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## STAFF.

*Head Mistress* :—

FORM VI ... MISS GURNEY.

*Second Mistress* :—

FORM VA ...	MISS DICKINSON	...	<i>Modern Languages.</i>
„ VB Classical	„ SCOTT	...	<i>Mathematics.</i>
„ VB Modern	„ WEEDON	...	<i>Geography.</i>
„ IVA ...	„ OSMAN	...	<i>Classics.</i>
„ IV Alpha ...	„ HODGSHON	...	<i>Mathematics.</i>
„ IVB ...	„ COMRIE	...	<i>Modern Languages.</i>
„ IV Beta ...	„ ELLERSHAW	...	<i>English.</i>
„ IIIA ...	„ FORD	...	<i>Gymnastics.</i>
„ IIIB ...	„ STUART	...	<i>English.</i>
„ II ...	„ MORLEY	...	<i>Science.</i>
„ I ...	„ PEARSON	}	... <i>Junior School.</i>
UPPER TRANSITION	„ WADE SMITH		
LOWER „	„ WILSON		
KINDERGARTEN ...	„ BREWIS		
MISS MORTON	...	...	<i>Science.</i>
„ WALPOLE	...	...	<i>History.</i>
„ BRAND	...	...	<i>Aural Culture, Music, Singing.</i>
„ BURGESS	...	...	<i>Aural Culture, Music.</i>
„ REEVES	...	...	„ „ „
„ HAWKRIDGE	...	...	<i>Drawing, Painting.</i>
MDLLE. HENNEQUIN	...	...	<i>French.</i>

## SCHOOL OFFICIALS.

Head Girl	...	...	Stella Kent.
School Prefect...	Annys Thornton	(Autumn term),	Jean Thompson.
Prefects	...	{	M. Dunlop, M. Fowler, R. Gott, F. Mackenzie, D. Patterson.
Head of Blue House	...	...	Stella Kent.
„ Orange House	...	...	Eileen Duff.
„ Red House	...	...	Moira Fowler.
„ White House	...	Doris Reid, May Tate	(Summer term).
Hockey Captain	...	...	Stella Kent.
Netball	...	...	Moira Fowler.
Lacrosse	...	...	Molly Dunlop.
Tennis	...	...	Stella Kent.
Cricket	...	...	Eileen Duff.
Swimming	...	...	Moira Fowler.
Magazine Committee	{	Miss Ellershaw, M. Dunlop, F. Mackenzie, N. Gibson, B. Mackay, K. McGowan, N. Philpott.	

## PRIZE GIVING.

The Prize Giving was held in the King's Hall, Armstrong College, on the evening of November 22nd. Mrs Cochran distributed the prizes and certificates, and afterwards a display was given by the dancing classes.

## SCHOLARSHIPS.

Virgin Mary Hospital—Senior Scholarship	. L. Morris.
Newcastle Education Committee—Exhibition	. N. Olloman.
Governor's Scholarships—Senior	. M. Soulsby.
Junior (divided)	. S. Parker.
	J. Griffith Young.

## EXAMINATIONS.

Entrance to Lady Margaret Hall, Oxford	. L. Morris.
University of Durham—Higher Certificate	. L. Morris.
University of Durham—Matriculation	. A. Thornton.
	D. Tarver.
	(completed) J. Hudson.
	(completed) I. Burgess.
University of London—Matriculation	. S. Kent.
University of Durham—School Certificate—Division I—M. Soulsby (Distinction English, French, Mathematics). Division II—Bessie Carr (Distinction French), Betty Carr, M. Dunlop, N. Elliott (Distinction Music), M. Ferguson (Distinction French), M. Fowler (Distinction Music), N. Gibson, E. Gibson, R. Gott, M. Herbertson, K. Jackson, M. Lockie (Distinction Drawing), F. Mackenzie, K. McGowan, E. Musgrave, E. Olloman (Distinction Botany), D. Patterson, N. Furdy, M. Reed, D. Reid (Distinction French), A. Robson, I. Rowell, A. Scorer (Distinction French), E. Simpson, O. Smallwood, K. Stell, M. Walker (Distinction Drawing), V. Wallis (Distinction Drawing), L. Walton.	
Associated Board of the Royal Academy and Royal College of Music—School Examination:	
Advanced Division	. B. Parker.
Higher Division	. G. Armstrong.
Elementary Division	. N. Henderson.
Primary Division—D. Dunstan, M. Lindsey, R. Scott, E. Sykes, D. Tinn.	

## NATIONAL SOCIETY OF ART MASTERS.

Upper Section—Class II—M. Paul (with additional subjects), V. Wallis, E. Simpson, M. Lockie, K. Stell.
Middle Section—Class I—K. Connell, S. Muir. Class II—D. Armstrong, B. Bradford, D. Weatherby. Class II, Subjects 2 and 3—H. Baker.
Lower Section—Class I—M. Reed. Class II and Subject 5—D. Ison, E. Hodgson. Class II—G. Philpott, P. Wilkinson, E. Blenkinsop, K. Parker, B. Basham, M. Barker, K. Oldroyd, K. Hughes, E. Waugh, M. Blench, M. Godtschaik, M. Owen, C. Caris, D. Owen, V. Scott, N. Harrison, R. Berkley, R. Salkeld, I. Hinchliffe, M. Lawson, E. Widdas. Class II, Subject 3—G. Armstrong. Class II, Subjects 2 and 5—S. Parker. Class II, Subjects 1 and 3—V. Carnegie. Class I, Subject 3, Class II, Subject 2—S. Riple.

## SOCIAL WORK, 1923-4.

## FORM VI.

During this year Form VI has continued to help at St. Nicholas's Play Centre on Friday evenings, while in the Summer Term a collection was made for it. In addition £2 4s. 6d. was paid into the George Fenwick Fund. The form also had a stall at a Bazaar in aid of the Play Centre, and made about £6.

## FORM VA.

During the year £10 10s. 4½d. was sent to the Cathedral Nurses. This money was spent by Miss Abraham for necessitous cases. Some books and clothes were also sent.

## FORM VB CLASSICAL.

£5 9s. 2d. was collected for the Cathedral Nurses during the year. Flowers and toys were also sent.

## FORM VB MODERN.

The collection has been for the Home for Incurables at Spital Tongues. The money was handed over to the Matron to be spent on fruit, etc. Magazines and books were also sent.

## FORM IVA.

During the year £9 6s. was collected for the Fleming Hospital. Part of the money was spent on toys and Easter eggs, the rest being divided between the Lady Almoner's Convalescent Fund and the General Fund. In the Summer Term members of the form acted "A Masque of Time" in one of the wards to as many children as were well enough to be present.

## FORM IV ALPHA.

The collection of £4 5s. was given for the Cripples' Home, Gosforth. Part of the money was spent on presents and a Christmas tree, also on a party in the Spring Term. Each member of the form wrote to a girl at the Home.

## FORM IVB.

During the year £8 14s. 2½d. was collected, which was divided between the Girl's Orphanage and the Save the Children Fund. A party was given in the Spring Term, and each member of the form met her correspondent from the Orphanage.

## FORM IV BETA.

During the Autumn and Spring Terms this form collected for the Cathedral Nurses. In the Summer Term they joined with IIIA in giving an entertainment which raised £9 for the George Fenwick Fund. The term's collection was given to the same fund.

## FORM IIIA.

A collection was again made for Dame Margaret's, Washington. Christmas presents and Easter eggs were sent, while each member of the form had a friend in the Home to whom she wrote. In the Summer Term an entertainment was held with IV Beta which raised £9 for the George Fenwick Fund. At the beginning of the Autumn Term of 1924, an outing to the Home took place. Twenty-six members of IIIA and IV Beta went out to Washington and spent a most enjoyable afternoon. We all sincerely thank Mr. and Mrs. Tarver and Dorothea for their goodness to us.

## FORM III.B.

The collection was for the Cripples' Home at Gosforth. A safe of home-made toffee was held one recreation for the same object.

## HENSHELWOOD.

During the year £5 4s. 3½d. has been collected for the Fleming Hospital. Presents of eggs and toys have also been taken.

## THE LORD MAYOR'S FUND.

In the Summer Term the School raised £21 by collections in each form, in response to the Lord Mayor's Appeal. The fund is to provide proper accommodation for the treatment of out-patients at the Children's Hospital.

## SCHOOL TROPHIES.

During the year the School has been presented with the following trophies, for which we are very grateful, and to whose givers we offer our best thanks.

