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EDITORIAL.

This term we have to introduce the Magazine in a new dress, which we trust will arouse only favourable comment. It had been felt for some time that the design of the old cover, though a step in the right direction, was hardly worthy of the School. So we are now public-spirited, and artistic; and may the new cover bring all luck to our Chronicle.

It will interest old girls to know that the Hall has undergone some alterations. The old Scholarship Board has been taken down, and above the woodwork of the platform has been added blue panelling, with a background of wood corresponding to the other in the Hall. On these panels the names of the Company's scholars are painted in gold; to these, University Honours are to be added. So come along, School!

Miss Cooper had to leave us at the end of last term. We are all missing her very much indeed, but our best wishes for her happiness in the future are with her. Miss Beddows has taken her place, and has promised to be Gardener-in-Chief; so we expect to send some exhibits to the Royal Agricultural Show this year.

SCHOOL NEWS.

The Prize-giving.

This year the prize-giving again took place in the first half of the Christmas Term, so that we had hardly settled down after the summer holidays when rehearsals of songs and recitations began. October 25th was the eventful day, and by seven o'clock on that evening the School had assumed the appearance that it wears only once a year.

All prize-givings are very much alike; this one differed from its predecessors in one respect, that we had, so to speak, business first and play afterwards. The presentation and speeches came first instead of, as formerly, in the middle of the programme.

The chair was taken by Archdeacon Henderson. After Miss Gurney had read the year's report, which was more than usually satisfactory, the prizes were distributed by the Hon. C. A. Parsons, High Sheriff of Northumberland. His speech was unlike those that we have heard before, for he had very kindly taken the trouble to prepare a short and interesting lecture on famous women.

After various other speeches, the Committee relinquished the platform to the budding elocutionists and vocalists. As usual, one of the most popular items of the programme was the Action-Song, wherein the members of the First Form and Kindergarten indulged in a trip to the moon, thereby making themselves late for bed.

The recitations from "Alice in Wonderland" were a great success, the eccentricities of the Mad Hatter and his strange guests, and the heart-rending sobs of the Mock Turtle causing much amusement. The scenes from King Lear performed by the older members of the Elocution Class were also keenly appreciated. After listening to a short play—in which III. A showed us how well they could pronounce French—a part-song, and three piano solos, the company adjourned for tea and coffee in the gymnasium.

Dancing concluded a very pleasant evening, and we all went home regretting that there could not be another prize-giving for a year.

The Cambridge Ball.

The Cambridge Ball was held on Tuesday, December 20th, 1910, when the "elite" of the N.H.S. were present; among the distinguished company were Lords (Scotch) and Ladies of various rank—including kitchen-maids, who apparently had not had time to wash for the occasion!

Quite the best costume was a Druid (who everybody thought, by the way, was Father Christmas) draped in trailing white, and wearing a long white beard—which had to be removed before supper. There was also a very kind Nurse, who fed all the children with chocolate biscuits to keep the weak plants from expiring.

Of course, it was a proper "Fancy Dress" Ball; the costumes were splendid and very varied.

In spite of there being no *coffee*, the supper was greatly enjoyed; the waiters were very evidently amateurs, as there were heaps left over. However, what remained was duly enjoyed the next day by some poor people, which shows that there is some good in all evil.

Everybody managed to enjoy herself, and we all hope that there will be another "Ball" in the near future, and that the next time we will have the pleasure of Miss Gurney's company.

Cambridge Entertainments.

Scene: The Hall. Audience: VI., VA., and VB. Platform bare and waiting, like audience. Repressed excitement prevailing.

This is the Monday after the Cambridge, and the Cambridge forms, judged too weak with the strain of the former week (sorry!) to do anything but play, are allowed an impramptu entertainment—a stroke of luck for the unexamined!

Enter, modest and blushing, a selection of VA. With combs, whistles, drums, and mouth-organs feeling renderings of Yip-I-Addy, etc., are given—so feelingly that the audience join in!

Enter an Irish schoolmistress, plus cane; enter rowdy pupils (VB disguised); the teacher tries in vain to teach; finally dismisses them in despair.

