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STAFF.

<i>Head Mistress—</i>			
FORM VI ...	MISS GURNEY.		
<i>Second Mistress—</i>			
FORM VA Classical	MISS DICKINSON ...	<i>Modern Languages.</i>	
„ VA Modern	„ ELLERSHAW ...	<i>English.</i>	
„ VB Classical	„ SCOTT ...	<i>Mathematics.</i>	
„ VB Modern	„ WEEDON ...	<i>Geography.</i>	
„ IVA ...	„ OSMAN ...	<i>Classics.</i>	
„ IV Remove	„ COMRIE ...	<i>French.</i>	
„ IVB ...	„ FORD ...	<i>Gymnastics.</i>	
„ IIIA ...	„ WALPOLE ...	<i>History.</i>	
„ IIIB ...	„ STUART ...	<i>English.</i>	
„ II ...	„ MORLEY	} <i>Junior School.</i>	
„ „ ...	„ PUGSLEY (Summer Term).		
„ IA ...	„ PEARSON		
„ „ ...	„ DAVIES (Spring Term)		
„ IB ...	„ WADE SMITH		
„ „ ...	„ WHITLEY		
KINDERGARTEN	„ BREWIS		
MRS. CULBERT	...	<i>Science.</i>	
DR. WHITE (Summer Term)	...	„	
MISS SANDERS	...	<i>Mathematics.</i>	
MISS BRAND ...	...	<i>Music.</i>	
„ BURGESS	...	„	
„ ILIFE ...	...	„
„ HAWKRIDGE	...	<i>Drawing, Painting.</i>	
MLE. HENNEQUIN ...	...	<i>French.</i>	

SCHOOL OFFICIALS.

Head Girl ...	...	...	...	Ella Stevens.
School Prefect	...	...	...	Emmie Simon.
Prefects ...	...	...	{ N. Philpot, E. Forgie, K. Parker, S. Parker, M. Pledger.	
Head of Blue House	...	...	...	Kathleen Parker.
„ Orange „	...	...	...	Ella Stevens.
„ Red „	...	...	...	Ena McSweeney.
„ „ „	...	...	(Spring Term)	Pat Nicholls.
„ White „	...	...	...	Dora Wilks.
Hockey Captain	...	...	...	Kathleen Parker.
Netball „	...	...	Signe Riple ; Dorothy Owen.	
Lacrosse „	...	...	...	Connie Caris.
Tennis „	...	...	...	Kathleen Parker.
Cricket „	...	...	...	Ella Stevens.
Swimming „	...	...	...	Ella Stevens.
Magazine Committee	{ Miss Ellershaw, E. Stevens, N. Philpott, E. Docherty, E. Forgie, L. Jobling, S. Parker.			

THE PRIZE GIVING.

The Prize Giving was held in the King's Hall, Armstrong College, on Tuesday, January 19th, 1926. The prizes and certificates were presented by Lady Ravensworth.

SCHOLARSHIPS.

Westfield College, London University, Entrance	
Scholarship in History	- - - - Florence Mackenzie.
Governors' Scholarship—Senior	- - - - Linnae Jobling.
„ „ Junior	- - Muriel Hill, Margaret Hogg.

EXAMINATIONS.

Entrance to Royal Holloway College, London	
University	- - - - Nancy Gibson.
Entrance to St. Mary's College, Durham University	
	- - - - Kathleen McGowan, Irene Rowell.
National Froebel Union—Part I	- - - - Marguerite Elmes.
University of Durham School Certificate—M. Andersen, N. Armstrong.	
M. Barker, E. Blenkinsop, N. Cameron, E. Docherty, S. Dunn,	
G. Eskdale, D. Falla, E. Forgie, E. Hatton, R. Holmes, K. Hughes,	
D. Ison, L. Jobling, B. Johnson, I. Oliver, D. Owen, K. Parker,	
S. Parker, M. Pledger, S. Riple, U. Rusden, M. Stell, B. Stoker,	
M. Vickers, M. Vipond, H. Watson, D. Wilks.	
Associated Board of the Royal Academy and Royal College of Music—	
1925—Higher Division	- - - - M. Widdas.
„ Lower „	- - - - M. Lindsay.
„ Elementary „	- - - - O. Harris, Z. Moore.
„ Primary „	- - - - V. Watson.
1924—Elementary Certificate	- - - - E. Sykes.

SOCIAL WORK.

U.G.S.—This year the school has joined the Union of Girls' Schools for social service. This Union has a Settlement in Camberwell where all kinds of work for children are carried on, and where students can be trained for social work.

JEHAN, THE PERSIAN GIRL.

We are all very glad to hear from Miss Hodgshon that Jehan is now getting on quite well and I think most of us are pleased that we decided to keep on helping her. Miss Hodgshon tells us that she is now living with one of the teachers who is helping her all she can. I hope that everyone who is interested in Jehan reads Miss Hodgshon's letters as they appear on the notice board as they are always most helpful and interesting.

The money which we collected this year was £10 0s. 3d.

THE CATHEDRAL NURSES.

Form VI, £2 13s. 6d., Form VA Class., £8 1s. 3½d., Form VB Mod., £4 11s. 2d. Miss Abraham was very grateful for this money, which she has spent on coals, extra food, and holidays for some of the patients visited by the nurses.

THE FLEMING MEMORIAL HOSPITAL.

Form IVA, £9 10s. Henshelwood, £10 4s. 3d. This large subscription was supplemented by Christmas presents and Easter Eggs. Form IVA were allowed to visit the children in the wards.

THE CRIPPLES' HOME AT GOSFORTH.

Form IVB, £3 1s. 6d. ; Form IIIB, £3 0s. 6d. These forms also gave an entertainment at the Cripples' Home at Christmas.

THE FRESH AIR FUND.

Form VA, modern, £4 19s. 6d.

THE HOME FOR INCURABLES, SPITAL TONGUES.

Form VB, modern, subscribed £7 5s. part of which was given as a donation, and part was spent on gramophone records, Christmas fare and presents, and plants. Three visits were paid to the Home, which were much appreciated by the patients.

THE GIRLS' ORPHANAGE, MOOR EDGE.

Form IVB collected £4 17s. 8d. for this home, gave the orphans a very enjoyable party at the Grove in the Summer Term, and took them afterwards to see the Chummy Club Entertainment at School. Each member of the form made a friend of an orphan and corresponded with her. Besides this, Form IVB adopted a little Austrian girl and paid £2 10s. in fees for the half-year.

ST. MARGARET'S HOME, WASHINGTON.

Form IIIA gave £3 7s. 9d. and an eight day clock to this Home. They made it a visit, when they gave an entertainment and played a Net Ball Match ; after which each member of the form chose an orphan as a friend and corresponded with her during the year.

THE DANCING MATINEE.

On March 20th, 1926, Miss Bauche and her pupils gave a matinee at All Saints Church Hall, Gosforth, in aid of the Games Capital Fund.

The programme commenced with the usual march round given in good style by all. After the exercises were finished we had the pleasure of seeing a Dresden China Gavotte very daintily given.

