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HALL GRAMMAR SCHOOL

Moseley Hall School



CAREERS IN THE COAL INDUSTRY.—Modern Coalmining is very largely a new industry. More accurately, it is an old and vital industry which is being reconstructed to serve the present and future needs of the nation. While other forms of energy will help, the main source of power in the foreseeable future will continue to be coal.

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SUMMER TERM, 1956.

Since the last issue of the magazine momentous changes have taken place. The first three forms now consist only of boys and as a result of the girls' migration to their new school we have had to say a regretful farewell to many members of the staff: Mrs. Millard, Mrs. Battersby, Miss Cannon, Mrs. Chadwick, Mrs. Eastwood, Mrs. Hilliard, Mrs. Holdsworth, Mrs. Ryder, Miss Turner and Miss Walton.

In January we welcomed to the staff Mr. Lockett (English and History) and Mr. Woodland (Mathematics).

We should also mention perhaps the disappearance of Association in favour of Rugby Football and daring neither to lament nor rejoice, record that the last game of 'Soccer' has been played.

The end of the Spring Term drew to an exhilarating close, with a very successful school play and a series of vigorous games between the school and staff in which there was a deal of excitement but fortunately little blood spilt.

The crowning glory of the Term was the school visit to Switzerland, which was attended, apparently, by exceedingly fine weather, the memory of which will no doubt support its members through the trials of the G.C.E., and the English Summer. Unfortunately, we are unable to give an account of the visit to Switzerland owing to shortage of space, but hope to include it in the next issue.

With this edition, we welcome Mr. Waugh as the member of staff in charge of the magazine in place of Mr. Thompson, to whom we offer our warmest thanks for all his work in the past.

B. C. DRURY, VI Arts, (Editor).

SCHOOL OFFICIALS

Spring Term, 1956.

Captains of the School: B. C. Drury, Jean Gellatly.

Vice-Captains of the School: C. H. Brookes, Valerie Hill and Pamela Sellers.

Prefects:

B. C. Drury, C. H. Brookes, R. Mather, G. R. Harlow, I. Miller,
R. L. Jones, A. K. Banbrook, J. M. Brown, N. A. L. Curtis,
R. Downs, P. R. Gant, D. E. Levene, G. B. Lovatt, C. P. Marsden.

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R. G. Maund, J. D. Owens, J. R. Rushton, J. T. Williams, A. S. M. Campbell, D. C. Dennis, M. Bailey, A. J. Hirst, Jean Gellatly, Valerie Hill, Pamela Sellers, Dorothy Earlam, Amy Hewitt, Kathleen Ireland, Patricia Thornton, Anne Berry, Janet Gildea, Kathleen Hanson, Patricia McGill, Greta Nelstrop, Barbara Ray, Ann Stemp, Patricia Storey, Sylvia Wood, Diana Swift.

House Captains :

Bulkeley — C. P. Marsden, Valerie Hill.
Etchells — C. H. Brookes, Patricia Thornton.
Hulme — G. B. Lovatt, Pamela Sellers.
Moseley — B. C. Drury, Jean Gellatly.

The Library :

Librarian — B. C. Drury.
Deputy Librarians — Barbara Ray, Diana Swift.
Assistant Librarians — Jean Gellatly, Sylvia Watson, Sylvia Wood, Dorothy Earlam, Amy Hewitt, Patricia McGill, I. M. Buckley.

"The Chedleian" :

Editor — B. C. Drury.
Assistant Editor — N. A. L. Curtis.
Editorial Committee — Mr. Thompson, Mr. Seed, (Art Editor), Mr. Waugh, Jean Gellatly, Amy Hewitt.

Games Officials :

Captain of Football — R. Mather, (Secretary — C. P. Marsden).
Captain of Hockey — Mary Watson.
Captain of Netball — Patricia Thornton.

AVETE and VALETE.

We are pleased to welcome the following new pupils :—

Ix :
D. A. Bowen, R. D. Callan, C. J. Davies, R. Desley, B. J. Erlam, P. Farrington, A. R. Ginger, J. Goulding, W. S. Harrison, P. R. Harvey, P. Hayman, B. S. Hewitt, R. Jones, R. K. Markwick, R. McMinn, B. W. L. Pregitzer, B. Richardson, G. Robinson, J. D. Seal, C. Simpson, H. W. Storey, R. H. Taylor, R. P. Taylor, E. Walton, D. W. Wolstenholme.

Iy :
H. E. Anderson, A. J. Armstrong, B. S. Barnett, D. Bond, P. Burrows, T. J. Clare, W. M. Cocks, R. H. Ellison, K. Hale, D. Hall, M. Harper, K. Highlev, P. S. Hayland, R. Hulme, K. W. Jolley, M. F. Jones, K. Matthews, G. E. Neale, J. M. Orrill, A. Robb, D. I. Rogers, P. N. Stinton, A. A. Stroud, M. Stubbs, K. I. Tait, A. J. White.

Iia :
R. Willis, F. Woodford.

Ili :
J. Bilsborough, A. P. Davidson, B. Fallan, R. H. Hay, K. A. Maddocks, P. Mallon, R. Marsden, A. J. Marples, B. M. Tomlinson, P. B. Trees, T. J. Weaving, C. J. Wildman.

Illa :
B. T. Coleman, D. J. Halsall, P. J. Moule.

Iv b :
Marion Ibbotson.

V b1 :
M. C. Turner.

VI Sc :
Heather Levine, B. W. J. Gooding, R. L. Jones.

We send our good wishes to the following pupils who have left us :—

Forms Ix, Iy, Iix, Iiy, Ilix, Iily.

IV g2 : D. G. Wilson.

V g : S. A. Duckett, P. Starkie.

VI Sc : Jean Gibson (Prefect), Frances Webb, C. H. Knight.

VI Arts : R. Downs (Prefect).

SPEECH DAY.

The School's last Speech Day as a fully co-educational school was held at the Tatton Cinema, Gatley, on Friday, 14 October, 1955. The chairman was Alderman H. Howard Robinson, J.P., and the guest of honour, Alderman H. J. F. Dewes, C.B.E.

The Headmaster, in his report, said that nine years ago, when the school opened with one hundred and twenty pupils and a staff of six, the omens could hardly have been more unfavourable. The year was one of acute shortages of educational materials. Improvisation was the dominant note, and the driving forces were determination and enthusiasm.

Four years later the first academic milestone was passed when the first candidates sat for public examinations and were remarkably successful. During the years, blocks of classrooms, laboratories and craftrooms had been built, and each September brought a hundred more pupils. Now there were seven hundred and forty on the roll.

Since 1946, more than one thousand and three hundred pupils had been admitted to the school. Since 1950, when the first pupils entered for what was now known as the G.C.E. examination, the number gaining certificates had grown steadily, and the number passing with high marks demonstrated not only the ability and determination of the pupils, but also the skill and scholarship of the teachers.