Enter Edwin and Angelina—are not the names enough to summon up a vista of murders, false imprisonments, sudden freedom, twitching suicides, and embraceful marriages?

After these, recitations and music filled in the time well till we parted with mutual regrets and much gratitude to the beneficent powers that be.

The Tuesday after, another treat. First Miss Ram gave a little talk on Beethoven, and then Miss Liddle and Miss Queenie Atkinson gave us some beautiful illustrations of his work for piano and 'cello. We were very grateful for the pleasure they gave us; for one generally has lecture or music, not both; and the combination of the two was infinitely pleasing.

Cambridge Results.

HIGHER LOCAL.

Section B., Class I.—P. Comrie, distinction in Latin.

SENIORS.

Class II.—D. Proctor, distinction in Religious Knowledge.

Class III.—W. Dogherty; D. Farrar, distinction in Religious Knowledge and Geography; M. Robinson, distinction in English.

Pass.—E. Armstrong, M. Cobbold, E. Hall, E. Lees, E. Nattress, L. Robson, D. Rowden.

JUNIORS.

Pass.—M. Cook, G. Hodgson, G. Nicholson, G. Pestle, L. Robson, I. Smith, E. Pickering.

SCHOOL LISTS.

	Neatness List.	Star List. (Maximum 14).	Entries in Excellent Book.
Form VI.	—3	14	2
„ VA.	—2	13	4
„ VB.	—4	8	5
„ IV.	—5	3	10
„ IIIA.	—7	2	11
„ IIIB.	—9	1	2
„ II.	—3	6	—
„ I.	—2	—	—
Kindergarten	—3	—	—

Honour Cards in Form II. were gained by M. Woodman, A. Wills, P. Walker, M. Edwards, D. Wilkinson; in Form I., by M. Coning, P. Gilley, C. Hunter, M. Nicholson; and in the Kindergarten by G. Hodgshon, M. Thomson, D. Carr, G. Bolam, D. Appleby, and M. Bolam.

Reading Society.

Only comparatively low totals were reached last term in the Reading Society, the Cambridge—an excuse which cannot be overworked!—having much to do with this. K. Bookey read 51h. 45m., E. Tate 49h. 45m., and O. Gracey 38h. 5m.

Musical Recital.

On Tuesday, November 1st, the musical recital was given by the music and elocution pupils; Principal Hadow was good enough to be present for the first part of the programme. He remarked afterwards on the good standard of playing; so after that, proud indeed must have been the little one to whom he said, "Well done!"

Guests and pupils, having enjoyed the programme, descended to the dining-room to enjoy tea—the guests sorry, the pupils glad, that it was over.



GAMES.

"Mens sana in corpore sano."

Hockey—Christmas Term, 1910.

The team is the same as it was last season, except for one alteration; Daphne Stuart, our captain, has left, and Olive Gracey has been put in.

We did not have very many matches last term, owing to the bad weather, but, on the whole, we were successful in those we did have. We had a "friendly" against Durham High School, away, and we won 3-1. Towards the end of the term we played Bishop Auckland in the semi-final for the Lazenby Cup. We had a very good and even game, and we won 3-2.

The semi-final for the "Shield" was played at Darlington. We had an excellent game, and everybody played her very best, but unfortunately for us, Darlington played better, and beat us 3-0.

However, we mean to try our very hardest to win the Lazenby Cup, and we hope to have the Shield back in its former place next year.

The Shield has since been won by the Central.

Basket-Ball—Christmas Term, 1910.

The girls from the Duchess School, Alnwick, came to visit us last term. We played them on a Saturday afternoon, which was rather unfortunate for us, as one or two of our girls could not play. We played 7 aside, and indoors. However, we managed to beat them in both games, senior and junior, the respective scores being 29-19 and 14-11.

Before this game we had a quite unexpected match; Sunderland arrived to play a hockey match, which the weather prevented, so we all adjourned to the school and played Basket-ball instead. We beat them 13-10, which is quite good for us, as they are the holders of the Shield, and we did not play with the regular team.

SENIOR TEAM.—K. Robson, G. Hodgshon, O. Gracey, F. Nattress, G. Hicks, S. Proctor, L. Robson (capt.).

