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EDITORIAL.

Perhaps the talented contributors to the Magazine will not object to receiving a few hints on how to send in articles. (This, by the way, refers to the authors of Form Notes only.) In the first place, the Editor would be greatly obliged if, in the case of seniors, a piece of slab were sacrificed for the occasion by the above-mentioned authors; otherwise, the Editor's own slab greatly diminishes. It should be carefully noticed, however, that articles scribbled on a piece of note-paper or sandwiched inside a letter, are specially unwelcome.

Two other points which future (and past) contributors might also bear in mind with great advantage, are punctuality and neatness.

We all hope Miss Ram, who is visiting her sister in Egypt, is having a most enjoyable holiday. Her music lessons are given by Miss Liddle for the term, and her other work is taken by Miss Hamer.

We acknowledge with thanks the receipt of the *Novocastrian* and the *Lincoln High School Magazine*.

SCHOOL NEWS.

LISTS.

Form.	Stars. (Maximum 13)	Neatness. (No. of Minuses)	Entries in the Excell't B'k.
Form VI	11	4	2
Form VA	7	3	5
Form VB	5	6	1
Form IV	8	0	3
Form IIIA	7	2	4
Form IIIB	7	4	4
Form II	3	6	—
Form I	—	3	—
Kindergarten	—	3	—

Honour Cards.

Honour Cards were won by Barbara Bookey (Form II); Grace Bolam, Dorothy Carr, Dulcie Adams, Betty Inskip, Freda Ferguson, Poppie Lowe, Elsie Cairns (Form I); Basil Adams, Ronnie Adams, Willson Leech (Transition); Willie Alexander, Joyce Coning, Magdala da Costa, Tom Ferguson, Harold Fletcher, Alan Ford, Minnie Goodfellow, Noel Tapp, Basil Leech, Jean Thompson (Kindergarten).

Reading Society.

In spite of the fact that this was Cambridge term, many people found time for reading a good deal, as will be seen from the following list:—

	Total No. of Hours read—	Hrs.	Min.
Vivienne Proctor	102	13	
Nancy Dogherty	58	20	
Stella Proctor	37	0	
Ella EgdeU	25	25	



The Prize Giving.

The school building has naturally only a limited capacity for such a large affair as the annual prize distribution. While considering how best to arrange it in the most commodious manner, we were assisted out of the difficulty by the Governors of Armstrong College, who very kindly allowed us to use the King's Hall for the occasion. We considered this a great distinction as we were the first school to be so honoured.

The event took place on Friday, November 1st. The weather favoured us, and there was a goodly assembly of Governors, our various relations, and old girls. The gathering had a very scholarly appearance from the fact that Sir George Hare Philipson, the Vice-Chancellor of the University, Mr. Talbot, Miss Gurney and the staff wore their academical robes.

Proceedings were entered upon by Miss Gurney's reading the report, which showed on the whole a satisfactory year's work done by the pupil's. The Lord Bishop of the diocese, Dr. Straton, presided. In his speech he gave some good advice encouraging those students who wished to make a success of their battles of life. He pointed out that Scripture and History are the two essential branches of education. The prizes were presented by Mrs. Talbot. She had a lengthy task, which she performed very gracefully; it would have been interesting for outsiders to hear the nice little speeches with which she lit up the faces of the recipients. The vote of thanks to Mrs. Talbot was moved by Sir George Hare Philipson, and replied to by Mrs. Talbot. The Rev. J. T. Inskip added a few words which ended the ceremonial proceedings.

The younger portion of the school then sang an action song about a "dear little robin." They each had one perched on a finger, and addressed most of the song to it. Three members of the IIB—Dora Alexander, Elsie Morpeth and Molly Challoner—acted a small French scene, which sounded really very French. Daisy Hodgshon and Gertrude Rowdon played a duet, and Nellie Smallwood a solo on the pianoforte. The elder elocution girls—Irene Ward, Gertrude Hodgshon, Dorothy Kenyon and Mona Macarthy—acted a scene from Nicholas Nickleby, the one in which the old mad gentleman makes love to Mrs. Nickleby over the garden wall, and throws over various vegetables as love tokens. Part III from Wilfrid Bendall's Lady of Shalott was sung by the majority of the pupils, followed by "God Save the King."