Following this came Moment Musical by the junior fancy dancing class, who wore dresses of silver tissue with wreaths of flowers in their hair.

Then with an air of merriment came in the Spanish Dancers with castanets and fans, dressed in orange and black, which looked very picturesque. Following this was the Breton Dance.

The Jockey Dance was the next item on the programme and was given with great gusto.

A tremendous success was the Water Lily Ballet, done most beautifully by the toe dancing class. Effective dresses in white and green were worn, the main part being taken by Miss Margery Seager in a brilliant dress of yellow. I myself did a Russian Dance.

This was followed by a few dances done by the senior and junior classes.

A Rhythmic Dance and a march round finished a most enjoyable afternoon's programme.

All thanks are due to Miss Bauche and her willing helpers for this most enjoyable Matinee.

I am sure both Miss Gurney and Miss Bauche will be gratified with the results.

KATHREEN APPLETON.

THE CHUMMY CLUB ENTERTAINMENT.

On Friday, July 16th, an entertainment was given by six members of the school, who call themselves The Chummy Club, in aid of the Games Capital Fund. There were songs, recitations and dances, one of which, the Crinoline Dance, was particularly pretty. These were followed by a short and amusing play, "Cousin Chloe."

The final scene was a camp fire with four guides sitting round it and the audience were invited to join in the marching song.

THE ELOCUTION CLASS PLAY.

On Friday, July 23rd, another entertainment was given for the same object. The Elocution Class gave a Japanese Fairy Play, which was followed by the "Grand Cham's Diamond," acted by a few members of Form VI and Form VA.

BIRTHS.

Harbottle.—On October 23rd, 1925, to Mr. and Mrs. G. Harbottle (Winifred Benson), a daughter.

Horsley.—On November 27th, 1925, to Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Horsley (Mildred Cook), a son.

Selby.—At Ghansi, India, on December 11th, 1925, to Captain and Mrs. Selby (Lois Balfour), a son.

Davison.—On December 17th, 1925, to Mr. and Mrs. C. Davison (Elsie Dixon), a son.

Speed.—On June 12th, 1926, to Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Speed (Pearl Brown), a daughter.

Haswell.—On August 6th, to Dr. and Mrs. B. E. Haswell (Irene Martin), a son.

Mennie.—On September 7th, to Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Mennie (Phyllis Cooper), a daughter.

Libby.—On September 27th, to Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Libby (Ethel Trenbath), a son.

Walker.—On October 4th, to Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Walker (May Kirk), a daughter.

Marshall.—On January 18th, to Mr. and Mrs. Marshall (Daisy Hodgshon) a son.

MARRIAGES.

- McNeaney—Farrer.—On December 24th, 1925, James Bede McNeaney to Kathleen Farrer.
- Waugh—Martin.—On February 17th, 1926, George Waugh to Nancy Thrale Martin.
- Skipwith—Hunting.—On February 20th, 1926, Captain Charles G. Y. Skipwith to Althea K. J. Hunting.
- Rust—Oubridge.—On June 2nd, Frank Percival Rust, B.M., B.S., to Nancy Oubridge.
- Longworth—Hardy.—On June 8th, the Reverend T. Longworth to Dorothy Hardy.
- Forsyth—Wallis.—On June 8th, John Forsyth to Elsa May Wallis.
- Whatland—Thurøe.—On June 9th, Harry H. Whatland to Ragna Thurøe.
- Mangin—Eliot.—On June 29th, Thorlief Rattray Orde Mangin to Mary Eliot.
- Lloyd—Siddle.—On July 17th, Geoffrey Lloyd to Winifred H. Siddle.
- Surtees—Salkeld.—On July 26th, the Reverend C. V. Surtees, M.A., C.F., to Joan Salkeld.
- Heawood—Inskip.—On July 31st, Geoffrey Leonard Heawood to Norah Inskip.
- Chesser—Morris.—On August 18th, Dr. Eustace Chesser to Rosie Morris.
- Campbell—Young.—On September 1st, Dr. J. Russell Campbell to Amy Young.
- Oakley—Holmes.—On September 4th, Arthur Stafford Oakley to Mary Dorothea Holmes.
- Crawshaw—Burnett.—On September 11th, at Beauchief Abbey, Frank Mackenzie Crawshaw to Isabel (Ella) Burnett.
- Dodds—Coning.—On September 16th, Robert Allan Dodds to Joyce Marion Coning.
- Watson—Alexander.—On September 16th, Ian Ross Watson to Mabel Alexander.

OLD GIRLS' CLUB.

Old Girls Day, which had been postponed from December 11th, was held on Friday, January 29th. The usual business meeting was held during the morning and matters financial and social were discussed. Molly Thomson asked for help in running a Girls' Club in Percy Street for girls over sixteen. Any member who was not present and who would like to help should communicate with Molly at 15, Roseworth Avenue, Gosforth.

Joyce Robson told us that the work among children at the Carnegie Library, which had been suspended for a time, would shortly be resumed, and helpers would be needed. Joyce's address is Priorsdale, Clayton Road. She will be glad to give any information wanted.

Members are beginning to remember the collection of garments or money which is made on Old Girls Day and sent to the Head Deaconess. This year there were not many garments, but the collection in money was larger than it has been in previous years. The Secretary is under the impression that it amounted to something over three pounds, but she has lost the record.

For the first time since Old Girls Day was instituted, the weather prevented the afternoon hockey match, though the morning netball match was played ; but a good many people had tea, by the President's invitation, at the Grove.

Mrs. Gracie, one of the Governors, was our guest at dinner, and at the theatre.

The following members have been elected to the Sub-Committees : to the Dramatic Committee : Nella Zollner and Mollie Challoner ; to the Games Committee to represent Lacrosse : Betty Panton ; to the Dance Committee : Grace Balfour, Kitty Robson, Barbara Armstrong, Phyllis Beane. Nancy Cooke is acting as Golf Secretary for this year.

An Old Girls' Lacrosse Club has been formed, of which Dorinda Patterson is Secretary.

NEWS OF THE OLD GIRLS.

Phyllis Comrie has gone for a year to the Lycée de Jeunes Filles at Besancon, where she is teaching English.

Gertrude Hodgshon, Dorothy Allan and Ella Hamer have finished their training at Kennaway Hall. Gertrude has gone to Tanganyika Territory to begin the education of the women and girls there. Dorothy Allan sailed with her and is bound for Uganda, where her work will probably be the training of native teachers. We believe that Ella Hamer is going to Ceylon, though we have no definite information about her.

Ella Burnett, before her marriage, was at Manchester University, working on the Industrial Fatigue Research Board. She lectured also for the Women's Educational Association.

Mildred Horsley, at a meeting of the Newcastle-on-Tyne Church High School Association, was elected a Governor of the School.

Bertha Robinson is a Group Leader at the Y.W.C.A.

Lily Hodgshon at Isfahan has now passed all her language examinations, and adds teaching to her hospital work. Hilda is now living in India, and is married.

Jessie Dunlop and Marjorie Thomson passed their initial M.B., B.S. this summer, and received their degrees at Durham on June 29th.

Audrey Coates is a pupil at the Royal Victoria Massage School.

