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The School seems to be under the impression that the Editorial Staff produces this Magazine solely for its own amusement. We beg to state that this is not the case. All good schools have Magazines. Besides just having a Magazine, let us have one which is really interesting. It cannot become so of its own accord, the girls must see to that, and at present the lack of interest in the Magazine is disgraceful. Last term Miss Gurney offered two prizes, one for a story, and one for solutions of puzzles: only a few out of the whole School took any notice of this, and sent in answers, and not one wrote a story, and so, of course, no prize has been awarded.

The girls said they would like puzzles or stories in the Magazine, but if they do not contribute them themselves, how can they expect to have them? This term we want every girl to write something for the Magazine—a story, a puzzle, a riddle, a piece of poetry, anything they please, just to shew they are not totally lacking in originality. If you think your contribution is silly, send it in just the same, other people may not think so, and if it is not good enough to be printed, it will only be returned and no unpleasant remarks will be made. Please do for once put aside your youthful modesty, and help to make the Magazine worthy of the School.

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

Kindergarten.	Winnifred Nicholson.
Form I.	Connie Marshall.
Form IIb.	Stella Proctor.
Form IIa.	Gertrude Hodgson.
Form IIIb.	Gertrude Hicks.
Form IIIa.	Dorothy Hamer.
Form IV.	Alison Nicholson.
Form Vb.	Phyllis Comrie.
Form Va.	Joyce Robson.

Honour Cards were gained by Winnifred Nicholson, Connie Marshall, Flora Macdonald and Gertrude Hodgson,

STAR LIST.

Form VI.	11.	Form IV.	4.	Form II.	3
Form Va.	12.	Form IIIa.	3.		
Form Vb.	6.	Form IIIb.	3.		

Cicely Davies and Connie Dixon have passed their first examination for Kindergarten Teaching and have both gone to the Froebel Institute, Kensington, to finish their training.

Ada Tweddell has passed her first B.Litt. examination, at the Armstrong College.

The Museum.

The interest shown by some of the girls in the Museum is very encouraging, though as yet the interest has hardly spread to all the forms. Violet Coxon, Form IV., has brought a most interesting collection, which includes several adders, a toad, a frog, a trout, birds' nests, eggs and skins, amongst other things. It must be added that the reptiles are all safely bottled.

We have also had gifts of shells, eggs, butterflies, a gourd, etc., and we hope the day may not be far distant when each form may have a portion of the Museum in the form-room.

At present the specimens are in the Kindergarten, but Miss Edmunds is very glad to let any girl look at the specimens if she asks permission first.

The Library.

Our best thanks are due to Leslie Frere, who has presented "Lady Betty across the Water" to the Library. If every girl who leaves school would give a book, then there would be enough new books for everyone. As it is, some of our most voracious readers have great difficulty in finding something fresh every week.

The members' subscriptions amount to 12/- for this term, and four books have been purchased:—R. L. Stevenson's "Travels with a donkey in the Cevennes," "A Daughter of Kings," by K. Tynan, "A Nine Days Wonder," by B. M. Croker, and "Giant Circumstance," by John Oxenham.

It is necessary to expend some money on the re-binding and mending of books from time to time, and next term's subscriptions will probably have to be spent in this way, so we shall be glad of as many new members as possible.

Cricket.

The cricket this term has not been as well attended as it might have been. In the junior game, especially, the numbers have often been too small to make a really good game; and even among the seniors a great many came very irregularly. If the game is to improve, players must be regular, both for their own sake and for the sake of the game as a whole. The seniors have had two practices a week, one on the small ground every Tuesday, and one on the St. George's ground every Thursday. The juniors play every Thursday on the small ground. Elsie Mathwin has helped to coach the seniors on Thursdays, giving much useful advice about bowling and batting, both of which are weak points. Our chief strength lies in our fielding, which was decidedly better than that of any team we met.

There were four matches, two against the Central High School, and two against the South Northumberland Ladies.

We beat the Central in the first match by an innings and 7 runs, not through high scoring on our part, but by good fielding. In the return we were beaten, 80—41. Ada Weddell made the best score, 17, and was caught out. Of the rest of the team nearly all were bowled.

Against the South Northumberland Ladies, many of whom are old girls, we scored 20 against their 60 in the first match. Our players could score very little off some of their bowling, especially from Elsie Mathwin's balls, and a great many catches were made, both in this and the return. We won the return, 83—67, Gladys Davies scoring 21, Mildred Cook 18, and Ada Weddell 14.

The team was—M. Cook (Capt.), A. Weddell, K. Charlewood, B. Williamson, G. Davies, E. Dixon, I. Pickering, N. Matthewson, and three of the following four: E. Bedson, H. Graham, E. Potts, S. Williamson.

The Old Girls' Picnic.