Reviewing activities of the school during the past year, the Headmaster said that progress had been made in athletics, and that during the next year it was hoped to establish better track and jumping facilities at Bruntwood.

The Parents' Association had given a canvas floor covering for the stage, two complete kits of Rugby and Association Football Shirts, stop watches for athletics, a donation to buy art prints, two costly instruments for the orchestra and fifty pounds to buy library books. Also, during the previous three years, two hundred pounds had been set aside to meet possible needs at the new girls' school.

Speaking of the academic progress of the school, the Headmaster said that a survey of future numbers in the sixth form pointed to a livelier appreciation by parents of the value of sixth form studies. Very few really promising pupils left after five years. On the results of open scholarship examinations, the school's first two places at Oxford had been won by Robinson and Gubbay, who had gone up to read Chemistry and Medicine.

Concluding, Mr. Armishaw said: "We draw to the end of a long chapter—long not in years but because of the events that crowd it. In a short while we shall say goodbye to two hundred of our pupils who will help to found a new school. They start with great advantages which should amply compensate them for any regret they may experience on leaving their first grammar school".

The Headmaster's Report was followed by the distribution of the prizes by Alderman Dewes, who then gave his address. He said that never had so much energy and so much money been concentrated on any project as were now being concentrated on education. Education was not just what appeared on the surface. It was trying to make children able, in the future, to live graciously, to speak and write English and understand the meaning of English words, to think clearly and to acquire a knowledge of specialised subjects which they would need to enable them to do their job.

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The vote of thanks to Alderman Dewes was proposed by the Head Boy, Brian C. Drury, and seconded by the Head Girl, Jean Gellatly.

The following received prizes :—

Form Prizes :—

1st Year (girls) : Jacqueline Augur, Helen Beach, Vivienne Hamshaw, Ysia Seaton.

1st Year (boys) : Anthony Green, Norman Lee, Andrew Richardson, Robert Warman.

2nd Year (girls) : Barbara Edge, Susan Hislop, Mary Moorhouse.

2nd Year (boys) : Philip Bamford, Michael Perry.

3rd Year (girls) : Mary Costello, Elizabeth Storey, Sheila Warren.

3rd Year (boys) : John Adderley, John Cross, John Lawrence.

4th Year (girls) : Hilary Clarke, Julia Thomas.

4th Year (boys) : Eric Fantozzi, Michael Hall.

5th Year (Awarded on the results of G.C.E.) :

(girls) : Mary Kirkham, Pauline Malbon, Greta Nelstrop, Yvonne Slater.

(boys) : Dennis Levene, Robert Maund, Anthony McGuire, John Owens.

Upper sixth (Awarded on the results of the Advanced Certificate of Education) :

Jill Nelstrop, Hilary Brookes, Peter Maddock.

Subject Prizes :

English : Brian Drury and Peter Maddock.

Geography : Peter Maddock.

French : Peter Maddock.

History : Brian Drury.

Mathematics : Jill Nelstrop.

Chemistry : Jill Nelstrop.

Physics : Keith Banbrook.

Botany and Zoology : Hilary Brookes.

Physical Education (girls) :

Senior : Diana Felthouse.

Junior : Frances Jucker.

Physical Education (boys) :

Senior : Kenneth Cook.

Junior : Anthony Green.

Headmaster's Prizes : Jill Nelstrop, Reid Robinson.

Wilfrid Simms Prize : Brian Drury.

John Cragg Prize : Peter Maddock.

James Clews Memorial Prize : Peter Burton.

Parents' Association Challenge Trophies :

Senior Girl: Brenda Butterfield. Senior Boy: Christopher Fields.

Junior Girl: Margaret Penney. Junior Boy: David Halliwell.

Parents' Association Medals for Cross Country Running :

Senior: Tudor Roberts. Junior: Dennis Brown.

House Trophies :

Howard Robinson Cock House Trophy Etchells

Bailey House Football Cup Etchells

Parents' Association House Cup for Study Hulme

Sykos Swimming Cup Moseley

Williams Hockey Cup Bulkeley

Smithies Netball Cup Bulkeley

Broadhurst Cricket Cup Hulme

Crowther Athletics Cup Hulme

The David Howard Cup for Cross Country Running Bulkeley

THE SCHOOL PLAY

'A WINTER'S TALE'

'A Winter's Tale' is not an 'easy' play; it demands a smoothness which can only arise from good teamwork on the part of producer, cast and the creators of dress and scene. That is why this production was so commendable for it achieved that smoothness. Every vein of ore was mined and the considerable variety of character and atmosphere fused into a very satisfactory whole—in itself no mean feat.

At the very outset the ease of the introductory conversation between Archidamus and Camillo augured well though there could have been a little more emphasis, perhaps, on the people's desire for an heir. This might have been an example of the producer's wisdom in sacrificing incidents of no immediate dramatic value to the organization of the whole for such an emphasis might have destroyed the light heartedness which is necessary to reinforce the happy atmosphere to be created with the first appearance of Leontes, Hermione and Polixenes. Speed in the creation of this atmosphere is essential if the sudden jealous fury of Leontes, which comes a mere hundred or so lines after the beginning of the scene, is to be dramatically effective, a dark contrast to the seeming trust and love between the three of them. The speed and the contrast were achieved largely through the manner in which Leontes and Hermione, mainly responsible for the creation of opposing atmospheres in this scene, activated the sensitive language of the mature Shakespeare as they did throughout all the scenes in which they appeared, thus contributing largely to the success of the production.

In this play the playwright exploited the many stage devices at his command and it became clear as the play progressed that one of the main causes of the success of the School's production was that none of these was missed: the sudden fury of Leontes isolated by a spot, Leontes' by-play with Mamillius with its tangle of affection and jealousy, Leontes aggravated by the innocent responses of Camillo, Hermione's sudden change of mood in her scene with Mamillius, the sudden introduction of a new and dominant character, Paulina, dressed in red showing against a darkened set, and in the second act the gay rags and finery of Autolycus, the significant trio he sings with Mopsa and Dorcas, the light but passionate beauty of the flower scene, the extravagant and prolific setting of the second act and in the final act the statue's becoming gradually visible behind the veiling, and the music when Hermione descends.

These are some instances taken at random, all carefully presented and acted and sufficient to show how Shakespeare's stagecraft was constantly emphasised and exploited for the delight of the audience.

The transition from the first to the second act is a sharp one, so sharp as to be almost a stumbling block. It was in fact one of the highlights of the play owing partly to the lighting for the Storm scene, the music and a very fine piece of acting by Antigonus with its swift contrast in mood delightfully brought out by the Shepherd.

The light brightens and we are in Arcady.

The sudden recurrence of the storm music with the mention of the wreck, like a half memory of the tragic court of Leontes was a stroke of genius.

