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For the second time in its career the Magazine is orphaned. Marjorie Stuart, who has edited it for four terms, has gone to adorn a higher sphere. In plain terms, she has been entered as a student at the Royal Holloway College, where she took up her abode on the third of this month.

In consequence of this sad loss, we would point out that it is incumbent on the School to make a greater effort than usual to support the Magazine. This may be done in two ways—firstly, by buying it this term as an encouragement to the new officers; secondly, by sending in contributions for next term, to compensate it for the loss of the able pen of the late Editor. Articles on all subjects and stories, will be “thankfully received and gratefully acknowledged” by the Editorial staff. We would especially welcome anything from the Old Girls, and we wish to point out to them, that, as they have greater opportunities than the Present Girls of seeing and hearing interesting things, their contributions would be very valuable to the Magazine.

The School at large has sustained a heavier loss even than that of the Head Girl. Miss Richardson, our Mathematical Mistress, has had to leave us, and we all miss her very much. She will be living at Hexham, so we hope we may still see her sometimes. Miss Claridge has come to be Second Form Mistress and to teach Mathematics. Miss Kelly has now charge of the Lower Third and Miss Fawcus of the Fourth.

The examination for the Inspector's Scripture and Catechism Prizes took place last term as usual. Below are those results which concern our girls.

### SENIOR.

NAME.	No.	MAXIMUM.		TOTAL.	
		A. 65.	B. 65.		
D. Amsden .	4th.	40	47	87	Certificate.
J. H. Robson .	6th.	40	44	84	Certificate.
M. F. Hamer .	12th.	36	38	74	

### JUNIOR.

NAME.	No.	MAXIMUM.	
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M. Robinson .	5th.	69	Commended.
P. Comrie .	7th.	66	Commended.
A. Armstrong .	8th.	65	Commended for B Paper.
F. Ison .	20th.	52	

The following is a list of the girls who were heads of their Forms in the summer term :—

Forms VI. & Va.	Joyce Robson.
Form V. remove.	Dorthea Amsden.
Form Vb.	Alison Nicholson.
Form IV.	Dorothy Hamer.
Form IIIa.	Edith Macarthy.
Form IIIb.	Hilda Ison.
Form IIa.	Dorothy Morpeth.
Form IIb.	Connie Marshall.
Form I.	Ida Little.
Kindergarten	Phyllis Cooper.

Honour Cards were gained by C. Marshall, M. Pullen, S. Proctor and D. Morpeth in the Second Form; and by M. Edwards, I. Little, E. Heron, V. Nicholson and P. Cooper in the First Form.

#### STAR LIST.

Form VI. 14.	Form Vb. 9.	Form IIIa. 3.
Form Va. 12.	Form IV. 2.	Form IIIb. 3.
	Form II. 9.	

Last term, Miss Gurney offered a prize to the Form which kept its room most tidy. She and Miss Dickinson went round about once a week and gave each Form marks for neatness. At the end of the term, the Kindergarten was found to have won the prize, which was presented this term in the form of a picture.

The list of marks is as follows :—

Form VI.—2.	Form IV. —10.	Form II.—1.
Form Va.+3.	Form IIIa.—11.	Form I. +1.
Form Vb.+6.	Form IIIb.— 2.	Kindergarten +8.

The Magazine officers for this term are :—*Editor*, Ellenor Frere; *Secretary*, Joyce Robson; *Treasurer*, Elsie Dixon.

### The Sale of Work.

The Sale of Work in aid of the School Charities was held on May 29th, and Lady Owen very kindly consented to open it. Each Form had a stall, and there was great competition among them, each wishing to make the most money.

The Lower Third had a fairy well in addition to its stall, and the Lower Fifth had a tortoise race. Form V. remove took charge of the needlework stall, on which was displayed the work done by the sewing class. The Old Girls also did their share, and had a very pretty flower stall. In the Gymnasium, tea, at sixpence a head, was served by capable waitresses. There were cake and sweet competitions, and the entries were sold to swell the funds.

There were two concerts in the Kindergarten, where both

old and present girls sang, played and recited. This was quite a new idea and very successful.

