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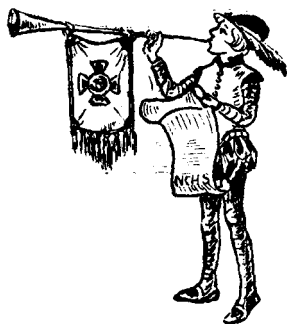
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" IIIB	" BRUNYATE	...			<i>English.</i>
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MISS DUNCAN	"
MISS ILIFF	"
MISS YATES	"

SCHOOL OFFICIALS.

Head Girl	Joyce Evers.
School Prefect	...	...	...	...	Eulalie Rodenhurst.
Prefects	...	H. Grey, B. Martin, L. Hildrey, D. Dickinson, I. Lunn, J. Humphrey, M. Featonby, M. Robinson, D. Dunn, M. Walker.			
Head of Blue House	...	Barbara Harper (Summer Term) Irene Lunn.			
" Orange "	...	...	...	...	Mary Featonby.
" Red "	...	Hestia Grey (Spring and Summer Terms) Mary Walker.			
" White "	...	...	...	...	Joyce Humphrey.
Hockey Captain	...	...	...	...	Joyce Evers.
Netball	...	...	...	...	Joyce Evers.
Tennis	...	...	...	...	Joyce Evers.
Lacrosse	...	...	...	...	Barbara Harper.
Swimming	...	...	...	...	Margaret Morrow.
Magazine Committee	...	J. Evers, E. Rodenhurst, D. Dunn, J. Mackinlay, I. Lunn, J. Humphrey.			
Editors	...	...	...	...	Miss Brice, Miss Brunyate

EDITORIAL.

Three events stand out in our minds as we review the School Year, 1929—1930, each one a bright spot in one of the three terms of the year. In the Autumn there was the annual Prize Giving, this time one of more than usual interest, by reason of its taking place, not as in former years, in the King's Hall, Armstrong College; but in the new City Hall. We were most favoured too, in having the Duchess of Northumberland to distribute the prizes, and as Chairman, the Bishop of Newcastle. The adjoining Northumberland Hall, decorated and colourful, was used afterwards for dancing and refreshments. The VIth Form were given great pleasure when the Duchess and her two daughters, Lady Diana and Lady Elizabeth Percy, accompanied them in many dances. It was a delightful evening, one of which we shall always have pleasant memories.



The Musical Entertainment at the end of the Spring Term, and the French Concert, held just before Race Week, were both varied, admirably arranged, and very representative of the work that is being done in these subjects. Great credit is due to those responsible for both entertainments. Much time, care and thought must have been spent in organising the program, designing the costumes, and bringing the items to the pitch of excellence which was, in most cases, achieved.

We should like to thank Miss McNeil and Valerie Dobson for their gifts of books to the Reference and Fiction Libraries respectively. Their kindness is much appreciated.

As regards examinations, Eulalie Rodenhurst has succeeded in gaining entrance to Newnham College, Cambridge. The Virgin Mary Scholarship has been awarded jointly to Rae Scott and Joan Hedley, who were admitted to the same college in October, 1929.

Finally, the recapture of both Tennis Shields by our team, during the Summer Term, brought an unusually successful year on the playing field to an end.

We acknowledge with thanks, magazines from The Sunderland High School, Durham Girls' County School, The Royal Grammar School, and The Newcastle Preparatory School.

Good luck to everyone at N.C.H.S. during 1930—1931.

S. R. S. BRICE, July, 1930.

FOREWORD.

The return of the Autumn brings us face to face with a new School Year's work, to which we return after the refreshing pleasures of the Summer holidays and of the companionship of friends from whom we have been parted during our terms of work.

I write this greeting in the magazine from school where we welcome two new members of staff, and our new pupils. We send our thoughts and good wishes to all who left us, and feel we should add our thanks to those who have done much for their school, our head girl, Joyce Evers, our School Prefect, Eulalie Rodenhurst, and to those others who held office in various ways.

As I review the changes and the progress of the last twelve months, the first change which occurs to me is that the Magazine is now edited by Miss Brunyate in place of Miss Brice. Miss Brice felt it necessary to enlarge her experience by working on the staff of a Secondary School of a somewhat different type from this. She is now English Mistress on the staff of the County School, East Grinstead.

Miss Brice has done splendid work for the School and the standard of the English in the Senior School is definitely higher than it was before she joined us : the Magazine has flourished in her hands : and her originality of mind and her gift of music have added to the pleasure of the literary meetings and VIth Form parties.

We also miss Miss Hillman who has taken a post nearer her home at the Sidcup County Secondary School, Kent.

Miss Brunyate and Miss Hackett (Mabel Hackett) are taking the work of Miss Brice and Miss Hillman, and the two vacancies on the staff are filled by Miss Furtado, a B.A. of Cambridge, who has First Class Honours in English and who is a hockey blue, and by Miss Jordan, who has the Higher Certificate of the N.F.U. and whose chief subject is Arithmetic in the Middle School.

* The Waiting List is the innovation which seems the most important in its working and in its effect. (The Governors decreed in the Summer Term of 1929 that we must not exceed the number of 450 regular pupils in the School). Since then I have had great pleasure in entering little grand children of the School and others for entry in future years, as well as in the nearer future. The more I have of this sort of entry the better.

It is sad when parents who wish to send their children are prevented by lack of vacancies : and I gladly enter children beforehand when, as happens oftener as time goes on, the parents give me the chance to do so.

Other changes in the direction of progress are the use, kindly granted, of the Sutherland Bath at the Royal Grammar School, and the Lady Knott Memorial Bath at the Northern Counties Orphanage ; the institution of the Typewriting Club, and of School Colours for Spelling, and the completion of the work on our playing field, thanks to the untiring interest of Major Grey.

The next request that I have to make is for everyone's help in the next Bazaar, in order that we may build a pavilion and a shed on the field. The bazaar will be held in the beginning of the Summer Term, 1931, all being well. The old girls are so splendidly helpful that even the prospect of the upheaval caused by a bazaar becomes pleasant when they share our efforts. The day itself has always hitherto been a very happy one, and I appeal to them in confidence to make this bazaar as successful as the others have been. The pavilion fund to which the Old Girls' Dramatic Club have generously contributed the large sum of £24 9s. 11d., stands at £140 8s. 2d., and we are told that a substantial pavilion such as we should need will not cost less than £600.

I appreciate highly the energy and generosity of Gladys Brewis who herself raised the sum of £17 5s. 0d. by means of a successful Bridge Drive, for the Old Girls' Scholarship Fund. We are grateful for this Scholarship, and I specially value it and find it very useful, and I thank Gladys sincerely on behalf of the School for her substantial help.

We congratulate Rae Scott and Joan Hedley who have divided the reversion of the Virgin Mary Hospital Exhibition, £60 a year for three years, if they are at Cambridge for that period.

I cannot close this foreword to the Magazine without writing of the calamity which has befallen the country in general and this county in particular in the death of the Duke of Northumberland in August of this year.

The Duchess and her daughters helped so delightfully to make our prize-giving the most successful of any that we have had, that we feel nearer to them in their grief than we could have felt before we met them. The school asks them to accept its heartfelt sympathy.

L. M. GURNEY,

SCHOLARSHIPS.

Virgin Mary Hospital Exhibition—Divided between Joan Hedley, and Rae Scott.
 Newcastle-upon-Tyne Education Committee Leaving Exhibition—
 Eulalie Rodenhurst.
 Governors' Scholarships—Senior—Elizabeth Burns.
 Governors' Scholarships—Junior—Kathleen Dunn, Elizabeth Sprague.

EXAMINATIONS.

December, 1929.

University of Durham School Certificate—

Pass—

N. Anderton, M. Dickinson, H. Grey, N. Langdale, M. Lindsay, D. Tinn (distinction in Mathematics), M. Walker, K. Waugh (distinction in Religious Knowledge).

March, 1930.

Entrance to Newnham College, Cambridge—E. Rodenhurst.

July, 1930.

London Matriculation—First Division—J. Evers.

Durham Colleges Matriculation—M. Walker, D. Tinn.

University of Durham School Certificate—Honours—L. Appleby (distinction in Latin, Greek, French, Geography), B. Burns (distinction in Religious Knowledge, English, Greek, French, Oral French), V. Greenwood (distinction in Religious Knowledge, Geography), E. Low (distinction in Religious Knowledge, Modern History, French, Oral French, Geography).