1. The Boarders gave a Cup for Lacrosse, which was won by Red House.
2. Two members of Red House and two of White House gave a Cup for Junior House cricket; this was won by White House.
3. Mrs. Cochrane presented a racquet, which was to be given by vote of the school to the girl who showed the best ability all round. It was won by Eileen Duff.
4. Miss Osman presented an Honours Cup, which is held by the House which obtains the greatest number of Honours in term and examination work. This has been won by Orange throughout the year.

## LEAGUE TENNIS SHIELD.

The VI and VA of 1922-23 presented a Tennis Shield to be played for by the Girls Secondary Schools of Durham and Northumberland. The Shield, which is the work of Mr. John Reid, the designer of the new Memorial and also of the front of the College, is made of pottery and shows an allegorical female figure clothed in the colours of the two counties.

To raise the money the VI and VA gave an amusing entertainment which passed from one mood to another with the utmost inconsequence. At first we were shown the inmates of a workhouse ward, their spitefulness and love of gossip. After various troubles we finally left Deceit victorious.

The next item was much more moral. This was an original play by M. Soulsby and N. Purdy, "helped by Shakespeare," and showed Nemesis relentlessly dogging MacBeth for the cold-blooded murder of Banquo—his professional coach. The end was edifying; virtue reigned supreme and MacBeth and his wife lay dead on the stage.

From this cheerful travesty we passed into faery country, the pleasant fantasy of the Maker of Dreams, and for a while wandered sentimental ways with Pierrot and Pierrette.

Between these longer portions of the programme, different members of the forms sang or played to us. Altogether it was a most successful entertainment.

## THE PICNIC TO BORCOVICUS.

The picnic was originally arranged for Ascension Day, but as the weather was unsettled it was decided to postpone it for a week or two.

Nine o'clock one glorious Saturday morning in June found us at Barras Bridge eagerly awaiting the char-à-banc. As VA were suffering from an attack of nerves, our numbers were much reduced. However, we were all in the best of spirits, laden with cameras and knapsacks, and our excitement increased when the char-à-banc arrived. We scrambled in joyfully and set off, but we had only gone a short way when we stopped to have our photographs taken. It was a great success, which was a little reward for the inconvenience the camera caused to some of the party.

A few miles from Newcastle we joined the Roman road and came to Chollerford, where we stopped to view the glorious scenery from the bridge, also the renowned George Inn.

We reached our destination in time for lunch, and we were soon busily employed. After we had rested, Miss Stuart was left in charge of our possessions, while Miss Osman showed us over the Roman Camp. The gates were particularly interesting as they are well preserved. We were preparing to leave when, to our great dismay, we discovered that three of the party were missing. We had decided to go without them when they returned, making profuse apologies, saying that they had been looking at some Roman relics.

Leaving Borcovicus, we walked along the Roman wall, passing a mile camp, and eventually arrived at Crag Lough, the prettiest of the Northumbrian lakes. The staff remained at the farm, far from the madding crowd, while we dashed to the lake side, where the water looked so inviting that many of us, unable to resist it, took off our shoes and stockings, and spent an enjoyable time in it.

After tea—which, to our great disappointment, was not served in buckets as on the former occasion—Miss Osman “called the roll,” and we returned to the char-à-banc. The driver brought us home by a different road, passing through Corbridge. We were all very sunburnt when we arrived at Newcastle—from all appearances one would have thought that we had been touring for a fortnight.

Miss Osman, Miss Stuart, Miss Walpole, Miss Burgess and Miss Wade-Smith accompanied us. On behalf of all who went, we should like to take this opportunity of thanking them, especially Miss Osman, for arranging such an enjoyable day, and we hope that in the future it will become an annual event.

I. AND N. ROWELL.

## “THE YOUNG PERSON IN PINK.”

The above play, so well known to regular frequenters of the theatre, and which had such a successful run when first produced in London, was presented by “The Old Girls’ Dramatic Club” at the School on the evenings of February 27th and 28th.

The proceeds were in aid of the Curtain Fund, and the results achieved were satisfactory, but the attendance was not so good as had been hoped for, the chief reason being the inclement weather, which on the first night was especially bad. But for this, it is certain that the results, good as they were, would have been even better.

The performance generally reflected the highest credit on all those who took part in it, and incidentally proved that the coaching of Mrs. Cumberlege (who had come down from London on more than one occasion at considerable inconvenience, and to whom in consequence warm thanks are due) had not fallen on deaf ears. It is not always realized what an immense amount of hard work is necessitated

in rehearsing for plays such as this, and but for real self-sacrifice on the part of those concerned, no such gratifying results as those that were achieved, would have been possible.

The principal part, that of "The Young Person in Pink," was taken by Miss Irene Green, and it can at once be said that she acted throughout with both charm and grace. She showed a real grasp of the part of "The Young Person" who had lost her memory, none too easy a character to portray, and requiring a very careful interpretation to seem real and convincing.

The almost equally important part of "Lady Tonbridge" was delightfully handled by Miss Gladys Brewis. Her acting throughout reached a very high standard, and she was undoubtedly one of the successes of the play. The rendering of this part requires subtle and delicate handling to show to advantage, and it can be truly said that she did not fail in these essentials.

Miss Phyllis Comrie gave an admirable rendering of the part of "Mrs. Badger," and supplied the fun of the evening by her handling of that eccentric personage. On more than one occasion her impromptu gags brought down the house. (NOTE.—Not gags; all in the book! P. C.)

Mr. Holmes, one of the few male characters, performed his part excellently, and his clear enunciation is worthy of special comment. A little more ardour in his love-making would, however, have carried more conviction.

Amongst the minor parts, that of "Miss Winch," undertaken by Miss Kathleen Brewis, is worthy of mention. She showed real artistry in impersonating the mischievous and meddling busybody so often unfortunately found in real life.

The stage setting, considering the limited stage accommodation and other difficulties insuperable to an amateur performance, was really excellent.

Just one word of criticism in conclusion, viz., that on the first night too much prompting was required, due no doubt to some extent to nervousness, but this comparatively minor defect was not so much in evidence on the second night, and, after all, was but a small blemish to an otherwise really splendid performance.

THE AMATEUR CRITIC.

## DANCING.

The dancing matinée was held this year in the King's Hall, Armstrong College, on 9th March, when the senior and junior classes were joined together in one performance. The proceeds were £24 17s. 6d. and were given to the George Fenwick Fund. It was our privilege to hear Colonel Hawthorn speak about Dame Margaret's Home, when he told us that George Fenwick was progressing splendidly.

The senior and junior classes each contributed four dances to the programme: "Daydreams," "Coons," "Russian Dance," "Pierrot and Pierrette" and "Bird of Paradise," "Lantern Dance," "Tambourine Dance" and "Tennis Dance." The school solo classes did "Scarves and Cymbals" and "Dutch Dance," while everyone did exercises and ballroom dancing. Besides these items, there were several other solo dances; some of the girls taking part belonged to N.H.S. and some were Miss Spalding's pupils from other schools.

Every year Miss Spalding has given a Charity Matinée at the Theatre Royal, the performers being only her private pupils. It was the privilege this year of the N.H.S. classes to take part in this matinée, and we felt it a great honour to be asked to do so. The dances we contributed were "Daydreams" and "Coon." Gerald Ames, the well-known actor, made special mention of "Daydreams," so we were very gratified.

Near the beginning of last term we were very sorry to hear that Miss Spalding had retired. We should like to take this opportunity of thanking her for all the splendid work she has done during the ten years she has taught here, which has been greatly appreciated by all, and we express our sincere regret at losing her. Her place has been taken by Miss Bauche.

## NEWS OF THE OLD GIRLS.

Ursula Burton has gained a First Class in Classical Honours at London University, and has asked for a School holiday, which we are to have on the day after the November half-term holiday. She was also awarded a Driver Scholarship and Prize at the Royal Holloway College. In January she is going to teach Classics at Leeds High School.

Mildred Gibbs has been awarded the Edmund Roscoe post-graduate Scholarship and the Ashburne Hall Research Studentship for History, both in the University of Manchester.

Dorothea Holmes is teaching Classics at the Central Newcastle High School.

Grace Hanson, who obtained her B.A. degree with Honours in French at Armstrong College, has a post at the High School, Sunderland.

Betty Watson teaches Gymnastics at Durham High School, Stella Watteu at Merivale College, Newport, Salop, Mollie McGuinness at the Orient School, Skegness, and Esther Shepperd at a Preparatory School at Heswall, Cheshire.

