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SCHOOL PLAYING FIELD.

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EDITORIAL

Of all the unofficial criticism and advice received concerning the management of this magazine, by far the greater part is occupied with attacks upon the Form Notes. Critics point out, and with reason, that some seven pages of a twenty-five page magazine are filled merely with needless repetition, the notes being fundamentally the same for each form—almost indeed for each term—resulting in a lack of originality which is only too obvious. Should the Editor respectfully decline to express an opinion, they further point out that with the exception of the Boarders' Notes and those of the Lower School which are irreproachable in this respect, the Form Notes would be more suitably called "School Notes," or even more precisely (but not more concisely) "Notes which show the Improvement in the Mode of Expression as one proceeds from a Lower to an Upper Form." For, while a member of the Middle School will briefly state that upon a certain day a certain person gave an interesting lecture, we find that—style apparently increasing in geometrical progression—some learned member of the Sixth or thereabouts will inform the reader of the same fact in a paragraph of the most elegant phrasing, with the possible addition of delicately flattering innuendoes as to the capabilities of the lecturer to speak upon the subject and the excellence of his or her delivery. Thus the main difference between the different (?) Form Notes is in regard only to style, while lectures form the main topic of discussion, despite the fact that there is a space elsewhere in the magazine devoted to them alone.

These are the chief sources of complaint, though there are others which space will not permit us to enter upon. If any defence is really needed for Form Notes, it is that though the presence of these faults cannot be denied they are not irremediable, and these self-same critics have an opportunity each term of remedying them. A very little thought will show that a representative of each form can give many little items of information which are peculiar to her form, and would be interesting to the rest of the School. There is no reason why the name of the person who is top for the term should not be handed down to posterity; modesty need not forbid a declaration of the number of excellents and entries gained, and an open confession of the form's order marks would permit most interesting comparisons to be drawn. Mention might also be made of the part the form has played in the School sports and its aspirations therein.

A certain amount of repetition is probably unavoidable, but even repetition has its uses, and if these points and others which can easily be found are discussed, it will become less obvious. Of course there are exceptions to the ordinary Form Notes. From time to time enterprising spirits arise who strike out on a new line and actually succeed

in writing something different from everyone else. Occasionally mild jokes are attempted which are appreciated by all. We have now ascertained for a fact that the italicised remark which a certain very learned person made in her Form Notes about the Editor was a *Latin joke*. The Editor was very much relieved to find it was only a joke; hitherto she had found Latin no joke.

It should be remembered that Form Notes are a very good means of keeping the whole School in touch with the magazine. Even the youngest can know they have a part in its production and so take an interest in the result. It is important that this should continue, and as yet nothing has been found which could satisfactorily take the place of Form Notes in this respect.

Moreover, if the Form Notes were to cease we are convinced there would be a corresponding decrease in the size of the magazine; for assuredly it would be impossible to raise contributions to fill the space now devoted to Form Notes, that is judging by the difficulty the Editor at present experiences in getting material to fill the space outside of School news.

We hope this discussion may prove to all the advisability of continuing Form Notes, and may help to arouse in future writers a desire to represent their forms by notes which deal with incidents occurring in the Form rather than in the School collectively. Such notes should always be written on one side only of the paper, not to encourage a senseless and wasteful fad of the Editor, as so many seem to think, but to avoid errors and save a good deal of time and trouble in copying.

We congratulate Maisie Charles on winning the prize for the best Form Notes, and assure her she need not feel diffident of acceptance because of the previous harangue.

We acknowledge with thanks the receipt of the Durham and Sunderland High Schools' magazines.



SCHOOL NEWS

LISTS.

	Stars.	Entries in Excellent Book.
Form VI	13	—
„ VA	11	—
„ VB	10	—
„ IVA	6	—
„ IVB	6	2
„ IVB remove	5	3
„ IIIA	1	1
„ IIIB	1	2
„ II	6	10
„ I	—	—
Kindergarten	—	—

HONOUR CARDS.

Form II.—V. Svendsen, P. Moscrip, A. Scorer, D. Jay.

Form I.—E. Duff, E. Hanks, N. Moscrip, B. Panton, B. Wilson.

Transition.—D. Dryburgh, M. Grier, D. McCullagh.

Kindergarten A.—D. Morris, S. Muir.

Kindergarten B.—B. Basham, N. Brunskill.

FORM NOTES

FORM VI

Instant obedience being one of the main principles which it is the duty of the Sixth in general, and prefects in particular, to instil into the minds of the younger members of the School, I suppose I must in my turn obey the dictates of the Editress, a very distraught and care-worn Editress who came to me this morning "*crinibus passis*," as Virgil has it, and in loud and angry tones demanded that I should write Form Notes, on pain of incurring her lasting displeasure.

Well, this term has certainly been unique in its way. Never before in the history of the School have there been as many as six new mistresses. In addition to this, our head-girl and all the prefects left last term, so new officials have had to be appointed.

We had a delightful lecture one day from Mr Yapp, who came to tell us about the admirable work done during the present war by the Y.M.C.A. Also near the beginning of the term there was a French Lecture on the war, which was extremely entertaining (as much of it, that is, as we could understand). On Trafalgar Day Miss Clough gave us a most enjoyable address on the Jutland Battle, which made us even more proud of our Navy than before, if that were possible.

The prize-giving was held earlier in the term than usual; Mrs Wild presented the prizes, and the Lord Bishop took the chair. Miss Gurney kindly permitted us to have a dance in the hall and gymnasium after the actual distribution, and a great treat was afforded us by some of the Misses Spaldings' pupils, who did some charming fancy dances.

A representation of Shakespeare's "Midsummer Night's Dream" by some of the staff and the elocution girls had been arranged to take place at the end of last term, but this was unavoidably postponed, and the performance was held in school on Friday, December 8th, before a most appreciative audience of parents, mistresses, and girls. A collection was taken at the door for the Kensington Terrace Hospital, and over £6 was realised.

One of the outstanding events of the term was the visit of the Lord Bishop, who came to take prayers for us one day. Afterwards he went round to all the forms and spoke a few words to each of them. This was his first visit to the School, and we sincerely hope it will not be his last.

A novel method of insuring our knowledge of current events has been instituted in our form. A notice board for newspaper cuttings has been provided, and any item of interest seen in the papers is at once brought to school, and after being approved by Miss Gurney, is handed over to M. Burton or G. Fletcher who are in charge, to pin up on the board.

For the most part we have not been troubled with any external examinations, with the exception of three people who have been taking the Senior Cambridge.

