

PLAY-READING SOCIETY

Early this year a meeting was held by some senior members of the school to discuss the formation of a Play-reading Society. Since then this Society has read through a number of Plays. There have included "As You Like It" and "Henry Vth" by Shakespeare, "Saint Joan" by George Bernard Shaw, and "Under Milk Wood" by Dylan Thomas. We meet every Monday after school and the Society is open to 4th, 5th and 6th forms.

Dorothy Brown—Vith—Secretary

MUSIC SOCIETIES

The School Choir, junior section, is progressing from strength to strength. Our numbers are very good but, of course, there is always room for a few more singers with good voices. Our Christmas party was most enjoyable and most of the choir attended. Members of the choir did very well in the School Play in which they played the part of the "Field Mice", and also a few members helped in the choral singing items. If you have a good voice and enjoy singing then come to our practice on Tuesdays at 1 p.m. in the Music Room.

—A Junior Chorister

The senior section of the choir have had their ups and downs. We have always room for 3rd, 4th, 5th or 6th form members, and if you are interested, come along and join in. The Christmas Social was a great success and all who came had a wonderful time. We look forward to our Summer session and of course to our outing.

—A Senior Chorister
Concert-going is still a big occasion in the school calendar and we have had well over 200 pupils attending the I.S.O. concerts at the Granada Cinema.

Opera outings have proved a great success and we have, in company with members of staff, seen performances of "Tosca" (Puccini), "Carmen" (Bizet), "Rigoletto" twice (Verdi), "Die Fledermus" (Strauss), and "The Mikado" (Gilbert and Sullivan).

During the term a school party visited the Guildhall School of Music, were shown round the famous college, and also listened to the orchestra which played works of Beethoven and Brahms.

R.S.

THE BIBLE CLASS

Perhaps you are one of those people who have an aim in life: you have begun your walk and you know where you are going. When you get there, how wonderful it will be!

Many years ago two people were walking along a path over the hills to a village some seven miles distant. On the way they were joined by a stranger who talked with them for the rest of the journey. He was a persuasive speaker.

When they reached their objective, it no longer satisfied them. The stranger had caused them to see things in a different light; and after realising that he was their best friend, they walked in exactly the opposite direction. (For full details see Luke, Chapter 24, v.13-35).

In the Bible Class we try to see things in their true light so that, with God's help, we may choose the right road in life.

This year we have had a mixed class, the boys outnumbering the girls. Numbers have fluctuated considerably. The regular attenders have been mainly Fourth Year; we appreciate the support given by these people, both by coming and in taking a full part in our discussions. We have seen a number of films and filmstrips and we have experimented with tape-recordings.

We believe we are going in the right direction. There is room for you in our discussions; but be warned! We have some persuasive speakers!

R.F.D.

SENIOR GIRLS' DISCUSSION GROUP

This group has now been in existence for a year. We began by meeting once a month but the members later decided to meet fortnightly. We meet in the flat since it is easier to discuss in comfort and we can also enjoy a welcome cup of coffee.

We have discussed a number of topics, looking at them from the Christian viewpoint. These include capital and corporal punishment, euthanasia and similar topics. Last Summer we were privileged to have as a speaker for two weeks, Mrs. Bateman, from the Marriage Guidance Council, who ably led our discussions on Personal Relationships. This year with the idea of Christian Unity in mind we have had a series on the denominations of the Church with members leading discussions on the Church of England, Methodism, Gospel Hall meetings, Quakerism, and Jehovah's Witnesses. We hope later in the term to discuss Roman Catholicism and the religion of the Jews. We have also had two meetings on Christmas and Easter music.

We would welcome new members from the Fourth Year upwards, particularly those who might disagree with us.

L.M.T.

