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EDITORIAL.



In the first place, I must explain that it is the absence of the Editor that has given me the chance of displaying my literary prowess. The readers of this magazine must remember that this is a first attempt, and I most humbly beg them to pardon its many deficiencies.

And now let us concentrate our attention on affairs of deep import. Various items of news about old girls has come to my ears. Botany picnics and other social tit-bits need not be mentioned here, as they will be dealt with at greater length and by better pens (mine own is vile) further on in this notable paper.

The Editor has asked me to say farewell for her. She thanks all those who have helped the magazine by their contributions, and wishes it and the School all success and good luck in the future.

SUB-EDITOR.



SCHOOL NEWS.

LISTS.

| Form. | Stars. (Max. 13.) | Neatness. (No. of Minuses.) | Gardens (Marks). |
|--------------------|----------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------|
| Form VI | 12 | ... | 0 |
| Form VA | 11 | ... | 41 |
| Form VB | 7 | ... | 48 |
| Form IV | 7 | ... | 27 |
| Form IIIA | 10 | ... | 43 |
| Form IIIB | 7 | ... | 32 |
| Form II | 10 | ... | 35 |
| Form I | — | ... | 36 |
| Kindergarten | — | ... | — |



ENTRIES IN EXCELLENT BOOK.

1. Form IV—5. Joyce Amsden 1.
Gladys Ison 2.
Sheila Proctor 1.
Muriel Tweddell 1.
2. Form VB—2. N. Smallwood 1.
E. Fletcher 1.
3. Form VA—1. Nancy Dogherty 1.
Form IIIA—1. Phyllis Walker 1.
Form IIIB—1. Molly Challoner 1.

Reading Society.

The Reading Society seems to be gaining in favour, as the following lengthy list will show:—

| | Total No. of hours read— | Hrs. | Mins. |
|------------------------|--------------------------|------|-------|
| Winifred Winter | 56 | 10 | |
| Hilda Ison' | 52 | 0 | |
| Vivienne Proctor | 45 | 45 | |
| Evelyn Maguire | 44 | 30 | |
| Nancy Dogherty | 41 | 10 | |
| Lillie Robson | 36 | 30 | |

Honour Cards.

Honour Cards were won by Olga Adams (Form II), Grace Bolam, George Hodgshon (Form I), Freda Ferguson, and Wilson Leech (Transition), and Magdala da Costa (Kindergarten).

Tennis.

The School Tournament took place on July 6th and 7th, the Seniors playing on the former day, and the Juniors on the latter. The winners were:—

Seniors—K. Robson, S. Ferguson.

Juniors—K. Appleby, P. Leete.



FORM NOTES.

FORM VI.

One day at the beginning of this term the VI Form were violently and effectively awakened from their slumbers by Miss Gurney's statement that the Governors were going to give two Scholarships: the first to Dorothy Hamer, for the rest of her school life; the second—breaking-up day will reveal all.*

In spite of all the studying, we have found time for a little pleasure. On July 5th, the Central VI Form kindly invited us to tea, which, as well as the games which followed, was enjoyed very much.

The Tennis Tournament took place on Saturday, July 6th. Many members of our Form played, but we were not lucky enough to win the prize.

Mrs. Ford very kindly invited us to go and spend the afternoon in Washington, an invitation that was gladly accepted.

We hope to win the Sports Cup this year, and if the members of the Form do their work as creditably as has our Captain Gertie Hodgshon, we will win it.

LILLIE ROBSON.

* The second Scholarship was won by G. Hodgshon.—ED.

FORM VA.

Of course, the Editress comes and asks for the Form Notes just in the middle of examination time. But perhaps she thinks it will give a little relief to our brains, so we must not grumble.

There have already been three exciting events and there are to be two more this term. First, a play, "The Taming of the Shrew," acted by some members of the Sixth Form, and three members of Form VA, which was very good indeed; then the Musical Recital, and next came the Swimming Competition, in which there were five events, and three were won by members of this School. On Tuesday, July 6th, the Tennis Tournament took place, and on Monday, July 22nd, the Sports. We have had one entry in Miss Gurney's Excellent Book this term.

