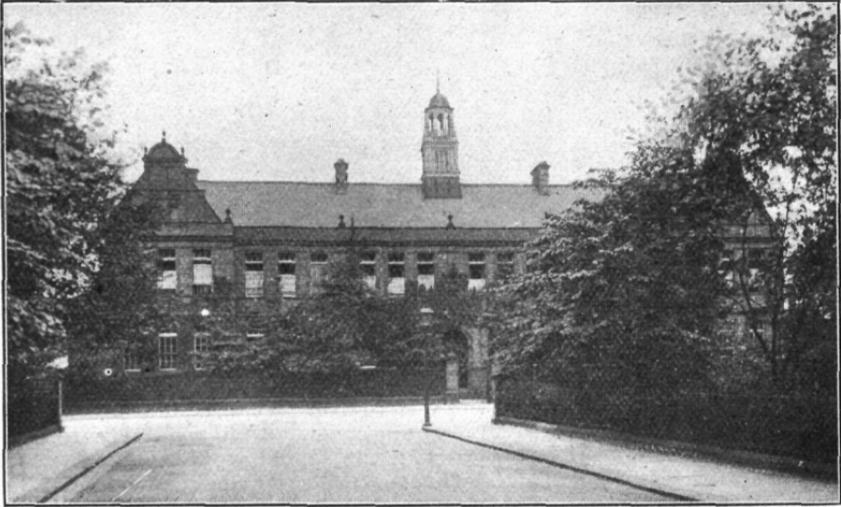


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## STAFF

### Head Mistress :—

FORM VI ... MISS GURNEY, M.A., B.Sc. (Girton Coll. Camb. ; Math. Tripos);  
M.A., T.C.D.; B.Sc.; and Diploma in Education, Durham.

### Second Mistress :—

FORM VA ... MISS DICKINSON, Oxford Final Honour School of Modern Lan-  
guages. *Modern Languages and Singing.*

FORM VB ... MISS KELLY, B.Litt., and Diploma in Education, Durham.  
*Modern Languages.*

FORM IVA ... MISS CLARIDGE, B.Sc., and Diploma in Education, Leeds.  
*Mathematics and Drawing.*

FORM IVB ... MISS BARKER, B.A., Liverpool *History and English Literature.*

FORM IV ... MISS BEDDOWS, B.A., Honours, Birmingham  
(remove) *Geography, Mathematics and English Literature.*

FORM IIIA ... MISS LUSH, Cambridge Classical Tripos ... *Classics.*

FORM IIIB ... MISS JOHNSON, Cambridge Mathematical Tripos, and Diploma  
in Education ... *Mathematics.*

FORM II ... MISS DODGSON, Cambridge Mediæval and Modern Languages  
Tripos, and Diploma in Education *English Literature.*

FORM I ... MISS EDMUNDS, N.F.U. Higher Certificate.

KINDERGARTEN { MISS MCNEIL, N.F.U. Certificate.  
{ MISS WEDDELL, N.F.U. Higher Certificate.

MISS JEWSON, B.Sc., Honours, Manchester. ... *Science.*

## SCHOOL OFFICIALS

Head Girl	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	D. Morpeth.
Prefects	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	{
Hockey Captain	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	G. Ison.
Netball Captain	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	G. Fletcher.
Secretary of Games	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	E. Fletcher.
Property Monitress	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	H. Clarke.
Secretaries of Charitable Funds	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	D. Morpeth, N. Dogherty.
Editor	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	E. Fletcher.

## EDITORIAL

By the time this number of the magazine is published, Christmas holidays will be a thing of the past. We hope everyone will have had a very happy Christmas and New Year, and that all will have come back to school ready to work and play with their whole might. The spring term is the beginning of our school year, and incidentally "moving-up" term, so many changes will have taken place. May we suggest that a good form in the way of New Year resolutions would be—"I will endeavour to give some contribution regularly to the school magazine." If every girl in the school would make it her business to write some article every term, our magazine would be brought to a much higher standard. Naturally, everything could not be printed, but the best contributions would be chosen.

We wish to congratulate Gladys Pestle on gaining a Leaving Scholarship of £20 from the Northumberland Education Committee, and Irene Wilson on gaining a Corporation Exhibition to Armstrong College.

Last term we had to say good-bye to Bishop Straton; this term we wish to welcome, in the good north-country fashion, our new Bishop—Bishop Wild, from Nottingham. He has kindly consented to fill up the post vacated by Bishop Straton, that of President of the Governors of our school, and we look forward to having the pleasure of his company on all our festive occasions. We sincerely hope he will enjoy his work among the people of the diocese of Newcastle.

Magazines kindly sent to us from other schools are always to be found on the piano in the gymnasium, and we invite all our girls to read them when they have an opportunity. In this issue we have to acknowledge the receipt of the magazines of the Central Newcastle High School and Sunderland High School, and the "Rampant," the magazine for the Kent Colleges—Canterbury and Folkestone.

Will writers of form notes and other contributions kindly remember to write on *one* side of the paper only, as much unnecessary work is caused by the neglect of this rule?

In conclusion, we would bid farewell to those who are leaving, and welcome those who come to fill up their places.

We congratulate Dorothy Morpeth on winning the Senior Prize for the best Form Notes, and Reta Leventhall for winning the Junior Prize.

## SCHOOL NEWS

### LISTS.

Form				Neatness List. No. of Minuses.	Stars.	Entries in Excellent Book.
Form VI	...	...	...	1	13	—
„	VA	...	...	0	3	3
„	VB	...	...	1	6	—
„	IVA	...	...	1	1	—
„	IVB	...	...	2	1	3
„	IIIA	...	...	1	4	3
„	IIIB	...	...	6	0	9
„	II	...	...	8	2	8
„	I	...	...	2	—	—
Kindergarten	...	...	...	1	—	—

### HONOUR CARDS.

*Form II.*—J. Thomson.

*Form I.*—B. Carr, M. Richardson.

*Transition.*—N. Brian.

*Kindergarten A.*—R. Spencer, L. Jokelson, D. Dryburgh, P. Bird,  
L. Pumphrey.

*Kindergarten B.*—M. Duncan.

### SCHOLARSHIPS AND EXAMINATION RESULTS.

Gladys Pestle has a Leaving Scholarship of £20 from the North-umberland Education Committee.

Irene Wilson has obtained a Corporation Exhibition.

P. Derry has gained a 2nd Class Higher Certificate of the National Froebel Union, with a 1st Class in History of Education.

The Governors' Scholars for the year are as follows:—

*Senior.*—School Fees for one year ... .. N. Burnip.

Highly commended... .. N. Inskip, M. Burton.

*Junior.*—(1) £10 for two years ... .. C. Edwards.

(2) £10 for one year, given by a friend of the  
school for this year only ... .. M. Thomson.

Highly commended ... .. B. Inskip, A. G. Young.

*Royal Drawing Society's Examination.*

Full Honours Certificates ... H. Ison, H. Hall, M. Challoner.

Honours Certificates, 67. Pass Certificates, 77.

*Royal Drawing Society's Exhibition.*

Sheila Proctor has won a Bronze Star.

## FORM NOTES

### FORM VI.

Examinations toll the knell of parting term,  
The remaining days crawl lazily away,  
Our thoughts to holidays begin to turn,  
And to the well-known joys of Christmas Day.