Ernestine Hatton, Betty Panton, and Beatrice Wilson are at the College of Cookery, where they are being taught by Lily Walton, who has a temporary post there as teacher of high class cookery.

Eileen Duff has played Tennis for Northumberland against Yorkshire.

Dorothy Alexander played Tennis for England against Scotland.

Alex. Coney has been having lessons in public speaking, with a view to helping on the Conservative Staff. She is at present at Oxford, where she and Lulu Morris are working as Home Students.

Freda Wood is working at the Officials' Canteen at Armstrong Whitworth's Naval Yard.

Claire Fowler has been at the Westminster School of Art working at Designs, and has done Designs, mostly in pottery, for various firms.

Betty Watson has a post as Gymnastic Mistress at the Abbey School, Malvern.

Marjorie Griffith Young is a governess at Cullercoats.

Marjorie Rowe is Assistant County Librarian for Northumberland, under the County Education Committee, and is working at Morpeth, the Headquarters and the distributing centre.

Gladys Pestle and Ida Smith are both teaching at the High School, Boston, Lincs.

Margaret Owen has completed her training at the Midland Agricultural and Dairy College, and has gained her diploma.

Muriel Stevenson is now Art Mistress at Orient College, Skegness, where Mollie McGuinness is Gymnastic and Games Mistress.

Mary Hogg has been taking the Needlework Course at the Leeds Domestic College, and she already has a Cookery Diploma. She has a temporary post.

Eva Copeland is an Assistant Mistress at Hexham House School, Hexham.

Marjorie Deane is Secretary of the Women's Branch of the National Unionist Association at Burgess Hill. She is also District Secretary for Guides, and has two companies, one of which consists of deaf and dumb girls.

Eileen Morrison is working at the Hexham Nursery.

Ruth Morrison is at Dartford Physical Training College.

Marianne Watson and Nancy Olloman have taken their B.Sc. Degrees.

Mabel Hackett has gained Honours in first year B.Sc. Examination.

Jean Hudson has passed the first year B.Sc. Examination.

Grace Bolt is Secretary to Mr. Bowden, the Dentist.

Marjorie Lockie is working for the Oxford Teachers' Art Certificate. She won this year the Montgomery Medal, open to all the pupils of the Art School.

Irene Rowell has passed first year Science Examination at Durham.

Anny Thornton, who is also at Durham, has passed second year Arts Examination.

Louisa Bowes is now teaching dancing in Newcastle.

Isabel Hodge has gained the Armstrong College Teaching Certificate in Art.

Ella Lowes, who is at Durham, has passed the first year Honours History Examination.

Muriel Segal has been travelling in Europe as the representative of several Sydney newspapers.

Isabel Imeary has gained the Froebel Teachers' Certificate.

Kathleen McGowan has passed the first year Arts Examination at Durham.

Nancy Gibson has passed the London Intermediate Examination. She is now working for French Honours.

Mildred Gibbs has a post as History Mistress at the Manchester High School.

THE OLD GIRLS' PLAY.

Bayard Veiller's play, "The Thirteenth Chair," was produced by the Old Girls Dramatic Society on Friday and Saturday the 12th and 13th of February, at the School, and both audience and players are to be congratulated, the former on a thoroughly enjoyable evening and the latter on a task well done.

The play is a good one, and interest was maintained from start to finish. Edward Wales is murdered in the dark at a spiritualistic seance at which it transpires later he has arranged with Mme. La Grange to denounce, as the murderer of his friend, a certain Helen. To Madame's surprise the Helen is her own daughter whom she did not expect to meet. Inspector Donohue has information which leads him to suspect Helen and he tries to saddle her with the murder of both Edward Wales and his friend. The unravelling of the mystery and the ultimate confession of Philip Mason proved enthralling.

Miss Phyllis Comrie's portrayal of the part of Madame La Grange was excellent, a well balanced, finished and most pleasing presentation. Major Morrison ably doubled the parts of Edward Wales and Inspector Donohue and was convincing in each, and Mr. Graham Barrow gave one of his finished performances as Roscoe Crosby. Mr. Eric Wilson played well the difficult role of Philip Mason and Miss Gladys Brewis as Mary Eastwood cleverly imbued the part with the required "cattiness." Miss Violet Wilkinson made a charming and sympathetic Helen O'Neill, and to all the others is due their meed of praise, even to the voice "without" the owner of which doubtless helped also with the work "behind," which, though not always appreciated, must be, and was, well done to produce so successful a result.

One or two of the minor parts were occasionally played in a slightly staccato manner, the endeavour to appear spontaneous producing jerkiness, especially when challenging the methods of the police. The general grouping and movement were good, but standing near the centre is best avoided, especially on a small stage.

It was pleasing to see that all were playing their parts all the time. The make up of the men in several cases could have been improved upon. A further criticism, which, like the foregoing, is put forward in no carping spirit, is that "lines" should be as perfect as possible, and although no serious hitch occurred, several times a little hesitation and groping for cues was noticed. There are three essentials for a good production; perfection of lines, intelligence in the conception of a part, and clearness of diction, the first can be acquired and the other two were evident, and these combined with the talent available in the club, should encourage the members to go forward to another conquest.

THE CASTE WAS AS FOLLOWS :

Roscoe Crosby	...	...	...	Mr. E. P. Graham Barrow
William Crosby	...	...	...	Mr. Geoffrey Whitfield
Edward Wales	...	...	...	Major Morrison
Braddish Trent	...	...	...	Mr. John Regnalt
Howard Standish	...	...	...	Mr. Derek Wyard
Philip Mason	...	...	...	Mr. Eric Wilson
Pollock	...	...	...	Miss Doris Reid
Inspector Donohue	...	...	...	Major Morrison
Sergeant Dunn	...	...	...	Mr. Norman Roper
Helen O' Neill	...	...	...	Miss Violet Wilkinson
Mrs. Crosby	...	...	...	Miss Sophie Poulsen
Mary Eastwood	...	...	...	Miss Gladys Brewis
Helen Trent	...	...	...	Miss Eleanor Hair
Elizabeth Erskine	...	...	...	Miss Moira Fowler
Grace Standish	...	...	...	Miss Kathleen Brewis
Mme. Rosalie La Grange	...	...	...	Miss Phyllis Comrie

BLUE HOUSE NOTES.

BLUE HOUSE OFFICIALS.

House Captain :	K. Parker	Swimming Captain :	E. Simon.
Vice ,,	E. Simon	Cricket ,,	K. Spencer
Hockey ,,	K. Parker	Tennis ,,	K. Parker
Lacrosse ,,	K. Spencer	Sports ,,	S. Parker
Netball ,,	K. Parker		

JUNIOR HOUSE OFFICIALS.

Hockey Captain :	D. Thompson	Cricket Captain :	B. Harper
Netball ,,	V. Dodds	Tennis ,,	J. Evers

TROPHIES WON BY BLUE HOUSE (1925-26)

Lacrosse Cup	Senior Tennis Cup
Junior Hockey Cup	Junior Gym. Championship
Marching Cup (Spring Term)	Senior Tennis Championship
Music Shield	

The general standard of the House Hockey was high. We are very proud of our Juniors, who managed to win the Cup after a hard fight with Red in the final. The Seniors reached the final, and were beaten by White 2-0.