Owing to the fact that the Cambridge exams have been held in our school again this year, as for the two previous years, we have been ousted from our domains, i.e., the hall, and been obliged to resort to VA, who kindly provided us a home, and also certain members of IVBR, who were likewise turned adrift (a choice selection, weren't we?).

Circumstances having arisen which rendered it impossible for us to give the usual treat to the St Nicholas' children, it has been suggested that an impromptu concert might be got up for the soldiers in Kensington Terrace Hospital. The Sixth have undertaken to do this, and the entertainment is to be held on December 20th at The Grove.

We greatly regret the fact that two of our newly created prefects, M. Woodman and M. Edwards, and also C. Hunter and D. Lawrence are leaving us. Their term of office has been short, and let us hope sweet. This now reduces our forces to the large number of six, which will, however, be increased by fresh arrivals from VA next year.

N. BURNIP.

FORM VA.

The terrors of this term are over, and at last we can look forward to Christmas and the holidays with free minds, for which oh rejoice! From the day we came back from the summer holidays even till to-day we have lived in a nightmare in which the only distinguishable object was "*The Cambridge*" looming ahead and pursuing us wherever we turned. That is, at least, such of us as were destined to undergo the torture, the others were just on the edge of the nightmare and could laugh at our fears. But now it is over, and we can review the many other events of the term of which the first and most important was the prize-giving. As this is fully described in another article, we will dismiss it except for mentioning that we distinguished ourselves in the humble position of seat-removers, which shows that if we are not ornamental we are, at anyrate, useful.

We had three lectures, the first by Mdle. de Lisle entitled "La France en Guerre," in which she told several splendid and touching tales of French men and women during the war, which made us admire our brave Allies more than ever, and feel that we knew them a little better. For Trafalgar Day Miss Clough gave us a most interesting lecture on the Battle of Jutland, after which we felt ready to quench

instantly anyone who said the Navy wasn't "worth its salt." The last was a talk about the work of the Y.M.C.A., which Mr Yapp gave us. He interested us so much and made us so feel the greatness of this work that many of us wished we were millionaires that we might give our money to help it.

The last excitement (also fully described elsewhere) was "A Midsummer Night's Dream," which was given in the hall by the Elocution Class aided by the staff.

Now in conclusion we must sadly say good-bye to six members of our form who are unfortunate enough to be leaving. We can only hope they will repent and return to the fold.

A. ALLAN.

FORM Vb.

Unfortunately this term has not been very eventful, so that there is not really anything exciting to record. Alas! we two shall never write any more Form Notes at N.H.S., for we are leaving the old school this term, which is a great epoch in our lives.

We have had three lectures this term. The first was kindly given by Miss Clough on Empire Day, her subject being the Navy, and which was very interesting indeed. Another was given by Mdlle. de Lisle on "La France en Guerre." The last was a lecture on the work of the Y.M.C.A., given by a representative, Mr Yapp. Then, of course, our annual prize-giving was held this term in our hall. Mrs Wild distributed the prizes, and Bishop Wild was the chairman.

The School gave a parting presentation to Canon Gough, who was leaving Newcastle, and who had been a very good patron of the School. We were very sorry to bid him good-bye.

We had to welcome six new mistresses this term, namely, Miss Heslop, who was a mistress here before and whom we were very glad to welcome back, the others being Miss Clough, Miss Oliver, Miss Mason, Miss Shipley, and Miss Ford.

We must thank Miss Barker for the lovely Tennis Cup which she presented to the School on her departure, and also Miss Claridge, who presented a Junior Hockey Cup on leaving to be married. We wish them every joy and happiness in their new spheres of life.

M. HARBOTTLE.

L. HALL.

FORM IVa.

We have almost reached the end of 1916, and the Christmas exams are now a thing of the past. The portion of the forms which went in for the Junior Cambridge, however, are recovering from their strenuous efforts by degrees. They are not being allowed to forget their late week of torture though, for during the last two days of term the mistresses have taken the opportunity of going over the examination papers with them.

One mistress held the opinion that once an examination is over it is no use worrying the girls by raking round to find out all the stupid mistakes they have made. I am sure the Cambridge people quite agreed with her, for it must make one feel an ignoramus to have all the questions done in proper order and form by "one who knows." Everyone has been so busy this term that there have only been two lectures. The first by our old friend, Mdlle. de Lisle, on "The French at War," which was very nice.

The second and last was an interesting discourse by a Y.M.C.A. representative on the work of that society during the war. His urgent appeal for magazines and sevenpenny books for their huts in France was answered by the placing of a packing case in the gymnasium into which we have been asked to drop anything in the way of literature which we can spare.

We have started a War Savings' Association at School now, and every week we bring our sixpences to buy coupons. Each form has its representative whose duty it is to help dole out the coupons, and perhaps to help stick them on too.

We are not having our usual St Nicholas' treat this Christmas; instead some of the Form VI girls are getting up a small concert for the soldiers of Miss Gurney's hospital. For this hospital we had a "pound day" too.

The Elocution Class and some of the staff gave an exhibition of "A Midsummer Night's Dream" in the school hall. Only the mothers of the girls learning elocution were present and the School itself. I think the audience must have had much more fun than the actors themselves.

The Hockey Field at the Grove was not ready for playing on at the beginning of term, and in consequence there were many grumbles. Our Basket Ball Teams are very strong this term, and in our matches against Rutherford and the Central High School we beat both of them thoroughly.

Our form room was changed again this term, and though the room is perhaps the largest and lightest in the school, it has the disadvantage of being the next door neighbour of the pantry, in consequence of which our Basket Ball Shield undergoes changes in colour. For instance, no sooner has it been nicely polished than the pantry gives forth an unpleasant chemical odour which pervades the whole room and transforms our shining shield into a blood-red hue, which gradually fades away, leaving it looking very anæmic, and thus it remains until some kind person takes pity on it and gives it a polish with her pocket handkerchief.

We are all hoping to have a move up next term, if not for any other reason than for the above. This is my last word, except to express our regret for those who are leaving, to welcome those who take their place, and to wish each and all a very happy Christmas.

M. CHARLES.

FORM IVB.

Once again we all settle down to write Form Notes before we break up for the joyous Christmas holidays.

Of course the winter term is usually looked upon as "the" term of the year, mainly because of the annual prize-giving and the examinations which generally decide our fate of being moved up or left down for another year.

When we arrived at school at the beginning of the term it was rather a shock to find so many new mistresses, and not the familiar faces of those who had departed, but we very soon got used to the change.