The Cambridge girls have not to be disturbed,  
So on the air a solemn stillness floats,  
Save where the Editress's voice is heard,

"I say, you've got to write the Sixth Form Notes,"

And, being of an obedient disposition, I sit down to write them.

To begin with, we have in the Form just half the number of girls that we had last term. If I tell you that eight girls left at the end of the summer term, perhaps you can calculate how many there are of us now. Out of those who left last term, Gladys Pestle is now at Durham University, Mary Stenhouse at the College of Medicine, and Irene Wilson at Armstrong College. As two of those who left were Prefects, two new Prefects had to be appointed; these are Ella Hamer and Winnie Winter. At the beginning of the term we had several desks in our Form-room, but they have disappeared one by one into other rooms, until we have been left with three. However, this does not trouble us much, as we do not often have lessons all together; all those who are not having a lesson can find accommodation at the tables.

As regards lectures we have been fortunate this term; first we had a very interesting French lecture on Russia by Mademoiselle de Lisle; among many other things, she told us about the reforms which Peter the Great introduced into Russia, and some of the incidents of his life; his favourite amusement while he was in Prussia, where it is significant to note that he had gone to learn military discipline, was that of sitting in a wheel-barrow and being pushed through a thick hedge by a gardener. Then we had a lecture on Japan by Miss Richardson, formerly a mistress in our school, who has been teaching in a Christian girls' school in Japan; and in order to celebrate Trafalgar Day Miss Barker very kindly gave lectures on the Navy to the various forms, and shewed us that although we may not hear much of what our Navy is doing, we must not grumble and find fault, for in former wars the Navy had to wait a long time before it had any opportunity of shewing its worth.

Of course the Prize-Giving was the great event of this term, and it was a great success, in spite of, or perhaps because of, the fact that it had to be held in the School Hall. After the Duke of Northumberland had distributed the prizes, there was dancing both in the Hall and in the Gymnasium, in the latter by the light of three candles, as no blinds had yet been put up there.

A member of our Form, Hilda Clarke, won the knitting prize in the Holiday Competitions, all the comforts knitted for the competition, as well as those knitted during the term, have been sent by Miss Claridge to a Lincolnshire regiment which is now in France.

Last Friday, December 17th, the St. Nicholas Christmas party was held. There was no Christmas tree this year, but instead of it our Form acted a small play, entitled "The Princess's Slippers." The party was very successful, and there was just about the right amount of toys and clothes for the number of girls.

We were turned out of our Form Room during the week of the Cambridge Local Examinations, to make room for the girls who were taking them, but Form VA. kindly offered us a home, and we had our exams. in their room. We have now returned to our own private retreat, and this morning a Lost Property Sale was held in it, at which most of the unclaimed articles in the Lost Property Box were sold, and 5/- was made, which will be a welcome addition to the First Form's Wounded Soldiers' Fund.

We had our usual end-of-term sing-song in the Hall the morning before we broke up, but it was longer than usual, and the programme was different. The various forms sang different carols or songs, with everyone joining in the choruses, and then the whole school joined in singing a few old favourites, of which the last was Forty Years On.

D. MORPETH.

## FORM VA.

With the approach of Christmas comes a breathing space for VA., the majority of whose members are Cambridge Senior candidates. For the last few weeks the lesser lights of the Form have enjoyed the privilege of associating with pale students, whose phraseology was as that of Macaulay, embellished by choice quotations from Shakespeare and Gray (preference being given to Coriolanus, the Merchant of Venice, and Golden Treasury, Book III.), who conversed in metaphorical and allegorical language, to whose lips French came more naturally than their mother tongue, and who at the conclusion of a successful hockey match, announced the result in cryptic indirect statements. Need one say more? We wish them the best of good luck and sincerely hope that the aged and bad-tempered examiner had dined wisely and well before attacking their papers, since I am assured on unquestionable authority that all examiners are old and incorrigibly bad-tempered, and on such little things do the fortunes of many depend.

Early in the term Mdlle. de Lisle gave us an interesting lecture on Russia. Miss Richardson told us about the school at which she teaches in Japan, and we heard many charming anecdotes of life in that far land. We also enjoyed the delightful talk about our Navy, in which Miss Barker removed all doubts from us as to the safety and efficiency of our fleet, and stored our minds with arguments with which to meet and put to utter confusion the pessimistic critic who distrusts the methods of our Sea Lords.

Although we might have had better weather, the Games have been fairly successful so far. VA. is proud to supply four members to the First Hockey XI and four to the First Netball Seven, and to own among its numbers the Captains of both games and one of last season's Tennis Champions. To some of us this is the last day of school life. In bidding them good-bye we wish them good fortune and happiness in whatever their after-school life brings to them.

E. BURNETT.

## FORM VB.

We returned to school, perhaps a little sad that the holidays were over, on Thursday, September 23rd, to find that the passages were all newly painted. There were many new girls, but at first only one in our form, two more coming later. Then came the anxiety for certain examination results and prize lists, and it seemed a very long time before they were all decided. There were two lectures this term—one in French on Russia and on Japan. On Trafalgar Day Miss Barker gave a lecture, or rather lectures, on the Navy, for the forms did not all go into the hall together. At last *the* event of the winter term arrived—the Prize-giving—which was held at school because the military had taken possession of the Assembly Rooms. But in spite of the squash (we sat three on two chairs) I am sure we all enjoyed it, if anything, more than the usual prize-giving. The prizes were given by the Duke of Northumberland, and afterwards we danced both in the gaily lit hall and the candle lit gymnasium. The next event of the term was examinations—a very important event for the Cambridge girls, and our form sends girls in for the Junior Cambridge. Those who were left behind shared the form room with IVa, while the Cambridge examinations were held in the hall.

On Monday, the last day but one, we let all our pent-up feelings go in a sing-song.

In our form room we have a very interesting plant called Calvary Clover, and we are growing it from seed, and, as it is very delicate two of the seedlings that came up died, but now another has come and is getting on very nicely.

M. CHALLONER.

U. BURTON.

#### FORM IVA.

[No notes have been received from this form.—ED.]

#### FORM IVB.

This term has gone very quickly, though it has really been a long one. We have had two lectures, one in French, by Mdlle. Lisle, on "La Russie," the other on Japan, by a former mistress of the school. On Trafalgar Day, Miss Barker kindly gave all the forms forty minutes lectures on the Navy, which we enjoyed immensely. The same day was Red Cross Day, and Miss Gurney bought some flags, which she gave to our form mistresses, who sold them to us for the small sum of a penny. The great event of the term was the prize-giving, which had to be held in the school hall, owing to the soldiers' occupying the Barras Bridge Assembly Rooms. The Duke of Northumberland kindly gave away the prizes, and in the absence of the Bishop of Newcastle, Bishop Ormsby took the chair. After the prize-giving, Miss Gurney let us have a dance, which everyone enjoyed. We have won in the first two rounds for the Netball Shield, and in the first round for the Lazenby Hackey Cup, but unfortunately we lost in the first round for the Hockey Shield. The St. Nicholas Treat was held on Friday, December 17th, and was greatly enjoyed by everyone who went.

The Cambridge examinations were held at school again this year, and for the last week we have been going about as quietly as mice for the sake of the candidates who were waiting their fate in fear and trembling.

The term ends to-day, and we don't come back till January 20th, so we have quite a nice time to rest our weary brains after the anxiety of the examinations.

