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Head Girl	Shirley Parker.
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Head of Blue House	Shirley Parker.
„ Orange „	Peggy Pimm.
„ Red „	Betty Crisp.
„ White „	Dora Wilks.
„ „ „	...	(Spring and Summer Terms)	Faith Hall.
Hockey Captain „	Shirley Parker.
Netball	Phyllis Patterson.
Tennis	Shirley Parker.
Lacrosse Captain	Connie Caris.
Cricket „	Noëlle Vernier.
Swimming „	Joan Simon.
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FOREWORD TO THE OLD GIRLS.

The publication of the Magazine gives me a welcome opportunity of sending to the Old Girls, and to all who take a friendly interest in us, a greeting and our School news.

News of the routine is interesting when one has shared in its working and in its formation. Now that some of it will be modified, I want you to know that it is the same in essentials, and, we hope, you will think, improved in detail.

The changes are mainly these :—The Junior School has been transferred to Tankerville House which is exactly opposite the northern half of the School premises in Tankerville Terrace; a large Science laboratory has been built adjoining the northern end of the School, standing on pillars, so that it is level with the first floor, and has the old drawing pantry converted into its passage of access. The space north of the playground gate under the laboratory has been used to build a Botany and Geography laboratory. The building of the laboratories has encroached to the smallest possible extent on the playground, but some pillars stand within the boundary of the former large netball court (although the tennis courts are not touched) so that the house gardens have had to be transferred, with their soil and their flowers, to the front of the School, giving ample room to shift the netball court clear of the pillars.

Some of the advantages of these changes are that the Juniors will have the daily use of the gymnasium and playground, and the Science (including Geography) Art, Music and handwork lessons of both Seniors and Juniors will have special rooms for each subject.

There is another change to record, namely, that I am returning to 5, Henshelwood Terrace, as my dwelling house, and giving up the Grove. The financial uncertainty of the past months and various other reasons, which include the large increase in the number of convenient 'buses, have made the course of leaving such an expensive house seem wise. I still have seventeen boarders with me and it is a matter for regret that some of my former boarders are shut out by lack of space.

I hope and expect we shall all like the house as much as we did from 1913 to 1916, when we lived there with my sister and Miss Dickinson.

The eleven years at the Grove have been delightful. I hope that they have also been useful to the School in various ways, notably in providing a playing field, which, if not perfect, was, at any rate, practicable and always at our disposal.

In this connection it is splendid news that our Treasurer, Mr. Hugh Pybus, has succeeded in obtaining a good ground large enough for lacrosse and hockey, near to the School. This will be paid for in the first place by the Games Capital Fund, and secondly by our future efforts.

The Games Capital Fund was greatly augmented by the Bazaar. It is described elsewhere, so I will only say here firstly that it was an unqualified success throughout, and secondly that the Old Girls contributed splendidly to this in every way.

The Old Girls' Club flourishes. Its members are now 299, and its activities are always a very great pleasure to me, and its members are a tremendous help to the School. This is a subject on which I should like to dwell if it were not that I have taken so much space already that I had better stop and say, Au revoir.

L. M. GURNEY.

EDITORIAL.

Though much enthusiasm has been shown this year in contributing articles for the Magazine, we should like to see this keenness more evenly distributed. While some forms have produced more good verses and stories than it was possible to include here, others have made very few voluntary efforts. This has made selection difficult, but we hope that those whose contributions have not been inserted this time will not be discouraged, and that their names will appear in some future issue.

Next year we want to include at least one article from every form in the School, and since the committee have expressed their wish to see more humour in the Magazine, we hope some efforts will be made in this direction. Literature, without a little humour, can be as flavourless as potatoes eaten without salt, though in both cases an overdose may be equally unpleasant.

Besides what was probably the most enjoyable event of the year for those who accompanied Miss Gurney—the holiday in Switzerland—several less ambitious school journeys have been made. The trip to Borcovicus was, as usual, a very popular day's outing, while that made to Darlington to witness the total eclipse on June 29th, in spite of the outrageously early hour of departure, was one which we shall always remember with a thrill of pleasure. Full accounts of both these have been inserted, and our best thanks are due to Miss Osman and Miss Weedon for organising so successfully the respective expeditions.

The weather proved so unsettled on the day fixed by Miss Stuart for the Junior Literary Society picnic at the end of the Summer Term, that it had to be cancelled at the last minute. We had intended to go to Stocksfield, but by reading poems about the country, playing out-of-door games, having country dances, and eating our tea in true picnic fashion, it was no difficult task to imagine that we were miles from Newcastle, instead of in our own gymnasium.

Two visits to the Theatre were arranged during the year. The first was to see "Macbeth" acted by the Baynton Company, when in spite of our going in a suitable frame of mind to witness a Shakespearian tragedy, we were all highly amused to see the part of Lady Macduff's little son, played by a tall and rather ungainly youth of about eighteen. The second was to see Sir Frank Benson's Company perform "She Stoops to Conquer." The latter was very well acted, and we found the absurd escapades of Tony Lumpkin most entertaining.

We hope that the School year 1927-1928, will bring good luck and happiness to all of us. During term time, it might do us all good to think of the words of Prince Henry in Henry IV, Part I, for there is much truth in them:—

"If all the year were playing holidays,
To sport would be as tedious as to work,
But when they seldom come, they wished for, come."

S. BRICE, September, 1927.

EXAMINATIONS.

July, 1926.

National Froebel Union—Part I - - - - M. Stell.

University of Durham Higher Certificate—N. Philpott (distinction in English).

University of Durham School Certificate—

Honours—K. Sinclair (excused Matriculation, distinction in R. Knowledge, Latin and French).*Pass*—G. Armstrong, R. Berkley, E. Brotherton, C. Caris, B. Crisp (distinction in English), S. Chicken, B. Cuthbertson, W. Eltringham, J. Griffith-Young, N. Harrison, T. Hinchcliffe, D. Morris, P. Nichols (distinction in English and History), K. Oldroyd, K. Parker, P. Patterson, B. Reed, E. Robinson, R. Salkeld, M. Stell, M. Stewart, V. Taylor, N. Vernier, N. Whitfield (distinction in English).

London Matriculation - - - - E. Simon.

December, 1926.

University of Durham School Certificate—

J. Burgh, C. Caris, E. Docherty (distinction in History), D. Morris (excused Matriculation, distinctions in French and Latin), G. Philpott, P. Pimm, M. Stell (excused Matriculation, distinction in English).

July, 1927.

Entrance to St. Hugh's, Oxford - - - - L. Jobling.

London Matriculation: Entrance to Westfield College - - - - E. Forgie.

University of Durham School Certificate—

Honours—

F. Hall (distinction in History, Latin and French).

J. Hedley (distinction in English and Geography).

Pass—

M. Abram, M. Campbell, D. Eltringham, J. Evers, E. Forgie, M. George, K. Haswell, A. Heath (distinction in Geography), M. Ison, M. Lough, E. Nixon, P. Patterson (distinction in Mathematics), N. Porter, E. Rodenhurst (distinction in Geography), R. Scott (distinction in Geography), D. Thomson, B. Telford, M. Widdas, E. Woolf.

Completed Matriculation—

S. Chicken, E. Docherty (distinction in Geography), J. Griffith-Young, N. Vernier.

Associated Board of the Royal Academy and Royal College of Music—

December, 1926.

Local Centre Examinations—

Intermediate Grade - - - - M. Widdas.

Local School Examinations—

Higher Division - - - - M. Hunter.

Lower „ - - - - M. Walker.

„ „ - - - - Z. Moore.

March 1927.

Local Centre Examinations—

Intermediate Grade (Piano) - - - - M. Smith.

„ „ (Rudiments of Music) - C. Wilson.

Local School Examinations—

Higher Division - - - - K. Richardson.

Elementary Division - - - - M. Gordon, N. Lunn.

June, 1927.

Local School Examinations—

Lower Division - - B. Firth, A. Morson, M. Strong, B. Vrint.
 Elementary Division - . - - M. Graham, M. Lowther.

THE PRIZE GIVING.

The Prize Giving was held in the King's Hall, Armstrong College, on Friday, November 26th, 1926. The prizes and certificates were presented by the Dowager Countess Allendale.

SCHOLARSHIPS.

Year 1926-27.

Governors' Scholarship—Senior - - - - Kathleen Sinclair.
 „ „ Junior - - - - Elizabeth Burns.

Year 1927-28.

Governors' Scholarship—Senior - - - - Faith Hall.
 „ „ Junior—

(i) Elizabeth Burns, who will hold it 1928-1929 as she already holds it, 1926-1928.

(ii) Margaret Abram, Alisoun Cumberlege (1927-1928).

BAZAAR, 1927.

A Bazaar in aid of the Games Capital Fund was held on Friday, 27th May.

Mrs. Anne R. Dalgleish, Lady Sheriff of Newcastle, and a former pupil of the School, opened the Bazaar and addressed some helpful and encouraging remarks, more particularly to the girls. She then visited the stalls, making many purchases.

Everyone had co-operated splendidly for some time in preparation for this great day, as the results showed. The stalls were tastefully set out with articles of a useful nature at a reasonable price, consequently the sale was quick.

A special word must be put in here for the members of the Old Girls' Club who so generously supported each of their three stalls, needlework, arts and crafts, and cakes and provisions.

The refreshments were ample and well arranged.

The entertainments formed a pleasant feature of the programme.

The Musical Entertainment and Operetta, under the direction of Miss Brand and the Music Staff, in the afternoon, and a play, "The Rose and the Ring," given by the Senior Elocution Class, under the direction of Mrs. Cumberlege and Miss Pugsley, in the evening, were most successful and well attended.

Possibly the favourable weather conditions which prevailed had much to do with the unusually large attendance.