In the Senior Netball matches we did quite well, tying with Orange for second place. The Juniors were also second with five goals, Orange being first with nine. Juniors must learn to pass more accurately on reaching the circle, and shooters should try to make more of their opportunities. However, they lost nothing through lack of perseverance.

The House Tennis, I am glad to say, has improved immensely since last year. We were all very pleased when our Seniors won the Cup, and though the Juniors were defeated by Red in the final, after an exceedingly close match, we were proud of them too. We congratulate Cecily Wilson on winning the School Championship, and also Joyce Evers, Junior Captain, on reaching the final of the Junior Championship, where she was beaten by Kitty Haswell, who deserves hearty congratulations.

Although we lost the Swimming Shield this year, the House swam quite well, and there are some very promising beginners. We were proud to have two Blue House members in the inter-schools relay team, and also the fact that of the six school girdles awarded for swimming, two were gained by members of Blue House.

The House Lacrosse Team was very successful in the House matches this year, and won the Cup, beating Orange in the final. It was due to the fact that everyone was keen and consequently turned up regularly for practices. Our Report Record this year has been a disgrace to an otherwise good house. In the Spring Term we were third, and in the other terms fourth. It is usually individual "slackers" who let the House down, and it would be as well for these people to realise that if the House is to do better in future, *everyone* must 'do their bit.' Our Neatness Reports also were far too numerous and mostly due to carelessness.

The marching of the House, on the whole, was good. In the Michaelmas Term we were second with White. In the Spring Term we were all delighted when we won it, but unfortunately lost it again the following term, being third. We should like to congratulate Margaret Morrow on winning the Junior Gymnastic Cup. We are very proud of her.

We were in the final of the Senior House Cricket matches, but lost to White. The Juniors were not so successful, and were beaten by Orange in the first round.

The Sports heats were not run off in houses, but Blue had a great many finalists, though we did not win any of the cups.

In the Music Competition, Blue House won the Shield with a total of 63½ marks. Our thanks are due to the Middle School for their excellent work on this occasion, and we must congratulate K. Richardson on the ability she showed; the Juniors also worked splendidly.

We were only third for the Gardening Cup, although all the gardeners worked hard.

At the end of the year, we possessed five cups and a shield, which was a good average. Everyone, with few exceptions, has worked hard throughout the year, and I heartily congratulate my successor on becoming captain of such a sporting and loyal House. I wish them all the best of luck in future.

KATHLEEN PARKER.

ORANGE HOUSE NOTES.

HOUSE OFFICIALS.

House Captain :	Ella Stevens	Sen. Sports Capt.	N. Harrison
Vice	„ Signe Riple	Swimming	„ E. Stevens
	(Autumn Term)	Music	„ E. Stevens and
„	Helen Watson		M. Widdas.
„ (Spring and Summer Terms)		Sen. Head Gardener :	N. Harrison
S. Netball Capt.	Signe Riple	Jun. Netball Captain :	M. Davison
	(Autumn Term)	Jun. Hockey	„ J. Widdas
„	Nellie Harrison	Jun. Tennis	„ D. Hall
	(Spring Term)	Jun. Cricket	„ M. Davison
Sen. Hockey	„ E. Stevens	Jun. Sports	„ M. Featonby
Sen. Tennis	„ D. Reed	Lacrosse	„ K. Oldroyd
Sen. Cricket	„ E. Stevens	Jun. Head Gardeners :	M. Davison
			and V. Thorp

TROPHIES.

Music Shield (Autumn and Spring Terms)	Marching Cup (Autumn and Summer Terms)
Junior Netball Cup.	Honours Cup (Autumn Term)
Neatness Cup (Spring and Summer Terms)	Junior Sports Cup (Summer Term)
	Report Trophy (Autumn Term)

In September 1925, Orange House held five trophies, and in July 1926, their number was reduced to four. At no time during the year did we hold more than six trophies. The House has not done badly, but at times keenness and perseverance were lacking.

In respect of reports the House has become definitely worse. The large numbers of reports are due mostly to a few people who make a practice of having two or three each term.

Orange Netball was good. The seniors tied with Blue for second place, whilst the juniors won the cup through a splendid performance. The senior Hockey was very poor. The great reason for the lack of combination in the team was, that only eighteen seniors played hockey and as one or two people were unable to play, the team had to be made up of almost anyone who could play, whether they had practised together or not. The juniors made a much better show and were beaten after a good game. The Lacrosse team played much better than was expected, although consistent practice is still needed.

Orange Tennis was quite good but both seniors and juniors must practise steadily. More enthusiasm is needed for Cricket. The juniors were keener than the seniors and so played a better game. Swimming was quite good, but if more people would go to the baths regularly and practise steadily the standard would be raised a great deal.

Orange House Music was very good, the seniors were especially strong.

There is much room for improvement in the gardens, but the gardeners have worked very well.

We are very gratified to have held the marching and neatness cups for two terms during the year. Orange drill was very good, and if more people would turn up regularly at drill practices it would be better still. The neatness was excellent.

Our seniors did not do very well at the sports, but the juniors did excellently. Mary Featonby did splendidly and deserves special congratulations. The House has had quite a successful year on the whole. A few members were rather slack, but although we have not won a great number of trophies, most people were very keen and have worked splendidly.

Our congratulations to White House who have won so many trophies.

The best of luck to Orange House in the future and to its new captain.

ELLA STEVENS.

RED HOUSE NOTES.

House Captains :	E. McSweeney	Tennis Captain :	M. Simpson
	(Winter Term)	Cricket	„ C. Wilson
„	P. Nicholls	Swimming	„ E. McSweeney
	(Easter and Summer Terms)	Jun. Tennis	„ N. Scott
Hockey Captain :	D. Owen	Jun. Hockey,	„ M. Preacher
Netball	„ P. Nicholls	Jun. Netball,	„ M. Hogg
Lacrosse	„ R. Salkeld		

TROPHIES WON DURING YEAR 1925-26

Junior Tennis	Swimming Shield
Reports Trophy (Easter and Summer Terms)	Junior Tennis Championship

During this year, 1925-26, we have not distinguished ourselves in the matter of cup gaining. The House worked well and hard as a team shown by the fact that Red gained the Reports Trophy for both the Easter and Summer Terms,

Having won for us the Junior Tennis Cup the young players deserve special congratulations, especially the second couple who, so young, played well and steadily. The senior tennis was very poor and it is up to everyone to practise as hard as they can to help their house next year. We are very sorry both for our Tennis Captain, M. Simpson, and ourselves that she was unable to play for us. However, Kitty Haswell recompensed the House by winning the junior tennis championship, for which we heartily congratulate her.

We were very proud when we won the Swimming Shield in the Christmas term. Long may we keep it. H. Grey deserves the sincere congratulations of the House for having brought honour to her school and House by winning the Swimming Shield for which children from all schools competed.