A. CONEY.

#### FORM IIIA.

This term has been rather eventful, first there was the prize-giving; the prizes were given away by His Grace the Duke of Northumberland. We have had one or two very nice lectures this term; last Empire Day Miss Barker very kindly gave us a lecture on our Navy; we also had a French lecture given to us by Mdlle. de Lisle. Then Miss Richardson, who was one of our old girls, gave us a lovely lecture on Japan. She said it was a beautiful country, but most unexpected things happened there. We still bring eggs for the soldiers. At the end of this term we brought clothes and toys for the St. Nicholas Childrens Party, which was given on Friday, December 17th, 1915; it went off very well. On Monday, the day before we broke up, Miss Dickinson very kindly let us have a sing-song, which we enjoyed very much indeed.

D. DAVISON.

#### FORM IIIB.

This is my first term at the Newcastle High School, and I have never spent a more enjoyable term; it has been one full of events. We have had some most glorious lectures; the one I enjoyed best was given by a missionary lady who was once a mistress at this school, on

Japan and the Japanese girls. But I also enjoyed the French lecture, and the lecture on Trafalgar Day given by Miss Barker. On November 4th we had a lovely prize-giving. I came with my brother and mother; the prizes were distributed by His Grace the Duke of Northumberland; then dancing was proposed and I am sure no one wanted to come away when it was time. I am quite proud of saying that I am in Form IIIA., and I am very proud to be able to wear the Newcastle High School badge.

E. ATKIN.

This term, as usual, we had the prize-giving, but we had it in our own school as there was no other hall vacant. It was rather a crush, but everybody managed to get in and spend an enjoyable evening. We had a nice French lecture given by Mdlle. de Lisle; very few understood in our form, but there were a few who did a little. There was another lecture by Miss Richardson on Japan. On Red Cross Day somebody suggested that we should have a fund. Each form room had a certain number of flags and we could pay a penny upwards; our form made seven shillings and gave it to the St. John Ambulance Association. Altogether this has been a very eventful term.

E. CAIRNS.

#### FORM II.

We have got the Sports Cup this term; we are all proud of it. We are growing a hyacinth bulb in a bowl. We had the prize-giving this term which was on November 4th; we had great fun. The Duke of Northumberland presented the prizes and certificates. After they were given, we had a dance. Some of the girls went down to the gymnasium to dance and the visitors were in the Hall; it was very late before we went home. Miss Barker very kindly gave us a lecture on Trafalgar Day which was very exciting. We sent some things to the St. Nicholas children which just went round. There are about 20 girls in our form.

M. FERGUSON.

The first day I went to school I got to know a lot of little girls. One day Miss Barker gave us a lecture on the Navy. We had the lecture in the Hall. I liked the prize-giving the best of all. The mistresses were there and the Duke gave the prizes away. To-day we broke up. I like to see all the girls together because I have not been to a big school before. We sang a lot of songs yesterday. I hope all the girls will have a nice Christmas.

M. WALKER.

#### FORM I.

I liked this term very much. I was away the week of the exam. I was not at the prize-giving but I am sure it was lovely. I and some others got a certificate. Our tad-poles have gone away. We have still got some chrysalides. Christmas is very near, but we have had hardly any snow. We broke up Tuesday, December 21st. I was awfully sorry when we broke up. We had a lovely lecture from Miss Barker about Nelson and Napoleon, I thought it was simply lovely. Miss Barker marked the places with flags. We had singing lessons with Miss Lush this term. Goodbye.

R. LEVENTHALL.

I have had a very happy term and I really do not want to break up; and I enjoyed the prize-giving very much, and such a lot of lovely dances and a lot of prizes, and the Duke of Northumberland gave the prizes, and I very much like Scripture.

E. HANKS.

### TRANSITION.

I like school very much and have a very happy time there. We had a party and had such a fine time there. We played all sorts of games : Cat and Mouse, Musical Chairs, Jolly Miller, Blindman's Buff, and Round and Round the Village. We were very sorry when we had to go. Before we broke up we made Christmas puddings. Miss Gurney and the other mistresses all stirred. I am looking forward to going up next term. I like Gym. best.

N. BRIAN.

### KINDERGARTEN A.

I liked this term very much because I had two excellents and got an honour card. Miss Gurney gave us a lovely party. I thank her very much for having me. I was sorry my little sister Olga could not go ; she had a cold. We took toys to make the poor children's Christmas happy, and eggs for the soldiers. It was rare fun helping the teachers to make the Christmas pudding. I do not like holidays.

L. JOKELSON.

I like school very much. This term has been so nice. I got a lovely prize. Miss Gurney gave us a party and we had such a jolly time. I am looking forward to Christmas and hope Santa Claus will bring me a present.

D. DRYBURGH.

### KINDERGARTEN B.

I like school very much. All the lessons are nice, but especially sums. We made a Christmas pudding this term ; it was great fun. A little robin comes to our window every day for crumbs ; he is very plump.

E. MCINTOSH.

I like school very much and am very fond of sums. We made a plum pudding for the poor children this Christmas. I hope I am moved up next term.

N. LANE.

### BOARDER'S NOTES.

This term has been a very happy one for most of us notwithstanding the one "skeleton in the cupboard," namely the near approach of the Cambridge Locals.

It was a pleasant surprise to find at the beginning of the term that Miss Gurney's steadily increasing "family" had been augmented by the arrival of eight new boarders. We hope that they have enjoyed their first term at the School House.

We spent a very happy evening when Miss Nellie took a few of us to hear Pachmann ; we all appreciated (to the best of our ability) the great treat, which she so very kindly gave to us. We also had a very interesting lecture or rather "after dinner talk" given by Miss Gedge on "Missionary Work in Bombay" ; from her account the Parsees must be a very interesting people.

The boarders' Net Ball Seven will, it is hoped, bring glory to the School House ; in the two matches played so far, they lost one and drew the other.

Great excitement naturally prevades at the thought of moving into "The Grove" after Easter. Many walks are in this direction, and admiring looks cast at house and its surroundings, and it has even been rumoured that certain members of the boarding-house have had restless nights, talking in their sleep of "wondrous tennis courts and divers playing-fields (perhaps this accounts for their late appearance at breakfast next morning ; isolation is recommended).

We shall all be very sorry to lose Irene Green at the end of this term, and wish her every happiness and success in her new life at Cheltenham College.

We also wish to thank Miss Gurney, Miss Dickinson and Miss Nellie for so kindly giving us such a happy "breaking-up" on the last night of the term.

A. MACINTYRE.

## GAMES.

*Mens sana in corpore sano.*

### HOCKEY.

#### TEAM—

*Forwards.*—N. Inskip, G. Fletcher, S. Proctor, I. Smallwood, M. Burton.

*Halves.*—V. Proctor, G. Ison (Captain), M. Cobbold.

*Backs.*—A. Inskip, M. Harbottle.

*Goal.*—N. Oubridge.

The weather this term, on Hockey days at least, has been nothing to grumble at, and consequently our practices have not been spoilt by its inclemency, save on two occasions.

Alas! but it must be said that we have had the misfortune twice this term not to distinguish ourselves as much as we might have done; I refer to the match against the Staff and Old Girls and against Tynemouth Municipal High School. The latter match unfortunately for us at any rate was for the Shield. So for this year as far as that much prized trophy is concerned "there's nothing doing" as our American cousins say; but "peace at any price," another quotation from our relatives across the water.