Marjorie Thomson, Jessie Dunlop, Alice Simpson and Olga Adams have all passed their third M.B. examination. Alice Simpson gained a prize for Public Health, and Marjorie Thomson was first in Pathology.

Alex Coney has gained her M.A. in the University of Durham this year on her thesis. She was first in the whole list in the B.A. examination, first in History and was awarded the Spence Watson prize for English. During the Summer Term she was Assistant Secretary at School and is now a Student for the Diploma of Education.

Jeanie Ragg is Secretary at the County School for Girls, Bishop Auckland.

Agnes Allan has a post at West Hill School, Eastbourne.

Dorothy Allan has been accepted for Missionary Work by the O.M.S., and is now training at Kennaway Hall, under a former pupil and mistress of the School, Miss C. M. Richardson.

Edith Hunter finished her training in Swedish Gymnastics at Kingsfield in July.

Vera Broscup obtained her B.A. degree at Durham University in June, 1923.

Dorothy Banks has a post at Streatham College.

Marianne Watson and Nancy Olloman have passed the Intermediate Science Examination at Armstrong College.

Doris Peaps has passed the Intermediate Arts Examination at Durham University and is now reading for Honours in History.

Mary Armstrong is governess to Mrs. Haggie's children in Sunderland.

Violet Wilkinson has had a class for singing and drill in Gosforth and has taught a little boy in the mornings.

Mollie Thomson has gained her "ivory" at the Royal Academy.

Marjorie Lockie has entered the Slade School of Art as a Student.

Edna Russell has a post as masseuse at the Sunderland Infirmary.

Jennie Musgrave and Marjorie Fox have obtained the Diploma of the College of Cookery.

Joan Swan is Under-Secretary at Smart's Commercial College.

Ethel Musgrave has completed a year's training in Shorthand and Typing.

Edith Ross, Dorothy Vernier, Vera Wallis, and Grace Bolam are all beginning Diploma work at the College of Cookery, where Lily Walton, Nancy Wardale and Margaret Knill are in their second year.

Muriel Soulsby, Annys Thornton and Nellie Purdy are reading for an Arts Degree at St. Mary's College, Durham.

Mabel Hackett and Millicent Walker are Students in Science and Arts respectively at Armstrong College. Mabel is also a Student in Education.

Marjorie Russell has passed the examination of the International Guild at Paris for one year students. After Christmas she is going to London for training in Secretarial work under Mrs. Hoster.

Marjorie Walker has a studio at Bellingham.

Muriel Stevenson has gained a Cecil Sharp Folk Dancing Diploma.

Mary Ferguson has been governess to two little girls from Rhodesia, who were spending a year in England.

Nora Clark has a post at Birkdale as a Princess Christian children's nurse.

Dorothy Clark is taking a course of Secretarial Training.

Cicely Pringle is on the London Staff of speakers of the National Unionist Association.

Irene Ward was Conservative Candidate for Morpeth, where she polled ten thousand votes against Robert Smillie.

Vera Davison is a Probationer at the London Hospital; her sister Dora also is training to be a nurse.

Doris and Stella Proctor have taken a house at Hindhead, Surrey, and intend to teach their students how to run a house, Mrs. Proctor is acting as supervisor.

Ada Weddell has started a Poultry Farm at Wide Open.

Betty Bradford has gone to Boarding School in France.

Mary Cameron is at a School of Cookery in Edinburgh.

Julia Oliver won the Old Girls' Golf Competition, 1923-24.

Hilda Hodgshon has given up her Riding School and has gone to India for some months.

Florence George holds the Dispenser's Diploma of the Society of Apothecaries of London.

Irene Green has a Medical Appointment in London.

Peggy Baker has obtained the degree of Bachelier ès Lettres in the University of Lausanne.

#### BIRTHS.

Dunlop.—At Newcastle-on-Tyne, on April 12th, to Mr. and Mrs. Peter M. Dunlop (Flossie Brewis), of Helensburgh, Dumbartonshire, a daughter.

Harbottle.—At 216 Osborne Road, on April 11th, to Mr. and Mrs. George Harbottle (Winifred Benson), a son.

Smith.—On December 22nd, to Mr. and Mrs. — Smith (Mollie Ross), a son.

#### MARRIAGES.

McDougall—Appleby.—At Jesmond Parish Church on February 7th, by the Right Reverend the Lord Bishop of Barking, assisted by the Rev. Canon Oakley and the Rev. George Hill, Douglas Sydney Arundel McDougall to Kate Isabel Evelyn Appleby.

Charlesworth—Waggott.—At Holy Saviour Church, Tynemouth, on September 11th, J. Charlesworth to Lilian Ada Waggott.

Jameson—Lennox.—At St. James the Evangelist, Edinburgh, on September 25th, Andrew St. Clair Jameson, Writer to the Signet, to Margaret Eleanor Lennox.

Mennie—Cooper.—At Jesmond Parish Church, on October 8th, by the Rev. Canon Oakley, John Barnett Mennie to Phyllis Mary Cooper.  
 Selby—Balfour.—At All Saints' Church, Gosforth, on October 22nd, Captain Wallace Raymond Selby, 4/1 Punjab Regiment (I.A.) to Lois Mary Balfour.  
 Moore—Richardson.—Olive R., daughter of A. Richardson, Esq., to J. A. H. G. C. Moore.

## DIARY OF OUR VISIT TO WEMBLEY.

This year, because of the Empire Exhibition, the Sixth and VA were joined in their holiday by a large party from VB and IVA. Fifty-four members of these forms met Miss Dickinson and Miss Weedon at the Central Station in the early hours of the morning on Saturday, 12th July, and caught the 8 o'clock train to King's Cross. The journey was passed chiefly in eating several lunches and washing ourselves, which speaks well for the cleanliness of the School! We arrived at King's Cross exactly an hour late, but were delighted to find two reserved buses, which were ours for the whole of our stay, waiting for us. The drivers filled the insides of the buses with luggage, then as many of us as possible clambered on top and the rest were packed inside with the cases. We all tried to talk at once and point out the familiar places we spotted, and rejoiced either to be in London again or to be seeing it for the first time. We found the College where we were to stay, a lovely place with a huge garden. After a quick tea and change, we went for a tour in the buses. The only buildings at which we alighted were St. Paul's, Westminster and Buckingham Palace, but, of course, we saw many other famous places. We were allowed to do a little shopping when we returned, and after dinner we sat in the garden for a while before retiring to our respective bedrooms or dormitories.

*Sunday.*—Miss Gurney arrived with the glad news that we had won the Tennis Shield yesterday. Great rejoicing and much clapping followed the announcement. Miss Gurney conducted a Service in the Common Room and then we sunned ourselves in the garden till lunch time. In the afternoon our chariots drew up at the gates once more, and we were driven to Hampton Court, a magnificent building in gorgeous grounds. We were particularly interested in the clock which tells the time, date, month, state of the moon and numerous other things. Inside we found the rooms full of people of all nationalities, mainly American, and were shown pictures and portraits galore. In the grounds, which were full of the most lovely flowers, we saw the famous Vinery, and thought ourselves most clever because we succeeded in reaching the centre of the maze without taking any wrong turnings. I must admit that this was not quite such a triumph as it sounds, for Miss Weedon had previously told us the key. We drove back through Bushey Park, partaking of tea on the way. After supper the remaining six members of the party, who had stayed in Newcastle for the Tennis Match, arrived and were greeted with open arms.

*Monday.*—We arose early and donned our lightest attire, as the day was already hot. After breakfast we armed ourselves with sandwiches and cameras, the buses arrived, the last stragglers hastened aboard and away we went to Wembley. The Empire Exhibition—will any of us ever forget it? Our first impression was, for the most part, surprise at its spaciousness, cleanliness and the lack of the crowds which we had been led to expect. We were divided into three sections of twenty, under the three members of the Staff. Each section had a guide of its own who took it to see those exhibits which he considered most interesting, though we must say his opinions did not always coincide with ours. At 12.30 we consumed our sandwiches, and when we were set free, fled eagerly to the nearest soda fountain to regale

ourselves with drinks and ices. For a short part of the afternoon we were grouped into sections with the guides, but after that we were allowed to wander round in fives. Some of us were fortunate enough to see the Prince of Wales. A few of us who were not too vain, purchased enormous horn-rimmed smoked glasses to protect our eyes from the glare of the sun on the white roads and buildings. We met again for tea at our favourite soda fountain "Harmony," and then returned by bus to Southlands, feeling very tired, hot and grimy, but thoroughly satisfied with our first day at Wembley.