But the real achievement of the second act was its sense of fun. The humour that can lie so dead on the printed page came to life augmented by the innumerable gestures and expressions that Shakespeare could not write down, but must have hoped for, the shepherd for instance and in



particular Autolycus who combined the roles of amusing rogue, commentator and instrument of destiny very successfully. The audience really enjoyed the country folk, the clown and the shepherdesses, who forming the warp and body of the act, let the threads of the story, in the shape of Perdita and Florizel, both very adequately played, pass through them, and locked them in bright colours until once more we were bound for Sicily with the threat of disaster following.

Leontes in his introspective moods, Hermione at her most charming and the mixture of fierceness and tenderness that Paulina achieved were outstanding in the play.

The settings and the dresses have already been mentioned from time to time because they formed such an integral part of the play and that is the highest praise that can be bestowed on them, but in their secondary role of appealing to the eye they were certainly an added pleasure.

The producer must surely rest content since for many this must have been not merely a production of 'A Winter's Tale' but a justification of the merits of a difficult play.

E. R. W.

CAST.

ARCHIDAMUS, a Lord of Bohemia	JOHN OWENS
CAMILLO, Lord Chamberlain to Leontes	S. PRITCHARD
MAMILLIUS, young son to Leontes	ROGER DAVIES
LEONTES, king of Sicilia	DENNIS LEVENE
HERMIONE, queen to Leontes	AMY HEWITT
POLIXENES, king of Bohemia	STUART CAMPBELL
1st LADY attending on Hermione	ELISABETH ISON
2nd LADY	BARBARA HOULDIN
1st LORD attending on Leontes	ALISTAIR McKIE
2nd LORD	MARTIN BRAGG
ANTIGONUS, aide to Leontes	D. CONWAY
GOALER	ANTHONY HIRST
PAULINA, wife of Antigonus	PATRICIA THORNTON
EMILIA, lady-in-waiting to Hermione	KATHLEEN HANSON
SERVANT to Leontes	TERENCE BRUNT
CLEOMENES advisers to Leontes	JOHN LAWRENCE
DION	JOHN WOOD
MARINER	GERALD CLARKE
SHEPHERD, reputed father of Perdita	H. R. CURRY
CLOWN, his son	ROBERT MAUND
TIME	PAULINE MALBON
AUTOLYCUS, a rogue	T. OWEN
MOPSA Shepherdesses	ANNE PAULSON
DORCAS	GRETA NELSTROP
FLORIZEL, son to Polixenes	DAVID HALLIWELL
PERDITA, daughter to Leontes and Hermione	ANNE BERRY
SERVANT to Shepherd	GEOFFREY HOUGH

Music :

W. I. Jones, Patricia Moores.

Costumes designed by : J. O. Seed.

Executed by :

Mrs. Owen, Mavis Bradbury, Judith Harris, Jean McInnes, Mary Kirkham, Judith Watson, Patricia Moores, Catherine Owen, Bridget Parry, Margaret Peters, Anne Tarrant, Mary Watson, Ann Whyman.

Lighting by :

T. Owen, J. E. Townsend, Michael Bailey, David Dennis.

Make-up by :

J. O. Seed, Joan Dawes, Patricia Story, Valerie Hill, Elizabeth Lorains, Christine Sholl, Gillian Higenbotham, Valerie Smithies, Sandra Gledstone, Margaret Owen, Janet Gilden.

Scenery by :

J. O. Seed, Robert Maund, Richard Rushton, Caroline Mayall, Stuart Whalley.

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Furniture by :
D. I. R. Gough, Anthony Harding, Peter Hewitt, Kenneth Barnett,
Alan Green, Leslie Halley, Frank Orme, David Ricketts, Ian Forrest,
Colin Jarvis, David Lewis, Brian Simcock, Ian Tunstall, Graham Ord.

Business Arrangements and House Management by :
A. H. Thompson, Barbara Ray, Diana Swift, Sylvia Watson, Pamela
Bertenshaw, Jean Thomas, Brian Drury, Hilary Brookes.

Properties : Kathleen Ireland.

Stage Staff :
Anthony Hirst, John Lawrence, John Wood, Gerald Clarke,
Geoffrey Hough, Terence Brunt, Pauline Malbon.

Assistant Producer : Yvonne Slater.

Stage Manager : Pamela Sellers.

The Play Produced by : C. P. Blackburn.



PARENTS' ASSOCIATION.

Since I last wrote to you, quite a considerable change has taken place in the Parents' Association.

The new Girls' School has opened and many of the parents have left us and joined the new Parent Staff Association at this School and we wish them every success in their activities, and I am pleased to record that we have a permanent liason existing between the two Associations.

As you know, we accrued over the past few years monies for the new School and we have paid over to them the sum of £216 0 0d., being the amount that was set aside for them, and I feel sure that they will be able to use this to good advantage.

The new Committee has got down to work and fixed up the year's programmes, which are a Military Whist & Beetle Drive, Cricket Matches, and the two highlights are the Careers' Talk to be held on Friday, 11 May, when a very good selection of speakers has been arranged, and the Annual Garden Party to be held on Saturday, 7 July, 1956. In this connection on Wednesday, 13 June, we are holding a very special Committee Meeting for Garden Party helpers, and we would ask for as many parents as possible to attend at 7-30 p.m., on that date.

We look forward to the continued support of the parents at our activities, and trust that more of you will be able to attend on these occasions.

A. R. DINELEY, Chairman.

THE PIED PREFECT.

(With apologies to Robert Browning)

Moseley Hall's in Cheadle,
By famous Cheadle Hulme;
The Micker Brook both deep and wide,
Runs thro' the field on the northern side;
A pleasanter spot you never spied;
But, when begins my ditty,
Almost five hundred days ago,
To see the schoolboys suffer
From IMPOTS, was a pity.

Into the hall the Prefect stopt,
Smiling first a little smile,
As if he knew what magic slept,
In his quiet bell the while;
Then, like a musical adept,
To ring the bell his hands he wrinkled,
And black and blue his dull eyes crinkled
Like a candle flame where salt is sprinkled;
And ere three loud clangs the bell uttered,
You heard as if an army muttered;
And the muttering grew to a grumbling;
And the grumbling grew to a mighty rumbling;
And out of the form rooms the boys came tumbling.
Great boys, small boys, lean boys, Tawny boys,
Brown boys, black boys, grey boys, brawny boys,
Followed the Prefect for their lives,
Until they came to the Micker Brook,
Wherein all plunged and perished,
— Save one who, stout as Julius Caesar,
Swam across and lived to carry
To the cheering staff his commentary.

B. COLEMAN, IIIa.

THE LIBRARY.

The major events of the past two terms were the removal at Christmas of the Junior Library from Room 5 to the former Domestic Science Room, and the acquisition of a Library Office. The possession of such an office means that all the paraphernalia pertaining to library administration can now be safely housed in one place, and the administration is thus relieved of many difficulties.