Refreshments were next served upstairs.

Then a charming display of dances was given by Mr. Webster's pupils.

A few general dances brought a very enjoyable evening to a close.

FORM NOTES.

FORM VI.

Last term we sat with gloomy brow and eyes glued to our books,
 We crammed our little brains with rules till haggard were our looks.
 Then one cold morning to the Hall of St. Jude's we did whisk,
 Where in imposing gowns and hoods examiners did frisk.
 Our awe-inspiring presence gone, VA (a perky Form)
 Took up the reins of prefectship and gaily squeaked "Don't run!"
 With papers blue and looks to match we sat a woeful sight!
 When we had read the questions through our hairs stood bolt upright.
 The slow week passed; with eager feet homeward we all did prance
 And left our papers in the hands of examiners and chance.
 And now we'll spend a merry time and gobble up mince pies
 And say, "Where ignorance is bliss, 'tis folly to be wise."

G. PESTLE.

FORM VA.

"Everybody's doing it!" Doing what? Writing rot—for form notes! I suppose I must do my share, too. So, "Come on and hear" all about Form Va. The sad part about it is that there is nothing to hear, beyond the unaccountable fact that every member of the form "went up" for something at the prize-giving, and consequently every member has "gone up" again—this time to an even greater elevation than the platform of King's Hall, namely, to the lofty eminence of the Sixth! Va did not surprise anyone with an unusual number of stars, but then neither did they acquire many minuses. Nothing particular occurred on the hockey field, although the weather did not prevent many practices.

STELLA B. PROCTOR.

FORM VB.

Last term's chief excitement was the Cambridge Examination, and many of our girls were brave enough to go in for it

We had a good many Order Marks, which, I suppose, shows that we are still far from perfect!

Ethel Fletcher entered her name in the Excellent Book.

We were sorry to lose several of our girls last term, five having left in our Form.

Another important event which took place was the Prize-giving, which was held at Armstrong College. I am sure that everyone enjoyed it very much. Quite a number of girls received prizes and certificates; and we were afterwards entertained by a varied and delightful programme.

PEGGY SMYTH.

FORM IV.

Last term was a very quiet term with us. We were all very glad that we had not to go in for any examinations, like those of the forms above us.

The Prize-giving was a great success. It was held in the King's Hall, Armstrong College, and Mrs. Talbot gave away the prizes. A member of our Form carried away Miss Cooper's Botany Prize.

In the neatness list we had no minuses, and we did not lose many stars for good conduct either, which was very good for us.

AIDA COBBOLD.

FORM IIIA.

The event which is uppermost in the minds of most of us concerning last term is the Prize-giving, which was held in Armstrong College instead of in our own Hall, where it has generally been held.

The prizes were distributed by Mrs. Talbot, wife of the new head-master of the Grammar School.

At the end of the term Form IIIb acted a play to us, which was "King John signing the Magna Charta." It was very good.

We were not so successful with regard to stars as last term, but we had four entries in Miss Gurney's Excellent Book.

A. THORBURN.

FORM IIIB.

Molly Challoner was top of the Form. We have had four entries in Miss Gurney's Excellent Book, which I think is very nice.

The Prize-giving went off very well, and I think we all enjoyed it.

The French play was a great success.

I think we have had a very happy term.

ADA GRIFFITH YOUNG.

FORM II.

Our Prize-giving was very nice. It was held in the King's Hall of Armstrong College, Newcastle. The wife of the Head Master of the Newcastle Grammar School gave the prizes away. Some girls out of our Form, I am glad to say, got prizes.

HILDA F. TERRY.

FORM I.

The Prize-giving was this term, and it was very nice.

I am very sad, because I left my dear school, and all my little friends: but I shall come sometimes and talk a little with all of you.

LUCIO DA COSTA.

TRANSITION.

I like the School very much. I am in the Transition. I like drawing and writing best.

DULCIE SHAW.

