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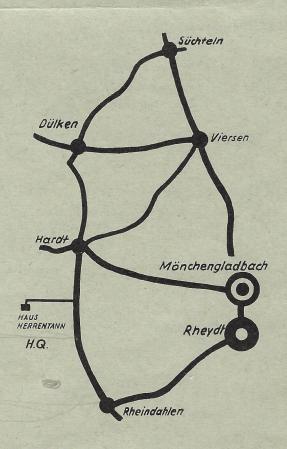
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EDITORIAL

As it is now fifteen months since the last issue of the Queen's Courier appeared, the Editorial Committee have decided to embark on a new plan for the school magazine which is intended to permit it to be published termly and to make it as far, as possible, financially self-supporting. The decision to publish termly rests mainly on the fact that schools such as ours see such a rapid turnover of pupils that an annual publication may never reach many of the interested parties. By bringing out a termly issue, the Committee hope that the contents will be more up to date and thus more appealing. Many school magazines run at a heavy loss and need to be subsidised by school funds. Where school funds are ample, this arrangements is acceptable, but if school funds are never very extensive, the heavy subsidy required can often be out of proportion to other expenditure. With this in mind, the Committee hope to make the Courier financially self-supporting mainly by altering its format and by encouraging advertisements. It is hoped that the price of DM. 1 will continue to be sufficient to cover later, larger issues.

No magazine with a very limited circulation can hope to flourish unless it receives the utmost support from all interested parties. It is hoped that as many as possible will assist by buying copies and thus not only ensure as far as possible the success of the magazine in its new shape, but prepare the way towards the production of a bigger and better illustrated magazine.

Queen's School continues to grow. It is expected that the number of pupils in September 1960 will be nearer 900 than 800. In order to accommodate these extra numbers, extra space is required and will be found in the present Church Centre and Instructional block in Beresford Road, of which we already use two rooms. The plan, a transitional one, is to convert this building into an art and craft centre for the school, until the new block to be built across the road from the main building is ready for occupation. The Annexe, housing our first-year pupils, is now firmly established, and a very proud establishment it is, with a strong individuality of its own. Thus, the school will continue to be spread over three sites, with the resulting complications; but the sense of unity has not been lost, nor must it be. The Editorial Committee believe that a flourishing school magazine appearing at frequent intervals can play a very considerable part in strengthening the bonds which unite the school.

J. V. Taylor

Mr Taylor took over the Headmastership of Queen's School in January 1957. The period of his office marked the growth of the school from the smallest B.F.E.S. Secondary School to the largest with some 750 pupils. It was a period of adaptation and improvisation during which the urgency of current problems left little time for consolidation and for the development of those many desirable sides of school life which demand leisure to plan and space to plan them in.

For him personally it was a period during which he was latterly dogged by indifferent health culminating in his resignation. He was, however, well qualified, if not by constitution, to a very ample degree by experience, temperament and character to deal with the problems and frustrations of a very fast-growing comprehensive school. He was a scientist—chemistry being his subject—and yet essentially in the humanist tradition. His depth of knowledge and width of interest in literature, history, geography and especially economics would have put many an arts man to shame.

His main educational interest lay on the academic side — the maintenance of high standards of teaching and learning in the school. He gave much earnest thought in these years of expansion to the development of curricula on liberal lines and to the establishment of a tradition of sound learning and industry; not as a fetish, never with an eye on the glitter of academic successes but because he believed such principles to

be basic to the formation of mind and character. This was his chief legacy to the school. And although he set great store by academic achievement and had the satisfaction of seeing the school provide a State Scholar, he was keenly aware of the needs of pupils less well endowed.

He conceived the school ideally as a democratic unity of headmaster, staff and pupils working in close harmony and it must have been a great source of pleasure to him on his resignation that he was able to hand over a happy and efficient unit to his successor.

The public reputation of the school was very dear to him and he was ever anxious to maintain the best relations with service authorities and parents both on the official and personal level.

Those of our readers who met Mr Taylor only on official occasions cannot but have been impressed by the excellence of his public addresses. Those of us who were present on December 16th last year at the School when a presentation was made to him by the Head Girl will long remember his brief reply. It was a message of thanks and farewell, public and yet personal, simple but eloquent, full of feeling and yet not sentimental, kindly and humorous yet authoritative and dignified. It left us with an indelible memory of the man who had been our headmaster for three years.

School Notes

We have a vast field to cover in a small area and if our report has the appearance of Lloyds List of Shipping Movements or of a Kempton Park Race Card, then we can only plead the title in justification — 'Notes'.

In January we welcomed from Cyprus Mr Aspinall as our new Headmaster. He was formerly Headmaster of Windsor School, Hamm, a well-known, popular and respected figure for many years in B.F.E.S. circles. He brings with him a wealth of knowledge and experience to Queen's School. There could have been, from our point of view, no happier appointment. We look forward to a long and prosperous union.

Teachers who have joined us:— Miss Boak, Miss Charters, Miss Dempsey, Miss Owen, Miss Robertson, Miss Garfield, Miss Bricknell, Miss Goodburn, Miss Fry, Miss Hutchinson, Mrs Durrant, Mrs Joyce, Mrs Finlay, Mrs Norman, Mr Bayley, Mr Wainwright, Mr Rodgers, Mr Siney, Mr Cooper, Mr Evans, Mr Matthews, Mr Buddery, Mr Balding, Mr Rawlings, Mr Burkinshaw,

Teachers who have left us:— Miss Bland, Miss Baxter, Miss Worton, Mrs Campbell, Mr Walker, Mr Purvis (to Windsor Girls' School), Mr Weatherhead (as Deputy Headmaster to M-Gladbach), Mrs Jenkins, Mrs Joyce, Miss Wood, Mr Pearce.

Mr Wilson, former Admin. Officer returned to U.K. Mr Isaac took over, shortly afterwards joining HQ, B.F.E.S. and was replaced by Mr Brown as Bursar.

Routine Visits by:— our Inspectors, Mr Staton, Mr Hoy and Miss McDougall; the Youth Employment Officers, Mr. Scrivener and Miss Hankin.

Special Visits by:— Mrs Gordon-Spencer, the organiser of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme for Girls; the D.A.G., Brigadier Bunbury to present Bronze Medals to the first successful members of the Award Scheme for Boys; the British Ambassador, Sir Christopher Steel, and Lady Steel on the occasion of Speech Day; Mr A.D.C. Peterson, Director of the Institute of Education, Oxford University; Brigadier Nicholls, the Chief Education Officer, to present the award of Queen's Scout to M. Harbord; Air Commodore Voyce and Wing Commander Stephens.

Special Events and Outings:— Prefects' Outing to Cologne and by boat to Königswinter; Party of fifteen boys to the International Cycle Rally, West-Brabant, Holland; Classics Party to Rome and Naples; two visits to Wuppertal Zoo; two visits to the Cologne Art Gallery; Historical Visit to Bonn and Schloss Burg; Geographical visit to the Eifel Hills and the Schwammenauel Dam; Visits to the Sugar Beet Factory.