The Old Girls' Picnic was held on Saturday, June 16th. About twenty girls turned up at the station for the ten o'clock

train to Bardon Mill, although it was raining very heavily. Miss Gurney put it to vote as to whether we should go or not, and as all except two thought the weather would improve and no one seemed to want to waste the lunch they had brought, we started. The journey was very jolly, we expected the rain to stop as we got further west, but were disappointed because instead of clearing the weather became gradually worse. At Hexham we saw Miss Moore and the Richardsons, who all seemed to think us very silly to go on. But we were not at all downhearted. When we arrived at Bardon Mill, Miss Gurney suggested having lunch, and then going for a walk. It had been arranged that we should have tea at a farm about six miles from the station, but we had to give up that idea, as the roads were so wet, we could only have gone by swimming. We had lunch in the waiting room, and then most of the girls started for a short walk. However, they soon came back, one by one, looking very wet, and we came home by the next train, which left about two o'clock. In spite of the weather, everyone seemed to have enjoyed the picnic in the station.

Sports.

The Annual School Sports were held on Tuesday, July 24th, in the Orphanage grounds, adjoining the School, where there was a large gathering of guests and enthusiastic girls. There were no new races, with the exception of the Old Girls' Race, which was to carry a glass full of water from one end of the course to the other, and the winner was the one with the most water in her glass at the end, and not necessarily the one who came in first; in fact, it so happened that E. Saunders, who was the last to come in, was the winner, since she spilt scarcely any water. The best competitions were decidedly the running and the high jump, in the latter of which, V. Coxon won, with a neat jump of 4ft. 6in., and was closely seconded by I. Pickering, in a jump of 4ft. 3in.

At the end of the programme, visitors and girls were entertained by Miss Gurney in the School. After tea, everyone adjourned to the Hall, where K. Lambert recited "Lorraine Lorree," and "Dame Durden" was acted by M. Stuart, K. Moncrieffe, I. Pearse, N. Brewis and M. Metcalfe. Miss Gurney then asked Mrs. Napier to give away the prizes, among which were those presented by Mrs. Napier and Miss McNeil. A list of the races and the winners respectively is appended.

The Cup was won by Forms IV. and Vb., and K. Charlewood is again the champion for this year; her prize, presented by Mr. Brewis, will be given on Prize Day.

The proceedings ended with three cheers for Miss Gurney, who had taken so much trouble to make the sports a success.

EVENT.	WINNER.	EVENT.	WINNER.
EGG AND SPOON.			
Junior.	E. Davidson.	HIGH JUMP.	V. Coxon.
Open.	G. Davies.	LONG JUMP.	K. Charlewood.
SKIPPING.			
Form I & Kindergarten.	G. Hunter.	FLAG RACE.	M. Cook's Team
Junior.	C. Morrison.	POTATO RACE.	K. Lambert's „
RUNNING.		TUG-OF-WAR.	
Kindergarten	W. Nicholson	Junior.	K. Brewis' „
Form I.	S. Glendenning		
Junior.	C. Morrison.	Open.	W. Snowball's „
Open.	K. Charlewood.		
HOPPING.		SACK RACE.	
Junior.	C. Morrison,	Junior,	L. Marsh.
Open.	K. Charlewood.	Open.	B. Williamson.
OLD GIRLS.	E. Saunders,		

Swimming.

Alas! the Swimming Cup no longer adorns our Hall. It was lost in this way:—

We heard nothing about the race during the term, and we thought, "Oh! it won't be held till the Autumn term, its no use wasting half a lovely afternoon like this practising at the baths; besides, we shall have plenty of time in the holidays." So, great was our dismay when, the day before the Sports, we heard that the contest would be held on the very next Thursday. No one was ready—no one had practised; only five girls entered:—Elsie Baynham, Gladys Davies, Violet Coxon, Irene Pickering and Rhoda Cochrane. They did their best for the honour of the School. Elsie was third in the final, and only one of the others was last in her heat; but the Central won the Cup. Violet and Rhoda entered for the Diving Medal, but that too was won by a Central girl.

The Tennis Tournament.

This year the Tennis Tournament was held at Sunderland. Our champions were Gladys Latimer, Daphne Stuart, Irene Pickering and Gladys Maughan. Quite a large contingent, in spite of the distance to go, met at the Central Station, on Saturday, July 7th. At Gateshead we were joined by the Gateshead champions and their friends, and those from Durham met us at Sunderland, and all walked to the field together. A few preliminary arrangements having been made, play began: Gateshead *v.* Durham and Newcastle *v.* Sunderland. After eight setts had been played, it was reported that Gateshead had beaten Durham, 24 games to 22, and Newcastle had defeated Sunderland by 48 to 11. After an interval for luncheon, play was resumed between Newcastle and Gateshead. At the end of four setts, the score stood at 32 to 24, so the final setts were very exciting. At the end, a little crowd gathered round Miss Richardson, and waited breathlessly while she added up the scores. We had won by 40 to 35, Sunderland most hospitably entertained us all to tea, and afterwards we triumphantly carried back the Shield to Newcastle.

