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## EDITORIAL.

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There are various things to mention this term, and first of all we must apologise for the late appearance of the magazine. The fact that we are trying to improve it must be our excuse. This term Miss Gurney has very kindly given a prize for the most original and interesting Form Notes, and it is won by the writers of Form II. Notes, Christine Hunter and Marjorie Thomson.

A committee has been appointed now to look after the magazine, and we hope with more people to help, it will be more of a success. We hope its new cover and thicker paper will give it a more imposing appearance. Please do not forget about the bazaar which is to be held at the beginning of next term. We want it to be more successful this time than it has ever been, so everyone begin to work for it at once and tell your friends about it. If anyone has any new ideas for competitions and side shows we should be very glad of them.



## SCHOOL NEWS.

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### LISTS.

Form.	Stars. (Max. 14)	Neatness. (No. of Minuses)	Entries in Excel't Bk.
VIA .....	13	...	3
VIB .....	12	...	5
VA .....	7	...	6
VB .....	8	...	1
IV .....	7	...	2
IIIA .....	6	...	5
IIIB .....	1	...	9
II .....	3	...	8
I .....	—	...	6
Kindergarten .....	—	...	0

### Honour Cards.

Form II.: Marjorie Thomson. Form I.: Betty Inskip, Marjorie Griffith Young, Dulcie Shaw. Transition: Harold Fletcher, Magdala da Costa, Alan Ford. Kindergarten: Claire Grece, Lindsay Cook, Esmond Adams.

### Cambridge Results.

Senior: Honours: Class III.:—H. Cooper,\* N. Dogherty (distinction in English), D. Morpeth,\* Stella Proctor. Passed: D. Blair, H. Clarke,\* M. Davias\* (distinction in French), D. Haydock, A. Inskip, M. Sinclair,\* M. Stenhouse.

Junior: Honours: Class II.:—N. Inskip\* (distinction in English and French), Sheila Proctor\* (distinction in English and French). Passed: D. Cooper-Abbs, M. Alexander, N. Burnip,\* A. Cobbold, H. Arnesen, S. Watts.

\* Passed in spoken French,

## FORM NOTES.

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### FORM VIa.

The first few days of last term were spent in practising for the "Flood" Concert. The Sixth undertook as their share in the programme the representation of burlesqued ballads, and with the help of Miss Courie, after a few rehearsals, appeared before the audience on the night of the performance as the lords and ladies of bygone ages.

Later in the term a hockey match was arranged against the mistresses. On the eventful day a large number of spectators were present, and amidst encouraging cheers a noble fight was fought. After a most exciting game eventually the Sixth gained the victory by three goals to two.

On December 22nd the Old Girls' Dance was held at school. Miss Gurney very kindly invited the prefects, and they thoroughly enjoyed the evening.

D. HAMER.

### FORM VIb.

The chief event in VIb last term was the Senior Cambridge Examination; fourteen of us entered for it, and twelve passed, four having third class honours, and six passing in Spoken French. Nancy Dogherty got a distinction in English, and Madeleine Davies one in French. The examination was held in St. Jude's Hall, and in spite of our fears as to how we were going to acquit ourselves, we managed to have a good deal of fun during the week in which it was held. Four members of our Form, Alice Inskip, Marjorie Sinclair, Muriel Wills, and Amy Young performed in the concert which was held in aid of those who suffered in the flood, and the rest of us helped in a less distinguished way by selling programmes and coming to the concert. At the Prize Distribution nearly all of us had to go up to receive prizes or certificates, and the Elocution Prize was won by a member of our Form, Marjorie Sinclair. We were all very sorry to lose Stella Proctor and Una Wilkinson last term, both of whom have been with us for many years.

D. MORPETH.

### FORM Va.

Last term was an unusually exciting one. On account of the Floods we gave two impromptu concerts, in which our Form nobly assisted. Three of us acted a short sketch, and H. Robson and J. Dixon played a duet on the violin, accompanied by N. Smallwood.

Our Form managed to get a good many prizes at the prize-giving, Nellie Smallwood being top.

Last term was my last at school, and I was very sorry to leave my numerous friends behind.

W. H. COBBOLD.

### FORM Vb.

Last term was the Cambridge term, and nearly all of us went in for it; besides that, we took part in a concert in aid of the poor people in Jesmond, whose homes had been destroyed in the flood.

At the prize-giving nearly all of us got either prizes or certificates. As there were so many who had got honour drawing certificates, as well as pass certificates, only the honour certificates were given at the prize-giving, and the pass drawing certificates were given in the form rooms afterwards.

We were very sorry to say good-bye to Dorothy Cooper Abbs and Gladys Forgie last term. Dorothy has gone to a school at Hampstead Heath, and Gladys to S. Paul's Girls' School, near Hammersmith.