The annual prize-giving was held on the 17th of October in our own school hall, when Mrs H. L. Wild most graciously presented the prizes and the Bishop took the chair. In spite of the crush (which was greater even than last year) we had a most successful evening. There was only one thing that marred our happiness, and that was that Canon Gough, who was the Chairman of the School Committee, took his place for the last time on the platform. Canon Gough has taken the liveliest interest in our School since the very beginning, and though we have to say good-bye to him, let us not say that we shall lose a friend.

Principal Hadow made his usual brilliant and delightfully humorous speech, which everyone enjoyed very much. After the presenting of the prizes the hall was cleared for dancing, for which Miss Spalding very kindly played. Three girls danced some very graceful dances. But even prize-givings come to an end, and we returned home with a feeling that our evening had been a success.

The Bishop gave us an address before the prize-giving, and we are delighted to say that he has promised to give one every term if he can manage it.

Mdlle. de Lisle gave us a very interesting lecture.

K. STEVENSON.

FORM IVBR.

We break up for the Christmas holidays to-morrow, December 20th.

The great event of this term has been the prize-giving which was held in the school hall as no other hall was vacant. Mrs Wild very kindly came and distributed the prizes. After Miss Gurney had read the report of the School for the year and all the speeches had been said, the hall was cleared and we had dancing there and also in the gymnasium.

Our first and second Net-ball sevens have played three matches this term, two away and one at home. The first was against the Central. The second against Rutherford College, and also a return match against Central at home. We have only lost one game this term, that was our first seven against the Central.

Our only hockey match this term was played against the Central yesterday in which we won by three goals to one.

The Bishop came and took prayers for us one morning.

We have had three lectures this term, a French lecture by Mdlle. de Lisle, and another by Mr Yapp about the work of the Y.M.C.A. Our form, being greatly interested in the work, collected the sum of 15s., also the whole School has collected books which we have sent.

Miss Clough kindly gave us a lecture on Trafalgar Day about the Navy.

The Elocution Class acted "A Midsummer Night's Dream." Miss Gurney invited the whole School to watch. It was a great success, and we all enjoyed it very much indeed.

M. BROCK.

M. TATE.

FORM IIIA.

The first lecture we had was by Miss Clough on Trafalgar Day. It was about the Navy and naval battles. I enjoyed it very much.

Mr Yapp gave us a most interesting lecture on the Y.M.C.A.

The prize-giving was on October 7th, 1916. Miss Gurney read out the yearly report of the School. Afterwards Canon Gough and the Bishop spoke. Mrs Wild presented the prizes. The girls then went down into the gymnasium and danced.

Not long ago the elocution pupils and some of the mistresses gave a play called "A Midsummer Night's Dream." It was very nice, and the dresses were very pretty. I certainly enjoyed it very much.

Miss Johnson has undertaken to look after a War Savings' Association in which 108 girls of the school have joined. When they have given in 15s. 6d. they receive a 15s. 6d. War Saving Certificate.

I am a new girl this term, and I have enjoyed coming to school very much.

D. BLENKINSOP.

FORM IIIb.

In the middle of the term we had the prize-giving. All the mothers were there. Prizes were given out and certificates for the examinations we had last term.

Not more than a week ago there was a play called "A Midsummer Night's Dream." It came off very well. After the play there was a silver collection, and about £6 was taken which was sent to the soldiers.

Then there was a Basket Ball Match against the Central High School, and the first time we played them we were beaten because two of the best girls were not able to play. But the second time they were beaten, and it was a hard game. Both sides played very well, and we received the Shield.

We had a very nice lecture about the Y.M.C.A. huts from a gentleman belonging to the Y.M.C.A. He explained to us everything he told us. He said there was ~~one man~~ who had been very ill and his wife came to see him. The nurse said he was so ill he might not know her, but asked her to wait a minute. The nurse went in and asked the husband what he would like best in all the world. He said he would like to go back he would like best in all the world. He said he would like to go back to "Blighty." But the nurse said, "Are you sure you would not like something else?" Then he said he would like to see his wife again. The nurse said, "What would you say if I had her outside?" She went and brought the wife in, and they were very pleased to see each other again.

There was another man who was very badly wounded and his wife came to see him. The nurse said he was so ill he might not know her. When the wife went in and sat down beside him she waited a long time, but he did not remember her. Then the wife said to him, "Do you remember little Maggie?" He sat up but fell back again, because everything had gone out of his mind.

One father came to see his son, and as soon as he entered the door his son sat up and said "Hullo, dad," and fell back dead.

J. HARBOTTLE.

I think the most important event that we have had this term is the prize-giving. Mrs Wild gave away the prizes, and the Bishop of Newcastle and Canon Gough made speeches, and made us all laugh. Afterwards we had dancing in the hall until nine o'clock.

One Friday afternoon the Elocution Class acted "A Midsummer Night's Dream." Some of the staff were in it as well. It was very nice.

We have had three Net-ball Matches this term, two against the Central High School, one of which we lost, and one against Rutherford School which we won.

One day Mr Yapp gave us a very interesting lecture on the Y.M.C.A. huts, and another day Miss Clough, our history mistress, told us all about the Jutland Battle and the Navy.

We had examinations last week, and just finished on Friday.

There are thirty-four girls in this form, and only two of them were new this term.

I am hoping to be moved up to Form IIIA next term.

The girls who learn dancing have to give a matinée to-morrow afternoon, and the parents are coming to watch them.

We break up on Wednesday morning at ten o'clock for the holidays. I hope everybody will enjoy them.

Miss Dickinson is very kindly going to give us a sing-song this morning.

We played a Hockey Match against the Central High School, and won by three goals to one.

M. GRAHAM.

FORM II.

This term has been full of events. We have had five new mistresses this term, also some more new girls have joined our School. There are seven new girls in our form.

Miss Clough kindly gave us a lecture about the Jutland Battle and the Navy, but as Trafalgar Day was on a Saturday we had the lecture on the Friday. Not long after this Mr Yapp gave us a lecture about the Y.M.C.A. huts. We all enjoyed it very much.

Towards the end of the term some of the elocution girls gave a play called "A Midsummer Night's Dream." I was not there, but I suppose it was quite a success.

We had several Basket Ball Matches this term.

I hope all the girls will enjoy their Christmas holidays, and everyone will have a happy Christmas. Good-bye.

A. SCORER.

This term has been very uneventful.

The Misses Spalding are teaching dancing this term, and a lot of the girls are learning. There are two classes on Monday afternoons, the first one at 2.30 and the next at 4.30.

