

# THE Newcastle High School Magazine.

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SEVERAL alterations have been made in this number of the Magazine in order to make it more interesting. We have tried to find out what the girls like, and we hope that the new arrangement of the Magazine will please them.

The first thing to notice is the difference in shape; the Magazine is smaller and looks more important than it did before.

The next is that two competitions have been inserted; Miss Gurney has offered a prize in each. The best way in which the girls can shew their gratitude for her kindness is to enter for them and to take a great interest in them, and also in the Magazine as a whole.

A new Editorial Staff has been elected since Leslie Frere and Olive Richardson, the Editor and Treasurer, have left. It consists of:—*Editor*—MARJORIE STUART. *Sub-editor*—IDA ARMSTRONG. *Secretary*—KATHLEEN LAMBERT. *Treasurer*—ELLENOR FRERE.

Lady Owen, who gave away our prizes last year, has offered a prize for Needlework. A Sewing Examination took place last term and the results were very unsatisfactory. This term all the girls are learning Sewing, either at home or at school, and we hope that they may acquit themselves more creditably at the summer examination. The prize will be awarded according to the results of both examinations.

A Religious Knowledge Examination is to be held in July. The Inspector of the Church High Schools has again kindly offered prizes to Seniors for the Gospel of St. Luke, Chapters I—XX.; and to Juniors for the Catechism.

The following is a list of girls who were head of their Forms at the end of last term:—

Preparatory. Winnifred Nicholson.	Form IIIa. Dorothy Hamer.
Form I. Edie Caunt.	Form IV. Alison Nicholson
Form II. Amy Robinson.	Form Vb. Phyllis Comrie.
Form IIIb. Kathleen Bookey.	Form Va. Joyce Robson.

Honour Cards were gained by Edie Caunt, Madge Durant, Evelyn Maguire and Annette Williamson.

## STAR LIST.

Form VI. 12.	Form IV. 5.	Form II 8.
Form Va. 12.	Form IIIa. 2.	
Form Vb. 7.	Form IIIb. 4.	

The result of the Cambridge Examinations were as follows :—  
 Senior. Third Class Honours :—Ellenor Frere, Kathleen Lambert and Marjorie Stuart.

Passed :—Ida Armstrong (with distinction in Religious Knowledge), Olive Richardson.

Junior. Third Class Honours :—Nora Nicholson.

Passed :—Flossie Brewis, Isabel Charlton, Margaret Hamer (with distinction in Religious Knowledge), Joyce Robson.

It is noteworthy and satisfactory that of the ten candidates from the Newcastle High School, all have passed, and four out of the ten have gained honours.

### General Knowledge Paper.

The following is a list of the girls who have gained the highest mark for their age in this school for the above paper.

AGE.	NAME.	AVERAGE MARK.	MARKS OBTAINED.
* 19.	L. Frere.	61.6.	85.
18.	O. Richardson.	58.3.	63.
× 17.	E. Frere.	54.9.	93.
16.	J. Robson.	48.	76.
15.	M. Horsley.	40.3.	69.
14.	B. Burnell. } D. Arnott. }	35.3.	52.
13.	F. Ison. } C. Scott. }	34.5.	57.
12.	A. Nicholson.	29.1.	48.
11.	K. Bookey.	24.	34.
10.	G. Nicholson.	22.	22.

\* Certificate for highest mark attained at this age.

× Prize for highest marks attained on the paper in all the Company's schools.

### The Museum.

It is proposed to start a Museum in connection with the school. Will each girl endeavour to contribute something at the beginning of next term? The summer holidays will afford a splendid opportunity for obtaining specimens. The school already is in possession of a few stuffed birds and shells, and it is earnestly hoped that girls, mistresses, parents and friends will all help in supplying such a long felt want.

Contributions should be given in to either Miss Ram or Miss Edmunds.

### Reading Society.

On Shrove Tuesday, Miss Gurney invited the members of the Reading Society to Tea and Progressive Games.

