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<i>Second Mistress—</i>									
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„ VB Modern	„	COMBIE	...					<i>French.</i>	
„ IVA	„	OSMAN	...					<i>Classics.</i>	
„ IVALPHA	„	WEEDON	...					<i>Geography.</i>	
„ IVB	„	HILLMAN	...					<i>Mathematics.</i>	
„ IVBETA	„	BALL	...					<i>History.</i>	
„ IIIA	„	FORD	...					<i>Gymnastics.</i>	
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## SCHOOL OFFICIALS.

Head Girl	...	...	...	...	...	Phyllis Patterson.
School Prefects	...	...	...	...	...	Kathleen Sinclair and Faith Hall.
Prefects	...	...	...	...	...	R. Scott, J. Evers, J. Hedley, M. Lough, D. Scott, N. Scott, E. Rodenhurst, D. Thompson.
Head of Blue House	...	...	...	...	...	Joyce Evers.
„ Orange „	...	...	...	...	...	Kathleen Sinclair.
„ Red „	...	...	...	...	...	Mary Lough (Summer Term) Joan Hedley.
„ White „	...	...	...	...	...	Jean Sinclair.
Hockey Captain	...	...	...	...	...	Joyce Evers.
Netball	„	...	...	...	...	Phyllis Patterson.
Tennis	„	...	...	...	...	„ „
Lacrosse	„	...	...	...	...	„ „
Swimming	„	...	...	...	...	Margaret Morrow.
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Editor	...	...	...	...	...	Miss Brice.



## EDITORIAL.

When we come to review it, this year seems to have been a remarkable one, both in school and in the town. Among the events which we shall always remember with pleasure are the visit in October, 1928, of their Majesties the King and Queen, to open the New Tyne Bridge and the Heaton Secondary Schools; and in May, the opening of the North East Coast Exhibition by his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales.



At school there have been some very outstanding examination successes. Out of the five candidates for University Scholarships, Kathleen Sinclair obtained one in History, and Faith Hall a Bursarship in Classics, both at Westfield College, London. Joan Hedley and Rae Scott will enter Newnham College, Cambridge, in the Autumn, and Phyllis Patterson the Royal Holloway College, London. To these we owe a very welcome additional holiday in Race Week. In other directions, too, the Vith Form have distinguished themselves, and a well-deserved tribute was paid to their merit by Miss Gurney at the end of the Summer term.

There were so many outings during the year that it is impossible to include a detailed account of them all. Miss Scott arranged a very pleasant picnic for her form (VB CL.) on May 25th to Whittledene, and Mr. and Mrs. Hastings kindly allowed the party to have tea in the garden of Ovingham Rectory. VA, and some of the Vith, visited Newminster Abbey and Gardens, by permission of Sir George Renwick, at the end of the Summer term. They afterwards went on to Mitford, and picnicked in the field adjoining the Castle, a picturesque spot made suddenly more colourful by the appearance of a number of huntsmen clad in scarlet, with their hounds. We are indebted to Canon McLeod, who showed the party round the fine old Church and Castle ruins.

We must take this opportunity of thanking Margaret and Hasler Miller for their kindness in presenting a handsome Ariadne seat to the school. We can assure them that their gift is greatly appreciated by everyone. It is a most useful and ornamental addition to the tennis courts.

We are pleased to make a slight innovation this year in the Magazine. This is the inclusion of two or three line blocks drawn by Betty Wilkinson and Jean Sinclair. There is still room for a few more, and we hope that anyone who would like to do so will attempt some similar head and tail pieces for next year's magazine.

S. R. S. BRICE, September, 1929.

### FOREWORD TO THE OLD GIRLS.

My dears, I want to ask for your help in two matters concerning the school. This year, 1928-29, has seen one event which has not occurred before in this school. The limit of numbers which the Governors feel beneficial to everyone concerned has been maintained for three terms, and it has been decreed that we may not exceed it in the future. This state of things is satisfactory in many ways, but it is very sad for me when I cannot accept the nice children for whom their parents have only been able, for various reasons, to apply for vacancies after the vacancies have been filled. I ask you most urgently to see that children in whom you are interested are entered as soon as they possibly can be. Grandchildren of the school are a

great pride to me as well as a pleasure, and I should be grieved indeed to miss any who wished to come to me.

The second matter in which I need your help is this: The south end of the School Hall has now Honours Boards carrying out the same scheme of decorations as those at the north end. In the middle three of these boards I hope to record the names of head girls of the school since 1888, when it was founded by the Church Schools Company. Please would those girls who held this office or their friends write to me, giving dates? I think I know them all since 1900, but before that time I have mostly gaps; and I should welcome confirmation of the later names and dates, as well as of the earlier ones. Besides the Honours Boards, the Hall has a new oak floor and new lights; this last improvement has been carried out throughout the school. Other improvements are that the office has been enlarged, and a parents' waiting room added by taking in the staff cloakroom. The Sixth Form passage has been converted into a cloakroom, which is more commodious than the word passage implies, and the windows in Tankerville House of the handwork room and the division room have been enlarged.

I trust that you will all come to see our alterations on Old Girls' Day. Among the many distinctions of our Old Girls, we feel specially proud of Irene Ward's political honour, and we look forward to the day when she takes her seat in Parliament with joyful anticipation.

I cannot close this letter without speaking of the deep regret that we feel at the deaths of Phyllis Beane and of Violet Hobbs, and offering a tribute of sympathy to the parents of both.

As we go to press we learn the terrible news of the deaths of Winifred and Muriel Morris and of their mother, as a result of a motor-ing accident. We ask Dr. Morris and Lulu to accept our sympathy in this heavy trial.

L. M. GURNEY.

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## SCHOLARSHIPS.

SCHOLARSHIP in History at Westfield College, London,

Kathleen Sinclair.

Bursarship in Classics at Westfield College, London - Faith Hall.

Governors' Scholarship—Senior - - - Dorothy Dunn.

Governors' Scholarship—Junior Alison Cumberlege, Barbara Fife.

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## EXAMINATIONS.

*December, 1928.*

University of Durham School Certificate—

*Honours—*

I. Lunn (excused Matriculation).

*Pass—*

K. Bell (distinction in French), H. Davidson, L. Hildrey,

K. Holliday (distinction in Geography), B. Martin, Z. Moore,

B. Morrow, M. Robinson.

*March, 1929.*

Entrance to Newnham College, Cambridge—

J. Hedley, R. Scott.

Entrance to Royal Holloway College, London—

P. Patterson.

*July, 1929.*

University of Durham School Certificate—

*Pass—*

N. Bird, B. Brown, W. Dickinson, D. Dunn, B. Harper,

O. Harris (distinction in Religious Knowledge), N. Langdale,

J. Mackinlay, M. Rowell, D. Tinn, M. Walker, K. Waugh,

N. Whalley.

## Extra Subjects—

L. Hildrey, Mathematics and Drawing; M. Robinson, History (distinction) and Mathematics.

## Music Examinations (Associated Board)—

*Autumn Term, 1928.*

Primary Division - - - - - Peggy Millar.  
Higher „ - - - - - Ailsa Morson.

*Easter Term, 1929.*

Primary Division - - Dorothy McAdam, Joyce Rounthwaite.

*Summer Term, 1929.*

Higher Division - - - - - Dorothy Godfrey.

Lower „ - - - Brenda Booth, Aileen Handysides,  
Honor Isherwood, Mary Hood.

Primary Division—*Hon. Mention*—Mary Spencer, Elsie Thompson.  
*Pass* - - - - - Pat Barker.

## N.S.A.M. Drawing Examinations—

Extra Section - - - - - M. Hill.

*First Class Certificates—*

Upper Section - - - O. Hunter, L. Appleby, B. Nisbet.

Middle Section - - - M. Laing, O. Andersen, R. Gibson.  
M. Holmes, D. Godfrey,

Lower Section - - H. Wilton, Y. Glover, B. Fife, A. Forster.

## LA DISTRIBUTION DES PRIX.

La distribution des prix avait lieu dans la salle du roi dans Armstrong College. Elle commença à sept heures du soir. Dans la salle étaient Madame Gurney et Lady Armstrong et Monsieur le chanoine et les curés. Dans la salle il y avait beaucoup de chaises. Les parents et leurs amis étaient assis d'un côté, et de l'autre côté les élèves étaient assises. Puis une petite fille offrit un bouquet d'œillets à Lady Armstrong, et un petit garçon offrit une boutonnière à Monsieur le chanoine. Les parents étaient en tenue de soir et les professeurs aussi; c'était un beau spectacle, les élèves portaient leurs robes blanches et leurs bas blancs, et leurs nœuds de ruban. Et dans la galerie étaient les anciennes élèves.

Après les discours et les chansons les élèves montèrent sur la plateforme et elles firent une révérence et elles reçurent leurs prix. Puis tout le monde alla au laboratoire et y mangea. Puis tout le monde dansa, mais à dix heures une autre distribution des prix était finie, et nous sommes allées chez nous. M. DAVISON, VB MODERN.

## SOCIAL WORK.

## THE PERSIAN GIRL.

This year in addition to the usual letter from Miss Hodgshon, we received one from Jehan herself. It was written in quaint but correct English, and we were sorry to be unable to return the compliment in Persian. Her school report was also sent to us, from which we gather that she was progressing well. In the Easter Term we collected £4 4s. 2d. and the Summer Term collection amounted to £3 18s. 4d.

JEAN SINCLAIR, VI.

## THE CATHEDRAL NURSES.

Form VI., £4 4s. 0d., Form VA, £7 0s. 5d., Form VB  
Classical, £3 12s. 8d.

The money was used for food and clothing for the sick poor.  
Collections of silver paper were also made.

## GIRLS' ORPHANAGE, MOOR EDGE.

Form IV Alpha, £4 4s. 0d.

In the Summer Term a party was held at school, to which the girls from the Orphanage were invited. The form did everything possible to ensure the enjoyment of their guests, and a very happy time was spent by all the children.

## HOME FOR WAIFS AND STRAYS AT CULLERCOATS.

Forms IVB and Beta, £11 0s. 10d.

In the Michaelmas Term a visit was paid to the home, and presents were distributed amongst the children. In the Spring Term a party was given at school, when about 20 visitors came. Games, competitions and community singing amused them, and Easter Eggs and other small presents were sent to those who were unable to come.

## CRIPPLES' HOME AT GOSFORTH.

Form IIIB, £3 0s. 0d.

On inspecting the home in the Spring Term, the children found that money was needed for new electrical apparatus, and decided to save up to help pay for that.

## DAME MARGARET'S HOME.

Form IIIA, £3 3s. 0d.

At Christmas, gramophone records were bought with the money raised during the term. In the Spring Term each girl sent an Easter Egg to her particular "friend."

## FLEMING MEMORIAL HOSPITAL.

Form IVA, £7 5s. 0d., Tankerville House, £8 2s. 8½d., (Autumn and Spring Terms) Form IIIR, £4 14s. 6d.