I enjoyed my half-term holiday very much. My favourite lessons are painting and drawing.

WILLSON LEECH.

KINDERGARTEN.

I like going to School very much, and reading is what I like best, there are such nice girls there.

CICELY HOUSEMAN.

I love School very much; my favourite lesson is Arithmetic. I did like the Prize-giving, and I hope to get one next year.

JOYCE CONING.

We had the Prize-giving this term; and we sang a song called "Dear Little Robin." Magdala da Costa got a prize. I think it is very nice to write something in the Magazine.

ALAN L. FORD.

GAMES.

"Mens sana in corpore sano."

Hockey, 1912.

Owing to the unsettled weather, we were unable to play many matches, but we are hoping for better luck next term.

The team has undergone a considerable change since last season, especially in the forward line, but we were glad to have Dorothy Hamer back again; Katie Appleby, Dorothy Cobbold, Vivienne Proctor, Dorothy Hamer, and Marjorie Taylor have taken the places of Kitty Robson, Gertrude Hicks, Elsie Nattress, Doris Proctor, and Kathleen Padfield.

The most important event was on Nov. 7th, when we played Bishop Auckland for the Shield. The weather being fine we started off full of expectations, and meaning, if possible, to bring back the Shield to its old vacant place in the Hall, but alas!—

Result, lost, 1-2.

On Oct. 17th we played Sunderland High School on their ground. and the score was 1-1.

The next match was played against the Central High School on Oct. 23rd. We won by 4-1, after a hard game, in which two of their members were winded.

The Newcastle Ladies arranged four matches with us; we played the first on Oct. 29th, the result being 2 all. The second match was to be played on Dec. 10th, but as many of the team were unable to play because of examinations, it had to be cancelled. The other two we are looking forward to playing next term.

On the last Tuesday of the term we had a very exciting match against the Old Girls, but were badly beaten by 7 goals to nil.

The 2nd XI were even more unfortunate than we were, the weather preventing their only match from being played; but we hope to arrange more for them next term. As their former captain, Marjorie Taylor, has been promoted to the 1st XI, Kathleen Bookey has taken her place.

This year Miss Dickinson proposed a third eleven, which was duly organised, and Ethel Fletcher was elected captain; their distinguishing mark is a band of dark green ribbon tied across one shoulder, but as yet they have had no chance of proving their valour.

Teams:—1st—Forwards, D. Hamer, K. Appleby, D. Cobbold, V. Proctor, S. Proctor; halves, G. Hodgshon (capt.), M. Ford (vice-capt.), M. Taylor; backs, O. Gracey, V. March; goal, A. Inskip.

2nd—Forwards, D. Cooper-Abbs, N. Smallwood, Sheila Proctor, F. Wilson, H. Robson; halves, D. Hodgshon, P. Horsley, K. Bookey (capt.); backs, M. Cook, M. Sinclair; goal, N. Oubridge.

3rd—Forwards, H. Ison, N. Dogherty, E. Fletcher (capt.), K. Cooper-Abbs, U. Wilkinson; halves, G. Forgie, D. Morgan, N. Inskip; backs, A. Young, W. Cobbold; goal, G. Balfour.

G. HODGSHON.
M. FORD.

Hockey.

The Editor has asked me to give the 1st XI, through the medium of the Magazine, "a good talking to," together with a few hints for its future guidance. Probably the captain and vice-captain have already administered the former, and intend to supply the latter, but Editors are not to be gainsaid, especially when they ask for "a talking to."

The team as a whole lacks combination, and this in the past has been our strong point. It can only be learnt by constant practice by the team as a whole. This ought to be possible for the rest of the season, as Cambridge is now a thing of the past, though, in justice to the Cambridge girls, I must say that they have been quite as regular at practices as non-Cambridge members of the team. It ought to be the exception for a 1st XI player to miss a practice.