First came tea, at which Mac was a prominent visitor and displayed his acquired arts. Then we adjourned to the

Mistresses' Room, where we arranged ourselves in fours at the tables and played separately. There were needles to be threaded, peas to be put into a saucer, spellicans to be separated, fishes to be lifted and last but not least, tiddle-dey winks. We went once round the tables and then had a geographical game. This was not so brain-puzzling as the next event, which was to form words beginning with the first letter and ending with the last of a given word and so on with the second and last but one, and third and last but two. Then came the culmination of all; we went into the gymnasium and had that mysterious music story. Miss Dickinson played for us, and it will suffice to tell that the story was of "A Lover and his Lass."

The highest total of marks was gained by Leslie Frere, who received a much-to-be-desired leather-bound volume of "The Tempest," stamped with the school crest, and Dora Nimmo had the "Booby Prize." We ended the evening with an enjoyable little dance and many thanks to Miss Gurney, who had so kindly entertained us.

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### Musical Recital.

On the afternoon of February 26th, the second Musical Recital, in which twenty-eight or twenty-nine girls took part, was held in the School Hall. The parents of the pupils were invited. Piano Solos, Duets and Violin Pieces were successfully played by the girls. In addition to the music, two recitations were given. After the performance was over, tea was served in the Dining Hall, for which we have to thank Miss Gurney.

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### Hockey.

The chief interest of the Autumn Term's Hockey lay in the matches for the Shield and the Form matches for Miss Dickinson's Cup.

The matches for the Shield were most exciting, as everyone felt very nervous of our renowned opponents from Darlington, who had already held the Shield twice, while we were playing in the Final for the first time. When the first match, which was played on the Newcastle ground, began, we felt sure that our team would have a very hard fight, and they certainly did; in fact, when the whistle went and the result was three all, they felt for a moment that they really could not do it again. But that feeling soon passed, and when it was decided to play again at Darlington on the following Saturday, everyone was as keen as ever. Unfortunately, very few of us were able to go over to see the second match, but the result was again a draw, and the fight as hard as before. After this, it was decided that each school should hold the Shield for half the year, our half being the second. All the first eleven deserve praise for their play, but especially the half-backs, who had improved so much during the season that they formed a most efficient backbone to the team, their speed

being especially noticeable. The backs, too, played quite brilliantly, especially in the first of the two matches.

Besides these matches, the first eleven played the Central High School, winning by 3 goals to 2, and also our own Old Girls, who gave them a good beating. On the whole, they had a most successful season, and we must attribute not a little of this success to the energy of the Captain, who was always ready to whip up the defaulters, and was herself most regular at practices. We are very sorry to lose her.

The second eleven had one match against the first eleven of Gordon College, Whitley Bay, which we lost. The opposing team was much stronger and older than ours, but we made a good fight, though the forwards lost a good many chances of goals by being much too slow in the circle and too much afraid of attacking the backs. However, they will no doubt improve in the future, especially as they had before acquitted themselves very well against the Central. After the match we had tea, and then had time for a little walk by the sea before the train was due.

The Form matches for the Cup were most amusing, and the energy displayed by the teams, truly wonderful. Form Vb was the winner, after three matches, of which perhaps the most noticeable was the plucky fight Form IIIa made against desperate odds. We hope that the Forms as a whole will take more interest in having a good team in the future, and will come and cheer on their representatives with more vigour.

On the whole, in spite of bad weather and a very marshy ground, the School may fairly claim to have had a better Hockey season than ever before. The number of players was good, though there are still some whom we know can play and have not enough energy or public spirit to do so; and the general interest is certainly increasing. We are especially glad that so many juniors play, as we find that those who have played in the junior game have a great advantage over those who begin older.

The teams were:—

First eleven—M. Cook, O. Richardson (Captain), A. Weddell, E. Dixon, I. Pickering, G. Davies, C. Davies, M. Horsley, I. Charlton, E. Trenbath, L. Frere.

