

THE SCHOOL ESSAYS

PRIZES of two guineas each have been awarded to Barbara J. Smith of Putney County School, "Mayfield," for her essay on *Mediæval London Pageants and Processions* and to J. R. Ungood-Thomas, Hall Preparatory School, Hampstead, for writing *London at her best* (the later Tudors). The style of each essay was good, the description vivid, and there was evidence of careful reading and research. It is greatly regretted that heavy calls on available space have made it impossible to print the essays, complete or in part. The last date for sending in essays for the next competition is 30th September.

JOHN WILKES AND LUDGATE CIRCUS⁽¹⁾

THE stone obelisk on the south side of Ludgate Circus was removed by workmen on 15th October, 1950. It was long regarded as a memorial to John Wilkes, who was Lord Mayor at the time of its erection, and it bore his name; but later investigations showed that it had been put up in 1775 by the Bridge House Committee "for the support of four lamps to enlighten the footway."

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1. See page 189.