The Library has again benefited from many gifts from members and friends of the school, to whom we offer our sincere thanks and we are especially grateful to the Parents' Association for its continued generosity.

A considerable amount of money has been spent in further strengthening the specialist sections of the Library, and in acquiring a representative selection of modern fiction. The Junior Library continues to be well supported, and its stock is constantly being augmented. The Reading Room has been very popular, especially during the long period of bad weather, and a good selection of magazines is now available.

B. C. DRURY, VI Arts.
(Librarian).

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DEBATING SOCIETY.

The past session has been the most successful in the history of the Society, and all the meetings have been very well attended. At the Annual General Meeting in September, the following members were elected to serve on the Committee:— C. H. Brookes, B. C. Drury, M. G. Hart, R. G. Maund, Jean Gellatly and Valerie Hill. Last year's Secretary, B. C. Drury, was re-elected, and Jean Gellatly was appointed to fill the newly-created office of Assistant Secretary. The creation of this office was necessitated by the decision that, in future, a member of the school (normally the Secretary) should take the chair at meetings of the Society, and not a member of staff, as in the past.

Two meetings merit special mention: the first is the opening meeting of the session, which took the form of a Brain's Trust, the second, the joint debate with the Parents' Association. At the Brains' Trust, the panel, made up of Miss Walker-Smith, Mr. Conway, Mr. Stephenson and Mr. Thompson, skilfully answered many varied questions, and the humour with which they did so was greatly appreciated by the audience.

A debate with the parents has now become an accepted highlight in the Society's programme, and this term's debate maintained the high standard set by its predecessors. The motion before the house was, "This house favours early marriage". The motion was proposed by C. H. Brookes and A. S. M. Campbell, and opposed by B. C. Drury and G. B. Lovatt. The fate of the motion was always in the balance, and the advantage swung rapidly from side to side. Eventually, after a keen debate, the motion was carried by a majority of two.

The general standard of debating has remained high, and a pleasing feature of the past session has been the number of people making maiden leading speeches. On all occasions the leading speakers have presented well prepared cases, and the enjoyment of the debates has been enhanced by the vigour, and often humour, of the speeches.

B. C. DRURY, VI Arts.
(Secretary of Debates).

THE CHRISTIAN UNION.

Over the past term and a half the Christian Union has continued to pursue the successful policy of the previous year.

In the Autumn Term five open meetings were held. The speakers at these meetings were:— the Rev. R. H. Sargent of Cheadle Hulme (26 September); Mr. E. Allinson, leader of the Bramhall Crusader Class (11 October); Rev. E. Hardy of Bramhall (8 November); Mr. R. Wyse, the well known Manchester Surgeon (24 November) and Mr. B. Burbridge, the ex-fighter pilot, now on the Inter-School Christian Fellowship Staff (13 December).

Since Christmas, we have been visited by the Rev. J. O'Byrne who spoke on "Which Religion? Does it Matter?", and the Rev. G. Harman, who spoke on the subject "Any Evidence?". By the time this article appears in print we hope to have been visited by Mr. A. Gill, the British representative of the Capenway Missionary Fellowship.

We are grateful indeed for the way in which these speakers have given their time to help in this manner.

It proved impossible to arrange for a film to be shown in the Autumn Term, but just before Easter two "Fact and Faith" films were shown (one for the whole C.U. and the other for the sixth form only).

Apart from the open meetings two smaller meetings have been held weekly, one taking the form of Bible Study and Discussion, and the other that of a short prayer meeting. In the Bible Studies we have covered part of the Acts of the Apostles and are now studying St. Matthew's Gospel.

We wish to express our thanks to Mr. Hore, who joined us in the Autumn, without whose help, the C.U. would have been severely handicapped.

We hope that the Christian Union serves not only to pass away a few minutes each week, but, to bring members to a better knowledge of Him "whom to know is life eternal".

P. R. GANT, VI Science.
B. C. DRURY, VI Arts.
ELIZABETH LORRAINS, Vb2.
(Committee).

MUSICAL ACTIVITIES.

The annual Carol Service was held in Cheadle Parish Church on 18 and 21 December, before a large congregation of parents and friends. The choir, under the direction of Mr. Jones, sang a selection of carols in four part harmony, and its performance earned high praise.

Rehearsals are being held regularly each week throughout the term, with a view to leading the morning assembly.

ANNE BERRY, VI Arts.

CHESS CLUB.

Because of the splitting up of the school, this season the chess club has not been able to enjoy the facilities and support that it has been given in recent years.

The present committee have been dismayed at the apparent lack of interest in chess, shown by junior members of the school and it is thought that when several senior members of the chess team leave this year, the club will have difficulty in finding players to replace them. It is hoped however that when faced by this problem next season, the club will be able to produce the 'dark horses' that they seem to have done in past years. Young players interested in obtaining a place on the team will be given encouragement and coaching by the club's senior members.

The chess team this year has again been successful, failing by only one point to retain the cup they won last year.

The team was J. M. Brown (capt.); J. R. Rushton, P. I. Gant, N. A. L. Curtis, R. G. Maund, R. A. McKie, G. B. Lovatt (reserve). We must congratulate J. M. Brown who besides remaining unbeaten throughout the season, made a splendid job of captaining the team. He has been the foundation on which we built many of our results.

Although the team has remained unbeaten this season the number of drawn matches was extraordinary and this we feel may well have been due to the slow and defensive play of our members who have not had as much practice as usual because of the club's late start. We should like to offer our grateful thanks to Matron and the girls who have organised the teas for home matches.

Results of Matches:—

Nov. 4 (h)	M.H.G.S.	3½	Hyde G. S.	2½
Nov. 18 (a)	M.H.G.S.	4½	Stockport Sschool	1½
Nov. 25 (h)	M.H.G.S.	3	Burnage G. S.	3
Dec. 9 (a)	M.H.G.S.	3	Stockport G. S.	3
Jan. 12 (h)	M.H.G.S.	w.o.	Stockport School	—
Feb. 1 (h)	M.H.G.S.	3	Cheadle Hulme	3
Feb. 24 (a)	M.H.G.S.	3	Burnage	3
Mar. 2 (a)	M.H.G.S.	3	Hyde	3
Mar. 8 (h)	M.H.G.S.	3½	Stockport G. S.	2½
Mar. 26 (a)	M.H.G.S.		Cheadle Hulme	

N. A. L. CURTIS, VI Science, (Secretary).

I should like to thank the team for their loyal support throughout the season and on behalf of the team to congratulate N. A. L. Curtis on his efficient handling of chess affairs as secretary. We must also congratulate him on reaching the semi-final of the Stockport and District Individual Chess Championship.

J. M. BROWN, VI Science, (Captain).

GRAMOPHONE SOCIETY.

Despite the enthusiastic guidance of Mr. Whittaker, the society, surprisingly, has not had a great number of members. Meetings have been held regularly at weekly intervals, however, and many records of classical music have been heard and enjoyed.