At the end of the Michaelmas Term, toys were taken to the Day Nursery, and at Easter, fresh eggs and flowers were sent to the sick children.

## HOME FOR INCURABLES.

Form VB MODERN, £15 10s. 0d.

After the effort of their fancy dress dance, which raised the sum of £10 0s. 0d., Form VB Modern limited their energies to a weekly collection. At the end of the Summer Term £3 10s. had been collected and, on the advice of the matron of the Home, was spent in providing a strawberry and cream tea. Some of the form went to the Home on the day chosen, and the fruit was divided out among the patients, to whom the tea was a very pleasant surprise.

## VB MODERN'S FANCY DRESS PARTY.

Last Autumn Term our form-captain thought of an excellent way of raising money for the "Incurables" fund. This was to give a "Fancy Dress" Party.

When Miss Comrie heard of it she was very enthusiastic and obtained the necessary permission from Miss Gurney.

We agreed to keep it a secret, and by a system of posters excited everyone's curiosity. The last poster, which we put up about a fortnight before the party, gave all final particulars, and then there was a rush to buy tickets—and to sell them.

One of the girls in the form provided specially printed tickets and when the day arrived some lovely flowers were brought.

It was arranged that we should have dancing upstairs in the Hall and supper in the gymnasium, both of which rooms were brightly decorated with garlands, tinsel and balloons.

"The level chambers, ready with their pride

Were glowing to receive a thousand guests,"

who began to assemble at 7 o'clock.

The costumes were delightfully pretty and original. There were picturesque "period" costumes, graceful Victorian, and romantic mediaeval ladies, and dainty "Sweet Lavender" sellers. Miss Gurney delighted us all by coming as "Queen Victoria." The National costumes were a great success. There were Russian and Polish dancers tinkling with bright coins and jewelry, and mysterious, dignified Egyptians. Scotch, Welsh and Dutch costumes were very popular. Much ingenuity had been shown in the creation of new "pierrot" dresses and several painstaking people blacked their faces to make realistic goliwogs and black tribesmen.

For the first few dances everyone was masked. This made the atmosphere more exciting. Then followed the "Parade." Miss Gurney and the parents of two girls had kindly given prizes for the most original home-made costume, the best sustained character and the prettiest dress. These were won by Jean Hughes as a South Sea Island girl, Stella Booth as a cannibal and Joan Beattie as a Russian dancer.

After supper there was more dancing and some lively community singing. Votes of thanks were then proposed to Miss Gurney and Miss Comrie for their encouragement and help.

ETHEL LOW, VB MODERN.

## THE VISIT OF THE KING AND QUEEN TO NEWCASTLE IN OCTOBER, 1928.

The River Tyne of the twentieth century might well be described in the words of Matthew Arnold,

"That cities will crowd to its edge,  
In a denser incessanter line,  
That the din will be more on its banks,  
Denser the trade on its stream."

In spite, however, of the dirt and ugliness, the noise and the grime of such a place, Tyneside has its greater aspects. It frequently experiences the true joy of labour, that of achievement, and when, last October, the new Tyne Bridge, the only one of its kind in England, at last threw its broad pathway across the river, Tyneside had just cause for pride.

It was fitting that the event should be the occasion of a visit from the King and Queen. On their way back from Balmoral, their Majesties stopped at Newcastle on the morning of October 10th, and, after visiting the new Heaton Secondary Schools, opened the bridge. For once in its life, Newcastle looked really gay. Flags waved from every available position, gorgeous bunting decorations enlivened the most modest of demure villas, and the whole population came out in holiday attire. The Royal progress began at Jesmond Station, where the state coach with the grey horses and the footmen and outriders were in waiting. From there, the King and Queen went to the Heaton Schools, and, after spending some twenty minutes in the school, drove through the town to the New Bridge. The ceremony of opening was soon over, and then their Majesties left for London, while Newcastle went regretfully back to its work-a-day life.

To us, the chief interest of the Royal visit was the inspection of the Heaton Schools. In common with every other school in Newcastle, we had received an invitation to see the King and Queen from the grounds of the new school. Numerous were the instructions that we received as to our behaviour, dress, equipment and procedure. The

morning of the 10th of October was wet, but this did not damp the spirits of the school, who, armed with newspapers, mackintoshes, umbrellas and biscuits, were ready to face any contingency. Feeling somewhat conspicuous in our very new grey stockings, we marched to Heaton, and were allotted to one side of the girls' quadrangle. Then ensued a long wait, during which various agile people performed feats of gymnastics and country dances. At last, the dull roar of cheering was heard, coming nearer, until the Royal carriage entered the grounds, where the thousands of school-children were drawn up. The next few events passed like a flash. After the National Anthem, and the displays of drill and gymnastics, the presentation of the bouquet and the introductions, the King and Queen passed into the great hall to receive the royal addresses, and it was over. After another long wait, we returned to school and dispersed with the firm conviction that Great Britain was the most fortunate nation in the world.

The visit of the King and Queen will long remain in the memory of Tyneside. For many of us it was the first sight of them, and it served to embed more deeply in our minds the sentiment of loyalty that every Englishman possesses, and which requires but little to be kindled into a mighty flame.

KATHLEEN SINCLAIR.

## SONNET.

The larch in Spring's less fresh than is her youth,  
 Its verdure is less pure than is her eye,  
 Its whispering song soft speaking words of bliss  
 Less soft than is her voice for whom I sigh.  
 She is more fragrant than the breath of Spring  
 That hovers in the pine woods. When she moves  
 Her graciousness is lovelier than the swing  
 Of green young boughs kissed by the breeze that loves  
 Them: strong is she to overcome a storm,  
 Yea, strong as thou art larch, yet far more fair,  
 And yet, she is more merry than the warm  
 Glad song of larks clear-ringing through the air.  
 She is the tree, tall, lovely, graceful, sweet,  
 I the poor weed that grows about her feet.

FAITH HALL, FORM VI.

## SPRINGTIME.

Peep into our garden in Springtime,  
 When the beautiful buds are in birth;  
 And a riot of golden laburnum  
 Dips down to the mellowing earth;  
 The birds all call it their singtime,  
 'Tis a wondrous mad medley of mirth.  
 There are still a few pearly white snowdrops,  
 Blossoming under the lea;  
 But the heart of the delicate jonquil  
 Is the haunt of the hovering bee;  
 From the throat of the soaring linnet,  
 Bursts a pæan of rhapsody.  
 O come into our garden in Springtime,  
 See these wonderful buds in their birth,  
 Hear this chorus of birds in their singtime,  
 Pouring forth their mad medley of mirth.

MONICA HASTINGS, FORM IVB.



## OUR VISITS TO THE EXCAVATIONS ON THE ROMAN WALL.

Twice this term Mr. Simpson arranged for us to go and see the excavations on the Roman Wall.

On May 29th, sixty of us visited the Turret at the bottom of Denton Bank. There are two Turrets between every milecastle, and each milecastle looks after the Turret on either side of it. This Turret belongs to the milecastle at the top of Westgate Road.

The wall at this point is ten feet wide, and we were standing on it and on those of the Turret most of the time. The Turret which is built into the wall about five feet is about fifteen feet square. The height left is only four feet, but originally it rose to about thirty or forty feet.

On three occasions when the Picts and Scots attacked the wall, the Romans fled and the enemy entered the Turrets and took anything valuable, leaving a rubbish heap. When the Romans returned they smoothed out the rubbish and made a new floor on top. As parts of the Turret had been excavated deeper than others we could see distinctly three layers of floor and rubbish.

There was a door on the South side of the Turret, and this had grown smaller as the new floors were laid. In the end the Romans had built in the door for safety. The door showed clearly the difference between laid stones and the rubbish heaps. No coins were found and only one or two large stone bowls as examples of pottery.

On June 20th, Mr. Simpson again arranged for us to see the excavations of the milecastle at Walbottle. The milecastle is very much larger than the Turret, its area being about a hundred by a hundred square feet. This holds forty-eight men, sixteen of whom go off on duty to the Turret on either side, eight to each, while thirty-two live in the milecastle.

The wall at this point is under the present road, so we were unable to see it, and the walls of the milecastle disappear into the hedge to join it. The main entrance is in the centre of the South side. We saw where the door post has left distinct marks of its socket. From the South gate there was a roadway to the North one. The Eastern half of the castle is much clearer than the West. A door leads off the road, into a room, another leads to a smaller room to the South of it. These were the officers' rooms.

The walls here are still firm, but on the other side there is nothing much left to see. Here the men's rooms were first built of wood, and then, when more accommodation was needed, they changed them for stone ones. Mr. Birley, who is in charge of the excavating, found some Roman figures on some of the stones. As some were upside down or sideways, he thinks that they were marked before they were placed, and show the quarry they came from.

Some interesting pottery and also some coins were found. There are drinking cups, bowls and jugs. Only one cup is nearly complete, the others are rather small or just pieces stuck together, but they are clear enough to show what they are. On one handle is the maker's name. There is also a board marked out in squares which shows they played games.

To the South of the camp, Mr. Birley has found the old Roman Road, and the road from it, leading to the camp. When he had shown us everything, he, noticing that some of us had cameras, said we might use the tripod there to take an aerial view of the camp.

The expeditions were both interesting and instructive.

ALISOUN CUMBERLEGE, UPPER IVA.

## THE HISTORY CLUB.

### OFFICIALS.

President : Miss Gurney.

Vice-President : Miss Ball.

Secretary : Kathleen Sinclair.

Treasurer : Rae Scott.

Committee : Miss Dickinson, Doris Thompson, Hestia Grey.

The institution of a History Club on October 11th, 1928, supplied a long-felt want in the School. Hitherto, the few societies that existed were small and select, and only occasionally had expeditions, so that a club of this kind, with a large scope and membership, was very welcome. Its activities during the year have been as follows: three expeditions, one lecture, and a mock election.

Our first expedition took place on a rainy Saturday in October. We visited Ovingham Church and Rectory, which we very much enjoyed owing to the kindness of Mr. and Mrs. Hastings. We then went on to Prudhoe Castle, which we had permission to look over. Later in the term we had the great pleasure of a lecture from Professor Morrison on "Waterloo." This was preceded by tea—a popular feature.

In the Spring Term we had only one event, an expedition to Jarrow to see St. Paul's Church, which is the original Chapel of the Monastery of the Venerable Bede. The Vicar, Mr. Booth, showed us round, and we were particularly interested in the Chancel, which dates from 675 A.D., and the copy of the Lindisfarne Gospels.

The Summer Term saw our greatest achievement, namely: a Mock Election on May 30th, the same day as the General Election. For one week school was transformed into a political hot-bed. Posters of virulent character adorned the walls, explosive mass meetings were held in the playground, and processions with gaudy banners and tin whistles enlivened the corridors. On polling day, the three candidates set forth their claims in a short speech to a meeting of the entire school, at which Miss Gurney and twenty members of the staff were present. The voting took place immediately afterwards in the Hall, which was transformed into two polling-booths, complete with clerks, returning officers, scrutineers and every technical detail. The result of the poll was declared to an excited crowd by the returning officer, Rae Scott. Joan Hedley, Conservative Candidate, polled 193 votes, Kathleen Sinclair, Labour, 47, and Faith Hall, Liberal, 29. After "God save the King," school was dismantled and we returned to every-day life.