Pass—

M. Abram (distinction in Religious Knowledge), D. Athill, J. Atkinson, N. Bird, S. Booth (distinction in Music), M. Carr, R. Dickinson, M. Featonby, R. Gibson, K. Good, C. Grey, M. Harris, M. Harrison, E. Hastings, M. Henderson, M. Holmes, M. Laing, M. Marks, B. McRaith, M. Nicholson (distinction in Religious Knowledge), B. Nisbet (distinction in Music), K. Waugh (distinction in Religious Knowledge, Modern History).

Extra Subjects—

O. Harris, Latin and French ; M. Rowell, English and Latin.

Music Examinations (Associated Board)—

Lent Term, 1930.

Elementary Division—J. Rounthwaite.

Summer Term, 1930.

Primary Division—B. Porter, P. Provis, G. Tocher.

Elementary Division—P. Barker, B. Calderwood, P. Miller, D. McAdam, J. Spencer, E. Thompson.

N.S.A.M. Drawing Examinations—

First Class Certificates—

Upper Section—J. Atkinson.

Middle Section—S. Brown, J. Carrick, M. Elliott, S. Hails, M. Hastings, D. Mole, M. Rogers.

TYPE WRITING CLUB.

President : Miss Gurney.

Vice-President : Miss Brice.

Secretary : Joan Mackinlay.

During the Summer Term Miss Gurney made the very original suggestion that a Type-writing Club should be formed. As I write this the Club is still in its infancy, but the enthusiasm of the members is steadily increasing, and they are getting considerable enjoyment and interest out of the time they

spend at the type-writers. Proficiency will come only with practice. It should be clear to parents and girls however, that the aim of the club is not to give a commercial training, not even to teach type-writing. It is simply to give the girls an opportunity of making themselves familiar with type-writers, and they should regard the ability to type rather as an accomplishment than as a step on the road of commercial success.

Two lectures were given by a well qualified typist, Miss Moore, soon after the Club was opened. There are six all-British type-writing machines in use at the moment, but the number will be increased when the membership demands it.

As a hobby, it affords practical interest, and is a most useful occupation. While a type-writer would be an expensive toy in one household, it is possible by means of the common funds to produce enough machines for all members to practice on frequently. Moreover, it should be a valuable aid to spelling and composition. We hope, therefore, that the Club will flourish, and that it will achieve really good results in the coming year.

S. R. S. BRICE, July, 1930

SOCIAL WORK.

THE CATHEDRAL NURSES.

Form VI, £3 8s. 9d.; Form VA, £13 10s. 8d.; Form VB Classical, £2 8s. 2d.

The money was used for the relief of the sick poor of the City.

BENSHAM GROVE NURSERY SCHOOL.

Form IVA, £11 2s. 9d.; Form II Remove, £3 8s. 0d.

The money, which Form IVA collected, paid the expenses of a child whom they have adopted at the Nursery School. It also provided a Christmas party and presents, with some help from IIR's contribution. Added to this many "feet" for the "mile of pennies" have been collected.

GIRLS' ORPHANAGE, MOOR EDGE.

Form IV Alpha, £8 10s. 0d.

During the first two terms of the School year, Form IVA tried to arrange their party for the Orphanage girls. Each time it was prevented by infection. Just before Christmas about forty parcels were collected and taken by the Form to the Orphanage where each child presented her gift herself. In the Easter Term the Orphanage children were taken to a colour-talkie, The Hollywood Review.

In the Summer the party was at last able to take place. A beautiful tea was provided with ices later. Tennis and games of every description were played and the visitors went away laden with their prizes and a bag of sweets apiece, which were given by the Form.

HOME FOR WAIFS AND STRAYS AT CULLERCOATS.

Form IVB, £3 19s. 4d.

A parcel of toys was sent as a Christmas gift to the Waifs and Strays at St. Oswald's Home. During the holidays many children corresponded with their own particular waifs, and in the Lent Term, when a visit was paid to the Home, they were able to make each other's acquaintance.

Form IV Beta, £2 7s. 6d.

The money was divided between "Save the Children Fund," which the Form has now given up, sweets for the Day Nursery, N.S.P.C.A., and clothes for Consumptive Children in Gateshead, who were going into Sanitoriums.

Many of the girls brought toys for the Day Nursery which some of us took there before Christmas.

DAME MARGARET'S HOME.

Form IIIA, £6 0s. 0d.

During the year a new netball and table tennis sets were given to the Home, also a picture for one of the dormitories. In the Spring Term a party was given at school and in the Summer many members of IIIA returned the visit and greatly enjoyed a netball match which had been arranged for the occasion.

THE NATIONAL SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS.

Form IIIB, £4 3s. 3d.

This novel form of social work was eagerly supported by IIIB. A collection of woolly animals was taken to the Newcastle-upon-Tyne Day Nursery towards the end of the Michaelmas Term and the girls gave their own presents to the tiny children who were there.

HOSPITAL FOR INCURABLES.

Form VB Modern, £5 0s. 0d.

In the Christmas Term the money collected was spent on fruit, crackers, chocolates and cigarettes, and in the Summer Term on fruit and cream for the patients. These gifts were personally distributed by the Form, who gave a handkerchief to each woman patient. Large piles of magazines were also taken, as well as gramophone records.

FLEMING MEMORIAL HOSPITAL.

Tankerville House collected £12 2s. 9d. during the year.

At the end of the Michaelmas Term, books and toys were sent by the Junior School as Christmas presents for the sick children.

SONNET ON THE RIVER TYNE.

O, grey, old river spanned by bridges o'er,
 Thy dark and chilly waters still glide on
 Through village, town, and hamlet to the shore
 As they have done in ages past and gone.
 How many tales of wonder thou could'st tell,
 If thou could'st speak for man to understand,
 Upon how many thou would'st cast thy spell
 With stories old of struggles for this land;
 Or thou might'st tell a tale of earlier days,
 When thy clear waters were still undefiled
 By human beings and their fickle ways,
 And Tina, Goddess of the Tyne, still smiled
 While round her danced the sea-nymphs one and all,
 And o'er her head the timid gulls did call.

MARGARET ABRAM, VA.

AUTUMNAL FRUITS.

Anon comes golden Autumn, each to greet
 With treasures from his luscious laden store.
 Bright rosy apples dip the heavy trees
 Down earthward, where the busy insects swarm
 With bee and wasp around the juicy fruit.

On sunny garden walls, the bloomy plum
 And mellow pear hang coyly 'neath their leaves.
 Greengages too and nectarines are seen,
 And dark hued damsons, dear to housewives' hearts.
 The rasps are almost gone, but in their stead
 Appears the purple logan, large but tart,
 Which helps to store with jam the cupboard shelves ;
 And through the hedgerows happy children come,
 Perched high on laden haycarts homeward bound,
 With cans of welcome berries of black dye.
 All these blest fruits, and more could we recount
 Of glorious England's bounteous Autumn tide.

MONICA HASTINGS, IVA.

GIRLS' SCHOOL SPELLING LEAGUE.

Founded in 1930 by Mr. Grenfell, Headmaster of Mostyn House School, Park Gate, Cheshire, "to encourage English Girls by means of inter-school matches and general competitions to spell, pronounce, understand and use an evergrowing English vocabulary," The Girls Schools' Spelling League has before it an interesting future. We are rather proud of the fact that our School was the first in England to join the League, and hope that our spelling results during the next year will more than justify its foundation.

In the first general competition, held on July 1st, our 1st Junior team was 2nd on the list. As over 90 schools competed, the result was a very good one. The names of the 1st XI are given below. The 2nd XI is subject to alteration, and is liable to constant re-modelling, until better results are obtained. The same applies to the two Senior teams.

Earlier in the term a Spelling Match was arranged between Mostyn House School and our own. The result was a victory for Mostyn House, the only excuse for which is that Mr. Grenfell's boys have had infinitely more practice than we have. Later in the term, the 1st Junior XI was entered in a match against Mr. Cumberlege's team. This time we were more successful, and won by 48 words.

Inter-House Matches were arranged at the end of the Spring and Summer terms, the winning house in both instances being Red.