So far we have pitted our talent against—

Sunderland High School	...	...	won	2—0
Tynemouth Municipal School	...	...	{draw	2—2
			{lost	0—1
Staff and Old Girls	...	...	lost	1—5
Sunderland High School	...	...	won	1 0
Tynemouth Ladies	...	...	won	3 1

With these results: won 3—lost 2—drawn 1.

### NETBALL.

There is a very marked improvement in the Netball players this term; they take a keener interest than they used to do and clamour for recreation practices every day (this, of course, may be an excuse for spending the first five minutes of fourth lesson in cleaning operations), they are quicker in passing and throwing for goal, and have almost broken themselves of the habit of running with the ball. Spectators, too, have improved in numbers and in the volume of sound produced; they sometimes fail to stand far enough off the side and back lines to allow the players to run out.

During the Autumn term we have played four matches, three first team and one second, and have won them all, quite an unheard of proceeding for us. Our first Shield match was played at Hexham

against the Grammar School there : this is only the second year that the Hexham girls have played ; the goals were 25 to 1 to us. In the second round we met Rutherford College on their ground and had a most exciting match, the victory being uncertain till the last minute when we put in two goals in quick succession and won by 17 to 15. On this occasion our centre was unable to play ; her place was very well filled by D. Alexander, who also played substitute in the Hexham match for W. Benson.

Our other two matches were friendlies against the 1st and 2nd teams of the Central High School. The day was so wet that we had to ask our opponents if they would play us in the Gymnasium ; this they agreed to do, which was very sporting of them as they had never played indoors before. We had two very enjoyable games, our first team won by 29 goals to 21, and our second by 28 goals to 20. The Boarders challenged the School below Form VA. to a match during the term. The School team was composed almost entirely of members of Form VB., the champion Form, who played an excellent game and won by 12 goals to 1, in spite of the desperate struggles of the Boarders, who, nothing daunted, promptly challenged the School to another match. The fates were kinder, some of the School team were absent, one change was made in the Boarders' team, and the match ended in a draw, 12 goals all.

The teams are as follows :—

	FIRST TEAM.	SECOND TEAM.	BOARDERS.
<i>Shooter</i> ...	D. Hardy.	I. Green.	D. Hardy(Capt).
<i>Attack</i> ...	G. Fletcher(Capt).	Mollie Thomson.	I. Green.
<i>Attack'g Centre</i>	M. Macfadyen.	M. Cobbold.	E. Wallis.
<i>Centre</i> ...	E. Whillis.	M. Challoner.	L. Balfour.
<i>Defend'g Centre</i>	W. Benson.	D. Alexander.	F. Stott.
<i>Defence</i> ...	M. Harbottle.	E. Morpeth (Capt).	J. Booth.
<i>Goal</i> ...	G. Ison.	V. Ison.	C. Hayward.

F. E. DICKINSON.  
G. FLETCHER.

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## SCHOOL MUSEUM.

It is my pleasure to record the addition of a Cocoa-pod, Little Auk and Dipper since the term began. Many thanks to the kind donors and may others be inspired to "follow up."

"THE CURATOR."

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## THE PRIZE-GIVING.

The Prize-giving was held on November 4th, in the School Hall. It was originally arranged that we should hold it in the Grand Assembly Rooms, but at the last minute Miss Gurney heard that the rooms were occupied by soldiers.

Owing to the fact that the school has doubled its number of pupils since the Hall was built, we required very careful packing together. But whether people made themselves smaller specially for the occasion or whether the hall walls expanded, everyone seemed to be more or less comfortable.

We were greatly honoured by the presence of his Grace the Duke of Northumberland who presented the prizes, and after performing the duty he made a very interesting speech. This was followed by a short one from Principal Hadow, whose only objection was to the applause, which he considered rather feeble. After Sir Thomas Oliver's speech the ceremony was ended, when we had a most enjoyable dance, some of us in the hall and some in the gymnasium, which latter place was illuminated by four candles.

H. CLARKE.

#### EXTRACTS FROM THE HEAD MISTRESS' REPORT, 1914-1915.

At our Prize-giving this year, Miss Gurney was able to present a very satisfactory report, including many examination successes, most of which have already appeared in the magazine. It is interesting to note that in the Cambridge Local Examinations of last December, eleven seniors passed in spoken French, five with distinction, and eight juniors, three with distinction. The general report from headquarters on our successes in the Royal Drawing Society's examination was "a most encouraging result." No examinations in Needlework were taken last term in order that the needs of local hospitals and clothing committees might be supplied to some extent by the sewing classes.

Mary Harbottle is the Sports Champion for this year, and Mollie Challoner holds the Gymnasium Cup. Form VA. has won the Hockey Cup; Form VI. the Tennis Cup; Form VB. the Netball Shield; Form VA. the Senior Sports Cup; and Form II. the Junior Sports Cup. With regard to games in competition with other schools, the school won the Lazenby Hockey Cup, and the team was in the final for the Shield. The Tennis team lost the Tennis Shield to Sunderland High School by three games.

The School Staff has sustained a great loss in Miss H. Richardson, who has been appointed Junior Classical Lecturer at the Royal Holloway College. She has made a marked improvement in the general standard of Latin in the School. Miss Richardson's successor is Miss C. Lush (Cambridge Classical Tripos), also of Girton College.

Miss Heslop, to our regret, left last Christmas in order to take the Geography diploma at Oxford. Miss M. O. Dodgson (Cambridge Mediæval and Modern Languages Tripos) is her successor.

Miss D. Taylor (Drawing Mistress) was married last Christmas. Miss S. Stuart, a student of Armstrong College and a former pupil of the school succeeds her.

The Fees were raised at Christmas, 1914, and made to include Swedish Drill, Games, Stationery, and other incidental small charges of previous terms. The number of new pupils entered this term has justified the measure, as the entry equals that of last year, which was a record one, and which we feel might be partly due to the proposed rise in the scale of fees for the following term. The value of the Governor's scholarships has been raised to correspond with the present fees. Three extra scholarships have been given this year; one to the daughter of an officer on active service in army or navy; and two to the daughters of Belgians.

The School Boarding-house is now full, so that Miss Gurney intends to remove to a large house, standing in its own grounds, with playing field and tennis courts attached, as soon as possible in the new year.

In connection with the war, the girls presented the Northern Cyclist Battalion with comforts for the winter 1914-1915. They collected £51 for the Princess Mary's Fund, and have collected eggs, two forms each week, for the 2/3rd Northumberland Field Ambulance Hospital. At a recital kindly given by Mrs. Cumberlege and Mr. Donaldson Sparke on Empire Day, the silver collection amounted to £26, £10 of which was given by Mr. J. H. Proctor for the Lady-Mayoress' Motor Ambulance Fund. The sports prizes, by the wish of pupils, were given up, and the money was sent to the Prisoners of War Help Committee. Form I. collected 16/- towards the Kensington War Hospital Supply. The school also helped the Jesmond Nursing Division at a Café Chantant, when £100 was raised for a Jesmond Bed in the Hospital for the S. John Ambulance Association for service abroad.

In conclusion Miss Gurney thanked the Governors of the School and her Staff for the support they had given her during the year.