JUNIOR TEAM.—M. Durant, B. Norris, S. Ferguson, G. Waggott, G. Sutton, D. Hodgshon, D. Cobbold.

FORM NOTES.

Form VI.—We all felt rather lonely and lost last term, as Miss Gurney was obliged to leave us for a time, owing to her health, but we are very glad that she is much better, and is again back among us.

Perhaps the most exciting event of the term was the Cambridge. This year quite a lot of us entered, and the results were very satisfactory, Doris Proctor, Doris Farrar, and Madge Robinson being in honours, and several other girls gaining distinctions. Phyllis Comrie also entered for the Higher Local, and obtained first-class honours.

Our various merits were amply repaid by the "Cambridge Entertainment," which was a series of "Twelfth Night"-like revels, consisting of a musical selection by VA.; an amusing little sketch, "The Irish Schoolmistress," by VB.; and a somewhat stirring representation of a modern sixpenny novel by ourselves.

Following this entertainment, we all relieved our pent up spirits at the "Cambridge Ball"; this was a fancy dress affair, and the costumes were remarkable for their originality and striking appearance; some of them were very good, and others very humorous.

PEARL BROWN.

Form VA.—Hurrah! We are so pleased with ourselves (as a form)! Six struggled through the Senior Cambridge — Winifred Dogherty with Third-class Honours. I wonder, by the way, when that well-deserved holiday is coming off?

We were very sorry to lose Miss Cooper last term, but we can say with the "Pote," "'Tis better to have loved and lost, than never to have loved at all." We are also glad Miss Gurney is better; she has had a very trying year, but Miss Dickinson has proved a very able deputy.

Please excuse our modesty. We have had four excellents this term:—Winifred Dogherty contributed two, Olive Gracey one, and Elsie Natress one. Quite a trifle, you know!

We also worked very hard last term, but that we always do. Really, if I write any more, I shall be voted a public nuisance, so will close these most interesting notes.

MAY COBBOLD.

Form VB.—The only thing that caused alarm in the Autumn Term was that VB. found itself transported out of its cosy class-room to Form II. The soothing part was that there was no more hard work for the window mistresses, as there were cords by which to shut or open the windows. This created great satisfaction among the girls! After this little stir, the girls settled down gradually to hard work for the approaching examination, the Junior Cambridge. When the results were announced, much sympathy was expressed with the two girls who were indisposed in the Examination Room, which doubtless affected their results.

We entertain great hopes of capturing Miss Dickinson's Hockey Cup, notwithstanding the formidable opposition we shall encounter when we play the Sixth!

There were five entries in the "Excellent Book," but the number of order marks was too great for a party.

Towards the latter part of the term we were very sorry that Miss Gurney was unable, through ill-health, to continue her duties. We all missed her very much indeed.

K. PADFIELD.

Form IV.—The great event, the prize-giving, took place last term, and the High Sheriff of Northumberland presented the prizes. At the end of the term, Miss Gurney kindly allowed us to have a fancy dress party, which was called the "Cambridge Ball."

Our Form had about eight entries in the "Excellent Book" last term, but unfortunately there were too many in the "Order Mark Book" to enable us to have a party.

H. CLARKE.

Form IIIA.—The most important event which took place during last term was the prize-giving. The prizes were distributed by the High Sheriff of Northumberland, the Honourable C. A. Parsons. Form IIIA gave a French play, entitled "Fleur-de-Neige," or "Snow-White." Eleven of us took part in it, the principal one of Fleur-de-Neige being taken by Irene Hardy. We were most grateful to Miss Kelly, who helped us so much with it.

There were eleven entries in Miss Gurney's Excellent Book, but we were not allowed to have a party, as we had too many order marks, only having one star. We were all very sorry to lose Miss Cooper at the end of last term, who had to leave us on account of her sister's illness. Her place has been filled by Miss Beddows.

E. FLETCHER.

Form IIIB, changed its mistress last term. Miss Claridge was moved up into IIIA., and Miss Black came to us. Several of us played in the Musical Recital. In Miss Gurney's report the next day, Elsie Boddy took the first place.