S. BOYD.

**FORM IV.**

At the beginning of the winter term we had two concerts, in aid of the people who had suffered during the floods. Everyone enjoyed rehearsing for them, and in the end they were most successful. Later on there was the prize-giving. And at the end of the term Miss Gurney gave a reading examination, in which only one girl (a member of our Form) succeeded in gaining full marks.

We were second for the Form gardens, but we did not excel either in the order marks or neatness list. **WINIFRED E. B. BENSON.**

**FORM IIIA.**

The great event last term was the prize-giving, which took place on October 29th, when Lady Ridley distributed the prizes.

Near the beginning of the term we had two entertainments in aid of the poor people in Jesmond parish who lost nearly all their possessions in the flood, and our Form acted a scene out of "A Midsummer Night's Dream."

We had nine entries in Miss Gurney's Excellent Book, but we had so many order marks that we could not have a party. **U. BURTON.**

**FORM IIIB.**

Last term was rather an eventful one for our school. First came the two concerts in aid of those who suffered during the floods. Some of the girls out of each form performed. Our girls danced. Then came the great event of every autumn term, the prize-giving. We sang a French song called "La Chanson du Ble." Lady Ridley gave the prizes away in the King's Hall, Armstrong College. We were very sorry she could not stay until the end.

If we had not had so many order marks we should have been able to have a party, but we had far too many. **B. D. BOOKEY.**

**FORM II.**

We have just been moved up into IIIB. It is a very nice Form. Last term we had two concerts, to get money to give to the poor people who had their furniture and houses spoiled by a flood which did a great deal of damage. We managed to raise £53. We also had the prize-giving, which was held in the King's Hall, Armstrong College. Lady Ridley distributed the prizes and gave us some very good advice.

**CHRISTINE HUNTER.  
MARJORIE THOMSON.**

**FORM I AND KINDERGARTEN.**

Last term we had the prize-giving. I did not get a prize, but I got a drawing certificate. There were a lot of new girls and a good many in the First Form. I like school very much. I got eight excellents, I think. I like dictation, arithmetic, and geography very much, and I like examinations very much. The First Form garden was very nice, and the bulbs are coming up very nicely. I like Miss Edmunds very much.

**BETTY INSKIP.**

I like school very much. When I was in the First Form I had six excellents. We had a prize for the best writing, and Kathleen Little got it. In the examinations I was top in dictation. We did not have order marks in the First Form. **BERTHA ROBINSON.**

I liked school very much last term, but this term I love school and almost all my lessons. **DOROTHY HOUSEMAN.**

I had a very happy term. I was moved up into the First Form. We had two lovely concerts, and we had a prize-giving. My favourite lesson is claymodelling.  
JOYCE CONING.

It was very nice in the Kindergarten. I liked it very much, but I like it better this term having the different lessons. We had a lovely party and two concerts, and my favourite lesson is French.  
HAROLD FLETCHER.

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## THE PRIZE-GIVING.

("Newcastle Daily Chronicle.")

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The annual distribution of prizes and certificates in connection with the Newcastle High School for Girls was held in Armstrong College last evening. The Bishop of Newcastle presided, and was supported by Lady Ridley (who presented the prizes), Principal Hadow, the Rev. J. T. Inskip, Mr. Talbot, Mr. F. H. Pruen, and others. There was a large gathering of parents and scholars.

The Bishop referred to the great progress which had been made by the school, and complimented the headmistress and staff upon the examination results.

The headmistress (Miss Gurney) presented her annual report, which stated that there were now 229 regular pupils in attendance, an increase of 12 compared with the previous year. The scholarships had been awarded as follows:—Virgin Mary Hospital scholarship (major), Dorothy Hamer; Newcastle Education Committee leaving exhibition, Dorothy Hamer; Education Committee's "B" scholarships, Kathleen Bookey, Gertrude Hodgson, and Mary Cook; Governors' scholarships, senior, Nancy Dogherty and Alice Inskip; junior, Edna Dogherty and Dorothy Hardy. Eleven seniors and nine juniors passed the Cambridge Local examination, and in the Royal Drawing Society examination and exhibition there were 144 passes, 71 with honours. For the Grundy Challenge Shield for excellence in the examination and exhibition combined the school was on the short list among more than 1,000 schools, and a special letter of congratulation was received from the Council of the Society. The school was also specially congratulated by the Church Schools Company's Inspector for the Scripture examination, and 26 needlework certificates were gained, an improvement on last year. In the athletics swimming had been the most distinguished department, the school having won Dr. Williams' Challenge Cup at the High Schools League competition, and other events. The League tennis shield had been won outright, having been gained for the 10th time out of a possible 18. A school house had been established for boarders, and it had received a good reception and kind encouragement from the parents. In music the results so far had been very good, but still more was hoped for.