*Tuesday.*—As the buses did not arrive till ten, we took the opportunity of attacking each other with cameras while waiting for them. In the language of Cæsar, these things having been done, and everyone having been embarked, we set sail under a gentle wind for the Houses of Parliament! Sir Nicholas Gratton Doyle very kindly showed us round the famous buildings. We enjoyed the privilege of being taken, a few at a time, into the House of Lords during a session of the Law Lords, and we saw St. Stephen's Crypt and the place where Guy Fawkes tried to perform his dirty deed. Our bus drivers took us home by a round-about way, the conductors holding forth on the beauties of London in broad Cockney. We spent the afternoon in the garden writing, reading or lazing as the spirit moved us. Evening fell (fortunately no one was hurt!), and we went again to Wembley. Many of us either watched the Thibettan dancers, weird and wonderful creatures whose gyrations amused us mightily; or endeavoured to kill ourselves in the Amusements Park. Much mirth was caused by several of us returning sporting large feather-crowned dolls which had been won at side-shows. We stayed fairly late and saw Wembley turned into fairyland by its illuminations, consisting of strings of red, blue, orange and green lights. Driving home, the electric signs and advertisements thrilled those of us who were not too sleepy to notice them.

*Wednesday.*—It is not surprising that after our late night certain of us incurred great displeasure by our tardy appearance at breakfast. We departed for Wembley forthwith, the drivers trying to enliven the journey by a bus race. Small fortunes were spent in purchasing seat tickets as every chairman we encountered declared that those we had were useless, and insisted that we should produce further lucre. Still larger fortunes were spent on multi-coloured glass bangles, and the wherewithal to cool ourselves. As we are not guide books we don't propose to give a detailed account of every place we saw, but there are some buildings which stand out particularly in our memory of this, the wonderful first city of concrete. Of the dominions and colonies, Canada, Hong-Kong, Malaya, South Africa, New Zealand and India were the general favourites. A life-sized model of the Prince of Wales in butter was one of the many sights we all admired in Canada. Hong-Kong was a realistic picture of a street in that city, and the "heathen chinee" did his utmost to force his expensive wares upon us, frequently with success, as the quaint articles were well worth the money. In Malaya a model of a treadmill attracted our attention, as also did the stalls spread with the countless necessities that are made from rubber. At New Zealand we saw the only man in Wembley who could possibly have been really cold. Arrayed in a thick coat and gloves, he was dusting the inside of the glass case containing frozen meat, while we, in a state of collapse from the heat, watched him enviously. We admired the outside of India and Burma's imposing pavilions more than the exhibits within. We found the Government Building, the Palaces of Art and of Industry very fascinating, but, not being boys, we couldn't appreciate the Palace of Engineering to the full.

*Thursday.*—After packing and saying farewell to the College and its inmates who had been so kind to us, we were jammed, cases and

all, into the buses and rushed to take our parting glimpse of the Exhibition. We had only time to peep at our favourite places, and wander for a little while in the Amusements Park, and then we went by bus to King's Cross. On the way one of the buses broke down, and we had visions of missing the train. However, we had no such luck. The journey passed very quickly, and almost before we knew we had started, we arrived at Newcastle so sunburnt that our loving relations scarcely recognized us. We had had a wonderful holiday, and we are very grateful to Miss Gurney for making it possible, and to Miss Dickinson and Miss Weedon for helping to give us such a splendid time.

The thanks of the Wembley party are due to the kind people of Southlands, who made the wheels go round, to Miss Hurst, Nurse and the Domestic Staff. They gave us ices and hot fomentations, sandwiches and bandages, in fact no matter how unusual our requests and needs, they had only to be revealed to be satisfied. We hope that some day we shall see them all again.

MUTT AND JEFF.

## BLUE HOUSE NOTES.

### HOUSE OFFICIALS.

House Captain: S. Kent.	Lacrosse Captain: M. Dunlop.
Senr. Net-ball Captain: M. Dunlop.	Senr. Sports Captain: M. Dunlop.
Senr. Hockey Captain: S. Kent.	Junr. Net-ball Captain: K. Spencer.
Senr. Cricket Captain: B. Wilson.	Junr. Hockey Captain: E. Watson.
Swimming Captain: E. Simon.	Junr. Tennis Captain: S. Parker.
Senr. Tennis Captain: S. Kent.	Junior Sports Captain: L. Jones.

### TROPHIES.

Senior Net-ball Shield.	Junior Tennis Championship.
Junior Net-ball Cup.	Gymn. Championship Cup.
Junior Hockey Cup.	Neatness Cup (Spring Term).
Junior Tennis Cup.	Drill Cup (Summer Term).

The House is very proud that at the end of the Summer Term it again held the most Cups, but it must be acknowledged that this was mainly due to the Juniors.

The Seniors gained the Net-ball Shield and were in the finals for the Hockey and Lacrosse Cups, but in both cases lost to Red. The Juniors were more successful, for they won the Hockey and Net-ball Cups and, in the Summer Term, the Tennis Cup. The Junior Tennis team played extremely well, and we should like to congratulate Shirley Parker, not only on her play as captain of the Junior team, but also on the way in which she played in the Senior match, when she took the place of E. Waugh, and on her winning the Junior Singles Championship.

We won the Neatness Cup in the Spring Term and the Drill Cup in the Summer, and we congratulate Molly Dunlop on winning the Gym Cup. The House was only third in the swimming sports, but Kitty Spencer was second for style in the Inter-Schools Competition.

We had the smallest number of reports in the Autumn and Spring Terms, but this record was not continued, for we had too many reports in the Summer Term to be read out, and we had also far too many Neatness Reports.

On the whole, however, the House had a very successful year, and is looking forward to an equally happy one.

## RED HOUSE.

## OFFICIALS.

House Captain: M. Fowler.	Senr. Tennis Captain: B. Panton.
Senr. Net-ball Captain: B. Panton.	Senr. Lacrosse Captain: B. Panton.
Senr. Hockey Captain: B. Panton.	Junr. Hockey Captain: M. Hogg.
Senr. Swimming Captain: E. McSweeney.	Junr. Cricket Captain: M. Hogg.
Senr. Cricket Captain: M. Fowler.	Junr. Net-ball Captain: M. Hogg.
Senr. Sports Captain: B. Panton.	Junr. Sports Captain: M. Hogg.
	Junr. Tennis Captain: G. Widdas.

Trophies won by the Red House during 1923-24:—

Senior Hockey Cup.	Best All-Round Patrol in Guides:
Senior Lacrosse Cup.	Patrol Leader Ailsa Robson.

The all-round improvement in the Red House this year has been too marked to pass unnoticed. I really feel that everybody has conscientiously tried to improve, and hence the result. For those girls who represented the House in any team, I have nothing but praise. The trophies which we gained this year were only won by tremendous determination and grit; this especially applies to the Lacrosse team, for on paper our team was considered quite weak. We met Orange House first, and having beaten them we played Blue House. Our team played like trojans, and, after extra time, we won 4—3. It would be well if the House would model itself on the spirit in which this game was played.

The Senior Hockey team is also to be congratulated on winning the Cup, but if we are to keep it this year it will mean a great effort on the part of all hockey players.

Our tennis and cricket were also good. We were just beaten in the final of the tennis by Orange House 41—38 games. We had a strong cricket team, but unfortunately on the day most people seemed to suffer from nerves, with the result that "ducks" were frequent and our score very low.

Our net-ball is not good, the Senior team being often slow in intercepting, although they played their best. The Junior team was disgraceful, and far below the standard. All Juniors must practise hard and try to bring up the level at least to that of other houses.

We have many promising young swimmers who, in a year or two, ought to do well for the School as well as for the House. I am very glad to see swimming becoming more popular, and I hope any who can't swim and yet are able to learn will start at once.

Reports, as well as everything else, have shown great improvement. This is due, I think, to an increase of general keenness, for reports are a personal matter, although they affect the whole House. There is still room for improvement, but we did hold the weekly trophy a good number of times.

I cannot finish without wishing the very best of luck to all those who are left to carry on the fortunes of the House, and also to wish the new captain every success. If I must give you a last word it shall be this: "Fight on—and don't give in till the whistle blows."