The elocution girls acted a play entitled "A Midsummer Night's Dream." I did not go to it, but the others say it was very nice.

We have had two lectures this term. One was on October 20th, on the Jutland Battle by Miss Clough, which was very nice and interesting. She told us all about the Germans coming out of the Kiel Canal and about the big fight off Jutland Bank.

The other was given us by Mr Yapp on the Y.M.C.A. He told us a lot about the Y.M.C.A. huts, and a little story about when he was opening some place. When he was finished some soldiers had come up to him and asked him to go and see their Y.M.C.A. hut. As he went along they told him not to expect much, as it was only a stable; however when he got there it was only a pig-sty.

M. LOWRY.

This is my first term at this school, and I like it very much. There was a French lecture, but our form did not go to it. We had the prize-giving, and we danced after it. Mr Yapp came and gave us a lecture on the work of the Y.M.C.A. Miss Clough told us about the Navy. The Bishop took prayers one morning. The Elocution Class acted "A Midsummer Night's Dream." Miss Cooke, Miss Dodgson, Miss Kelly and Miss Ford were in it too. I have enjoyed this term very much. We have six stars.

D. CLARKE.

FORM I.

We had a prize-giving this term. I got first prize in the form. I enjoyed the prize-giving very much. We had a party to which the first form and kindergarten were invited; we all enjoyed it very much. All the mistresses were there.

The Cambridge exam was held in the school this term, and we had to creep about like mice.

P. ANDERSON.

The prize-giving was very nice. We have some chestnuts; they are growing very big. I am going to keep them over the holidays. It has only snowed once this winter. This term has seemed very short. I have been absent about three weeks this term. I was at the party. Nearly all the mistresses were there. Miss Edmunds has gone home to-day. The dancing matinée is this afternoon. I liked the "Midsummer Night's Dream" very much. Good-bye.

B. WILSON.
M. GREY.

BOARDERS' NOTES.

I think most of us were very excited to come back at the beginning of the Christmas term, for we all knew that there were going to be a number of new boarders. There are now twenty-nine of us, and there will probably be more soon.

This term we were able to form our long talked of Guide Company, and now glory in being the 8th Newcastle. There are three patrols which have six or seven members each; it is great fun, and we look forward to Wednesday evening very much.

At the end of the term there was a Rally, to which the full-boarders went and they enjoyed it. After it Miss Hetherington kindly came and drilled us, which was great fun.

The prize-giving was held on October 17th, and several of the boarders were lucky enough to carry off prizes and certificates.

One night a few of us went to hear Pachmann, and on a Saturday afternoon the full-boarders went to see the Scarlet Pimpernel; needless to say both of them were very much enjoyed.

Every Saturday night we have a dance for the little ones before dinner, and after dinner we play pingpong, which Miss Cooke has kindly lent us.

We are very proud to have some of our members in the various teams, and we soon hope to have some more.

At the beginning of the term we swept up the leaves in the garden, for which we used to get a penny a barrowful for the Blue Cross.

The last night of term Miss Gurney gave us a party, very kindly allowing us to dance and have a sing-song; it was very much enjoyed, and we thank Miss Dickinson for playing for us.

The last morning there was a great bustle, but we all got off to school safely, although some of the luggage did not have such good luck.

A. CONEY.

GAMES

Mens sana in corpore sano.

NET-BALL.

We were rather disappointed at the beginning of term to hear there were to be no matches for the Shield this year, and many were the questions as to the "whys" and "wherefores." However, there is consolation in the facts that the afore-mentioned Shield will adorn our hall for another year, and also we shall have a whole year to practise in, and that we must do hard.

We have had three friendly matches this term, in which both the first and second teams played. The first one was against the Central High School, and which, sad to say, our first team lost by 23 goals to 19, but our second team did not allow us to be wholly defeated, for they won by 23 goals to 10.

On November 23rd we set out to Rutherford College, and after playing very strenuous games our two teams were victorious, the first winning by 14 goals to 5, and the second by 14 to 8.

The following week we played a return match with the Central, and this time our first seven retrieved its character by getting 11 goals to their 4, while the second seven won 12—3. All the games have been exceedingly good ones, and we have thoroughly enjoyed them.

The second seven is a very promising one, and its members combine well with one another; we hope to see great things from it in the future.

Unfortunately in our first match our two defences were unable to play, and greatly did we miss their valuable assistance in keeping out our opponents' throws.

Please everybody who is a Net-baller, and I hope you all will be, if you are not already, come to the practices regularly and keenly, and so keep up the school record.

1st VII

D. Hardy	Shooter
G. Fletcher (<i>Captain</i>)	R. Attack
M. Macfadyen	C. Attack
L. Balfour	Centre
E. Morpeth	C. Defence
M. Harbottle	R. Defence
G. Ison	Goal

2nd VII

M. Tate
M. Thomson (<i>Captain</i>)
G. Spencer
M. Challoner
J. Booth
C. Hayward
M. Ross

G. FLETCHER (*Captain*).

HOCKEY NOTES.

There is not much that can be said about hockey this term, as there has only been one match, which was played against the Central High School the last week of term, and which we won by 3 goals to 1.

The reason that we have only had one match is that it was decided at the beginning of term to play no matches which would incur expense. This was agreed to by all the schools, and so there will be no Shield or Cup matches this season.

We congratulate Lois Balfour, Mary Tate, Dorothea Holmes, and Peggy Baker on getting their colours, and would like to remind aspiring players that there are still some more places to be filled.

GLADYS ISON (*Captain*).

THE BISHOP'S ADDRESS

Near the beginning of term the Bishop came to school to take prayers, and gave us a short address. He did not take a text, but began by telling us a story of a soldier whom he had met in a train a few days before. The soldier had said to him, "You are like us, you have to go where you're sent." And the Bishop showed us how we all have to go where we are sent, and do the work which we have been sent to do.

THE PRIZE GIVING

The prize-giving was held on October 17th in the school hall, and although the number of girls had increased there was room for everybody. Mrs Wild kindly came to present the prizes, and the Bishop took the chair. The proceedings began by the whole School singing a two-part song, "Admirals All." Unfortunately some of the firsts had to sit at the very back of the hall.

The song ended, Miss Gurney read her report in which she stated that the number of girls in the school at present was 290, an increase on the last year in spite of so many having left. She also stated that the Senior Scholarship had been won by Edna Dogherty, and the Junior by Marjorie Thomson and Betty Watson. The chief event of the year was the winning of an Exhibition to Girton College by Nancy Dogherty. In the Senior Cambridge three girls had honours and eight passed; in the Junior there were also three in honours and twelve passed. The old girls too had been doing well, there being only two at the present time who were not engaged in some work.