In the prize-giving our Form took part in a play and a song. Connie Bolam took the part of a lobster in the play, she looked nice, so did Flora Macdonald and Nora Burnip as the Mock Turtle and the Snail. Several of us got prizes.

There was great excitement in our Form at the time of the General Election. We all wore large rosettes of red or blue, red being decidedly the more prominent, there being only three or four Liberals in the form.

We had only one star and two entries in the Excellent Book, also numerous order marks, but we have decided to do better this term.

At the end of last term we, and especially those interested in Botany, were very sorry to part with Miss Cooper.

J. AMSDEN.

Form II.—The last term of the school year is always a busy time at school, because everybody is doing her best for the examinations. When the class lists are read there is very great interest taken in them.

We had five more girls last term, two were transferred from the First Form, and there were three new ones. We had also the prize-giving and school party. The two girls who won class prizes in our Form were Marjorie Woodman and Alice Wills.

We were all very sorry that Miss Gurney had to leave us, but we were very pleased to welcome her back this term.

P. WALKER.

Form I.—Last term was a very busy one, and I think we all enjoyed it. George Hodgshon won the first prize at the prize-giving. Our balloon song was great fun, we each carried a red, blue, or green balloon.

I like all my lessons, but my favourite lessons are arithmetic, blackboard drawing, and sewing.

PEGGY HARDY.

Kindergarten.—I do like the Kindergarten, and I write in a double-lined book now. I have been moved up into the Transition Form this term. There are a lot of children in the Kindergarten.

MARJORIE LANCASTER.

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“Much ado about nothing.”

“Come in.” Greta Downing opened the door and entered the Mistresses’ Room. “What is it?” said Miss Holmes. “Please, Miss Raleigh told me to bring the games money and put it in her place.” “Very well, put it down.”

When Greta had gone, Miss Holmes remarked to Miss Evans, the only other occupant of the room, “Miss Raleigh must have got all the subscriptions in at last; what a time she has taken.” “I can’t imagine why Margaret Raleigh is so fond of that girl,” said Miss Evans, “she is always favouring her. I suppose the girls have all gone, it is after four o’clock. I have finished my corrections, so we might as well go.”

Some minutes later Miss Raleigh came into school, intending to get the games money and put it in the Head Mistress’ safe; she found the school empty with the exception of the two caretakers who were sweeping out the cloak rooms. She then went to the Mistresses’ room, but discovering the box was neither in her place nor yet in the room, she concluded Greta had probably forgotten about it, and would bring the money in the morning; and dismissing the matter from her mind, she returned home.

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“Miss Raleigh wants you at once, Greta,” began Kitty Hastings, entering the Fifth Form, and banging her bag on her desk. “Whatever for? The awful nuisance, I want to learn this geography before the bell rings.” “Hurry up, she is in the Mistresses’ room,” interpolated Kitty. “Oh, well, I suppose I’ll have to go.” And away went Greta.

“Greta, I hope you have not forgotten the games money; I told you to bring it yesterday afternoon,” said Miss Raleigh as Greta entered. “But I brought it directly after you gave it to me, I came straight to school with it, and put it in your place!” “But you can’t have brought it, it’s not in my place now, or in the room.” “If you don’t believe me you can ask Miss Holmes or Miss Evans, they were both in the room.” “Don’t speak to me like that, Greta—here is Miss Holmes. Did you see Greta put the money box in my place yesterday, Miss Holmes?” “Oh, yes, she came with it about four, it was there when Miss Evans and I left. Have you seen my mark book anywhere?” “I think it is on the top shelf over there,” answered Miss Raleigh.

When Miss Holmes had gone, Miss Raleigh turned again to Greta. “I can’t understand it; I must report the matter to Miss Williams. I don’t want to accuse you, Greta, but you were the last person to have the money.” “Indeed, Miss Raleigh, you might believe what I say; you know I would not take the money,” said Greta tearfully, for it was a hard blow to be suspected by anyone, especially by Miss Raleigh, her favourite mistress. “Go back to your Form, there is the bell for prayers; I will speak to Miss Williams,” Miss Raleigh replied curtly, and Greta left the room.