HILDA CLARKE.

FORM VB.

At the beginning of this term the Basketball matches for Miss Richardson's Shield were held. Our Form was the oldest in for it, so we were determined to win. S. Ferguson, who is the School Captain, was our Form Captain; two other members also belong to the senior team. There was a very exciting match, but we won fairly easily, with 42 goals to Form IV's 26.

On the second Saturday in June, Miss Beddows took us to Stocksfield for our Botany Picnic. The weather was fine, on the whole, but there were occasional showers in the morning; the few that did go enjoyed themselves immensely.

On July 4th, the Tennis Tournament for the Shield took place. A. Dodsworth was one of the senior champions, and C. Morrison was a reserve, both being members of our Form. I am sorry to say we lost the Shield, as we were beaten by one game by Sunderland, who now hold the Shield.

We have had very bad luck with cricket this term, for we have not had a single match. Three of this Form are in the first XI, and one is a reserve.

The swimming contest took place on July 11th. Two members of our Form entered for it.

There was a School Tennis Tournament on July 16th, when S. Ferguson and K. Robson won, after a very hard fight. Several VB Formites played at the Musical Recital, and they gave a splendid entertainment.

We are looking forward to the Sports, the Monday before we break up, when we are all hoping to distinguish ourselves. There are two entries in Miss Gurney's Excellent Book, but we only have six stars.

E. FLETCHER.

FORM IV.

This term we have got six stars, which is better than last term. Our garden is very nice now, but at the beginning of the term we did not have sufficient marks to get the prize, although last term we were top. We have enough entries in Miss Gurney's Excellent Book, but too many order marks for a party. Our Form did quite well in the Sports, and we all enjoyed them very much.

N. INSKIP.

FORM IIIA.

Our Form has not done so well as last term, for we have had a minus mark and have lost two stars. The garden has improved greatly, and we have had more marks than last term. A fair number played basketball, and we were third in the matches, but not so many played cricket. The Botany picnic was lovely, and we got a hundred and twelve different flowers—more than have ever been got before. Miss Gurney very kindly let us have our party this term, and we enjoyed it very much; so altogether we have had a very nice term.

GRACE MARGARET BALFOUR.

FORM IIIb.

About the middle of the term, Miss Beddows very kindly took us for a Botany picnic to Plessy Woods. We picked a lot of flowers, and afterwards had a lovely picnic.

At the end of the term we had the Sports, which went off very well. We did not get the Junior Sports Cup, but hope to get it next year. After the Sports, the elocution girls acted "Alice in Wonderland." It was very nice.

We only had six stars this term and one entry in Miss Gurney's Excellent Book.

M. THOMSON.

FORM II.

Our Form mistress is Miss Heslop, and as she is our mistress we have nearly all our chief lessons with her. The Swimming Gala was on Thursday, and some of our Form went in for it. Early in the term we went for our Botany picnic to Plessy Woods, and although it rained, we enjoyed it very much. The Sports are on the 22nd, and there are a lot of races. The examinations are on now, and we are working very hard.

BARBARA BOOKEY.

FORM I.

The Sports were a great success; we were glad to get the Cup back again. We have had it for three years, and then the Second Form got it; now we have won it again. I am in Form I, you know. Hope this is put in the Magazine. I got two prizes, and I am going to leave this term.

GEORGE HODGSHON.

In August we are going to Alnmouth for our holidays. We are going to stay at a farm. We can milk the cows, gather the eggs, and drive the calves back at night. We can feed the pigs as well. I like school very much.

PEGGY DANIELS.

We have got the Cup in our Form now. We break up to-morrow. We have two months' holiday, and I am going to Rothbury for a month. The Sports were very successful ("a very succes" in the M.SS.—is the translation correct?) and were lovely.

ARMSTRONG BROWN.

TRANSITION.

We had the Sports on Monday. They were very nice; the First Form got the Cup. We made windmills with paper one day.

BETTY INSKIP.