The Bazaar was in every way an entire success, and the results made us hope that the day may not be far distant when we shall possess a playing field of our own, bought by our united efforts,

BALANCE SHEET, 26th May, 1927.

						£	s.	d.
Donations						46	16	0
Old Girls—Needlework					£71 14 6			
Cakes					£20 0 6			
Art					£22 12 0			
						114	7	0
Bridge Drive						5	6	0
Cinema						3	7	2
Door						18	10	9
Main School—Provisions						34	14	8
Flowers						6	9	7½
Household						36	15	6
Competitions						8	6	7
Arts and Crafts						41	6	5½
Refreshments						54	6	4
Left Luggage							7	2
Henshelwood—Miscellaneous					£30 7 0			
Sweets					£18 5 0			
						48	12	1
Character Delineation						2	16	0
Country Dancing						1	8	1
Postcards							7	1
Bran Tub						4	0	1
Musical Entertainment						25	0	9
Play						18	17	0
						£471	14	4

GAMES CAPITAL FUND.

At the beginning of the Summer Term the amount of Capital on Deposit was	£1,294	3	7
and the amount in the Current Account was	76	1	5
making a Total of	£1,370	5	0

With the Bazaar results, Donations and Interest on the Deposit Account, the amounts at the 24th July were:—

On Deposit	£1,841	18	0
On Current Account	63	8	4
making a Total of	£1,905	6	4

There are some expenses still unpaid from the Bazaar, such as printing, etc., to be deducted from the above sum.

Some further subscriptions have to be added to the above sum.

L. M. GURNEY.

SOCIAL WORK

THE PERSIAN GIRL.

Jehan's behaviour seems to have been very good this year, Miss Lily Hodgshon was in England last February and gave a lecture at School. She told us a great deal about Jehan, and showed us some very interesting "snaps."

The school collections amounted to £10 5s. 4d.

We hope that the accompanying pathetic picture of a collector's duty, will create such sympathy for those who undertake it, that in future the subscriptions will pour in with scarcely any reminder at all.

COLLECTING MONEY IN THE JUNIOR FORMS.

Alas, the time has come again,
When we must beg them, (and in vain),
To listen to our weary strain,

“Please bring, oh bring, us money!”

We want it for “The Persian Girl,”
We cry—our heads all in a whirl,
Our pencils wave, our paper furl,
“Please bring, oh bring, your money.”

They chorus loud in cheerful tune,
“We have forgotten it!” (in June),
In late July they think it funny,
To hear us still—“Please bring your money.”

We wail “the time is getting late!”
We wax persuasive and irate,
But still they laugh, “You’ll have to wait.
Until we bring our money.”

And then arrive the last few days,
And we forget our winning ways,
We frown at all the sinners’ “Nays,”
And we *demand* our money!

Until at last they really do—
(The shock almost o’erpowers you),
But you survive—and smiling too—
At *last* you’ve got your money.

A. COLLECTOR.

THE CATHEDRAL NURSES.

Form VI. £3 0s. 0d., Form VA Class., £6 12s. 0d., Form VB £7 16s. 6d.

Books, magazines, flowers and silver paper were also sent to Miss Abraham, who was very grateful for all contributions.

FLEMING MEMORIAL HOSPITAL.

Form IVA, £8 8s. 0d.; Henshelwood, £13 3s. 0d. Out of the sum collected by IVA, Christmas presents and Easter eggs were bought during the Michaelmas and Lent Terms, some of these being taken to the hospital by the children. A donation was also given. Henshelwood has continued to collect for this fund, and in the Lent term, the children carried gifts to the Hospital, and were allowed to see some of the convalescent children.

HOME FOR INCURABLES.

Form VA, modern, £6. Part of this was spent on plants, flowers, fruit, sweets and Gramophone records. Members of the Form distributed their gifts in person to the patients, who were most appreciative.

GIRL'S ORPHANAGE, MOOR EDGE.

Form IVB, £1 15s.; Form IVBETA, £3 8s. 4d. Part of this went to buy a tennis net and racquets for the children. In addition, each of these two Forms sent £2 1s. 8d. to provide for the child in Budapest whom they have adopted.

CHILDREN'S WARD, ROYAL VICTORIA INFIRMARY.

Form IV ALPHA, £3 15s. 10d. This sum was sent to the Infirmary to be spent as the matron thought best,

DAME MARGARET'S HOME, WASHINGTON.

Form IIIA, £2 5s. At Christmas, a parcel of toys and games was sent, at Easter a donation, and in the summer, a box of fresh fruit.

CRIPPLES' HOME AT GOSFORTH.

Form IIIB, £2 15s. Part of this was spent in purchasing a Turkey in the Michaelmas, and Easter Eggs in the Spring Term. Plays and an Operetta were acted by the children at Christmas.

Form IVBETA, also sent a small contribution to this fund.

AURAL CULTURE ENTERTAINMENT.

During her last term Miss Burgess gave an Aural Culture Entertainment in aid of the Games Capital Fund, at which much talent was shown. The principal item of the programme was an Operetta based on an old nursery rhyme, in which the singing was sweet and clear and the actions good. Another feature was an old French duet which appealed to all with its simple charm. The evening was happily rounded off by Haydn's Toy Symphony, which was much enjoyed both by the audience and the performers.

All credit is due to Miss Burgess for the way in which she trained the children both in singing and acting, and the success of her effort must have been ample compensation for the time and thought she gave to the whole entertainment.

THE DANCING MATINEE.

On April 2nd, 1927, Miss Bauche and her pupils gave a matinee at the School in aid of the Games Capital Fund.

The programme opened with the march around, given in good style by all. After this we saw the "Seagull Dance," given by the Senior fancy dancing class, who wore grey and white dresses looking realistic and pretty. Following this the exercises by the intermediate class were given in very finished style. I myself did a statue dance.

The Junior fancy dancing class were dressed as "Circus Ponies" and gave a very attractive dance. This was followed by "Roses of Gold" by the Senior fancy dancing class. The "Coquette" was the next item on the programme and this was prettily given, the old fashioned dress being most effective. The Junior fancy dancing class then gave a realistic dance called the "Witches."

The Greek class gave a dance called the "Pool" and they were dressed in mauve georgette shading from light to dark with white wigs. This was a particularly enjoyable performance.

Following this a "Classical dance" given by Miss Betty Burch was much appreciated.

The next item, a dance called the "Bees' Holiday," by the Babies, provided much interest. "Puzzicato" a very pretty toe dance was another favourite item. An Irish Jig and a march around finished a most enjoyable afternoon's programme.

Our thanks are due to Miss Bauche and her willing helpers for this most pleasant matinee.

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

K. APPLETON,

N.H.S.O.G.C.

At the Annual Business Meeting held on Old Girls' Day it was enacted that in future the minutes of the business meeting in any year shall be printed and sent to the member with their invitations for Old Girls' Day of the year following; so that this November members will receive notices of the 1926 business meeting together with the balance sheet. The Old Girls' Club now gives a Scholarship of £15 a year to a girl already in the School. Shirley Parker has held it from September 1926 to July 1927.

NEWS OF OLD GIRLS.

Helen Watson and Betty Reed are now working in the office of the Priestman Colliery Company under Ellenor Frere.

Barbara Johnson is Miss Bauche's pianist, so we see her at School. During the Autumn and Spring Terms, Phyllis Comrie has completed her year at Besancon; we are very glad to have her among us again.

Gladys Pestle is teaching Scripture at the Hume Trust School, Oldham. Latin and History are her subsidiary subjects.

Marjorie K. Walker has had a favourable art notice in "La Revue Moderne" for pictures exhibited at the Laing Art Gallery.

Marjorie Forgie is Honorary Secretary for Juvenile Organisations in Newcastle under Mr. Robbins.

Emmie Simon is at the London School of Medicine for women, where she has passed the first Examination for the Medical Degree.

At the North of England Musical Tournament this year Nona Philpott won the Silver Medal in the Verse Speaking Class 18-20 years of age, and Nora Alexander the Silver Medal for Verse Speaking in the class for grown ups.

Linnae Jobling has passed the Entrance Examination for St. Hugh's, Oxford.

Betty Pantan was chosen as Reserve, and Dora Alexander and Moira Fowler as Second Reserves for the North of England Hockey Team 1926-1927.

Margaret Owen has obtained a First Class Diploma in Poultry from the Midland Agricultural and Dairy College, and has taken a post at Todwick Manor Poultry Farm, near Sheffield.

Edith Arnesen is working in an office at Oslo (Norway); Herdis is married and has four children.

Kathleen Stell is helping in Miss Young's School at Benton.

Bessie Carr has a temporary post as clerk with Messrs. Thorman, Coal Exporters, Quayside.

Dorothy Owen is learning Angora Rabbit Farming at Ascot.

Doreen McCullagh, before leaving Penrhos College, Colwyn Bay, won a Special Prize of £5 for Chemistry, an Exhibition of £10, a Matriculation Prize, and Bronze Medals for Swimming, Dancing and Gymnastics.

Marjorie Anderson has a post in the offices of the Legal and General Assurance Society under Mr. Broxup.

Jessie Dunlop has been in Northamptonshire acting as assistant to Dr. Smart.

Jean Thomson is clerk to the Coke Research Committee under Professor Briscoe.

Marjorie Thomson is on the staff of the Royal Victoria Infirmary.

Grace Bolt is nurse-secretary to Mr. Bowden, the dentist.

Vera Carnegie is training at the Norland Institute to be a children's nurse.

Margaret Hogg has gone to the High School in Sheffield.

Nora Hunter is partner in a Nursing Home in Fernwood Road.

A Tyne Ladies Lacrosse Club has been formed, of which Betty Panton is Captain, Doreen McCullagh, Vice-Captain, and Dorinda Patterson, Secretary and Treasurer, its members are mostly Old Girls.