Having presented the prizes, Lady Ridley expressed the pleasure it had given her to be present that evening. One great advantage of modern education, she thought, was the school system established for girls. The memories of school life were most valuable to look back upon—the spirit of emulation and comradeship, and the working together for the honour of the school brought great happiness in after years. She spoke of the feeling of regret brought about by not taking every opportunity of getting the best of what a school life could give. It was a feeling not realised when they were young, but it was borne in on them in later years. It was difficult, she knew, to sit down and glue their heads to books and live in them entirely, but those who did so would

never regret it. Education was not so much the actual learning of knowledge but the fitting of the scholar for future action. For girls especially it should be considered from that point of view. Girls could only achieve happiness in their own life if they put their knowledge to use and determined to follow some line of study or work which would occupy their time after they left school. She did not want to enter into women's questions; it was not so much a case of women's rights, but of what they might do with the knowledge acquired during their school life. The only happiness could be in putting the knowledge to some useful purpose in the world. (Applause.)

Principal Hadow proposed a vote of thanks to Lady Ridley and the Bishop. He endorsed the remarks of Lady Ridley, especially those dealing with the difference between the schools of some little time ago and the schools of to-day. He could go back to a much more distant generation, and speak of a school from which a girl was expelled for teaching the other girls to play rounders, which was supposed to be an unladylike pursuit. When he saw that evening a young lady traverse the platform with a hockey stick very much larger than herself he felt that education had really very considerably advanced in the course of those years. He did not wish to decry the education of the time to which he belonged, but he did say that at the present day it was fuller, freer, more interesting, and more vital. To the scholars, he would say that by being happy at school they were laying up a very good and valuable foundation for being happy in after life.

The Rev. J. T. Inskip seconded, and the thanks were heartily accorded. A programme of music, dances, and recitations was afterwards given.



## The "Flood" Concerts.

The first few days of last term were almost entirely given up to preparations for two impromptu concerts which we gave on September 28th and 29th in aid of certain people in the Sandyford district of Jesmond parish and elsewhere whose homes were almost destroyed by the sudden floods which happened just a few days before we went back to school.

It was our object to make as much money as possible, and I think the total expenditure did not amount to more than a few shillings, because the entertainments were given in the hall and the paper for the programmes came from the school, and any old tickets were used again as new ones for the occasion.

Every Form was very eager to help, and there were so many people anxious to do things, especially in the lower Forms, that we were sorry so many had to be left out when the programmes were drawn up.

The programmes for both nights were alike, except of course that there were different items and different performers. There were recitations, piano solos, plays, songs, performances on the violin, and dances, and one night Form VI and some old girls acted some Burlesqued Ballads, and on the other evening Form VB gave us dreadful warnings by acting Cautionary Tales.

On the last night there was very great excitement to try to bring up to £50 the amount which had been made up in the afternoon to £46. Half way through the performance we found £1 was still needed, and so an appeal for pennies was made, and a hat was taken round by one of the little ones. When these takings were counted, almost as many silver coins were found as copper ones, and instead of reaching just £50, we had

£53 16s. Then after all our efforts were over we danced until ten o'clock in the gymnasium, and Miss Gurney very kindly supplied light refreshments for the performers.

Our thanks are due to Miss Liddle for accompanying various performers so often, and Forms VIA and VIb also thank Miss Comrie for giving up so much time to coaching them for the ballads.



## The S. Nicholas Treat.

The St. Nicholas Treat for the children of that parish was arranged for December 19th last year. As usual, the Sixth Form and some others helped to entertain the children, and were at the schoolroom for that purpose about 4.30. There were many things to be done before the children could come in, so we set to work with a will and soon were busy setting the tables, arranging the toys and getting the Christmas Tree ready. Then about 5.15, when everything was ready, the children who had been waiting outside for some time, came trooping in. Tea began immediately, and when this important part of the programme was over they played in the yard until we had cleared the tables. Then the fun began in real earnest. Miss Comrie kindly played the piano while everybody danced—waltzes, polkas, any dance you can think of, including Indian war dances! After that two little girls danced the cake walk for us, and did it very well indeed. Games of all kinds now began, and were conducted on the same lines as the dances, noise and excitement dominating all. The children had originally divided into three sets for the games, but such was the din that nobody knew which was which, and each set was doing a different game. One girl, who did not know what she was supposed to be doing, copied the antics of a little girl near her, only to be told shrilly, "That's not our game; it's the next sets!" Then Dorothy Hamer spoke to the children, and one of their older girls, who was leaving, replied.

At the end they all came up and received an article of clothing and a toy, and as they were passing out an orange was also given to them, and everybody had gone by eight o'clock after having a most enjoyable evening.