Annexe Notes

For two months the centre of the Annexe was the Medical room of Queen's school, which was turned into a temporary office. We had two class rooms in the R.A.F. Amenities centre, two in the Church centre and two in the Royal Signals Education block. Although for the first week these two rooms were not available so we turned the Gymnasium into two class rooms. Our Science was taught in a small room in St. David's School; our Art and Needlework in St. David's Annexe. and Woodwork in the church centre. We could hold no morning assembly and children staying to lunch were fed in St. Andrew's and St. George's Primary Schools. Moving children between such wide flung rooms was a nightmare, but only once did the wrong class arrive at the wrong room. Transport, however was our greatest difficulty. There was the Wednesday afternoon when we could not locate the key to the church centre and after phoning everywhere Sister Haden cycled to our rescue from "F" Mess. Almost every day there were similar incidents which alone would fill a book. And yet out of this difficult beginning a sense of corporate feeling grew up which has now developed into a fine esprit de corps.

We were given two days to move into our new building and that was another nightmare. There were furniture, stores and crates arriving from everywhere. There were no windows in the Hall so we had to have an armed guard sleeping in the building at night. Even the doors would not lock properly so the guard commander had to bring two pairs of handcuffs to secure them — the doors. Yet we were able to start on the Monday as planned, even though the Camp buses did not pick up our children and we were twenty minutes late for our first Assembly which Brigadier Nicholls, the Chief Education Officer, kindly attended.

Once we had settled down we soon began to lead the life of a normal school. And our routine grew up very similar to Queen's School. Nearly three hundred parents visited the Annexe on the 2nd December to see the building and talk to Staff; and thanks to the help of Queen's School cook, our own being sick, we held two very successful Christmas Parties at the end of term.

At the beginning of the Spring term we were able to start a number of clubs on a Thursday evening from 4.00 — 5.00. These included Crafts, Chess, Music, Gymnastics, Soccer, French and Photography. Children are given a free choice of clubs but numbers are limited and there is competition to get into a number of clubs. The School Choir and a Recorder Club also meet during the week. In Sports our greatest disappointment has been not being able to get our own net-ball courts marked out, which has prevented us from holding a House competition for the Girls. The Boys, however, have been much more fortunate. The Junior Soccer Competition has been completed and the Walker Cup, which was presented to the Annexe by Mr. Walker, the previous Sports Master of Queen's School and a keen soccer enthusiast, has been won by Kent. The Inter-House cross country was held on the 21st March and the points of both the House Trophy and the Standards Trophy will count towards the award of these Trophies in Queen's School. We were very pleased that four of our boys were chosen to play in the School Soccer Team (under 13) which visited Hamm on 18th/19th March.

During the latter part of the term every boy and girl has been busy selling time in aid of the World Refugee Year and various other activities have been

carried out in aid of the same cause. Allowing for prizes we hope to send between £70 and £80 to the organisers of the fund in London.

Finally, we should like to send our very best wishes for future happiness to Miss K. Smith who is being married during the Easter holiday. Both Staff and children will welcome back Mrs. Brayden with the same affection they had for K.S.

J.W.M.

Combined Cadet Force

In September 1959, the Queen's School Contingent of the Combined Cadet Force started its third year. The strength of the contingent was 55, 3 of these possessing Army or RAF Proficiency (the new name for Certificate A, Part II), 17 possessing their Basic. The strength of the contingent was 55, 3 of these cadets. Captain W.O. Siney joined the Contingent, coming from the CCF at King Alfred School, Plön.

Training has continued normally on Thursday afternoons from 1440 to 1710. All cadets have taken part in .22 shooting on the Camp Miniature Range — the only limit to this being the amount of ammunition available. The school is fortunate in having the wooded area just behind it, as it makes a very suitable area for practical training.

Last term the Field Day was held on the Arsbeck Ranges. The morning was spent doing basic infantry training. After lunch, the RAF Section went to RAF Wildenrath for flying, whilst the Army and Basic Sections stayed at Arsbeck to carry out exercises involving platoon attacks and defence, using smoke generators and thunderflashes and all cadets firing blank. 303. Field Day this term is planned along similar lines.

The Proficiency Examination and Basic Test are being held on 31st March and successful Basic Section cadets will then be able to choose whether they join the Army or RAF Section.

Flying Officer Stephens is hoping to introduce two sparetime activities for the RAF Section in the near future — learning to fly the Link Trainer, and learning to glide with the Brüggen Gliding Club.

This year, instead of being at A.A.T.C. Sennelager, the Annual Camp for the contingents of the three secondary schools, Prince Rupert, Windsor and Queen's, will be held at Hohne, from 21st to 31st July. The RAF cadets will be spending three of these days at RAF Gütersloh, so that they can do their flying.

Since September 1959, the following promotions have been made:

N. Eames to Cadet Sergeant,

M. Williams, H. Goodwin and H. Gorry to Cadet Corporal, and S. Powell to Cadet Lance Corporal.

The contingent is indebted to Camp Headquarters for help received during this school year, particularly to Captain Price and his Weapon training Staff, and to Warrant Officer Fields and Warrant Officer Currie, the CSMs of 'C' and 'A' Company. Their enthusiastic and expert assistance, so freely given whenever possible, has been of great value.

Bisto.

From as far back as I can remember, Bisto was always in trouble. By trouble, I do not mean the usual cat-chasing, postman-biting and garden-digging. All dogs do those things and our Bisto was not an ordinary kind of dog at all.

Part of the trouble is that he is so big. All Saint Bernard dogs grow to a large size, but I have never seen one as big as ours. A wag from his tail is a danger to the legs and a lick from his tongue raises blisters. But the real trouble is, Bisto was trained to be a life-saver in the Swiss Alps, by finding exhausted climbers and allowing them to drink the brandy from a keg which he carried round his neck. When he came to us we tried to take it away, but he was so miserable without it, we let him wear it.

The first hint of trouble came when John, the boy next door, took Bisto for a walk and came home with a grazed knee and a giggle. He went into the house and whilst having his knee bathed, collapsed and was put to bed with a mysterious illness. From then on it seemed that everybody who took Bisto for a walk came back with the same complaint.

Determined to find the cause of this trouble, I took Bisto for a walk myself.

Coming round a bush in the park, I saw two men who recognized Bisto at once and to my surprise fell flat on their backs!

With a joyful bark, Bisto ran over and gave the men a drink of brandy from his keg. At last the mystery was solved; this then was the reason for the illnesses

We have found a way round the problem, much to the disgust of the townsfolk, by filling his keg with castor oil!

Pauline Brown, 1E.

An Exciting Evening.