MOIRA FOWLER.

## ORANGE HOUSE.

## OFFICIALS.

House Captain: E. Duff.	Senr. Sports Captain: E. Duff.
Senr. Net-ball Captain: J. Thomson.	Junr. Net-ball Captain: M. Patterson.
Senr. Hockey Captain: R. Gott.	Junr. Hockey Capt.: M. Patterson.
Senr. Cricket Captain: E. Duff.	Junr. Tennis Capt.: N. Harrison.
Senr. Swimming Capt.: V. Wallis.	Junr. Sports Capt.: M. Patterson.
Senr. Tennis Captain: E. Duff.	Junr. Cricket Capt.: M. Adamson.
Senr. Lacrosse Capt.: D. Patterson.	

Trophies won by Orange House during year 1923-24:—

Swimming Shield.	School Tennis Championship.
Honours Cup.	School Sports Championship.
Neatness Cup (Summer Term).	Henshelwood Gym Cup.
Marching Cup (Spring Term).	Henshelwood Net-ball Cup.
Senior Tennis Cup.	

Our first success this year was winning the Swimming Shield, which made up for our bad display last year. We have to congratulate Ella Stevens on winning her swimming colours, the School Championship, and also doing a very big share in winning the Shield for us.

At the end of the Autumn Term Miss Osman presented an Honours Cup to the School, and we are very proud that we have won it every term this year.

The House neatness showed great improvement during the year; we were very slack at the beginning, but ended the year by winning the Cup with a very good record for the term.

In the Spring Term we won the Marching Cup by a very narrow margin—beating Blue by one mark!

Our Hockey was very weak, especially the Seniors; there seemed to be no combination between any of the team. The Juniors put up a much better fight and managed to reach the final, but there is still room for a lot of improvement.

Our Henshelwood members have won the "Baby Gym Cup" all the year, and have also won the Net-ball Cup, for which we congratulate them. We also must congratulate Noreena Lamb on winning the Junior Gym competition.

In the Summer Term we won the Senior Tennis Cup and also the Singles. The Juniors were beaten in the final by Blue, but they have improved a great deal since last summer; all they want now is hard practice.

Owing to the bad weather, the sports were not held until the beginning of the Autumn Term. The Seniors disgraced themselves, but the Juniors were much better than last year. On the whole we did not do nearly as well as we should have done, and only managed to win the Individual Cup.

I wish the House every success in the future, and congratulate my successor in becoming head of such a house as "Orange."

EILEEN DUFF.

## WHITE HOUSE.

### OFFICIALS.

House Captains: D. Reid, M. Tate (Summer).	Cricket Capt.: J. Spencer.
Senr. Net-ball Capt.: M. Tate.	Tennis Capt.: M. Tate.
Senr. Hockey Capt.: D. Reid.	Junr. Hockey Capt.: M. Stewart.
Swimming Capt.: N. Cameron.	Junr. Sports Capt.: M. Mullens.
Sports Capt.: M. Tate.	Junr. Tennis Capt.: M. Alderson.
	Junr. Net-ball Capt.: M. Abram.

### TROPHIES, 1923-24.

Junior Sports Cup.	Senior Cricket Cup.
Senior Sports Cup (Tied Red).	Drilling Cup (Autumn Term).
Junior Cricket Cup.	

The White House Teams did very well this year, but did not succeed in winning any Cups during the winter.

The Blue House beat us at Hockey, although we had a hard fought game, and all the players were very keen. They were not so quick in passing as their opponents and often muddled each other, and paused before shooting, which gave the Blues time to intercept the shot or pass.

We were very unlucky on the day of our Lacrosse match, which was also against Blue, as we had a large number of substitutes, and so were rather badly beaten.

The Net-ball Team played better this year, but was defeated as before. Although we have had the Shield on our bracket at least six times during the Winter Terms, the House had too many reports, for, after having the Shield one week, we lost it the next, as if unable to keep up the standard. The Drill and Gym of the House was very good indeed, although no Cups fell to our lot.

In games and work, however, I have the satisfaction of knowing that every member of White House has done her best for a House of which we are extremely proud.

DORIS U. REID.

The summer games were much better than in the winter.

Although both Senior and Junior Tennis Teams were beaten they played well, but still need a lot of practice. The Cricket Teams did extremely well, both Senior and Junior Cricket Cups being won by the White House. We were especially pleased to have the Junior Cup, as it was the first time for which it was played.

The White House Sports were a success. The Junior Cup was won by White, and also the White House Seniors tied with Red House for the Senior Cup. We have to congratulate Mary Abram on winning the Junior Individual Sports' Spoon.

The Reports in the White House were not nearly so numerous at the end of the Summer Term as they were at the beginning, although much improvement is still needed.

MAY TATE.

### SCHOOL HOCKEY MATCHES, 1923-4.

- 1st XI v Tynemouth Ladies, lost 7—4 (Oct. 18th).  
 1st XI v Rutherford College, won 4—1 (Nov. 1st).  
 1st XI v Old Girls, N.H.S., lost 3—2 (Nov. 19th).  
 1st XI v West Hartlepool, (League), drew 1—1 (Dec. 13th).  
 1st XI v West Hartlepool, (League), lost 5—1 (Dec. 17th).  
 1st XI v Ravensworth Castle, won 9—0 (Jan. 31st).  
 1st XI v Ravensworth Castle, (Cup), won 6—0 (Feb. 14th).  
 2nd XI v Miss Thompson's, won 12—1 (Feb. 18th).  
 2nd XI v St. Margaret's High School, lost 6—2 (Feb. 21st).  
 1st XI v Central High School, (Cup), won 6—0 (March 10th).  
 1st XI v St. Margaret's High School, won 7—0 (March 17th).  
 1st XI v Rutherford College, won 5—1 (March 20th).  
 1st XI v Tynemouth Ladies, lost 3—1 (March 24th).  
 2nd XI v Miss Thompson's, won 9—1 (March 27th).  
 1st XI v Staff and Old Girls, won 5—1 (March 31st).  
 1st XI v Newcastle Ladies 2nd XI, lost 3—1 (April 3rd).

### NORTHUMBERLAND & DURHAM SECONDARY SCHOOLS LEAGUE SEASON 1923-24.

	Newcastle H.S.				
West Hartlepool	} W. Hartlepool	} W. Hartlep'l	} 5-1	} Bede	} Bishop Auckland
Central N.H.S.					
Sunderland H.S.	} Bede	} Bede	} 7-3	} 3-2	
Bede					
Darlington	} Darlington	} Bede	}	}	
Dame Allans					
Hexham	} Hexham	} Whitley	} 2-0	} Bishop	
Rutherford					
Durham	} Whitley	} Bishop	} 3-1	} Auckland	
Whitley					
	Tynemouth	} Bishop	} Auckland	} 1-0	
	Bishop Auckland				

## HOUSE HOCKEY MATCHES.

Senior House Cup.—Orange	Red	} Red 8-3
Red	7-2	
Blue	Blue	
White	2-0	

Junior House Cup.—White	Blue	} Blue 6-1
Blue	4-2	
Red	Orange	
Orange	3-2	

## SCHOOL TEAM, 1923-24.

M. Tate, E. Pittar, R. Gott, S. Kent, E. Duff, E. MacSweeney, K. Parker, B. Panton, M. Fowler, D. Reid, E. Waugh.

## RESERVES.

E. Conner, M. Dunlop, E. Hatton, E. Stevens.

The Hockey Season, 1923-24, was not so successful as the previous one, because unfortunately we lost the Shield after a replay against West Hartlepool in the second round. Bishop Auckland, the runner up in 1923, deserve our heartiest congratulations on winning the Shield.

In the Lazenby Cup we were more successful, the hardest match being that against the Central Newcastle High School in the final, which we won 6-0.

We must congratulate May Tate, Eileen Pittar, Eva MacSweeney and Kathleen Parker on winning their colours.

Although the team was not so successful as that of 1922-23, it was by no means weak, and had we been able to have more practice before or between matches, we could have done much better.

The general standard of Hockey in the school was higher; this was noticeable in both the Senior and Junior House Matches, and in the match against Rutherford College at St. Georges, when several younger people played in a scratch eleven. They won the match, and several played extremely well. Eileen Duff played for the County 1st XI in their match against Yorkshire, and Ethel Musgrave and Mary Cameron, both members of the 1922-23 school team, played for the County 2nd XI.