A. M. YOUNG.



## Fiction Library.

The following books have been presented to the library:—"Mike," P. G. Wodehouse; "Stalky and Co.," Rudyard Kipling: presented by Amy Young. "Granny's Wonderful Chair," Frances Browne, presented by Mary Harbottle. "Above the Rubies," Wiegall, presented by Doris Cowper. "The Story of Waitstill Baxter," K. D. Wiggin, presented by Mildred Ford. We thank these girls very much for their books, and would like to remind others that this is a very good way of doing something small for the school. If every girl who leaves could aid the library in this way, not necessarily giving an expensive book, we should soon have a good supply of volumes.

F. C. M. B.



## The School Museum.

Please do not forget the School Museum. Though at present it has to be dormant in cupboards and boxes on account of the large number of pupils in the school, it hopes shortly to make itself very evident in a new and more attractive and useful form.

Several most acceptable and suitable gifts have lately been received in the form of eggs, stuffed birds, and a relic of the recent South Pole expedition, etc.

We shall be grateful if all will look around and see if they cannot contribute some little article to our already good stock.

A. EDMUNDS.



## The School Bazaar.

It has been arranged that the school shall hold a bazaar at the beginning of the summer term. The object is to raise funds so that the school may still support its child, Doris Hetherington, at S. Oswald's Home, Cullercoats, and also that it may continue the treats given twice a year to the S. Nicholas School children. All who go to the treats know how thoroughly the children enjoy them, and how they look forward to them for weeks beforehand, and we do hope that the treats will not fall short of former years. The bazaar held three years ago realised £60, and we are very anxious that this year we may exceed that amount. Every girl is therefore asked to do her utmost to make the bazaar a great success, both by working for it personally and by interesting her friends in it.

H. COOPER.  
G. ROWDEN.



## GAMES.

“Mens sana in corpore sano.”

### Hockey, 1913.

At the beginning of the season all of us seemed to be making up our minds to try hard to have a better record than that of last season.

The First Eleven had a good many matches, none of which were spoilt by the weather. The first of these was played against the Central High School on October 16th, when we won by seven goals to three, and winning the first match seemed to give the team hope—it had made a good beginning, and meant to try and keep it up.

The next match was against Sunderland High School, our future opponents for the Shield, and again we managed to win by three goals to two.

For over a fortnight the team practised hard, and on November 13th at Sunderland we played the first Shield match, and we won by five goals to one, after a very good game, in which, though the spectators were few, they were very enthusiastic and did the team good, for to be backed up does more perhaps than many people imagine. I really think some more of you might come and watch, not only the Shield and Cup matches, though in a way perhaps they are the more important ones, but all of them. If you read the notice board you will see when and where they are going to be, and remember it is your school that is playing, not the team playing for its own amusement.

On Thursday, November 20th, we played the Newcastle Ladies, and although we were beaten by 4 goals to 2, we had had a most enjoyable game.

The next match was against the Tynemouth Ladies, and Mrs. Baker very kindly gave us tea afterwards. We were beaten by five goals to nil.

After this enjoyment, however, there was rather an anxious time, as we were drawn against Darlington in the second round for the Shield, and not knowing the strength of their team, we lived rather in fears until December 6th, when all fears were forgotten in the game. It was a very enjoyable one, and we won by four goals to nil, so are looking forward to playing Bede Collegiate in the final.

On Thursday, December 11th, we played a second match against the Newcastle Ladies, and although we played with many substitutes owing to the Cambridge, we won by five goals to three, two of ours being very cleverly "jumped" in by our opponents.

I think, however, that one of the most exciting matches of the season was that between the Staff and the Sixth. The day was fine and there were many spectators, most of them going home rather disappointed because the Sixth managed to win by three goals to two, for during the game there seemed to be great rejoicing when the ball got near the Sixth Form's goal. We had tea in the Gym afterwards, and ended the day with a game of Badminton.

Although the first eleven had many matches, the second and third elevens did not come off so well. The second played the Central 2nd on October 20th, and won by 4 goals to 2, and again on November 20th, winning by 4 goals to 0.

They also challenged the first, but lost this match, as I suppose they ought to have done.

The third eleven had even fewer matches. Their first match against Overcliffe, Tynemouth, was put off, but on December 4th they beat them by five goals to nil, having to play through rather a violent storm of sleet.

The attendances at the practices were not very good last term, especially at the 2.30 game at Collingwood Terrace. Six girls are not sufficient for a good hard game; of course they would all have a great deal to do, rather too much, but it is not the practice of a side learning to play together. There are quite sufficient girls who play hockey to have good practices at all times. Some seem to think that as they are not in one of the teams it doesn't matter whether they come or not—but it does. Some day they most probably will be in, and, besides, unless there are sufficient to play the teams cannot practice together, which is of great importance.

On the whole, however, the hockey has been most enjoyable, and many of the players have improved considerably.

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## T E A M S .