My idea of an exciting evening would be to be offered a ride on horse-back. I have done a little horse-riding, and what I know, I thoroughly enjoy.

I can just imagine myself thundering along on a shiny black steed through fields of stubble and deep, dark forests. It would be wonderful, in the half-light made by evening shadows, long and purple-hued, to hear the crackling and rustling of crisp, dry, red-brown bracken and undergrowth being crushed underfoot. Flowers and plants, bent under the heavy strain of the persistent sun all day, fly past in a streak of vivid colour.

The trees, now bathed in dew, look silvery and dainty, and as if asleep. Copper beeches streak past in breath-taking beauty as I listen to the monotonous pounding of my steed's flying hooves on the hard ground sending small clods of turf in all directions.

This is my idea of an exciting evening, and it is my greatest wish that I should have the chance to do this.

Annette Selby, 2A.

Scotland — Home of the Haggis.

Scotland is a fairly small country, of which England is an unimportant province. It is inhabited by two types of people: the Haggis and the Scots.

The Haggis are the more important because they are renowned for their skill in performing the Highland Fling, a kind of native war-dance, which used to terrify the English. The Haggis have contributed greatly to Scotland's history, for it was they who won the Battle of Bannockburn for Bruce and Scotland. This was because they forgot their kilts and the English fled in disgust. This tactic failed at Culloden, however,

because by that time the English had developed their national characteristic of putting their telescopes to their blind eye, and so were able to win, despite the lack of clothing of their opponents.

The Scots must not be confused with "Scotch", a strong type of Highland water. The Scots are outnumbered by the Haggis, but are, nevertheless, very important people. The men are mostly tall, dark and brawny, and have long, spindly legs and knobbly knees, which are displayed beneath kilts. These kilts are made of tartan material, and each man wears the tartan of his clan. Most clan names begin with "Mac", but there are several notable exceptions. Most Scots live in tenements, the original skyscrapers, and the men are strong and silent, not being able to get a word in edgeways, as the women talk all the time. Unfortunately, most Scots are cannibals and kill the poor Haggis to eat their flesh, which tastes like disguised sausage meat and porridge. They eat this at their clan banquets, accompanied by the skirl of bagpipes, which, contrary to popular belief, were originally used by the Irish, who gave them to the Scots, who have not seen the joke yet.

Edinburgh, the capital of Scotland, is built around a castle which stands on a huge precipitous rock and is tattooed every year by soldiers. A gun is fired at 1.p.m. from the castle every week-day and frequently startles the inhabitants into thinking that the Glaswegians have begun their long-threatened attack. Unfortunately, the gunpowder leaves a curious aroma and so Edinburgh is frequently referred to as "Auld Reekie"

The Glaswegians inhabit Glasgow — a small dirty village some forty miles from Edinburgh — and are heathens who live in pubs. Most of them are Scottish Nationalists, who blow up pillar-boxes and curse the English, usually referring to them as Sassenachs, a very dirty word.

The most bashful of Scots is Nessie, the Loch Ness monster. She prefers lurking in the depths of her loch to facing the stupefied gapes of hordes of English and American tourists. As much as she is loved by tourists, Nessie is spurned by the Scots, for she alone will not wear a kilt and detests porridge. Scots eat porridge to give them energy and muscle to toss tree-trunks at the nearest Sassenach.

On the whole Scotland is a peaceful place, and there is harmony between the Haggis and the Scots. There was a big disturbance a year or so ago when a Scot named MacManuel devoured seven Haggis at one go. However, he was removed from the scene, and peace reigns once more.

Anne Boyd, 5G.

Culmination.

The storm burst on Friday morning. It had sparked and threatened all the week and on Friday morning it reached culmination and broke.

On Monday the new master had entered a bright tidy form-room in which a number of cherubs and angels, each with a shining halo swinging accurately in orbit above his head, sat in tidy rows, shining faces bright with intelligence, books ready, tidily piled, waiting eagerly for him to break the golden silence with words of wisdom.

On Tuesday the new master entered a bright tidy form-room in which a number of schoolchildren sat in tidy rows at polished desks, which were not even marred by the presence of books, with expressions not even marred by eagerness, waiting for him to break the silver silence, which he did, concealing with some difficulty that the inverted drawing pin on his chair had penetrated his defences.

On Wednesday the new master entered a formroom in which a number of very ordinary schoolchildren with expressions devoid of sense sat behind inky desks, quite devoid of symmetry, in a room that was quite devoid of chalk, wastepaper baskets, notice boards, teacher's chair and any sign of intelligence, waiting for him to break the copper silence.

On Thursday the new master entered a form-room in which a number of revoltingly ordinary schoolchildren sat with blank, unintelligent, unwilling, uninterested, unco-operative faces in a room which was quite unencumbered by desks, books, satchels, teachers's desk, teacher's chair and blackboard, waiting for him to wade across the sea of ink in front of the door and break the non-existent silence.

On Friday the Headmaster entered the form-room and the storm broke.

Elizabeth Cone, 5G.

Summer Term 1960

Provisional Calendar

July April 27 Term starts May 27-29 Matches v Prince Rupert School (home) 4-7 Whitsun: Half-term June June 13 G.C.E. Exams start 2 (provisional) Matches v Windsor Schools July July Sept. 6 Sports Day July

20 Speech Day: Guests of Honour — General Sir Richard and Lady Gale Chairman - Air Vice Marshal W. J. Crisham, C. B., C.B.E.

22 Term ends.

12 Autumn Term starts

House Reports

CORNWALL BOYS AND GIRLS

Since the publication of the last magazine, many changes have taken place in the house, and the past year especially has been an eventful one. At the end of the Summer Term our two House Captains, Patricia Yates and J. McLuckie left, as did our two games Captains, Marianne Larpent and Gillian Alexander. Two members of staff have also left us: Mrs Jenkins and Mr Pearce. We are also sorry to have lost Mr Meiklejohn and Mr MacGillivray, but we should like to congratulate them on being appointed House Masters of Edinburgh and Gloucester respectively. In their place we welcome Mr Bayley and Mr Burkinshaw.

During this term we have lost our Games Captain, Hazel Slack. Our present Games Captains are Elke Connell and M. Williams, the latter also being Boys' House Captain. The Girls' House Captain is Rosemary Linsdale.

The girls distinguished themselves by winning both the Senior netball and hockey trophies last year. The boys came first in the basketball tournament, J. McLuckie being awarded his basketball colours. The boys also came a very close second in the football.

The summer sports began with the tennis in which we were narrowly defeated by Edinburgh. Marianne Larpent and Rosemary Linsdale were also awarded their colours.

The boys excelled themselves by winning the cricket, and at the Swimming Gala the swimming cup was returned to Cornwall for the third time. The House decided to re-present the cup to the school for perpetual competition.

With the formation of the Annexe new junior teams have been started, which, we hope, will follow the excellent examples set by previous teams.