When the money was counted, the Upper Fifth was found to have made the most, and the First Form and Kindergarten came in a good second. Altogether we made £48. Of this, £30 10s. goes to keep Jack Calder, our little boy in St. Aidan's Home, and to buy his birthday and Christmas presents; £7 pays for the St. Nicholas' treats; a wreath was sent to the late Bishop Lloyd's funeral, and £5 were given to the Diocesan Fund, in memory of him.

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### The St. Nicholas' Treat.

The St. Nicholas' children's visit to the seaside took place on Friday, July 19th. We met the children at the Central Station, and were soon on the way to Monkseaton. When we got there, we walked down to the sea, and the order of the day was paddling, in which pastime we nearly all joined; after that came sand-castle building and donkey rides; then we helped the children to put on their shoes and stockings, as it was their tea time.

They had tea in Panama House, and Mr. Fry set working a large musical box, much to their delight. One young lady was lost at tea time, but was discovered further along the sands. After their tea, the children were sent to play while we had our tea outside.

Next came the races, which caused great excitement; everybody got two prizes, with which they were very pleased. When the races were over, we started to walk to the station. The children all sang lustily in the train going home, and finished up with three cheers for Miss Gurney. At the Central Station we parted, after a very enjoyable afternoon, which, luckily, was a beautifully fine one.

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### Botanical Expedition.

Saturday, June 15th, the day of the Botany Picnic, was beautifully warm and sunny, and a number of girls from the Upper School met Miss Ram at the Central Station and took the 10.10 train for Chevington. After about two hours travelling, we reached our destination, and set out to walk through some woods in the neighbourhood. Our way led us through country lanes and across a piece of wild meadow land, where we found a variety of wild flowers. Under the spreading branches of an oak we ate our lunch, which, despite numerous inquisitive insects, was much enjoyed. Not wishing to be taken for "horrid trippers," we carefully hid our papers and the other disfiguring

elements of a picnic, and then resumed our walk, which now took us along a railway track and through fields.

On reaching the woods the party divided into three; one group, less energetic than the other two, amused itself by "paddling" in a little stream, which was, no doubt, very cool and refreshing; a second party, on exploration bent, toiled right through the wood to its other end, and were somewhat disgusted, after having displayed so much energy, at finding nothing more interesting and exciting than a common five-barred gate, leading into an uninteresting field. Another party reconnoitred a different part of the wood, and returned laden with armfuls of lovely wild hyacinths.

We went back the way we had come, stopping to rest in a fir copse, where, seated on the dry carpet of leaves and cones, games of various kinds were indulged in.

In the garden of a pretty cottage which we had passed on the way, a long table was spread, and while waiting for tea we sat on the grass, and watched the bees flying in and out of their hives, and were amused by the anxiety of an old mother-hen over her duckling children, one of which, particularly, was very naughty, and ran right out of the garden.

After tea, for which our long walk had given us an appetite, we took a different road, which led to the station, where we waited for a little while and then took the train for Newcastle, having spent a delightful day, found many flowers and enjoyed ourselves immensely.

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## The Sports.

The Annual Sports took place on Wednesday, July 24th, before a more than usually large audience of parents and friends. The entries also, were, we are glad to say, rather larger than usual, and the average of attainment was quite up to the standard of former years. There must necessarily be a certain sameness in all performances of this kind, and this year there were but two entirely new events. In the first, the competitors had to sew a button on to a piece of calico, after having run along the medium course. When they had threaded their needles and sewn on their buttons, they had to run back again. The second new event was the Old Girls' Race, in which each competitor had to pick up six tin mugs on a flexible cane, and carry them as quickly as possible to the end of the course, with the cane held in a horizontal position.

We have to congratulate Violet Coxon on being Sports Champion, with twenty-eight marks. A list of the prize winners will be seen below.

After the sports had taken place, tea was served in the Gymnasium, and then the visitors were entertained by some amusing selections from "Cranford," which were acted by the

Elocution Class. Finally, Miss Gurney read the results of the Sports and the prizes were presented.