The weakest line in the team is the forward line. The whole line needs more pace and much more determination. The centre-forwards and inners dribble too long, do not try long shots at goal, nor follow up their shots, and they seem to think that one shot is all that is required of them. The wings, who shoot fairly well, let the ball run out too often, and keep it too long: as a rule they should pass in at the 25 yards line. They should pass to the inners when the opposing half is too strong for them, and the inner should pass out again. The whole forward line expects too much of the halves. A half may be able to send the ball to a forward, so that the forward need not make any effort whatever to get it, but that is the exceptional case. It is the duty of the forwards, specially of the inners, to go back and get the ball if the half sends it short. I know that only one member of this line played in the team last year, and that good forward play has to be learnt, but so far there has not been the progress that I expected to see last term, and that I still hope to see this term.

The halves, back, and goal are fairly satisfactory, though most of them might attend more practices. The halves should follow their forwards more closely than they have been in the habit of doing. They can leave a good deal to the backs as a rule, and, if necessary, can go behind the backs if the latter have been passed far up the field.

Two pieces of advice I should like to give to every member of the team. Firstly, when an enemy has the ball, don't dance about in front of her trying to anticipate the direction in which she means to send it; attack her where she is: never mind if you don't get the ball, you have probably spoilt her aim and one of your own team behind you has been waiting for the ball, and is careering up the field with it; so that you have done all that is required of you. Secondly, never jump an enemy's shot: put your feet together and stop it, and never mind what it feels like.

We must keep the Lazenby Cup this year, and, unless we work much harder than we did last term, I am afraid that there will be no reason for photographing this year's XI. That seems an irrelevant remark, but the team will understand.

F. E. DICKINSON.

THE ST. NICHOLAS' TREAT.

The Vicarage,
Newcastle-on-Tyne,
19th December, 1912.

My Dear Miss Gurney,—Before your school breaks up to-morrow for the Christmas holidays I should be so glad if you would kindly give your staff and pupils a message from me, wishing them all a very happy Xmas holiday and a bright New Year. I felt this evening as I saw those little ones go off laden with gifts, so lovingly provided by your girls, with their eyes sparkling with unaccustomed happiness, that the donors would carry away the remembrance of those little faces and the touch of those little hands, and that their own joy of Christmas on the Birthday of the Child of Bethlehem, would be the greater and sweeter thereby.

With grateful thanks to you all, and all good wishes.

Believe me, Yours very sincerely,

EDWARD JOHN GOUGH.

9, Clavering Place,
Newcastle-on-Tyne,
17th January, 1913.

Dear Editor,—I think the tea and the Christmas tree were delightful. After leaving school at 4.30 we went home to get ready for the treat. We brought our cups with us at 5 o'clock, and waited until the school-room was put in order for the tea. On entering we found to our amazement that the tables were covered with beautiful white cloths, upon which were laid many plates of delicious cakes. Best of all I liked the bread and butter, which I think was lovely. After eating and drinking as much as we possibly could, we went into the yard leaving the tables just about empty, while outside we played about until the desks were moved to the sides of the room, and the Christmas tree was ready. When we were all inside again and had taken our seats we were asked to play the games we knew. In this we had much fun, and I think the girls from the High School enjoyed themselves quite as much as we did. After this one of the girls sat down at the piano and began to play a dance, in which we all took part, and I am sure when some of us got home our soles would be a good deal thinner than when we left. The best part of the evening was still to come. We danced until we were quite tired and then sat down. By this time the candles on the tree had been lit, and it looked magnificent. Each girl was then called upon to go and get her clothes and toys, and as we were going past we received an orange and a bag of sweets. After this we all went home. So I now close, sending my best love to all. I remain, Your affectionate friend,
ELIZABETH TURNER.

[N.B.—This is the original letter of one of the children who was at the treat. Ed.]



N. H. S. O. G. C. DANCE.

The Old Girl's Club dance was held on December 23rd in the School. This is the second year we have had such a function, and we hope that it is now an annual occurrence.

Of course it was very enjoyable indeed, as it was last year. Miss Gurney, the President of the Club, received the guests at 7.30 p.m. Dancing began at 8 o'clock, and continued smoothly but gaily until 1 a.m. We were very grateful to the President, firstly, for being so good as to allow the dance to take place in the School, and then for

kindly receiving for the evening. Our thanks, too, are due to the dance secretary, Winifred Greaves and her fellow workers—the committee. Everything was most successfully carried out and could not have been more enjoyable. Numbers were just right for the room, and the music was very good to dance to. The dancing was held in the Gymnasium while supper was in the Hall, which was laid out in little tables for four and sometimes eight people.