Mary Brotherton is helping Miss Merz in Welfare Work.

Connie Hayward is teaching at St. Katharine's School, Wantage, where there is a staff of twenty, twelve lay members and eight sisters.

Mary Burton is on the staff of the Wakefield High School, where Helen Hounsfield, the daughter of a former member of the N.H.S. Staff, Miss Denholm will be a pupil next term.

Dorothy Banks is Kindergarten Mistress at Clifton High School.

Florence McKenzie has passed the London Intermediate Examination.

Molly Vickers has been awarded by the North Riding Education Committee, an Exhibition to cover a ten weeks' course in Poultry Keeping at the Manor Farm, Gosforth. She intends also to take a course in Dairy Work.

Phyllis Bird is cook at Wooley Sanatorium.

Sybil Trow is taking a twelve-months course in mothercraft at Truby King's House at Highgate.

Madge Stell is having three months' training in Dairy Farming.

Stella Kent has a post as Kindergarten mistress at Lady Margaret School, Parsons Green, S.W. 6.

Doris Peaps and Anys Thornton have taken their B.A. degree at Durham.

The following have posts as masseuses in Hospitals :—Joan Corder, Elma Carnegie, Madge Brock, Edith Hunter, Violet Hobbs, Edna Russell.

The following are studying massage at the Royal Victoria Infirmary :—Mary McCorell, Mary Heath, Helen Horsley, Helen Baker.

Dulcie Adams and Ella Cairns have a private medical massage and electro-therapeutic establishment in Jesmond Road.

Mary Stenhouse is Assistant School Medical Officer at Chester-le-Street under the Durham County Council.

Ethel Stenhouse is studying Domestic Economy at the College.

Miss Walpole has won a Westfield Research Studentship open to Graduates of all Universities. She is going to study Canadian History.

EXTRACTS FROM OLD GIRLS LETTERS.

London School of Medicine for Women

Last Monday fortnight, the Queen came to open a new children's ward at the Hospital. Most of the students went over in the afternoon and formed a guard of honour. We all wore caps and gowns and lined up in a single file on each side of a carpeted path underneath a temporary awning. As it was a very wet and rather cold day, it was not very pleasant waiting for about $1\frac{1}{2}$ hours under the drips from the edge of the awning. We all had to courtsey as she passed ; it reminded me of School Prize-Giving. Apart from work and games we are kept quite busy at present, as we (the School) are getting up a Fair in aid of the Hospital Centenary. Students are undertaking to sell sweets and provide lunches and teas, so we spend our time at present making posters and writing to sweet firms to ask them to help us. Later I suppose we shall have to occupy ourselves by making sweets and ultimately by buying them.

E. SIMON,

C.M.S. Kongwa,
Tanganyika,
East Africa.

I told you I was hoping to come out to start a girls' Boarding School, but plans were changed at the last and I have been sent here to help train the teachers. I thought you would smile (as I did) when I heard that I was expected to teach English, Swahili Grammar, Geography, etc. and all that in Swahili, but this is only temporary and I hope soon to go into a children's school. I have started on the Arithmetic, and to teach is the quickest way to learn, and I can now count in Swahili fairly quickly (as far as 30). Language seems to progress slowly but we only have a native teacher half an hour a day. I help in the Dispensary an hour every morning and do some of the housekeeping. I am quite fit and enjoying everything, but I am looking forward to the time when I can talk to the people and get to know them. Here they are mostly of the Wagogs tribe, very simple and very backward. In Arithmetic I am only giving the teachers the first four rules and the Swahili tables and many of them don't yet know their tables. We are lucky here in Kongwa in that we are hardly ever bothered with mosquitos, we found them a great nuisance at the coast, we don't even need mosquito nets. We left all the palm trees behind us too at the coast, and there are none up as far as this. Baobabs abound, and cactus and oleander trees seem to flourish without water. When the moon is up, night after night we hear the sound of the tomtom in the distance, which means that a heathen dance is taking place. All round in the villages are many heathen peoples, it will be just great when we can talk and go round and visit them and help them and tell them of their Saviour. It is so sad to see these people ignorant and so unable to help themselves.

G. HODGSHON.

Angora Rabbit Farm,
Ascot.

The work is very interesting. The rabbits really are very intelligent animals and they do get awfully fond of you. The babies are sweet, they look like little balls of fluff or powder puffs. One of my does has a family of eight and a coat of $5\frac{1}{2}$ inches, which shows how beautiful they can be. Now (April) is the time when there is most clipping and plucking to be done. The Bungalow is the name of the shed where all the grooming and doctoring is done. It is divided into four rooms, a large room for grooming, a small surgery, a cloakroom for us and a bran room. We all have so many rabbits under our care, I have about 150 rabbits and they do take looking after too, they mat so quickly. We have to do everything to our own rabbits, feed and clean them. There are four other students besides myself on the farm, but at the end of April three of them go and so far there does not seem to be anyone else coming, so the other student and I will be kept very busy.

D. OWEN.

The Bergman Osterberg Physical Training College.

This term I teach at a school where all the children have eye trouble. The Majority come from Poplar and it is quite a job coping with some of them. I teach dancing to one class and the head mistress plays the piano for me. . . . On Friday all second years have to go to Guy's Hospital to see various cases. Our School remedial examination is in three weeks.

M. DUNLOP.

Gayazer High School,
Kampala, Uganda.

I think I have been sent to the very happiest place, for me at any rate. This is a school of 150 girls—it is the most "Aristocratic" school in Uganda. The girls are many of them daughters of chiefs. I don't

think that fact makes our work any more pleasant as girls with rich parents are more likely to be spoiled. All children out here are spoiled, their parents very seldom try to teach them anything about obedience or honesty, so you may imagine a child who finds herself in school for the first time has a hard fight against many bad habits. The children live in houses of about eighteen. They have a dormitory and a dining room in each house, or a dining room between two houses. They have native bedsteads to sleep on and they each bring their mattress and bed clothes. Some of them have quite nice sheets which they wash every week. Unfortunately their dormitories were badly built and are very overcrowded and stuffy, and they can't afford to build new ones. In the dining rooms they have low tables so that they can sit on the floor to eat. Their food consists of a kind of banana cooked, and various vegetables and gravies. They eat twice a day in their homes, and unless they are very advanced, they sit and eat on the floor. They are very particular though, about washing before they eat and they always eat off clean leaves, unless they have plates, as our children do. We have a native woman to act as matron in each house. As each house has its own garden—really a plantation of banana trees, the matron is responsible for the garden, too. Every morning from 5-30 a.m. to 7-30 the children dig in the gardens. Again in the evening, after school, four days in the week, they dig for an hour. After the morning digging the children come in from the gardens and make their beds and sweep their houses and wash themselves and then come to school from 8-30 to 11-30, then the girls have their first meal. From 1-30 to 4-0 we have School again and then there is either digging or games (netball for the Seniors and rounders or races for the juniors). The work in School is more like elementary standard at home than High School standard. The children are very jolly and some of them quite quick. They have disadvantages of course—there are several diseases which are very common among them and reduce their brain power, and of course, having to cultivate their own food, they expend a lot of energy on that, and have no time for preparation out of School hours. Practically the whole of Saturday and Monday are spent on domestic work such as digging and house cleaning. The teachers are all untrained, except for any training we can give them. They are all girls who have stayed a year or two in school after they have passed through the top form. We long to be able to keep them longer, for as soon as they have learnt a little about teaching and are getting useful, some man wants to marry them and their parents carry them off. We are facing problems in education at present. The Baganda are very keen on learning English and English ways of living, but it is difficult to know how far our ways suit them. The reason why our girls have to do so much cultivation is that their people pay very low fees, so they must dig to keep themselves in food. The fees have just been raised to five pounds a year, and it was rather difficult to get the Baganda to agree to that. The boys at Budo, the corresponding boys' school to ours, pay three times that amount. If a girl is supported by someone in England it only costs five pounds a year to keep her at school. I am in charge of the Junior School as far as I can be with very little language. There are eight native teachers in my school—all young girls who have had no training. I love trying to help them with their work and they're very appreciative of help and quite ready to learn. We hope we shall be able to send one or two out to take charge of village schools for a year or so. There are very, very few decent village schools and so very many children longing to be taught,

D. ALLAN,

BIRTHS.

- Russell Maguire.—On October 15th, 1926, to Captain and Mrs. Russell Maguire (Edith Macarthy), a son.
- Tulip.—On October 30th, 1926, to Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Tulip (Edna Ford) a son.
- Jameson.—On 24th, (month unknown) to Mr. and Mrs. A. St. Clair Jameson (Margaret Lennox), a daughter.
- Skevington.—On February 8th, 1927, to Mr. and Mrs. F. K. Skevington (Dorothy Clark), a son.
- Kirk.—On June 15th, 1927, to Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Kirk (Peggy Daniels), a daughter.
- Forsyth.—On June 17th, 1927, to Mr. and Mrs. John Forsyth (Elsa Wallis) a daughter.
- Waugh.—On August 14th, 1927, to Mr. and Mrs. George Waugh, a daughter.
- Rust.—On May 17th, 1927, to Dr. and Mrs Rust (Nancy Oubridge), a daughter.

MARRIAGES.