At the end of the term, after exams., there was a combined historical and classical expedition to the Chesters. The weather was gorgeous and we had a most enjoyable time. Our warm thanks are due to Miss Osman and Miss Ball for organising the expedition.

The History Club has had an interesting, and we hope, a profitable year. If we believe, with Bacon, that "certainly the great multiplication of virtues upon human nature resteth upon societies well-ordained and disciplined," it has justified its existence.

KATHLEEN SINCLAIR.  
RAE SCOTT.

## OUR MOCK ELECTION.

For many a day before the election,  
Our brains were racked with making selection.  
'Twas a vexed question in what direction

To cast our vote

Leaders spoke for our edification,  
And what we could gather from their oration,  
Seemed to denote

That all were out to reform the nation,  
By old age pensions, and more education;  
By doles for the poor; and rest for the weary;  
Work for the workless; bright scenes for the dreary;  
Homes for the homeless, and to bring without query  
An Utopia on Earth.

Each seemed to think that her way would be blest  
With results outstanding beyond all the rest.

Each seemed to think that her way was the best,  
And doubtless most worth.

I addled my brain, and felt utterly lost  
Which course to pursue, so a ha'penny I tossed,  
And anxiously sighed, as my paper I crossed

EILEEN HASTINGS, FORM VB CLASSICAL.

## "THE ADMIRABLE CRICHTON."

A play of Barrie will attract on its own merits. It is known beforehand that there will be good characters and adequate occasions. The playgoer therefore turns at once to see what players will interpret the parts to the audience.

To know that Kendrew Milsom would take the part of Crichton was to be assured of a good and satisfying evening. Further, it was the assurance of a good caste. Miss Comrie had good material to train. The result was of the highest order.

We always wish Miss Comrie had a part herself, but perhaps it is a greater achievement to assert her histrionic talents through the agency of others. In this way she plays many parts without the limitations of an individual actress.

Our English peerage was shown at its conventional best. Our ordinary ideas of the peerage are as conventional as our ideas of African dancing. Crichton's master was almost as admirable as Crichton. The Three Graces of His Lordship's family contributed much originality in the unexpected experiences of adversity. But their happy optimism, never deserted by the arts that kept beauty unsullied through storm and stress, was sure prophecy of the happy finale. Love issuing in marriage was the pleasing thread of gold in a tangled skein.

The Tweeny was splendid. Any man would have been won by her, were it not that caution kept suggesting that she would not be an easy filly to drive. But then, if a Tweeny is to win through, she must have mettle and queenly powers.

The orchestra was a great feature of the evening's success. There were long intervals. The orchestra made them seem brief.

The production was of first class standard. The O.G. Dramatic Club was seen at its best.

The Caste was as follows :—

Crichton	...	...	...	...	...	Kendrew Milsom.
Hon. Ernest Dolley	...	...	...	...	...	J. S. R. Graham.
Lady Agatha Lazenby	...	...	...	...	...	Edna Forgie.
Lady Catherine Lazenby	...	...	...	...	...	Grace Eskdale.
Lady Mary Lazenby	...	...	...	...	...	Gladys Brewis.
Rev. John Treherne	...	...	...	...	...	Howard Thorburn.
Lord Loam	...	...	...	...	...	... G. Batty.
Lord Brocklehurst	...	...	...	...	...	Derek Wyand.
Mrs. Perkins	...	...	...	...	...	Violet Taylor.
Rolleston	...	...	...	...	...	Philip Brewis.
Tompsett	...	...	...	...	...	Alan Anderson.
Fisher	...	...	...	...	...	Amy Gibb.
Simmons	...	...	...	...	...	Ruth Summerfield.
Jeanne	...	...	...	...	...	Ada White.
Tweeny	...	...	...	...	...	Kathleen Brewis.
Page Boy	...	...	...	...	...	... J. Taylor.
Lady Brocklehurst	...	...	...	...	...	Peggy Pimm.

## JUMBLED JOTTINGS FROM THE JOURNAL OF THE MAD HATTER.

(Artless confessions of a Swiss Holiday-Maker).

"As we got higher, we heard the fairy tinklings of the cow-bells as they fed on the mountains."

(Perhaps the writer will tell us more about the diet of cow-bells. As Newcastle is so flat, we presume that the Carillon eats mountains in tablet form.)

"On Thursday, August 1st, the National Fête Day, it unkindly rained, so we were allowed to amuse ourselves.

(This reveals a heart-rending story of children's suffering. Fancy being able to amuse yourself only when it rains! Poor dears! And they had so many fine days.)

"On Wednesday morning, Monsieur Hauser showed us his wine-press in which we were very interested."

(We hope the girls are none the worse for this unique experience. We should imagine they would feel rather more *squashed* than interested.)

Things which were not so in *our* young days.

"A topee is an animal of 1,000 legs."

(Surely the writer has confused the article with its function!)

Q. "Who is Jix?"

A. (i) "An evil spirit."

(ii) "A nick-name for a cabinet-minister."

(iii) "A little man of the Evening Chronicle."

(iv) "A film star."

(Altogether a very versatile gentleman. Perhaps the authors of the above would like to know that he was also the inventor of *Jix-aw* puzzles.)

Q. "Who is Dora?" (What is she?)

A. "Daughter of the Royal Army."

(For further details of this fascinating young lady, see next year's issue. To avoid disappointment, order your copy in advance.)

Q. "Who introduced printing into England?"

A. (i) "Alfred the Great."

(ii) "The Early Britons."

(We thought these primitive races only had a knowledge of *foot-prints*. Still, we live and learn.)

(iii) "Wordsworth."

(Evidently a very resourceful gentleman. Of course he had many *words worth* preserving.)

Q. Who first swam the Channel?"

A. (i) "Wren."

(We thought birds flew.)

(ii) "Sir Francis Drake."

(The writer evidently thinks the Channel is a mere *Duck pond*.)

Q. "What was Major Segrave's record?"

A. (i) "His Master's Voice."

(ii) "153 knots."

(Does she mean that 153 (*k*)*nuts* dropped out on the journey? If this is so, the makers of the Golden Arrow ought certainly to adopt Henry Ford's idea of giving away a squirrel with each car.)

Q. "What is the smallest Channel Island?"

A. "Canary."

(Answer the question set. We were not asking for the names of small birds. *Lark* would have been a bit nearer.)

Q. "Who wrote 'The Water-Babies'?"

A. (i) "Mabel Lucy Atwell."

(ii) "Gertrude Ederle."

(The Americans *would* call a Channel Swimmer a "Water-Baby!")

## HOUSE NOTES.

### OFFICIALS.

	Blue.	Orange.	Red.	White.
Captain—	J. Evers.	K. Sinclair.	M. Lough. Summer, J. Hedley.	J. Sinclair.
Vice Capt.—	P. Patterson.	M. Featonby.	M. Elder.	R. Scott.
Snr. Hockey—	J. Evers.	K. Sinclair.	M. Lough.	R. Scott.
„ Netball—	P. Patterson.	D. Hall.	J. Hedley.	F. Hall.
„ Lacrosse	P. Patterson.	V. Thorp.	M. Lough.	R. Scott.
„ Tennis—	P. Patterson.	V. Thorp.	M. Elder.	R. Scott.
„ Swimming	J. Evers.	J. Widdas.	H. Grey.	J. Humphrey.
„ Sports—	V. Dodds.	M. Featonby.	M. Elder.	F. Hall.
Jnr. Hockey—	M. Strong.	M. Abram.		E. Pettinger.
„ Netball—	J. Kerr.	D. Dunn.	B. Teasdale.	A. Cumberlege.
„ Tennis—	E. Southern.	J. Spencer.	N. Schlegel.	S. Nicholson.
„ Music—	E. Rodenhurst.	K. Sinclair.	M. Elder.	A. Rotend.
Head Gardener	B. Martin.	S. Booth.	J. Hedley.	J. Sinclair.

## CUPS.

### AUTUMN TERM.

Neatness	-	Orange House.
Honours	-	Blue „
Marching	-	Orange „
Report Trophy	-	Red „
Swimming Shield	-	Blue „
Senior Championship	-	Blue and Red
Junior „	-	White
Gardening	-	White

## SPRING TERM.

Senior Hockey	-	Red
Junior „	-	White
Senior Netball	-	Red
Junior „	-	Blue
Lacrosse	-	Blue
Neatness	-	Red
Honours	-	White
Marching	-	Blue and Orange
Tankerville Marching	-	Red
„ Netball	-	White
Report Trophy	-	Red

## SUMMER TERM.

Senior Tennis	-	Blue
Junior „	-	Orange
Senior Championship	-	Blue
Runner-up	-	Blue
Junior Championship	-	Red
Sports	-	White
„ Championship	-	White
Junior „	-	White
Honours	-	White
Neatness	-	Red
Gardening	-	White
Report Trophy	-	Red
Music Shield	-	Blue

## NOTES.

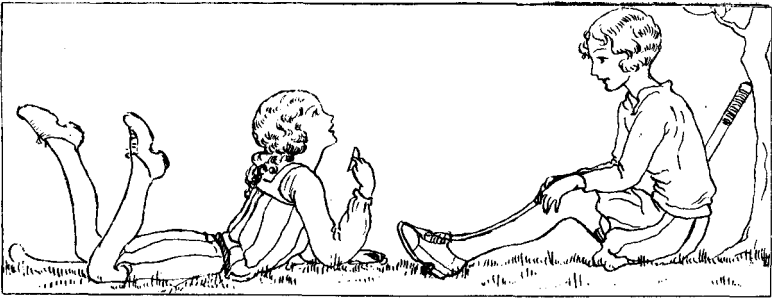
Blue House has had a successful year, in which the only disappointment was the number of reports.

Orange House has done well on the whole, but needs more all-round keenness to transform it from a runner-up to a winner.

Red House has maintained a good standard in most things, especially in reports.

White House has progressed in many ways this year, but more effort is needed in order to improve in certain games.

J. EVERS, J. HEDLEY, K. SINCLAIR, J. SINCLAIR.



## HOCKEY.

### MATCH RESULTS.

Date.	Opponent.	Venue.	Result.
Oct. 25th—	Sunderland High School - - -	H	lost 2—10
Nov. 1st—	Rutherford College - - -	H	lost 3—4
Nov. 8th—	Old Girls - - -	H	lost 7—9
Nov. 15th—	Newcastle Ladies II - - -	H	won 5—2
Nov. 29th—	Rutherford College (2nd XI match) -	H	won 4—0
Feb. 11th—	Durham County School - - -	A	lost 3—7
Mar. 14th—	Rutherford College - - -		lost 2—6

### HOUSE MATCHES.

Senior Cup—Red	Red	
White	2—0	
Blue	Blue	Red
Orange	4—0	1—0
Junior Cup—Blue	Red	
Red	1—0	
Orange	White	White
White	5—0	2—1

### TEAMS.

1st XI.—Goal: K. Sinclair.