People who are not good at games or athletics have now a splendid chance to help their house and their school. Everybody participates as a matter of course in the House Competitions, and it is therefore up to each girl in the Senior School to make a strong effort to improve her spelling. As for those who are lucky enough to find themselves on their School teams, what an honour and a trust is theirs, to represent us not only against others in the neighbourhood, but against schools in all parts of England !

Best wishes to the Spelling Teams in the coming year !

The members of the 1st Junior XI are as follows :—K. Dunn, P. Muckle, J. Rounthwaite, S. Hollis, A. Jones, M. Mau, B. Sprague, S. Grey, J. Welling, V. Gough, Y. Glover. Reserves :—P. Richardson, A. Ralph.

S. R. S. BRICE, July, 1930.

MUSICAL ENTERTAINMENT.

On Friday afternoon, March 28th, 1930, an interesting concert was given by the pupils who learn music at the School. The Hall was by 3 o'clock well filled with parents and friends of the performers.

Among many clever and well produced items, perhaps the most appreciated of all was the performance given by the Jazz Band of Form II. The three small conductors, each in her individual way, showed remarkable ability

in leading the enthusiastic orchestra through their parts, and deserved the burst of applause with which they were greeted. Form IB's band was another lively feature of the entertainment.

The seven Solfa songs given by Form IA revealed a novel and instructive method of learning solfa names and sounds. The folk songs interpreted by IIIA were deservedly popular, the star item undoubtedly being "Polly Oliver." IVA and Alpha were responsible for some elementary Eurhythmic exercises which were very prettily done.

Among instrumental items, Esther Hall displayed good technique in her two violin solos, and the inclusion of Stamity's Sonata in G, arranged for three violins and piano, showed an increasing interest in orchestral work. Piano solos were rendered by Moire Lindsay, Margaret Widdas and Muriel Herbertson in very good style, the performance of Paderewski's "Gravcorrenne Fantastique" by the latter pianist easily demanding an encore.

Among the items produced by the Elocution people were the two prize speeches of Eileen Hastings and Eulalie Rodenhurst. These were both delivered in a very able manner, and the orators are to be congratulated on their excellent memories and clear enunciation. The last item, Laurence Hausman's "House Fairy" was beautifully staged and rendered. The atmosphere was perfectly conjured up and sustained, and everything combined to produce a thoroughly original and artistic whole.

As an afternoon's entertainment, the performance was a great success. The reward of the hard-worked producers lies in the response made by the audience. This was not only ample, but enthusiastic.

MORE SCHOOL TYPES.

THE INDUSTRIOUS STUDENT

is one who doth earnestly apply herself to Studies and the Improvement of her mind. She delights in Virgil, reads Caesar rather than a novel and at times of relaxation is heard discoursing of the qualities of famous Authors unknown to those of Humbler Mind. She is one that doth wear plaits, long tunics and hath an intellectual brow. One that longs for joys such as Examinations, loves not Holidays, and burns the Midnight Oil. Who, at the time of Distribution of Rewards of Labour, staggers from the platform with a Load of Tomes and an Enraptured Face. When tests of knowledge are at hand she is doubtless popular as a Fount of Knowledge but when the Sports draw near the Student sadly sits and thinks of Diogenes who dwelt alone, with a barrel as his home.

E. BOWIE, VB, Cl.

THE HERO WORSHIPPER

is one who adores or professes to adore some great Personage, be she a Mistress or a Sixth-former. At first she gazes at her Ideal from afar and then she grows more Bold. She brings her Autograph Album and shyly asks her Heroine if she will grace it with her Much-Longed-For Signature. In order to win her Adored-one's Favour she brings the Glories of Summer's Garden to adorn her Beloved's Buttonhole. In her eyes her Ideal can do no wrong; for she would continue hero-worship in the Face of Opposition from the Whole School. She mimics her every gesture and has the Audacity to imitate her Hand-writing. Her Ideal's Mannerisms and Peculiarities of speech become hers and she discovers that her favourite subject is that of her Adored-one. She becomes Dispirited and Melancholy when she thinks she has given offence to her Ideal. Her Greatest Joy, against which all other joys count as nothing, is to be asked by her Heroine to accompany her on an Expedition, be it a Bicycle ride on the King's High Way or a Visit to the Cinema or merely an Invitation to her Beloved's House.

DOROTHY HOLLINGSWORTH,

VB Classical.

THE RUINS OF A ROMAN CAMP.

Those few remains of faded glory lie
 Upon the cool hillside, and here it was
 That in the far dim ages of the past,
 The gallant warriors of Ancient Rome
 Abode. The furious onrush of the foe
 Was seen from far, and suddenly a noise
 Of battle spread through all that teeming camp.
 The quiet steady hum of active life
 Was altered by the guard's one startled cry,
 And forth to war those mighty warriors strode.

Yet after many years great Rome declined :
 The hum of victory was changed to flight.
 The conquered nation step by step fell back,
 Till now the lonely stretches of the Wall
 Gaze down upon those peaceful moorland wastes
 Where once brave men had died for their own land.

BARBARA GIRLING, VB, Cl.

THE HIGHWAYMAN.

The ground was thick with fallen snow,
 The icy wind big gales did blow ;
 When down the hard and frosty road,
 Lumbered with its human load—
 The coach.

As it passed by a lonely wood,
 Shun which all cautious travellers should,
 Because of its darkness night and day,
 There stands right in the coach's way—
 A man.

In dingy clothes that once were grand,
 And a stout pistol in each hand ;
 A large black mask upon his face,
 He is plainly of that race—
 Of Robbers.

He has shot the foremost horse,
 Which has stopped the coach, of course,
 He gets off his lovely roan,
 And growls out in a nasal tone—
 Bail up !

He has emptied every purse,
 And with many an oath and curse,
 Shouts out to his cowering prey,
 " That is all, go on your way—
 Or I'll shoot."

Now the police are on his track,
 And the blood hounds in a pack
 Hunt the highway robber down,
 Even he, of great renown—
 Black Joe.

He was brought to London Jail,
 With his long and wicket tale
 Of robbery, and such like crime,
 Tried, found guilty (and quite time)—
 And hanged.

V. J. HUTHWAITE, FORM VB, Modern.

THE HISTORY CLUB.

President : Miss Gurney.
 Vice-President : Miss Ball.
 Secretary : Eulalie Rodenhurst.
 Treasurer : Irene Lunn.

The popularity among all the senior forms of the History Club, which was founded last year, is evident from the fact that, at the end of the Autumn Term, there were, altogether, 100 members.

The first birthday of the History Club was celebrated on November 30th by a grand "History Tea." After tea, Mrs. Alderson of Armstrong College, gave a most entertaining lecture on some aspects of modern Ceylon, illustrated by vivid descriptions of the conditions and many of the adventures which she experienced personally during her stay in that island.

Professor Labaree of Yale University, who was, at the time, temporarily taking the place of Professor Morrison at Armstrong College, very kindly consented to give a lecture on February 28th, to the members of the History Club. Himself a descendant of one of the Pilgrim Fathers who sailed to America in the "Mayflower," he told intensely interesting and amusing details of the lives of the English colonists in America before their break with the mother country in 1776. The following week, Miss Ball and a number of the History Club members, went to the Stoll Picture Theatre, where, on the Saturday morning, Professor Labaree was showing a film produced by Yale University, "Wolfe and Montcalm." The film gave a vivid picture of the scaling of the Heights of Abraham by the British soldiers, and of the tragic battle which took place on the plains above.

On Saturday, May 24th, there was an expedition to the castle and hermitage at Warkworth. The beauty of the ruined castle building, and the stories of its past related by the guide, made it possible for everyone in her imagination to repeople the ancient walls with the gallant Percies of old and their stalwart followers. Everyone explored the ruins thoroughly, and frequently obtained, through the rough windows of the Norman keep, exquisite glimpses of the surrounding country, of the faint blue of the distant hills, and the deep blue of the sea. After clambering down to the riverside, some of the party followed a path through the woods, while the others were rowed up the river past banks gay with marigolds, to the old hermitage. Here were seen, hewn and carved out of the rude cliff, the beautiful chapel and simple dwelling of the ill-fated Hermit of Warkworth. Owing to the hospitality of Mrs. Carr, the party was able to have tea in her lovely garden near the hermitage, and so end, what had been for everyone, a perfect day.

EULALIE RODENHURST.

THE GEOGRAPHY SOCIETY.