- Greig—Kirk.—At St. Gabriel's Church, Heaton, on November 10th, 1926, David W.L.M. Greig to Annie D. Kirk.
- Guiliany—Mennie.—At Los Angeles, California, on November 26th, 1926, A. Louis Guiliany, of Trinidad, B.W.I, to Eleanor (Nellie) Gibson Mennie.
- Mole—Paul.—At Embleton, on December 1st, 1926, William Mole to Madeline Florence Paul.
- Miller—Poulson.—At St. James' Congregational Church, on April 5th, 1927, Vere Miller, of Bangalore, India, to Sophie Poulson.
- Glendenning—Bradford.—At St. George's Church, Jesmond, on June 28th, 1927, Ian Glendenning to Mary (Betty) Atherton Bradford.
- Lowe—Blackett.—At the Parish Church, Grimsby, on July 28th, 1927, K. E. Lowe to Marjorie Blackett.
- Webster—Robinson.—At the Cathedral, Newcastle-on-Tyne, on July 28th, 1927, Edward Lowrey Webster to Margaret (Madge) Haywood Robinson.
- Cunningham—Robinson.—At St. George's Church, Jesmond, on July 30th, 1927, John W. V. Cunningham, F.I.S.A., to Amy Robinson.
- Douglas—Maguire.—At St. George's Church, Jesmond, on August 11th, 1927, Thomas Sholto Douglas, of Basrah, Iraq, to Helen Maguire.
- Wilkinson—Thorp.—At Wylam Parish Church, on August 3rd, 1927, George Edward Wilkinson to Anne Campbell, widow of the late Lieutenant C.A.R. Thorp, R.N., and daughter (Nan) of the Reverend C.B.R. and Mrs. Hunter.
- Walton—Griffith Young.—At St. George's Church, Jesmond, on August 23rd, 1927, Henry John Walton to Ada Griffith Young.
- Jonas—Pringle.—At the Parish Church, Heddon-on-the-Wall, on August 23rd, 1927, Gerald John Jonas, of the Egyptian Government Service, Cairo, to Cicely Janet Pringle.
- Waller—Graham.—At St. Andrew's Church, Bothal, on July 4th, 1927, Francis Oswald Waller to Margaret Graham.
- Sanderson—Morpeth.—At Jesmond Parish Church, Newcastle-on-Tyne, on Saturday, September 3rd, 1927, Douglas Hamilton Sanderson to Elsie Margaret Morpeth.
- Sinclair—Shaw.—At St. John's Church, Newcastle-on-Tyne, on Thursday, September 1st, 1927, Robert Leslie Stephen Sinclair to Dulcie Margaret Montgomery Shaw.

DEATHS.

Barker.—On February 20th, 1927, Frances C. M. Barker, formerly History Mistress at N.H.S.

Richardson.—On February 20th, 1927, Hilda M. Richardson, Lecturer in Classics at Newnham College, formerly Classical Mistress at N.H.S.

THE OLD GIRLS' PLAY.

On Friday and Saturday, February 11th and 12th, the Old Girls Dramatic Society gave performances of "Lord Richard in the Pantry" in the School Hall. It was good, as all the work of these players has been, but it seemed to fall short of their usual excellence. Whether it was because the mind was a little weary of the play (it has been performed so very often recently), or whether we have become accustomed to expect a higher standard of acting from the 'Old Girls' than from most amateur players, it is a fact that they did not get as completely into touch with their audience as usual.

This criticism is not meant to imply that the play was not good—it was—but it failed to create, except in a few rare instances, that unity between audience and actors so essential to a truly successful production. This failure was due in part to several of the actors being almost inaudible even in the front of the hall. Was stage-fright or natural modesty the cause? Or, have those healthy-looking men, normally got voices "soft as cooing doves," for, in this, the men were greater sinners than the women.

Major Morrison gave a splendid character study of the rather foolish, absent-minded, but very attractive young nobleman around whose escapades and love affairs the play centres. He was one of the few who could be heard without constant effort.

Miss Kathleen Brewis, as the cook, was quite the most successful member of the caste. It is true she had a delightful part to take, but the amateur actors who could do such a part justice are very rare. By her performance, Miss Brewis managed to retrieve the play from the monotony, and the audience from the apathy, into which they were falling. Hers was a spirited performance in more ways than one.

She was well supported by the members of the servants' hall, of whom Miss M. Fowler should be mentioned because of her particularly clear enunciation.

Miss G. Brewis, Miss V. Wilkinson, and Mr. G. Whitfield gave excellent representations of parts, which were in themselves colourless and uninteresting, and it seemed a pity that they had not more opportunity of displaying their dramatic ability.

The setting and stage arrangements were good, and the dresses delightful; the play ran smoothly from start to finish, and pointed to very careful work on the part of the stage manager and producer, to whom our sincere thanks are offered.

THE CASTE WAS AS FOLLOWS :

Lord Richard Sandridge	-	-	-	-	Major Morrison
Arthur Thompson (his secretary)	-	-	-	-	Mr. Derek Wyand
Captain "Tubby" Banister	-	-	-	-	Mr. Geoffrey Whitfield
Carter (Lord Richard's man-servant)	-	-	-	-	Mr. L. Gullachsen
Detective Inspector Brown	-	-	-	-	Mr. Norman Roper
Evelyn Lovejoy	-	-	-	-	Miss Nella Zöllner
Lady Violet Elliott	-	-	-	-	Miss Violet Wilkinson
Cook	-	-	-	-	Miss Kathleen Brewis
Rose	} servants to Mrs. Gayford	-	-	-	Miss Sophie Poulsen
Bryan					Miss Dulcie Adams
Gladys					Miss Moira Fowler
Sylvia Gayford					Miss Gladys Brewis

HOWLERS.

Some hitherto unpublished Historical, Biographical and Literary Facts.

Though we must regret the ignorance which inspired the answers to some of the questions set in the Summer examination papers and the General Knowledge Test, we are yet obliged to the luckless examinees who penned them for a few moments' entertainment.

Who was the Poet Laureate?—

(1) He doesn't exist.

(2) A French poet of the eighteenth century.

Who was "Boz"?—A German musician.

Who said "I came, I saw, I conquered"?—William the Conqueror.

For what do the initials B.B.C. now stand?—Before Christ.

A vivid description of the Reign of Terror by a French aristocrat.

"I was getting very frightened, because the way the mob went after the king and queen was really appalling. As they went along, they were scattered with loaves of bread."

(Was this the work of the street loafers of those days?)

A Reformed Goliath.

"Goliath was very old when he died, and all the time he was alive he helped the poor and needy."

Rosalind's journey to the Forest of Arden decribed by Celia.

"We started off by disguising ourselves. She was a boy, and I was a girl. Of course I put on a pheasant's dress, so that nobody would know me."

(People needing original suggestions for fancy dress might make a note of this.)

BLUE HOUSE NOTES.

SENIOR HOUSE OFFICIALS.

House Captain :	S. Parker	Swimming Captain :	J. Evers
Vice	„ P. Patterson	Cricket	„ J. Evers
Hockey	„ S. Parker	Tennis	„ S. Parker
Lacrosse	„ E. Watson	Sports	„ J. Evers
Netball	„ P. Patterson	Music	„ E. Rodenhurst

JUNIOR HOUSE OFFICIALS.

Hockey Captain :	V. Dodds	Cricket Captain :	B. Harper
Netball	„ I. Lunn	Tennis	„ V. Dodds
		Sports Captain :	V. Dodds

TROPHIES WON BY BLUE HOUSE (1926-27).

Lacrosse Cup	Senior Tennis Championship
Junior Hockey Cup	Henshelwood Netball
Senior Hockey Cup	Junior Sports Cup
Honours Cup (Spring Term)	Junior Gymnasium Championship
Gardening Cup (Spring Term)	(Held over from last year and not competed for)
Music Shield	

On the whole this has been a successful year. During the first two terms the reports—neatness and otherwise—were disgraceful, but in the Summer term the House pulled up splendidly, being a good second for the Neatness Cup.

The standard of House Hockey this year was high. We were very pleased when we won both cups.

In the Netball we were not successful; both juniors and seniors still require much practice.

Once more we won the Lacrosse Cup. This was due to keenness in turning up to practices.

The Senior Tennis, I am sorry to say, was not so good as last year; but we were only beaten after a hard fight with White in the final. We were very pleased to keep the Senior Championship. The Junior Tennis was good, and we congratulate Vida Dodds, Junior Captain, on reaching the final of the Junior Championship, where she meets Norina Lamb. We wish her the best of luck.

The Junior Cricket was good, but they were beaten in the final by Orange. The Senior Cricket was not nearly so good,

We have not nearly enough swimmers in the House, but we were proud of the few Blue House people who swam in the Inter-School Sports, and especially Joyce Evers, who was awarded her school girdle. We congratulate Red House on their splendid display at the Inter-School Sports.

The House drill was not up to last year's standard. The small number of people who turned up to practices was a disgrace.

The Juniors must be congratulated on winning the Junior Sports Cup.

We were very pleased to win the Music Shield again. This was mainly due to hard practice and to the untiring work of Eulalie Rodenhurst.

In the Spring Term we won the Honours and Gardening Cups. The Gardeners worked very hard,

The whole House, with few exceptions, has worked hard throughout the year, and I wish them the best of luck in the future.

SHIRLEY PARKER.

ORANGE HOUSE NOTES.

SENIOR HOUSE OFFICIALS.

House Captain :	Peggy Pimm.	Lacrosse Captain :	A. Heath
Vice	„ Kathleen Oldroyd	Tennis	„ N. Widdas
	(Autumn and Spring Term)	Cricket	„ K. Sinclair
„	„ Kathleen Sinclair	Sports	„ M. Featonby
	(Summer Term)	Swimming	„ J. Widdas
Netball Capt. :	K. Oldroyd	Music	„ P. Pimm, M. Widdas
Hockey	„ K. Sinclair	Head Gardener :	E. Lister

JUNIOR HOUSE OFFICIALS.

Netball Captain :	M. Davison	Tennis Captain :	X. Snowball
Hockey	„ V. Greenwood	Cricket	„ V. Greenwood
		Sports Captain :	N. Lamb.

TROPHIES.

