civil Engineering)
 M. J. LACEY (Kings College, London—Physics and Geography)
 H. J. LINSLEY (Hull University—Mathematics)
 R. J. MCPHERSON (Battersea Advanced College—Mechanical Engineering)
 T. D. RANDALL (Coventry Training College)
 G. J. STREET (Hull University—Physics and Mathematics)
 SUSAN WARD (Hull University—Economics)
 R. WILMER (Sheffield University—Chemical Engineering)

We hope that they will entertain, interest, and guide readers by sending us reports for future issues of the magazine.

“THE TOWN THAT WOULD HAVE A PAGEANT”

THIS year's production of the Amateur Dramatic Society, L. Du Garde Peach's farce, “The Town that would have a Pageant,” was probably the most difficult play attempted by the Society.

The play opened in the Committee room of Mangle-Wurzleton Town Hall, where the Town Council soon arrived to discuss arrangements for the quinqucentenary celebrations of the borough. They finally decided to hold a pageant representing the history of the borough. The next scene took place at the local theatre, where the rehearsals were in progress. The last scene showed the pageant as finally presented to the people of Mangle-Wurzleton.

Once more the play was a success, with excellent acting from all the cast. Mr. Bamber again produced the play in skilled fashion and Mr. Clarke, Mr. Adams and Mr. Rayton, with their assistants, produced some fine scenery. Special praise is also due to Mr. Guffogg for excellent lighting and effects. This, however, was an all-round effort and thanks are due to everyone who helped in any way.

M.J.A., H.J.L.

THE CAST

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MR. SMALL (Town Clerk)	..	..	..	..	..	Gordon Bromage
MRS. WHIRLOW	..	..	..	..	..	Christine Slater
JOE POOL	..	..	..	..	..	Robert Berton
DR. HOLDEN	..	..	..	..	..	Philip Thomas
MR. PILSEY (a schoolmaster)	..	..	..	..	..	George Brutnall
MR. JACK SHELTON	..	..	..	..	..	Trevor England

MAYOR'S ATTENDANT	Rodney Jones
THE MAYOR	Michael Adhemar
ELEANOR, COUNTESS OF BLISS	Linda Rixon
MR. PETHICK (a reporter)	Martin Verity
MR. WILKIN	John Church
SAM (an electrician)	Ian White
MR. DROGUE	Robin Douglas
MR. HEPPLE	David Cornelius
EARL OF BLISS	Nicholas Davis
LADY MARY	Valerie Humber
AMY FRITH	Susan Wiggett
MR. JUBB	Paul Shaw
MAYORESS	Diane Headland
MOLLY BRIGHT	Elizabeth Merry
BOY	Alan March
CYNTHIA BAMFORD	Rita Humber
ALICE POOL	Valerie Clarke
SALLY SIMPSON	Karen Andrews

THE SCHOOL FETE

IN the first three years which we spent in our new building it was soon appreciated that the gymnasium and the playing-fields gave very good facilities for P.E., rugby, hockey, athletics, cricket, tennis, basket-ball and boxing. The interest shown in the last three activities was most encouraging and many boys and girls who had no marked ability in other games were soon making good use of these new outlets for their energy.

The move from St. George's Avenue, however, to the bottom of Trinity Avenue had re-emphasised how difficult it is for classes to make good use of the facilities at the Mounts Swimming Bath, because of the distance involved. Indeed, it proved possible to take to the Bath only a limited number of Lower School classes, and those only in the summer term, and at the expense of periods which would have been spent in the gymnasium. Hence, it became quickly obvious to everybody how desirable it was to have our own swimming bath in our own grounds.

Once the Headmaster and the Staff were convinced that, both for teaching periods and for school clubs, this was the only answer, then the School was not long in showing, as it has so often shown in the past, that it was fully prepared to help in obtaining the necessary funds. The idea of the School Fête to raise a part of the money was soon forthcoming, and in the winter of 1960-61 the first steps were taken.

Meetings were held; committees and sub-committees were formed; letters were sent to parents; form teachers encouraged their forms to promise help, to undertake to run side-shows, to bring groceries, provisions and articles for sale or for prizes. Many parents with experience of running fêtes offered to help; staff and

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parents who knew the right people to approach for equipment, for stalls and for side-shows, obtained many more promises of assistance; and the Art Department was soon enabled to go ahead with a wide publicity campaign, culminating in an attractive display in the show-room window of the Gas Board in Abington Street.