At recreation Miss Raleigh went to the Head Mistress' room, and told Miss Williams about the loss. The Head was much perturbed, and said she must speak to the caretakers, and then see Miss Raleigh and Greta again.

Meanwhile a council of Greta's special friends was being held in the playground, and the events of the morning were talked over. "Madge, I don't know what to do about this; I can't bear Miss Raleigh to suspect me," said Greta. "Never mind, she's a mean old wretch," answered Madge. "She is always getting somebody into a row," joined in Kitty. "I don't think she would try and get you into trouble, she likes you so much, there must be something behind it," Madge went on. "Here is a prefect coming. I suppose Miss Williams wants me, Doris," said Greta. "Yes, you are to go to her at once." Greta departed, and Doris stayed to hear what was the matter from the excited Fifth Formers.

Greta knocked and entered, feeling not a little unhappy, for Miss Williams looked very angry, and Miss Raleigh very miserable. "Now, Greta, I must get to the bottom of this matter. Did you or did you not bring that money to the Mistresses' room, and if you did, have you seen it later?" asked Miss Williams. "Yes! I met Miss Raleigh, and she gave me the box, because she was in a hurry to go into town, and did not want to come out of her way to school. I took it straight to the Mistresses' room, and put it in Miss Raleigh's place in the presence of Miss Evans and Miss Holmes. I have not seen it since."

"Well," went on Miss Williams. "I have spoken to the caretakers, and they did not enter the room last evening at all, and as far as they know, no one entered school between the Mistresses' leaving and Miss Raleigh's coming. Have you anything to say, Miss Raleigh? It is very evident that you must have received the money, after giving it to Greta, and are now trying to throw the blame on her." "I can only repeat my former statement. I gave the money to Greta and have not seen it since." "Then I am afraid I must dismiss you, unless the money is forthcoming by to-morrow."

Tap-tap. "See who is there, Greta," said Miss Williams. "It is I," said Miss James, entering the room. "I have only just heard of this mystery about the games money, and I am the only one who can clear the matter up. Here is the money. I came to school after four yesterday to get a book I wanted, and seeing the money box on the table I took it home with me, intending to bring it back this morning; I thought it risky to leave the money there overnight, and did not know Miss Raleigh was coming to seek it."

"I am so very glad the affair is cleared up," Miss Williams answered. "Let there be no more said about it."

A few minutes later a very happy Miss Raleigh squeezed Greta's hand in her's. "Will you forgive me for suspecting you?" "Yes, indeed I will; I knew everything would all come right in the end."

WE TWO.

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Fashion Examination.

(Taken from "The World.")

9:30-11 a.m.

Candidates must answer two questions at least in each section.

SECTION I.

- (A) Explain the difference between—a peignoir, a bete noire, and a bainoire.
- (B) What is an accordion pleating? Should it be "bleating"?
- (C) Elucidate the following phrases:—"Mrs. —— looked well in pale biscuit"; "falling in a square tab at the back" (should it be "tab"?); "in shot brown and cut away sharply" (should it be "Brown"? If so, why was he in such a hurry?); "the return of the frou-frou" (where did the frou-frou go? Is there a specimen in the Zoological Gardens at present? Describe its habits when in a state of freedom.)

SECTION II.

- (A) Discuss the influence of the Renaissance upon the size of the waist. Taking any waist of to-day as x , find the co-efficient of expansion when $2x=32$ ten years hence.
- (B) Distinguish between a silk slip, caught at slip, and a blue trip slip; also between a bolero, a bandolier, and a band of hope.
- (C) Translate, "a motif of fringed soutache lined with rose-du-Barri fronce black panne." What language is it?

SECTION III.

- (A) Give your idea as to how far a sovereign will go in Bond Street, Middlesex Street, and Queer Street.
- (B) Sketch a "tuck," and give a brief history of its development, mentioning its relation to "gathers"; also show by diagrams the resemblance between "tucker," a "tuckshop," and "tuck in."
- (C) Compare in a short essay the advantages of the crinoline over the beehive hat in rainy weather and in fine weather.



The Land of the Pharaohs.