Event.	Winner.	Event.	Winner.
Running.—		Sack Race.—	
Senior.—A. Weddell.		Senior.—E. Dixon, 1st.	
Junior.—D. Hamer, 1st.		B. Burnell, 2nd.	
C. Morrison, 2nd.		Junior.—S. Proctor, 1st.	
Form I.—E. Heron.		M. Pullen, 2nd.	
Kindergarten.—H. Hardy.		Form I. & Kindergarten.—	
		A. Holzapfel.	
Potato & Spoon.—		Sewing Race.—	
Senior.—N. Matthewson, 1st.		Senior.—K. Rogerson, 1st.	
Mildred Hamer, 2nd.		A. Weddell, 2nd.	
Junior.—K. Robson, 1st.		High Jump.—V. Coxon.	
S. Proctor, 2nd.		Long Jump.—V. Coxon.	
Form I. &		Flag Race.—	
Kindergarten.—E. Heron.		Vb.— <i>Capt.</i> , D. Stuart.	
Skipping.—		Tug-of-War.—	
Junior.—K. Robson.		VI.— <i>Capt.</i> , M. Stuart.	
Old Girls' Race.—		Potato Passing.—	
O. Richardson.		Va.— <i>Capt.</i> , W. Greaves.	

## The Swimming Competition.

The Swimming Competition was held this year as usual in the Northumberland Baths, for the Cup which has been presented by Dr. Ethel Williams. Girls from St. Margaret's, the Central High School and ours competed. There were only two heats, the first of which was won by a member of St. Margaret's, and the second by Valery Stafford. In the final, the St. Margaret's candidate was successful, Valery making a very good second. The cup was presented by Miss Moberly, owing to the unavoidable absence of Dr. Williams.

After the swimming, a diving competition was held, for which one of St. Margaret's girls, one of the Central girls and Valery Stafford entered. Valery won the medal, St. Margaret's being second and the Central third.

After the competitions, Miss Bessie Markham, one of our old pupils, gave some illustrations in swimming.

## Cricket, 1907.

The Cricket Team this season was much better than in former years, owing to the splendid coaching of E. Mathwin. Unfortunately, owing to the very bad weather, it had not many opportunities of showing its skill.

The team was as follows:—M. Cook, *Captain*, A. Weddell, L. Robson, E. Dixon, D. Taylor, P. Comrie, K. Robson,

M. Walker, E. Potts, A. Nicholson, H. Edwards.

The first match was played in July, against St. Andrew's School, on the little moor. It turned out a splendid day, although it was very hot playing. The game was very close and extremely exciting, the result being a win for St. Andrew's. The score was 66—62.

The second and last match of the season was played against Ashbrooke Ladies, on July 18th, at Sunderland. As the opposing team was composed of ladies, E. Mathwin played for us, and, owing to her fast, over-arm bowling, we were successful in getting out our opponents, in the first innings, for 27, and in the second for 36, while we scored 54 in the first innings, and 48 in the second, making a victory for us, 102—63.

L. Robson made the largest score of the season in the match against St. Andrew's, making 22 runs.

We hope that next year more girls will join the cricket club, and come more regularly to the practices.

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## Basket Ball, 1907.

Last term, Miss Richardson presented the school with a handsome basket-ball shield, to be competed for by Forms IIIb. to Vb. There was great excitement over this, and the girls showed their appreciation of Miss Richardson's kindness by practising hard. The contest took place on July 17th. It was a beautiful day, and by 2.30 a large number of mistresses and girls had collected to witness the struggle.

Forms IV. and IIIb. began by playing, in which game Form IV. won easily, although IIIb. played up well. They were followed by Forms IV. and IIIa., IV. being victorious. Then Vb. played IIIa., the former winning; IIIa. and IIIb. played next, IIIb. winning. Then Vb. played against IIIb., resulting in a victory for Vb. Great excitement was felt when Vb. and IV. were left to finish the struggle, as IV. was one goal ahead of Vb.

The teams were very equal, but, after a keen struggle, Vb. won by one goal, gained at the last minute.

Then three cheers were given for Miss Richardson, and she presented the Shield to Vb., after which we all had tea at school by Miss Gurney's invitation.

The teams are now practising most energetically, each in hope of winning the Shield next year.

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## Tennis.

Our Tennis record for the term is not a brilliant one. We played three matches and lost two of them, the one we won being against a school not in the Tennis League. Our first match was played at Sunderland, on June 14th. There was

some good play, and the result was uncertain till the very end, the games being 32 all. The final game was a deuce one, but in the end Sunderland High School won the two points, and we were beaten by 33 games to 32. Our champions were D. Stuart, K. Lambert, G. Maughan and K. Moncrieff.