The fact that only classical music has been played forms the basis of the criticism made by some of the sixth form who would prefer to play and hear records of modern, popular and jazz music. Perhaps in the future these people will be granted their wishes and so a more varied programme of music will be presented.

N. A. L. CURTIS, VI Science.

PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY.

The Photographic Society was inaugurated in the beginning of the 1955 Autumn Term, with a large membership from the start. Perry of IIIa soon perfected the lighting system in the new darkroom, which was kindly put at our disposal by Mr. Durrant. Equipment including an enlarger, printing boxes and chemicals was then installed, and at the first meeting officers were elected.

Every week Mr. Townsend, who was responsible for the making of much of the equipment, and Mr. Wilson gave instructions to younger members on developing, printing and enlarging. Mr. Wilson has also shown the Society many of his superb colour studies, which have been greatly enjoyed by all members present.

For a record of the school play, several photographs were taken as a part of the Society's activities, and we hope to publish photographs of many school events in the "Chedlian".

As time progresses, we intend the Society to be considerably expanded. Already, we hope to invite lecturers from the principal photographic companies. A new enlarger has just been installed. H. R. Smith of IIIa has made a darkroom safelight.

Finally, on behalf of all members, I should like to extend our most sincere thanks to Mr. Townsend and Mr. Wilson for all their valuable work and co-operation, and above all, for founding the society.

J. D. OWENS, VI Arts, (Secretary).

8th CHEADLE SCOUT TROOP.

A very full and varied programme has been carried during the past two terms. The Troop is making good progress, and it is hoped that all our new recruits will have gained their second class badge by Whitsuntide. Many proficiency badges have been won by our older members.

It is with great regret that we record that S/M Fawkes has relinquished the leadership of the Troop. His last meeting was on the occasion of the Christmas Party on 16 December, and presentations were made to him on behalf of the Scouts and the Group Committee, to show appreciation of his services, and the time he has given the Troop.

We are, however, very pleased to welcome Mr. Conway of the school staff, who is now in charge and is proving a very able leader.

Two successful dances were held in the school canteen, one in October the other in February. The Troop was well represented at the Association Swimming Gala held at Stockport Baths on 14 October, but our results were not as good as in previous years.

Our annual Parents' Evening was made memorable by a lecture given by Mr. Courtney, a friend of S/M Fawkes, who showed us a wonderful collection of slides taken during an expedition to the Himalayas. We were very pleased to have the Headmaster with us on this occasion.

On another evening, Mr. J. Wilson of the school staff gave a talk on the beauties of the British Isles, and illustrated it with some very fine colour slides.

We take this opportunity of offering our thanks to the Scouters and Group Committee for their continued work on our behalf.

J. M. WHALLEY, IV Arts.
(Troop Chronicler).

MOONLIGHT.

"How near she seems, serene and pallid moon!
She penetrates the darkness of the land,
O'er mountain, forest, town and rippling sand;
Her light shines bright, her moon-beams dance, and soon,
At sleeping babes she'll peer, in silver shoon,
And silver cloak, she will, with gentle hand,
And gentle fingers, touch the trees, which stand,
Their heads held high, as proud as kings,
The moon, then, like a queen, does ride on high above,
The silent, cold and darkly sleeping night,
Oh God, who, in Thy greatest heavenly love,
Did'st clothe the glorious moon in radiance bright,
Beyond the shimmering beauty of the dove—
Vouchsafe to sinful man thy guiding light".

GILLIAN WATSON, Va.



"Dans La Forêt" by Dorothy Jones, IV Arts.

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"Johnnie Ray" by Gillian Higenbottom, Lower VI Arts.

SEEN FROM A BRIDGE.

She dragged her feet slowly along the ground to the side of the bridge to see the gleaming waters flowing gently along. She thought how deceptive was the water at night, for in daylight its muddy waters rolled slothfully through the town. Her eyes filled with tears of self pity and as the moon seemed to walk slowly across the sky so the reflections in the water seemed to conjure up her memories. Slowly her life passed before her in the jeering waters.

In these scenes she saw that her life had been spent in a well of artificiality and only now had she reality. She had come of a rich family and now in the river she recognised her home, which was an old house standing deep in a green valley. It had originally been built of grey stones, by then covered with the green ivy which contrasted with the multitude of other greens in the valley.

Most of her childhood had been spent in Switzerland and she noticed again in the river's mirror the small brown chalets sprinkled on the blue-green grass where cattle wandered lazily to and fro. She could almost hear the shouts of her playmates, many dead by now, in whose faces glowed the deceptive happiness of childhood.

The reflection then returned to England and she saw the ball her parents had given when she was presented at court. She was wearing a red dress and although the dancers moved giddily around in the water she could see herself because she was not dancing. All night she had sulked, for people had come to her party and now neglected her. She had stared at the array of food at the buffet. The pink and white cakes scattered on the blue plates. Small crisp rolls stuffed with luxurious fillings. A sickly pink ice lay melting on the green cloth. All this passed before her tired eyes but again the scene changed, now a sparkling blue sea moving gently under the white yachts of affluent visitors, and she was seated on a small cliff, wondering what to do next, as she had lost all her money and had sold her yacht to the people below, who strolled on the yellow sands in brightly coloured clothes, which had the effect of an ever moving tartan, they who had no worries, only pleasure to think of.

This scene faded and brightened again to a room, the one in which she had had the ball, but her parents had been dead many years and the house left to rot. The ceiling was cracked and dirty, the blue wall grimed and untended. The polished floor which had once been tended by careful servants, was covered with papers left by trippers caught in the rain. This was what her home had fallen to when she returned after many years of careless and carefree spending. As she had caught sight of herself in a cracked mirror she looked old, tired and shabby, so shocking herself as she was now shocked at her memories.

Suddenly a black cloud moved across the moon to hide her reflections, and she knew that she must do what she had come to do, although in the bottom of her heart she wished that someone could come to prevent her death, but she had to jump. The waters swirled for a moment, then were silent save for ripples of cold water.

ELIZABETH MORAN, V Arts.

THE MOUNTAIN RANGE.

The snow-capped peaks reflect the early morning sunshine,
 The deep gorges yet in shadow.
 Lie mysterious and sombre.
 The glaciers glitter,
 And the black rocks stand out,
 In clear relief.
 The early mists swirl about the highest peaks,
 Like a shroud,
 And the wind blows plumes of snow,
 Up into the air,
 All is serene and quiet.

V. OLIVER, IIIa.

Mosley Hall School

CROSS COUNTRY.

The annual cross-country was this year divided into three sections, Junior, Intermediate and Senior. The Senior and Intermediate races were held on Monday, 26 March, the Junior on the following day. The individual winners were as follows:—

Junior: P. Allcock, Intermediate: A. D. Brown, Senior: J. T. Roberts. In the house competition, the placings were as follows:—

Junior: Hulme, Bulkeley, Etchells, Moseley.

