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August 1941 was a critical month for Youth House. Until then this sturdy plant of K.G.S. origin, grafted by Mr. Woodman with other delightful varieties, had blossomed gloriously, and Mr. Rhodes, Mr. Carpenter and Gunter Helft had tended and cared for it after Mr. Woodman left in May.

Mr. Rhodes, Richard Baker (Club Captain) and Mrs. McHugh had to face a novel situation in September, but with the help of the Committee and Stewards and the loyal co-operation of all the members who had the Youth House Club spirit, Youth House was quickly on its feet, disporting itself as formerly.

The union of schools in September gave Youth House new and valuable help. Mr. Wallis gave assurances of financial support and replacement of any equipment which might go back in the baggage-train of K.G.S. Miss Kelly offered to help with plays and Badminton, Mr. Forbes with debates etc. Mr. Todd (music) and Mr. Williams and Mr. Gould with supervision.

Youth Housites! You have a fine tradition and club spirit! Keep this club spirit alive! Let it grow so that our Club may go on from strength to strength! Keep the Club Ideal of Fellowship and Unselfishness ever before you! Let Youth House be a place where, above all, new friendships may bud and old ones are kept evergreen!

The Club Service (Sec. Richard Baker).

The club centres round a moral Ideal of Fellowship and the religious service is the very core of the society.

Sept. 14th. Dealing with his theme from a rather personal point of view, Mr. Rhodes recalled the origin and growth of Youth House, and reminded us all of the ideals and hopes with which Mr. Woodman had inspired the Club.

Sept. 21st. In the morning Mr. Woodman gave us an amusing account of the hardships of a trainee on board the "Royal Arthur" (Butlin's Holiday Camp), of the unreality of the Camp religious service, but of the splendid fellowship on board.

In the evening he took us on an imaginary journey round Youth House showing us how the selfish would treat the Club and obtain pleasure; but how the Christian would secure real enjoyment.

Sept. 28th. Mr. Webb spoke to us on the secret of "Triumphant Living", and the power of intensive prayer at all times. (Service conducted by Eunice Cridland).

Oct. 5th. Employing the simile of "the wireless set" Miss Prentice revealed in a delightful way the secret of finding God, finding oneself in harmony with Him, and then listening-in to Him. (Service conducted by Tom Griffin).

Oct. 12th. Mr. Richardson dealt with the origin of the Y.M.C.A. and remarked in his speech: "I've watched Youth House develop and I feel confident that it will spread and leave its mark forever."

Oct. 19th. The Society Room was packed to overflowing with Youth House - London and Northampton. The service was conducted by Ken Seal. Mr. Rhodes recalled with amusing reminiscences the happy times at K.G.S. That happiness had been intensified in Youth House which was now a home for us all. We sang with Youth House spirit but no piano.

Oct. 29th. In the evening Councillor Adams gave a clear and vivid picture of the glory of the Good Samaritan and left us all with a desire to make him our model.

Oct. 26th. The Service was conducted by Den Ayres. There was no address.

Nov. 9th. Mr. Rhodes, taking the theme "Gangs and Gangsters" spoke of the herd-instinct in Man and how patriotism could bring men closer together, but also the Moral Ideal.

Nov. 16th. Mr. Irons gave a very clear account and interpretation of the parable of the talents. Richard Baker conducted the Service.

Nov. 23rd. Mr. Rhodes pointed out that the very essence of Christianity was the sweeping away of class distinctions which were merely barriers between a man and his fellows.

(This account which we owe entirely to Peggy Lewis shows how very much we are indebted to the Rev. H.W. Janisch for his help in securing speakers - Ed.)

The Literary and Debating Society. (Sec. Odle, W.C.S.)

The first two meetings of the term were occupied by a reading of Shaw's play "The Apple Cart". This was enjoyed by both readers and audience to judge from the general mirth it caused. At the next meeting a debate was held on the motion "That the End justifies the Means" proposed by Mr. Baker and opposed by Mr. Odle. The motion after a somewhat meandering debate was lost by 6 votes to 2. "Impromptu Speeches" constituted the programme for the following meeting, which was certainly the most interesting and amusing of the term. The highlight of the evening was an entertainment discourse on "elephants" by D. A. Cohen; there was also a lively discussion on the subject of Love. At the time of writing the next items contemplated are a reading of "Will Shakespeare" and an Inter-House Speech Contest.