Junior Netball Cup	Senior Tennis Championship
Junior Cricket Cup	Runner-up Cup
Henshelwood Netball Cup (Spring Term)	Report Trophy (Autumn and Spring Terms)
Senior Sports Championship Cup	Neatness Cup (Summer Term)

During the year 1926-27, the house has not distinguished itself in cup gaining, but otherwise it has been quite satisfactory. In the Autumn and Spring Terms we won the Report Trophy, but at the

same time the number of reports was far too great; this was mainly due to one or two girls who seemed to make a practice of having a certain number each term.

At the beginning of the year the number of Neatness Reports was disgraceful; but there has been a decided improvement lately, and it is hoped that the number will continue to decrease. Our efforts to improve have not been in vain, as we won the cup in the Summer term.

There was quite a good turn out of Orange House people for the Swimming Sports. They did very well, gaining second place. We must congratulate Red House on doing so well.

Orange Netball was quite good. The Seniors held third place. Their passing on the whole was weak, but K. Oldroyd played exceptionally well. The Juniors, however, played extremely well, and won the cup. We must congratulate Henshelwood team on winning the Netball Cup in the Easter Term.

Although we were beaten in the first round of the Hockey, both in the Senior and Junior Matches, by Red, the teams played splendidly.

The Lacrosse team were all keen, and fought bravely against enormous odds.

We all heartily congratulate Mary Featonby on winning the Senior Sports Championship Cup for the House. We are very proud of her.

The House Tennis was not very successful. The Senior Team was rather handicapped, owing to the absence of one of its best players through illness. The Juniors played well on the whole, especially Norina Lamb; both teams need much more practice. We congratulate Margaret Widdas on winning the cup for the Runner-up in the Senior Tennis Championship.

Orange Cricket was very good. Seniors were beaten in the final by White, after an exciting match. Kathleen Sinclair and Pat Jopling played very well indeed. The Juniors played splendidly, winning the cup for the House; Joan Atkinson fielding, and Norina Lamb batting in good style.

The House Music was very good. Hard practice is needed in order to obtain a high standard in the dictation.

We have not been fortunate enough to win the Gardening Cup, but we have the satisfaction of knowing that the gardeners have been very keen, and have worked hard.

Before I conclude, I should like to wish the new Captain and the House the very best of luck in the future, and I hope the members of Orange House will always bear in mind the words "keep on keeping on."
P. PIMM.

RED HOUSE NOTES.

HOUSE OFFICIALS.

House Captain :	B. Crisp.	Lacrosse Captain :	H. Grey
Vice ,,	E. Docherty	Tennis ,,	B. Crisp
Hockey ,,	B. Crisp	Cricket ,,	N. Scott
Netball ,,	K. Haswell	Swimming ,,	B. Basham

JUNIOR HOUSE OFFICIALS.

Hockey Captain :	M. Walker	Tennis Captain :	M. Elder
Netball ,,	M. Walker	Cricket ,,	M. Walker

TROPHIES WON BY RED HOUSE DURING YEAR 1926-27.

Neatness Cup (Autumn Term)	Junior Drill Cup (Autumn)
Gardeners' Cup (Autumn and Summer Term)	Report Trophy (Summer Term)

In spite of the fact that there is a lack of talent at games, as, alas, our Cricket shews only too well, nevertheless the House is worthy of praise, since the members are keen and energetic, and, above all, shew great public spirit.

In the Autumn Term, honour was achieved by the House in gaining the Swimming Shield. We should like to congratulate Hestia Grey on winning the Championship, and Barbara Firth also, who was a close runner-up.

The next two terms, however, we did not distinguish ourselves in the sports line. The results of the Netball matches were disappointing, for we had hoped that our Senior team would have played better.

We managed to reach the finals of both the Junior and Senior Hockey Matches, and although both teams played their very best, it was inevitable that we should be beaten owing to the superior play of Blue House, our opponent in both cases. The chief weakness of both teams was, that although they managed to take the ball up the field quite well, when they reached the goal they muddled, and so shot fewer goals than they had the chance of doing.

In the Summer term we again failed to distinguish ourselves. We were unfortunate in having to play substitutes in the Junior Tennis couples, but, in spite of this, they reached the finals and played well.

Our Cricket teams on the whole were not strong, especially the Juniors, on whom we will not dwell; but some members of the Senior team played surprisingly well, and raised our score to quite a considerable number.

The standard of neatness is good, and we surpassed ourselves the first term by winning the Neatness Cup. The scarcity of reports during the Autumn term was encouraging, but since then they have not been so good. We feel, however, that we should do very much better in every way had we the support of IVALPHA, and we hope that next year they will shew a better spirit.

We have to congratulate the gardeners on their efforts during the Autumn term, which won for us the Gardening Cup.

We sincerely hope that next year we shall see less bracket and more cups.

BETTY CRISP.

WHITE HOUSE NOTES.

HOUSE OFFICIALS.

House Captain :	Faith Hall	Sports Captain :	M. Alderson
Swimming „	Faith Hall	Lacrosse „	M. Alderson
Tennis „	M. Mullens	Netball „	M. Abram
Cricket „	N. Vernier	Hockey „	J. Henderson

White House has worked hard during the year, and has won three new cups—the Senior and Junior Tennis Cups and the Neatness Cup. We have succeeded in keeping the Marching Cup and the Senior Cricket Cup, also the Senior Netball Shield. All our teams played very hard, winning or losing; but the Netball Captain says that the Junior Netball team must work much harder. We congratulate Orange House on winning the Junior Cricket Cup, and Blue House the Senior Hockey Cup, from us.

The only disagreeable part of the work has been the struggle against the carelessness of White House Juniors and Middle School

girls. Their slackness has disgraced the House in the matter of reports. They must make an effort to improve next year.

We shall be very sorry to lose some of our Seniors at the end of the term. We send our best wishes with M. Mullens, M. Alderson, M. Abram, M. Smith, and G. Philpott. We hope they will not forget White House.

F. HALL, Captain.

THE ECLIPSE, 1927.

The cold, grey morning seemed very chilling and uninviting on Thursday, the 29th of June, when I rolled out of bed. Once up and roused with cold water, I had a long wait for the car which was coming for me, but at last I saw the headlights swoop down the road and shine into the bedroom window where I was watching. Once in the train and speeding away to Darlington, I caught a glimpse of the rising sun, which we were all hoping would be very obliging and not hide its bashful face behind the clouds.

I know I was very excited—and so, I think, must we all have been—when at last we arrived at Darlington, where we lucky ones were to see a very rare happening.

We tramped for what seemed a long way to the school, whose roof we were to occupy ; but when at last we reached our destination we were delighted to see the sun burst out of the clouds (which threatened to spoil our day), and flood the gardens, the Hockey field, and the countryside with its rich mellow light.

What joy was ours when we saw that the shadow of the moon—a cold, sinister, black moon—was creeping across the sun. Of course, everyone dutifully squinted through their darkened glasses, but it was a pity that we could not have done without them, for everything of light loses some of its splendour when viewed through the dark patch of glass.

Breakfast was eaten at a most unnatural time for most of us ; while that black shape still crept and crept and disappeared behind clouds, only to shine forth again with a more sinister, more exciting hugeness.

At 6-22, or thereabouts, we were all holding our breaths, for just suppose that cloud had not moved away ! Miss Weedon said that she gave up hope, but, somehow, I couldn't. The cloud crept on, the clock crept on ; one we wanted to hold back, the other we longed to push on—then joy ! The cloud had moved just in time, for before our astonished eyes was a most thrilling, awe-inspiring, and exciting picture.

The rim of light which was the sun had been a thin crescent glowing behind the moon's shadow, but now there was no sun (I couldn't help wondering—would there be any more sun ?)—but yes, the shadow moved on after thrilling us with two wonderful sights, the corona and the fiery prominences.

All round the black circle was a glowing, transparent blur of light, while red tongues of flame, fiery and pointed, darted out all round !

Who did not take a deep breath of incredulousness, amazement, relief ?

I know that I was wildly excited ; to me everything was tame and unalluring when the temporary darkness and coldness had left. After the splendid picture and the weird light, the ordinary morning seemed very uninteresting.

Then we all trooped into the school for hot coffee or tea, and to talk and rest before starting off at a later hour for home. We danced in the gymnasium (a well-equipped one, but not as splendid or large as ours), and left Darlington for Newcastle after a truly exciting and not-to-be-missed few hours.

BETTY WILKINSON, IVA.

DAY-BREAK AT SEA.

Over the headland and the sea there lies
The perfect calm of fresh and early spring!
Hardly a ripple stirs the sleeping bay,

A silent dawn is breaking o'er the deep,
The softness of the night is in the skies,
And breathless calm rests over everything,
For misty Nature holds the world in sway
As slowly she unveils herself from sleep.

But now the grey and purple mists arise,
And flying in the wake of Night are gone—
The breath of Dawn appears in green and gold,

And inland, mountains blush in pink array.
The Sun is slowly rising in the skies,
The Stars are soon extinguished one by one,
And all the sea is wondrous to behold
As stately Dawn gives place to gentle Day.

ELIZABETH LISTER, Form VA, Modern.

THE SAILOR.

Let the long low ripple
Murmur o'er my bed,
Let the foam-crisped wavelets
Sweep above my head.
Let me there lie buried
When at last I'm dead,
Where the stately ships pass o'er me,
On whose decks I used to tread,
And the weary crash of breakers,
And the sea-birds echoing cry,
Shall make around my lonely grave
Eternal lullaby.

HESTIA GREY, Form IVA.

A COBWEB.

A flimsy silken fabrication
Suspended in the air,
Who would think that this creation
Could be a spider's lair?
No man who ever lived has made
So beautiful a thing;
It looks just like the gossamer
That makes a fairy's wing.

DOREEN HALL, Form VB.

BORCOVICUS.