Miss Gurney announced that all arrangements had been made for building a laboratory, but that the work could not be begun until after the war. Miss Gurney also said that the Bishop had promised if possible to come and take prayers once every term, and to give the School an address. In conclusion Miss Gurney thanked the staff for the support they had given her in the past year.

When Miss Gurney had finished the Bishop made a speech in which he said how particularly pleased he was to see so many beautiful pictures decorating the walls, as it was so important to be trained to know and like beautiful things.

The prizes having been distributed a few more speeches were made. The next event of the evening was quite a novel one: two special constables arrived to say that too much light was showing, so that all the lights on the window side of the hall had to be turned out.

The holiday competitions were on view in one of the form rooms, and thither the guests went while the hall was cleared for dancing. There was also dancing in the gymnasium, which was illuminated by two candles, one of which was shielded by an umbrella, so that its light might not fall on the window. Some of the Misses Spalding's pupils did some fancy dances in the hall, which were greatly appreciated.

The festivities ended at 9.30, when we groped our ways home in the dark, there being no moon.

LECTURES.

Y.M.C.A. LECTURE.

On Thursday, November 9th, Mr A. K. Yapp, National Secretary of the above society, gave us a most interesting lecture on the excellent work of the Y.M.C.A. at home and abroad.

In almost every town and camp of any importance in the British Isles where troops are stationed "the little brown hut with the red triangle" may be seen. Here men may obtain any small comfort—writing materials, etc.; books and games also being provided for their leisure hours. An extensive branch of this organisation is carried on in the Crystal Palace, entirely for the use of the men of the Senior Service. One of the large concert halls there has been set aside, so that concerts may be provided for the sailors—a very popular feature with the men.

The Army is most of all indebted to the work of the Y.M.C.A. at the various Fronts. The huts are often found quite near to the firing-line, and it is a great relief to the men to be able to go there for a rest and relaxation, either in the form of games or entertainments for cheering them up.

The Y.M.C.A. not only gives comfort to the men themselves, but the relatives of those in hospital gain benefit from this splendid work. When a man is dangerously wounded the society is notified, and is permitted to grant a pass informing his relations that if they travel by a certain boat they will be met at a French port by one of the representatives and conveyed in a motor to the hospital without any expense or trouble whatsoever.

At this period the Y.M.C.A. made the experiment of erecting one Rest Hut near Euston Station. When a man was passing through on leave and was obliged to wait about for connections, one of the society's officials who was in the station for the purpose of helping any Army or Navy men inquired his destination and if he had long to wait, suggested he should come to the station hut nearby, and obtain a bed and hot breakfast for a very small charge. This experiment was an entire success, and in consequence twelve more Y.M.C.A. Rest Huts have been established in the London area, and are open night and day for the welfare of our soldiers and sailors.

Before concluding, Mr Yapp mentioned the good work also done by the Association in connection with huts erected at the various ports where men can go who are only on shore for a few hours' leave.

The war work of the Y.M.C.A. requires £600 a day to keep it going, therefore funds and such articles as books, games, etc., are urgently needed. In conclusion he asked us to give all possible help to assist and support the carrying on of this valuable national work.

N.B.—Since Mr Yapp's lecture the School will be glad to hear that one case of books has been dispatched direct to the firing-line through the Y.M.C.A. We desire to thank the contributors, and earnestly hope all possible assistance will be given to the new secretaries, Gladys Fletcher and Gladys Ison, in sending off another consignment of books in the spring term.

MARJORIE WOODMAN.
MARIE EDWARDS.

THE FRENCH LECTURE

We had a very interesting French lecture on "France in War-time," given by Mdle. de Lisle. Mdle. de Lisle told us a great many stories of the courage and self-sacrifice of the French. It is not only the soldiers who have shown these qualities, but also the women and children. There was one story about a little girl who saved the entire garrison of a village from the Germans by her bravery.

HISTORY LECTURE.

On October 20th Miss Clough gave a very interesting lecture upon the work which is being done by the British Navy. She dealt especially with the Jutland Battle, and very successfully cleared up the hazy notions most of us had hitherto held as to the result of that engagement.

THE SCHOOL CHARITABLE FUNDS

When the box was opened at the end of term it was found that it contained 8s. 6d. Some think that this is very good; really it does not sound bad, but when one remembers that if every girl in the school

contributed *one penny* on the day the box is taken round we would have over £1 for that day, and for the term we *could* have over £12, does not 8s. 6d. look paltry?

Next term let us hope that the School in general will have better memories, so that our contributions may be more equal to our expenditure.
GLADYS ISON, *Hon. Sec.*

LIBRARY

The Librarian acknowledges with grateful thanks the following gifts of books to the Library:

"Jill the Irresistible"— <i>L. T. Meade</i> ...	}	Nella Zollner.
"The Third Class at Miss Kaye's"— <i>A. Brazil</i> ...		
"A Girl of the Northland"— <i>B. Marchant</i> ...	}	Marie Edwards.
"The Girl Crusoes"— <i>Mrs Strang</i> ...		
"A Jacobite Conspiracy"— <i>G. Norway</i> ...	}	Marjorie Woodman.
"The Hillside Children"— <i>A. Giberne</i> ...		
"Comrades All"— <i>F. Coombe</i> ...		
"Little Women"— <i>L. M. Alcott</i> ...		
"The Dominion of Man"— <i>J. G. Wood</i> ...		Nora Chaston.
"Chemistry in the Service of Man"— <i>A. Findlay</i> ...		Prof. Bedson.
"1914"— <i>John Oxenham</i> ...		Dorothy Morpeth.

RESPONSE TO SCHOOL MUSEUM'S PLEA

The Curator gratefully acknowledges the practical response to the School Museum's Plea. Two good collections of insects have been received from members of the Northumberland and Durham Natural History Society, one coming via the Hancock Museum.

Among other most acceptable gifts may be mentioned chop-sticks, heart unchins, part of the envelope of a British airship, South African War Medal, locust, hippopotamus' tusk, dog's skull, bat (cheiroptera), and several war trophies were lent temporarily.

Please keep your eyes open for other useful objects of interest, and don't forget we still require a flat-top glass case to meet our growing need.

A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM

On December 8th, in the school hall, the Elocution Class and some of the staff gave a performance of "A Midsummer Night's Dream," produced by Mrs Cumberlege.