GAMES.

“*Mens sana in corpore sano.*”

Tennis.

We did not have such a good Tennis season this year as we hoped. The friendly matches, which had been arranged with other schools were, five times out of eight, cancelled. This was partly owing to bad weather, and partly to the fact that Durham, with whom we generally have one or two matches, was obliged to scratch owing to sickness in the School.

This was most disappointing to the team, who needed practice together very badly. However, we played three friendly matches.

June 18th, Sunderland, we lost by 29 games to 35.

June —, Central, lost by 27 games to 41.

July 4th, Old Girls, lost by 35 games to 46.

Miss Cooke very kindly invited the team out to Wylam to play on her court, and we had a very interesting match, which was very good practice for us. This was the first time that the proper team played together. July 6th, the Shield match was played on the Medical College courts. There was a large number of spectators, and our School was one of the best represented on the ground. Everyone played their very best and tried their very hardest, but in the end we lost by one game. We played Sunderland twice, because the first time it ended in the result of 33 games all. As this had never occurred in the former history of the Shield there was no example to go by, but the Committee decided to make us play a sett, each of which was to consist of five games. It is very sad to relate, but we lost by one game. However, we cherish great hopes for the Shield next year.

The draw for the Shield was:—

Newcastle v. Sunderland.

Central v. Durham.

In the final, Sunderland managed to carry off the trophy by being one game ahead of the Central. The School was represented by—Seniors: Kathleen Padfield and Amy Dodsworth; and Juniors: Winifred Proctor and Mildred Ford.

At the Shield match, Violet March was on the team, but was prevented by illness from playing on July 6th.

In the School Tournament there was a large entry in the senior section.

The two couples who were left in the final, viz., K. Robson and S. Ferguson v. A. Inskip and D. Hodgshon, played a very promising game. We hoped to see some of the above-named girls on the tennis match team next year.

In the Junior section the couples left in the final were: H. Hodgshon and G. Balfour v. Katie Appleby and Phyllis Leete.

Winners:—Senior: K. Robson and S. Ferguson. Junior: K. Appleby and P. Leete. The prizes were presented on the last day of the term.

KATHLEEN D. PADFIELD (Captain).

Cricket.

The weather this term has been so unfavourable that we have had no matches and not very many games, though the attendance at the practices was very satisfactory. The team:—G. Hodgshon (capt.), K. Robson, K. Bookey, Stella Proctor, G. Pestle, V. Proctor, M. Taylor, E. Fletcher, C. Wilson, A. Young, N. Oubridge.

DISSIPATION AT THE CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL.

Miss Hiley and the Sixth (Central) gave a party on 5th July at the Central High School in honour of Miss Gurney, Miss Dickinson, and Sixth (N.H.S.). This festivity began with tea, during which a guessing game progressed amid much laughter. Miss Gurney was successful in carrying off the prize for it, her questions being very searching and her guesses accurate.

Tea over, all adjourned to the playground. A game was soon afoot, in which nature artists were much to the fore. Cards were distributed, each being numbered on one side and having the name of some bird, beast, fish or insect on the other. The competitors proceeded to draw the B.B.F. or I. on the numberd side to the best of their ability. This accomplished, the cards were pinned up, and all had to guess the name the B.B.F. or I. depicted thereon. The flea, for instance, was recognisable chiefly by the sparks flying behind it, caused by the extreme velocity of its passage through the air (though how one strikes sparks out of thin (h)air I really do not know), while the canary's cage instantly betrayed its inhabitant to intelligent persons. One of the Central High School girls, Penelope Price, was successful in this brain-racking sport.

Then came an Obstacle Race, the prize for which was gained by Madge Angus, a celebrated Centralite. There were three obstacles, viz., sloping water from one cup to another by means of a teaspoon; doing a sum (oh agony!); and eating three cherries, one after another, beginning with the stalk—though this latter was not devoured; it was only a means leading to an end. As has already been mentioned, M.A. won this game, and sad to say, only beat our representative by bolting her cherries, stones and all! (Please excuse the expression "bolting," but it is culled from "Great Expectations." In this book, however, the Bolter is treated with doses of tar water, and Madge Angus escaped this extreme penalty.) Perhaps it was she who in game No. II drew such a very realistic ostrich?