The hockey, cricket, netball, and lacrosse of the House are disgraceful, both seniors and juniors alike. For the lacrosse, we could not even make up a full team, let alone win. There are far too many members of Red House, who are physically able to, yet through sheer laziness don't play games. I sincerely hope for the sake of the School, House and themselves that next term they will pull themselves together and take up sports of all kinds.

The gymnastics and drill of the House are very good. I am extremely pleased to see the number of promising Middle and Junior School gymnasts there are in the House.

The deportment is quite good and the people who won their colours are to be congratulated.

We are very pleased that we came in such good seconds for the sports, gardening and neatness Cups. Let us hope next year we shall be first! So, in summarizing our year's work, I think Red is quite justified in feeling proud that, although few cups were won, the House gave other houses as good a fight as it was able.

Before I conclude, I should like first to say how sorry we of Red House were to lose E. McSweeney at the end of the Autumn Term and, secondly, to wish the House and the new captain the best luck in the future.

PAT NICHOLLS

WHITE HOUSE NOTES.

HOUSE OFFICIALS.

House Captain :	D. Wilks	S. Lacrosse Capt.	P. Blench
Vice	„ M. Barker	Sen. Swim. „	M. Smith
	(Autumn Term)	Sen. Sports „	M. Stewart
„	„ M. Stewart	Sen. Music „	D. Dryburgh
	(Spring and Summer Term)	Jun. Hockey,,	R. Scott
Sen. Netball,,	M. Stewart	Jun. Netball,,	C. Martin
Sen. Hockey,,	D. Wilks	Jun. Tennis „	K. Waugh
Sen. Tennis „	P. Blench	Jun. Cricket,,	D. Robson
Sen. Cricket,,	D. Wilks		

TROPHIES, 1925-26

Senior Netball Shield	Sports Championship Cup
Senior Hockey Cup	Junior Cricket Cup
Senior Cricket Cup	Gardening Cup
Honours Cup (Spring and Summer Term)	Henshelwood Netball Cup
Sports Cup	Henshelwood Gymnastics Cup (with Orange House)

At the end of the Summer Term, our House was very proud of of being the possessor of the most cups—eleven altogether. This was mainly due to the hard work of the Seniors, the Juniors only managing to win the Junior Cricket Cup, which, however, they thoroughly deserved.

We must congratulate M. Alderson on winning the Sports Championship, and also T. Olloman on winning the Individual Gymnastics Championship. We are all very proud of them.

The Seniors won the Hockey Cup after a hard fight against Blue House in the final, the result being 2-1 in our favour. The Juniors were beaten in the first round by Blue House, which subsequently won the Cup. There is room for a great deal of improvement in their play which will only be attained by hard practice.

The Seniors won the Netball Shield, mainly owing to the brilliant shooting of their captain, M. Stewart, although the rest of the team played very well indeed, and put a great deal of spirit into their play. The Juniors again were unsuccessful, although they did their best. Here again hard practice is necessary.

We were beaten in the first round of the Lacrosse by Blue. Our team was inferior to those of the other houses, owing to the small number of people who play; in fact, we were lucky to be able to field a whole team. I do hope more people will play next year, and enable us to produce a better team.

The Seniors won the Cricket Cup, the final being played against Blue House, neither house having a full team.

In the Spring and Summer Terms we won the Honours Cup. We must congratulate Elizabeth Burns on winning the Junior Scholarship.

At the end of the Summer Term, White House won the Gardening Cup. The gardeners did not work as hard as they might have done, there being a tendency to rely on one or two people.

The swimming was a great disappointment. There are very few people in our House who can swim, and it is to be hoped that there will be more next year.

We were all specially pleased when we heard that we had tied with Orange House for the Henshelwood Gymnastics Cup, and that we had won the Henshelwood Netball Cup, for these are the only two cups that can be won by Henshelwood children, and it augurs well for the future of our House that we have won them both.

A very successful year has been spoilt by the disgraceful number of reports and neatness reports which we managed to accumulate. We were never higher than third any term, and this was mainly due to the carelessness of individuals. I hope there will be a great improvement next year.

Apart from reports, however, I must congratulate the House on having worked hard and loyally the whole year, and sincerely hope that during the ensuing year it will maintain the high standard which it has set this year,

DORA WILKS.

HOCKEY.

MATCH RESULTS.

1st XI v Benton Imps, drawn 4—4.
 1st XI v Sunderland High School, won 5—0.
 1st XI v Newcastle Ladies, won 4—3.
 1st XI v Rutherford College, lost 4—5.
 1st XI v Tynemouth Ladies, won 5—2.
 League. 1st XI v Bishop Auckland, lost 1—4.
 1st XI v Tynemouth Ladies, lost 1—5.
 1st XI v Newcastle Ladies, lost 1—4.
 1st XI v Rutherford College, lost 1—2.
 1st XI v Sunderland High School, won 4—0.
 Lazenby Cup. 1st XI v Bishop Auckland High School, won 11—0.
 2nd XI v St. Margaret's High School, drawn 1—1.
 2nd XI v Rutherford College, won 5—1.

HOUSE MATCHES.

Senior Cup.—Blue	}	Blue	}	White 2-1
Red	}	7-1		
White	}	White		
Orange	}	5-0		
Junior Cup.—Blue	}	Blue	}	Blue 1-0
White	}	1-0		
Orange	}	Red		
Red	}	1-0		

The XI's were on the whole successful in their matches. Each member of the team worked hard in practices to improve the team play.

Other players were not so keen, and practices—even the few which the weather did allow—were very badly attended. People who do not turn up to games and have no adequate excuse should remember that they are not only slack, but they are preventing other people from having a good game. It is hoped that there will be an improvement in attendances next season.

In the Northumberland and Durham Inter-Schools League we were beaten in the first round by Bishop Auckland County School.

Most schools had to withdraw from their Lazenby Cup matches, and we were left to play Bishop Auckland High School. As the score suggests, the play was very one sided. Our forwards played well and shot accurately.

1st XI.—Goal, D. Wilks. A good goalkeeper, who makes excellent use of her feet.

Backs:—Left, N. Lowes and Right, E. Stevens. Both are very steady players, but are inclined to be rough. They have still to learn the art of marking the opposing inners and playing an attacking game with their halves.

Halves:—Left, J. Henderson, Centre, K. Spencer, Right, K. Greenwood. An excellent line of accurate players, all of whom possess a good style.

Forwards:—Left Wing, J. Evers, Left Inside, M. Mullens or B. Crisp, Centre, K. Parker, Right Inside, E. Watson, Right Wing, S. Parker. The forwards are individually quite good, but very rarely combine to make a good line. The left wing is fast. The centre has an excellent shot. E. Watson played very well in the centre in K. Parker's absence. The right wing plays an untiring game. She should be faster, and must guard against a half-turn when receiving the ball.

Colours were awarded to J. Evers, K. Greenwood, J. Henderson, S. Parker and K. Spencer.

NETBALL.

The Netball Attendance Book for this year is a melancholy sight. Day after day bears the legend, snow, rain, court unfit for play. Tuesday players had no game after October 13th in the Autumn Term, and during the season eight matches were scratched on account of bad weather.