The Music Society (Sec. Richard Baker) met only on three occasions! But we hope for growing support for these recitals of great music which can be so enjoyable. Don't get scared of a mere gramophone!

On November 24th. a large party spent an enjoyable evening at the New Theatre and were delighted with the dancing of the International Ballet. We want more of such visits! They're great fun!

Dances (Secs. E. Cridland and D. Owers) have been held regularly at the Roadmender Club and almost without exception the M.C. was Mr. Rhodes. We are fortunate in having the Casino Players for our band. The outstanding dances were those of Sept. 20th. when Ord. Tol. Woodman, D.W.J., now an old salt, arrived in his "number ones" plus lanyard to act as M.C. A great success!

Enjoyment was at its peak at the Re-Union Dance! One of the best ever! Mr. Rhodes was M.C. Hello! Youth House London! Where are the flash-light photographs?

(Have you done the Youth House Gallop?)

Dancing Class Until the tragedy which befell her family was the cause of her having to leave Northampton, Miss Madge Carpenter (who has taught all Youth Housites their steps) came regularly to take classes. We cannot find words to express our deep debt of gratitude to Madge. Since then, Miss Peggie Barnard has also held very successful classes and the beginners have found their "dancing-legs"! Those who can dance, roll up and help! (Alternate Thursdays and Fridays).

Mixed Gym and Games. (Secs. E. Cridland & D. Jones) There is no activity more appreciated than Miss Duthie's mixed gym. A splendid teacher who spreads happiness by making us do worth-while P.T. and apparatus work! It ruffles the hair but not the spirits! (Alternate Fridays).

Sport

Rugby (Capt. C. D. Cowan) See Youth House London News Sheet for a very fair account of the Match: Past v. Present at Spinney Hill Oct. 18th. By the way, on March 7th. the Re-Union Match will be Y.H.L. v. Y.H.N.

Soccer (Capt. Ron Wells) Youth House lost to the Roadmender Club 1 - 8. Murphy scored our goal. We have challenged R.M.C. to a game of Rugger on Dec. 20th.

Hockey None as yet. But why not start a mixed hockey eleven?

Swimming. Not so much this term. But why not a lot?

Badminton (Sec. Den Ayres). For your information a Badminton session is divided into three forty-minute periods. Four members are selected beforehand to play doubles during each period. Players must turn up in good time or they may forfeit their game. Come in gym or tennis kit. Bring a towel and have a shower! Two-pence is charged each evening. - Thanks are due to Miss Kelly for her keen interest.

Games Drive We had a very enjoyable social evening! Jones, Halsey, Bunyan and Mahony gave splendid help in organizing it. Prizes were presented by Miss Kelly, and the drive was followed by a Sing-Song. Another fifteen present would have meant a really resounding success!

Indoor Games (Capt. T. Bartlett) In our matches with the Grafton Street Y.M.C.A. we have been represented by:

(Table Tennis) Bartlett, de Grey, Wheeler, Halsey and Jones.  
Result: 21 - 3; 12 - 0 (Won).

(Billiards) Hampson, Bartlett, Cartner and Halsey.  
Result: 4 - 0; 3 - 1 (Won).

(Darts) Benton, Wells, Rutter, Bartlett, Bunyan,  
 de Grey and Wheeler.  
Result: 4 - 3 (Won) 5 - 16 (Lost).

Well done, Youth House! There will be strong competition for a place in the teams in the coming tournaments! A girls' table-tennis team is also being formed!

Jazz Club (Sec. Cartner).

Join the Jazz Club and enjoy records of dance and swing! Unfortunately we have lost our super-de-luxe radiogram and have to make shift with a pre-historic gram, but still the number of swing fans is increasing. Audrey Prebble and Audrey Hughes are marvellous in extracting subs. (2d. per head). Is this sex-appeal? (We hope to buy two records per week with these contributions). I wonder if Messrs. Jayne and Tucker are carrying on the good work at Y.H.L.!