Second eleven—A. Nicholson, K. Charlewood, H. Edwards, N. Matthewson, D. Stuart, E. Bedson (Captain), M. Hamer, B. Williamson, P. Comrie, W. Liddle, N. Snowball.

G. H. MOORE.

## Basket Ball.

Three matches were played last term. Forms IV and IIIa played twice against each other. Their teams were very equal and the matches ended in a victory for each Form. Forms IIIa and IIIb also played a match. The former had much the stronger team and so won easily.

## Swimming.

At the end of this term the Swimming Cup and Diving Medal will be competed for. But our former champion has left, therefore Miss Gurney wants all those girls who can swim or dive (and she knows there are a good number), to enter for the competition.

Begin and practise at once, going at least once a week to the Baths; and get someone better than yourself to race with; and then time yourself each week. Not more than one can win the Cup or the Medal, but the point is that the others should make a good representation of the school.

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## News of the Old Girls.

On the evenings of Tuesday and Wednesday, December 12th and 13th, 1905, the Old Girls Dramatic Club gave two very successful representations of Dickens' well-known Story, "The Cricket on the Hearth." The Hall was well filled each night by a large and appreciative audience. The acting was excellent, and the amusing and pathetic scenes were well sustained. The scenery and dresses were all that could be desired.

The following members were included in the caste:—The Misses V. Atkinson, E. Brentnall, M. Duncan, S. East, E. Ericson, S. Lister, M. Rome, M. Sopwith and V. White.

A special feature of the evening's entertainment was the charming music so kindly arranged and conducted by Mr. Ellison Fenwicke.

The proceeds were given to the Cathedral Nurse and Loan Society.

On Wednesday, February 14th, there was an Old Girls' meeting held at the school. After tea in the Dining Room, everyone assembled in the Hall to propose two new Committee Members in place of Miss Ram and Miss Moore, who have resigned. Connie Edwards and Edith Brentnall were chosen by vote.

It had already been decided that the next meeting should be a debate, and so the subject for debate had now to be decided upon. There were many and various suggestions, and the motion chosen was "That the magazines of the present day are a serious hindrance to the intellectual development of the present generation."

Afterwards, one or two of the Old Girls played the piano, Isabel Mathwin sang, and Nellie Baynham played the banjo. Then a Penny Race was started, which was won by Miss Fawcus' team, and soon the meeting broke up, after a pleasant evening.

On Tuesday, March 20th, the Old Girls held an interesting debate and the motion was as above.

Miss Moore acted as president. Both sides of the question were skilfully handled. Proceedings began with a speech by Stella East, in which, after excluding such magazines as the "Review of Reviews," she stated that she considered magazine

reading harmful because it took up the time which might be given to the reading of standard works, and because the stories were wanting in literary merit, and the articles likely to be forgotten as soon as read.

Sibyl Lister then rose to oppose the motion. She gave instances of the useful and interesting articles often found in magazines, and argued that they were not necessarily likely to be forgotten, and that, as to stories, some of the best fiction of the day had first appeared in magazines. Stella East was seconded by Edith Brentnall, and Sibyl Lister by Elsie Mathwin. The latter told us that a certain magazine had actually undertaken to give a recipe for turning soap boxes into pianos. A few other members then spoke, but with some diffidence, and the president invited Stella East to sum up. The votes having been taken, the motion was reported to have been lost by a small majority.

Sharp practise debates were then started which were much enjoyed, at all events by those not called upon to speak. Many of the speakers were obliged to argue against their real convictions, but their remarks proved all the more amusing to their listeners.

This term, Connie Edwards has been obliged to resign her position on the Committee, as she will be out of Newcastle; so the Committee has co-opted Elsie Bell and Ada Tweddell.

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### Competitions.

- RULES:—1. All papers must be the unaided work of the Competitor.  
 2. All papers must be accompanied by the name and age of the Competitor, and by the proper Coupon.  
 3. All papers must be given to the Editor by first Monday of next term.