It was apparent long before the day that there was a great deal of enthusiasm and a determination to make a success of the fête. One outstanding example of this was the quick sale of programmes, each bearing a number that could entitle the winner to a substantial prize. Because of this, Miss Wilkinson and Mrs. Stapleton were kept busy meeting the demands for more and more programmes, and their hard work in this and other directions was much appreciated.

Those of us who have seen a long succession of Sports Days threatened by the weather were not unduly surprised at the rain with which the day of the fête opened. Some were philosophical enough to point out that what fell in the morning could not fall in the afternoon; others quoted "Rain before seven . . ." In the event, optimists and pessimists were able to claim a drawn match, for, although rain fell just before the opening ceremony, yet thereafter we were lucky.

Parents and friends were certainly not deterred by the weather. Soon, bingo sessions were running, balloons were flying—mostly in a southerly direction, raffle tickets were being sold, and visitors were buying next week's groceries, or the flowers to decorate the dining room, or were hopefully guessing the doll's name. From the direction of the tennis courts came sounds that soon drew the Silverstone enthusiasts to try their hands at the Old Boys' go-karts, while the less venturesome were sedately riding on the ponies near Balfour Road.

The inner man was not neglected and large quantities of ice-cream, pop, sandwiches, buns and cups of tea were consumed, and Mrs. Hogg and her band of helpers were kept busy—almost too busy at times.

None of this, of course, could have been achieved without the willing co-operation of parents, wives and friends of the staff, boys and girls—indeed of everyone who has the interests of the School at heart. So well did all co-operate that Mr. Timms, having spent the afternoon making certain that all side-shows and stalls were well provided with change, and having received from the stall-holders and the side-show organisers their well-earned takings, was able to report that the fête had produced for the Swimming Bath Fund, the very satisfactory sum of £326 8s. 1d.

F.C.W.

LIBRARY NOTES

AS was stated in the corresponding notes last year, the School Library is not yet used as frequently or by as many boys and girls as it should be. It should be remembered that all boys and girls of the School are members of the School Library and are issued with a Borrower's Ticket by their English teacher. This ticket can be replaced if lost, on payment of a small charge: Supplementary Tickets, up to a maximum of four, can be issued to members of the Sixth Forms who are permitted to use the library during private study periods.

Every boy and girl is issued with a list of recommended books suitable to his or her age group and all these books are to be found on our shelves, frequently in duplication. Suggestions for new books to be acquired by the Library are always welcomed by those responsible for its running.

Sixty-eight new books have been added during the past year and the Library Prefects have given useful service in evening sessions preparing the acquisitions for the shelves. We gratefully acknowledge their efforts. In return for this service and the regular duties they perform after school and in the lunch-break, Library Prefects, whatever their Form, are entitled to the privilege of using the Library for private study in school time.

We hope that all boys and girls will avail themselves much more of the facilities provided in the Library and will make a regular practice of borrowing some of the most interesting and valuable books we have to offer, as the Headmaster urged on Speech Day.

D.J.A., R.D.B.

COURTAULDS

ON Thursday, March 22nd, a party from our sixth form went on a visit to the Courtaulds Works at Coventry. It proved a most interesting, if slightly mystifying, visit for the 'economists.' Having arrived at the big works, we were directed up seemingly endless flights of stairs and into a plush board-room. There, the scientists were given a talk by one of the managers, encouraging them to become recruited into the business. We were then divided into three parties and taken round the laboratories and various departments of the research plant. This was only one branch of many, and we were almost overawed by the size and advanced techniques of the place. It made some of us wonder how I.C.I. had dared to try to buy it. In spite of its chemical bent, however, the visit was of quite considerable value to those Economics students who went, as we were given a very good idea of the benefits and the problems of practical, large-scale production.

R.M.L.