### FIRST ELEVEN :

Forwards—D. Hamer, F. Wilson, G. Hodgshon (capt.), N. Smallwood, S. Procter. Halves—K. Appleby, M. Taylor, A. Young. Backs and goal—K. Bookey, A. Inskip, N. Onbridge; E. Hamer playing substitute in the Shield match.

### SECOND ELEVEN :

Forwards—U. Wilkinson, N. Dogherty, E. Fletcher, I. Smallwood, E. Hamer. Halves—E. Boyd, A. Young (capt.), G. Ison. Backs and goal—M. Sinclair, M. Harbottle, M. Cook.

### THIRD ELEVEN :

Forwards—M. Burton, E. Dogherty, E. Ford, G. Rowden (capt.), D. Hardy. Halves—A. Morgan, A. Frazer, G. Forgie. Backs and goal—N. Mennie, N. Inskip, S. Boyd. G. HODGSHON.

## Netball Team.

The team on the whole has done good work this season, the play being faster and the passing more accurate than in former years.

Edith Arnesen's throwing has not been quite as good as usual owing to the new rule which forbids throwing a goal with the feet off the ground. Gladys Fletcher's throwing is accurate, but inclined to be slow. Both these players combined very well with the Centre and Centre Attack. Centre Attack and Centre Defence are much too much inclined to play in the middle of the court. They might well take a lesson from Sunderland in the art of keeping in the corner. Centre plays a good game, and combines well with the three attack players. She would do well to arrange a plan of campaign with the three defenders. Goal and Right Defence need much more wisdom in getting the ball away from the circle, Goal especially being apt to pass it to some one already in the circle or on the edge of it. They make the mistake of both marking one player of the opposing team and leaving the other to do as she wills. Again a plan of campaign is needed.

I do not want the team to be discouraged by all these carping remarks. They have improved so much that they must aim now at perfection.

F. E. DICKINSON.

## TEAM.

Shooter—E. Arnesen. Right Attack—G. Fletcher. Centre Attack—W. Benson. Centre—H. Arnesen (captain). Centre Defence—G. Pestle. Right Defence—E. Fletcher. Goal—H. Hall.

Last term we played three matches and won them all.

First we played a friendly with Rutherford College. It was a very close game, and we got to know some new rules, but we won 13-12. Next we played a Shield match against the Central High School and won 17-12. Towards the end of the term we played a scratch team from Sunderland and beat them 17-10.

This term the netball has been much more interesting, as more schools can compete for the Shield, not only the High Schools of Sunderland, Durham, York, and Newcastle as before. Nearly all the schools in Northumberland and Durham are competing, and so the honour will be far greater for the school that works its way to the top and carries off the Shield.

H. ARNESEN.



## OLD GIRLS' NEWS.

### O.G. Dance.

The Old Girls' Third Annual Dance was held on December 22nd, although many hours before that date had been spent by a committee deciding on the number of gallons of lemonade and the quantity of eatables that would be needed. Julia Edwards undertook to be secretary, and our thanks are mainly due to her for the success of the evening, as the O. G. Dance is no small undertaking. Although so near that busy season Christmas, the dance committee managed to spend almost the whole day at school, and if any of the present girls had come in during the afternoon they would have been surprised to see their beautiful hall changed into a supper-room, and with the help of easy chairs, cushions, and a few screens one or two of the form rooms also had a very different appearance.

Miss Gurney again kindly consented to receive for us, and by eight o'clock about a hundred and twenty people had arrived. The number of actual old girls was perhaps less this year, but that didn't seem to affect the dance in any way. Dancing was continued until one o'clock, when we were reluctantly compelled to stop and wend our weary way home after spending a most enjoyable evening, and we hope our guests did the same.

One great charm about the Old Girls' Dance is that it is held in the school, and for that privilege we had to thank Miss Gurney and the Governors.

In the annual report of the Dove Marine Laboratory, Cullercoats, which is published by the Marine Laboratory Committee of Armstrong College, we see that Joyce Robson has been doing research work, and has written articles on Hydroids not previously recorded for the district, and on an abnormal Ephyra (*Cyanea Capillata*), and has illustrated these articles with excellent drawings. We are proud to think that an Old Girl is doing such good work, and we wish her continued success in the future.

## Golf Competition, 1914.

The competition for Mr. Holmes White's Rose Bowl is to take place during February, March, April, and May this year.

As will be seen from the "draw" there are more competitors than we have formerly had.

Particularly do we welcome the present girls (of whom there are six) who have entered this year for the first time. We wish them luck, and hope that more of the present girls will enter next year, though we know their time for games, other than the organised school games, is very limited.

### DRAW.

Preliminary round.      First round.      Second. Third. Final. Winner.