President : Miss Gurney.
 Vice-President : Miss Weedon.
 Secretary : Eulalie Rodenhurst.
 Caterer : Doris Tinn.

The suggestion of Miss Weedon to revive the Geographical Society which once existed in the school, was received with such enthusiasm that 82 girls from the Sixth and Fifth Forms immediately became members. Miss Gurney very kindly consented to be the president of the new Society.

The first meeting, to which all the staff were invited, was held on March 26th. After a sumptuous tea and some competitions, Miss Weedon gave a short address on the aims of the Society and the responsibilities of each individual member. The chief item on the evening's programme was a debate in which a large number of those present took part. The motion, "That the

98 per cent. British standard of population should be maintained in Australia," although strongly supported by some, met with yet stronger opposition and was not carried.

After such an encouraging beginning, much is expected of the new Geographical Society !

EULALIE RODENHURST.

"SCHOOL NEWS."

- Q. What is the London Charivari ?
 A. A method of committing suicide.
 (We suppose they died of laughing).
 Q. Who was the architect of St. Paul's Cathedral ?
 A. Christopher Robin.
 (But she could not have remembered the Chestertonian).
 Said Sir Christopher Wren,
 " I'm going to dine with some men,
 If anybody calls,
 Just say, " I'm designing St. Paul's." "
 Q. What is " to box the compass " ?
 A. To hit it to make it go.
 Q. Who is Amy Johnson ?
 A. Amy Johnson is a young woman who flew a long way in a second hand aeroplane.
 (How we hit on the truth !).
 Q. What is an Emu ?
 A. An emu is a mother sheep.
 (And so the ewe lamb grew up !).
 Q. What is a diagnosis ?
 A. (a) A portion of land often given to a bishop—
 (but sometimes it falls to the lot of a physician).
 (b) It is also a nose.
 The use of words—
 To adjourn means " to put off till another time." ex : I adjourned my tunic till next Winter.
 The Clergy—
 " They are almost the only people on whom we may depend, and if we had not them we would often not have anyone to turn to. They are ideal for young girls who are perhaps friendless, or young men who have gone to the bad."
 (We should also like to know if they are of any use to N.C.H.S.)
 Q. What is a kiwi ?
 A. An animal that is found on the lids of shoe polish.
 Q. What is an opiate ?
 A. (a) A person who takes drugs.
 (b) A certain kind of poem.
 Q. What is an emetic ?
 A. (a) Something to do with Arithmetic.
 (b) An expression used in Geometry.
 (c) A kind of prologue.
 (d) A person who is really fussy.
 (This often upsets the digestion).
 Q. What is a geisha ?
 A. (a) A fountain in the sea. They wreck many ships.
 (b) A Japanese party.

HOUSE NOTES.**OFFICIALS.**

	Blue.	Orange.	Red.	White.
Captain—	B. Harper.	M. Featonby.	(Xmas)H. Grey	J. Humphrey.
	I. Lunn. (Summer).		M. Walker.	
Vice-Capt.—	J. Evers.	V. Greenwood.	M. Petch.	C. Martin.
Senr. Hockey—	J. Evers.	M. Featonby.	A. Grey.	M. Thorp.
„ Netball—	J. Evers.	V. Greenwood.	M. Petch.	E. Pettinger.
„ Tennis—	J. Evers.	N. Lamb.	M. Walker.	M. Thorp.
Lacrosse—	B. Harper.	B. Nisbet.	M. Walker.	C. Martin.
Sports—	J. Evers.	M. Featonby.	M. Walker.	C. Martin.
Swimming—	M. Morrow.	C. Grey.	H. Grey.	J. Humphrey.
Music—	E. Rodenhurst	M. Lindsay.	M. Walker.	H. Hall.
Jnr. Hockey—	J. Woll.	C. Harbottle.	B. Teesdale.	L. Sinclair.
„ Netball—	I. Mallet.	M. Poole.	N. Schlegel.	B. Atkinson.
„ Tennis—	I. Mallet.	J. Spencer.	N. Schlegel.	M. Kerr.
Head Garden'r	E. Rodenhurst	S. Booth.	O. Harris.	N. Lunn.

Blue House has had a successful year as far as athletics go, but more general keenness is needed, particularly in the matter of reports.

IRENE LUNN.

Orange has done creditably this year, and has proved itself to be a good all-round house.

MARY FEATONBY.

Red House has pulled up in everything, and a good general standard has been maintained. Tennis and spelling have been particularly successful.

MARY WALKER.

White House records for this year are varied—our games teams were promising—our reports far too many.

JOYCE HUMPHREY.

CUPS.**AUTUMN TERM.**

Neatness	...	...	...	Blue House.
Honours	...	...	...	Blue „
Marching	...	...	...	Blue „
Report Trophy	...	...	...	Orange „
Swimming Shield	...	...	...	Blue „
Swimming Champion	...	...	...	Blue „
Junior Swimming Champion	...	...	...	White „
Gardening	...	...	...	Orange „

SPRING TERM.

Senior Hockey	...	...	...	Blue House.
Junior Hockey	...	...	...	Orange „
Senior Netball	...	...	...	Blue „
Junior Netball	...	...	...	Blue „
Lacrosse	...	...	...	Blue „
Tankerville Netball	...	...	...	Red „
Fencing	...	...	...	White „
Marching	...	...	...	White „
Neatness	...	...	...	Red „
Honours	...	...	...	White „
Spelling	...	...	...	Red „
Report Trophy	...	...	...	Red „

SUMMER TERM.

Senior Tennis	...	...	...	Red House.
Junior Tennis...	...	...	...	Red "
Senior Champion	...	...	...	Orange "
Runner up	...	...	...	White "
Junior Champion	...	...	...	Red "
Sports	...	...	...	Orange "
Sports Champion	...	...	...	Orange "
Junior Sports Champion	...	...	...	Blue "
Honours	...	...	...	White "
Neatness	...	...	...	Blue "
Tankerville Netball	...	...	...	Red "
Gardening	...	...	...	Red "
Music Shield	...	...	...	White "
Spelling	...	...	...	Red "
Marching	...	...	...	Orange "
Report Trophy	...	...	...	Orange "

LACROSSE.**FIXTURES.**

Date.	Opponent.	Venue.	Result.
October	19—Heaton Secondary School I	A	Won 8-1
November	13—Newcastle Ladies II	H	Lost 3-13
"	27—Tyne Ladies I	A	Lost 1-10
December	11—Tyne Ladies I	H	Won 4-2
January	25—Darlington High School I	A	Lost 2-5
February	1—Heaton Secondary School I	A	Scratched.
"	19—Tyne Ladies I	A	Won 14-5
March	12—Tyne Ladies I	H	Won 10-2

TEAM : *COLOURS.

DEFENCES : Goal : Joan Woll. *
 Point : Norina Lamb.
 Cover Point : Molly Thorp. *
 3rd Man : Angela Grey. *
 Left Defence : Joan Mackinlay. *
 Right : Naomi Huthwaite. *

ATTACKS : Centre : Barbara Harper. * (Captain).
 Right Attack : Mary Walker. *
 Left Attack : Betty Nisbet.
 3rd Home : Irene Lunn. *
 2nd Home : Cynthia Martin.
 1st Home : Joyce Evers. *

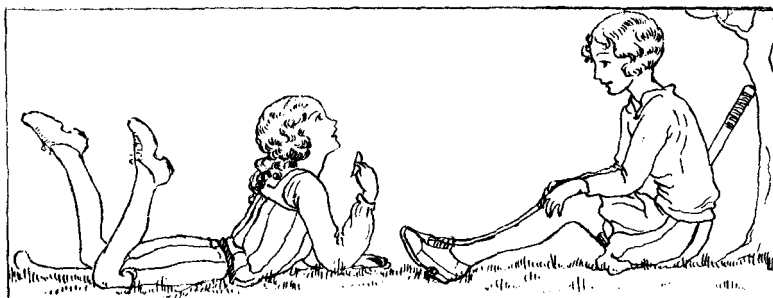
Many others have played as Reserves, notably D. Athill, M. Rowell, E. Rodenhurst, V. Huthwaite.

The standard of play has on the whole been very good indeed—the team has played well and is quickly learning that good combination is a real asset.

HOUSE MATCHES.