Backs: V. Thorp, M. Henderson.

Half-backs: J. Widdas, P. Patterson, K. Waugh.

Forwards: B. Harper, V. Dodds, D. Thompson, M. Lough, J. Evers (Capt.)

2nd. XI.—Goal: J. Sinclair.

Backs: M. Lamb, M. Thorp.

Half-backs: R. Scott (Capt.), A. Grey, J. Atkinson.

Forwards: M. Walker, C. Martin, V. Greenwood, V. Huthwaite, (no left wing).

Goal.—Has improved during the season, but still needs to use her feet more.

Right-back.—Has played some good games—still slow off the mark.

Left-back.—Plays well up the field but should practise getting back more quickly after missing her tackle.

Right-half.—Has played some useful games. Attacks well but is inclined to wander at times.

Centre-half.—One of the team's hard-workers, plays well both in defence and backing up her forwards—an example to all halves. Should practise using the "scoop" instead of "reverse sticks."

Left-half.—Very slow on the field, once the opposing wing is past her she does not persevere.

Right-wing.—Runs well in possession, but lacks stickwork necessary for a good wing.

Right-inner.—Has played well this season but often fails to make use of a good opening through lack of energy.

Centre-forward.—A determined player near the circle whose stickwork needs improving.

Left-inner.—A speedy and good mid-field player but is inclined to shoot wildly.

Left-wing.—With improved stickwork and a return to last season's speed should make an excellent wing.

It is only fair to mention that there have been but two team practices during this season, and team work has most certainly suffered, but this will not account for the tendency to be slow off the mark which has characterised most players in their match games. This fault has been very noticeable in comparison with our opponents and is a matter which rests with the individual, no amount of team play will cure it. Improvement in this respect should solve our difficulties and assure us of better results in the coming season.

Colours have been awarded to B. Harper and V. Dodds.

F. E. DUFF.

## NETBALL.

After changing the positions of some of the first team near the beginning of the season, we settled down to hard work, and, I think, improved rapidly. D. Scott was a miss in the Easter Term; and we had a great deal of snow, which hindered progress. However, shooting and catching practices were organised, and the teams were very enthusiastic. It is hoped that the younger netball players will also practise hard, especially at shooting, which, although greatly improved this season, has been our weakness for some years. It is sad to think that Miss Gurney's prize, offered to the first player to shoot twenty consecutive goals, has not yet been won; but the School has a really good shooter in M. Marks.

The House Netball Matches showed a fairly high standard of play. The Senior Shield was won by Red House, whose shooters especially distinguished themselves.

Blue House won the Junior Cup.

## TENNIS.

### SCHOOL MATCHES.

Date.	Opponent.	Venue.	Result.
May 10—Staff	- - - - -	H	lost 26—56
„ 13—Durham County	- - - - -	A	won 47—15
„ 23—Sunderland High	- - - - -	A	lost 33—42
„ 25—Tynemouth League	- - - - -	H	won 45—27
„ 27—Central High (1st team)	- - - - -	H	won 39—36
2nd „	- - - - -	-	lost 33—42
„ 30—Rutherford College	- - - - -	A	won 45—26
June 3—Sunderland High	- - - - -	H	lost 28—41
„ 6—Durham High	- - - - -	H	won 25—19
„ 8—Durham High (League)	- - - - -	H	won 46—28
„ 10—Rutherford College	- - - - -	H	won 48—24
„ 14—Central High	- - - - -	A 1st team	} scratched
		2nd „	
„ 17—Alnwick Duchess School	- - - - -	A	scratched
„ 20—Durham High	- - - - -	A	won 47—18
July 11—Sunderland (League)	- - - - -	H	lost 36—40

### RESULTS.

P	W	L	D
12	8	4	0



## HIGH SCHOOLS SHIELD TOURNAMENT ON JULY 13th.

1st	Sunderland ... ..	62 games.
2nd	Newcastle Church ... ..	52 "
3rd	Newcastle Central ... ..	51 "
4th	Durham ... ..	36 "

League Shield.—Won by Sunderland who beat us in the Final, 40 games to 36.

## HOUSE CUPS.

Played as an American Tournament.

## SENIOR.

1st	Blue House ...	63 games.
2nd	Orange House ...	61 "
3rd	Red House ...	50 "
4th	White House ...	52 "

## JUNIOR.

1st	Orange House ...	57 games.
2nd	Blue House ...	56 "
3rd	Red House ...	55 "
4th	White House ...	48 "

## SCHOOL TEAM.

1st couple { P. Patterson  
D. Thompson

2nd couple { V. Dodds  
V. Thorp

The Tennis Team played well throughout the Term. Each member individually was not however quick enough to find out and attack her opponent's weak spots. If they had kept their places more consistently on the courts they would have found it easier to play a steady game, and their combination ought then to have made them a winning team.

The School put up a good fight against Sunderland in the finals of the League, only losing by 4 games. In the Shield Tournament our team again had to give way to Sunderland and ended up second.

P. Patterson.—Has a very good service and a good length ball; needs to place more carefully.

D. Thompson.—Who won the School Championship, plays a steady game and has a good fore-hand drive. She is, however, still inclined to play too much on the defence.

V. Dodds.—Match play has been very good, especially in the League Shield Tournament where she combined excellently with her partner.

V. Thorp.—Has played steadily and improved, especially during the latter half of the term. Her net play is often excellent.

M. FORD, A. BRUNYATE.

## SWIMMING.

In the Inter Schools Swimming Sports this year, Margaret Morrow won Dr. Ethel Williams' Cup for two lengths of the Bath. Margaret is a member of The Northumberland Ladies Swimming Team. Jennie Widdas won the second prize for style. The Team Race was won by Heaton. We have held the Team Race Cup for three years and we mean to try hard to get it back next year.

The following girls won their heats: Angela Grey and Anne Hardcastle; while Ailsa McKellar, Barbara Firth, Wilma Dick and Marion Kerr were second in their heats. Our team was second in the Team Race.

Our own Swimming Sports took place on October 12th, at the Gibson Street Baths to which Competitors were taken in Blue Buses. This year Major Grey gave us a Junior Cup for which there was close competition. It was won by White House with a score of 6 points, Blue had 5, Orange 4, and Red 3. Angela Grey was Junior Champion. Blue House won the Senior Cup with 18 points, Red had 9, Orange 8, and White 0. Margaret Morrow and Hestia Grey tied for the Senior Championship Cup (given by Joan Simon). Each had 6 points.

Last Autumn, Barbara Martin, Ailsa McKellan, Angela Grey, Kitty Holliday and Ursula Burgh gained the Proficiency Certificate and Bronze Medallion of the Royal Life Saving Society, while Margaret Morrow and Barbara Firth gained the Award of Merit.

F. E. DICKINSON.

## COUNTRY DANCING.

Two Teams were entered for the Musical Tournament. They passed the Efficiency Test and received Certificates, the Senior Team getting 85% and the Junior 84%.

We are continuing Wednesday practices from 4-15 till 5-0, and have some very keen enthusiasts.

## SPORTS.

The Sports this year were universally acknowledged to be a complete success. For the first time they were held in the Medical College Ground, which offered the following advantages: a properly marked course, with plenty of space, a sand pit for the long jump, ample seating accommodation, room for parking motor cars, a pavilion which provided a pleasant setting for the distribution of prizes by Miss Gurney and, last but not least, a tea tent for ice-cream and refreshments. They were held on July 16th, on a wonderfully fine day. Great skill was displayed by the Staff and Old Girls in hoop-racing and, as usual, the parents' race provided the necessary humour.

Congratulations are due to Faith Hall, the Senior Champion, on such a large score of points.

Our warm thanks go to Miss Ford and also the groundsman who were, more than anyone else, responsible for such a successful day.

### HOUSE RESULTS.

House Championship	-	1st White	-	92 $\frac{1}{2}$ points
		2nd Orange	-	75 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
		3rd Blue	-	74 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
		4th Red	-	65 "
Senior Champion	-	F. Hall	-	18 pts. White
		2nd J. Humphrey	-	9 " "
Middle School Champion	-	S. Nicholson	-	10 pts. White
		2nd B. Straker-Wilson	-	8 " Orange
Relay Race	-	-	-	White House

### SENIOR RACES (over 14 $\frac{1}{2}$ ).

440 yds.	-	-	F. Hall	W
100 "	-	-	F. Hall	W
High Jump	-	-	F. Hall	W
Long Jump	-	-	M. Elder	R
Cricket Ball	-	-	N. Lamb	O
Obstacle	-	-	M. Holmes	B
Sack	-	-	L. Hildrey	R
Potato Potting	-	-	S. Booth	O

### MIDDLE SCHOOL RACES (under 14 $\frac{1}{2}$ )

220 yds.	-	B. Straker-Wilson	O
100 "	-	S. Nicholson	W
-	-	E. Hall	O
-	-	E. Burns	W
-	-	C. Harbottle	O
-	-	S. Nicholson	W
-	-	D. Adams	W
Egg & Spn.	-	J. Wilkinson	O

## JUNIOR SCHOOL—TANKERVILLE HOUSE.

	(over 9)		(7 to 9)		(under 7)
Flat - -	A. Clark	R	R. Cumberlege	W	M. Whittaker B
Egg and Spoon	B. Barr	R	R. Cumberlege	W	J. George B
Hoop Race	M. Wardill	R	H. Watson	B	T. Ramsay R
Skipping -	J. Graham	W	P. Markham	O	K. Grieg B
Parents Race	1st	Mr. Lamb.	-	2nd	Mrs. Salkeld.
Little Visitors Race	-	-	-	-	E. Goodman.

## Staff and Old Girls Race

1st Miss Barff 2nd Miss Brice 3rd Miss Brunyate

THE VI<sup>TH</sup> FORM LITERARY SOCIETY.

## OFFICIALS, 1928-29.

Presidents : R. Scott, J. Evers, F. Hall.

Vice-Presidents : Miss Osman, Miss Scott, Miss Brunyate.

Secretaries : K. Sinclair, M. Elder.

Treasurers : E. Rodenhurst, D. Thompson, J. Hedley

"Carpe Diem" might well be the motto of the VI<sup>th</sup> Form Literary Society. In spite of the fact that everyone is always very busy, meetings are feverishly arranged, large teas are consumed, and ancient and modern plays are performed with equal fervour.

In the Autumn Term we read two plays, going from the lightest comedy in the shape of Oscar Wilde's "Importance of being Earnest" to the other extreme,—Galsworthy's "Loyalties." Both were much enjoyed.

In the Spring Term when everyone went about with their heads in damp towels (metaphorically) muttering to themselves, we only had one meeting to read a few short plays.