Old Girls *v.* Present Girls' Tennis Match.

The Old Girls *v.* Present Girls' Tennis Match took place on Tuesday, July 3rd, at the Medical College Ground, when eight Old Girls played eight School Champions:—G. Latimer, D. Stuart, I. Pickering, G. Maughan, W. Siddle, H. Dodsworth, K. Lambert, C. Kirkup.

It was a fine day, but not so hot as to make it unpleasant for the players. After the first round, both players and spectators had tea on the ground, which was enjoyed by all. The match finished by the Old Girls defeating the School by 83 to 62 games.

The St. Nicholas' Children.

On July 20th we took the St. Nicholas' Children down to the sea. As usual, they enjoyed themselves immensely, and after having their clothes pinned up, enjoyed a good "plodge" and the usual castle-building on the sands. During this excitement we recognised several of our old friends of the year before, although it was rather difficult to distinguish the numerous Lizzies, Pollies and Sarahs. At about 4.30 we managed to persuade them to come out of the water by mention of that simple little word

“tea”—“One touch of nature makes the whole world kin.” After this, the children and Mac ran the usual races on the sands, and each one received a good share of the prizes, with the exception of poor Mac, who had to be excluded from the games on account of his ungentlemanly behaviour by frightening the smaller children. At about 6.30, we all came home, after having a delightful afternoon. At the Central, the children all said good-bye, and after we had told them to be good children, and to come next year, they all went home happily.

The Botanical Expedition.

On June 23rd, Miss Ram took several girls from Forms VI., Va. and Vb. for a botanical expedition to Staward Peel. We arrived there about half-past-two, after a very hot and crowded journey. We left our belongings at a farm near the station, known as the Jingle Pot, and set off to walk to the Peel. Once there, we separated into two or three parties, climbing down different paths to the Allan, whose banks are most beautiful. We scrambled along the riverside, gathering flowers as we went. After a while, we grew hot and tired, so we returned and rested on some rocks till it was time for tea. When we had climbed up the cliffs again, and had made our way back to the farm, we found tea set out in the farmyard, and the table plentifully supplied with eatables. We were all very hungry and did justice to the good things provided for us. Then we went up to the station, and as it was not quite time for the train, we walked down the road to look at the glorious view which is to be seen from there. We were rather tired when we reached home, but we had all enjoyed ourselves immensely, and also learnt the names and orders of a good many new flowers.

“Where there’s a Will there’s a Way.”

(WITH APOLOGIES TO MRS. EWING.)

“My dears,” said Fluffy, as she settled herself and her family for the fourth time before the kitchen fire, “My dears, always persevere; perseverance is one of the chief virtues of our family. I remember one day, when I was a kitten, I had made myself such a beautiful bed on a Shetland shawl, and had just comfortably gone to sleep, when some one came, lifted me up suddenly, and dropped me into a basket of *hay* that stood in the passage.” (Fluffy had often slept on the hay in the barn, but, from the way in which she pronounced the word, you would have imagined

that she could not deign to put a foot near such stuff now.) “I was determined *not* to sleep there,” she continued, “But I confess I was rather puzzled what to do. I tried some of the easy chairs, but was turned out of each one, and when I tried to get to the drawing-room sofa, I found the door shut in my face. I was really quite upset; to tell the truth, I had eaten a sausage that morning, and I began to doubt whether stolen sausage quite agreed with me. My fur seemed rough, and I felt miserable all over. I wanted to shew my spite on someone, but I could only spit at the dogs, who didn’t care, and refuse my tea, which I really wanted badly. At last a cheering thought came into my mind:—human beings made beds for themselves upstairs, why should not I do the same? I made a pilgrimage up a long flight of stairs and peeped into the first room which had an open door. To the right stood a large wardrobe, and, oh joy! the door was open. I immediately jumped up on one of the shelves and there found my perseverance rewarded; a deliciously warm, soft, cosy slipper made me a most luxurious bed. I just fitted into it, and I curled myself up most happily. I was so pleased; and my fur felt smooth and nice again; and I actually purred with delight.” (Fluffy did not often purr.) “It was, perhaps, not wise, for I might have been heard; still I felt safe, and took no notice of various calls for ‘Kitty,’ all over the house.” “And did they find you?” asked little Tiny, stretching out her paws in sleepy contentment.

Here a heavy step was heard close by, and a voice exclaimed “Them cats again, I do declare!” After a moment or two of struggle and bustle, Fluffy and her kittens found themselves, for the fifth time that day, out in the yard, in a basket of *hay*—cook, as well as Fluffy, believed in perseverance.