The performers must be congratulated upon their excellent acting, they seemed to enjoy the play as much as the audience did. The dresses were very pretty, and the coiffure of the lovers a work of art.

Demetrius and Lysander would have looked really terrifying when pursuing each other through the wood, led by Puck, had not the audience observed that one warrior had no sword, and the other one which would not draw!

The part of Bottom was acted in a most able way. In the mechanic's play his ever readiness to take any other rôle than that which was allotted to him caused much amusement. The amount of trouble resulting from the juice of that tiresome "little wayside flower" was great, and at one period people despaired of ever seeing the victims out of their dilemma. Thanks to the fairy king, however, the various difficulties were overcome and the play had a cheerful ending; in fact everybody lived "happily ever after."

The reproduction was instructive as well as entertaining. All English people desire to know the works of Shakespeare as much as possible, and plays are more appreciated when seen than read.

A collection was made, the proceeds being given to aid Miss Gurney's hospital. EDNA U. FORD.

ENTERTAINMENT

On Wednesday, December 20th, the breaking-up day, the soldiers from the S.J.A.B. Hospital, 6 Kensington Terrace, and their nurses, were entertained at The Grove by Miss Gurney, Miss E. S. Gurney, and the School. The latter was represented by some members of the staff, Form VI, and performers of various ages. The members of the Sixth Form were the first arrivals, and in a short time everything was humming, and The Grove was soon turned from a respectable but rather empty-looking boarding-house, when devoid of boarders, into quite an ideal resort for wounded and invalid soldiers. Tables were set in the dining-room for the soldiers, and in the schoolroom for the nurses and helpers. Tea was prepared, including a meat pie for each man—by request!—and cigarettes and chocolates were also provided. The hall looked beautifully comfortable with a good fire and armchairs.

At 4 p.m. the first batch of men arrived, brought in motors, and the rest rapidly followed. There were about thirty-six men, the matron, and six nurses. Tea was served almost immediately, and was apparently much enjoyed—especially the meat-pie part. It seemed strange to see soldiers sitting at the tables instead of girls, and hardly making so much noise either!

While helpers had their tea the men were left to themselves, with a piano, and we soon came to the conclusion that "Music hath charms," especially when that music is ragtime sung by enthusiastic Tommies! Tea over, everyone transferred themselves and their chairs to the hall, where they were entertained for about an hour and a half by various members of the school. The programme, which was much appreciated, was as follows:

Dream of Delight—Piano	C. Hunter.
Auntie Doleful—Recitation	D. Lawrence.
Harvest Dance	F. Ferguson.
Coon Dance	N. and I. Martin.
Sword Dance	W. Lloyd.
Recitation	M. Edwards.
Flight of Ages—Song	M. Harbottle.
Interval.	
Piano	A. Armstrong.
Pierrot's Penny—Play	M. and N. Burton.
The Shoe—Recitation	R. Leventhall.
The Silent Night—Recitation	N. Mennie.
Scarf Dance	F. Ferguson and J. Coning.
Frocks and Frills—Dance	N. and I. Martin.
Scotch Dance	W. Lloyd.
God Save the King.	

All joined vigorously in choruses of well-known songs, and one, at least, was thrilled at the sight of so many soldiers standing at attention for "God Save the King." A vote of thanks was proposed by the sergeant of the number, and carried by the men with hearty cheers.

E. FLETCHER.

CATHEDRAL NURSING SOCIETY FOR THE SICK POOR

We publish the letter received from Miss Abraham, to whom the toys and clothing collected for the St Nicholas Treat were sent, as gifts from other sources had already been made to St Nicholas' School.

17 & 18 ELLISON PLACE,
NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

January 21st, 1917.

DEAR MISS GURNEY,—May I through you thank the kind donors very sincerely for all the nice Christmas presents received for our Sick Poor. The children were delighted with the toys. One little girl of twelve in a miserable room at Byker had been ill for some weeks with rheumatic fever. Her father disappeared six years ago, and her mother goes out washing and cleaning to keep her home together. They are quite respectable, but so poor, and the child managed to write a little note of thanks. She said she was "over the moon with joy." She had never had such nice things before. The other patients too were delighted with their gifts. In one house, or rather room, five small children sat with nothing to amuse them, and no fire. They had heard the morning before that their father had been killed at Salonika, and they were so unhappy. So we gave them quite a large parcel of the toys, etc., and it quite cheered them up. So will you please thank all the ladies in the school for me on behalf of our many sick folks, all of whom were so poor and had no other gifts at Christmas and New Year excepting what were given to them in this way.—I am, yours truly,

EMILY ABRAHAM.

DUTY'S CALL

Your king and country need you,
My boy, why don't you go?
When you know that you are needed
To fight the German foe.

Your brethren fall before you,
And yet you do not care;
You'd better do it now
Or else, my boy—beware!

They'll come and pull you to it,
Before the war is done;
So join before you rue it,
And shame the cruel Hun.

ROSIE MARKS.

THE BERGMAN OSTERBERG PHYSICAL TRAINING COLLEGE, DARTFORD HEATH, KENT.

Visitors arriving at Dartford are liable to receive a severe shock. It is a most impossible station, and a very dirty little town, but nevertheless very important, especially at the present time.

The college, however, is quite one and a half miles away, and stands just off the heath in fourteen acres of beautiful grounds. All the Seniors and several Juniors have separate bed-sitting-rooms. The dining-hall and medical gymnastic room, the library and studies are all fine rooms. There is an indoor gymnasium apart from the main building, but accessible from the house by a covered way. A large portion of the grounds is devoted to the playing-fields; one pitch is surrounded by a running track of 350 yards. The Seniors always try to impress the Juniors by the number of times they can run round it without stopping. The Juniors sometimes are credulous, and can be seen training in the hope of doing likewise. There is a lovely wood in which hammocks are slung in summer; it is also noted for owls and hedgehogs.

The following roughly is the general scheme of work and timetable. Studies begin at 9 o'clock, and continue till 1 o'clock. That period is generally devoted to gymnastics, two lectures, and games—hockey or lacrosse in winter, cricket in summer. It may be said here that the theoretical side embraces Anatomy, Physiology, Hygiene, Theory of Education, Theory of "Gym," Methods of Measurement, and Elementary Symptomatology. The practical instruction includes Gymnastics, Dancing, Games, Medical Gymnastics, Voice Training.