#### I. "Where there's a Will there's a Way."

Miss Gurney has offered a prize for the best original story under this title. No story must contain more than 800 words, and all stories will be judged according to the age of the Competitor.

II. The Puzzle Competition is divided into two divisions. The senior set is to be solved by girls of twelve and upwards, the junior by girls under twelve.

A prize will be given by Miss Gurney to the girl in each division who wins the most marks.

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### Senior Puzzles.

DIAMOND PUZZLE—7 marks.

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| 1. A Consonant.     | 4. A flower.   |
| 2. Part of a plant. | 5. A covering. |
| 3. A beverage.      | 6. A vowel.    |

## ACROSTIC—8 marks.

My initials and finals are the name of a flower.

1. A stem.
2. A vegetable.
3. An inflorescence.
4. A sort of paint.

## TOWNS IN THE BRITISH ISLES—6 marks.

1. A stopper.
2. Fierce, a consonant, a preposition.
3. Harbours, an aperture.
4. To harass.
5. Viragos, to conceal.
6. A colour, a river.

## RIDDLE-ME-REE—12 marks.

My first is in sail, but not in boat ;  
 My second is in hat, but not in coat ;  
 My third is in cart, but not in horse ;  
 My fourth is in track, but not in course ;  
 My fifth is in woe, but not in pain ;  
 My sixth is in snow, but not in rain ;  
 My seventh is in ape, but not in monkey ;  
 My eighth is in footman, but not in flunkey ;  
 My ninth is in Latin, but not in Greek ;  
 My tenth is in search, but not in seek ;  
 My eleventh is in heart, and also in head ;  
 My whole is a poet, whose works you have read.

## NUMERICAL PUZZLE—5 marks.

My 7, 2, 10, 5, is to arouse ;  
 My 6, 2, 9, 10, is a kind of shelf ;  
 My 1, 8, 3, is a piece of work ;  
 My 9, 2, 4, is a vehicle.

## SQUARE WORDS—12 marks.

- I. A past participle.  
 A musical instrument.  
 To rise.  
 A period.
- II. A place of public sale.  
 A space.  
 True.  
 Number.
- III. A kind of deer.  
 A preposition.  
 A performance by one person.  
 A protuberance.

## Junior Puzzles.

### THIRD LETTER PUZZLE—7 marks.

My third letter read downwards will form a river in Europe.

A E F D = to lose colour.

R A T E = to rend.

A E N S = to be healthy in mind.

U S P O = a beverage.

B E E L = a river.

L E A P = an appeal. *Phyllis Stuart.*

### WORD SQUARE—4 marks.

A space.

A highway.

Comfort.

A town in Arabia. *Nellie Brewis.*

### TRANSPOSITION PUZZLE—6 marks.

My initials, when placed in right order, will form the name of a flower.

I s e c a = something played on the piano.

L a c e i = a girl's name.

V y r o i = elephants' tusks.

Y h n e m c i = part of a house.

T n a c r e = a moderate gallop. *Nellie Brewis.*

### HIDDEN PROVERB—9 marks.

1. How hot it is to-day!
2. What is it you want?
3. Tell Dora to give me a book.
4. How long must you practise?
5. We are to meet the other at the end of the lane.
6. How is it that you are so late?
7. My sister has a nice little dog,
8. I am no farther on now than when I started.
9. I hope you are thinking of turning over a new leaf this term. *Phyllis Stuart.*

### MISSING LETTER PROVERB—4 marks.

I \* a \* f \* r \* t \* o \* d \* n \* s \* c \* e \* d , \* r \* , t \* y , \* r \*  
a \* a \* n .

#### COUPON.

Newcastle High School  
STORY COMPETITION.

Name.....

Age.....

#### COUPON.

Newcastle High School  
PUZZLE COMPETITION.

Name.....

Age.....