Other activities during the year included a party at which the senior members entertained the new members from the Annexe.

Several colour films by the Rootes Group and B.P. on motoring were shown to the House and were most interesting.

The tournaments of the last two terms have not yet been completed but but we are hoping for the same measure of success that we have enjoyed in the past.

> Rosemary Linsdale M. Williams (House Captains)

EDINBURGH GIRLS

At the end of last term we were very sorry to loose Miss Wood from the House staff. She had helped the House in all possible ways, both on the games field and in school. We were also sorry to lose Betty Cullen, the House Captain, at the end of the summer term, who has represented us well in the academic sphere, and Ann Walker who had been in all House Teams and whose loss has been greatly felt. We have had new members to replace these and others who left, and they are all doing their best in the class room and on the sports field, to make the presence of Edinburgh House felt.

We have had no full inter-house match results in netball and hockey so far, but at the moment we are leading in the senior netball, and second in the intermediate netball. We are all keeping our fingers crossed that we shall maintain our place in the senior tournament, and if possible, improve the result in the intermediate tournament. We have had hockey practices both amongst ourselves and against other houses, and the team looks quite promising for the forthcoming inter-house matches.

During the present school year there has been a growing spirit of co-operation, which makes us optimistic for the future of the House.

Pat Pulleyn (House Captain)

EDINBURGH BOYS

Our sporting efforts over the last year have not been altogether crowned with success, we can however take some satisfaction in our second position in the Swimming Gala. Bragg and Macpherson who left us last summer played a large part in this and other achievements.

Our winter soccer competition has now been concluded and, in spite of our fourth placing, the performances and spirit of both Senior and Intermediate teams has shown a great improvement which, I feel, will be reflected in better results this coming term. Houston for the Seniors, and Pritchard and Parkinson for the Intermediates may be singled out as having played with great spirit and no little skill.

The Cross Country and Basketball competitions have yet to be completed but I feel sure that, with the teams spirit now evident, the House should acquit itself well. The Summer Term will bring the Cricket, Athletics and Swimming competition. In the latter two, when our efforts will be combined with those of the girls, serious training beginning early in the term will be organized and all House members, particularly those new to our ranks, are urged to watch the Notice Board for news of training sessions. Cricketers should make themselves known by their presence at Saturday morning practices.

Mr. Meiklejohn has now taken over as our Housemaster and we also welcome Mr. Rawlings who joined us at Christmas.

In conclusion I would say: "Pull your socks up Edinburgh and let's see a trophy or two this coming term!"

D. Bickham (House Captain)

GLOUCESTER GIRLS

In many ways the past year has been an eventful one for Gloucester. We have lost our House Mistress and Captain, Miss'Bland and Zoë Goodeve-Docker and also Miss Worton. We wish them every success in their new life and we now extend a warm welcome to our new House Mistress, Miss Boak, and to Miss Owen.

Although we did not win the Work Cup there has been a tremendous improvement in the sporting abilities of the House. We were third in the hockey and swimming last year, but hope to improve in the hockey as we now possess five members of the school team.

We secured first place in the Athletics and I feel Janet Ovenden and Valerie Denton should be mentioned for their outstanding achievements on the sports fields. In the Inter-House Tennis Tournament we came third but the competition was very close.

The Junior and Intermediate Rounders teams won both the cups and we hope they will repeat this success in the coming season. In the present intermediates season the senior netball team came second and the came first. We hope that they will repeat this success next year.

Let us hope the name of Gloucester will be maintained in the coming year and may we have many more successes.

Valerie Gibbons (House Captain)

GLOUCESTER BOYS

It was with much regret that, at the end of the 1958-59 session we bade farewell to our founder Housemaster, Mr. Morgan, when he left to become Master-in-Charge at the Annexe. We would like to record here our sincere appreciation of his unflagging and cheerful efforts on our behalf throughout his term of office. He left us with enthusiasm running high as we had just gained a notable victory in the inter house Athletics event as well as being runners up in the Cricket competition. In the former, good all round performances together with an outstanding contribution from M. Harbord (who won his school Athletics colours) carried the day. In the latter, much credit was due to our burly wicket-keeper.

Our sports performances in the preceding winter and spring terms had not been attended with the success that we sometimes felt our efforts deserved and we finished at the foot of the football league, consoling ourselves with another runner's up place in the Basketball tournament.

At the start of the 1959-60 session we welcomed Mr. MacGillivray as our new Housemaster. Ably assisted by Messrs. Beaver and Corke and by Mr. Buddery at the Annexe he had the encouraging start of seeing us win the Inter House Football League thanks mainly to the Intermediate XI who won five of their six matches and for whom R. Saunders (now left) and D. Loveday were outstanding performers.

F. Abbott (House Captain)

KENT GIRLS

At the beginning of the Autumn Term we welcomed Miss Charters as the new House Mistress after the departure of Mrs. Campbell who has returned to England. We would all like to thank Mrs. Campbell for the many things she did for Kent House and to wish her luck in the future.

The past two terms have not brought any great success to Kent in the sporting sphere but work has continued to improve steadily.

There have only been two House matches — the Intermediate and Senior netball and unfortunately in both, Kent occupies bottom position, not having scored any points. The second round in each will be played shortly and Kent must make a real effort to redeem itself and improve its position in the competitions. The inter-house Hockey will also be played later this term and Kent will be making an attempt to secure some honours in this tournament.

It is regrettable, but interest among the seniors in sporting activities is lacking and frequently raising teams presents difficulties. This term everyone is urged to give their full support to all the House Teams. With this, there is no reason why Kent cannot "Sweep the board!"

Janet Welsh (House Captain)

KENT BOYS

Kent House was fairly successful in the field of sport during 1959. Their football teams proved too strong for the rest of the school, and last season they won the cup. Outstanding for the house was Paul Smith, who, although a junior, played with great distinction for both junior and senior teams.

Kent also came out top in Cross-country, and a feature of their success, was the sound team running of the junior team. Both individual cups went to Kent runners, namely Whitebrook in the Seniors, and Smith in the Juniors.

The Senior Cricket Team did not play very well, due mainly to the lack of good bowling. The Juniors had a good side and Smith was again outstanding; he played well for both teams.

The Sports Day approached with the House without any of the previous year's stalwarts, due to postings and departures, and consequently Kent could do no better than finish third.

The 1959-60 football season opened with the House having a good Senior team, but weak Intermediates. However due to departures in the Seniors and new arrivals in the Intermediates, the position was reversed, and eventually we finished in second position.

We now look forward to the Basketball Competition with high hopes, and further ahead to the cricket season, when we hope to field a strong side.

B. Grimshaw (House Captain)

Clubs and Societies

The Fifth and Sixth Form Society

We had to change our conception of School Clubs when the Fifth and Sixth Form Society was inaugurated this term because for the first time at Queen's School the membership of a Club was restricted to the older pupils and a new and interesting element introduced with the participation of parents in the activities. This means that the meetings must take place in the evenings and, finally, the club is our first which has not been restricted to one pursuit but has so far had a different activity at each meeting.