The students gain experience in teaching, under supervision, perhaps three or four days a week in the afternoons in the Council schools around Dartford. Last year the Defective Sight Asylum was added to the list of centres for this work. Of course one does not start to teach at once, and the Juniors, for at least the first term, have "Command" instead. This is a hundred times more difficult than teaching "kiddies." You have to stand in cold blood in front of one of the staff, and not only command, but teach, a batch of your colleagues, who are really quite sorry for you, but that is not considered at the moment. Otherwise the afternoon is a time for practising games and doing preparation. Two more hours of work follow after tea, which is taken at 4.30—one hour for preparation, one for something practical, either vaulting, dancing, or medical gymnastics. Supper ends at 8 o'clock, and then one repairs to the Medical Gymnasium to be treated for, or to treat such deformities as spinal curvature, hollow back, round shoulders, poking head, flat feet, etc., after which the Seniors and some of the Juniors generally do an hour's preparation. Lights out at 10.15.

There is not a great deal of time for social intercourse, but that depends largely on the particular year's set. Last year the Seniors had a Reading Evening—over which Miss Meade, the Principal, kindly presided—once a week. This used to be devoted to Shakespeare, but latterly changed to the study of war news. The Juniors were more enterprising—they had war talks and frequent debates (one in French). Visiting in each other's rooms, except on Sunday, is prohibited. On Saturday evenings they have generally games, dancing, or music, and sometimes

there is music on Sunday evenings. Seniors entertain Juniors, and Juniors, Seniors, by a concert or other performance once or twice during the year. There are two practising-rooms for music enthusiasts, but there is really little time to take advantage of them.

Kingsfield is the happy possessor of a noble Fire Brigade. Many nights we lay in bed awaiting the alarm, but our wily captain always chose a night when nobody suspected one and everybody was peacefully asleep. When the alarm does "go" everybody wakes with a start and thinks of "Zepps." Word is passed along—"Fire in Number 15, 1st Landing." The brigade members dash to their hoses, while everybody else goes silently and in an orderly fashion outside—keeping clear of Number 15, 1st Landing—to the rendezvous, where Roll Call is taken, and woe betide the wakeners if anyone is left in bed. Five minutes and the imaginary fire is out, and all return to bed, generally in an excited state, especially the members of the Fire Brigade. Fortunately fire alarms are not always at night.

There were several "Zepp" alarms. The night L15 was brought down we saw it distinctly. The anti-aircraft guns were firing at it. On these occasions we proceeded down to the cellars as soon as possible, and had Roll Call there.

It is widely known that Madame Osterberg was the first to introduce Swedish Gymnastics for girls into this country, and to combine them with British games. Her great love for the work is amply proved by a handsome gift to the nation of the Bergman Osterberg Physical Training College. It had been the chief scene of her life's work, and was worthy of her.

It was a great grief to us to hear of Madame Osterberg's death two days after we reached home for the summer holidays, 1915, although it was not unexpected, as she had been very ill the last part of the term. We sympathised deeply with Dr Osterberg, as Madame had contemplated seeking retirement, and they had hoped to spend their remaining years together.

The Bergman Osterberg Physical Training College is now in the hands of a trust under the Board of Education. The trustees are Sir George Newman, M.D. (Chairman), the Marchioness of Salisbury, the Rt. Hon. Lord Shaw of Dunfermline, the Rt. Hon. Dr Christopher Addison, M.P., and Major Waldorf Astor, M.P., Hon. Treasurer. Miss M. H. Meade, B.A. (Moral Science Tripos, Cambridge), is the Principal. She has already won the hearts of the students, and the large number of Juniors this year testifies to the fact that the college is maintaining its reputation of being "first of its kind." Everybody was delighted that Miss Wikner (Royal Cent. Inst. of Gymnastics, Stockholme) who was Madame's great friend and assistant, consented to become Vice-Principal.

M. FORD.

XMAS DAY AT 6, KENSINGTON TERRACE

I wonder how many of you know how Christmas Day is spent in a hospital for sick and wounded soldiers—men, the majority of whom were only a short time before living amid the mud and desolation of the firing-line, or facing death in a Somme action.

I am no author (you'll agree with me after having read this), but I will endeavour to tell you how "the day" passed at our hospital.

For some time prior to Christmas both nurses and patients had worked with great enthusiasm, decorating the wards. The place was

quite transformed. Wreaths of holly and evergreen and festoons of brightly coloured paper hung from the lamp brackets and ceiling, while suspended from the ceiling of the hall and on the landings huge bunches of mistletoe hung invitingly.

I'm afraid it was some considerable time after "Lights out" on Christmas Eve before the men went to sleep, and then not before every man had given his opinion of what was likely to happen on the coming day.

Nobody saw Santa Claus during the night, but it was quite evident when morning came that he had been. The first man to awaken in each ward took very little time to arouse his pals. At the foot of each bed hung a pair of new socks literally bursting, so full had each been crammed with good things. The contents were many and pleasing. "What 'ave you got, mate? I've a fountain pen and a cigarette case." "I've a 'ban' pocket-knife and a purse," says another. Each man seemed to think his presents best of all. On every side men proudly exhibited their gifts. Among the presents were pens, pocket-books, knives, diaries, and cigarette cases, besides a quantity of fruit, sweets, and cigarettes. Never were the wards astir so early.

At about 7 a.m. a party arranged to awaken Matron by singing carols. This little demonstration of appreciation fell flat, however, as Matron had been working very late on the previous night, and slept serenely through it all.

Breakfast over and wards clean, the majority of the men allowed out took advantage of the fine morning and went for a stroll.

Dinner, the long anticipated event of the day, was held in the Recreation Room, which had been tastefully decorated. The long tables looked very pretty with their flowers, red-berried holly, and heaps of crackers. A host of busy nurses kept the men well supplied, and huge turkeys and large hams were carved up and demolished in record time. Then came the pudding—a seemingly unlimited supply, and after having drunk the health of the King, the men "carried on" with dessert and "smokes." The noise of shouting and laughing was quite overwhelming, and the atmosphere was smoke-laden. Cigars, cigarettes, chocolates, and innumerable good things were passed round, until the nurses began to wonder if some of their patients would survive it.

Our lady cook (in spite of stubborn resistance) was brought into the room and heartily cheered. Next came cheers for Matron and the staff, who had worked so hard to give the men such a good time. Both Matron and Cook smilingly thanked the men and expressed their pleasure at being able to do anything to make their stay at hospital as enjoyable as possible.

Quite a number of visitors came in to watch the fun, but the atmosphere was too thick to allow for the existence of anyone other than a Tommy.

Until tea the patients were left to their own devices. Visitors occupied the time of a great many.

Tea was another round of gaiety and good things, more speeches and more cheering. Our boys love a noise.