On Saturday, June 18th, an optimistic party of thirty-three joyfully clambered into the char-a-banc (pronounced "hong"), which awaited them outside school amid a light drizzle. Since the most energetic members (who had left their beds in the early hours of the morning to scan the heavens) cheerfully prognosticated a fine day, their ardour remained undamped by the heavy shower, which accompanied their departure from Newcastle.

The first stop was made at the "George," Chollerford, where certain members of the party purchased suspicious-looking, black bottles, while their more proper comrades contented themselves with large supplies of chocolate. Having arrived at Borcovicus after a journey of two hours, we dismounted from our chariot and tramped up a steep hill to the camp.

After lunch, during which the more enterprising members of the party took photographs, we listened to a learned dissertation upon the life and habits of the former tenants of this scanty enclosure. We gazed with intelligent interest at the sockets of the gate-posts, the ruts made by the chariot-wheels, the guard-rooms and, most interesting of all, the uninviting stone bath whose sides had been worn away into scallops by continual sharpening of razors (?). (This latter statement is not authentic, but consult the classical authority.) After inspecting the camp thoroughly, we started on a long tramp upon the grass-grown top of the wall, a journey rendered eventful by precipitous descents over uneven surfaces.

On arriving at the farm house, where tea was provided, the staff discreetly retired, while the rest of the party joyfully dashed off to Craigloch and attempted to drown themselves in its waters. This part of the proceedings was enlivened by the partial immersion of one unwary person who had perforce to hang her dripping outer garment upon a tree and to don a rather scanty jersey. In this unhappy state she was discovered by a stray member of the staff, who gently murmured "Well?"—and her discomfiture may be left to the imagination.

Having raised an appetite by a climb to the summit of the crag, where some of the less energetic ones were discovered in a state of coma, apparently taking sun treatment, we returned to a huge tea, and more photographs. Then we regretfully packed up and wedged ourselves into the char-a-banc once more, and reached home safe, but dishevelled, at 7 p.m.

We are pleased to report that there were no accidents, and only one casualty, namely, that the toe of one person, owing to contact with a large stone when paddling, was highly inflamed. Great grief, however, was occasioned by the loss of a very superior hat and scarf, of which no traces have yet been discovered.

We should also like to thank the kind organizers of the expedition for a most enjoyable day, and one of the pleasantest "Borcovici" within living memory.

K. SINCLAIR, }
B. CRISP, } VI.

HOCKEY.

MATCH RESULTS.

1st XI.

Date.	Opponent.	Venue.	Result.
Oct. 21—	Central High School	H	won 14—0
Nov. 18—	Old Girls	H	lost 0—1
Dec. 2—	Newcastle Ladies	H	lost 3—8
Dec. 9—	Tynemouth Ladies	H	lost 1—9
Dec. 10—	Old Girls	H	lost 0—11
Feb. 3—	Rutherford College	A	lost 1—5
Feb. 10—	Staff	H	lost 2—3
Feb. 17—	Newcastle Ladies II	H	won 5—4
Feb. 24—	Sunderland High School	A	lost 1—4
Mar. 3—	Rutherford College	H	lost 0—6
Mar. 21—	Central High School	H	won 5—1

2nd XI.	Opponent.	Venue.	Result.
Nov. 18—Old Girls' 2nd XI	- - - -	H	lost 1—3
Dec. 9—Rutherford 2nd XI	- - - -	A	lost 1—2

"A" TEAM.

Mar. 14—Saint Margaret's High School	-	A	-	won 6—0
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HOUSE MATCHES.

Senior Cup.—Blue	}	Blue	}	Blue 6-1
White	}	6-5		
Red	}	Red		
Orange	}	3-2		
Junior Cup.—Blue	}	Blue	}	Blue 8-1
White	}	5-3		
Red	}	Red		
Orange	}	1-0		

TEAMS.

1st XI.—Goal : D. Wilks (Christmas Term only), Capt. ; K. Sinclair.
Backs : P. Patterson, N. Harrison.
Halves : K. Greenwood, J. Henderson, K. Waugh.
Forwards : M. Mullens, S. Parker (Capt.), E. Watson
(Christmas Term only), B. Crisp, M. Lough, J. Evers.
2nd XI.—Goal : K. Sinclair.
Backs : M. Abram, V. Taylor (Christmas term only),
K. Oldroyd.
Halves : N. Scott, M. Preacher, R. Berkely.
Forwards : B. Earle, V. Dodds, D. Thompson, M. Featonby,
K. Haswell.

We have not a very good list of match results to record this season ; this is due chiefly to lack of practice through bad weather. We were extremely sorry to lose Dora Wilks at Christmas ; she had made a good captain, and had played an excellent game in goal.

On the whole, the defence has been stronger than the attack. The forwards need much more dash and individual effort, and must remember to shoot hard and at once when in the circle.

A good standard of play was reached in the House Matches. It is encouraging to know that such a large number of girls have a good knowledge of the game. The Senior match between White and Blue was particularly well contested. Blue only won after a replay and ten extra minutes.

Colours were awarded to Margaret Mullens and Kathleen Waugh.

LACROSSE.

We are still struggling against great odds. The Wednesday practices were very kindly taken by D. Patterson, who worked hard in trying to improve the style.

The best House match was between Blue and Orange—the latter putting up a good fight and playing good "crosse" in spite of the unevenness of the score.

Blue House has a very nice team, and supplies about two-thirds of the School team.

MATCHES.

Date.	Opponent.	Venue.	Result.
Nov. —Newcastle Ladies' II	- - -	H	lost 1—20
Dec. 13—Tyne Ladies	- - -	H	drew 4—4
Jan. 6—Tyne Ladies	- - -	A	lost 3—7
Mar. 18—Newcastle Ladies' II	- - -	A	lost 1—19
Mar. 30—Tyne Ladies	- - -	H	lost 3—10

HOUSE MATCHES.

March 26th and April 2nd.

Blue	}	Blue	}	Blue 12-4
Orange	}	14-0	}	
Red	}	White	}	
White	}	9-2	}	

SCHOOL TEAM (subject to much alteration).

	B. Harper	
	{ K. Greenwood *	
	{ R. Carr-Ellison	
	A. Heath *	
	{ E. Watson *	
C. Caris *	{ K. Greenwood *	S. Parker *
	G. Philpott	
M. Walker	{ J. Evers	M. Alderson
	{ K. Oldroyd	
	P. Patterson	
	K. Graham	

RESERVES.

M. Rowell, M. Trow, D. Athill, I. Lunn, E. Rodenhurst,
H. Grey.

NETBALL.

In spite of, perhaps even because of, the fact that we no longer have a Shield to play for, Netball flourished during the winter and spring terms of 1926 and 1927. The weather was kinder to us than it was last year, practices were more frequent and were well attended and the general standard of play improved.

In the Junior House Matches, Orange kept the trophy, the scores being Orange 17, Blue 15, Red 9, White 7, and in the Senior House Matches, too, the trophy was kept by the House already holding it. The scores were White 37, Blue 15, Orange 14, Red 13. Old Girls' Netball is improving by leaps and bounds. On Old Girls' Day the Old Girls' team beat us 26-13, and on February 12th, it beat us 18-17. School 2nd VII beat Old Girls' 2nd VII, 21-13.

I am sorry that I have lost the match list for the winter term but my impression is that we did not distinguish ourselves in any particular match. In the Spring term the 1st VII beat Fenham 19-5, and was beaten by Sunderland High School 13-26, while the 2nd VII beat Fenham 10-9 and lost to Sunderland 7-17. We hope for better play next year.

CRICKET.

The season has been a very short one and no outside matches have been played. After the Senior House Matches colours were awarded to Jean Henderson.

The Junior House Match results were :—Blue beat Red 51 runs to 16, Orange beat White 41 runs to 36; final, Orange beat Blue 77 runs to 55.

In the Senior House Matches, Orange beat Blue 55 runs to 40, White beat Red 68 runs to 47; final, White beat Orange 63 runs to 46. There is room for improvement still in fielding. White Seniors field well and Orange has a very promising Junior in Joan Atkinson.

F. E. DICKINSON.

TENNIS.

The Champions this year did well, but were not particularly of the match-winning type. They have good strokes, and should make good players. In the School, on the whole, a large number promise well. The House Matches brought forward some good material.

In the Shield Matches between the Secondary Schools, we met Alnwick in the first round and beat them. We played at Alnwick and spent a most enjoyable day. The morning was given over to tennis, and in the afternoon we saw over the castle and dairy grounds. In the next round we encountered Sunderland, who beat us 47-26. Sunderland was very steady, and we were unlucky in having one of the first couple away, who would have accounted for more games. Sunderland was beaten in the final by the Central, 47-23.

The "Four High Schools' " Tournament was played on July 16th at Cochran Park. The Central were hostesses, and everything went off excellently, except that we did not win the Shield. The results are given below.

Every outsider who sees our courts envies us most heartily, and yet it is a fact that we do not make as much use of them as we might. This may be due to the busy term or the distance from School at which many people live; but it is most noticeable that, apart from actual coaching, it is a very small section of the School that makes use of the courts.

Miss Duff has worked hard, with the Juniors especially, and next year great things are hoped from this.

Mr. Hughes (from London) came for a fortnight in July, and gave people special coaching. His words on the forearm drive were very helpful, though since he has gone many people have relapsed into their former bad style.

As regards the team in general, their great fault is that they do not think quickly enough over the placing of a ball, and often lose chances of scoring in this way. Individually, S. Parker has excellent style, a good serve (at any rate the first one), and a nice back hand. She pulls back rather on her forearm drive. M. Widdas is a very steady player. Her service is too much wrist and not sufficient body; she has a nice drive fore and back hand, and has the best temperament of the four. Both the first couple are inclined to be slow off the mark. J. Henderson is a very promising player. She has a beautiful back hand, but she leans back on her serve and forearm stroke, which spoil her at present. M. Mullens has improved her service wonderfully, and is now really very good. Her back hand is weak and needs a lot of practice, as also does her net play. Her forearm drive is quite good; being left-handed is a great asset, and she has determination. Both second couple need more confidence at net.