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## THE FRENCH LECTURE

Mademoiselle de Lisle gave us a very interesting French lecture on Russia, near the beginning of the term. Russia is a very extensive country with a large population, which is mainly composed of peasants; in fact nine people out of every ten in Russia are peasants. Until the reign of Peter the Great, Russia remained undeveloped; she had no opportunity of improving herself under the government of Ivan the Terrible, whose chief characteristic was his ferocity. In one of his fits of ungovernable fury he killed his son, and was afterwards so overcome by remorse that he abdicated the throne and entered a monastery. He was succeeded by Peter the Great, who used all the means in his power for the improvement of his kingdom; he realized that to educate his people he must first educate himself, and with this end in view he travelled over all Europe, learning various arts and trades. He studied mathematics, physics, and shipbuilding; in Prussia he studied military discipline, and while there one of his favourite recreations was to sit in a wheel-barrow and get a gardener to push him through a thick hedge! When he finished his travels he returned to Russia and taught the people things he had learnt; he introduced many reforms into the country, one of which was that every Russian had to shave his beard; the Russians thought a great deal of their beards, and refused to part with them, but Peter's opinion was that they were a sign of barbarism, and he ordered that those who did not obey his command should be put to death; still many of them were obstinate, and preferred to lose their lives rather than their beards. Peter also reformed the laws concerning women; before this they had been kept prisoners in their houses, they were never allowed to be seen in public, and altogether were kept very much in the background. The new laws changed all this, and gave the women a great deal more freedom. Since the reign of Peter the Great Russia has been gradually developing, but education is hindered by the great distances; it is impossible to have a school in every village, and often it is too far for the children to travel to the nearest school.

Religion plays a great part in the life of the people of Russia; in every house there is a picture of the Virgin and Child, and everyone salutes the picture on entering the house. They have the ancient Greek religious service, lasting for two hours, during which the people kneel all the time. No singers can be seen in the church, but the

voices of the unseen singers can be heard chanting. Mademoiselle de Lisle ended her lecture by telling us about the Grand Duchess Elizabeth, widow of Sergius, the late Governor of Moscow, who has gathered together a large number of ladies and has opened a hospital for wounded soldiers.

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## THE ST. NICHOLAS TREAT

We held the usual treat for the children of St. Nicholas' School on December 17th, and I think the girls enjoyed it every bit as much as the children. We usually give them a Christmas tree, the toys for which are provided by the girls. This year, however, instead of the Christmas tree, which was thought unnecessary, the sixth form performed a fairy play.

Those of us who were to help with the treat, went down to the St. Nicholas School about half-past three. There we laid out the toys and clothes on the tables, and helped to lay the tea. There were some very nice toys but not enough dolls, and there is always a great demand for these, the children always preferring them to anything else. There were also some nice clothes, and amongst these, boots and coats seemed to be most wanted.

At about half-past four the children came in and took their places for tea. Each child brought her mug with her, and all seemed very excited. They seemed to enjoy their tea very much, and when they had finished, they went out for a few minutes, whilst things were being tidied up. Then the sliding doors which separated a small form room and a large one, were pushed back, so as to make one large room, at one end of which the presents were laid out. Then the children returned, and proceeded to play games, which they thoroughly enjoyed, and also danced. After this was the play, and then came the distribution of the presents. Each child chose a toy and a garment, and was given an orange and a bar of toffee. As to garments, each child seemed to have made up her mind beforehand as to what she wanted, and I am glad to say we managed to please most of them, though some had to choose something else. After this the children returned home, after thanking Miss Gurney and the school very much, and I think they had a very enjoyable time.

We have to thank Mrs. Alexander very much for her kind gift of toffee, which was certainly appreciated very much by the children.

E. MAGUIRE.

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## NOËL

Quand viendra Noël, fête désirée ;  
Voici mon enfant ce que tu feras,  
Tu mettras le soir, sous la cheminée,  
Ton petit soulier puis tu dormiras.  
Quand minuit viendra,  
L'ange tuteur,  
Le même qui vint encore l'an dernier,  
Descendra pour toi, du ciel sur la terre  
Et viendra remplir ton petit soulier.

E. HEUDS.

## DEATH.

It is with sorrowful regret that I have to record the death of Eileen Robson. Hers is the first death of a pupil of the school during my Headmistress-ship, and it has come as a great grief to myself and to her friends and schoolfellows.

Eileen was a good sweet-natured and clever girl, who always worked hard and did well at lessons and games. She had been at School for two years, and this was the first term of her third year with us. She began it so well that she stood first in the first fortnightly list of Form IVB. No one knew at the time she was suffering from an incurable illness, although soon after she was not able to do her full work, nor to take part in the games. She went home to Stocksfield on Friday, October 29th, and on Saturday she felt so well that she was playing in the fields near her home. Her illness became worse on the Sunday, and she died on Tuesday, November 2nd. We send our heartfelt sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Robson in their bereavement, and to Douglas Robson whom we remember from the time when he was in the First Form, more than a year ago.

L. M. GURNEY.

## NEWS OF THE OLD GIRLS-

First of all there is a piece of news for the Old Girls—your subscriptions are due. Each member pays 2/- a year; two sisters sharing a magazine pay 3/6, three sisters, 4/6, four or more sisters, 5/-. Joint subscriptions must be paid together. A great many of the Old Girls are engaged in teaching, in reading for a degree, or war work; a list of these, as far as the Secretary knows of them, is given here. She will be glad to receive any necessary corrections and additions to the list.

Dorothy Arnott is working at munitions. Elsa Bedson is a member of the Jesmond Nursing Division of the S. John Ambulance Brigade; is Quartermaster of Voluntary Aid Detachment 82, and is working at the Field Ambulance Hospital in Jesmond Road.

Violet Benson was married in the summer. Daisy Benson is driving a taxi-cab. Pearl Brown passed the examination for the teaching Diploma of the Durham University in December.

Beatrice Barclay is learning dispensing in London. Kathleen Bookey is head of the typewriting room at the Priestman Colliery Office. Gladys Brewis has done some munition work.

Kitty Charlewood is a member of the Jesmond Nursing Division, and is working at the Jesmond Road Hospital. Nancy Cooke is private secretary to Miss Gurney. Phyllis Comrie has taken the Durham Diploma in Education, and is teaching at the Municipal Secondary School, Romford, Essex. Mildred Cook is art mistress at the Central High School. Mary Cook is a student at Armstrong College. Helen Cooper works at Mr. Lee's nursery garden. Elsie Dixon is a bank clerk in Edinburgh. Winifred Dogherty is teaching at a Council School at Wallsend.

Hilda and May Edwards are Norland Nurses. Maud Forman is a Librarian in the Public Library at Heaton.

Ellenor Frere is head of the Property Department at the Priestman Colliery Office.

Doris Farrer has taken her Diploma in Education at the Durham University.

Kathleen Farrer teaches cooking at the Dunstan Hill School, and often sends cakes to the Jesmond Road Hospital.

Winifred Greaves has finished her course of training as an Almoner, and is now working at the Royal Infirmary.

Ethel Hardy is a mistress at Rutherford College. Una Hunter is an Army Nurse "somewhere in France."

Margaret Hamer is a bank clerk. Mildred Hamer teaches in a private school in Newcastle.

Dorothy Hamer is a student at Newnham College. Elsie Hall teaches at a private school in Kendal. Lily Hodgshon is a nurse at the Royal Infirmary. Gertrude Hodgshon is a student at the Royal Holloway College.

Gertrude Hicks is a private governess. Alice Inskip is private secretary to Canon Inskip. Connie Kirkup is commandant of a V.A.D. at Birtley.

Dorothy Kenyon has taken her Diploma at the School of Cookery, and is teaching cookery at Stanhope Road Schools, South Shields.