The Cup was won by the Blue House who defeated Orange and White 6-0 and 7-0 respectively. The match between Orange and White resulted in a draw 1-1. Red was very unlucky in not being able to raise a team. The standard of play was fairly good although some selfishness was noted.

D. E. PATTERSON.



HOCKEY.

MATCH RESULTS.

Date.	Opponent.	Venue.	Result.
Oct. 10—	Durham County School	A	Won 2-1
*Oct. 31—	Sunderland High School	A	Lost 1-2
Nov. 21—	Rutherford College	H	Won 3-2
Nov. 21—	St. Margaret's School (2nd XI)	A	Lost 2-3
Dec. 5—	Old Girls	H	Lost 2-6
Nov. 14—	Staff and Old Girls	H	Lost 1-4
*Oct. 17—	Staff and Old Girls	H	Draw 1-1
Jan. 30—	Sunderland High School	H	Won 3-1
Feb. 13—	St. Margaret's School (2nd XI)	H	Won 4-1
Feb. 20—	Newcastle Ladies A	H	Lost 0-14
Feb. 20—	Rutherford College (2nd XI)	A	Won 3-2
Feb. 27—	Old Girls	H	Lost 0-1
Mar. 6—	Rutherford College	H	Won 3-1

HOUSE MATCHES.

SENIOR CUP—Blue	}	Blue	}	Blue
White				4-0
Red		Red		
Orange				
JUNIOR CUP—Blue	}	Blue	}	Orange
White		1-0		2-0
Orange		Orange		
Red		5-1		

TEAMS—

1st XI—Goal : K. Woll (1st term), B. Marks (2nd term).

Backs : M. Lamb, M. Thorp.

Half-backs : J. Atkinson, A. Grey, K. Waugh.

Forwards : B. Harper, M. Walker, V. Greenwood, C. Martin, J. Evers (Capt.)

2nd XI—Goal : B. Marks.

Backs : B. Lough (1st term), B. Firth (1st term).

K. Woll (2nd term), J. Woll (2nd term).

Half-backs : M. Harrison, D. Dickinson, M. Morrow.

Forwards : J. Humphrey (Captain), J. Mackinlay, V. Huthwaite, C. Harbottle, N. Huthwaite.

Goal—K. Woll—Shows promise, with improved stickwork should make a better goalkeeper.

Goal—B. Marks—Clears hard but wildly, should use her feet more.

Right-back—Has been a great source of defence, but is inclined to help other members of the team instead of concentrating on her own man. Must not use reverse sticks.

Left-back—Fields the ball, has a good eye and marks her opponent well but slow in all her movements.

Right-half—Does not mark, works hard but there is a lack of power behind her shots.

Centre-half—A neat player who marks closely. Does not open out the game as well as she might by using her wing forwards.

Left-half—Has shown considerable improvement since last season, backs up her forwards well and gives nice passes. Speed lacking.

Right-wing—A determined attacking player, still lacking in finish.

Right-inner—Has played a good game throughout the season. Gets off the mark quickly and follows up well in the circle.

Centre-forward—Must attend to her position on the field and improve her stickwork.

Left-inner—Slow when in possession. Does not make enough use of her wing.

Left-wing—Good leadership, determination and an ability to shoot goals from difficult angles have rendered her an excellent captain.

The team has shown considerable improvement but is still very patchy and will need much hard practice in the coming season. Although the Sunderland High School, unbeaten for 4 years, beat us at Sunderland, we had the creditable honour of defeating them in the return match.

The Backs were the feature of the team this season and it is to their efforts that we owe the low average of goals scored against us in school matches.

Our 2nd XI had only three fixtures but managed to win two of these; which considering their lack of team practice seems quite a satisfactory result.

Colours have been awarded to M. Thorp, N. Lamb and M. Walker.

F. E. DUFF.

NETBALL.

Our match results for this season have not been good: we got into our stride only towards the end of the Spring Term: next year we must make an effort to begin well.

This season has been distinguished by our first match against an Elementary School team. A team of people under 13 played against West Jesmond Council School VII on March 29th, and though we lost 19-12, all the players enjoyed the game and some really good play was witnessed by the all-too-few spectators.

This year a local Netball League has been started to which we are affiliated. It consists of two divisions, one for Colleges, Training Colleges and Old Girls' Teams, and one for Schools. All the matches are played on one evening—This year they played on the three courts of Heaton Secondary School, and most of the matches were played in heavy rain. The winners of each division play the winners of the corresponding division in Durham. We have received no news of the final match.

Here are the results of the Schools matches:—

Heaton—Bye				
R.C.G.S.	}	R.C.G.S.	}	R.C.G.S.
Fenham	}	6-4	}	
Central H.S.	}	C.N.H.S.	}	R.C.G.S.
St. Margaret's	}	12-1	}	4-3
N.H.S.	}	N.H.S.	}	
Tynemouth	}	12-0	}	

TEAMS. 1st VII.

1929—M. Petch.
 1930—M. Marks.
 I. Lunn.
 N. Lamb.
 J. Atkinson
 B. Harper
 J. Evers (Capt.)

Shooter.
 Attack.
 Centre Attack
 Centre.
 Centre Defence.
 Defence
 Goal.

2nd VII.

V. Greenwood.
 K. Good.
 M. Davison.
 E. Pettinger (Capt.)
 A. Grey.
 M. Thorp.
 Various people.

MATCHES—

				1st VII	2nd VII
Oct. 26—Fenham	...	...	lost	11-0	lost 9-7
Nov. 9—Sunderland	...	...	lost	38-4	drew 16-16
Nov. 23—Central	...	...	lost	15-13	lost 17-15
Dec. 14—Rutherford	...	...	lost	11-16	won 25-15
Feb. 8—Sunderland	...	...	lost	37-11	lost 17-4
Feb. 22—Wallsend	...	...	won	19-18	
Mar. 1—Old Girls	...	...	lost	19-18	won 14-8
Mar. 15—Rutherford	...	...	lost	20-17	lost 17-14
Mar. 8—Staff	...	...	won	18-2	
				3rd VII	
Mar. 29—West Jesmond	...	...	lost	19-12	

HOUSE MATCHES.

Juniors.	Blue.	Orange.	Red.	White.	Total.
Blue	—	5	13	16	34
Orange	2	—	8	6	16
Red	1	2	—	—	3
White	0	0	5	—	5

Seniors.	Blue.	Orange.	Red.	White.	Total.
Blue	—	6	14	7	27
Orange	3	—	12	6	21
Red	4	3	—	2	9
White	1	3	2	—	6

F. E. DICKINSON.

TENNIS.

SCHOOL MATCHES.

FIRST TEAM—

Date.	Opponent.	Venue.	Result.
May 14—Staff	...	H.	lost 48-51
" 16—Rutherford College	...	A.	won 61-27
" 23—Rutherford College	...	H.	won 46-22
" 26—Sunderland High (League)	...	A.	won 38-30
" 30—Old Girls	...	H.	lost 64-87
June 5—Sunderland High	...	H.	won 41-35
" 11—Durham High	...	A.	won 48-14
" 14—Durham County (League)	...	H.	won 45-24
" 30—Durham County	...	A.	won 48-26
July 4—Central High	...	A.	won 39-37
" 5—Old Girls	...	H.	lost 28-108

SECOND TEAM—

June 21—Alnwick Duchess School (1st team)	...	H.	won 39-36
July 4—Central High (2nd team)	...	A.	won 38-37

RESULTS.

P.	W.	L.	D.
13	10	3	0

The School Swimming Sports were held on October 4th, 1929, when Blue House became the Senior Champions, with White as runners-up. The standard reached by all swimmers was very high but there are four people who were especially noticeable. Margaret Morrow was the finest swimmer, but Barbara Firth did excellently, and Marion Harrison shewed great promise. Daphne Athill delighted us all with her clean diving.

Of the Juniors, Evelyn Blair—the Junior Champion—was largely responsible for winning the Junior Cup for the White House.

CHAMPIONSHIP HOUSE	...	24 points	...	Blue.
RUNNERS UP	...	21	„	White.
THIRD	...	8	„	Orange.
FOURTH	...	7	„	Red.
JUNIOR CHAMPION HOUSE	...			White.
SENIOR CHAMPION	...			Margaret Morrow.
JUNIOR CHAMPION	...			Evelyn Blair.

EVENTS.