The first session on January 26th, saw Mr. Aspinall giving a talk on Cyprus, illuminated by a sequence of colour slides which contributed greatly towards giving us the 'feel' of the island.

Since then we have had a quiz when the Upper Sixth and V Technical and Commercial narrowly managed to beat the Lower Sixth and V Grammar, a Brains Trust where Mr. Halford represented the Parents, Miss Lancashire the Staff, and Pat Pulleyn and Fred Abbott the School, and a well argued lively debate. Before the end of term we shall have a Mock Trial and the activities should close spectacularly when B.F.N. brings the Semi Final of Brain of the Forces and a Variety Show.

The Recorder Club.

The Club reporter, David Letts, tells us that Samuel Pepys wrote that "the sound of the recorder is of all sounds in the world the most pleasing to me." If he could only have heard its sound in Queen's School he might have had second thoughts since Mr. Wainwright, our new Music Master has resurrected the Recorder Club and now has twelve keen acolytes letting breath pierce through their fipple flutes often with more verve than art and accuracy. However they do seem to be learning and as we rush past the Music Room we have learned to recognise their free variations on Skeena Maggot, Mr. Boswell's Whistle and other improbably named tunes.

Soon Mr. Wainwright hopes that his Virtuosi di Mönchengladbach will make their debut in a School Concert. In the meantime they are fiercely practising at home, though some parents have shown sound sense in banishing them to the cellar.

The Black and White Club.

The long lunch hour on Wednesday has enabled us to form a Black and White Club where twenty enthusiasts have been engaging in a fair number of graphic processes.

In so far as lino cutting is concerned the Club's name is a misnomer because the red introduced in the form of blood spilled in cutting accidents would satisfy the thirstiest vampire in the most gruesome horror film. Despite the battle scars some interesting prints have been produced and exhibited in the school and in H.Q., B.F.E.S.

Etchings, scraper board and pen and ink work make up the rest of the work done by the members, everyone of whom has been expected to produce at least one example of each process during the term.

THE GEOGRAPHY CLUB

This, the oldest and largest of the school clubs meets every Thursday and has a faithful following who flock to see Mr Francis' interesting film shows when detention does not divert them into another, less pleasant occupation.

During most of last term and part of this Mr Francis showed us films on various products, palm oil, rubber and tea for example. We saw how the product is grown, shipped to other countries, processed and then finally put into use.

The latter part of this term has been spent covering Great Britain. Some good colour films were shown, some about holiday resorts in Devon, Cornwall and Dorset

We are very grateful to the A.K.C. for their help in providing the films which make this club possible.

Next term we hope to see a series of films on the United States and Australia.

FRENCH CLUB (ANNEXE)

The "Compulsory French Club" has been accepted with resignation by most of its members. Due to the fact that some pupils had been transferred to Queen's School Annexe from other schools, where they had learned little or no French it was necessary to find some means of helping them to catch up with the others.

Since the number of the French Club does not exceed twelve, it is to be hoped that its members will not only reach the standard of the rest of the school



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but that they will be outstanding in their various classes, in their knowledge of French Grammar and convincing pronounciation.

SOCCER CLUB (ANNEXE)

Starting with twelve members at the beginning of term, numbers have now built up to a membership of twenty four. Half our time each Thursday has been spent in practising various soccer skills such as passing, trapping and heading. Another skill we have been trying to improve is kicking, because very few boys can really kick the ball hard enough to beat the goalkeeper each time. In the second half of our club time we play a game, trying to put into practice the skills which we have learnt.

CROSS COUNTRY AND GYMNASTIC CLUB (ANNEXE)

The Annexe Combined Cross-Country and Gymnastic Club has been functioning successfully since the beginning of the Spring Term. Sessions have been attended most enthusiastically by its twenty-five members and the standard of performance has showed considerable improvement in both sections. Regular training has brought the Cross Country record down to 9 min. 57 sec. by A. Smith, from the 11 min. mark at which it stood at the beginning of term. Gymnastically hard work has transformed simple rolls etc. into headsprings and handsprings, and the more advanced members have now reached the stage of necksprings, headsprings, and overswings, on both the long and cross boxes.

PHOTOGRAPHIC CLUB (ANNEXE)

It was decided at the beginning of the Spring Term to start a Photographic Club but delay was experienced due to lack of suitable equipment. This has now been overcome and the Club formed of twelve members and elected officers.

All members have cameras and propose to learn to carry out their own processing. It is hoped at a later date to co-operate with the Annexe Newspapers in recording school events, as well as other topics of interest in the area.

MUSICAL ACTIVITIES AT THE ANNEXE

We were not able to have any music lessons at the Annexe until we moved into our own building in November. Once installed, it was important to form a choir quickly as we were nearing the end of term but selection from one hundred and fifty applicants proved quite a difficult task. The choir sang at the Service of Nine Lessons and Carols and this term it is preparing for concerts at the Main School and the Annexe.

Those interested in playing the recorder meet once a week and the group includes both beginners and those embarking on their first sonata.

There is enthusiastic support for the Gramophone Club which meets after school on Thursdays. The Club has a nucleus of regular attenders who arrange programmes in advance so that others, who prefer to pick and choose, know when their favourite pieces are being played. Records brought from home have

proved a welcome addition to the school collection and I would like to take this opportunity of thanking parents who have helped us.

CRAFT CLUB (ANNEXE)

The Craft Club was introduced at the beginning of the Spring Term, giving the opportunity for pupils to pursue particular crafts, other than those included in the school syllabus.

Originally this was intended for boys only but after several of the girls had enquired it was decided to make it a mixed club. The response was overwhelming with a decided predominance of girls and unfortunately membership had to be restricted owing to lack of space.

So far the girls have shown themselves extremely adept at handling various tools and have produced work of a very high standard, both, in basketry and other aspects of craftwork.

On Friday November 27th, 1959 Queen's had their first visit from Prince Rupert School, Wilhelmshaven.

Girls' Sports

The Visit by P.R.S.

The teams arrived by bus at 6.30 p.m. The members of the teams were the introduced to their various hosts, and accompanied them to their homes.

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On Saturday morning the games took place; the first event was the cross country which proved to be a success for the Queen's team. This was followed by the netball, hockey and football matches.

The netball match started well, but the P.R.S. team was to strong an opponent for the Queen's team and won 21-6. The main cause of this defeat was the speed of the P.R.S. team combined with accurate passing.

The hockey match was played on the W.R.A.C. pitch. One again it was the speed of the P.R.S. team which threw the Queen's team off balance. Their forwards attacked well and their defence proved steady. The Queen's team lacked the final effort needed to get the necessary goals and were thus defeated 6-0.