On New Year's Day, 1909, I awoke to find myself in a very dirty, noisy train. My companions and I wished each other a Happy New Year, with the unexpressed hope at the back of our minds that the rest of 1909 would be more comfortable than the beginning. For night travelling in Egypt is very trying unless one is in a train de luxe, and in spite of the fact that I was going to visit the wonders of Upper Egypt for the first time, I wished myself in my cosy bed in Cairo. Our destination was Assouan, so at Luxor we boarded a funny little white train which was to take us across the desert. This train is built for hot weather, so the woodwork on the outside descends halfway down over the windows like a permanent shutter, and besides the ordinary glass window, there is a blue glass window to keep the glare out, and a sun shutter to keep the sun out, and a couple of electric fans to each compartment. In places the line lies right through the desert, and elsewhere it runs by the side of the Nile through a thin ribbon of vegetation which sometimes is so narrow that it must be possible to throw a stone across. In other places great rocks and cliffs come down to the river bed and then there is no vegetation at all, for it is not possible to irrigate land which lies so much above the level of the river, and in these parts rain is a negligible quantity.

The end of our New Year's Day was much more enjoyable than the beginning. We arrived at Assouan about 4 p.m., drove to our hotel in time for tea, and after we had settled down into our rooms we had leisure to look about and make plans for the morrow.

Assouan, to my mind, is a lovely place. It is built partly upon a plain and partly upon a hill. The Nile appears rather narrow here, as it is so much broken up by islands, some of which are large with date palms growing on them, and others merely great boulders of granite, worn smooth and black by the water, and everywhere one sees signs of the grand old times in inscriptions and hieroglyphics on their sides. Assouan was the place from which the ancient Egyptian builders and sculptors drew their supplies of granite, and one can still see the quarries with specimens of half finished work lying there just as they were left several thousand years ago.

In one quarry there lie two unfinished sarcophagi, and near by a colossal statue of an ancient Egyptian King. There are so many traces of the work of the stone-cutters that it has been discovered how these great masses of granite were detached from the main cliff. Numerous holes were bored

along a prescribed line, wedges of wood were driven in, and then the wedges were wetted. They swelled, and the block thus split off from the main mass.

There are two lions par excellence in the neighbourhood of Assouan, the Island and Temple of Philæ, "The Pearl of Egypt," and the great Dam. They lie a little to the South of Assouan, and as we visited them both the same day, we went by rail to Shellal, a village on the hill close to Philæ. Directly we reached the river side we became aware of a great difference in the appearance of the Nile. At Assouan it is a comparatively narrow stream, flowing somewhat swiftly. Here we saw an enormous lake studded with islands. Between Assouan and Shellal lies the great Dam, an enormous structure of masonry which stretches from one river bank to the other (14 miles broad), and which dams up the waters of the Nile during the annual flood in order to utilise it regularly for the irrigation of the whole of Egypt throughout the rest of the year. There are 180 sluices to regulate the outflow of the water, and the Nile south of the Dam forms a gigantic reservoir.

Philæ is a small island literally covered with beautiful temples, which are now seen to rise straight out of the water, as the level of the Nile has been raised since the building of the Dam. The Temples were erected by the Ptolemies, the last two centuries B.C., and by the Roman Emperors during the first three Christian centuries. The Goddess Isis was the chief deity of Philæ, and there are inscriptions to show that pilgrims actually came from Italy and Greece to worship at her shrine.

When one visits these stupendous buildings for the first time, one is so overwhelmed and impressed by the grandeur of it all, and by the strangeness of an unfamiliar type of architecture, and by the inscriptions and figures which cover nearly every stone, that one comes away without a very clear idea of what one has seen. However, there is one thing which stands out in my mind as being supremely beautiful. The eight columns in the Hypostyle Hall of the Temple of Isis charmed me more than anything else in Upper Egypt. They are round and very massive, and the capitals are in the graceful forms of palm leaves and sprigs, and of bell flowers, and they are beautifully coloured with delicate reds and greens, which are so fresh that they might have been put on quite recently. It is sad to think that in the near future these lovely buildings will be submerged for part of every year. For the Dam is being heightened so that more water can be stored behind it, and that, of course, will raise the level of the river round the Island of Philæ. I suppose that in time constant inundation will cause the falling away of the walls, and at any rate the beautiful colouring will perish.