Senior Race—2 lengths	(1) M. Morrow.
	(2) B. Firth.
	(3) B. Martin.
Intermediate—1 length	(1) A. Hardcastle.
	(2) M. Harrison.
	(3) B. Lough.
Breadth—	(1) E. Elder.
	(2) E. Blair.
	(3) S. Russell.
Handicap—	(1) M. Mackenzie.
	(2) U. Burgh.
	(3) M. Harrison.
Team (under 12)—	(1) Blue.
	(2) White.
	(3) Orange.
Team (12-15)—	(1) Blue.
	(2) White.
	(3) Orange.
Team (over 15)—	(1) Blue.
	(2) Red.
	(3) White.
Diving—	(1) D. Athill.
	(2) S. Brown.
	(3) M. Morrow.
Obstacle—	(1) E. Blair.
	(2) M. Booth.
	(3) I. Lunn.
Style—	(1) A. Grey.
	(2) J. Evers.
	(3) C. Grey.

In May, 1930, a school team swam a Relay Race against Armstrong College and won it by a touch—a very fine performance.

SCHOOL TEAM—Joyce Evers.

Barbara Firth.

Ailsa McKellar.

Margaret Morrow.

The Inter-Schools Swimming Competition was held on July 16th, when the Heaton Secondary School swimmers carried almost all before them. A number of our people were placed second in their heats, but just could not put on the extra speed necessary to gain a place in the finals. Marion Harrison fulfilled last year's promise by gaining second place in the Intermediate Race and well deserved her inclusion in the School team. To our great delight, the School team was again successful and will hold the new bronze trophy which Sir Arthur Lambert is giving for the Team Race. Daphne Athill had hard luck in diving. She was placed first on the first two dives, but opened her legs in the third!

This year we have been fortunate in being granted the use of the Grammar School and Orphanage Baths. Mr. Thomas allowed us an evening for which we arranged some sports and the Senior Girls gave a display of trick swimming. It was very good fun, but it taught us that good swimming is largely a matter of steady practice. With two private baths, the public ones and the sea there is every excuse for practising.

M.E.W.

A HIGH SCHOOL MEDLEY.

- 1.— *At a Literary Tea.*
Some have despatched their cakes and cream.
(Alas we rarely have such luxuries).
R. HERRICK.
- 2.— *New Plants in House Gardens ?*
Transplanted thus how bright ye grow,
How rich a perfume do ye yield.
W. HABINGTON.
- 3.— *After paying subscriptions.*
My purse holds no red gold, no coin of the silver white.
S. FERGUSON.
- 4.— *Remarks by a mistress after Neatness Inspection.*
A sweet disorder in the dress,
Kindles in clothes a wantonness.
R. HERRICK.
- 5.— *Va Classroom, Friday afternoon.*
Here, where men sit and hear each other groan.
J. KEATS.
- 6.— *When dressing for the French Play.*
Bring the cap, and bring the vest
Buckle on his sandal shoon.
PRAED.
- 7.— *An Old Girl re-visiting the School.*
Who hath remembered me ? who hath forgotten ?
SWINBURNE.
- 8.— *The prep-mistress when one comes late.*
Nay, either tell me where thou hast been, or I will not open my lips
so wide as a bristle may enter in way of thy excuse.
TWELFTH NIGHT.
- 9.— *A Collector.*
I must entreat of you, some of that money.
TWELFTH NIGHT.
- 10.— *Mistress to girl before Exams.*
I say, there is no darkness but ignorance ; in which thou art more
puzzled than the Egyptians in their fog.
TWELFTH NIGHT.
- 11.— *Impossible ! (with prep.)*
Rise with the lark, and with the lark to bed.
ANONYMOUS.
- 12.— *An inattentive pupil caught unawares.*
Thou camest when I had thee least in mind.
OLD MORALITY PLAY.
- 13.— *After Borcovicus Expedition.*
Fie, how my bones ache ! What a jaunt have I had.
ROMEO AND JULIET.
- 14.— *Race on Sports Day.*
Uneven is the course, I like it not.
ROMEO AND JULIET.
- 15.— *Our Sports Mistress.*
———— as arbiter and overseer
Of our gymnastic sports.
To over-rash pupil.
You meet no new disaster ;
Ofttimes the pupil goes beyond his master.
COWPER.
- 16.— *Holidays.*
Slow comes the hour : its passing speed how great.
COWPER.
- 17.— *To late-comer—9-20.*
Too late thou lingerist, slumbering.
COWPER.

18.—*The budding authoress.*

— — — — — This glorious storm of Inspiration—what will it perform?
COWPER.

19.—*Junior's opinion of last Spelling Competition.*

But wherefore toil to reach
These arduous heights?

COWPER.

20.—1 p.m.

Pity the dearth that I have pined in,
By longing for that food so long a time.

TWO GENTLEMEN OF VERONA.

21.—I am one that am nourished by my victuals and would fain have meat.

TWO GENTLEMEN OF VERONA.

EIRENE BOWIE, VB, Cl.

THE VITH FORM LITERARY SOCIETY.

OFFICIALS, 1929-30.

Presidents : E. Rodenhurst, J. Humphrey, J. Evers.

Vice-Presidents : Miss Stuart, Miss Brice, Miss Ball.

Secretaries : B. Martin, D. Dunn, M. Walker.

Treasurers : I. Lunn, D. Dickinson, M. Robinson.

The Literary Society has had a successful year, though only four meetings have been held. In the Autumn term "Outward Bound" and "The little Plays of S. Francis" were read, and both were very much enjoyed.

During the Spring term we had only one impromptu meeting, when we read A. A. Milne's "Make Believe." This was great fun. Dorothy Dickinson delighted us in her role of a missionary, and her gambols with the cassawary (Doris Tinn) were admirable.

Our best effort was in the Summer term. Exams. of various kinds prevented our having a meeting until 14th July, when we had an open meeting and were glad that Miss Gurney and many of the staff came. After an excellent tea, we adjourned to the hall, and read Barrie's "Mary Rose." The atmosphere we are told was extremely good, and we feel that Miss Brice, at the piano, contributed to this as much as the actors.

Everyone enjoyed the evening, and we are only sorry that so many of us will not be at school next year to join in further meetings, but we wish the new Sixth all success.

M. WALKER, J. EVERS.

VB LITERARY SOCIETY.

President : Miss Brice.

Vice-President : E. Hall.

Secretary : N. Weddell.

Committee : E. Bowie, N. Lamb, M. Thorp, E. Southern, A. Grey.

The VB Literary Society has met three times in the past year. At each meeting we acted two plays. On the first occasion we acted "The Little Man" by Galsworthy, and the blood of the audience was suitably thrilled by J. J. Bell's "Thread of Scarlet."

At the second meeting Miss Gurney was present. This time the plays were lighter in character. VB Modern acted "The Grand Cham's Diamond," and VB Classical "Becky Sharp," an arrangement of part of "Vanity Fair." Both plays were extremely entertaining and some of the acting was outstandingly good.

At the last meeting Vb Classical rose to heights and produced a Scotch heroic play, "Campbell of Kilmnor," in which those who possessed kilts tried not to look in a superior fashion on their less fortunate brethren. Their accents were much admired. Vb Modern produced "A Night at an Inn." They acted this play very well but their realistic groans drew unseemly laughter from the audience.

At each meeting there were two competitions, all of which were very novel and must have made their originators cudgell their brains.

ESTHER HALL.

IVA AND IV Alpha LITERARY SOCIETY.

Presidents : Miss Dickinson and Miss Brice.

Committee : D. Harrison, S. Grey, J. Beattie, B. Lough, J. Oliver,
B. Teasdale.

This Society, though a new one, is remarkable for its keenness and enthusiasm. Moreover, some very good work has been produced during the school year. Last Autumn, IVA members were the hostesses, and were responsible for the programme. A scene from "Henry Vth" was followed by two dramatisations from "Short Stories of To-day :—" "The Model Man" and "The Three Tools of Death." Some prettily designed and illuminated programmes were given to the visitors (Staff and IV Alpha). The latter Form was on this occasion responsible for the indispensable competitions.

In the Spring term, conditions were reversed. IV Alpha, as hostesses, supplied the greater part of the programme, giving a clever dramatisation of "The Red Headed League." IVA were so anxious to take an active part, that they were finally allowed to produce the last Act of "As You Like It." The pastoral song "It was a lover and his lass" was very prettily sung by the Form musicians.