During the year, Mrs. Edgar has kindly presented the School with a beautiful little Tennis Cup, which is to be won by the runner-up in the Senior Singles' Championship.

SCHOOL MATCHES :— TENNIS NOTES.

1st IV.	Opponent.	Venue.	Result.
April 4—Staff -	- - - - -	H -	lost 48—22
May 17—Rutherford -	- - - - -	A -	won 42—24
May 23—Sunderland -	- - - - -	A -	lost 24—11
May 25—Old Girls -	- - - - -	H -	lost 39—27
May 28—Alnwick (League) -	- - - - -	A -	won 38—14
June 13—Sunderland (L) -	- - - - -	H -	lost 48—26
June 20—Central -	- - - - -	H -	lost 47—20
July 20—Old Girls -	- - - - -	H -	lost 40—16

BLUE TEAM—

{ V. Dodds [B. Harper, sub.]	{ B. Harper [M. Rowell, sub.]
{ H. Pattinson	{ M. Strong [M. Gordon, sub.]

ORANGE TEAM—

{ X. Snowball	{ M. Davison
{ N. Lamb	{ P. Fawcett

RED TEAM—

{ M. Walker	{ N. Patterson
{ M. Elder	{ M. Petch [B. Firth, sub.]

WHITE TEAM—

{ M. Thorpe	{ J. Sinclair
{ C. Martin	{ E. Pettinger

Senior Championship.—S. Parker beat M. Widdas, 7—5, 10—8 (finals).

Junior Championship.—

MARCHING COMPETITIONS.

The Cup was won by :—

Autumn Term	-	-	White House.
Spring Term	-	-	White House.
Summer Term	-	-	not competed.

The heads of the houses have been “commanding” in these, and have worked very hard with their houses—White House being the pioneers in House Practices before Prayers and at odd times. This is now a general thing, and nearly every morning some house practises in the hall.

COUNTRY DANCING.

We did not do so well as usual in the Musical Tournament though both teams gained certificates, and the Juniors were third with others.

Dr. White is continuing practices. These were badly attended at first, but more and more people in the school are beginning to feel the lure of Country Dancing. Some delightful new dances have been learnt. We are grateful to Dr. White and Miss Hogg of the Folk Dance Society who helped us before the Tournament. The Tournament girls danced at a charitable Garden Fete at St. George's.

NEATNESS CUP.

This Cup was won by :—

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

INTER SCHOOL SWIMMING COMPETITION.

The Competition was held at Chillingham Road Baths on July 18th, and was the most successful we have had for many years. The School won three cups—Dr. William's Cup for the 60 yards race, Sir Alfred Appleby's Cup for the Intermediate Race of 30 yards, and the Head Mistress's Cup for the Team Race, and in addition we were placed second for Style and for the Intermediate Race.

Individual successes were as follows :—Hestia Grey won the Senior Race (60 yards), against L. Kluko in of Benwell. Barbara Firth won the Intermediate Race (30 yards) with Margaret Morrow second. The members of the successful team were, Barbara Firth, Joyce Evers, Enid Robson and Hestia Grey. The Central High school was second. Joan Burgh was placed second for Style and Jennie Widdas third against N. Robinson of the Central,

In the Old Girls' Race, Ella Stevens was third, and several of our people were second in the heats of their races. Although we did not win any trophy for diving, we all thought that Daphne Athill dived very well indeed. The swimming this year was of a very much higher standard than that of previous years, the result of some very hard work. Regular practice at the baths is essential.

We are glad to know that there are some good people coming along for next year.

MARGERY E. WEEDON.

THE HIGH SCHOOL DINNER-HOUR.

ON FEELING HUNGRY AT 1-10 P.M.

"I almost die for food, and let me have it."—*As You Like It*.

"I will stand to, and feed."—*Tempest*.

1ST COURSE.

"I warrant there's vinegar and pepper in't."—*Twelfth Night*.

2ND COURSE.

"Things sweet to taste, prove in digestion sour!"—*Richard II.*
(This very seldom happens.)

END OF DINNER, 1-40.

"Forbear, and eat no more."—*As You Like It*.

ON PROCEEDING INTO THE PLAYGROUND,

"What shall be our sport then?"—*As You Like It*.

"Alas! the storm is come again."—*Tempest*.

NOISE IN THE HALL.

"'Tis like the howling of Irish wolves against the moon."

—*As You Like It*.

MISTRESS ON DUTY IN CORRIDOR.

"Enough of this unprofitable chat,"—*Henry IV, Part I.*

PREP. 2-30.

"The bell invites me . . ."—*Macbeth*.

"For yet ere supper-time must I perform much labour
appertaining."—*Tempest*.

THE SEA.

The Ocean's broad expanse is calm and clear.
The very smile of heaven is on its brow;
Reflected in its cool and changing depths,
The fleecy clouds float o'er the sunny sky.
The faintest ripple stirs about the edge,
The sea-birds cry is echoed from the cliffs,
And deathly stillness holds the thunderous air.
A lowering cloud obscures the golden sun.
And chilly breezes stir the shadowed sea.
Then to their nests with mournful shriek, the birds
Fly from the darkening rocks. The thunder's crash
Is heard resounding from the distant hills.
The storm clouds burst upon the foaming waves,
Till darkness comes o'er all the stormy sea.

JEAN SINCLAIR, VB.

THE MIDNIGHT REVELS.

Under the trees is a fairy ring,
 Upon a mossy hill,
 Where fairies at midnight dance and sing,
 Near to the ancient mill.

The elves are dancing to and fro',
 The glow worms light the air,
 The orchestra is playing low,
 The night is warm and fair.

The queen has led the way to dine,
 Where mushroom tops are laid,
 In acorn cups sweet flavoured wine,
 From berries has been made.

When midnight comes, each guest must go,
 Each tired nodding head
 Departs, because all fairies know,
 The world soon wakes from bed.

JOAN KERR, IVBETA.

STUDIES.—AFTER BACON.

Studies serve for tribulation, for annoyance and for a means to imbecility. Their chief use for tribulation is in aggravation and distress; for annoyance in the endeavour to impart them; for a means to imbecility in the sad and unlooked for tragedies which have resulted to the mentality of those overmuch engrossed in them. To spend much time on them is a sign of the infant prodigy, which animal should be, by all decent and all-instructed persons, studiously avoided; to regard them as an asset is an illusion entertained by those who know little; to consider their acquisition a burden is the just opinion of the ancients, as saith the poet Graius, "ubi ignoratio beautitudo est, esse sapiens stultitia est." Nevertheless, every effect of the mind caused by studies hath a special receipt. If, therefore, a man's wit be wandering let him play at Tennis, if his equilibrium be disturbed and he be light-headed, let him prosecute a search for balls in the orphanage, if the burdens of life have proved too much for him let him hie to Boreovicius.

KATHLEEN SINCLAIR, VI.

GUIDES.

10th NEWCASTLE COMPANY.

Guiders: Captain, M. Ford; Lieutenants: K. Walpole, C. Houchen.
 Patrol Leaders: *Acorn*: G. Philpott; *Bantam*: C. Caris; *Cornflower*: F. Hall; *Forget-me-not*: E. Herbert; *Robin*: E. Watson; *Scarlet-Pimpernel*: P. Pimm; *Librarian*: F. Hall; *Secretary*: P. Pimm; *Treasurer*: C. Caris.

The Competition between the 8th and 10th Newcastle for the Patrol Cup took place on February 1st. The Cup was won by the Cornflower Patrol of the 10th Newcastle; Patrol Leader, Faith Hall.

On March 24th, about 24 of the Guides went to the Rally held in St. James' Hall. Each district had to arrange some entertainment in which each company had to be represented. The North District acted a scene entitled "King Arthur's Knights." Hestia Grey represented the 10th Newcastle in the role of King Arthur.

Instead of having the usual Guide Hour on March 29th, we gave a party to which we invited the Guiders and Guides of "All Saints Church" and "The Holy Spirit."

The picture for the "Best All Round Guide" was won by Peggy Pimm.

On Tuesday in Race Week we, that is to say, five Guides and thirty five School and Grove Guides went to camp at Barrasford. When we arrived, there was a high wind which made pitching of the tents difficult. We walked to Chesters on Thursday; Miss Walpole told us about the camp and baths. On Friday we went to Chipchase to look at the Keep and grounds, which visit we enjoyed very much.

At night the weather was fine so we had a Camp Fire in the middle of the horseshoe formation; nearly everyone was wrapped in a rug, and the sparks flew into the air.

Before breakfast on Saturday Miss Ford and Miss Houchen laid a trail which we afterwards followed up. In the afternoon we received visitors in the granary where we slept at night. On Saturday morning we were told that all Guides were going home in the afternoon by bus to Hexham, and then by train to Newcastle.

We country danced to the gramophone or played games at night, and although it rained every day we all thoroughly enjoyed ourselves.

We are very sorry to lose Miss Walpole, who is leaving School. We all wish her the very best of luck and happiness in her new position.

SPORTS.

These were held early this year, on Saturday, June 14th, and we were fortunate in having a fine day. There was a satisfactory attendance of parents, old girls, and friends.

There was a fairly good entry in the big School, and Henshelwood entered in full force. The most outstanding result was that of the Long Jump, in which Betty Crisp and Mary Featonby broke the record. Betty jumped 14 ft. 3 in.; Mary's running, too, was excellent. Margery Ison kept up the tradition of her family by winning the Sack Race. The Parents' and Friends' Race was won by Mr. Cumberlege and Mrs. Hounsfield. B. Armstrong and B. Carr were first and second, respectively, in the Staff and Old Girls' Race. This was very amusing, as the wind went off with the balloons and thus somewhat interfered with the race. The Little Visitors' Race was won by E. Chresbansen and F. Featonby.