On June 21st we played the Central High School at home, and beat them by 48 games to 17. D. Stuart, K. Lambert, G. Maughan and L. Maughan played for the School.

Saturday, July 6th, was the day fixed for the Tournament at the Medical College ground. Our opponent was Gateshead, and Durham and Sunderland were drawn against one another. In spite of somewhat threatening weather, play began at 10.30, but had to cease at 11.30, owing to a downpour of rain. We adjourned to the pavilion and tried to cheer ourselves with lunch. While we were in the pavilion the weather improved a little, but as soon as we ventured out and began to play again, down came the rain. Finally, we decided to go to school, and, if possible, get dry. We got to school by two o'clock and rather alarmed Mrs. Waterman by remarking that we would like our tea. We discovered a visitor from Gateshead who enjoyed cutting bread and butter, and she and Miss Fawcus and Ellenor Frere did wonders in a very short time. The rest of us played games in the Hall, while representatives from each school attended a meeting in the Fifth Form room, at which it was decided not to have another tournament this year, but to let Sunderland and Durham play out at Sunderland, and Newcastle and Gateshead at Gateshead. After this and the milkman's afternoon call, we adjourned to the Gymnasium for tea, and our visitors left us soon after.

The postponed match was played at Gateshead, on July 12th, and after a very hard fight, we were beaten by 37 games to 35. On the same day, Sunderland beat Durham, and the next week Gateshead was beaten by Sunderland, so that that school holds the Shield for this year. It has now held it six times, we have had it five, and Gateshead once. Our players in the Gateshead match were D. Stuart, K. Lambert, L. Maughan and W. Greaves.

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### Old Girls' Tennis Match.

This match took the form of an American Tournament. It was played at School on July 13th. Nine couples entered, some of the players being present girls. Each couple played, at first, four games with every other couple, but this was found to be too lengthy a proceeding and finally two games only were played.

The winning couple was composed of an old girl and a present girl, Muriel Yeld and Winnie Siddle. The runners up were Elsie Bell and Daphne Stuart. Miss Gurney kindly offered prizes for the winners: these she presented to them when play was over.

## Arundel Castle.

Staying near Arundel this summer, we were fortunate enough to be able to avail ourselves of the unusual privilege of viewing the interior of this magnificent castle. The castle is well situated on an almost perpendicular hill, making it practically inaccessible to an enemy.

Arriving at the principal lodge, we obtained tickets which enabled us to go where we pleased in the grounds. Passing over the drawbridge, we entered the quadrangle by the old gateway in which the portcullis is still visible. The castle, which has been completely restored, according to its original design, is built round three sides of this quadrangle. We entered the castle by the private chapel, and from there we passed into the great dining hall, a splendid apartment, with a daïs at one end and a large open fireplace, in which were standing two old-fashioned "dogs." A door from the daïs led us into a long gallery with various drawing rooms opening from it, in which were several interesting pieces of old furniture. We specially noticed among these an ivory cabinet with what looked like black figures and pictures painted on it. There were also inlaid tables, both of wood and marble. Upon the walls of one of these rooms, hung portraits of the former Dukes of Norfolk. Passing through an ante-room at the end of the gallery, we reached the library, a long narrow room with a gallery running round, whose walls were covered with books. At intervals, there were cosy corners fitted with easy chairs for reading. The next room was a billiard room—a rather sudden change from the ancient appearance of the library. Leading from this was a large apartment which gave on to the garden.

This garden was surrounded by high battlemented walls, from which a splendid view of the country around could be obtained. On a higher eminence at one side of the garden, stood the old Keep, which, being under repairs, we were unable to explore. We then went to see the Fitz-Allan Chapel, which is the Chancel of the Parish Church, being only divided from the Nave (where the Church of England Services are conducted) by a brick partition. This curious state of things is due to the fact that the Duke of Norfolk, at the time of the Reformation, exercising his right as Rector, caused the Chancel to be separated from the rest of the Church, that he might carry on Services according to his own faith. On the opposite side of the road, there now stands a magnificent Roman Catholic Cathedral, which was built by the present Duke. After we had seen as much as our time permitted, we made our way back to the station, and, as we left Arundel behind, we obtained a splendid view of the Castle and its surroundings.—L.B.F.