We hope that the new members of the society will do everything they can to co-operate with the old members in producing some really good work during the coming year.

MOONLIGHT.

1. Moonlight is a lovely lady, clad in silver, silver bright,
Who comes stealing, softly stealing o'er the hills at fall of night,
Who shall stop her ? Who shall stop this lovely lady in her flight ?
2. Softly, quietly, oh ! how graceful, creeping on without a sound,
With her little fairy pages she is often to be found ;
Never stopping, never running, never touching any ground !
3. Trees are ghosts before this lady, who turns all things silver-grey,
Forests are a haunt of phantoms, tangled, leaning, every way !
Lakes are mirrors sparkling, rippling ; all until the break of day !
4. Crowning all the lofty mountains, dancing, shining on the snow !
Lighting up the lonely moorlands, and the valleys down below,
Rivers, she makes strips of rainbow, waterfalls, and streams also.
5. Peeping at the silent village, peeping at the drowsy town,
Making the road a streak of silver, as it goes on ; up, and down.
All the world is wrapped in silver, wrapped in stillness by her gown !
6. Moonlight is a lovely lady, clad in silver, sparkling bright,
Who comes softly, stealing ever, over the seas, in flight ; in flight !
Turning everything to phantom, as she flies on through the night.

BLANCHE D. RENNELL,

Form IVA.

One Autumn night in Fairy Town,
 Clad in a green and silver gown,
 Sat the lovely Fairy Queen.
 There were brownies to be seen.
 Can't you hear their voices tell,
 Like a tinkling silver bell,

" We are the Brownies ; here's our aim,
 Lend a hand, and play the game " ?
 That means we must all be true,
 At least, I think so : Do not you ?

PAT MARKHAM.

COUNTRY DANCING.

Two teams were entered for the Musical Tournament. Both teams gained over 80 per cent. but neither was successful in obtaining a certificate.

Practices are being continued as usual on Wednesdays from 4-15 till 5-0. We hope to be more fortunate in next year's Tournament.

ORATORY COMPETITION.

Again the school was successful in winning the 1st and 2nd prizes for this very interesting and useful competition. The subject—not an easy one—was treated quite differently by our two competitors : Eileen Hastings (1st) and Eulalie Rodenhurst (2nd). Both speeches were clearly and accurately delivered, and showed originality of thought. Moreover, it is no mean feat of memory to repeat without notes, a speech which lasts not less than a quarter of an hour.

GUIDE NOTES.

10th NEWCASTLE.

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

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

Treasurer : I. Lunn.

The competition between the Patrols of the 8th and 10th Newcastle took place on March 25th. The Cup and Swastikas were won by the Forget-me-not Patrol of the 10th Newcastle ; Patrol Leader, Nancie Langdale.

The picture of Sir Galahad which is awarded every year to the " Best All Round Guide " was won this year by Irene Lunn.

The week beginning November 24th was kept as Newcastle Guide Week in aid of Imperial Headquarters Building Fund. The 10th Newcastle held an " open night " on November 26th. The number of visitors was good on the whole. During the meeting we tried to show the parents the uses of a Guide training to a girl. The proceeds of the Stall of handwork and a door collection amounted to £4 6s. 6d.

At the end of July, 1930, the Guides held an Indoor Fete in aid of the Building Fund. The proceeds of refreshments and side shows were £3.

The First Class Badge and All Round Cords have been awarded to Ailsa McKellar during the year and we are very proud of her.

8th NEWCASTLE.

Guiders : Captain, G. Barff ; Lieutenant, A. Brunyate.

Patrol Leaders : *Shamrock* : J. Evers ; *Nightingale* : M. Featonby ; *Cock* : D. Athill ; *Kingfisher* : V. Huthwaite ; *Chaffinch* : M. Harrison ; *Blue Tit* : B. Nisbet ; *Swallow* : E. Harrison ; *Poppy* : K. Murgatroyd ; *Thistle* : N. Huthwaite.

The Company still continues to flourish in numbers and many useful badges have been won, but the percentage of 2nd class guides is not yet high enough.

During the early part of the Autumn term, 1929, we worked very hard at basketry under the kind but eagle eye of Miss Newsom, Brown Owl of the 8th Newcastle Brownie Pack. As a result, on November 26th, when we held our "open night" in aid of the Imperial Headquarters Building Fund, we had quite a variety of baskets for sale, some, alas, still in the very early stages. The "open night" took the form of a typical guide evening and we hope that our parents and friends were able to understand from it why our motto is "Be Prepared."

On March 25th, we lost the cup for the Inter Patrol Competition, between the 8th and 10th Companies, but we hope to regain it this year.

On Saturday, June 21st, a party of 20 guides went hiking in Holme Woods, where tenderfoots passed their tracking tests and every one learned a little of the art of camp cooking.

During the Summer term Miss Brunyate was unable to carry on as Lieutenant but her place was filled by J. Evers and M. Featonby as very efficient company leaders. We are all very pleased to have M. Featonby with us again this term as Lieutenant.

8th AND 10th NEWCASTLE GUIDE CAMP.

After a deluge of rain, the two companies set out for Hartburn with every intention of sleeping in the village schoolroom for at least the first night. However this was quite unnecessary as the sun was unusually considerate on this occasion, we were able to sleep in our tents.

The week flew so rapidly that there did not seem to be nearly enough time for all we wished to do. Everyone in the neighbourhood was so kind that we had numerous invitations. We are especially grateful to Mr. and Mrs. Robson who asked us all to tea, arranged a tennis tournament and a cricket match, also a very thrilling treasure hunt—and, what was more, sheltered and fed us during the one really bad downpour of rain during the week.

We went for two very enjoyable hikes ; one to Rothley Lake and the other to Shaftoe Crag, where we saw the hiding place of the famous Lord Derwentwater. The more energetic "hikers" walked further on to Wallington Hall and were shown over the beautiful gardens of Lord Trevelyan, where our chief cook was presented with a large bouquet of sweet peas by Mr. Keith who wrote the "Keeper of the Rede."

On the Sunday we were very pleased to see Miss Gurney and Miss Cooke who, unfortunately, were not able to stay very long. We received a great many visitors on the Wednesday but judging by the torches which illuminated the sky that night, some tents unkindly celebrated the departure of their fond parents. It is rumoured that seven highly respectable Guides even "sleep" walked to the top of the hill to wave a second good-bye.

Bathing parades, trails, and patrol hikes occupied all our spare time during the week.

The last night arrived as all last nights will. We celebrated it with a huge camp-fire, to which we invited all our kind friends. Various Guides contributed to a programme which proved a great success, especially the amusing sketches with which the Guides entertained us. At the end of the evening we tried to show our appreciation to our excellent captain, chief-cook, doctor and quartermaster by presenting them with bouquets of wild flowers.

It was with much reluctance that we struck camp on the Friday morning and returned home after a glorious week.

We should like to thank Miss Ford, Miss Brewis, Miss Robson and Miss Pimm for making camp such a huge success.

MARY FEATONBY, VI.

8th AND 10th NEWCASTLE BROWNIE PACKS.

At the beginning of the Summer Term, 1929, the 10th Pack was so large that Headquarters gave us permission to form a new one, called the 8th Pack. Already both Packs have grown to excessive size, each now having nearly twice the regulation number of twenty-four Brownies. Our "sixes" threaten to become "twelve" this term, and we urgently need the help of Tawny Owls. We have a band of loyal Guide helpers who attend our meetings whenever lessons, games and tutorials permit! We always welcome them, in fact find it almost impossible to manage without them, but still more would we welcome regular whole-time assistants. We are very grateful for the help given to the 8th Pack by Miss Edmunsen. The 10th Pack was sorry to lose Miss Katie Morrison.

The Brownie Cup is awarded terminally to the best Six. Last year it was won by the 10th Fairies, the 10th Pixies and the 8th Pixies respectively.

In the Michaelmas term the two Packs had a Joint Open Meeting to which many parents and friends came and contributed generously to the Collection for the Imperial Headquarters Building Fund. The Brownies played their games with much zest, and we hope that the glimpse into Brownie-land gave our visitors an idea of the value of the Brownie training towards helpfulness, especially at home.

A. M. NEWSOM,

Brown Owl of 8th Pack.

S. WADE SMITH,

Brown Owl of 10th Pack.