On the Saturday afternoon, all were free to do as they pleased, returning to the school for a dance held in the hall at 7.30 p.m. This was a fitting climax to the week-end, and was a great success.

On Sunday morning the teams assembled at school for the return journey. Queen's were sorry to see them leave, but with the promise of return matches in March they set off for Wilhelmshaven.

Netball

On Saturday afternoon February 13 th, the first Netball VII played a match versus the W.R.A.C. The match was on the whole of quite a high standard, the first half being the better of the two. The second half

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was marred by the over eagerness of the first VII to keep the lead of one goal, which they held at half-time.

The match showed that the shooting and passing need improving, and there is necessity for interchange by the centre court players. Both defence and goal defence allowed the shooter to mark them too well, and they did not use the methods for hindering the shooter to their full effect, and the passing out of the circle, to the side must also be improved. Centre passes must be better planned, to prevent them going, as some did, to the opposing side. More persistent effort, both by the centre attack and centre defence must be made to keep up with the game. Practice had noticeably improved the shooting of the attack, but the goal shooter must take a little more time before shooting to prevent shots being wasted. Practice is needed by both however, so that an optimum result may be obtained.

The team was:-

Goal Defence. M. Willmett.
Defence. S. Joslin.
Centre Defence. V. George.
Centre. M. Bryan.
Centre Attack. C. Doherty.
Attack. S. Skirrow.
Goal Shooter. P. Pulleyn.

Hockey

Typical of all matches with the W.R.A.C., this, played on Saturday March 5th, was a hard fought game from first to final whistle. The weather was not encouraging being misty and humid and the grass pitch was extremely slippery.

The play during the first half was fast, with the Queen's team attacking most of the time and several shots were attempted without success. A few minutes before the half time whistle the W.R.A.C. forwards with an excellent display of quick passing raced through the Queen's defence and scored a goal from a fine shot by the right inner, making the half-time score 1-0.

In the second half Queen's fought back very determinedly, the defence resisting all attacks but in spite of great endeavour the forwards seemed unable to scored again making the final score a 2-0 victory.

The Queen's team although disappointed not to have won were reasonably satisfied with the result as the previous two matches against the W.R.A.C. had ended in overwhelming defeats, 6-0 and 8-1.

Visit to Wilhelmshaven

On Friday 11th March Queen's School Teams set out on their two hundred and thirty mile trip to Wilhelmshaven to play return matches with Prince Rupert School.

Everyone had anticipated a long weary journey but the green and yellow coach sped along and despite the inevitable "Umleitung" arrived at the school at the pre-arranged time, the passengers only slightly tired and still in very high spirits.

After a welcome supper the Queen's pupils joined the junior form in the Assembly Hall to watch an enjoyable film show consisting of a number of very amusing cartoons and the escapades of Abbott and Costello.

The hockey match was played the following morning under ideal weather conditions, bright and warm with a breeze blowing in from the sea. The P.R.S. tem quickly took the lead by scoring a goal about half a minute after the bully-off. This rather unnerved the Queen's team but they fought back against the fast P.R.S. side and the half time score was 4-0. After half-time the Queen's team rallied and even though the forwards did not manage to score the defence cleared well and prevented any further goals being scored. The final score was 4-0.

After the hockey match buses took the teams into Wilhelmshaven to have a quick look around the town and several members of the teams visited the famous German Naval Base.

The Senior and Junior football matches were held during the afternoon and in the evening the two netball games took place at five o'clock after tea. The Under Fifteen Team played an extremely good game, everyone making full use of their chances. The Queen's team were in the lead most of the time but P.R.S. kept scoring the equalizing goal and finally the game ended in a draw 10-10. The first Seven's match was not so exciting. The Queen's team lead 4-1 an early stage in the game, but fortune swung in no uncertain manner and they were overwhelmed, the final score being 29-6.

The very exciting sporting day came to an end with the supper, held in the Girls' dining hall, followed by a dance. The tables in the dining hall were beautifully set out as the prelude to an excellent meal. The dance programme was arranged to suit all tastes, from an old fashioned waltz to a tango, the Gay Gordons to a slow foxtrot and a slow waltz to rock 'n roll. Those who thayed the course obviously possessed great stamina but everyone had a thoroughly good time.

The green and yellow coach arrived early the next morning and the Queen's teams set off for home.

We, the Queen's teams would all like to thank everyone at Prince Rupert School once again for a very enyoyable weekend and all the members of Queen's School staff who made this trip possible. We are also looking forward to meeting our new friends from P.R.S. again when they visit us next term.

The Visit to Hamm

On Friday 18th March at 1.30 p.m. the Under 15 and 1st VII netball teams left for Windsor Girls' School to play their first match against Windsor girls in their new school. The buses arrived at Hamm School at 5.15 p.m. The teams were met by Miss Hill one of Windsor School's P.E. mistresses, who allotted them to the various houses. At 7.30 p.m. there was a dinner for the teams followed by a dance. This was the first occasion that Windsor girls had entertained teams from another school, and it was most successful.

On Saturday morning after assembly there was the staff hockey match and the intermediate cross-country. Both these were held in Windsor Boys' School but were watched by all. In the afternoon whilst the football matches were being played the netball matches took place. At 2.30 p.m. there was the start of the Under 15 match. This was most exciting with victory being within the grasp of both teams. The shooting, after the first five minutes, by both teams was good, and the play was very fast. Just before the final whistle, a penalty was taken which made the score and final result 8-7 for Queen's.

The 1st VII match was closely contested in the first half, but a superiority in shooting, accurate passing and above all speed was shown by the Windsor team in the second half and they went ahead to win by 13 goals to 7.

After the matches tea was served, after which at 4.15 p.m. the Queen's teams left, having enjoyed a most pleasant week-end both on and off the sportfields.

May we record our thanks to all those at Windsor Girls' School who made this visit possible.

Boys' Sports

As usual since the last edition, matches have taken place between Queen's School and Windsor School Hamm. The school team has also encountered new opponents in P.R.S. Wilhelmshaven and results of matches played against both Schools are given below.

Football

Versus Windsor Boys School, Hamm.

November 1958 — Windsor School Hamm 1,
Queens' School 1.
This was a good game with Queen's leading by 1 goal to nil until twenty minutes from the end.

April 1959 — Queen's School 1, Hamm 5.

Hamm showed their superiority in team play and combination which Queen's School lacked.

November 1959 — Queen's School 0, Hamm 6.

Queen's School had a very young team playing together for the first time, and although they put up a magnificent display a defeat was inevitable.

March 1960 — Windsor 7, Queen's 1.

Again Hamm showed their superiority and Queen's team could not cope with the fast moving Hamm forwards.

Versus Prince Rupert School Wilhelmshaven.

November 1959 — Queen's 0, Wilhelmshaven 1.

Considering the great handicap under which Queen's were playing, they put up a magnificent show and nearly forced a draw.