Still, everybody has suffered in the same way and, like King Gama, we do find the world, "most dreadfully flat when there is nothing whatever to grumble at". After all we did enjoy the few practices we had and the few matches we played.

We still have an unbeaten second seven, though in its last match with the Old Girls it had a very hard fight. The first seven played six matches, of which they lost three, won two and drew one. We were very sorry to lose the Captain, Signe Riple, at Christmas; she has been much missed, and for most of the Spring Term Kathleen Parker, the centre, was unable to play. Margaret Blench made a good substitute, but during the whole season the team has never been quite sure of itself.

The League Matches show a new winner this year, Blyth having beaten Bede in the final by 15 goals to 14. This is the last time the Shield will be played for. The Head Mistresses have decided that friendly matches are much better for us than league matches. (We do enjoy them much more, don't we?).

The Old Girls' team is making great progress. It drew with our first seven on February 27th, and has had two matches with the Central Old Girls, the first of which it won 14 to 7, and the second it drew 11 all.

The House matches improve every year. The trophies are retained this year by the Houses that won them last year. In the senior matches White House was first with 42 goals, Blue and Orange tied with 28 goals, and Red, which had the best goal and defence of all the teams, but was weak in shooters and attackers, had 17.

In the junior matches Orange was first with 9 goals, Blue had 8, White had 4, and Red 2.

The teams have varied so much during the season that it is difficult to put them down.

The following have Colours:—S. Riple (Captain 1st Term), D. Owen (Captain 2nd Term), K. Parker, E. Stevens, M. Stewart, P. Patterson and N. Harrison. M. Blench and S. Parker, have also played in the first seven.

The following have played in the second seven:—M. Blench, S. Parker, M. Abram, E. Watson, K. Spencer, K. Oldroyd, K. Greenwood, D. Wilks, E. Simon and G. Armstrong. F. E. DICKINSON.

MATCH RESULTS.

					Goals.			
					1st VII.	2nd VII.		
					For.	Agst.	For.	Agst.
Oct.	24—	v Sunderland High School	...	lost	14	35 w.	19	11
„	31—	v Rutherford College	...	won	30	20 w.	24	18
Jan.	29—	v Old Girls	...	won				
„	30—	v Fenham, Shield Match	...	lost	13	17		
Feb.	27—	v Old Girls	...	drew	12	12 d.	17	17
Mar.	13—	v Sunderland High School	...	lost	19	20 w.	15	13

NETBALL LEAGUE FIXTURES, 1925.

NORTHUMBERLAND.—Division I.

Hexham	} Blyth	}	Blyth
Blyth	} 17—2		
Alnwick	} Alnwick	}	28—9
Newcastle C.	} 25—8		

Division II.

Fenham	} Fenham	}	Blyth
Newcastle H.S.	} 17—13		
Rutherford	} Morpeth	}	Fenham
Morpeth	} 15—14		
Wallsend	Bye	}	16—9
		}	Blyth

DURHAM.—Division I.

W. Hartlepool	} Durham	}	Bede
Durham C.	} 16—15		
Sunderland H. S.	} Bede	}	Bede
Bede	} 14—5		

Division II.

Durham H. S.	} B. Auckland
B. Auckland	} 10—4

LACROSSE, 1925—26.

During this season there has been considerable improvement, which has not been confined to members of the team. More effort has been made to play carefully, and to attain finish, so better results have been gained with less loss of energy. This was particularly noticeable in the House matches, where one team, Blue House, showed a combination and cleanness of play far in advance of anything hitherto seen.

Owing to bad weather few matches were played and the team never reached any very settled condition. Colours were awarded to C. Caris, 1925, S. Parker, 1926.

Matches.—1st XII and Old Girls v. Durham Ladies ... Drawn 6—6
 “A” Team v. Newcastle Ladies Lost 6—1

R. Carr Ellison (Goal).—Shows promise and has a good idea when to come out. Must practise long throwing, and try to pass from goal with greater judgment.

K. Greenwood (Point).—Very neat and safe. An excellent defence, intercepting and passing well. Stickwork good.

E. Simon (Coverpoint).—Works very hard, but is clumsy in dodging and stickwork.

E. Watson (Third man).—Very neat and safe, both in attack and defence. Has excellent judgment, stickwork good.

C. Caris (Captain) (Right Defence).—Works hard, but is rather slow, more practice in dodging and stickwork needed.

S. Parker (Left Defence).—A new player who has done extremely well. Stickwork must still be improved, but this should come with practice.

M. Alderson (Centre).—Catches well and has pace, but must remember that she is the link in the team, and pass sooner to the attack. At present she leaves too much to third man. Stickwork weak.

K. Spencer (Right Attack).—Has pace, but does not always use it. Catching and stickwork weak.

J. Evers.—Left Attack.—Has pace, but lacks judgment in catching and passing.

P. Blench (Third Home).—Has hard shot, but should run about more, and not press so far on to goal. Stickwork could improve.

P. Patterson (Second Home).—A very neat and quick player, catching well and working very hard. Should learn to shoot hard from all angles.

E. Stevens (First Home).—Works hard, but is slow. Passing and stickwork clumsy.

E. M. ELLERSHAW. M. FORD.

TENNIS.

Tennis this year has received a great impetus. Through the kindness of the Governors we have become the proud possessors of five courts "over the wall," in addition to the two in the playground, and so we can play on all but the wettest days.

The results of this are already visible. Junior Tennis has improved remarkably, relatively more than senior tennis, though there too has been improvement. The team, too, have really worked and improved this year. Beginning rather shakily, and with little combination, the couples practised hard, and at the end of the term successfully carried off the Secondary Schools' League Shield.

Team.—Kathleen Parker.

Shirley Parker.

Peggy Blench.

Cecily Wilson.

M. Simpson, M. Widdas, K. Spencer and P. Patterson also played for the School. Colours were awarded to P. Blench, S. Parker, C. Wilson and M. Widdas.

MATCHES.

Newcastle High School	v Old Girls	...	...	lost 48—38
School	v Grove	...	...	lost 38—35
Newcastle High School	v Central	...	...	lost 44—20
"	" " v Rutherford	...	...	won 48—20
"	" 2nd Team v St. Margaret's	...	...	lost 37—36
"	High School v Sunderland	...	...	lost 46—30
"	" "A" Team v Staff	...	...	lost 62—37
"	" "B" " v Staff	...	...	lost 54—45

The High Schools Shield Match was played at Sunderland on July 10th.

Result—Sunderland High School	...	97 games.
Central High School	...	} 85 "
Newcastle High School	...	
Durham High School	...	45 "

The Secondary Schools League—

Durham H.S.	}	N.H.S.	}	N.H.S.	}
Newcastle H.S.		32—21			
Tynemouth Mun.	}	Rutherford	}	45—21	
Rutherford C.		43—34			
Alnwick (Scr'td.)	}	Durham	}	C.N.H.S.	
Durham C.S.		bye			
Sunderland H.S.	}	Central	}	N.H.S.	
Central H.S.		41—34				41—37

The Singles Championship was won by Cecily Wilson, who beat Margaret Widdas, 4—6, 6—3, 6—4.