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|                                     | 1. Kathleen Bookey.   |
|                                     | 2. Gertrude Hodgson.  |
| 3. Sheila Proctor. —                |                       |
| 4. Gladys Brewis.                   |                       |
| 5. Alice Inskip. —                  |                       |
| 6. <del>Kathleen Cooper</del> Abbs. |                       |
| 7. Nora Hunter.                     |                       |
| 8. Flossie Brewis.                  |                       |
| 9. Gwen Wilson.                     |                       |
| 10. Ada Sopwith.                    |                       |
|                                     | 11. Irene Pearse.     |
|                                     | 12. Netta Hiddleston. |
|                                     | 13. Ada Wilson.       |
|                                     | 14. Vera White.       |
|                                     | 15. Nancy Cooke.      |
|                                     | 16. Julia Edwards.    |
|                                     | 17. Hilda Garrett.    |
|                                     | 18. Grace Hunter.     |
|                                     | 19. Katie Clarke.     |
|                                     | 20. Mildred Cook.     |

### RULES.

1. The latest rules of golf for match play will be in force.
2. Score cards must be kept and sent in to the secretary on the day the match is played.

3. The first on the list of each couple must arrange the match with her partner.

4. The preliminary round must be played by February 28th and the first round by March 21st.

#### PREVIOUS HOLDERS.

1908—Mrs. Garrett (nee Hilda Hunter). 1909—Ada Wilson. 1910—Julia Edwards. 1911—Julia Edwards. 1912—Nancy Cooke. 1913—Nancy Cooke.

Will any Old Girls who play golf who have heard of the competition please send in their names as golfers at once, so that they may be included in the list of possible competitors for next year.

N. COOKE, Secretary of Golf Committee.

#### BIRTHS.

Nightingale.—To Mr. and Mrs. Nightingale (Kathleen Rogerson), a daughter. October, 1913.

Millican.—To Mr. and Mrs. Millican (Norah Mundle), a daughter. December, 1913.

Blagden.—To the Rev. N. and Mrs. Blagden (Mabel Fawcus), a daughter. January, 1914.

Forrester.—To Mr. and Mrs. Forrester (Elsie Mathwin), a son. February, 1914.

#### MARRIAGE.

Counsell—Metcalf.—At Chapel-le-Dale Church, Yorkshire, on February 11th, James Sydney Counsell to Gertrude Ellen Metcalf.



## IN A FRENCH CONVENT.

It is very delightful when you are taking a degree in modern languages at a University to find that it is your duty to go abroad for the sake of accent, so last summer vacation three of us decided to do our duty and stay in a convent in Brittany for a month. We went from Southampton to St. Malo in ten hours, but to get from St. Malo to our village of Becherel—a distance of twenty miles—we took from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. That is an example of what the smaller French railways can do. We had lunch at Dinan on the way, and I think the menu might interest you:—Soup, slice of ham, morsel of haddock, wee slice of red polony, a sprat, a chop-end, stewed pears, cheese, sweet biscuits, bitter red wine. Each dish was served separately. The whole affair lasted an hour, and cost about two shillings.

When we at last got out of the train, very weary and dusty, we asked how far it was to Becherel. The answer was "Six miles." So we patiently endured an hour's jolting in a kind of springless black pill-box on wheels, and reached the village at dark. As we rattled down the hill we saw a little group of black figures with close-fitting white caps standing in the dusk at the door of a big square building; the Mere Superieure and some of the sisters were waiting to welcome us. Inside the house was beautifully clean, rather bare, no pictures, but in each bedroom a crucifix and a silver china ornament for holy water. We were each given single rooms, but as two of us had decided to sleep together, we quickly remembered that I hadn't been well lately, and that I didn't like sleeping alone. We told our tale to the Mere Superieure after supper; she heard us quietly, then gave a twinkle, and said I was rather old to mind sleeping alone, and ordered the rooms to be changed!

Next day we explored the village and country round. There is little to say about either, because the country is quite English in appearance, except that they always plant fruit trees in the corn fields, but as the

reaping is done by hand it doesn't matter much. In the village about every second cottage sells wine and spirits, and there are gay flowers on the tiny balconies. The men wear long blue smocks, and the women black dresses, with a black knitted woollen cape, in the height of summer, and nothing on their heads but a strip of folded net or lace, pinned on top of dark hair strained tightly back from their sunburnt faces. Why they don't all get sunstroke I can't think. And they have the queerest ideas about England! One boy asked if there were any cows and horses there, and they can't understand that we make pets of cats and let them sit on the best chairs—they keep them in the stables to catch mice. Again, they can't imagine a cosy fire, with a kettle on the hob—they never have tea, or hobs, or fires; all the heating is done by stoves. They watched us very closely when we went outside, and I was tremendously amused when one day we went over to Rennes for the day, and the next, people in the shops asked us how we had enjoyed our trip!