SCHOOL CAMP, SUMMER 1961

AFTER a quiet but pleasant journey, during which several transistor radios, all tuned to different stations, had their volume tested, we arrived at the road leading to the pastures which were to be our home for the following ten days. Here, we were amazed to be confronted by two 'gentlemen,' one of whom was neatly dressed in a pair of plimsoles—too large, a pair of khaki shorts—too long, an impeccable shirt, and a well-kept bowler hat with a large hen's feather sticking out of it. This proved to be our advance party.

The camp was soon pitched and two dozen hungry souls eating to their hearts' content. The rest of the evening was spent in a leisurely stroll down the hill through the lovely village of Horton—taking care not to be influenced by the tremendous pace of its night life—and finally on to the beach. By this time it was dusk and we could not see much, so, after a stroll, we returned to camp.

The next day was spent in a much more detailed exploration of the surrounding land. Looking from the camp-site one could see the Bristol Channel and across to Ilfracombe. The camp was set on the cliff-tops and the fresh, cool, Welsh wind sorted the strong from the weak. The afternoon was spent canoing and swimming in the remarkably warm sea.

Most of the afternoons were spent in a gloriously lazy mood, and the evenings in fiascos, during which a mere handful of prefects and staff took it upon themselves to thrash the junior members at rugby, cricket and other active sports. The juniors revelled in this opportunity to inflict actual bodily harm and get away with it.

An energetic outing was one to Worm's Head. Here, a splendid view of Rhossilli beach, backed by a tree-covered slope, was shown to its full beauty in typically dismal British weather. It was a miserable, damp, windy day, though fortunately this was the only bad day of the camp.

We had two organised hikes; one was a morning trek to Blackhole Gut, and the other a highly successful and carefully-planned treasure hunt. In the latter, the prefects were placed at points in the neighbouring countryside and had the arduous task of sitting still and allowing the younger members of the party to find them. Once found, each prefect disclosed the position of the next and then went quietly on his way back to camp.

Throughout the camp there was a good sense of humour and I am sure everyone enjoyed himself. The last night of camp was passed with a camp fire, a chicken dinner and a hearty sing-song.

This year the School visits Llanmadoc, just across the Gower from Horton, and I have been fortunate enough to have been invited to take part. Knowing what last year's camp was like, I am really looking forward to it and I am sure that all concerned would like to thank Mr. Grimshaw for making our return possible. M.R.

THE CHRISTMAS CONCERT

THE fourth Christmas Concert, which was presented by the School to the Public on December 20th, 1961, was introduced, in his own inimitable manner, by the recorded voice of 'Professor' Stanley Unwin.

The Choir opened with two items, 'Salley Gardens' by Britten and the popular 'Waltzing Matilda' from "Down Under." Both were sung extremely well and full praise must go to the Choir-master, Mr. Bertalot. We next visited Italy for a lively 'Tarentella' by the fourth-form girls. A vocal duet by D. Hall and M. Harrison—the 'Twelve Oxen' by Warlock—was warmly appreciated by the audience. Both boys showed great promise and could well have entertained the audience for much longer.

The 'Sorcerer's Apprentices' by Saint-Saens was then danced by the second and third-form girls. This was an excellent performance and we look forward to seeing Miss Stroud's future productions.

'Song Tune from the Peasant Cantata' by Bach, and 'Minuet from Music for the Royal Fireworks' by Handel, were then played by the School Orchestra. Both items were enjoyed by all, and received vigorous applause.

The last item before the Interval was a display of Physical Education by the boys. Their activities on the trampette and the vaulting box, all perfectly timed, were a joy to watch.

After the Interval, Messrs. L. Clarke and G. C. Grimshaw sang two popular pieces, the 'Gendarmes Duet' by Offenbach and 'Tenor and Baritone' by Black and Wilson. Both pieces received sustained applause and a well-deserved encore was the sequel.

The main item of the evening arrived with Mr. G. N. Syer's production of 'The Dyspeptic Ogre,' an amusing play by Percival Wilde. All twenty characters were played by members of the first, second and third forms. The play was a great success, with some convincing acting throughout. Mr. Syer must be congratulated for this excellent production which had obviously been well-rehearsed.

The penultimate item of the concert was 'The Twelve Days of Christmas' by the Choir, who were joined by the audience and Orchestra to bring the concert to a close with the 'First Nowell.'

H.J.L.