The Junior Championship was won by Kitty Haswell, who beat Joyce Evers by 12 games to 10.

The House Matches—

Blue	}	Blue	}	Blue
Orange				
Red	}	White	}	48—24
White				

Junior House Matches—

Blue	}	Blue	}	Red
Orange				
Red	}	Red	}	46—40
White				

Altogether play has been better and keener. Owing to the new courts, we were able to have an American Tournament one Saturday, which revealed several new players. Also, the Staff have been able to play matches with different School teams, and so many more people have had match practice. If they will only work hard, there should be many candidates for the vacant places in the team next year.

E. M. ELLERSHAW.

PHYSICAL TRAINING.

Individual Gymnastics Cup.—Thora Olloman.

Junior.—Margaret Morrow.

Drill Competition.—

Autumn Term	...	Orange House.
Spring Term	...	Blue House.
Summer Term	...	Orange House.

NEATNESS CUP.

Autumn Term	...	Red House.
Spring Term	...	Orange House.
Summer Term	...	Orange House.

HONOURS CUP.

Autumn Term	...	Orange House.
Spring Term	...	White House.
Summer Term	...	White House.

CRICKET.

We had a very successful cricket season this year, for although we only played two matches—against Miss Thompson's School and Newcastle Ladies—we won them both by quite a creditable margin.

The Senior and Junior House Cricket Cups were both won by White House.

Congratulations are due to Joyce Evers, Kitty Spencer and Noëlle Vernier, on winning their colours.

MATCH RESULTS.

Miss Thompson's; 1st innings, 28 runs

2nd „ 23 runs

Newcastle C.H.S.; 103 runs for 2 wickets; declared.

Newcastle Ladies; 34 runs.

Newcastle H.S.; 61 runs.

HOUSE MATCHES.

Senior Cup—Red House, 30 runs	}	White	}	White
White House, 46 runs	}	56 runs		
Orange House, 48 runs	}	Blue		
Blue House, 58 runs	}	36 runs		
Junior Cup—Red House, 10 runs	}	White 45 runs for	}	White
White House, 11 runs	}	6 wickets declared		
Blue House, 15 runs	}	Orange		
Orange House, 20 runs	}	4 runs		

D. WILKS, Vice-Captain.

SWIMMING.

The Inter-School Competition was held at the Chillingham Road Baths on Thursday, July 15th.

The senior race was won by Rutherford College, as were the Intermediate and Beginners' Race, and the Diving Competition. The Style Competition was won by the Central High School and Bessie Maconochie won the Old Girls' Race for the Central High School.

Our achievement consisted in winning the Team Race. Our team were H. Grey, (1); J. Widdas, (2); B. Basham, (3); E. Stevens, (4). Ella Stevens was a very good second in the Senior Race. The prizes were presented by Rear Admiral Crisp, who amused us all by telling us how and when he saw a mermaid.

The pulling down of the Northumberland Baths has interfered a good deal with swimming practice this year, but we are hoping great things of the new baths which we are to have in two years time.

We have had a very good Swimming Captain in Ella Stevens this year. Not only has she been our best swimmer, but she has taken keen interest in the prowess of everyone practising at the Baths, and her interest has meant a great deal to all would-be swimmers. It is nice to know that she will be swimming for her House as an Old Girl on October 18th.

F. E. DICKINSON.

THE SPORTS.

The Sports were held on June 1st. King Sol was unusually considerate on this occasion, and contributed largely to their success.

The Championship winners, Muriel Alderson, Senior Section, and Mary Featonby, Junior Section, were exceptionally good, and deserve heartiest congratulations for their excellent achievements. White House were the winners of both the Senior Cup and the Junior Cup.

A novel feature of the sports was the "catching a train" obstacle race, which afforded much amusement both to spectators and competitors. The successful entrant was Ella Stevens, who managed to arrive in time to have a chat with the guard and tip the porter before the train started. Other competitors were just in time to see the happy smile on the face of the guard when the train was some distance beyond the platform.

We should like to thank the staff for their invaluable assistance at the heats, and on the actual sports day.

SPORTS RESULTS.

Senior Races.

220 yds. Flat Race—M. Alderson.
100 yds. „ „ M. Alderson.
Long Jump—B. Crisp, 13 ft. 5 ins.
High Jump—M. Alderson.
Cricket Ball—E. Stevens, 54 yds., 2½ ft.
Obstacle—L. Wilson.

Junior.

M. Featonby.
M. Featonby.
M. Featonby.
R. Carr Ellison.
N. Lamb, 45 yds.
J. Evers.

HENSHELWOOD.

	Over 10.	Under 10.
Flat—	S. Nicholson.	S. Reid.
Egg and Spoon—	P. Purnell.	S. Reid.
Potato Potting—	H. Hounsfield.	V. Brown.
Post Cart—	B. Teasdale.	E. Cumberlege.
House Relay—	White House.	
Staff and Old Girls—	Miss Comrie.	

Under 7.
(M. Newcombe.
(L. Grey.
P. Fairservice.

GUIDES.

10th NEWCASTLE COMPANY.

Guides: Captain, M. Ford; Lieutenants; E. M. Ellershaw, K. Walpole.

Patrols: *Acorn*: Patrol Leaders: D. Rutter, D. Leader; *Bantam*: Patrol Leader: C. Caris; *Cornflower*: Patrol Leader: F. Hall; *Forget-me-not*: Patrol Leaders: S. Ripple, E. Herbert; *Scarlet Pimpernel*: P. Pimm.

Secretary: P. Pimm; *Treasurers:* C. Caris, F. Hall; *Librarians:* P. Merivale, F. Hall.

Best All Round Guide.—The picture of Sir Galahad was awarded by almost unanimous vote to Peggy Pimm.

Patrol Cup Competition.—The Cup was again won by the 8th Newcastle, J. Simon's patrol having the highest marks. The Forget-me-not patrol (S. Riple) was second.

Rally.—In the Rally the North Newcastle district presented a pageant of Noble Women, in which two of the 10th took part, Margaret Hogg as Joan of Arc, and Rita Carr-Ellison as Grizel Cochrane.

Camp.—Twenty-one Guides and two Guiders went to camp at Barrasford for the first week in August. Throughout the week the weather was glorious and, more wonderful still, our insect friends who usually make their holiday with us had gone elsewhere. However, a wasps' nest beside the bridge was a centre of interest, especially to the junior guides. Other attractions were the stream, into which no one fell, marvellous to relate, and the farm.

Owing perhaps to the greater number of juniors we never went very far afield this year. One expedition was made to the Chesters, but apart from this the company kept near home. Several trails were set, including the most successful one on the last morning. This was followed by the whole company in record time. Other excitements were two camp fires and a tea party for our friends from the farm, after which we had an impromptu entertainment.

The end of our week came very quickly and after wild struggles with all sizes of packages, we arrived safely back in Newcastle.

8TH NEWCASTLE CAMP.

(With apologies to Julius Cæsar).