The Summer Term was most successful. At the first meeting we read Bernard Shaw's "Saint Joan"—a big undertaking but very enjoyable. On July 11th, we had an Open Night to which all members of the Staff were invited. Miss Gurney, to our great regret, was unable to be present. The play "Dear Brutus" by Sir James Barrie went well (the result of much rehearsing in the VI<sup>th</sup> form), and the atmosphere, so we are told, was particularly good. At any rate the VI<sup>th</sup> form lived in a state of tension for a whole week, and knew the entire play by heart by the end of the time. This was a fitting conclusion to a very successful year.

RAE SCOTT, KATHLEEN SINCLAIR.

## VB LITERARY SOCIETY.

## OFFICIALS, 1928-29.

President : Miss Brice.

Vice-President : Eileen Hastings.

Secretary : Rae Dickinson.

Committee : Vida Greenwood, Mary Marks.

Two meetings of the VB Classical and VB Modern joint Literary Society were held during the year. In the Autumn Term, both forms produced plays based upon some stories from Harrap's "Stories of To-day." VB Modern chose Barry Pain's "The Model Man" for dramatisation, and VB Classical "The Adventures of Aristide Pujol" by W. J. Locke.

Some of the parts were quite well acted, and the episodes themselves were very interesting.

The second meeting was the more successful of the two. Each form produced two or three scenes from Shakespeare, to illustrate the different types of clowns or fools to be found in his plays. The extract from "Much Ado about Nothing," in which the pompous Dogberry, assisted by his shadow Verges, gives his orders to the Watch, was well performed by VB Classical, and caused much amusement among the audience. Some really excellent work had been put into the two papers prepared and read by Lucy Appleby and Rachel Wallace. A few literary competitions arranged by R. Dickinson and E. Low completed the programme.

We hope that the new VB will work equally hard to make the Society a success.

## JUNIOR SECTION.

### WAITING FOR MASTER.

"No Dogs Admitted!"— and why not?  
 That's what I'd like to know.  
 As if we can't behave as well  
 As men, where'er we go.  
 One day I peeped within that place,  
 And what did I espy? —  
 Two men, instead of reading books,  
 Were eating mutton pie!  
 Now which of us would do a deed  
 Like that, I'd have you say.  
 (Unless, indeed, we had a chance  
 When no one looked our way).  
 And then, "Please shut the door!" How rude!  
 Were ever words like these  
 Addressed to dogs like us who try  
 Our very best to please?  
 It is too bad, but wait a bit,  
 When Master comes this way,  
 I'll let him know how I was used  
 When he stayed out all day.

CECILY CLUCAS, FORM IIIr.

### THE CHINA ELF.

One day when looking in a shop,  
 I saw a thing which made me stop,  
 Standing on the topmost shelf  
 There was a little China Elf.  
 His eyes were blue, his body brown,  
 He seemed to say "Please take me down!"  
 So, going in, I asked the price,  
 And bought him 'cos he looked so nice.

DOROTHY WHITE, FORM IIIb.

## A TRAMP.

He was trudging along a country lane, when I saw him. He was old and bent, and held a stick in his hand. Although stooping with age he was rather tall. He had thick white hair, and a short white beard, which looked very dirty; his face was wrinkled and pale, but not unkind.

His clothes were shabby and dirty, these were covered with an old thin mackintosh. On his back he carried a brown sack which was knotted and tied with string.

His trousers were torn and frayed, and his boots were very shabby and curled up at the toes. He looked very lonely and sad.

NINA SABRA, FORM II, AGED 9.

## AN ADVENTURE.

When I went out for a walk one day,

I saw a rabbit and he was grey.

He said "Good Morning, Little Miss,"

And then he offered me a kiss!

I would not let him give me one,

But I went for a walk with him for fun,

And as we went he scampered fast,

And soon the signpost we had passed.

We found that we had travelled far,

And we were glad to see a car,

We both climbed in, and soon got home,

And never more I want to roam.

DOROTHY McADAM, FORM II, AGED 9

## THE SECRET OF THE DAISY.

The King of the flowers one day called a meeting, and he asked each blossom to try to perform a little kindness to make the world brighter.

For a long time the little daisy could not think of any way to fulfil her king's command. She was always awake before the other flowers; sometimes she was awake early enough to see the angels sprinkling the dew out of their silver bowls over everything. She would thankfully drink the moisture and pour the remainder away.

One morning while she was again wondering what a tiny blossom like herself could do, she heard a mournful sigh and looking round she saw a beautiful white butterfly who appeared to be dying.

The daisy asked her what was the matter and if she could help her.

"Give me a drop of water, only a little drop," said the butterfly.

Now the daisy was sad that she could not grant the butterfly's wish, but just then a shower came on and the butterfly's life was saved.

But this taught the daisy a lesson, and now she always saves a drop of water for any thirsty butterfly.

One day the King saw her giving a drink to a tired traveller and he smiled so kindly at her that she blushed—ever so much, so much in fact that all the blush has not gone yet.

So next time you find a daisy, if you just look under the dainty white petals you will find that a touch of pink is still left on the face of this little flower.

MARGARET THORNTON, FORM II, AGED 9.

## THE OLD VIC.

The Old Vic, rightfully called the home of Opera and Shakespeare, is one of the two theatres in London which have more than a hundred years of theatrical history behind them.

The foundation stone of the Old Vic, then known as the Royal Coburg, was laid in 1816, two years after that of the Drury Lane which was rebuilt where it now stands.

In its early years, the Old Vic was a moderately respectable theatre, and such famous actors as Kean, Macready and Grimaldi played there. Unfortunately, by 1850, it had degenerated into a music hall of the lowest type. The name of the theatre was changed from Royal Coburg to Royal Victoria in honour of Princess Victoria. Afterwards it was popularly known as the Old Vic.

The Old Vic, as a music hall, had such a bad influence on the lives of the people round about, in 1880, that Emma Cons, a philanthropist, had it converted into a temperance music hall and endeavoured to provide a higher form of entertainment for the people. Later, the freehold was acquired by public subscriptions, and some evenings during the week were devoted to lectures and ballad concerts, at which some of the best singers of the time sang, through the persuasion of Emma Cons.

In 1899, Miss Baylis came over from South Africa, and joined Miss Cons, her aunt, in the management of the Old Vic. Gradually the music hall programmes were replaced by scenes from operas, which soon became very popular.

Miss Cons died in 1912, and Miss Baylis took over the management of the theatre. With only about £50 capital, Miss Baylis heroically tried to form a Shakespeare Repertory Company, and with the help of Mr. and Mrs. Matheson Lang, she was at last able to achieve her aim in the spring of 1914. At first they could get no audience, but when famous artistes came and pleaded before the curtain to packed opera audiences to support the new venture, they responded to the appeal. Although the Great War broke out soon after, Miss Baylis had started the Shakespeare Repertory Company, and they were able to carry on. Towards the end of the War, there was a shortage of male actors, but their parts were temporarily taken by women, with Miss Sybil Thorndyke at their head.

By 1923, the Tercentenary of the publication of the First Folio, the Old Vic had played the entire thirty-six plays—a remarkable feat, which had not been achieved since Shakespeare's day—as well as some 18th century comedies and classical works.

The L.C.C. would not allow the Old Vic to remain open unless it was re-built, as the company and office staff were working under extremely cramped conditions. Sometimes the scenery had to be painted at the back of the Gallery; Miss Baylis' office was used as a dressing room; and the stage properties were kept in an empty public house in a street not far away. The audience, when appealed to, gave all they could, but still this was not enough to buy new premises, until Sir George Dance generously contributed £30,000 towards the fund.

In 1927, the L.C.C. insisted that the alterations were to be finished. Building was started, but unfortunately the foundations were found to be so shaken with heavy traffic and air raids, that the Company was forced to borrow several thousand pounds to complete the work.

The theatre now has the necessary accommodation for office work, dressing and scenery painting.

Recently the Company started touring the provinces, and a few weeks ago, Newcastle was favoured by a visit, which was greatly appreciated by lovers of Shakespeare. Mary CARR, VB MODERN.

## A NEATNESS INSPECTION.

At prayers one dismal Wednesday morning,  
 Without a word of any warning,  
 Our Head announced a dread inspection.—  
 The colour ebbed from my complexion.  
 The march was played but no one heard,  
 We longed to speak, but dared not a word.  
 “Don’t tidy your desks or look inside,”  
 Miss Teachem said,—and we nearly cried.  
 “Come now girls! Stand out in houses.  
 Are you wearing square-necked blouses?  
 Really Jane, how very shocking,  
 You’ve a monstrous hole in your left stocking!  
 Betsy Agatha, show me your shoe,  
 It wants one more button, or rather, two!  
 Dirty girl! look at your blazer!  
 A fault so glaring seemed to daze her.  
 “Your hair, my child, is most unruly.”  
 “I’ve brushed it twenty-five times truly.”  
 “And have you coins in your coat pockets?”  
 Georgina’s eyes rolled in their sockets.  
 “Miss Teachem, I have just one penny.”  
 “You know you never should have any.  
 Don’t fetch it now, but go at Rec.  
 Is that some ink I see on your neck?”  
 “With this inspection I am vexed.  
 You must do better in your next.  
 And remember that well-known slogan, which is  
 That one in time saves many stitches.”

MARY HOOD, FORM VB MODERN.

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## SCHOOL TYPES.

### I. The New Girl

is one, who, from being a Most Important Personage in a Small World, is suddenly transformed into a Most Insignificant Nonentity in a Large One, and liketh it not. Forgetting the Respect due to her Elders, she is Arrogant in her dealings with her Seniors, using for many weeks Ignorance as a Cloak to her Misdeeds. Thus she sinneth with Wicked Pleasure, till the Cloak be reft away by the Hand of Authority and she be left Naked to endure as best she may the Wrath of her House Captain, to whom she must ever tell a Tale of Reports. She thinketh herself mighty, mightier, mayhap, than the School, wherefore, till she learn wisdom, her Tongue is loud in boasting where she may be heard of many. She beareth herself meekly beneath the eye of the Staff, but considers the Prefects mete game for ill-bred tricks. She is a Thorn in the flesh of all and sundry, unless, which blessing is but rarely granted to sinful mortals, she be of an understanding Heart, and so of an Humble and Pleasing Deportment.

### II. The Languid Lady

is the Canker that gnaws the Fair Strength of the School. Her heart, if she have one, is consumed with Vanity, her mind warped from its true course by an insensate lust for Pleasure. Yet will she not play games whereby she may increase the Glory of her School and advance her own Health, nor will she apply herself

diligently to her Studies nor the Adornment of her Mind. Nay, rather she prefereth the frequent use of cosmetics in such corners of the cloakrooms as escape the Prefects' Vigilance to Wholesome Exercise, the Perusal of cheap Periodicals to the Study of such noble Tomes as the School's Librarié provideth for our Minds' Edification. She taketh her Pleasure in the Stenchful Murk of the Cinema rather than in the Purity of God's Fresh Air. Her Mind is waxed gross with vanity, her Heart with Rebelliousness, her Person with an over-abundance of Sweetmeats.