'THE CRIMSON COCONUT'

ON March 21st, the Junior Dramatic Club, represented by a group of third-formers, gave a performance of Ian Hay's 'The Crimson Coconut' in the Northampton Schools Drama Festival. We venture to think the audience enjoyed the play,

judging by the volume of the laughter it aroused; the adjudicator, too, was generously complimentary, and the actors joyfully let themselves go in spite of some 'first-night nerves.'

Allan McLellan was an excellently incompetent detective in a bulbous pink nose; John Irons, a gruff old gentleman unlucky with his hats, had a very decorative daughter, Judith Betts, to provide the love-interest. Dawn Wilson, a lady anarchist, and her black-bearded husband, John Taylor, played two horrid, foreign villains with great gusto and most un-English accents. David Chivers was a great success in the main role of a sad-eyed, disillusioned waiter, and made the most of a good stock of comic lines. Michael Wimpess and Susan Cotter as the 'effects,' ticked like a bomb and broke china off-stage most professionally.

Our thanks to all those who helped with the production, and to the twenty or so members of the school who encouraged us from the audience.

J.I.M.

ART AND CRAFT EXHIBITION

DURING the latter part of February, the School Governors, parents of scholars and others interested in the School were invited to view an Exhibition of paintings, drawings, fabric designs and prints, modelling and pottery executed by scholars during their Art lessons. Quite a large number of visitors was recorded and many favourable comments on the standard and variety of work were received.

N.A.

SPEECH AND DRAMA

SPEECH and Drama classes are held in school during the lunch-hour and after school, and on Saturday mornings, at Miss Edgcombe's studio. The object of these classes is to encourage good speech and an ability to communicate with ease. Last summer, English Speaking Board Examinations were held in school and an examiner from the Board will be coming again at the end of June, when we hope to have an interesting session.

E.E.

THE WIDE WORLD

GOING to University after leaving school was a time which I looked forward to with much apprehension. It was to be the start of a totally new kind of life, or so everyone kept telling me. Going to Sheffield seemed to make quite a lot of difference; it would have been all right going to Birmingham, London, Leeds, or even Leicester, but going to Sheffield . . .

"Such a dirty place."

"I think the University is supposed to be quite a good one, but you won't like the town."

"I passed through Sheffield on the train, a few years ago, and it's such a filthy place; all the buildings are black."

Well, so much for public opinion, so I decided to go with no pre-conceived ideas, but to judge the town by what it was really like.

Any visitors to Sheffield see, as soon as they arrive, the grime of the East End and of the City Centre, but after a few days they begin to realise that this is only a very small part of Sheffield; on the outskirts there are literally thousands of clean, well-spaced houses, quite the equal of those in any other part of England; and no matter where you live in Sheffield, it is only a few minutes' bus ride before you find yourself on the very beautiful Yorkshire and Derbyshire Moors.

Another thing which no-one can dispute is that Sheffield has as much claim to the title of 'The City built on Seven Hills' as Rome has. And what hills! No matter where you wish to go, you can be sure that there will be at least one uphill stretch on the journey.

Apart from this, Sheffield is rapidly establishing itself as a shopping centre, and as a Mecca for all who like music, of any kind. At the City Hall, concerts are given by such orchestras as the Halle and the B.B.C. Concert, whilst there are also concerts for lovers of Pop Music and Jazz; and so for anyone at Sheffield there is plenty of entertainment. But this was not the reason for my coming here! I should be studying!

The University is expanding very rapidly; in the next five years the number of students is to increase from 3,500 to 4,000 and eventually to 7,000.

This is the environment into which 'Freshers' are flung. One of the first things a fresher must do is to register with the University, filling in large numbers of forms, handing in signed photographs, and having interviews with the heads of the various departments. Afterwards a student must enrol with the Union of Students and, at this time, 'Freshers' Bazaar' is held, at which each of the Union Societies has a stall and hopes to attract new members, either by persuasion or coercion.

At Sheffield, there are some thirty-odd Societies: Political Societies, Departmental Societies, Religious Societies, National Societies and then those which are classified as General Societies. The method of persuasion consists of making the first meeting, usually a social of some kind, free to freshers; the coercion consists of masses of propaganda which are thrust into your hands. The only way to prevent yourself being crushed by the weight is to join the society whose claims for your membership seem heaviest.