

### The Music Society

The Music Society held some enjoyable meetings during the year. The Southgate Cultural Fund gave us some tickets for the Robert Mayer Youth Concerts at the Royal Festival Hall, during the winter season. These concerts proved very popular, especially among the younger members of the Society.

The Members' Afternoon was held once again, by kind permission of Dr. Walter, during the last week of the summer term. Over sixty members, and several members of staff, made their way eagerly to the Music Room, hoping for an afternoon of relaxation. The variety of entertainment was outstanding, and ranged from Schubert to Sugar Time!

The Society would like to thank Miss Amiot and Mr. Hayward for their help and support during the year.

MARY ALLAN.

### Sixth Form Social Club

Last year was another successful one for the Club. As well as regular dances being held at the Clubhouse, several outings were organized, including visits to see, "Free as Air" and "Tunnel of Love" which were much enjoyed by those who went. Our thanks for the year's work are due to Joyce Sholl and Trevor Mason.

B.A.M. AND C.N.D.

### The Literary and Debating Society

During the past school year this Society has continued to run a programme of debates, play-readings and discussions. Attendance, though not great, has been fairly constant.

In the Autumn of 1957 the Society debated the motions "That the Average Sixth Former's Education is too Narrow" and that "Now is the Time". The latter, our first attempt at a humorous debate, was not over-successful. Towards the end of term a reading of Louis MacNiece's radio play "The Dark Tower" was very much enjoyed by those who took part in it.

From the Spring term onwards the Society was pleased to welcome members of the Fifth form to its meetings. The highlight of the Spring term, after a couple of moderately successful meetings, was a Brains Trust in which the 'Brains' were four members of staff. A large attendance enjoyed to the full the profound sayings and effervescent wit of these sage oracles, and had their minds greatly and painlessly improved.

The programme for the Summer term included a meeting at which books, plays, films etc., were critically discussed, and ended with another Brains Trust, in which two of the panel were once more members of staff. This meeting suffered the fate of most sequels, in that it was less stimulating than the previous Brains Trust. It was not, however, wholly unprofitable.

Thanks are due to all who gave any kind of assistance, and especially to Mr. Wilks, our Chairman for the past year, whose departure we regret; to Mr. Riddle, who has kindly taken over this office; to our Secretary, D. Hammond, and to all the Committee and helpers; and finally to those who by their support of the meetings made it possible for the Society to carry on.

The Society is open to all Fifth and Sixth formers, with whose help we hope to continue flourishing.

A.W.

### Inter-Schools' Discussion Group

With the admission of Glendale, or rather readmission after a period of over ten years, the member schools now number eight. Attendances at all the meetings have been well maintained, round the 100 mark. Again Finchley Grammar did the lions share of the speaking from the platform, but Minchenden followed a good second, or would have if the 'bus strike had not made it impossible to hold the final meeting. The striking thing about Minchenden's contribution was that practically all its members were from the Science VIth—a fact that should give VI Arts food for thought. It is good to report that more people from more schools took part in the general debate and there was a noticeable rise in the number of girls plucking up courage to do so.

The topics debated were: This house is not qualified to condemn Little Rock" (defeated 50—36, 7 abstentions). "The opinion of this House is of no importance" (50—36, 8 abstentions). "That our angry young men have no cause for anger" (defeated 44—12, 12 abstaining). A symposium of essays on "What does he know of culture, who only culture knows" gave rise to a good debate. The last debate on the topic "That education should not be free" had, unfortunately, to be abandoned.

### M.O.P.A. Under-21 Club

Formed in September, 1957, to bridge the gap between 6th formers, recent school-leavers and the longer-standing members of M.O.P.A. the Club has now established itself as a separate entity in its own right. The idea was to run social activities of as wide interest as possible to enable the above groups to intermingle and meet each other and this policy has been pursued with reasonable effect throughout the past year. A highly successful Christmas Social was arranged last year at St. Andrew's Church Hall, and a coach party, albeit of rather a small number, enjoyed a trip to Abingdon in June. In July the Clubhouse was almost overwhelmed at the end-of-term dance but the recruiting following that proved very disappointing, especially so when the subscription is a nominal 2/6d. per year. There is no qualification for membership by 6th Formers but O.M.'s must be up to date with their M.O.P.A. subscriptions, and members have the privilege of a lower entrance fee at our Clubhouse dances.

As to the future, the Committee will repeat the idea of theatre visits our recent one to see "At the Drop of a Hat" having been a complete