By this time, most of the girls were trying to get their hands under cover—not that they were retreating under fire—"on the contrary," as the seasick Frenchman said, when asked if he had dined. Miss Hiley therefore suggested a little recreation indoors, and thus a very pleasant afternoon (or evening—which? Time. 4.30 to 7 o'clock) was brought to a close.

SENIOR BOTANY PICNIC.

The Picnic was on June 15th, and we went by an early train to Stocksfield, in spite of the unpropitious outlook of the weather. It began to rain just as we came to Stocksfield, but soon we were able to start for the woods, which Mr. Lawrence Richardson, of Wheelbirks, had kindly given us permission to botanise in. It was quite a long walk, and all of us being laden with macintoshes, food and specimens, we arrived at last, rather warm and breathless at Mr. Richardson's house. Wheelbirks. He showed us round his garden, in which he has some very interesting things; an acacia tree (or mimosa) and an olive tree, and one or two other curious plants. Then we went through the conservatories and grapehouses, and feasted on grapes, while Mr. Richardson explained to us about growing them. Then we made our way to the woods and had lunch near a little stream, which flows through them. Lunch over, some energetic people set out in search of specimens, and some very nice ones were found, and the people with less energy (?) played hide-and-seek by the river. We all met again later to show and name our specimens, and to arrange about tea and returning to the station, but when we went back to Wheelbirks we found we could not get nearly enough milk for us, as it was still some time till milking time, and no farm near had

any left. So we had to go back to the station tealess. A few very hungry ones carefully kept behind and had a little refreshment on the way, the very good excuse being that it would be less to carry!

We had a very nice day indeed, as the sun very obligingly shone nearly the whole time, and we arrived back safely at Newcastle about six o'clock, having had no worse accidents than torn skirts and wet feet.

K. BOOKEY.

MIDDLE SCHOOL BOTANY PICNIC.

The Middle School botany picnic this year was at Ovingham, a very pretty little place on the Tyne. We were lucky enough to hit on a fine day, and altogether it was very enjoyable. As soon as we arrived, we walked across a bridge, and after a little time came to the river and went along the side, gathering specimens. Soon our way led us through cornfields, where the scarlet poppies made a brave show. Some of the girls picked great bunches of them, getting into trouble with the farmer for "going thro' the rye"! Being very hot, we presently had tea by the river banks. A good many of us gave the ferryman some money to row over to the other side to get us some lemonade, which he obtained from the "Public," as he called it.

After tea, we sorted our specimens, and found we had 112. Soon after this we walked back to the station and took the train home, having spent a very enjoyable afternoon.

SHEILA PROCTOR.

THE ST. NICHOLAS' TREAT.

On Tuesday, July 23rd, a contingent of St. Nicholas' School children arrived at the Orphanage grounds. They were not able to go to the seaside as usual, because their holidays have been altered, and it was not possible for them to have a half-holiday.

Dorothy Hamer and Kathleen Bookey were stationed at the gates to see that the children went in at the right place. At about ten minutes to five they arrived, marshalled up by a small boy about 14 or 15 years old, who delivered up the sixty at the gates, and as the last child entered, he remarked "That's the lot!" Then they all sat down on the bank at the end of the grounds and had tea, which they seemed to enjoy very much. After tea we played at various games with them, some being "The farmer wants a wife," "Hullabalooobaloie," "Cock Robin is dead," and "Nuts and May." Shortly after half-past five a barrel organ arrived, around which we danced and played games—"Follow my leader," and others. The barrel organ was a great success, for the children never seemed to grow tired of dancing round it, and one or two little girls "cake-walked" a little to it. Then they played more games, and as the organ played the last tune, they formed one large ring around it. After this they all received bags of sweets and went away, perhaps a little tired, but happy, after giving the usual "three cheers for Missis Gorney and the College Leddies!"