On the whole the School's Hockey record is one to be proud of, because not only the team, but the general play is improving; many of the Juniors show great promise and ability.

I should like to wish the 1924-25 Team every success, and the best of luck in the Shield Matches.

STELLA KENT

## NET-BALL.

Once more it is my pleasure to say, that during last season we were very successful in matches. 1st VII played eleven matches, ten of which we won. The 2nd VII played four matches, two of which they won.

In the first round of the League we were drawn against Hexham Grammar School, but unfortunately they had to scratch. We then played Blyth in a perfect hurricane of wind, but managed to win. We met Rutherford College next, and after a tremendously close game, we drew. In the replay, which was equally thrilling, they beat us 20-16. They were, however, beaten in the final by Bede Collegiate, to whom we offer our congratulations.

The House matches proved quite exciting. In both Senior and Junior, the Blue House, for the second year in succession, were first. The Red House Juniors were very weak. They must improve, as their standard is much below the rest of the School. I do hope that this season everybody will be very regular at practices, so that we may always be able to play a team worthy of the School.

1st VII.	TEAMS.	2nd VII
M. Tate.	Shooter.	E. Watson.
M. Fowler.	Attacker.	F. Stevens.
M. Dunlop.	Centre Attack.	V. Wallis.
S. Kent.	Centre.	B. Panton.
J. Thomson.	Centre Defence.	K. McGowan.
R. Gott.	Defence.	S. Riple.
F. Duff.	Goal.	M. Bell.

Owing to the absence of R. Gott, M. Bell played in the 1st VII, and gained her colours at the end of the season.

#### MOIRA FOWLER, (Capt).

		1st VIII		2nd VIII
Oct. 13th ...	Rutherford College ... ..	won ... 25-24	lost ...	12-13
" 27th ...	Armstrong College ... ..	" ... 22- 8		
Nov. 10th ...	Old Girls ... ..	" ... 42- 6		
" 17th ...	Durham High School ... ..	" ... 32- 1	won ...	23- 3
Dec. 11th ...	Central High School ... ..	" ... 29- 9	" ...	13- 6
Jan. 26th ...	Armstrong College ... ..	" ... 18- 8		
Feb. 4th ...	Blyth (Shield) ... ..	" ... 10- 6		
" 16th ...	Sunderland High School ... ..	" ... 37-13	lost ...	14-19
" 21st ...	Rutherford (Shield) ... ..	draw ... 16-16		
	" " Re-play	lost ... 16-20		
Mar. 8th ...	Morpeth High School ... ..	won ... 34- 6		
	Goals for ... ..	281		62
	Goals against ... ..	117		41

## LACROSSE.

We are well satisfied with the progress of this game. More people are playing it, and enjoying the freedom and "cleanness" of it. Cleanness will do for a text for these remarks, which it is hoped will be taken to heart by all players. Firstly, learn to catch and throw accurately at all distances and at any speed, and pick up more neatly. Secondly, "get rid of it" more quickly, i.e., before you are tackled and before your side is covered. (Only occasionally, if you have speed and can do it cleanly, should you dodge through any distance on your own.) Look round quickly to see who is least marked, and send a pass that can be caught. When you have passed get free to receive again. At the same time do not be tempted far out of your place, and if you do wander get back quickly. Thirdly, in future do let us have goals scored from clean hard shots, not from a scrum of the combined attack round goal. Likewise, defence, don't all crowd back near goal when the enemy is pressing. You only muddle the people whose job it is, and spoil their vision. See last magazine for more points which still need attention.

Many of last year's players, especially the team, were carrying out the above to some purpose. The three most outstanding, perhaps, were: M. Dunlop, who has a good idea of the game and is a splendid centre; D. Patterson, who anticipates and intercepts beautifully at point; and M. Tate, who is a safe goal. B. Panton, at 3rd home or centre, at times plays very well; she is generally where wanted and has dash, but perhaps tries to do too much herself when she should pass. F. Mackenzie is a useful player; steady and persistent as defence wing, she might get rid of the ball more quickly. E. Watson did some useful work on the defence; she intercepts well. E. Connor plays well in the centre defence; she is occasionally rather rough. P. Patterson takes advantage of her chances of shooting very neatly; she gets free well. D. Watson is a neat good player on the defence; she can be relied on to do the

right thing at the right time. M. Andersen was considered the most dangerous attack by one team we played, but I don't think many teams would be so discomfited by her or permit her to run about in circles with the ball; nevertheless, she was worth her place and should be a good player—as she is persistent and quick—once she will pass sooner. S. Riple promises very well, and K. Greenwood is a good all round defence. K. Spencer and E. McSweeney are very promising wing attacks. K. Oldroyd, S. Kent, E. Simon, M. Fowler, K. MacGowan, M. Soulsby and M. Alderson were all used in matches and did useful work.

Towards the end of the season a delightful thing happened. The Boarders and Staff at the Grove presented the School with a Lacrosse Cup for House Competition. I should like to thank them again on behalf of the rest of the School most heartily for the lovely Cup, and to express the wish that more of the Boarders played. They are just the people who should play as they have so much room, I don't know about time, for practice, and always someone to practise with. (For those who have nobody with whom to catch and throw, a wall is an excellent substitute). Boarders, do think about it, and help your house to win your presentation.

The House Matches thus brought about were not remarkable by good play. Some Houses had hard work to get teams at all. One person, J. Odhams, deserves special mention as she had never played before and had only come as a spectator, but took the place of one of the White House Team who had failed to turn up. The results were:—

Red	}	Red, 4-0	}	Red, 4-3
Orange				
Blue	}	Blue, 6-1		
White				

Other matches:—

Xmas Holidays—1st XII v Durham Ladies, 4—7.

Feb. 16th—Scratch Team v Tanfield, won 11—0.

Feb. 20th—1st XII v N/c Ladies 2nd XII, won 5—1.

March 5th—Scratch Team v St. Margaret's High School, draw 2—2.

March 12th—1st XII v Old Girls, won 6—2.

March 29th—1st XII v Durham Ladies, won 7—5.

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## TENNIS.

1924 has proved a fortunate year for us. In spite of rain and more rain, which reduced the number of practices and friendly matches to an alarming extent, we succeeded in keeping the High Schools Shield, and in being the first holders of the new Secondary Schools League Shield.

S. Kent and E. Duff were for a third year our Senior pair. Their splendid play, and their keenness has not only won trophies for us, but has contributed greatly towards improving the general standard of play in the School. We shall miss them very much next season, but wish they may be as successful elsewhere as they have been here. The Junior pair, B. Panton and S. Riple, settled down well together, and did much excellent work.

M. Bell and E. Waugh also played for the School.

The *High Schools Shield* Match was played at Durham this year, and resulted in a draw between us and the Central High School with 9 setts each. Four short setts further were played to decide it, and we were winners by 18 games to 14.

*Secondary Schools League.*

Durham H.S. ... ..	Sunderland	} Newcastle H.S.	} Newcastle H.S.
Sunderland H.S. ... ..	48-11		
Newcastle H.S. (a bye)	Newcastle H.S.	} Central New- castle H.S.	} Newcastle H.S. 43-32
Central Newcastle H.S. ...	Central N.H.S.		
Durham County S. ... ..	48-13		
Rutherford College Girls' S. ...	Rutherford		
Tynemouth Municipal Girls' S. }	47-12		

*Senior House Cup.*—The Senior matches produced some very good play. Orange and Red are particularly to be congratulated on some very sound work.

Red	} Red	} Orange
Blue		
Orange	} Orange	} Blue
White		

*Junior House Cup.*—The Junior matches showed us some promising players, and a fair level of play. Red House was unfortunate in this and in the Junior Championship, (for both of which it was in the running), in the absence of its Junior captain, G. Widdas.

Blue	} draw	} Blue
Red		
Orange	} Orange	} Blue
White		

SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP: Eileen Duff.

JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP: Shirley Parker.

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## SWIMMING.

### N.H.S. SWIMMING SPORTS, 1923.

The School Sports took place last year on October 25th, at the Northumberland Baths. They were chiefly notable for the fact that E. Stevens, of Orange House, carried off five out of the seven events, in addition to swimming in the winning team. She, of course, won the Championship, and Orange House the Shield. The results were as follows:—

60 Yards.—E. Stevens (Orange), 1; N. Cameron (White), 2; E. Simon (Blue), 3.

30 Yards.—E. Stevens (Orange), 1; P. Bird (Red), 2; D. Tiplady (Orange), 3. Under 14.—B. Basham (Red), 1; K. Spencer (Blue), 2; D. Tiplady (Orange), 3.