### III. The Games Fanatic

is one who wears her tunic extremely short, and her girdle in a Bow at the Back of her Person. She walks with long Swinging Strides, her Toes turned in, and her arms moving in Pendulum fashion. Her hair is carefully cultivated to an immaculate Eton Crop, and Oriental is the hue of her arms and Visage from frequent exposure to the scorching rays of the Celestial Orb. In the summer season her sleeves are Rolled up, either for Effect or Comfort, nay, rather it may be to reveal the muscles of her arms, which are of a Herculean Hardness. She labours with little enthusiasm in the Temple of Learning when the small portion of the Heavens which is visible to her indicates the possibility of much Sport and Merriment after the Mid-day Repast. Colonel Lindbergh and Sir Alan Cobham are her heroes, and Helen Wills her ideal. Of other subjects is she often ignorant, and evinces little eagerness to obtain knowledge thereof. Breathe unto her the name of Rousseau, and her interest will quicken until she learns that at no time did he swim the Channel; likewise will she turn away when her intellect doth grasp that Milton flew not over the Atlantic. Indeed, as the philosopher Nosretapolus hath it "No man is so Ignorant as him with but One interest in Life."

### VI. The Prefect,

in a respectable Seminary for Young Ladies is a Necessary Evil. A Prefect should be Perfect. Sometimes indeed is she found to be so. One of her Prefectorial Duties is to loom at the head of stairs, and watch with a Careful Eye those less advanced in years, attempting to attain the Topmost Step. Triumphantly doth she rebuke the undignified maiden who hath immodestly extended her legs over two steps instead of one. The Prefect stations herself in the corridor, and her Voice rumbles as doth the Distant Thunder as she controls the overflowing exuberance of the hardworked Lower Classes. But in the Gymnasium doth she attain the Zenith of her Power, when she admonishes with raucous utterance those daring spirits who unlawfully strive to obtain the foremost place in the Biscuit Queue. She watches suspiciously the owner of the chocolate variety lest she should deposit the wrapping in forbidden places. In the matutinal hours, when the moisture is still upon the Herbage, it is the glorious lot of the Prefect to raise herself upon the Platform to read portions of the Scriptures. Her voice then assumes an added Monotony of Tone, and despite the extreme paucity of her vesture, she strikes Wonder in the hearts of the assembled masses. Sometimes it happens that the Prefect doth combine with her own the duties of House Captain. Then indeed is she terrible to behold, for in her iron hand she doth wield the Radium Stick. With this weapon she is ever eager to erase the indications of Yesterday's Dinner which adorn the centre pleat of the Juvenile Tunic. Yet shall you see the love-sick junior bearing the Blossoms of the early summer to the sanctum of the Prefect, and you shall also see her name inscribed in every Autograph Album, and her Likeness is treasured in secret by many.

F. HALL, M. HILL, FORM VI.



## MUSIC NOTES.

### MUSIC CLUB MEETINGS.

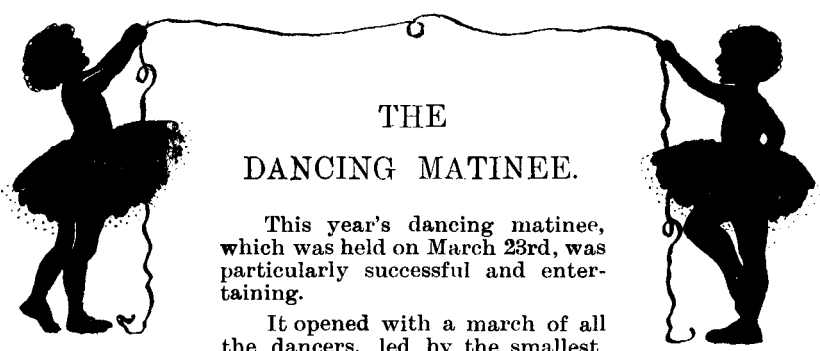
The excellent entertainments arranged by the music staff, have made the whole School regard the Music Club Tea as one of the most enjoyable events of the term.

At the Music Club Meeting, held just before Christmas, Miss Brand gave everyone a delightful surprise by having the tea-tables decorated with holly and crackers. Before tea there were some musical competitions, and carols were sung. The most exciting item during the evening was a charade performed by the VIth Form who had had free access to the dressing-up cupboard. The word which was acted was "Bach," and a famous historical character was depicted for each letter of the word—Bluebeard, King Alfred, King Canute and Herod. The greatest thrill came when Bluebeard's last wife, left alone, and overcome with curiosity, drew aside a screen, revealing the ghastly heads of all Bluebeard's former wives, who had previously been strangled, one by one, accompanied by blood-curdling screams.

Demonstrations of the old dances contained in a suite of 17th and 18th century music, were given at Miss Iliff's Music Tea at the end of the Easter Term. Four of Form II, wearing little powdered wigs and buckled shoes, and dressed in clothes such as the Tailor of Gloucester (or his little mice) would at one time have made, danced the stately minuet, to the music which Mozart composed when he was six. Everyone present was allowed to join in many of the dances; sometimes stepping in dignified processions, pretending to be dukes and duchesses and then dancing the polka as it used to be danced, until all staggered, dizzy and gasping towards the chairs.

At the meeting presided over by Miss Duncan towards the end of the summer term, there were some beautiful pianoforte duets and violin solos. IVA sang rounds with great vigour, and two of IV Alpha acted a musical dialogue, which kept the whole hall rocking with laughter. After two recitations, and while a competition was being judged, one of the VIth Form conducted community songs which were heartily and lustily sung.

EULALIE RODENHURST.



## THE DANCING MATINEE.

This year's dancing matinee, which was held on March 23rd, was particularly successful and entertaining.

It opened with a march of all the dancers, led by the smallest, who were very amusing in their efforts not to stray from the path Miss Bauche mapped out for them.

"Lorgnettes," by Juliette Crawford, in picturesque costume was fascinating and quaint, and very prettily done. A company of merry jesters in multi-coloured suits came and jingled and danced, and then we found ourselves in a Hat Shop. "Hats" was a novel dance, and was very well acted as well as danced by Hazel Barnett, who was left alone in a shop with hats ranging from ultra-modern to Cowboy style.

The Snow Ballot made us feel quite cold, the snow-flakes fluttered about so realistically.

A Fan Dance by people dressed as fans, with real fans to match, was original as well as pretty.

Joan Kerr danced as a Moonbeam in moonshine robes, and seemed to enjoy her game on earth.

Some Red Indians came and prowled on the Warpath, and we felt more secure when we saw their feathers disappear through the door.

"Wimbledon," by Joan Cooper and Joy Oliver as the girls and Hazel Barnett and Joan Kerr as the boys, was perhaps the most popular dance, and we wished time had permitted an encore. The game of tennis was most thrilling, especially when all four players were hitting at once!

The Senior, Intermediate and Junior Classes must be congratulated on their excellent performances in Fox Trots, Waltzes and many fancy dances. A dance by the very little ones, "Spring Cleaning," reminded mothers present of work to come, but we thought that the mothers who owned these clever little people would have able assistance.

The performance was ended by a Fencing Display, the performers striking a big contrast in their smart uniforms, to the dainty dancers. Perhaps the hardest part of their work was answering the questions of interested mothers as to the material of their jackets, and of certain small people who solemnly inquired if they were going to shoot!

Many thanks are due to Miss Bauche for the handsome sum raised for the Games Field Pavilion.

BARBARA MARTIN. FORM VI.



## GUIDE NOTES.

## 10th NEWCASTLE.

Guiders: Captain, M. Ford; Lieutenant, P. Pimm.

Company Leader: F. Hall.

Patrol Leaders: *Acorn*: M. Walker; *Bantam*: V. Greenwood; *Cornflower*: A. Cumberlege; *Forget-me-not*: R. Scott; *Robin*: I. Lunn; *Scarlet Pimpernel*: N. Lamb; *Treasurer*: R. Scott.

There is one fact of particular interest to be recorded in the Guide Notes for this year, and one of which we are all very proud. Imperial Headquarters have awarded Eirene Bowie the Silver Cross for Life Saving, which was presented to her by Miss Balls, the County Secretary, on July 23rd.

Cup.—The competition between the patrols of the 8th and 10th Newcastle resulted in a tie, the Cock Patrol (8th) and Cornflower Patrol (10th) both having 80½%.

Party.—Instead of having our annual party in March, the 20th Newcastle (Captain B. Armstrong) very kindly invited us to their party which we all enjoyed.

Rallies.—The annual Rally was held on March 20th, in St. James' Hall.

The Rally in honour of the visit of Lady Baden-Powell was held in the Stadium on June 15th.

The Newcastle division demonstrated the growth of the river Tyne. The 10th Newcastle were represented by eight Guides who were "Sea Gulls" on the river.

Concert.—On July 23rd, the Guides gave a variety programme in aid of Company Funds. Molly Thorp amused the audience very much with her rendering of a Tyneside recitation.

## 8th AND 10th NEWCASTLE CAMP.

This year we spent a delightful Race Week in Camp at Kildale in Yorkshire. The Misses Ford, Barff, Weedon, Brunyate and Pimm came with us. Miss Weedon was an excellent Quartermaster, and a most successful cook.

We were lucky in having very fine weather.

The camp was situated in a secluded spot inhabited only by cows, one of which was discovered in an attempt to devour Miss Barff's pyjamas.

We went for several picnics and followed up two trails during the week. We did a little Nature Study, a little Morse and much First Aid; the Guide Knife was sharper than of old.

We had two Camp fires. The people from the farm came on Thursday night and an impromptu entertainment was given. Much amusement was caused by the "classical" songs taught us by Miss Weedon.

The last night was celebrated by the crowning of Miss Ford and Miss Barff with wreaths of rhododendrons and by the presentation of a bouquet to Miss Weedon. It took some time to restore the camp to peace and order. At last everyone fell asleep, but not for long, because we arose at 5 a.m. to take our share in the sad task of demolishing the homestead and leaving the field to look as if we had never been there.

The tale of "How Our Luggage Did Not Arrive" with us at Newcastle is too sad to relate here, but even this did not prevent us from agreeing that we had never spent a more enjoyable week.

"COMPILED."

## A PARODY OF "I REMEMBER, I REMEMBER."

I remember, I remember,  
 The school, where I was taught,  
 The little classroom, where the girls  
 Assembled as they ought.  
 They never came a wink too soon,  
 Nor thought too long the day  
 And now I often wish those times  
 Could come again to stay.

I remember, I remember,  
 The Houses, four in all,  
 Their cups that bright and shining stood  
 On brackets in the hall,  
 What pleasure filled my childish heart,  
 When "Red" the trophy won.  
 And all the "sporting girls" rejoiced,  
 That well their House had done.

I remember, I remember,  
 Where I was used to sit,  
 The desks where former High Schoolgirls,  
 Had exercised their wit.  
 Our spirits flew in feathers then  
 That are so heavy now,  
 And even work could not prevent  
 Our childish fun and row.