IDA SMITH.

ELSIE PICKERING.

A MISSIONARY LECTURE.

One Wednesday last term Miss Walsham Howe, S.P.G. Secretary of Schools, gave us a most interesting missionary lecture. She first of all asked us if we ever thought of the other countries of the world, and what struck us most when we thought of them? Perhaps if we considered Turkey we should remember its Mahommedanism; or China, its mineral wealth; and Canada, our own friends there. Miss Howe then asked us if we would consider with her some of the great countries of the world.

First of all, Turkey. On a recent visit to Constantinople, Miss Howe told us that she had noticed that none of the people seemed to be really happy, and the only man whom she saw with a bright face, she was told, was a Christian. The Turks are almost entirely Mahomedans, and when the hour of prayer is announced from the various mosques, every true Mahomedan, whatever he may be doing, takes out his little mat and says his prayers from the Koran. They are not afraid to own their religion. Are we always ready to confess we belong to Christ?

Now let us turn to China, in the midst of her revolution with her Republic and her new flag. The once-closed country is now striving after Western civilization. Girls' schools are being built, foot-binding is almost abolished. Miss Howe then mentioned rather an interesting anecdote. A girls' school was out for a walk, in the course of which a boys' school was met. Immediately the girls saw the boys they began to waddle, because they thought the boys would admire them more! But what will an awakened China be like without the Christian religion? What do we find in India? Unrest. A great movement is going on there, and it is thought that soon there will be a breaking of caste and the Gospel will be received by a great mass of people. Now, lastly, Canada. We nearly all have relations or friends out there, but do we ever think about their life? They settle down in some place many, many miles from a church, and no clergyman visits them from year to year. No wonder God becomes forgotten and His day is no longer kept holy. Surely Canada needs the Gospel. Now what are we at home going to do to help those in these foreign lands. First of all we must become interested ourselves, and then when we are keen, we must do our best to interest others, our people at home, our school friends.

Then, too, we must pray. Pray for the missionaries themselves, and pray that the necessary funds may be found, so we, too, shall be helping to bring about that glorious day "when the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord as the waters cover the sea."

D. HAMER.

THE SCHOOL SPORTS.

The yearly Sports took place in the Orphanage ground on Monday, 22nd July. The weather, though by no means care-free, condescended to allow us to disport ourselves without shedding any tears. I drag in the rather stale subject of the weather because the Sixth, at any rate, were to have their lessons excused if it kept fine.

The various races were run off satisfactorily. The chief racy race—the long run—was won by Mildred Ford, to the joy and satisfaction of the Sixth, which Form she adorns. The winners of the short run were F. Ferguson (Juniors), E. Arneson (Middles), and U. Wilkinson (Seniors). All the winners of all the events cannot be chronicled here, else someone will be recommending Antipon for this magazine, lest it burst all bounds.

The Cup for the highest number of individual marks gained in the Sports went to Una Wilkinson; the Senior Sports Cup was won by the Sixth, represented by Gertrude Hodgshon, its games' captain; and the Junior Cup went to Form I, represented by Lucio da Costa. The Staff and Old Girls' Race was one of the features of the afternoon. It was run in four heats, and in the finals. Miss Claridge won.

When all the races were over, the company departed to the School to partake of tea in the gymnasium. There was such a crowd that the girls acting as waitresses would have found it easier to reach the tea urns by using the heads of the assembled company as cobble-stones, than to burrow their way through the crowd, as the conventions compelled them to do.

Tea was followed by a play by the Junior Elocution Class, superintended by Miss Easton. The piece was entitled "Alice in Wonderland,"

and was a very amusing performance. The Mad Hatter provoked a good deal of mirth, his costume being quite correct, even to his tall hat, marked 10s. 6d.

(The prizes were distributed by Mrs. Boot. and speeches by Prin. Hadow and Mrs. Boot went off (where?) with great eclat.

Finally, everybody having rendered "God Save the King" in most melodious accents, the company departed—time about 6.15—feeling (or, at any rate, they ought to have felt) that the preposterous labours of the summer term had been successfully and pleasantly concluded by physical endeavours, which did not require too much mental co-operation.