The rest of the evening was filled in with music and the distribution of more presents from a Christmas Tree. After a mince-pie supper all retired to bed, having spent the most enjoyable Christmas Day of their lives in one of the nicest little hospitals in the land. All felt at peace with the whole world, even with poor old Fritz whom we are so gradually smashing up.

By

"THE BABY SUB."

CHRISTMAS DAY IN HOSPITAL

I wonder what sort of an idea people have of what life is like in a hospital solely devoted to the care and healing of sick and wounded soldiers. I don't intend to put my thoughts of every-day life, but to give my impression of Christmas Day, 1916.

For some time prior to that day every man did his little bit towards making his ward look as cheerful and as Christmassy as possible, and in the decorations the keenest competition prevailed as to which was the best decorated ward. Frankly I say ours was, there being no one here to contradict me. I say so without fear of anyone throwing me out through the window. In this hospital we were looking forward to Christmas Day more eagerly than we used to when we were little children, not knowing what was going to happen, but expecting great things.

Christmas Eve arrived at last, and before turning into bed every man was to be found looking for the biggest stocking he could find to hang on the foot of his bed; those who couldn't find a big stocking hung pillow-cases and various articles of wearing apparel capable of holding a large amount of good things. Personally, being quite a "Wee," I thought I was justified in hanging up an extremely larger sock, specially made to order. For some time after "Lights out" there was a continual buzz of conversation, each man giving his idea of what was going to happen on the morrow. Gradually they dropped off to sleep, until absolute silence prevailed. Santa Claus by this time had gathered all his things together ready to start around the wards. Several of the men had tried to keep awake so as to see what Santa Claus looked like, but long before he arrived they had fallen asleep.

In the morning the men in hospital were very early astir, an uncommon occurrence for this hospital, for as a rule the nurses have the utmost difficulty to get us out of bed for breakfast, but Christmas morning found every patient awake hours before the day nurses came on duty. One or two over eager men had awakened about 4.30 a.m. and went to see what their stockings, etc., held, and were very surprised to find that they were empty, but their spirits soon rose when they beheld a pair of new socks hanging on the end of the bed crammed full of good things which were very soon turned out on to the bed for examination. Getting excited they awakened the remaining patients by pulling them out of bed to see what their socks contained.

By the time the day nurses arrived, the different wards looked like departments of a large fancy store; there were pipes, cigarettes, pocket-wallets, etc., all over the place, and all the men shouting to one another about the relative merits of the various articles. Some of the men, by way of showing their appreciation to the matron, gathered outside her door and started to sing carols, which failed to disturb her peaceful slumbers, as she was dead tired with working for several days previous and far into the night preparing all the good things to give us all a fine old time over Christmas. So the carollers, after receiving a few more presents in the shape of boots, thrown with unerring aim by some of the other patients, decided to quit singing, and quickly disappeared.

After breakfast those that were able to went out for a walk, and to wish all and sundry a "Merry Christmas," which in some cases took effect, and they came back laden with more gifts. By this time the cook was very busy, and very soon the very pleasant odour of good cooking began to waft its way upstairs, and some of the men took it in turns to go to the kitchen to offer their services, but as this meant

sampling all the good things their offer was firmly but surely refused, and they had to go back to their wards to wait until the luncheon gong sounded. When the latter did at last sound there was a general stampede for the dining-room, and we all took our places at the tables, which were filled with good things such as would please the most fastidious. Very soon the turkey made its appearance, and also the plum pudding, and I may say both were done full justice to, and thoroughly enjoyed by one and all.

At this point there was a general shout for the cook, who, after a very stubborn resistance, was finally captured and escorted to the dining-hall, where she received the very grateful thanks of the inmates for the splendid way in which the dinner was cooked and served up. Dinner over, each man was supplied with a box of cigarettes and cigars, etc., and after a few stump speeches of appreciation to the matron and staff for the splendid way in which we had been treated in hospital, we all went back to our wards, some to clear up prior to going out, but the majority, I am afraid, went to bed for the afternoon. Others indulged in games of cards to pass the time away. During the afternoon visitors were continually arriving, bringing with them various books and more cigarettes, etc. The afternoon was spent by some in games of cards and singing until the tea gong went. At tea the huge Christmas cake was cut and distributed by the matron. After tea some more visitors came in, and as story-telling was the order they had to contribute a little story. A naval officer who came in had a huge fund of good stories such as delight the heart of a Tommy, and some of them were typically nautical.

Well, there is bound to be an end of good things, and after "some" sing-song we all retired to our different wards for the night, there to discuss the events of the day; bed at last, and then "Lights out," but not to sleep. My thoughts go back to Christmas Day, 1915, somewhere in France. My Christmas dinner that day consisted of bully beef and biscuits (dog); the only sing-song was the roar of the guns and the bursting of shells. I fully appreciate being in good old Blighty, if only in hospital, and consider myself very fortunate in being sent to Newcastle-on-Tyne and to the Kensington Terrace V.A.D. Hospital, where I have been well looked after and brought back to health, thanks to the unstinted care and attention of the matron, staff, and doctors, who have given their services voluntarily to the healing and nursing of those of us broken in the war.

I am sure Christmas Day, 1916, will live in the memories of all of us for years to come, and it will be one of our most cherished memories to picture the glorious time we had at the Kensington Terrace Hospital.

GEORGE H. CADLE (*Sergt.*). A.C.C.

"When I grow up," says Dick to me,
 "I'll be a sailor on the sea,
 And Nan will fry me fish for tea,
 When I grow up."

But this is not what Nan would wish,
 For Dick she will not fry the fish,
 Nor afterwards will wash the dish,
 When she grows up.

MILLCENT WALKER.

AN OLD FRIEND

Time was when thou and I were well acquainted,
 Time was, dear friend, when thou wast not so dear,
 Time was when thou wast in my fancy painted
 As one thing at the least I need not fear
 To be bereft of, when all else was ended ;
 I thought thee something common, just my right,
 And sometimes thought thy sweetness might be mended.
 (Alas! I am well punished for that slight.)
 And when they told me thou wouldst be denied me,
 I thought they only tried to pull my leg,
 But now it seems that I must do without thee,
 Thou very dear, nay, priceless, morning egg.

D. COOPER.

BY LAW

Farewell, thou fair and goodly form,
 Which once was wont to grace
 My breakfast-board at early morn,
 With frank and open face.
 A swarthy stranger soon will take
 Thy place, and in thy stead
 Will rule the board, for we must bake,
 Not thee, but Standard Bread.

D. COOPER.