There is one other thing I must speak of before leaving the subject of Philæ. In one corner of the Temple of Isis is a little Christian altar with a Coptic cross cut into the side, testifying to the fact that Egypt was once a Christian land, and the early Christians used these heathen temples for their worship.

After we left Philæ, we were rowed to the Great Dam, and we lunched at the Rest House near by. As a rule, people are allowed to walk across the Dam, but as the work of heightening it was still going on, and it was bristling with cranes and other machinery, we did not care to take the risk of crossing by ourselves. After lunch the fun began when we boarded another boat manned by four or five natives, and started back to Assouan through the first cataract on the Nile. When we got to the place where the water rushes very swiftly over and between rocks, the natives rowed their hardest to keep us in the right channel, and all chanted together in Arabic. Then when that difficult place was passed, they said, "All right! Thank you! Hip, Hip, Hooray!" and rested a moment preparatory to fresh efforts. After we had passed the cataract, some of them entertained us by beating their fingers rhythmically on improvised tom-toms, one of these being made of a piece of parchment stretched over the base of a broken pitcher.

Of course, we had to pay for all this entertainment, and the moment we landed there were loud and greedy cries for backsheesh (money), but we didn't grudge it, as they had helped us to a very good time, and one doesn't come through the first cataract every day.

I wonder if this article will inspire any girl of the N.H.S. to look up Assouan on the map?

H. D. DILLEY.

Thoughts on being Moved Up.

(By a Member of Form IIIA.)

Last term I was a little girl,
 I learnt in Form IIIB
 Of easy sums like $2 + 2$
 And 1 from 4 leaves 3.
 But now I am a bigger girl,
 I've gone to Form IIIA.;
 I like it very much indeed,
 So write this little lay.

One morning we went back to school,
 Miss Gurney came along;
 We shivered in our little shoes
 Lest last term's work was wrong,
 And we should be left all alone
 That dread and awful day.
 But oh! now nearly all of us
 Are members of IIIA.

We have much harder sums to do,
 We have much more to learn;
 And sometimes when we sit and work,
 We long our books to burn.
 But all the same we like so well
 In accents proud to say,
 "Oh, yes, I am a *senior now,
 A member of IIIA."

* Not till you reach Form IV.—Ed.

ADVERTISEMENTS.

FREE SHOWERBATHS!—Apply to those girls who come to school by the train leaving Monkseaton at 8.20 a.m.

GARDENING.—A new gardener has been procured for the school, who is willing to look after young plants of all orders, and also to teach would-be gardeners. Terms strictly cash.

WANTED!—More and larger halfpenny buns with *not less* than three currants and a dab of sugar on top. Apply Hungry Ones, Gobble House, at lunch time.

WANTED TO PATENT.—An invention for daily supplying school plants with a regular flow of water. Apply to the now used up machines in each Form.

June 22,



1911.

GEORGE V.

Hail to thee, King of England! Royal George,
All hail! Throughout thy land one voice is raised
For thee, thy nation calling on its God
To bless thee, stretching forth e'en now thy hand
The outward semblance of thy power to take,
The inward meaning read by all who now
Acclaim thee lord of England's vast domains.
Crowned King in holy abbey, and crowned King
In all thy subjects' hearts, we render thee
Our earnest homage, rich in love and hope
That thou wilt prove true son of that great King
Who taught thee first to rule thyself—for this
Must all men learn—and then to rule thy land.
Be worthy thy great father, and uphold
His memory so dear in all our hearts
That the deep love we felt and feel for him
Best recommends thee in thy nation's sight.
Nay—for thou art our King, God's deputy—
Be worthy then thyself; King for a year,
Now dost thou don the panoply of state,
King for thy life to come; before thee lies
An open book, and an unwritten page.
Thine, King, to add to Life's great History
One little page; we pray for gladness there;
For peace throughout thy land; and for all strength
For thee, the writer; then, thy writing o'er,
For thy reward, wide-echoing, "Well done!"

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