Intermediate: Etchells, Bulkeley, Moseley, Hulme.

Senior: Bulkeley, Moseley, Hulme, Etchells.

In the over-all placings Bulkeley were first, Hulme second, Moseley third, and Etchells fourth. Bulkeley thus gain the David Howard Memorial Trophy.

FOOTBALL.

This season many heavy losses have been suffered by both our teams and weaknesses have meant continual team changes. Even so we have put up many good fights and have deservedly earned our few victories. And even at the times of heaviest defeats the standard of play and sportsmanship has been high.

Only a few matches were cancelled this year, although some were played under dangerous and difficult conditions. The house football matches were again keenly contested. Bulkeley won quite comfortably. The remaining three houses were well matched and finished up sharing second place. Our thanks are extended to all who have helped in the provision of refreshments for home games and also to C. P. Marsden for his valuable work as secretary.

Finally as this is our last year of competitive football I would like to take this opportunity, on behalf of our present and past teams, of thanking our many opponents for the very friendly and thrilling games we have enjoyed. I am sure many of them will be long remembered.

Results:—

- Sept. 17—(h) 1st. XI. 2. (Marsden, Downs). Eccles Grammar School 0.
—(a) 2nd. XI. 1. (Andrew). Eccles Grammar School 2.
- Sept. 24—(a) 2nd. XI. 4. (Miller 2, Murphy, Ryle). Hulme Hall A.F.C. 5.
- Oct. 1—(h) 1st. XI. 0. Central Grammar School 6.
—(a) 2nd. XI. 0. Central Grammar School 10.
- Oct. 8—(h) 1st. XI. 3. (Mather, Lovatt, Campbell). Urmston Grammar School 2.
—(a) 2nd. XI. 2. (Miller 2). Urmston Grammar School 2.
- Oct. 15—(a) 1st. XI. 2. (Marsden, Campbell). Buxton College 4.
—(a) 2nd. XI. 0. Buxton College 9.
- Oct. 22—(a) 1st. XI. 0. Stretford Grammar School 7.
—(h) 2nd. XI. 0. Stretford Grammar School 8.
- Nov. 5—(h) 1st. XI. 1. (Downs). Middleton Grammar School 2.
—(a) 2nd. XI. 0. Middleton Grammar School 6.
- Nov. 12—(a) 1st. XI. 2. (Lovatt, Marsden). Chorlton Grammar School 8.
—(h) 2nd. XI. 0. Chorlton Grammar School 8.
- Nov. 26—(h) 1st. XI. 6. (Campbell 4, Downs, Davies). Altrincham Grammar School 2.
—(a) 2nd. XI. 1. (McGuire). Altrincham Grammar School 7.
- Dec. 3—(a) 1st. XI. 1. (Downs). Eccles Grammar School 6.
—(h) 2nd. XI. 1. (Curtis). Eccles Grammar School 7.
- Dec. 10—(h) 2nd. XI. 7. (Davies 5, Mather, Miller) Hulme Hall A.F.C. 2
- Jan. 14—(h) 1st. XI. 1. (Clarke). Stretford Grammar School 5.
—(a) 2nd. XI. 0. Stretford Grammar School 10.

- Jan. 21—(a) 1st. XI. 0. Central Grammar School 5.
—(h) 2nd. XI. 0. Central Grammar School 7.
- Jan. 28—(a) 1st. XI. 0. Burnage Grammar School 6.
—(h) 2nd. XI. 2. (Downs 2.) Burnage Grammar School 7.
- Feb. 11—(a) 1st. XI. 2. (Burgess, Brown). Manchester Grammar School 2
—(h) 2nd. XI. 2. (Lovatt, Murphy). Manchester Grammar School 6.
- Feb. 18—(a) 1st. XI. 0. Middleton Grammar School 6.
—(h) 2nd. XI. 1. (Downs). Middleton Grammar School 2.
- Mar. 3—(a) 1st. XI. 0. Altrincham Grammar School 6.
—(h) 2nd. XI. 4. (McGuire 3, Chambers). Altrincham Grammar School 8.
- Mar. 10—(h) 1st. XI. 1. (Marsden). Buxton College 4.
—(h) 2nd. XI. 5. (Chambers 3, McGuire, Dineley). Buxton College 8.

House Matches:—

Bulkeley 4, Moseley 2; Bulkeley 2, Hulme 0; Bulkeley 4, Etchells 1; Moseley 2, Hulme 2; Moseley 1, Etchells 1; Hulme 3, Etchells 3.

R. MATHER, VI Science, (Captain).

HOCKEY.

The first team has had five very good games this season. The games were very close although the results were rather disappointing. Our most enjoyable game was against Cheadle Hulme School, when we played a clean, fast game against an excellent team.

On 12 November, we participated in a Schools' Hockey Rally. We were drawn to play Lymm Grammar School, Manchester High School and Pendleton Grammar School. The team played fairly well, and learnt a lot from the games.

The second team has played extremely well and has won all its matches although it has only played a few, since, owing to inclement weather, several matches had to be cancelled.

Teams:—

1st. XI.:— B. Butterfield, R. Gardner, J. Gibson, K. Hanson, P. McGill, M. Owen, J. Stewart, S. Ryan, J. Thomas (vice-captain), P. Thornton, M. Watson (captain).
2nd. XI.:— G. Browne, H. Clarke, D. Felthouse, J. Gellatly, J. Harris, G. Mills, J. Moores, P. Verity (captain), M. Vernon, D. Walker, S. Whittle.

Staff Match:

We should like to thank the staff for producing such an energetic and sporting team. We all thoroughly enjoyed playing them, and except for a slight stiffness and a few large bruises, we suffered no ill-effects.

House Matches:

The house matches each lasting twenty minutes were played on a knockout basis. Etchells was drawn against Moseley, and Hulme against Bulkeley. The results were as follows:—

Etchells 4, Moseley 0; Hulme 1, Bulkeley; Etchells 0, Hulme 1

Results:—

- Oct. 8—(h) 1st. XI. 0. Macclesfield High 5.
Oct. 12—(h) 2nd. XI. 4. Woodslane 0.
Oct. 22—(h) 1st. XI. 1. Stockport Convent 1.
Nov. 12—(a) 1st. XI. Schools' Hockey Rally.
Nov. 19—(a) 2nd. XI. 1. Fylde Lodge 0.
Dec. 3—(a) 1st. XI. 2. Cheadle Hulme School 4.
Mar. 7—(a) 2nd. XI. 4. Woodslane 0.
Mar. 17—(a) 1st. XI. 1. Stockport Convent 6.

MARY WATSON, VI Science, (Captain).

RUGBY FOOTBALL.