There were eighteen dances and three extras, and everybody seemed to be dancing all the time.

About half way through the evening we had supper, which was much appreciated.

At 1 a.m. exactly the last dance was danced, and then the band struck up the National Anthem, which was followed by vociferous hurrahs. After this everybody went home, having enjoyed themselves immensely.

AN OLD GIRL.

NEWS OF OLD GIRLS.

Rosamond Moncrieff Leitch is engaged to be married to Lieutenant R. H. De'Ath, R.N.

Ellanor Frere is now a typist and shorthand writer, her office being at 29, Pearl Buildings. She is willing to take pupils in typing and shorthand writing, and train them as secretaries. We wish her all success.

Ada Sopwith is secretary to the Committee at the G.F.S. Lodge.

Elsie Lees has a post as Student Mistress at the Froebel Training Institute in Kensington.

Lesley Robson has a similar post at the Central Newcastle High School.

Marjorie Stuart has a post as repetitrice in a Government College at Bordeaux.

Ada Weddell is now on the Staff of the High School.

Dorothy Hooper is teaching in a school in Yorkshire.

May Edwards has a post as Norland Nurse in Middlesex.

Kathleen Padfield is studying music at the Newcastle Conservatoire.

Elsie Pickering is also working at music.

Edith Bell, Ada Weddell, Nancy Cooke, Kitty Robson, Elsie Dickson, and Gertrude Hicks have all played hockey in the Northumberland County Team this season.

On one occasion there were as many as five of the Newcastle High School Old Girls in the Team.

Names of golf players among Old Girls who would like to compete for Mr. Holmes White's Challenge Cup will be welcomed by the Secretary of the O.G.C., Miss Dickinson. The method of competition, the date and the course, are as yet undecided for the year; indications as to convenient seasons and courses will be of use. Present girls are reminded that the competition is for them as well as for the O.G.C.

REMINISCENCES.

A great many years ago three little girls walked sedately along Jesmond Road one September morning on their way to the Newcastle High School for the first time. They walked so very primly that they were late, for the Prayer bell was ringing as they went in at the door. They had tried three other doors, all of which looked like front doors, before they found the right one. The quantity of front doors was due to the fact that School was in four houses in Jesmond Road: No. 54 was the Head-mistresses' house, No. 56 had had its front passage blocked up and turned into a stationery cupboard, No. 58 was the Girls' Entrance and No. 60 was the Boarding-house.

Well, having found the right door, the three little girls were taken downstairs to the cloakroom, and after Prayers one was put in the Third class, one in the Fourth, and one in the Fifth with the babies. I was the one in the Third class. My Form Room was upstairs and looked over Jesmond Road, and had three nice long windows nearly down to the ground. The most interesting seats were next the windows, and as we sat in Form order, and I started at the bottom of Class Three (which did not quite fill the room), I was the fortunate possessor of a window seat. On one dreadful occasion during a French lesson, Mademoiselle rushed down the room, pulled my chair from under me and made me sit by the door for the rest of the lesson. Two of the blinds were down already and it was not a sunny day, so I suppose she could not put my blind down too. We had all our French lessons almost in the dark. Mademoiselle was a very terrifying person. She always wore a brown dress and a black alpaca apron, and very quiet shoes, and yet she expected us to open the door for her when she was coming to give us a lesson. We could not hear her, and our doors had no glass panels so we could not see her, and consequently we all began the lesson feeling cross. My Fourth Class sister told me that before their French lesson Mademoiselle always looked at their hands to see if they were clean, and if they were not, sent them to wash them. My sister was a naughty girl and always arranged to have dirty hands on French lesson days!

We only played one game in those days, and some of our mothers did not approve of it. It was really a very good game and developed one's muscles well, but unfortunately it also tore one's clothes. It was called "Robbers and Bobbies"—perhaps you know it.