We spent nearly all the days alike. From 5.30 a.m. onwards there was no sleep for us, because the bells of the parish church and of the convent chapel began ringing for Mass; our bedroom too was above the farmyard, and they used to start milking the cows at about 5.30, and the cows always objected. This kept up till about 6.30; then we got up—no inducement to sleep in! Our water-jugs were the size of a rather small dinner-jug, and held about four tumblers of water! Breakfast—coffee and bread and butter—at 7.15. Then a stroll round the garden. We were on top of the highest hill in Brittany, and there was a splendid view. There were several "berceaux" in the garden, a kind of summer house consisting of a wooden framework over which thick greenery was trained, so that there was always shade, and doors and windows were cut in the green, and showed the view of the blue sky and the sunshine outside. Then we used to take books and go to a private park near by, and work there till lunch time at 11.45. The meals were quaint and quite nice, only I did so wish they would serve the vegetables with the meat; eating a big piece of meat by itself is so dull. There were several other pensionnaires, French and English, at the convent. The French ones all got together at one end of the table, and the dishes always had to be passed to them first. And when they got them a sort of free fight used to follow, with floods of fearfully excited French—you would have thought they were quarrelling fiercely and each trying to pull the dish away from the other. But it was only their excessive French politeness in all refusing to help themselves first. Once we passed a dish to our end first because they were not ready for it, and they refused to speak to us for a week in consequence!

In the afternoons we went for walks when it wasn't too hot. At four we made our tea; such a thing was unknown in the convent, but we had a spirit kettle and tea, and we begged milk from a sister, and ate jam and biscuits and cakes bought in the village, and squashed dozens of wasps at intervals—they would come in, though we kept the sunblind down—while from the other side of the courtyard we heard the shrill nasal voices of the nuns practising hymns.

Supper at 7.30 was much the same as dinner. We gave the other pensionnaires terrible shocks by changing our dresses sometimes, and when on one hot Sunday we all turned out in white there was a long silence of disapproval; they never make any change for Sundays. We went to bed about nine.

One day we went to Saint-Pern, to the headquarters of the Little Sisters of the Poor who, I believe, work in every country in the world. It was a big place, built of cool grey stone; their own farm surrounds it, where we saw a splendid team of four cream-coloured oxen ploughing. The house holds about a thousand sisters, and till a few years ago they needed every inch of room, because every Little Sister had to go there to take her vows before entering the Order, but now there are two or three other convents where the vows can be taken.

The order began in an interesting way. Some fifty years ago there lived in Saint-Pern three old women who used to go about and beg for the poor. They had a tiny house with a tiny garden, where they set up an image of St. Joseph on a tree stump, and prayed to him as their patron saint. One day a rich gentleman and his wife from Paris visited the village, saw these brave old ladies, and gave them part of his estate in Brittany, near Saint-Pern, and money to build a convent and so to found an Order of Little Sisters of the Poor. They still pray to St. Joseph, and if he does not send them what they want, they shut up a statue of him in a dark cupboard to do penance, and what they need always comes in a day or two. They are specially proud of their chapel, where they have a big collection of relics—scraps of bones or hair, or skin or cinders of about all the saints who ever died or were martyred.

I am afraid we gave the sisters and the pensionnaires a good many shocks. One day we walked five miles to the Chateau des Iffs, where Bertrand du Guesclin, the famous French general of the fourteenth century wars against England, was knighted. A footman in a beautiful pale heliotrope suit showed us the chapel where Du Guesclin kept his vigil, and the very altar he knelt before; that is over six hundred years ago. Then we walked back and turned up quietly to supper, and the French people thought us quite mad, and I don't think had expected us back at all!

Another day there was a violent thunderstorm, which began about six, and was in full blast at supper time. The French people and the sisters were in a terrible state, trying hard not to seem frightened all the time. During supper the Mere brought in a holy candle, which had been specially blessed, and set it burning on the table, telling us that we couldn't be hurt while it was alight. She also went round to everyone, showing them a little picture card of some saint, which had also been blessed, and if they touched that they absolutely could not be hurt, whether the candle burned or whether it didn't. After supper we found the hall full of water run in from the street; one of the sisters was sweeping it out, and crossing herself at every flash of lightning. As the storm was at its worst then, she was kept fairly busy! Incidentally during the night one of the pensionnaires, a lady of about forty, tore along to us for company, because the lightning frightened her so. We settled her with pillows in an arm-chair in the passage where she couldn't see it, and she was much happier. Next day they were all pretending they hadn't been frightened at all, so we didn't mention the incident.

The life of the sisters seemed delightfully calm and peaceful. There were five Meses Superieures, who spent more time in prayer than the ordinary sisters, who did the work of the house and stables. The superior Mere of the five was often unconsciously most amusing about her prayers. Whenever we were talking to her she would break off and say, "But I am behind hand with my prayers to-day. I must go and say some more!" Even when we were having our last meal she was talking to us, and, suddenly remembering that there were a few prayers she had left unread, she began to read them then and there. Dear old souls! but they were very good and charming, and very anxious for us to go back the next year, and very surprised when we all kissed them good-bye; but we wanted to try another place, though we had no fault to find with our month in a Brittany convent.

