

## JUNIOR ESSAY COMPETITION, 1939

NINETEEN Essays were submitted from three Middlesex Schools admitted as School Members of the Society. Fifteen were from the Edmonton County School and two each from the Camden School for Girls and the Chiswick Polytechnic Junior Day Commercial School. The age limits of the candidates lay between 13 and 19 years, but the average was well above 15. It is of some interest that no entries were received from boys' schools. The subjects chosen showed a wide variety of interest: Whitehall, The Tower, The Temple, St. Bartholomews, the Outer Circle in St. Pancras, London's Streets, London Churches, Roman London, Highgate, Enfield Chase, Hampton Court, the Port of London, the London Theatre, Thomas Becket, John Keats.

The Essays submitted show evidence of very real interest and of careful preparation, and the Society may well feel gratified with the response that has been made as a result of the launching of this scheme for a Junior Essay Prize Competition. The standard of the work submitted was very satisfactory on the whole, but there was no essay of such outstanding distinction as to merit publication.

The Committee recommends that the Society's Bronze Medal and books to the value of one guinea should be presented to Nora Pile of the Camden School for Girls for her essay on "The Outer Circle in St. Pancras," and considers that the essays submitted by Mary Stevens, Hilda Matthews and Margaret Lewis of the Edmonton County School, and Kathleen Smith of the Camden School for Girls, are worthy of commendation: it also recommends that a consolation prize of books to the value of half a guinea should be awarded to Sylvia Booker of Edmonton County School, whose essay, having regard to her age, appeared to show considerable promise.