Our cloakroom was an exciting place. It was underground and rather dark, and next to it was what we all called the Beetle Cupboard—it was really a coal cellar—and occasionally a beetle strayed into the cloakroom and ensconced itself in a boot. Then we got Order Marks for being noisy!

The Head Girl played the hymn at Prayers then, and the march too, and the Head Mistress took the attendance of the whole school directly after Prayers in the Assembly-room. There were about eighty girls in

the School and I think six mistresses besides the Head Mistress; and then there were visiting people for Drawing, Music, Singing, and Drill. One of them—Miss Liddle—you all know, and a good many of you know Mrs. Anderton who taught us Drawing then.

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That space means that a number of years elapse. In 1899 I came back again to School, but not in Jesmond Road this time, and I came as a Mademoiselle—but without the brown dress and the alpaca apron—fully resolved never to let little girls spend valuable French time in scrubbing dirty hands. I found School much bigger in numbers and building, than it was when I left it, and I found one girl in it who was in it when I left, and she is in it now. Can you guess? Miss Kelly.

In those days the Mistresses' Room was where it is now—downstairs, and as you went along the corridor upstairs the rooms came in this order: Form II. under Miss Miller; her platform and table were where the piano is now, and the girls faced that way. Next came Form I. and the Kindergarten under Miss Norman. Our VI. Form Room was used occasionally for Kindergarten lessons or for small Divisions. Next to Form I. came the Lower Fourth under Miss Ram, who is now Mrs. Dilley; then came my Form. I had III. and IIb together, and the top girl in my form was Miss Cooke. The Upper Fourth had Vb's present room, and Miss Davenport was its former mistress: she was also Second Mistress. Miss Siddall's Form, the Fifth, was in IIIa's present room. When I came Miss Richardson, Miss Fawcus, Miss Kelly and Miss McNeil were all in it. The room where Form IV is now was the Art Room, and contained a piano, some chairs and a table. It was used sometimes for singing lessons and sometimes for divisions.

All the School from Form II. upwards, had Drawing at the same time then; Form II. stayed in its own room and was taught by Miss Miller. Forms IIb, IIIa, and IVb were in the Hall and IVa and V. in the Art Room. Mrs. Anderton taught them and Miss Ram used to vigilate in the Art Room and I in the Hall. This was on Thursday morning from 11.30 to 1 o'clock.

No one played Hockey when I came, but we soon began. Our first games were rather funny as no one knew the game at all; in fact, our first practice consisted of running up and down the tennis-court trying to keep our places. Our first match was good for us but humiliating—Gateshead High School beat us 13-0, but we were a very young team. I played centre forward. Miss Cooke was one wing, and I think Elsie Mathwin was the other; and Edith and Elsie Bell were also in the team.

There have been many changes since then: in fact, I sometimes look at an old school photograph and cannot remember the names of some of the girls. The Staff I remember better. When Miss Davenport left, I became Second Mistress and Miss Moore came to Form III: Miss Phyllis Ram had come before that. Miss Gurney came next and Miss Richardson and after that my recollections are rather hazy.

There were no such things as Prefects, or Stars, or Garden Marks, or Neatness Lists when I came, and our only trophy was the Tennis Shield.

When I came I made up my mind to stay two years, even if North Country girls were as bad as I had heard they were. I have stayed fourteen and it is quite likely that in the future it will be a Prefect's duty to wheel me to School in my bath chair! I wonder whether there will be much competition for the post!

F. E. DICKINSON.

ADVERTISEMENTS.

UMBRELLAS! M. Cook & Co. have still a large number of unclaimed umbrellas for sale. Every variety! Well-ventilated umbrellas a speciality! Many made in the latest Parisian mode (three spokes and extremely short handle). Come and buy! All going cheap!! Excellent value!!!

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ASTROLOGY. Professor Pestle (the famous star-gazer) takes weekly observations of the stars from the Hall Observatory, and will, as a result of his observations, give a lecture on Feb. 30th on the various positions of stars and their effect on human affairs.

Admission, 6d. Reserved Seats, 2s.