P. COMRIE.

## A GERMAN HIGH SCHOOL.

Berlin, August, 1913.

Dear Editor,—You have asked me to tell you something about a German School. Well, I can only tell you about one school as I have only been to one. First of all, it was only a small house and there were only eight girls and three teachers. After a few years they took another

house, but there was still not enough room, so a big school house and gymnasium were built. Now there are about four hundred and fifty girls and about thirty teachers.

In April, 1903, I came to school and remember quite well the first time I sat in school. Our mothers sat quite at the back and could not see us. The next day we got a big slate and pencil, a spelling-book and an arithmetic-book, and the first letter we learnt to write was a "c," in German characters, and then we learned "i," which is just the same with a dot on it.

There were only nine forms. That may sound a lot to you, but in each form we only stay for one year unless we are ill or lazy. There were only day-girls, and during the first two years we went to school at ten and left at twelve; but we did not have any Kindergarten or playing as you have in the first years; even in recreation we were not allowed to run, we had to walk along always two or three together. Drilling we had three times a week, and I must say here that on Saturdays we have school just as well as on the other days of the week.

Soon School began at 8 a.m. and finished at 1 or 2 p.m. We had five little recreations of ten and five minutes each. In Form V, there was drawing added to the lessons, and when I was in Form IV, and just about to come to IIIb., an alteration was made and our school, like other High Schools, got ten forms instead of nine. The school year is divided into two big parts—the summer and winter terms. The first is from April 1st to September 30th, but in between there are two weeks' holidays, and five weeks in the summer. Then there is the winter term, which is much the longest. There are only two weeks' holidays at Christmas and Easter. Sometimes we have a day free. For example, on our Emperor's birthday we have a celebration at school. A girl out of each class is chosen to recite a poem and the girls of Forms I. and II. sing, and a girl of Form I. has to make a speech. It is likewise at Christmas, only then we have a big Christmas Tree under which these things are done.

We don't go in for examinations, either public or school ones, and so our reports are only in general. We can only get "Excellent" for conduct. Now, about the order marks. We get them more easily than you do. For every forgotten thing, and if it is only a pen too little, one gets an order mark, and also for bad conduct, for paying no attention, and for laziness; everytime one gets an order mark; and having once got one, you will never get them crossed out; you may be very good but that does not help you. We have neither prefects nor a head girl and also no school magazines, or I would ask one of your "German" girls to write something. I am very sorry we have not. As last things I will say, that we have no Preparation or lessons in the afternoons. Our home work has to be done at home and there are also no homework time tables—some of you will like that—because we have to do our lessons in any case, and it does not matter how long we take. We have also no sports, no music, swimming or dancing; those are all private. With love to you all, from—

EDITHA VON BREDOW.

## ◆◆◆◆◆ GENERAL KNOWLEDGE.

An extinct volcano is one that you do not have to strain your eyes to see. An optimist is an eye specialist. (Then one knows to whom one should go if one happens to see a living volcano.)

The Prime Minister is Mr. Asquith and the Primate is his wife.

Suggestions as to the identity of Mrs. Fry—

She is noted for her cocoa and chocolate.

The wife of a famous cricketer.

Various explanations of a White Elephant:—

A practical joke or a scare.

Exaggerating something.

Some one who is petted and made a great fuss over, because white elephants are very scarce.

Means if you were told not to put on a very perishable garment, and you put it on, you would be frightened all the time that you were going to destroy it, and it would make you miserable.

Will future doctors and nurses please notice this advice—

For Hysterics—Apply ice to the forehead and give smacks to keep the patient awake.

To take the temperature—feel the pulse.

More political opinions—

The Cabinet is Lloyd George.

Mrs. Pankhurst is a suffragette and a *very* bad person.

These facts are also interesting—

Policemen are called Bobbies because they bob out and catch people.  
Soda water bottles have wire coverings to keep them nice and high—  
or it would go stale.

The aeroplane is a machine that kills many people.

The White Man's Grave means when a man is exploring and is eaten by animals or cannibals, or frozen by the frost or scorched by the sun—that is called the White Man's Grave.



## MY MEMORIES.

(With apologies to the "Rosary.")

The hours I've spent with thee, oh school!  
A chain of memories are to me,  
I count the years which were with joy so full,  
Those years with thee—those years with thee.

Each year a thought, each thought a dream,  
To make me think, in time to be,  
Of these few years just past, which now would seem  
Those years so free—those years so free.

Oh now all protests are in vain,  
I must be gone, for now to me  
The future's door's ajar—I say with pain  
Good-bye to thee, oh school! Good-bye to thee!  
—"Two sad hearts."