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Editorial

"Ay marry; why was he sent into England?"

"Why? Because he was mad; he shall recover his wits there; or, if he do not, 'tis no great matter there."

HAMLET.

These are words written by our "own" bard, whose quartocentenary we must punctiliously remember this year. We have bought specially produced pottery, glassware and hosts more trinketry, all bearing his head, one of his seven differently spelt signatures or a play. Why? While at school the majority of us loath his memory, but we pay homage to him on his four-hundredth birthday. Is it an excuse to drink toasts, attend dinners or just to be "correct"? At St. Michael's we have paid our due respects; learning Elizabethan songs and chunks of his plays, for the sake of charity. Philatelists, by paying five shillings and sixpence to the G.P.O., could obtain a set of his commemorative stamps, probably the largest set of its kind ever produced in this country.

Since our last issue, the School has figured in two Independent Television programmes. The first, shortly before Christmas, was a team from the School competing in "Junior Town Quiz." Though we did not taste the fruits of success the team, I am sure, got a large amount of amusement out of the quiz. The second programme followed a letter in the *Observer* mentioning the School and our driving, last February. It was a short feature film of the whole school and appeared on "About Anglia". Included in the film were short looks at the driving, the Drama Group, general classes and football.

The first Heacham Holiday Week, last summer, crowned the many hours of diligent toil by the organisers. The elements were not on their best behaviour, with incessant rain for much of the week. Despite this it was greatly enjoyed by many. This year an even more ambitious ten days has been planned. It should have special appeal to the young and "young in heart", with an almost non-stop "Beat Festival" on August Bank Holiday featuring such illusive characters as the Pretty Things, The Picwicks, and perhaps others, who will provide the raucous din. There will be the usual more sober activities such as bowls and fêtes. Fuller details of the whole ten days are given elsewhere in the magazine.

"The Return to Ingoldisthorpe" envisaged by some of our predecessors has still not materialised. Now that permission has been granted, plans to add extensions to the Rectory, similar to the New Building at the Shooting Lodge, have been made. But a large amount of financial resources are necessary; these are not at present in hand.

This year, the magazine has attempted to take a broader outlook both in size and contents. We hope these are to the taste of the reader. It is especially pleasant to be able to include, for the first time, some contributions from quite young members of the School. These were their own ideas and efforts, and we hope that in future magazines this section will enlarge.