At the beginning of the season, we expected, and experienced, a reluctance on the part of "established" soccer players to fling themselves wholeheartedly into this new school venture. The positive enthusiasm shown by the majority of these same people by the end of the season has been most gratifying. That this enthusiasm exists is due very largely to the first season success of the school team. This team was selected from the middle school. They played 20, won 9 and lost 11 — a commendable start.

Next season we have fixtures for junior, colts and senior teams.

Tailpiece : School 3 points. Staff 6 points—No comment.

Results :—

King's School Macclesfield (A) Lost 35—5.
 Cheadle Hulme School (H) Won 22—3.
 Revensbury (H) Won 11—3.
 Cheadle Hulme School (A) Lost 15—3.
 Central (A) Lost 12—5.
 Combined S. M/cr. Sec. Mod. Schools (A) Lost 33—3.
 Cheadle Hulme School (H) Won 11—8.
 North Manchester (H) Won 6—3.
 St. Ambrose Coll. (A) Lost 35—8.
 William Hulme's (H) Lost 23—0.
 Burnage (A) Lost 6—3.
 Sir John Dean's (A) Lost 47—0.
 Sale (H) Lost 17—3.
 St. Bede's (A) Won 26—6.
 Sale (A) Lost 29—0.
 St. Ambrose (H) Won 5—3.
 Central (H) Won 6—3.
 North Manchester Grammar (H) Won 24—3.
 Stockport Grammar (A) Lost 14—3.
 Burnage (H) Won 26—3.

S. P.



*J. Lawrence (45) Captain School Rugby Football
 Match :- "School versus North Manchester Grammar School"*

NETBALL.

The games the first team have played this season have nearly all been victories for this enthusiastic team. Two players only were left from last year's team and therefore the rest of the vacant positions were filled by such good players as Joan Moores, who took over the difficult position of centre with great success, Jean Stewart, Attack Shooter, who throughout the whole season has been a reliable centre player and shooter and Catherine Owen, Kathleen Hanson, the Defence Combination, which has excelled itself this season, both players having been reliable and fast.

The team has certainly kept up the reputation of the Moseley Hall first team's being a "tough nut to crack", and when they were defeated they always took it with good grace.

The vacant positions on the first team next year will be taken over by such promising players from this year's second team, as M. Watson and N. Westbrook.

Results :—

Sept. 24—(a)	1st. VII. 16.	Cheadle Hulme 11.
Oct. 8—(h)	1st. VII. 12.	Macclesfield High 6.
Oct. 15—(a)	1st. VII. 11.	Greek Street 30.
Oct. 19—(h)	1st. VII. 25.	Wilmslow W.R.A.F. 10.
Nov. 5—(a)	1st. VII. 10.	St. Hilary's Convent 6.
Nov. 12—(h)	1st. VII. 11.	Stockport High 9.
Nov. 19—(a)	1st. VII. 6.	Fylde Lodge 15.
Dec. 10—(a)	1st. VII. 16.	Stockport High 11.
Feb. 11—(h)	1st. VII. 10.	Greek Street 12.
Feb. 26—(h)	1st. VII. 9.	St. Hilary's Convent 11.
Mar. 24—(a)	1st. VII. 18.	Oriel Bank 8.

1st. team :— C. Owen, K. Hanson, R. Gardner, J. Moores, D. Felthouse (Vice-Captain), J. Stewart, P. Thornton(Captain).

House Matches :—

Etchells 4, Moseley 1; Hulme 5, Bulkeley 6;
 Etchells 2, Bulkeley 11.

PATRICIA THORNTON, VI Arts, (Captain).

THE HARD WAY.

My attention was recently directed to the career of one of the old boys of the school, a career which I believe is of interest generally on account of the light it throws on the educational opportunities that occur outside what may be called "regular" academic channels but more particularly because it is an outstanding example of hard work and pertinacity.

The boy, Derik Simmons (1946-1950), left school after taking his School Certificate in 1950. Since he obtained "Credits" in Mathematics and Physics he was able, attending lectures one day out of his working week to begin on the second year course of the Ordinary National Certificate in Mechanical Engineering which he gained in 1952. From 1952 to 1954, still on a basis of one day of lectures a week and of course a great deal of hard study in his spare time, he worked for and achieved the Higher National Certificate of Mechanical Engineering.

During the next year, attending lectures for one day and three nights in the week, he worked for a special examination for entrance to a University. This is an examination set by the Joint Matriculation Board for candidates who have been in Industry, not less than three years. It is particularly creditable that Simmons succeeded in this, for all papers, consisting of Pure Mathematics, Applied Mathematics, Physics and English at Advanced G.C.E. level, have to be passed.

It must be realised that this took five years of hard work and represents a tremendous sacrifice of time that many of his friends no doubt were able to devote to leisure.

It is achievement of this kind by one of its old boys that makes a school proud. Derik Simmons deserves our admiration and congratulations.

E. R. W.

UNIVERSITY ENTRIES.

We should like to congratulate :—

B. C. Drury on his gaining admission to Peterhouse, Cambridge.

J. T. Williams on gaining an exhibition in Botany, Zoology and Chemistry to Selwyn College, Cambridge.

UNIVERSITY LETTER.

(It is intended to publish in each issue of the "Chedleian" an article on life at different universities. This time the article has been written by R. R. Robinson, a former School Captain and Editor of the "Chedleian", now reading Chemistry at Oxford).

Oxford appears to be known generally for three things. First and foremost it is the city of "dreaming spires" and "lost enchantments". It is also the supposed home of lost causes and it has given its name to a much labelled manner of speech. All else seems to be shrouded in the mists of antiquity and tradition.

One's first introduction to the city, if, via the railway station is pretty dismal. It appears to be one of the characteristics of railways in this country to provide a way of entry into a town or city which ensures that the most miserable and uninspiring parts of that place are displayed to the full. The route from Oxford Station to the centre of the city gives one a gloomy idea of what is to be found beyond. One is hastily assured that the vast structure of girders seen on the skyline is not some new mammoth

"Political Prisoner" erected by some sculptor pursuing yet another lost cause, but is merely the new Woolworth block in process of erection in Cornmarket Street. However, perseverance will enable one finally to see some of the Oxford colleges. For this purpose the High is well up on the list of priorities.

The effect of the High on people all down the ages has been remarkable. Many profess themselves speechless in wonder; others become almost lyrical in their praise. Perhaps it was because of this massive build up that I found the High vaguely disappointing. Of course one of the difficulties is to see the High at all. Normally one is so involved fencing with the traffic, and the traffic itself is so dense that it is difficult to appreciate fully its intrinsic beauty. There have been unkind critics of course. One of them is supposed to have remarked of a certain college in the High "C'est magnifique, mais Cé n'est pas la gare".

In describing many of the beauties of an Oxford college and its quads, one is very apt to fall into the grievous sin of writing in clichés. It is difficult to convey the impression of the absence of time that is found within the precincts of many colleges. In these, undergraduates have lived and worked in very much the same way for centuries.