THE TAMING OF THE SHREW.

This fascinating piece was presented by G. Hodgshon's company at the Hall, Newcastle High School, at 8 o'clock on the evening of Friday, June 21st.

It was organised with the object of supplementing the finances of the Tennis Club, recently formed by O. Gracey for the benefit of the Upper Fifth and the Sixth Forms. Only members were to take part. The scenes were selected by Mrs. Cumberlege, who also superintended the first rehearsal. She could not, however, give the company much of her time, and her place was taken by Miss Easton.

The Governors kindly had the platform raised for this momentous occasion. This deed of charity, doubtless added greatly to the success of the play, as at former entertainments those unfortunate people who could only procure back seats, must have wished very ardently but quite vainly that their fellow-visitors would suddenly become transparent.

Rehearsals were frequent and uproarious, but in spite of their frivolity, they apparently answered the purpose, as the great "Taming" etc., went on oiled wheels on the eventful night, and none of the aspiring actresses appeared to be in the least stricken with that dread disease, stage fright.

All those who took part in the play had to assist in the painting of programmes and selling of tickets. These last accounted for about 220 persons, reserved (?) and otherwise, but many more arrived on the evening of the play, purchasing their tickets at the School. There was an excellent audience; in fact, the Hall was crammed.

The costumes displayed on the stage were much admired on both sides of where the footlights ought to have been. The acting was, of course, beyond reproach. (Ahem!) In the intervals between the Acts, and while that noble hero, Petruchio (actress-manager, G. Hodgshon), was changing his costume, the audience was lulled to sweet repose alternately by E. Pickering and M. Robinson at the piano. No accidents occurred, except when one of the screens, which did duty for a curtain, was overturned by that malapert knave, Biondello. He, however, refused to be held responsible for his actions. The sale of tickets and programmes added to the subscriptions of the club reached the substantial sum of £22. This sum not only satisfies this year's rental, but also pays expenses, leaving £8 for next year. On the whole, the play may call itself a success if it wants to do so very much. No one will be impolite enough to contradict it.

ONE DAY'S DIARY OF DARCULES.

6.0 a.m.—Aroused from my slumbers by my canine brother, Foxa Terry, who thumps upon the floor of his house at the rate of forty a minute, intent on the pleasures (?) of the chase. However, the thumps soon cease at the command of a raucous voice from above.

- 6.45 a.m.—Let out of the yard by the cook, but fail to find my friend, Hector, who lives opposite. Only met a brute who, without asking permission, removed a lock of wavy silky hair from my tail. I flew at him! He fled!! Coward!!!
- 8.0 a.m.—Am at last let in the front door by one of my mistresses Fly into the dining-room, but unfortunately met by housemaid coming out. I was not quite squashed.
- 9.5 a.m.—Find myself at school. Very dull time until 11.15, recreation. Amused myself by chewing the calves of the girls who persist in treading on various parts of my anatomy. It is right to return the compliment, I believe. It is funny, but they seem to resent it—the compliment, I mean.
- 1.18 p.m.—Greatly distinguishing myself by nearly obliterating a tom-cat, getting myself clawed about the nose in the process. More gory glory.
- 4.10 p.m.—Just as I am trying to compose myself to sleep, am dragged out for a walk. Thank goodness, we arrive at the Grand-mother's, where I always get well fed. Just as I am asking for a delicious plateful of scraps—"Please do not give Darcules any more food; he has had his dinner." I consider myself very badly treated.
- 6.30 p.m.—Return home. On the way, we met a large snowy white dog, who looked at me with a supercilious sneer, saying, "What a dirty dog [my coat is a rich black]. He has not made his toilet to-day." Naturally, my pride could not stand that, so I walked calmly up to him, with a haughty look, and rolled his snowiness in the gutter, giving him several nips. Strolled away, covered with glory. Am patted and praised by my admiring family.
- 9.30 p.m.—Am escorted to my couch by cook and housemaid, who present me with two large bones. Am patted, etc., then retire to slumber sweetly.