Handicap.—E. Stevens (Orange), 1; P. Bird (Red), 2; M. Waggott (Orange), 3.

Diving.—M. Fowler (Red), 1; B. Basham (Red), 2; K. Spencer (Blue), 3.

Obstacle.—E. Stevens (Orange), 1; M. Fowler (Red), 2; P. Bird (Red), 3.

Neatest Breast Stroke.—E. Stevens (Orange), 1; D. Tiplady (Orange), 2; J. Widdas (Orange), 3.

Team.—Orange, 1; Red, 2; White, 3.

### INTER-SCHOOLS SWIMMING COMPETITION, 1924.

The Inter-Schools Swimming Competition was held at the Northumberland Baths on July 10th. A good number of spectators turned out, and were well rewarded by an excellent display. The Schools taking part were, Rutherford College, Benwell Secondary

School, Sunderland High School, Central N.H.S. and ourselves. In the Senior 2 lengths the previous record of 52 secs. was beaten by O. Milburn of Rutherford College, who completed the distance in 49 secs. The following are the results:—

Senior 2 lengths.—O. Milburn, Rutherford College, 1; E. MacSweeney, N.H.S., 2; M. Smith, C.N.H.S., 3.  
 Intermediate.—A. Rowe, C.N.H.S., 1; P. Harper, C.N.H.S., 2; S. Cummings, R.C.G.S., 3.  
 Beginners' Race.—N. Potts, R.C.G.S., 1; H. Grey, N.H.S., 2; H. Tibbles, R.C.G.S., 3.  
 Neatest Breast Stroke.—A. Rowe, C.N.H.S., 1; K. Spencer, N.H.S., 2; E. Simon, N.H.S., 3.  
 Diving.—D. Coulthard, Rutherford College, 1; L. Klukvin, Benwell Secondary School, 2; M. Smith, C.N.H.S., 3.

#### N.H.S. SWIMMING SPORTS, 1924.

Our own sports were held this year at the Northumberland Baths on October 2nd. There was a good deal of excitement in the air, although the result was a foregone conclusion for Blue House. They did eventually secure the Shield with 26 pts., Red House being second with 16 pts. Emmie Simon, the Blue House Swimming Captain won the Championship with 7 pts., E. Widdas (Blue) and N. Cameron (White) being second with 5 pts. each.

The results were as follows:—

2 lengths (60 yds).—E. Simon (Blue), 1; E. Widdas (Blue), 2; N. Cameron (White), 3.  
 30 Yards (under 15).—B. Basham (Red), 1; M. Duncan (Blue), 2; J. Burgh (Red), 3.  
 Width (under 12).—A. Grey (Red), 1; U. Burgh (Orange), 2; B. Firth (Red), 3.  
 Handicap.—J. Simon 3 (Red), 1; E. Simon (Blue), 2; A. Cameron (White), 3.  
 Obstacle.—K. Richardson (Blue), 1; E. Simon (Blue), 2; K. Spencer (Blue), 3.  
 Diving.—K. Spencer (Blue), 1; E. Widdas (Blue), 2; B. Basham (Red), 3.  
 Neatest Breast Stroke.—N. Cameron (White), 1; J. Burgh (Red), 2; E. Widdas (Blue), 3.  
 Team.—Blue, 1; Red, 2; White 3.

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#### NEATNESS CUP.

This was won in the Autumn Term by White House; Spring Term by Blue House; Summer Term by Orange House.

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#### PHYSICAL TRAINING.

Gymnastics.—The Cup was won by M. Dunlop. M. Hogg was first in the Intermediate Class and N. Lamb in the Junior. Miss Macfadyen kindly judged.

House Marching and Drill.—The Cup was won in the Autumn Term by White House; Judge, Miss Allen. Spring Term by Orange House; Judge, Miss Ford. Summer Term by Blue House; Judge, Miss Macfadyen.

On the last occasion, Blue House won chiefly on account of the striking effect one got of good positions.

Junior House Cup was won each term by the Orange House.

Department Badges have been gained by:—M. Barker, B. Bradford,

M. Dunlop, K. Greenwood, M. Herbertson, M. Hogg, S. Kent, B. Marks, S. Parker, D. Reid, S. Ripple, A. Robson, M. Rowell, Nancy Rowell, J. Simon, E. Stevens, J. Thomson, E. Watson and B. Wilkinson.

Special Drill.—A class is now held every morning from 9 till 9.10 for girls whose positions are not what they should be.

## GUIDES.

### 10th NEWCASTLE.

Guiders:—M. Ford, Captain; E. M. Ellershaw, K. M. Walpole, lieuts. Patrol Leaders at end of Summer Term were:—J. Thomson, M. Soulsby, M. Fowler, S. Ripple, N. Purdy, F. Mackenzie, M. Tate, D. Rutter, C. Caris. *Secretary*: J. Thomson. *Treasurer*: D. Patterson.

The company has greatly diminished, which is in some ways very sad, and yet we have the keen people left and the company is more workable in its smaller form.

*Country Dancing*.—A great feature this year has been Country Dancing. For two terms Miss Gadd, the N.F.D.S. instructress, gave us classes—half the funds were found by school, for which we thank Miss Gurney, and half by Guide funds. We entered for the Musical Tournament, and both the Senior and Junior Teams got certificates. The company and four patrols also gained the Guides' Folk Badge. We are sorry to hear of Miss Gadd's operation and hope she will soon be well again. We thank her for her very enjoyable lessons and the trouble she took with us.

*Rally*.—This was again held at St. James' Hall, Gallowgate. The Challenge Shield had been won by the 4th Newcastle Company, and this, with warrants and other certificates, were presented. We sang songs, and some Guiders and Guides entertained.

*Badges*.—Guide work has somewhat suffered on account of so much country dancing, but isolated souls have been sticking in, and a few badges gained. Miss Ellershaw held a sports' woman examination, and several Guides got that badge.

*Party*.—The 45th Company, of which J. and M. Dunlop are captain and lieutenant respectively, were invited to a party held in the Lent Term. It was a great success in spite of our rather restricted quarters, which necessitated tea being held in the Staff Room. The waitresses were especially to be congratulated on the way they avoided stepping on their guests!

*Visit of Princess Mary*.—In November of last year the Guides of Newcastle and district had the privilege of seeing Princess Mary when she was staying in the north. She had consented to come to the Hippodrome, where we were all assembled, and where a small entertainment was provided by some companies.

*Camp*.—For the first time we camped in Race Week and had really fine weather, no earwigs and no wasps. As we had only five days we did not go far afield, but found a delightful site, in spite of the proximity of collieries, near Springwell, Co. Durham. We could study nature on the spot in the shape of countless larks; one nest was found. There was plenty to occupy our time in the way of excursions to Lambton Castle and Penshaw Monument. After the Penshaw visit we collected at night in one of the tents, and Miss Ellershaw told us the story of the Lambton worm. Somebody's bed collapsed on that occasion. One day we were shown round the surface of two collieries; surprise was exhibited at the number of side branches required to carry on a colliery—joinery, farming, etc., also at the thickness or rather thinness of a seam of coal. Saturday morning was given up to a Tennis Tournament at Blue House, which ended in a draw between

M. Dunlop and her partner, M. Anderson, and Miss Ellershaw and N. Cameron. We had visitors on the Saturday and Sunday afternoons, including J. Dunlop, N. Purdy, D. Rutter and J. Thomson. On Sunday morning Miss Ellershaw and Miss Walpole took Church Parade. We also had Camp Fire, Inspection, a real fire, which we don't talk about but remember Miss Walpole's and other people's presence of mind on the occasion—and other things that happen to one in camp. We regretted the absence of our chief cooks and acknowledge that the good cooking on this occasion was largely due to their training on previous occasions. We returned to civilization on the Monday morning via motor-lorry with the luggage, having been thoroughly rained upon while we struck camp. However, we took no harm and arrived in time for School at 9 a.m.

### 8TH NEWCASTLE.

The Grove Company held its first camp in Race Week at Chollerford Bridge, in a lovely spot on the river bank. Thirteen Guides with Miss Hanson and Miss Frodsham set off for the unknown and thrilling experience of camping. The weather was glorious, the one wet day being just sufficient to give a glimpse of the other side of camp life.