Life for a freshman can be very trying in his first few weeks. It is rather similar to uprooting oneself and going to live in a foreign country. There, language difficulties, non violation of the customs and traditions of the inhabitants, and the wearing of the national dress, are all difficulties that have to be contended with. Such difficulties are experienced by the average freshman to a greater or less degree. Thus associated with University and College life and functions there are a nomenclature and vocabulary that have to be learnt as painstakingly as any foreign language. Of course many have obviated this difficulty by procuring a sort of 'teach-yourself' book before they go up. One learns for instance that Handshaking is a college function that involves about everything but the mere shaking of hands.

The customs and traditions of the native inhabitants are indeed manifold. Many weighty tomes have been written on the subject and the cause of them have been traced back to time immemorial. Broadly speaking there are two types of customs. One is associated with ceremonial and official function, the other is associated with the more informal business of everyday life. To violate either is a heinous crime and is treated as such! An example of the latter is found at one college where on Sunday evenings during the Full Term when the Master dines on High Table, his entrance is the signal for all undergraduates to seize some article of cutlery and loudly bang the table in a most vigorous manner, (something which must never be done while at school).

There are also two types of dress worn by the inhabitants. One is again associated with pomp and ceremony, and is used for those joyous occasions, University Examinations. For this purpose a black suit, black shoes and socks, a white shirt and a white bow tie, have to be worn together with cap and gown. The other style of dress is used for everyday wear. Any kind of clothing however old or decrepit may be worn underneath a duffle coat. An umbrella and a college scarf complete the picture with headgear optional.

Human beings by nature are adaptable creatures, some more so than others. Very soon the strained, lost look of the freshman disappears and he takes on the character of his surroundings, and yet another Oxford undergraduate is born to walk in the way of the countless thousands before him.

MALTA G.C.

Known to many as the "Island of Sunshine" or the "Jewel of the Mediterranean" Malta is also some times called the "Island of Smells and Bells", but to those who have visited Malta it is truly a "Paradise Island".

It is the stronghold of the Knights of Malta. A Catholic island, to many it is like a dream of bygone days come to life. It is prehistoric and yet very modern, because there can be seen the ruins of prehistoric temples, namely the roofless temples of Hagar Qim and the temple of Morajdra both discovered in 1839 and wonderfully preserved.

There is also the Hypogeum consisting of four caves cut out of calcareous rock where can be seen various flint implements and polished stone objects and personal ornaments and pottery, which are believed to belong to Neolithic times. Three Stone Age temples can be found four miles from Valletta, the capital, and were built 5,000 years ago.

There are several museums to visit, and buildings whose architecture, and mosaic tiles have to be seen to be believed, such as the Roman Villa whose ruins were discovered in 1881. It was probably owned by a very rich Roman when the Romans were in possession of the Maltese Islands in 218 B.C.

On the modern side there are beautiful houses and flats built out of solid yellow sandstone, cut by hand. These buildings have all the modern electrical appliances. Gas, however, is supplied in cylinders. Really the visitor gets quite a shock to see the modern age and prehistoric age, side by side.

The climate is ideal as there are nine months sunshine and, to us a warm winter, as the temperature is very rarely below 50°F., rising to 78—88°F., and rarely over 100°F., in the shade in the summer months, the hottest of which is July. From February to May the island is a blaze of colour as everything is in full bloom. Many flowers like our own can be seen, and many others, peculiar to other lands.

The greatest shortage is, of course, water, which is imported as well as many other food stuffs. There are very few cows, but very many goats whose milk when pasteurised, tastes very like our own and is very good for you. Living is comparatively cheap, and there is plenty of entertainment, but for the "sun lovers" there are beautiful golden sands and warm seas in which to bathe. There is never a sign of rain, and rarely a cloud in the blue sky, and always a slight sea breeze.

There are miles of white concrete roads which are excellent for the car driver, and also buses travel to any part of the Island. The buses are modern and are a different colour for each service, as they all leave Valletta. This is because even in this day and age some of the people cannot read or write. They are very superstitious, and always cross themselves before entering or leaving a bus, and there is always a picture of Jesus or Mary inside each bus as they are deeply religious.

There are of course many beautiful Churches of various designs, and St. John's cathedral, where can be seen the graves of the Knights of St. John. The Dome of Masto Church, is the third largest dome in Europe. On some of the Churches can be seen two clocks of which only one is real. The false one they say, is to fool the devil.

The Maltese people are very kind and friendly, providing you treat them as one of yourselves, and if they see that, they will go out of their way to offer you every help, particularly if you are a stranger to the Island.

Being a great Naval Base, there are many ships to be seen in the harbour, and it is a very interesting sight to see the little rowing boats, or dghaisas as they are called, which are rather like gondolas, taking visitors across the Grand Harbour or to have a closer view of the vessels, although the best view of both ships and harbour is seen from the top of the upper Barrakka gardens, which are reached by a lift which goes straight up the side of a steep sandstone cliff. Both from here, and the lower Barrakka Gardens the Queen, when she was Princess Elizabeth, could be seen along with other navy wives, waving goodbye to her "sailor husband" when he put to sea.

Lace making is, of course, the main industry of the islands of Malta and Gozo. Between the two islands lies the islet of Comino which was most likely inhabited in prehistoric times.

The maltese language seems to be a mixture of Arabic and Italian, but most of the people speak English. At Easter time the great Carnival is held which continues throughout Easter Week, when each small village holds a festa, to celebrate a Saints' day, by decorating all the village and giving large firework displays which go on until late at night.

During the summer months, at fullmoon, many moonlight bathing parties are organised, and all the family go, and the beach cafes and hotels stay open all night for refreshments and dancing in the open air. Underwater fishing is carried on throughout the night, as well as in the daytime, by the lights attached to fishing boats. This is probably one of the greatest summer sports of the island.

During the heat of the day everyone takes a siesta, and the shops are all closed and the streets deserted, but at four o'clock, everything comes to life again, and the bells of the Carozzin, which are horse-drawn carriages, are tinkling, and the drivers offering to take you to any part of the island.

These are just a few of the many interesting things and places to be seen, but there are many other interesting things, too numerous to mention, on this little island, which measures nine miles from north to south and seventeen miles from east to west, and which can be reached in roughly seven hours by aeroplane.

R. M. HOWIE, IIIA.

TROPICS.

The scene about was calm,
Nothing stirred amidst that wilderness of palms,
Even the sea, that great gigantic being,
Was calm beneath the sun's all warming rays.

It beat beat listlessly upon the shore,
A destructive beast no more,
Its great white horses at rest it seemed,
And all the world just lay about and dreamed.

There came no sound from the huge palm tree,
Whose great green leaves shaded me,
From those blistering rays,
Of that great golden planet — the Sun.

A. CROWTHER, IIIa.

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