ROYAL DRAWING SOCIETY EXAMINATION.

In the examination held in June the School did very well. Out of 127 entries, 46 girls have won Honour Certificates and 53 Pass ones. The Honours include two in the Sixth Division—Winifred Proctor and Doris Proctor, who has now won her full Ablett Certificate.

Joyce Amsden won the prize for the Fourth Division.

THE OLD GIRLS' GOLF COMPETITION.

The entry for the Old Girls' Golf Competition for the Rose Bowl, which Mr. Holmes White presented to past v. present members of N.H.S. in 1908, was disappointing this year—the actual number of competitors being three!

There are many members of the O.G.C. who play golf, and have time and opportunities for practice. Is it too much to hope that they will show their enthusiasm for the School and the game, and their public spirit by entering in numbers next spring.

Perhaps some of the members have lately started to play golf, and do not know of the competition, notwithstanding the unremitting efforts made by the Committee and the Secretary of the Golf Competition to inform anyone who may be interested. So this seems an opportunity to give the history and a description of the Bowl.

The Rose Bowl is a handsome plain silver one, with a pretty and uncommon shell moulding. The School Badge is engraved on it, and underneath is the following inscription:—

Newcastle High School.
Golf Challenge Cup.
Presented by G. Holmes White, Esq.

In 1908, the competition, which is a handicap stroke competition, took place on the Town Moor, the first twelve holes only being played. There were twelve competitors, Ada Wilson being the winner.

In 1909, permission was obtained to play over the City course—12 holes again being played. Dr. Wilson, who was then Chairman of the City course, very kindly offered a prize to the winner of the Cup as a memento of having won it. Mrs. Garrett, nee Hilda Hunter, was the winner.

In 1910 and 1911 the competition was played at Gosforth Park. Julia Edwards was the winner for the two successive years, returning good scores both times.

As the number of competitors had become fewer, it was decided to hold the competition in the spring instead of the autumn, as this time of year might be more convenient; but this has unfortunately proved not to be the case, unless the modesty of beginners and the bad weather together were the cause of the very poor entry this year.

The competition took place on May 16th at Gosforth Park. There were seven entries, though four scratched on account of the bad weather.

The match, over the whole course, was played in the pouring rain, and was won by Nancy Cooke on her handicap of four strokes. The runner-up, who tied with her in the actual number of strokes played, was the winner of the two previous years—Julia Edwards.

Suggestions as to the form of the competition will be welcomed, if the present form is inconvenient. Would a bogey competition on the players' own ground at her own time and with her own handicap, a la "Daily Mail" (?) be preferred? Cards to be given in by a date to be fixed, to be selected from some definite period, say from October to March.

Surely something can and should be done to take advantage of this beautiful gift to a greater extent than is the present case, if only the Past and Present girls of the School will set to work to find the way.

NEWS OF THE OLD GIRLS.

At the Armstrong College, Joyce Robson has passed the Final B.Sc. examination with distinction in Zoology. Doris Farrer and Pearl Brown have passed the Intermediate Arts Examination, Doris dividing the English prize with a man student.

Dorothy Hooper has gained the Diploma in Education at the Leeds University.

Phyllis Comrie has passed the London Intermediate Arts examination. Alice Armstrong will enter Girton College in October, having passed the previous examination, Parts I and II.

Rose Wilson is an assistant mistress at Kent College for Girls, Folkestone.

Connie Edwards is now Mrs. Norman Bellerby, and is living in London, where Elsie Baynham, now Mrs. H. A. Duckett also lives.

Kathleen Rogerson, now Mrs. G. F. Nightingale, has gone out to China, where her husband is headmaster of a Government School.

Nellie Robson is engaged to Mr. H. D. Atkinson, of Bolton.

Marjorie Walker has won a King's Prize for antique in the drawing examinations held last term at Armstrong College.

The School Staff is the proud possessors of two staff babies. Miss Robson's daughter ousting Eva Blagden from her position of the only one.