Hilda Lees is a clerk in her father's office. Elsie Lees is a kindergarten mistress. Edith Macarthy is a member of the Jesmond Nursing Division S.J.A.B, Quartermaster of V.A.D. 84, and is working at the First General Hospital, B.E.F., France. Kitty Mills is an art student at Armstrong College. Ruth Nicholson is a Doctor, and is second in command of a Scottish Women's Hospital in France.

Kathleen Padfield is a clerk in the North Eastern Bank in Grey Street.

Winifred Proctor is a nurse in the Military Wards at the Home for Incurables.

Irene Pearse is a member of the Jesmond Nursing Division S.J.A.B., and works in the Jesmond Road Hospital.

Gladys Pestle is a student at Durham University.

Maude Robinson teaches a kindergarten class at Heddon-on-the-Wall.

Nellie Robson works in Mr. Lee's nursery garden. Lesley Robson is a kindergarten mistress at the Central High School.

Madge Robinson is teaching in a private school at Clifton, Bristol.

Marjorie Stuart has taken her Durham Diploma in Education, and is teaching in a private school at West Worthing.

Primrose Stuart is art mistress at the Newcastle High School. Daphne Stuart is a member of the Jesmond Nursing Division S.J.A.B., and works at the Jesmond Road Hospital.

Phyllis Stuart is governess to two little boys. Peggy Smyth is a member of the Jesmond Nursing Division S.J.A.B., and works at the Jesmond Road Hospital.

Mary Stenhouse is studying medicine at the College of Medicine, Newcastle.

Marjorie Taylor is now a clerk at the Priestman Colliery Office; she did munition work previously.

Marjorie Walker is a member of the Jesmond Nursing Division S.J.A.B., and is working in a Military Hospital in France.

Ada Weddell is a kindergarten mistress at the Newcastle High School.

Irene Ward is a clerk in the Military Wards at the Home for Incurables.

Muriel Wills is a clerk in the Priestman Colliery Office.

Marion Yeld is a mistress at Durham High School. Ella Young is at Polam Hall, Darlington.

The Secretary asks members to send her notices of marriages of Old Girls. These should be put into the magazine, but she cannot undertake to be responsible for the publication of such vague rumours as those which reach her usually.

F. E. DICKINSON.

## “HOWLERS”

FROM THE GENERAL KNOWLEDGE EXAMINATION,  
SUMMER TERM, 1915.

### *Questions.*

Who is the Bishop of Newcastle?

Who killed Goliath?

What is a gross?

For what does N. F. stand?

For what does M.P. stand?

Why must a rainbow at night be  
always in the east?

What is wind?

What animal found in the ocean  
is more feared than the  
whale?

What is the great natural source  
of heat?

Where does the moon rise?

Where does the sun set?

What prophet was fed by ravens?

How could you test whether the  
edge of a ruler is straight?

### *Answers.*

A man.  
Sir Riley Lord.

The Jews.  
A Tailor.

4 stones.  
A bird you can eat.

Medical Friend.

Midday Post.

Because God flooded the east.

Puff.  
A cold feeling of draught on you.  
Breath.  
The trees wiffing about.  
Smoke and water.

A floating mine.  
Sea Elephant.  
Sword fish because it cuts the  
boats.

Dragon.

A lot of clothes on.  
Coal.

At the very back.  
Behind the clouds.

Behind back of the sky.

Nor.

By shutting one eye and looking  
down it.

Put it on your eye level.

## EXTRACTS

FROM MRS. MULLEN'S (née EDITH BRETNALL) LETTERS FROM  
PLEVJLIE, MONTENEGRO, WHERE SHE IS NURSING  
SISTER IN A RED CROSS HOSPITAL.

Malta. 21/7/15.

We are still at Malta, as there were no berths on the last boat, but we hope to get off on Saturday or Sunday. I am having quite a good time here. On Sunday I arranged to meet T.R. to see a hospital ship unload, however, His Excellency Lord Methuen arrived first and he came and spoke to me. He was charming, and very interested in my going to Montenegro, and also in British East Africa (Mr. and Mrs. Mullen returned from British East Africa, after Mr. Mullen had fought there, to join the British Force in England in the War. Mr. Mullen is now at the Front.)

He then asked me if I would like to go over the Hospital Ship with him. Of course I accepted so off he and I and the A.D.C. went. It was most interesting. Later he introduced me to his daughter, Miss Methuen, and I was invited to go to Verdala Palace to luncheon or tea. I accepted for tea as I thought it sounded more informal and they promised to send a carriage to meet the 4 o'clock train at Citta Vecchio. Meanwhile I helped with the patients from the ship.

I was duly met at Citta Vecchio. The Palace is a beautiful old place with lovely grounds. I thoroughly enjoyed myself; both His Excellency and Miss Methuen were most kind and I met some entertaining people, amongst them Lord Tamworth. Eventually I was persuaded to stay till 6 p.m. as His Excellency, Lord Windsor and Miss Methuen were motoring back to Valetta (the capital) so they brought me with them.

Yesterday morning Mrs. R. and I went out to Citta Vecchio and saw the catacombs; they are wonderful. There is one passage that leads right back into Valetta (7 miles). In the evening Mr. T., Sec. of S. John Ambulance Brigade, took us out. He is most interesting, and a direct descendant of the Knights of S. John who used to rule the island and defended it against the great siege of the Turks in 1565. He knows the island and its history about inside out. . . . You see I am having a very good time and feeling very well in spite of the heat and the stand-up collars!

25/7/15.

We are once more on our way and are due at Athens to-morrow, where we stop the day, to my entire satisfaction, then on to Salonica, where we are due on Tuesday.

. . . I have got to go to the British Consul at Salonica to get him to send us on and arrange things for us. There are twenty-five Scottish nurses on board going to Serbia—very Scotch and very interesting.

. . . I must tell you I have had to launch into French and have really got on heaps better than I expected.

Plevjlie, Montenegro. 10/8/15.

I arrived here two days ago after a most adventurous and interesting journey by rail, carriage, and ending in two days on horseback. I'd love to give you a detailed account but it would take too long and I am over ears in work.

Everyone seems to think it marvellous we got through as we did, with no instructions or letters, and I brought them through on my

own. I did every bit of interviewing and arranging and met with the utmost kindness everywhere. My German was invaluable and my French blossomed and was exceedingly useful in several difficult situations.

Both Montenegro and Serbia are perfectly beautiful countries, nothing but range after range of the most beautiful mountains with fertile valleys and plenty of water. The Serbians are the handsomest race I've seen. Plevlje itself is right in the mountains of course, and the nearest railway is three days distant; it is quite a big place, very quaint and pretty. Our hospital was originally Austrian barracks and is built in numerous blocks dotted about amongst the trees. Our staff is as follows:—Dr. Clemow, in charge of the Unit and physician of the medical wards; Dr. Burnham, surgeon; Dr. Haigh, physician of the infectious ward; Miss Johnson and Miss Glemry, sisters-in-charge of the theatre and surgical wards; Mrs. Roworth, housekeeper and cook for the Staff. I am sister-in-charge of all the medical and infectious wards, also the laundries and linen. My work is the work of two capable women really, it does not perhaps sound much on paper. If anything goes wrong with the working of the laundry and linen magazine the whole hospital is put out. Can you imagine me cutting out pyjamas and showing girls how to patch them? also superintending a laundry?