Tea and Ices, as usual, were excellently provided by the Grove Staff, and the proceeds went to G.C.F. Our thanks are due to the Grove Staff for this, and also to the School Staff for their help on Heats' and Sports' Days.

School Results as follows:—

HOUSE RESULTS.

Senior.				Junior.			
Cup Winners—White	36	pts.	-	Blue	51	pts.	
2nd—Orange	30	"	-	White	49	"	
3rd—Red	24	"	-	Orange	32	"	
4th—Blue	19	"	-	Red	28	"	
Relay Race	-	-	-	White House			
Sack Relay	-	-	-	Blue House			
Senior Champion	-			Mary Featonby,	O 12	pts.	
Junior Champion	-			Cynthia Martin,	W 14	"	

SENIOR RACES (over 15).				JUNIOR RACES (under 15).			
Flat, 100 yds.	-	-	M. Featonby	O	-	C. Martin	W
Flat, 200 "	-	-	M. Featonby	O	-	C. Martin	W
High Jump	-	-	F. Hall	W	-	N. Lamb	O
Long Jump	-	-	B. Crisp	R	-	V. Dodds	B
Cricket Ball	-	-	S. Parker	B	-	N. Lamb	O
Sack	-	-	M. Ison	B	-	L. Hildrey	R
Obstacle	-	-	B. Cuthbertson	R	-	I. Straker	Wilson W

HENSHELWOOD.

	Over 9.		Under 9, over 7.		Under 7.	
Flat	-	-	E. Mullens	-	E. Cumberlege	- S. Latimer
Egg and Spoon	B. Marks	-	J. Christensen	-	B. Porter	
Potato Potting	A. Atkinson	-	E. Cumberlege	-	P. Markham	
Post Card	P. Oliver	-	J. Turnbull	-	E. Monkhouse	
					M. Ford.	

THE VITH FORM LITERARY SOCIETY.

During the year 1926-27, the Literary Society has enjoyed a period of astonishing activity. The members have been particularly enthusiastic and seven meetings have been held, each more successful than the last. At our first Tea in October, we decided, cautiously, that Shakespeare would be both instructive and proper, and, accordingly, we read "The Taming of the Shrew," which was rendered extremely creditably.

During the second half of the term a violent propensity for debating resulted in a meeting to debate "Whether man was descended from a monkey or not?" The effect of this was so electrical as to preclude its repetition on account of the inflammatory nature of such amusements, and debating died a natural death.

In the Spring term we had two meetings, at the first of which we read Barry's "What Every Woman Knows." Although the more opulent members purchased copies, the ratio was about one book to four people. Nevertheless, they were distributed with great tact, and the play was a success. A second Tea was arranged with the express purpose of doing something very tragic, and "Romeo and Juliet" was enacted in the VI Form. Owing to restricted space, Juliet died heavily and inelegantly, alighting on Romeo's legs with terrific force, the humour of which was duly enjoyed and appreciated by the audience.

"Abraham Lincoln," by Drinkwater, was acted very successfully at the first Tea in the Summer term. The properties, which had been systematically collected, occasionally turned up at the right time, and the forty odd characters of the play managed to arrive also at the right time, although books were scarce.

A second meeting was arranged—with reckless disregard for the close proximity of exams.—on June 30th, and "You Never can Tell," by Bernard Shaw, was acted with much zest, although one act had to be left out, owing to lack of time. We enjoyed it enormously, and especially appreciated Shaw's caustic humour.

Acting on the precept that "Satan finds some mischief still, etc.," we held a third and last meeting after the exams., at which we read another Shaw—"The Devil's Disciple."

This provided an exciting conclusion to a successful term, and a still more successful year.

K SINCLAIR.

OFFICIALS.

Presidents : E. Docherty, G. Eskdale, K. Sinclair.
 Vice-Presidents : Miss Osman, Miss Scott, Miss Walpole.
 Secretaries : S. Parker, P. Pimm, G. Philpott.
 Treasurers : K. Sinclair, G. Philpott, B. Crisp.

VTH FORM LITERARY SOCIETY.

During the year a Fifth Form Literary Society was formed, Miss Brice kindly consenting to be President. All the fifth forms supplied members.

Two meetings were held. At the first one several interesting papers were read by members. This was followed by a game, and the meeting passed off very successfully.

Our second attempt was a little too ambitious, though most people seemed to enjoy themselves. We read Sheridan's "The Rivals," which had been cut down for us by Miss Brice. Elizabeth Lister made an excellent Sir Anthony Absolute, and Margaret Smith, as Mrs. Malaprop, was very amusing. The costumes, though not by any means accurate, were certainly most picturesque.

We wish the Society may increase in membership and ability, and may be really useful to the School in the future.

F. HALL, Vice-President.

THE SCHOOL JOURNEY TO SWITZERLAND.

The School party, thirty in all, including Miss Gurney and Mademoiselle Dadier, left Newcastle for Switzerland at 8 a.m. on Wednesday, July 13th. We travelled via London—Dover—Calais and thence to Kandersteg, our final destination, where we arrived about mid-day on Thursday July 14th, Mrs. and Miss Bateson met us at the station and, our luggage disposed of, we walked to Ruedi Haus, where we remained for the rest of the day. Miss Comrie arrived in the evening and was received with great rejoicings.

On Friday we walked to the Blue Lake, which certainly deserves its name. The water is deep, but so clear that the contents can be seen in the most minute detail, while the whole is of a wonderful, indescribable blue. We went for a row on the lake and then returned to Kandersteg.

We went up the Niesen on Saturday by means of the cable railway and from its summit saw one of the finest panoramas in Europe. In the background are giant snow peaks and great blue grey glaciers, while the foreground is filled with river valleys and the blue, gleaming water of lakes Thun and Brienz. After the descent we went to Thun and were charmed with its streets, and, above all, with its castle, a little bit of Fairyland with its red, circular turrets. There are many antiques of interest in the castle, including an old music box used on the first boat on Lake Thun for the entertainment of the passengers. The instrument was played for our benefit. After tea we returned by lake to Spiez, and from there by train to Kandersteg.

Sunday was a day of rest for many, but nine of us, including Mademoiselle, walked to the Gastern Tal. We had lunch at the side of a *névé* (snow slope) and enjoyed a wonderful view of the Kander glacier. On the way back we had tea at Selden, the last village in the Kander valley, and were entertained by two Swiss musicians, one of whom played the accordion and the other the guitar. We were soaked later by a mountain "shower," but arrived in Kandersteg singing, and very pleased with our outing.

On Monday we walked to the Oeschinen See, and went on the lake in a boat. It was a wonderful day, hot and sunny, and we enjoyed it thoroughly. After lunch Miss Comrie and Mademoiselle and a small following climbed 2,800 metres for Edelweiss.

Tuesday was a Waterloo for many of us, burnt arms and necks and many blisters being the visible results of our walk to the Gemmi Pass. The walk there took four hours, and was distinguished by thirty-three consecutive hair-pin bends up a mountain side. After this the path lay through a very desolate part, and reached a climax of bare, almost terrifying loneliness in the Dauben See, a still, grey, glacier lake surrounded by stately crags covered in places by snow. Overhead the sky was clear and a very deep blue, but no reflection disturbed the even leaden hue of the lake. At the end of the walk we were rewarded by a really fine view of the Rhone Valley and the Matterhorn.

The weather turned traitor on Wednesday and we spent the morning at home and the afternoon, owing to Mrs. Bateson's kindness, at a *Thé Dansant* in a neighbouring hotel. On Thursday a small party set off at 5 a.m., with Mademoiselle and Oscar the guide, on a glacier expedition. They took a carriage as far as Selden and then walked. They crossed the glacier roped together, which was an experience as thrilling as it was unusual. The return journey was made partly by train and the wearied, but very sunburnt and pleased travellers arrived in Kandersteg about tea-time. The other members of the party spent a pleasant day in the Casten Stal.

On Friday we went to Berne. We saw the bears which are kept there which amused us by their tricks. We heard and saw the famous Berne clock strike twelve, which was most interesting. After lunch we shopped as extensively as time allowed and returned to Kandersteg after an early tea. In the evening, ten of us went with Mrs. Bateson to a dance at the Gemmi Hotel. We enjoyed it very much, especially an exceedingly noisy and unusual version of "musical chairs." We were rather tired after Friday's excitement so Saturday was spent in Kandersteg.

On Sunday we divided forces. Some of us went with Miss Comrie to the Loetchtal and saw the village people in their native dress. The rest walked up the Visi-Alp with Mademoiselle. It was a very beautiful walk and we enjoyed it.

Monday morning was spent in packing and the afternoon at a tea dance. At dinner that evening we were entertained by a yodelling party and then we departed for the station. It was a lovely evening and the sun was setting as we walked to the station, and casting a wonderful pink glow on the snow of the mountains. Few of us, I think, will forget Kandersteg as it looked when we left it.

We arrived in London about 5 p.m. on Tuesday and after a short rest and a wash and supper went to the "Haymarket" to see "Yellow Sands" which we all enjoyed in spite of sleepiness. We spent Wednesday morning at Westminster Abbey. We had a splendid guide. I do not think a tour of the Abbey could be made more interesting than it was for us. We went from Westminster to King's Cross and left there at 1-15 p.m.

The holiday was a most enjoyable one from beginning to end, as I am sure everyone who went will agree. It was also a very wonderful experience. The success of the expedition was due almost entirely to Miss Gurney and Miss Comrie and Mademoiselle. They were simply splendid all the time—absolute bricks.

E. DOCHERTY.