I remember, I remember,  
 The Staff so stern, but kind,  
 I used to think their lessons were  
 Like medicine for the mind.  
 It was a childish ignorance  
 For now 'tis wondrous joy  
 To know that all my learning then,  
 Can my dull hours employ.

HELEN BURNS, UPPER IVA.

## MARKET-DAY IN MIDDLEBURG.

Clickety clack, clickety clack, going down the street,  
 Lots of little Dutch girls with sabots on their feet ;  
 It's market day in Middleburg, the busiest day of all  
 When all the busy Burghers throng quite close round every stall.

The market square is very gay and all the stalls so bright  
 Are busy with the visitors, who come to see the sight.  
 The Dutch girls wear their quaint lace caps with skirts both large and  
 wide,  
 And very strange the wee ones look, who toddle at their side.

The stalls are filled with everything that you could wish to find,  
 There's eggs and cheese and butter too, and fruit of every kind ;  
 I think that I have never seen a place so very gay.  
 I wish that I were in Middleburg on every Market-day.

YVONNE GLOVER, FORM IVB.

## TYNESIDE COUNCIL OF SOCIAL SERVICE.

The Bureau of Social Research for Tyneside, under the Directorship of Mr. Henry A. Mess, B.A., Ph.D., came into existence four years ago as an outcome of the Copec movement in Newcastle. Some of the most prominent men and women of the city felt the need of an investigation of the social conditions of Tyneside. A Survey Committee was formed, with Sir Theodore Morison as Chairman, and Dr. Mess was invited to come up from London to carry out this work. The findings of the Survey, which took three years to make and which is the first survey of a district to be made, were published under the title "Industrial Tyneside." The Report is generally acknowledged to be a true and comprehensive account of the social conditions existing in the thirteen towns along the Tyne, and has been widely read. The eyes of many were opened to the conditions affecting the lives of working men and women, and they have come to realize the need for making those lives healthier, brighter and better.

With the publication of "Industrial Tyneside" the work enters on a new phase in which stress must be laid on remedial action rather than on investigation. The Bureau is therefore closing at the end of September, and will be replaced by a Tyneside Council of Social Service.

This new body, which is promised the support of many eminent men and women of the district, will carry on such work as :

Compiling a directory of all social agencies on Tyneside.

Starting work on Guild of Help lines in the smaller towns.

Acting as a link between the well-to-do suburbs and the poorer towns.

Promoting public utility societies to build or re-condition houses.

Acting as a clearing house of information on social service.

Promoting the observance of a Social Service Sunday throughout Tyneside.

The Tyneside Council of Social Service is dependent upon voluntary subscriptions and donations.

As there is such a wide field of service, the help of voluntary workers will be very welcome. Miss Philpott, at the office of the Tyneside Council of Social Service, 18, Ellison Place, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, will be pleased to hear from any who have spare time on their hands and who may care to put it to this use.

Perhaps a word as to the nature of the work for which voluntary help is asked may be useful. It would consist of :

Extracting information from directories, year books and Government reports.

The occasional making of maps and diagrams.

At a later stage, possibly, the assistance of voluntary workers who would do some visiting in the towns along the Tyne.

Voluntary clerical work, such as stenography and book-keeping, which would be especially valuable.

A good deal of the work might seem dull and routine, but it would give an opportunity of making acquaintance with the practical handling of social problems.

Phyllis Philpott has been secretary to Dr. Mess since December, 1928, and she is continuing as Clerk to the T.C.S.S. in the future. She has written this article at my request, explaining the work of the Council.

L. M. GURNEY.

## NEWS OF THE OLD GIRLS.

Sophie Atkinson has held an exhibition of her Canadian pictures in the Palace of Arts at the North-East Coast Exhibition. The Prince of Wales accepted from her a picture of a scene near his ranch, and shortly after the opening of the Exhibition Sophie was summoned to London to see him.

Irene Ward was made a Commander of the Civil Division of the British Empire for political and public services when the last Birthday Honours were awarded. She stood as Parliamentary Candidate for Morpeth in the Conservative interest, but she was not successful.

Margaret Duncan has finished her Gymnastic Course at Silkeborg, where Betty Watson trained, and has been helping with swimming lessons this term.

Edna Russell has been working at King's College Hospital. She is a masseuse.

Madge Stell is a typist at Cookson's Lead and Antimony Co., Dean Street.

Connie Caris and Shirley Parker have passed the second M.B. examination and are now working at the Infirmary.

Dorothy Morris has passed the Pre-registration examination.

Lulu Morris obtained a Class III in Oxford English Finals in June, 1928. Since then she has been training for secretarial work.

Marjorie Russell has spent a year in Bavaria, learning to speak German and seeing something of German life.

Doreen Perks, who left from the Junior School, is now at the Wolverhampton High School.

Eva Copeland has been teaching Mathematics at Miss Robinson's School, Tynemouth, and at Miss Blair's School, Gosforth.

Mary Hogg is Temporary Superintendent of a Homecraft Centre in Durham for Girls from the Labour Exchange. The Centre is under the Education Authority.

Jeanie Ragg is doing secretarial work at Bishop Auckland.

Meta Reed has been Senior Librarian at Boots' in Sunderland; she is now a clerk at the Educational Offices in Newcastle.

Elise Andersen is now at school at Gothenburg, in Sweden.

Mabel Hackett has been appointed Mathematics Mistress at the Portsmouth High School.

Georgie Tait (Mrs. Keen) is now living at the Coast. She has a son of 11 years and a daughter of 6.

Edith Tate (Mrs. Hunter) died in December, 1927.

Shirley Parker is Tennis Captain of Durham University, and Kathleen Parker plays in the first couple.

Grace Waterton and her small sister are now at school at St. Michaels, Limpsfield.

Lucy Bell is doing agricultural work at Bankfield Hall, North Lancashire.

Kathleen Bell, who means to do secretarial work, is at present at Wimereux.

Mary Lough will begin Domestic Science work at the College of Cookery in September.

Kathleen Greenwood has been for a year at the College of Cookery. She is working for a diploma.

Joan Surtees (Salkeld) has been in Germany since October—her husband has been appointed to an army chaplaincy on the Rhine, and Ruth went with her for a visit. When she returns she will take secretarial training.

Eliza Widdas is Secretary to a Chartered Accountant (Messrs. Chipchase and Wood) at Durham.

Margaret Elder means to be an Accountant. She is going to work under Mr. Rowell at North Shields.

Nona Philpott obtained a Second Class in English Honours at Armstrong College.

Enid and Margaret Eldridge are at the Royal Naval School, St. Margarets, Twickenham.

Nancy Armstrong is to start in September as Assistant Mistress at Miss Bicknell's P.N.E.U. School.

Olga Adams has a post at Children's Orthopædic Hospital, Sheffield.

Isabel Imeary is on the staff at St. Margaret's School, Gosforth.

Joyce Bristow is now a fully fledged Kindergarten Mistress.

Mary Jewell is a Librarian at Boots (she does not say where).

Kathleen McKitterick hopes to read for History Honours at King's College, London, and to begin in October.

Nellie Purdy has obtained a Certificate in Institutional House-keeping, and when last we heard from her was applying for a post.

Marjorie Sinclair, a B. Litt. of Oxford, is doing History Research at the Record Office at the British Museum.

Connie Richardson was in England in November last, and at the end of that month was returning to Japan, where she is a missionary.

Enyd Robinson has been working at the Princess Mary Maternity Hospital—we do not know whether she is still there.

Nancy Gibson has obtained a degree in French at London University, and is now taking a six months secretarial course in Piccadilly.

Freda Wood is a Supervisor of Stores and Demonstrator of Cookery for the Gas Co.

Mary Ferguson is on the staff of Rothesay House School, Oxford.

Gertrude Hodgshon has been temporarily in charge of a school of 68 native girls at Kikombo (Tanganyika).

Pat Jopling has finished the Secretarial Course at Smart's College

Joan Holmes has been working at the Baby Clinic. She is now studying Massage at the Royal Victoria Infirmary.

Winifred Gott is Assistant Librarian at Chelsea Polytechnic.

Irene Oliver is working at the Bank of England in Grey Street.

Phyllis Philpott is Secretary to Bureau of Social Research, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

Betty Watson has a post at Fairfield High School, Manchester.

Gladys Armstrong is studying Dispensing.

Violet Wilkinson is Assistant Mistress at a preparatory school for boys, Arnold House, St. John's Wood, London.

Grace Bolam has been a pupil teacher at the Glasgow Training College, after training at the College of Cookery here and at the National Training College in London.

Mary Armstrong is governess to two children at Ferryhill.

Alys Simpson has done Locum work at Dr. Jane Walker's Sanatorium, East Anglia, and at Wingrove Hospital, and as "Clinical" Assistant at the Babies' Hospital.

Agnes Allan is working with a friend at a Holiday Home for children in Eastbourne.

Jessie Goodwin has written and sent to Miss Gurney a booklet on "Woman's Position in the Church."

Edith Ross is teaching Domestic Science in Doncaster.

Eleanor Watson is Honorary Secretary of the J.O.C. Girls' Sports.

Ella Wandless is taking a secretarial course at Smart's College.

Patricia Cranswick is a shorthand-typist at the Priestman's Collieries office.

Kathleen Appleton and Lily Jones won the Silver Cup for ball-room dancing at the 1929 competition at the Wordsworth School of Dancing, London,

Joyce Robson is Warden of Parrs Wood House, Didsbury, Manchester, a Hall of Residence for Students.

Kathleen Millons is Matron of one of the Junior Houses at Berkhamstead School for Boys.

Phyllis Walker is Assistant Medical Officer for Jarrow.

Millicent Walker has been accepted by the Newcastle Education Committee, but in her letter she does not say in what capacity.

Kathleen Hughes has just finished her course at the Art School at Armstrong College.

Edith Elliott is Cashier and Chief Clerk with the Legal and General Assurance Society.

Wilmine Cocks is a clerk in the Council Chambers at Blyth.

Margaret Blench is training at the Atholl Crescent Domestic Science College in Edinburgh.

Joan Corder is a Masseuse and has a post somewhere in South Africa.

Helen Horsley is working at Great Ormsby Hospital, Middlesbrough, as a Masseuse.

Audrey Coates is at Oldham Hospital.

Mary McCoull is at Tavistock Hospital.

Helen Baker is at Plymouth Hospital.

Mary Heath is on the staff at the Royal Victoria Infirmary: all these last four are also Masseuses.

Theo Morris won the second prize for butter making (novice class) at the Dairy show held at Durham last November.

Margaret Richardson, who has taken a First Class Honours Degree in Botany at Armstrong College this year, has been awarded the Pemberton Fellowship.

Ada Weddell won second prize for white eggs in a competition promoted by the local branch of the National Utility Poultry Society.

Betty Inskip has written a novel called "The Ravelled Sleeve."

Helen Watson is a typist in the office of the Eagle, Star & British Dominions Insurance Co.