Also I've a special case on in the infectious block and that takes up a good bit of my time. To crown all I've arranged to take Serbian lessons. I must learn to "talk" at these laundry women.

The weather now (August) is lovely, warm and sunny, but next month snow commences, so they say, and continues till the end of March, or sometimes till April and May. The cold is intense, I believe.

I have heard no word from anyone for 5 weeks, sometimes they do not get posts through for ten or twelve weeks; parcels or boxes take three or four months, so you see we are somewhat out of the world.

The Doctors' and Nurses' quarters are very nice and, of course, we all live together like a big family. We've got the loan of a piano, so do send us some music, please. We do love walses and popular songs sometimes, and so do the orderlies! I am feeling very jolly and quite pleased as Dr. Clemow came in and complimented me on the extreme tidiness of my magazine to-day.

29/8/15.

I am working very hard and have no time for letter writing; there are two or three bad cases that require my personal attention, and was at it all this morning until 1 p.m. It is now three o'clock, I have had my lunch and have been up to the wards again, and now I am free until 4:30 (tea-time).

The linen magazine is closed on Sundays, but not the laundries; however this day I do not bustle them up much. How I wish we had a wringing machine, it is one of the trials of my life to get the women to wring the clothes; generally I do about half myself and blister all my hands; they are trials, these women!

12/9/15.

Things go on much the same every day here, and there's any amount of work. The problem of getting the linen dry in this cold damp weather is really turning my hair grey!! I've had a fine old time stocktaking in the entire hospital. It is the first time it has been done; now I am keeping books and trying to keep everything checked; it is a big job, especially when you can only give a short time to it as I can. Newspapers are few and far between, those that do arrive are doubly appreciated.

26/9/15.

The mail arrived yesterday, I had a lovely batch. We have been wired for to return to England, but both the Montenegrin Governor and Dr. Clemow are doing their best to persuade the home authorities to let us remain. I do not know what will happen at all. . . . If we return I expect we shall be sent off somewhere else, in that case Dr. Clemow is going to try and keep us with him.

The weather lately has been glorious during the day, cold and frosty at night. I am keeping very fit though I tried to commence fever the other night but was promptly dosed with quinine, aspirin, and hot brandy, and threw it off. I am still working hard and would like to be able to devote more time to my patients. I never wish to hear or smell or see another laundry ! !

I've gained the reputation of being the freshest and tidiest person here, as regards my work and personal appearance. They say I have never looked ruffled or dirty whatever I have been doing.

Please remember me to all kind friends at home.

[We are glad to know that Dr. Clemow's staff made their escape from Plevljie when the Austrians invaded Montenegro. It is hoped that Mrs. Mullen will be able to give us an address at school some day in the near future. Meanwhile the school will be proud to learn that Mrs. Mullen has been decorated by the King of Montenegro with the gold medal of the Order of Danilo, and by the Queen of Montenegro with the gold medal of the Montenegrin Red Cross.—EDITOR.]

The house for twelve long weeks has looked  
So quiet, trim and neat,  
But when the twenty-fifth draws nigh  
The servants all begin to sigh,  
For soon through all the rooms will sound  
The tramp of many feet.

First to arrive is Master Ned,  
All full of schoolboy "side,"  
Pretends he's twenty-one or more,  
Gives casual greetings by the score  
And says it is a horrid bore  
This keeping of Yule Tide.

Then Mary, aged fourteen, and Nell,  
Who's nearly half-past nine,  
Forgetful of their baggage rush  
On Pa, and Ma, and kiss and gush,  
And talk together until poor Pa  
Suggests it is half-time.

The house for three short weeks has looked  
So lively, gay, and bright,  
But now the twenty first draws nigh,  
The servants all forget to sigh,  
Those noisy chicks must say good-bye  
And soon be lost to sight.

M. CHARLES.

## A LETTER

Abbey House, Durham University.

October 24th, 1915.

DEAR MISS GURNEY,

I thought you would like to know what it was like at Abbey House, though I expect you know most about it already.

We get up at 7-30 a.m., breakfast is at 8, and prayers at 8-30. Lectures are from 9 to 1 p.m. When you don't have lectures you work in the common room, because you are not supposed to stay in your own rooms during the morning. My lectures are :—Monday, 10 a.m., Logic with Dr. Robinson ; 11 a.m., Greek Prose with Professor How ; 12 noon, St. Mark with Mr. Pace ; Tuesday, 9 a.m., Unseens with my brother ; 10 a.m., Latin Book with Professor How ; Wednesday, 9 a.m., Greek Book with Canon Cruickshank ; Thursday, 11 a.m., Latin Prose with Professor How ; Friday, 9 a.m., Greek Book with Canon Cruickshank ; 11 a.m., Latin Book with Professor How ; Saturday, 9 a.m., Logic with Dr. Robinson ; 12 noon, Latin Book with Professor How.

In the afternoons we are not supposed to work. On Monday we have net-ball, on Wednesday and Friday we have hockey. All the people from St. Hild's College and the Home students come down for games and debating societies and other things, so we have quite enough.

The hockey captain is from St. Hild's. They have put me on the team as right wing. We had a match against Armstrong College yesterday. It was in the field near Jesmond Dene. I don't know whether you know it, but I had never been there before. We only played ten minutes each way, as it was so wet and slippery. They beat us 7 goals to 0. Miss Wragge came to watch.

Miss Donaldson knows Miss Hiley, as they were both up at Oxford at the same time.

We are going to start a Dramatic Society in the Hostel, and have practices every Saturday night after dinner.

It is great fun wearing caps and gowns. We have to wear them every day except Sunday from 9 to 1, and gowns over our dresses at dinner.

On Sunday if you go to morning service at the cathedral you must go in cap and gown.

We have tea in the common room at 3-45. After that we work until about 6-30, when we get ready for dinner at 7-0. After dinner we have coffee in the common room with Miss Donaldson, and at 8-0 we have prayers. After that we go to our rooms and work for as long as we like.

Next week the Debating Society is going to have a sharp practice. All the freshers are given a subject to propose and oppose in couples, and they have to speak for ten minutes. They don't know beforehand what the subject will be. There are five freshers here besides myself, and I don't know how many there are at St. Hild's.

Yours affectionately,

GLADYS PESTLE.

## MIXED BATHING—NEVER!

One night when Phoebus' waning course was run,  
 (I mean, of course, at setting of the sun),  
 I went to bathe, as Egypt's queens of yore  
 In many a marble bath had done before.  
 And whilst in dreamy mood I waited nigh  
 Until the lazy water had crept high,  
 I chanced to spy upon the marble side  
 A creeping form—I bent, and nearly died  
 Of loathsome horror—'twas a beetle black.  
 I think in courage I do nothing lack,  
 But when I saw that horrid household pest  
 My heart stood still—I dare not get in, lest  
 Upon my sacred self the beast should try  
 To promenade—I sternly quenched a cry,  
 And taking up a glass which stood behind  
 I filled it up, for what was in my mind  
 Was, when that beetle, strolling up the path  
 Of marble smooth (I'm talking of the bath)  
 Had reached the top, I'd wash him down again.  
 But when I did, he climbed with might and main:  
 He did not wish this pleasant life to leave;  
 He would not die, but laughing up his sleeve,  
 Each time I washed him down he gaily rose  
 Triumphant over all his watery foes.  
 But all things made must have an end, alas,  
 And when I'd come to quite a grievous pass,  
 He sweetly died, and floating down the drain,  
 Was seen no more—thus ends my sad refrain.