A suitable place having been chosen at Thorneyburn and the Guides having been called together from all patrols, they set out about the eleventh hour in a charabanc; and a journey of 43 miles having been accomplished in four hours, they arrived at Thorneyburn safe to a guide, with full kit, and pitched a camp there, near the bank of a stream. Some of our guides deposited baggage while others erected the tents and fixed them by means of pegs each after the manner of a stake, directly upright but sloping at an angle.

This is the kind of life which the guides lead. They do not live much on cake but for the most part on bread and tinned goods, and are much engaged in seeking wood for the fire. These things, together with the kind of food, the daily exercise and the freedom of life, since from tenderfoot-hood they have been used to help and obey, both nourishes their strength and makes them guides of great bodily strength. They train themselves in the guide customs even in the coldest places to wear nothing on their legs and feet except shoes, on account of whose small size a great part of their legs is left bare, and to wash themselves and the mugs and plates in the stream.

Visitors are allowed to approach, more that the Guides may have those from whom they may learn news, than that they wish to tell them anything. For this is guide custom! the guides surround the visitors and provide them with tea and force them to announce publicly from whence they have come and what they have learned there,

On the third day after the arrival in camp four of our Guides under the lieutenant Miss Hanson, having been sent forward, laid tracks through the territory of a neighbouring family and were followed up by the remaining part of the 8th Company. Miss Hanson, whom I have mentioned above, having returned home, Miss Frodsham chose Miss Mathews to sleep in the camp, thinking her to be a suitable person.

Having obtained suitable weather, Miss Frodsham thought that the stream ought to be crossed and the mountain climbed. The reason of the crossing was that for many days they had been harassed by cooking, hard pressed by midges, and prevented from making wide incursions. Nine hours altogether having been spent on the moors our guides returned to camp about the seventh hour.

Our guides having been informed of the plan of their leader, rose from their beds about the third watch, and the signal having been given, set out in the direction in which they knew Otterburn lay. It happened that that night there was a full moon, which fact enabled our guides to see the road clearly.

Seven days altogether having been spent in camp, our guides returned to Newcastle. The charabanc having been wrecked on the way, Miss Frodsham ordered the guides to disperse and the charabanc to be repaired. As this was carried out somewhat slowly by our driver, the guides did not reach Newcastle till the fifth hour.

THE LITERARY SOCIETY.

OFFICIALS, 1925-26.

Presidents : N. Philpott, L. Jobling, E. Stevens.

Vice-Presidents : Miss Osman, Miss Stewart, Miss Walpole.

Secretaries : E. MacSweeney, E. Simon, H. Watson.

Treasurers : K. Parker, S. Parker, G. Eskdale.

In the Autumn Term of this year the Literary Society held two meetings. The plays we read at these meetings were : "She Stoops to Conquer" and "The Rivals," which we believe were greatly enjoyed both by those who read and by those who formed the audience. At the second of these teas we were honoured by the presence of members of the Staff who do not belong to the Society and we hope they enjoyed the play as much as we appreciated their attendance.

The following term we experienced a slight difficulty in the choice of a play. Fortunately, however, we adopted Miss Osman's suggestion of reading a Greek play and so chose "The Bacchae," which we found most interesting. This, we are afraid, rather surprised most of us because since we had not seen or read one before, we had formed a mistaken idea of the play. Miss Osman and Miss Stewart read the parts of the chorus for us, the most difficult to manage, and thus we were able to read without any devastating pauses occurring.

In the Summer Term again we were only able to have one Literary meeting as it was too difficult for many of the Sixth to come before their examinations. Therefore the meeting was held near the end of term. On this occasion we read Sir James Barrie's "Quality Street." The players, who entered so completely into the spirit of the play, we cannot praise too highly. The excellence of this production was partly due to the fact that the management had thoughtfully provided certain properties but mainly, we are sure, to the presence of many talented people in the caste. The play proved to be most appropriate to the occasion, and this Literary tea, the last of the year, was, we think, felt by all to be particularly happy.

THE RIVER.

The weeping willows wave i' the wind,
 While they bend to the deep cool water.
 And the fishes play in pool and dell—
 Play in the sand below the swell—
 Play in the mud where the fishes dwell,
 Under stones and rocks and water.

The swift and swallow skim o'er the swell,
 And they swoop to the deep cool water.
 And the billows lap on pebble and stone,
 While by the wind they are roughly blown,
 And the wind in the willows doth howl and moan,
 Both in trees, and o'er the water.

EULALIE RODENHURST.
 Form VIB, Classical.

ON THE DEATH OF A SPARROW.

(From the Latin of Catullus).

Oh, all ye Gods of Life and Love so great,
 And, all ye men whose hearts are good and kind;
 Come, mourn the Sparrow of my lady fair,
 Her pet, her charming one, alas! he's dead!
 And she him loved more than her own eyes,
 For oh, how sweet a bird he was in life!
 So wise; he knew his mistress as a maid
 Knows her own Mother; in her lap he stay'd
 And hopped about her feet, now here, now there;
 And she alone might hear his cheerful chirp.

Alas, that spirit frail has gone afar
 On that grim journey which we all must go,
 From whence no man returneth here again.

Woe to you; wicked shades of Acus dark!
 You who devour all that is food in life!
 How beautiful the sparrow was ye've ta'en!

Woe to the dastard act and to the bird!
 For, through your present cruel theft of life
 My Lady Lestra's eyes that are so fair
 Are red ('tis true!) and swollen by her tears.

FAITH HALL, Form VB, Classical.

THE KITCHEN OF THE PRIMROSE FAMILY.

When you entered the kitchen you realised at once which member of the family had supplied the different contents of the room. To begin with, Mrs Primrose's share, which she considered to be the most important; this share was the pans and the big fire on which they were placed. I am afraid her only interest was in these and in keeping the room tidy, the boys' share in the room being dirty footmarks and untidiness. The solid table in the middle of the room I attribute to the Vicar as he liked solid, unpretentious objects, also the Bible on the smaller table in the window was his. Olivia and Sophia added the ornaments which looked decidedly out of place on the mantel-piece and dresser. They had been bought at neighbouring fairs so they were not distinguished either by beauty or value, but Squire Thornhill had ornaments, so why should not they, thought Olivia.

KATHLEEN GREENWOOD, Form VB, Classical.

TWILIGHT.

The shades of night were softly falling down,
The trees were clothed in mystic twilight grey.
Afar the road a pale white ribbon stretched
Into the dimness of the coming gloom.
The rooks flew cawing to their lofty nests
Among the whispering elms. The moon's bright rim
Was rising slowly o'er the purple hills,
That steeped in dewy shadow rose afar.
Then one by one the twinkling stars came out,
And darkness fell on all the dusky scene.

JEAN SINCLAIR, Form IVA,

The evening draws its dusky vale around,
The moon rose palely in the sapphire sky,
The stars, her children, came out one by one
And all drew silent 'neath Eve's magic spell.
Across the silence came a sweet bird's note,
Strangely weird and sadly came the call,
Calling nature's night life to awake.
The stars in all their glory answered not,
But from the wood came forth the answer clear,
Showing that nature's night life was awakened.

NANCY MACKAY, Form IVA.