March 1960

— Wilhelmshaven 3, Queen's 0. Queen's made an excellent start and were easily the better team but unfortunately lost their captain Bickham early in the second half and finally went down three nil.

In the intermediate football match Queen's were outplayed and defeated by 7 goals to one.

Cricket

Only one game was played by the team in the 1959 season, and this resulted in a heavy defeat at the hands of Windsor School Hamm.

Results:— Queen's 58 Hamm 59 for no wicket.

Queen's lost the toss and were put into bat. After adding 50 for the first wicket, collapsed and were all our for 58. Hamm took their time and hit off their runs with 10 minutes to spare.

Athletics

Athletics took place as usual against Hamm, the Queen's team being defeated although McLuckie won the Shot Putt and High Jump.

Cross Country

The popularity of this sport has progressed throughout the year and recently the intermediate team defeated Hamm taking first three places.

Basketball

The School has yet to win a match and has suffered some heavy defeats at the hands of R.A.F. Wildenrath, R.A.F. H.Q's Unit and Windsor School, Hamm, but much credit must be given to some excellent play by McLuckie and more recently Williams.

School Colours were awarded as follows:-

Football: Bragg, Roberts, McPherson.

Basketbatt: McLuckie. Cricket: Abbott. Athletics: Harbord.

CHESS CLUB (ANNEXE)

In the number of weeks the Chess Club has been running the members who started at the beginning and knew nothing of the game have learned to play a most interesting game. The people who, when they first joined, knew how to play, have learned many details of importance which they previously did not know.

We first learned how to play pawns alone and soon after that we had a small tournament. We know now how to play with all the pieces. Chess is a most enjoyable way to spend leisure hours at home and after school.

Eric Wright Soccer Cup (Main School)

			Goals				
	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts.
Gloucester (Winners)	12	7	4	1	53	16	15
Kent	12	6	5	1	25	21	13
Cornwall	12	4	5	3	20	35	11
Edinburgh	12	3	6	3	14	40	9

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					Goals		
	Р	W	L	D	F	A	Pts.
Kent (Winners)	6	5	1	0	15	5	10
Cornwall Gloucester Edinburgh	6	3	2	1	14	6	7
	6	1	3	2	9	13	4
	6	1	4	1	5	19	3
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR:

Sir,

Is it true that, as there has been a great increase in the number of baby-sitters at Queen's, London University is offering Baby-Sitting as a subject in the G.C.E. Examination for 1961?

Yours etc.

C. Micklethwaite. 4. A.

Sir,

Wouldn't the risk of home accidents be decreased if girls took a simple electrical engineering course while at school?

With the amount of electrical gadgets appearing in homes the risk of electric shocks is increasing. Women will often push a loose connection or a piece of wire out of the way in some odd corner regardless of the risk they might be taking. When a fuse blows they will often try to fix it with a bent hair-pin instead of using a piece of fuse-wire.

I think a course such as this could be as profitable as a domestic science course.

Yours etc.

J. D. Carwardine. 4. A.

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Annexe "Selling Time" Competition in aid of the World Refugee Year has raised over £100.

Former Staff and Pupils

MRS CAMPBELL (formerly Miss Stephens) gave birth to a son on January 1st. At the christening Miss Wood in person and Mr Chignell by proxy were godmother and godfather to the child who was named Stephen Henry.

MISS WOOD now lives at her home at Kiveton Park and teaches at a Boys' Technical School in Sheffield amongst 700 boys and 32 male members of staff.

MRS GLASS (formerly Miss Baxter) is living and teaching in Montrose. She recently gave an illustrated talk to the Brechin Literary Society on 'My experiences in Germany'.

GILLIAN ALEXANDER is working at Imperial Chemical Industries in Westminster, and tiving at Haywards Heath.

JEAN BRINDLEY is working at Hawker Hunter Aircraft.

ROSEMARY MACAULAY is at school in Wirral, Cheshire.

HAZEL SLACK, after a spell working at Hostert has returned to London to enter the Nursing profession.

ANN WALKER is at P.R.S. Wilhelmshaven.

ROBERTS, GRAY, JASPER, the MAPPLEBECK TWINS and DERRICK are at the School of Technical Training, R.A.F. Cosford. ALDOUS has passed out of Cosford and is now S.A.C.

MACPHERSON is at R.A.F. Hereford as a Boy Entrant.

 \boldsymbol{BRAGG} is at Forest G.S., Winnersh, Berks completing 'A' Level.

DAVIES (ex-Sgt) is working as a Laboratory Assistant in the London area.

HOWARD is with the Forestry Commission at Farnham, Surrey.

 ${\bf RAY}$ is working as a metalwork apprentice in London.

COOKE (Howard) is stationed at R.A.F. Manby, Lincs.

ALLAN and MAHONY are working with the NAAFI.

MARIANNE LARPENT is at a Finishing School in Switzerland.

JOYCE THOMSON is now working in Scarborouh as a typist.

BRENDA COLE is living in Blackpool and goes to Thames Road School.

WENDA RISING lives at Bicester and is due to take her G.C.E.

RUTH SPENCER is living at Cottesmore in Rutland but is hoping to get a job in London soon.

HELEN PRICE is at the Bromley High School, Kent.

PAT YATES is doing her 'A' Level at Gosport Grammar School.

GILLIAN HOWELLS is working with a firm of Wholesale Grocers in Maidstone.

DENISE LAWRENCE has now gone to live at Kingston Seymour, Somerset.

DIANA WOOTTON is at a boarding school at Lyme Regis.

JANET OVENDEN is doing a secretarial course in Guildford and **LINDA** is at the Grammar School.

My Letter From Buckingham Palace.

When it was announced in the newspaper that the Queen was to have another baby I was delighted. I watched and waited anxiously for news of the baby's arrival. I had hoped it would be a sister for Princess Anne, but somohow I thought it would be a boy.

When the news came from Buckingham Palace that the Queen had had a son I was very pleased. The next day I went to the Y.W.C.A. to select a nice card to congratulate the Queen on the birth of a son. I sent the card, not thinking I would get a reply.

By return of post I received a letter from one of the Queen's ladies-in-waiting. It had 'Buckingham-Palace' stamped ow the top in red and the letter read like this:

Dear Fiona,

The Queen commands me to write and thank you for your very kind message of good wishes on the birth of her son.

Her Majesty is deeply touched by your thought for her, and desires me to send you The Queen's most sincere thanks.

> Yours sincerely, Mary Morrison Lady-in-Waiting.

I was very thrilled to think that out of all the thousands of greetings the Queen must have received I should have the honour of receiving a reply.

Fiona Roy. 1A.

The Seven Stages of School.