Gwen Wilkinson has gone to New Zealand, where she has a post in a P.N.E.U. School.

Mollie Thomson and Dorothy Carr are Exhibitors in the Palace of Arts at the N. E. Coast Exhibition.

Christine Hunter is doing weaving in the Women's Section.

Mollie Thomson was in charge of the Children of the World at the Exhibition and was helped during part of the time by Lulu Morris.

Nancy Elliott, Vera Cooke and Claire Fowler have also been working at the Exhibition.

Dorothy Vernier is teaching in a small school in Newcastle.

Noëlle Vernier is working in the Edinburgh Insurance Society.

Mollie Stell is teaching in St. Nicholas School, Westoe.

Madge Stell is doing secretarial work at Messrs. Cookson's, on the Quayside.

Alex Coney is governess to the two little daughters of the Duchess of Northumberland.

Lulu Morris has a secretarial post at Messrs. Selfridge's, Oxford Street.

Dorothy Eltringham and Kitty Haswell, who are at St. Mary's College, Durham, have passed their first year Examination in their B.A. course.

Grace Eskdale at Armstrong College has done the same.

Vivien Martin is Assistant House Matron in Miss Watson's School at Ealing.



## MARRIAGES.

- Cutter—Little.—On July 25th, 1928, George R. Cutter to Vera Little.  
 France—Beckingham.—On August 29th, 1928, Gerald A. France to Heather Beckingham.  
 Blundell—Robson.—On September 4th, 1928, John Blundell to Kitty Robson.  
 McLaren—Hayward.—On September 19th, 1928, James T. McLaren to Victoria Constance Hayward.  
 MacLaren—Ryder.—On October 2nd, 1928, Malcolm MacLaren to Margaret Ryder.  
 Ballantyne—Blenkinsop.—On October 11th, 1928, Thomas Ballantyne to Dorothy Blenkinsop.  
 Verrill—Hall.—On October 11th, 1928, John Verrill to Hilda Hall.  
 Drossi—Garbutt.—On October 20th, 1928, Horace Drossi to Rosalind Garbutt.  
 Pledger—Russell.—On November 2nd, 1928, Herbert Pledger to Ethel Russell.  
 McBean—Ison.—On December 22nd, 1928, Dr. Malcolm McBean to Vera Ison.  
 McGregor—Howard.—On December 29th, 1928, George A. McGregor to Evelyn Howard.  
 Mundell—Hay.—On February 27th, 1929, Dr. Francis G. Mundell to Dorothy Hay.  
 Graham—Young.—On March 20th, 1929, Dr. William Graham to Dr. Ella Young.  
 Knox—Moffatt.—On March 23rd, 1929, Sidney Knox to Mary Moffatt.  
 Poole—Heckels.—At St. George's Church, Halifax, Nova Scotia, on March 31st, 1929, William T. Poole to Dorothy Heckels.  
 Raine—Armstrong.—On April 2nd, 1929, Arthur M. Raine to Annie Armstrong.  
 Watson—Shepperd.—On April 2nd, 1929, Leonard Watson to Esther Shepperd.  
 Porteous—Banks.—On April 4th, 1929, the Reverend Charles F. Porteous to Agnes Banks.  
 Giles—Falconar.—On April 4th, 1929, John L. Giles to Elizabeth Falconar.  
 Ellis—White.—On April 30th, 1929, Harry Ellis to Gladys White.  
 Williams—Spencer.—On July 2nd, 1929, John K. Williams to Joyce Spencer.  
 Davies—Cresswell.—On July 17th, 1929, the Reverend John T. Davies to Diana Cresswell.  
 Thompson—Fox.—On July 24th, 1929, Frederick W. Thompson to Marjorie Fox.

## BIRTHS.

- Harbottle.—On 9th October, 1928, to Mr. and Mrs. George Harbottle (Winifred Benson) a daughter.  
 Harrison.—On 25th October, 1928, to Mr. and Mrs. Bernard E. Harrison (Kathleen Bookey) a son.  
 Clark-Turner.—On 12th November, 1928, to Mr. and Mrs. H. Clark-Turner (Nellie Brewis) a son.  
 Stephenson.—On 16th November, 1928, to Dr. and Mrs. G. E. Stephenson (Elfe Armstrong) a daughter.  
 Oakley.—On 1st January, 1929, to Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Oakley (Dorothea Holmes) a daughter.  
 Holmes.—On 3rd January, 1929, to Mr. and Mrs. P. Holmes (Freda Fallows) a son.  
 Stainthorpe.—On 24th February, 1929, to Dr. and Mrs. Stainthorpe (Amy McIntosh) a daughter.  
 Skevington.—On 6th March, 1929, to Mr. and Mrs. F. K. Skevington (Dorothy Clark) a son.

- Beatty.—On 8th April, 1929, to Mr. and Mrs. G. Beatty (Julia Booth) a daughter.
- Blundel.—In September, 1929, to Mr. and Mrs. Blundel (Kitty Robson) a daughter.
- Dodds.—On 22nd May, 1929, to Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Dodds, (Joyce Coning) a son.
- Miller.—On 31st May, 1929, to Professor and Mrs. C. V. Miller (Sophie Poulsen) a daughter.
- Speed.—On 25th June, 1929, to Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Speed (Pearl Brown) a daughter.
- Crawshaw.—In July, to Mr. and Mrs. Crawshaw (Ella Burnett) a daughter.
- Heywood.—On 7th September, 1929, to Mr. and Mrs. Heywood (Norah Inskip) a daughter.

#### DEATHS.

- Beane.—On May 16th, 1929, Phyllis Mary Beane, aged 21 years.
- Hobbis.—On September 16th, 1929, Violet Marshall Hobbis.
- Morris.—On September 27th, 1929, Muriel Morris, aged 18 years.
- Morris.—On October 4th, 1929, Winifred Christian Morris, aged 20 years.

While still a pupil of the School :

- Turnbull.—On August 19th, 1929, Annie (Nancy) Turnbull, aged 14 years.

It was with great grief that I heard of Nancy's death after only six days' illness due to peritonitis. We send a message of sympathy to her parents in their great sorrow.

L. M. GURNEY.

### SCHOOL JOURNEY TO SWITZERLAND.

A party of thirty-six, including Miss Gurney, Miss Comrie, Miss Weedon and Mademoiselle Dadier left Newcastle for Switzerland at 8 a.m. on Thursday, July 25th. We crossed Dover—Calais and arrived in Paris about 11 o'clock on Thursday night. We had only a glimpse of Paris as we left early next morning arriving, at Vevey, our destination about 5-30 p.m. on Friday. We were met by cars at the station and were driven to the Park Hotel where we were to stay.

On Saturday morning we bathed at the new Plage at Vevey, and in the afternoon we took the steamer, for a sail round one end of the lake. There we saw the Castle of Chillon, and the Rhone delta of glacier water which emptied into the lake.

A walk to St. Legier occupied Sunday morning. Here the houses are covered with charcoal drawings, some of which are over a hundred years old. We saw the outside of Blonay Castle, which is one of the most famous of the district.

On Monday morning we started about 8-50 a.m. to climb Les Pleiades. The sounds which accompanied us were very typical of the Swiss countryside. The fields were literally swarming with grasshoppers of all sizes and colours. As we climbed higher we heard the fairy tinklings of the cow-bells. We had lunch at the top, after which we were entertained by some yodelling records on the gramophone. On the return journey we divided, some of us walking, while others descended by means of the Funicular.

On Tuesday morning we set out to climb Mont Pélerin but only five determined people reached the top. For the rest of the day we were free to do what we liked, so most of us went shopping in Vevey or amused ourselves in some other way.

Wednesday was one of the red-letter days of the holiday. We went to Geneva! We took the train to Nyon where we saw the old town and castle and caught our first glimpse of the snowy whiteness

of Mont Blanc. From Nyon we took the steamer to Geneva. Our first sight of Geneva as we approached the city from the lake was most beautiful, with the bridges crossing the Rhone; the green trees growing far out into the lake; the fountains playing in the gardens; the Ile J. J. Rousseau; the massive gleaming buildings, and the mountains behind, with Mont Blanc white and awesome in the distance. We first visited the old part of the town, the market with its gaily-coloured stalls and the old clock-tower. Then we followed the bank of the Rhone to the point where the rivers Rhone and Arve join but do not mix. On one side is the clear, blue, swiftly-flowing, lake-cleansed Rhone and on the other is the Arve of muddy brown glacier water tumbling from the mountains. Then we saw the University, and opposite, the Reformation Monument, which is a great wall with the figures of the famous Protestant Reformers carved on it and the motto "Post Tenebras Lux." Among other things, we saw the longest bench in Europe, Calvin's Chapel, the Cathedral of St. Pierre whose fairy-like chimes we heard, the English and Russian Churches, Calvin's School and the League of Nations Conference Hall. If we enjoyed our day in Geneva more than most people, it was due to Mademoiselle Dadier who passed her own intimate knowledge on to us.

On Thursday, 1st August, the National Fête Day, the anniversary of the day when three cantons first united in the cause of freedom, unfortunately it rained so we were allowed to amuse ourselves. In the evening we watched the fireworks which were set off in spite of the rain. On Friday we climbed to the top of Mont Pélerin (by short cuts) for which we were rewarded by a magnificent view of the Lake of Geneva and the mountains. On the way we visited a holiday school and were interested and amused by the children who sang for us.

Saturday was another wonderful day. We were taken right up the Rhone Valley in charrs-a-banc by a series of hair-pin bends to the Col du Pillon. From there most of us climbed to the top of La Pique Pallette d'Isenau which is 8600 feet high. We had a wonderful view of the Diablerets mountains and glaciers from the top. Then we went through the Bernese Oberland and had tea at Gruyère, after which we saw the picturesque old castle of Gruyère.

Most of us went to a Swiss service at St. Legier on Sunday morning which we enjoyed very much.

On Monday afternoon we went to Chillon Castle, which looked very grim as the day was cloudy. Then we went to Montreux where we shopped and had tea.

Tuesday was the climax of a perfect holiday. We started off in charrs-a-banc in the morning about eight o'clock for the Val Ferret where the country is much wilder and the people more primitive. We walked along the valley where we could easily see the glaciers. Entering the charrs-a-banc again we went up to Champex for tea. Later, we saw the Gorge du Trient which was magnificent.

On Wednesday morning we packed, and in the afternoon Monsieur Hauser showed us his wine-press which interested us very much. After tea we all went down to the station to see Miss Gurney off. We were very sorry to lose her. That evening a thunderstorm broke over the lake and we were thrilled and awe-struck to see the lightning over the mountains. We caught the train about 10 p.m. at Vevey leaving Mademoiselle Dadier looking very lonely on the platform. The next day we crossed from Boulogne to Folkestone and arrived in Newcastle about 10-45 on Thursday night, after a most perfect fortnight. We owe our best thanks to Miss Gurney, Miss Comrie, Miss Weedon and Mademoiselle Dadier for their successful efforts to make the School Journey a delightful holiday for all of us.

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