### EPITAPH.

No more around the kitchen floor he'll roam,  
 No more down cellar he will make his home,  
 No more in spots unknown to us will hide,  
 For little Blacky Beetle's gone and died.

D. COOPER.

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## KINDERGARTEN STUDENT'S ALPHABET

A's for Arithmetic, mostly called sums,  
 We are taught it is wrong to add with our thumbs.  
 B is the Blackboard so much in demand,  
 When students before their small pupils do stand.  
 C's for the Cloakroom, our duty begins  
 With buttonhooks, shoehorns, and large safety-pins.  
 D is the Drill we all revel to take,  
 Such energy ours, we make the floor shake.  
 E's Education—'tis our aim to digest  
 All books on the subject considered the best.  
 F stands for Froebel, though German his name,  
 He lived in the days before Germany's shame.  
 G is for Games—a great part of the fun—  
 Which do not begin until hard work is done.  
 H is for Handwork, so dainty and light,  
 The children all do it with joy and delight.

- I is Industrious—to all we confide  
 'Tis impressed upon those with whom we reside.
- K's Kindergarten—a new name's been suggested,  
 Tho' "Le jardin des enfants" could not be digested.
- L is for Lunch, at which we have fun,  
 "Hot milk or cold milk, biscuit or bun?"
- M is the Memory so remarkably short,  
 Tho' we're taught in Psychology to cultivate thought.
- N is for Nature, whch outdoors we should learn,  
 But in winter our hearts for the fireside yearn.
- O is for occupations of which we are fond,  
 Whenever we have all our overalls donn'd.
- P is the Painting lesson, though we don't paint with oil,  
 Yet our lesson's prepared with considerable toil.
- Q for the Questions which daily we're asked,  
 No speed limit in lessons, they flow forth so fast!
- R is the Reading, and we now read by sound;  
 Reprimanded are we if spelling we're found.
- S is the Student who tells children stories,  
 And thereby she covers herself with great glories (?)
- T is the Time when nurse takes us away,  
 But we're consoled by the fact that we come back next day.
- U is the Use to all we must be,  
 If we try, we'll succeed—soon you will see!
- V is Ventilation, to which we agree,  
 But from draughts and strong breezes we must all be free.
- W is for Writing, in squares we begin,  
 If we write off the lines, we hear a great din!
- X is for Xmas, when we hang up our stocking,  
 But never as yet have we caught Santa knocking.
- Y is the Youth we must always possess,  
 If with little children we wish to progress.
- Z is the Zeal with which we all work,  
 A word that's ne'er mentioned is that little word "Shirk."

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## A HOLIDAY IN BELGIUM

It is interesting to think that you once visited that country which, through German destruction, has now been laid waste, namely Belgium. It takes about thirteen hours to cross from Hull to Zeebrugge, the port where we landed. After sundry difficulties with the custom-house officers about inspecting the luggage, we managed to get to the hotel at Knocke, which was our destination.

The place is a typical one of the watering-places of Belgium, where many nationalities come to stay through the summer months. Along the sea-front there is a wide promenade extending from two to three miles. In the evening, the visitors used to go out and dance there to the tune of a barrel organ. All along the promenade there are hotels and boarding-houses, each one having a restaurant, where you can have refreshments in the open air. All the houses are built on the sand dunes, and the foundations have to be constructed many, many feet down as there are no rocks or stones or clay to be seen anywhere on that coast.

From Knocke we visited many places which have been mentioned in the present war, they will now mostly be in ruins.

One of the most important is Bruges, which has many attractions. The town is intersected by canals, and the visitor is taken round by electric launch. This is the chief way of seeing the town to its best advantage, and it takes about an hour-and-a-half to go round. Bruges is noted for its lace, which is of high market value. Its belfry is of world-wide reputation.

We also saw Ostend, Heyst, Sluis and Blankenberge. Sluis is a small town in Holland, just over the border from Belgium. Some customs which struck us as being very quaint were the delivery of milk in carts drawn by dogs, and the trains running along the centre of the streets.

Blankenberge is about the most fashionable of the holiday resorts of Belgium. There is a wide promenade, where are many large hotels overlooking the sea.

Electric cars run from Knocke to Ostend, a distance of fourteen miles, along the coast all the way. Ostend was the largest town we visited. It is one of the chief ports for crossing between the continent and England. They cater very much for visitors in the summer, and one of the chief attractions is the bathing, which is very safe, and there are some hundreds of bathing machines on the sands. But I fear from what we have read in the papers lately, very little of this beautiful place is left, but we hope that within the next few months Belgium may be restored to its devoted King and his people, and although they will still mourn for their lost ones, returning to their own land, will, in a small way, compensate them for the terrible times they have borne so bravely.

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## CHRISTMAS

'Tis twelve o'clock, on Christmas Eve  
 And there's stir at a house at the Pole,  
 And a little old gentleman, dressed all in red,  
 Comes out of that house, with his reindeer and sled.

Then off in the cold night air,  
 Bells tinkling, and reindeer in form,  
 The sledge of toys, for all good girls and boys  
 Santa Claus gallops off to give all kiddies joys.

He alights on the housetops,  
 And down a chimney descends,  
 With the toys on his back, in an old coal sack  
 He arrives on the floor without breakage or crack.

The stockings are hanging up ready,  
 Santa opens his bag on the floor,  
 And each good girl or boy gets a beautiful toy  
 With no cinders or coal to end their joy.

When the stockings are filled,  
 And he goes up the chimney, he starts off his reindeer again  
 Without crack of a whip, or a pinch or a nip.  
 Santa Claus arrives home without mishap or slip.

A. CONEY.

## A DAY IN IRELAND

Just fancy for a few minutes that we are in Ireland, not the Ireland of riots and disturbances, but the land of beautiful scenery, the true home of the poets. Let us go to Donegal, to a dear wee seaside village girt about with mountains, just one long irregular street. At one end are the shops, that is near the station, and at the other, the low thatched cottages on either side of the road, which winds on into the wild country.

In the morning we are wakened by the sea, or by the cries of the fish hawkers with their "Flat fish, flat fish, all alive, kickin', kickin'." Then, after breakfast we saunter along the cliffs through green fields, the true Irish green, to the bathing place, a deep creek, formed by the waves, in the rock.

After bathing—no one being very energetic in the morning!—we go to the top of the cliffs, and bake in the sun under a convenient haystack, till it is time for lunch.

Those, of course, who are keen on lake fishing, have driven out in the early morning to Lough Melvin, there to spend a long day fishing, amid delightful scenery.

In the afternoon, a picnic is usually arranged, let us go to Achyvothal, a lovely spot half-way up the mountain; on one side there is the mountain, on the other a little river with a tiny waterfall.

After tea, having washed up in the river, the energetic members of the party climb the mountain, while the others hunt for blackberries, getting gloriously scratched. After a long time the climbers come down, puffing and panting; and then having gathered everything together, including large bunches of bracken and wild flowers, we stagger towards the jaunting cars, there, jump in and drive home along quiet country lanes, beside dark gloomy woods, singing "God Save Ireland," and other appropriate songs to keep our spirits up. Coming into Bundoran we are greeted by the bright lights shining over the bay, and the wonderful after glow of the sunset—finally to tumble into bed, feeling very thankful that there are such things, even in Ireland!

So ends a typical Bundoran day.

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