All the school's a stage, And all the pupils in it merely players: They have their exits and their entrances, And one boy in his time plays many parts, The course having seven stages. At first the new boy, Awed by all and bullied by his elders, Cap firmly set on head and wistful air. The second former, a little older now. Experience has lighted his dull brain; He now can hold his own 'gainst all the rest. Now the third former, lord of the junior team, In cricket and in soccer he excels. The fourth former, Cap having disappeared, In pocket hides this remnant from his youth; The female sex his heart at last has touched. The fifth form now this stalwart has attained, His childish treble has far deeper notes. Next a sixth-form boy with bristly chin, His sloppy hair completely hides his face. With exams his aimless life is filled. Th'upper sixth, soon school at last to leave, The senior team he dominated at length; But now will join his fellow men at work, Sans cap ,sans books, sans pen, sans everything.

A. H. Fraser. IV. A.

Little Miss Muffet.

A minute person of the feminine gender, in the unmarried state, by appellation Muffet, desposited her nether parts upon a diminutive promontory, profusely embellished with saxifrageous vegetation, for the purpose of consuming a distasteful-looking concoction of coagulated homogenous white fluid in a large pewter receptacle.

Suddenly she was attacked (although she only imagined that this was so, for the beast itself was of amicable intent) by a particularly unattractive and gargantuan arachnid of the biological species known to the better-educated as the species "Araneidae".

This formidable individual so terrified the aforementioned juvenile of the feminine gender that she departed in an expedient manner as befitted the advanced state of terror into which she had been thrown upon perceiving the arachnid, leaving the aforementioned diminutive promontory and the aforementioned receptacle containing the coagulated white concoction upon it after her departure.

A. H. Fraser. IV. A.

The Scarecrow.

Out in the desolate field I stand,
With a turnip head and a stick for a hand;
Tattered coat and trousers too,
And a wooden foot without a shoe.
With a battered hat on a vegetable head
I stand all day on a wooden leg.
Summer is the season which I adore:
I scare the rooks and crows galore;
And when the harvest time is past,
The snow sleet are here at last!
The farmer leaves me to stand alone
When the earth around has turned to stone.

Rhoda S. Brown. 2. C

Oon Rayde Upon Ye Olde Banke Midlandee.

(From Ye Olde Werkes of Chaucer)

Oon maskyd youthee goon In you Banke Midlandee, A slyk 22 rifle In his grymee handee. Arrayed in bleu swaydee Shoes, and grene drayne pypees, And ful wondrous longe, reede Cote wythe purpel strypees. Thogh he doon nat kan it He looke a rite, reel freeke. Herken! Swich genteel tonnes Whan he beginne to speke. "This 'eer ys a' olde uppe, Anon! ye bankees doughe If yer doon nat yeve me, Through ye a slugge wol go". Thanne oon leen flat-foottee Aryve and mak replyn: "Droppe that ther ryfle or I'll socke yer in the eyen". You youth was hardye uppe He hadde nat stopped to thynk; Nowth he saugh his follye Wolde lede him to ye clynk. Quickee he tourned, and hyt His captour on the heed; He maad his gette-a-waye Thanne, with the utmoost spede. Thede moralle of this storye You can esely see; To catche oon theef set oon Theef, nat oon flat-fottee.

Jennifer Peain - Upper Sixth

Baby-Sitting.

You arrive promptly at seven-thirty as requested, carrying your homework books if you are conscientious about doing your homework whilst baby-sitting. The parents show you where everything is, tell you to help yourself to what's been left for you to eat and assure you that their darling little offspring never wakes and that you'll have no trouble at all.

At last they leave and as the car drives away you settle down to listen to the radio or do your homework No sooner are you settled down than a small voice tells you that its owner is thirsty and would like a drink of water. Armed with a glass you get up and go to pacify the owner of the small voice. After Junior has finished the drink he didn't really want, he invites you to read him as story. You explain that you haven't a book, but of course he knows where there is one and like a flash he's out of bed and downstairs. By the time you have caught up with him he's comfortably settled in your armchair, having decided that it would be far better to have the story where he was than in bed.

After he has assured you that Mummy always allows him to do this, you read the story and then suggest bed. This suggestion is not accepted because by this time of course he has a whole string of things up his sleeve in which he thinks you'd like to participate. Time is flying by and soon the parents are due to arrive home, but no amount of coaxing will get Junior to bed.

After all the exciting games you and Junior have played he decides that he is rather hungry and so proceeds to eat all that has been left for you, without pausing to consider whether you yourself are hungry or not. By this time you begin to get tough and insist that Junior should leave your homework alone and get to bed; but oh no, he'll not go until he has had just one last story.

Once again you get the book and begin to read, but by the time you've reached the third sentence you realise that you are wasting your breath as Junior is now curled up and fast asleep in the chair you once occupied.

Carrying Junior plus all the cars, teddy-bears, trains and other toys that seem to have collected, you mount the stairs to Junior's bedroom. Just as you descend to do your homework you hear the parents returning and you begin to wonder if baby-sitting is such a worthwhile job after all.

J. Reid. V. G.

Epitaph on a Pedestrian.

He sauntered idly on M.1. His thoughts were far away; He'll never hear another horn, Until his judgment day.

Judith Forsythe. IV. A.

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W. H. L. Williams entered University College, University of London, October 1959.

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Riddle

My second's in Tudor but not in luck;
My first is in Drake but not in duck;
My third is in battle but not in war;
My fourth is in Bernard but not in Shaw;
My fifth is in Rome but not in Spain;
My sixth is in Metcalf but not in lane;
My eighth is in Telford but not in locks;
My seventh's in Pitt but not in Fox;
My ninth is in castle but not in fort;
My tenth is in Poor Law but not in court;
My whole is a man I'm sure you will guess:
He saved our country in time of distress.

Answer: 199d 11990H Pat Smith. IV. B.

My Visit to Madurodam.

Last year we paid a visit to the miniature town of Madurodam, at the Hague. After motoring for two and a half hours we reached the Hague and located our hotel. We dumped our baggage and with the aid of a map we picked our way through the maze of streets until we found Madurodam. It covered about five acres.

The town part was very beautiful and realistic. The spire of the cathedral was four feet high and the clock was exactly right. Coming out of the chapel was a newly-wed couple, with confetti and guests around them and a Citroen waiting for them. There was a wonderfully quaint old water-wheel, going slowly round. A barrel organ, with a man turning it, was playing. Singing came from the opera house.

A ferry was going back and forth laden with cars

and peoble. There were five ships in the dock. One liner, the 'Amsterdam', was wonderfully detailed: the captain was ordering the loading, life-boats had tarpaulins with 'Amsterdam' painted on them and there were many other things. Trains, with lamps on the dining tables and mirrors behind the seats, were continually rushing about the town with their load. Trams were stopping and starting at various points about the town. There was, by the river, a realistic oil-dump and pylons were outlined on the top of a hill. We reluctantly left the lovely place determined to

see it again when we next went to the Hague. We returned to our hotel, the afternoon well spent.

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