The week flew by so rapidly that there did not seem to be nearly enough time for all that we wished to do. Everyone in the neighbourhood was so kind that we had numbers of invitations. We had a great treat when Miss Cruddas of Houghton Castle asked us to tea and showed us all over the castle, including the battlements. One day we walked to Chipchase Castle, over which we were also shown, then on to Birtley where Canon and Mrs. Falla gave us a splendid tea, and had arranged a number of games and competitions for us, which we enjoyed immensely. Mrs. Wood, wife of the agent who gave us permission to camp on our site, also invited us to tea. At this party R. Salkeld distinguished herself by winning the prize for clock golf, a large duck egg!

We also had several visitors to camp whom we were very pleased to see, though, unfortunately, we were out when Miss Balls came.

On the Wednesday Miss Hanson went to Newcastle to receive her degree. We welcomed her back in good style, and at the last camp fire we had some excellent songs and acting commemorative of the event.

The last day arrived, as last days always will. We spent a busy morning pulling down tents, packing up, and trying to fulfil the camper's rule of leaving everything exactly as we found it. As we entered the train for home it began to rain. As the wind and rain increased we were more and more thankful for our good fortune in having such a perfect week, and felt much encouraged to try again another year.

We should like to say how sorry we are to lose Miss Hanson, and we wish her every success in her new work. Miss Frodsham has taken on the company in her place.

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### BROWNIES.

The Brownies have continued to meet on Thursdays, but at 2-30 p.m. instead of 3-30 p.m. This probably accounts for the fact that there have been many recruits. There are still only five "Sixes," but all are overcrowded, so that a new Six will soon be started if the numbers remain high.

The Brownies were enthusiastic in competing for the Brownie Cup. At each meeting marks were given for smartness, personal appearance, and singing of the Six Rhymes. General behaviour of Brownies during

the week was also taken into consideration. The highest marks were attained by the Pixie Six, who now hold the Cup until November. In future the Cup is to be presented at half-term every term.

Two Brownies have been enrolled as Girl Guides.

There are no new First-class Brownies this year, the older children having had to teach the younger since there have been no helpers.

BROWN OWL.

## THE SPORTS.

The Sports had to be postponed from the Summer Term because of the bad weather, but were held on the first Friday of the Autumn Term, which was fortunately fine. There were fewer visitors than usual, which was due, no doubt, to the time of year and the short notice we were able to give, and as many people were out of training with the holidays there was a lower standard in the races than in former years.

Henshelwood as usual joined with the School, and this year it was decided that the marks gained by the winners of races for nine to eleven years should count towards the Cup. Red and White Houses tied for the Senior Cup with sixteen marks, while Blue House were two marks behind. White won the Junior Cup also, and May Abram of White House was Junior champion. We congratulate Eileen Duff on winning the Senior championship for the third time with  $9\frac{1}{2}$  marks for the Orange House, and also Ena McSweeney who was a close second. We should also like to thank the Staff for coming to the House heats and for their help on Sports day.

### SENIOR RACES.

Long Run.—E. Duff.	Short Run.—E. Duff.
High Jump.—E. McSweeney.	Long Jump.—B. Wilson.
Bicycle and Potato Race.—M. Fowler.	Sack Race.—F. Mackenzie.
Throwing Cricket Ball.—D. Wilks.	Relay Race.—White, Blue.

### JUNIOR RACES.

Long Run.—M. Abram.	Short Run.—M. Abram.
High Jump.—M. Mullens.	Long Jump.—K. Waugh.
Obstacle.—M. Trow.	Wheelbarrow.—M. Ison and B. Morrow.
Relay.—White.	

### HENSHELWOOD RACES (9—11 years).

Run.—N. Lamb.	Sack.—N. Lamb.
Skipping.—N. Lamb.	
(5—8 years).	
Run.—M. Poole.	Egg and Spoon.—F. Gathergood.
Sack.—K. Bain.	
Staff and Old Girls.—Miss Hodgshon.	Little Visitors.—E. Mullens.

## THE LITERARY SOCIETY.

On entering the VIth Form you anticipate Literary Meetings as a horrible ordeal, consisting of sitting in a row with other terrified members of the Form, waiting to make a fool of yourself by mispronouncing words and leaving out punctuation. On the other hand, you have an excellent tea with the unfortunate President manipulating several teapots with impaired spouts. After tea the Form collects

various articles of scholastic furniture as theatrical properties, and deposits them on the stage in corners where you cannot find them when required. Then the books are distributed in the ratio of one book to seven people (approx.), and the good work commences.

At the first meeting we read "The Devil's Disciple," by G. Bernard Shaw. This was given with much enthusiasm, which was scarcely affected by an anticlimax provided by a member of the School domestic staff breaking in while the heroine was passionately imploring the hero to "take her hand," and requesting them to "shut those windows when they had finished."

As the Form were desirous of a second meeting that term, one was held on the last night, minus the staff, who were too busy to attend. It was held in the Form room, that being the only warm place in the building. Goldsmith's "She Stoops to Conquer" was rendered quite creditably, in spite of the restricted space. This was a luxurious meeting as far as books were concerned, as V<sub>A</sub>, who happened to be using the book, kindly lent us nearly enough copies to go round.

At the next meeting, after much discussion, we decided to enact "The Rivals," by Sheridan. Unfortunately, shortness of time compelled us to leave out one or two scenes, but in spite of that it was a most enjoyable meeting. A great deal of mirth was created by various causes quite unconnected with the matter in hand.

As there seemed to be no time for a meeting in the Summer Term, "Quality Street," by Barrie, held in the last term, proved to be our last meeting. There was much difficulty in completing the cast, as the first chosen hero and heroine selected deputies who were equally unwilling to take the parts.

On the whole the Literary Society had a successful year. Before the past season the plays had not been acted on the stage, and we consider it a great improvement. This eliminates the possibility of the plays becoming dull, and at the same time gives us sufficient appetite to utilize the remains of the tea as supper.

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## A SHEET OF SILVER WATER.

A sheet of silver water flashes in the mountains' shade,

And the hard, black crags above are hanging shadows out afar,

The red sun sets in glory, and the light begins to fade,

As the night across the velvet sky drives out his star-lit car.

The harsh cry of the eagle as he hovers o'er his nest,

And the shrill, wild screams of cougars in the forest, shake the air.

The moon, in pearly raiment, faint illuminates the West,

As she watches o'er the sleeping earth, so desolate yet fair.

The silent hours of darkness softly, slowly, pass away,

And, far above, the silver mist fades from the mountain sides;

The sun awakes the country to begin another day,

While the moon, behind the cold, white clouds, her erst-while glory  
hides.

MADGE STELL, FORM IVA.

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## A BALLAD.

'Twas midnight and the town was still,

Good folks were all a-bed;

When from a field, the clank of arms

Was heard, the mail-clad tread.

It was the Baron of Lindsay's Hall,  
 Who had come out that night  
 To fight against his deadliest foe,  
 Sir Richard of Fair-Bright.

They both had sworn that, on this night,  
 Before the moon did wane,  
 One of them should be lying dead  
 Never to rise again.

And at the word, they rushed, with swords  
 That clashed with echoing sound.  
 The Baron unhorsed Sir Richard  
 And threw him on the ground.

Then with a stroke the Baron bold  
 Cut off Sir Richard's head,  
 And took it home to his castle hall,  
 "I've fulfilled my vow!" he said.

And on the anniversary,  
 Before the moon doth wane,  
 The ghost of good Sir Richard walks  
 In the place where he was slain.

K. SINCLAIR, Form IVA.

## THE SUNSET.

I was sitting by the window,  
 And I saw it in the sky,  
 And, oh! it was so beautiful  
 It nearly made me cry.

Pink and orange, yellow and grey,  
 All mixed up in a bright array,  
 And then I saw the sun go 'way  
 After its long, hard-working day.

Now it was time to go to bed,  
 For I was nodding my sleepy head,  
 So up I took my candle light,  
 And went upstairs in the dark, dark night.

When I was lying in my bed  
 I saw the silver stars o'erhead,  
 And then I shut my sleepy eyes  
 To dream of golden lullabies.

MARGARET U. RUTTER, FORM I.

## THROUGH THE WOOD.

Along the path and through the wood  
 I walked there long ago,  
 A little wicket gate swings wide,  
 'Neath blossoming trees a-blow.

And round about the dewy grass  
 Shows signs of fairy rings,  
 And there at eventide the thrush  
 His sweetest love-song sings.

MURIEL DUNN, Form IIIb.