THE FRENCH ENTERTAINMENT.

For some weeks before the selected dates of the French Concert, June 18th and 20th, songs, dances and plays had been rehearsed by nearly every Form in the School. At last however the great day arrived, and with nervous anticipations we watched crowds of visitors arriving. The French Consul's wife, Madame Delalande, very kindly came, which added greatly to the zeal of the performers.

The programme began with a song "Verduron," by Form IVB. This told the story of an unwary young Alsatian maiden, who while gathering water-cress fell into the stream. Three strong young men were greatly amused by her plight, but refused all offers of a dance or song in return for rescuing her. However, at last, apparently none the worse for the adventure, she managed to get out, and instead of paying the penalty of a kiss, pushed her rescuer head foremost into the water. The song was followed by a Poem, "Les Lunelles de ma Grand'mere," said very clearly by Margaret Wardill, who managed to read and knit an enormous stocking with the aid of a large pair of spectacles. From this present day scene, we were transported into the 18th century, by a dance given in court costume and white wigs by Joy and Doreen Oliver, in which the young gentleman "tried his luck," with a piece of grass. The dance was followed by a song "J'ai perdu le do de ma clarinette," given by VB Modern, in which a lusty tramping of feet and beating of a drum denoted the chorus. A piano solo by Miss Iliff came next, and was greatly appreciated. We were then enchanted by the appearance of the Second Form, clad in frocks of many hues, who sang with a delightful accent the "Ronde des Jupons." This was followed by a song by IV Beta, "J'étais une Bergerelle," describing a thoughtless young shepherdess who first forgot her lunch and then lost her sheep. She was rescued from this sad plight by

a shepherd who alas, turned his affections elsewhere, and left the poor young shepherdess alone. The next item was a song, given by Doris Philips who very kindly consented to come in spite of pressing engagements. The last thing before the interval was a short play acted very well by VB Classical: "Les Vieux" described the visit of Alphonse Daudet to the charming grandparents of his friend Maurice.

After the interval, the first item was the "Ronde des Moissonneurs" by IVB, some of whom, dressed as reapers, cut down the golden corn, while a chorus described their actions, and small children danced round about. This was followed by a dance by Brenda Calderwood, very daintily given. IIR then gave us a lesson in planting cabbages. Next there was another delightful piano solo by Miss Iliff, which was followed by a poem recited by Peggy Muckle. She described the sad story of the crow and his cheese, who was flattered by the fox and so lost his prize. One of the most successful performances was given by IIIA and IIIB, who first sang "Frère Jacques," the story of the monk who would *not* get up, and then "Un éléphant," in which the audience was invited to join. After the introduction by four small girls who described the words and tune, the song began, but most of the audience were so overcome with laughter that they were completely incapacitated from singing, for not one but *ten* elephants clad in grey flannel arrived on the stage, and kept time somewhat heavily to the music with their long swaying trunks. Following this, IV Alpha sang "Au Jardin de ma Blonde," during which Ursula Gilhespie and Dorothy Redhead danced very prettily. Then there was another song by Doris Philips. Last of all came "Gringoire," a play excellently acted by the VIth Form, which took us back to the days of Louis XI and Olivier le Daim, his powerful barber, who plotted and planned all to no account. The evening finished with the "Marseillaise" sung by IVA and IV Alpha, and the audience, and we all felt that the entertainment, judging by the applause, had been a great success.

DOROTHY DUNN, FORM VI.

REPORTS.

Reports are dreaded by large and by small,
They're given by prefects for speaking in hall;
For laughing, or talking, or playing the fool,
Or thoughtlessly breaking a very strict rule.

New girls they shiver, old girls they smile,
But in spite of bravado, they're quaking the while;
For if you get four you'll soon get to know,
That to the headmistress you're certain to go.

Your form-mistress stares when you give in your reports,
And makes you feel small with sarcastic retorts;
Your house captain glares and replies with a frown:
"It's not at all funny to let the House down."

Sometimes after prayers we hear with dismay,
The drastic announcement: "INSPECTION TO-DAY."
Our hearts they beat quicker, our cheeks they go pale,
And to our form-mistress we take a sad tale
Of slippers unmarked, house brooches rusty,
Blazers less buttons, and velvet so dusty.

At the end of the morning, at the Sixth Form room door,
Stands a long line of culprits with reports a large store;
But for one thing we're glad, the inspection is over,
For the next week or two, we'll be living in clover.

SHIELA HAILS AND JOAN WOLL, IVA.



THE DANCING MATINEE.

The Dancing Matinee was held on April 1st, this year, and had as usual a crowded and appreciative audience.

First all the classes marched in, led by an important small person, who gaily strutted at the head. This



was followed by graceful and original exercises done by all the dancers.

In the "scarf dance" several sylvan nymphs came gliding in to dance for us, and when they stole back to their dim woods, a jolly little grasshopper, Dorothy Greenwell, came prancing in and realistically sprang about.

A lively Harlequin, Miss M. Cross, pleaded and a charming Columbine, Miss C. Parkin, coquetted before us and finally went away together.

Some martial-looking fencers then marched in, to banish all romantic thoughts in the interest of their smart drill and dexterous fighting. The dainty little maids in "En Fête" danced to the music of a most efficient band until, overcome with exuberance, it joined in the dance.

Then we were transported into Arcadia where maidens in floating draperies danced in a "Hoop Ballet." The fairies danced and flitted about to the wistful tune of the pipers in "Pipers and Fairies."

Doreen and Joy Oliver danced in "She loves me, she loves me not," and we all waited in trepidation in case the amorous swain should not win his demure lady love.

Nancy Bottomley was a Greek girl, and danced in charming style. We were fascinated by "Life in Bunnyland," an amusing episode, where a family of tiny white bunnies attempted to nibble an enormous carrot, which came to life and frightened them away.

In addition to this the classes did both ballroom and fancy dancing of all kinds. Congratulations are due to all those who took part.

IRENE LUNN.



THE EXPEDITION TO THE EXHIBITION OF ITALIAN ART.

On Thursday, February 20th, under the leadership of Miss Gurney, Miss Scott and Miss Hawkrige, a party of twenty-eight girls travelled to London by the afternoon train. We were met at Kings Cross by a large char-a-banc which took us to our destination, the Palace Hotel in Bloomsbury Street.

On Friday morning immediately after breakfast we were conveyed in taxis to Burlington House where the party leaders were put in command. We were given absolute freedom and certainly took advantage of it. Most of the girls wandered round the rooms getting a general idea of the pictures and feeling thrilled when they recognised one of the pictures which for the previous fortnight Miss Hawkrige had been urging us to look at.

The "Birth of Venus" by Botticelli created a great deal of interest and excited the greatest admiration from many. The "Tempest" by Giorgione, and Botticelli's exquisite "Madonna and Child" were almost universally loved.

Mr. Urquhart, who lectured at School on February 12th, was a most welcome friend. He went round with our party and was most kind in answering our childish questions. We learned a great deal about art in general and about Italian art in particular from his pleasant talks.

Having said good-bye to Mr. Urquhart, we were taken back to the hotel for luncheon and a short rest.

Much to the delight of the younger members of the party, Miss Gurney took us all to the Zoo. As usual the animals were very amusing, and everyone enjoyed their antics. Many of us saw the elephants bowing and curtsying for biscuits, the seals jumping and diving for fishes, and we ourselves fed the monkeys.

Soon after four o'clock Miss Gurney collected us at the gate and took us to the home of her friend, Mrs. O'Hea, for tea. (One unfortunate group of girls got mislaid on the way as a result of a taxi-driver's ignorance of the relative positions of tube stations!) Mrs. O'Hea was most kind and we all enjoyed our visit. Peggie Miller, as the youngest guest, had the honour of cutting the Christmas cake at tea-time.

At 5-30 we said good-bye and returned to the hotel where we dined.

In a char-a-banc we were taken to the Hippodrome where we saw "Mr. Cinders."

On Saturday morning we again went to Burlington House and renewed our acquaintance of the day before with its treasures.

By a happy accident we met Miss Walpole, whom most of the girls had not seen for nearly three years.

Time for looking at the many illuminations and drawings was sadly lacking and in this section most had to satisfy their appetite by gazing again and again on Raphael's wonderful "Holy Family," which although an inhabitant of London, has just been recognised as something truly beautiful.

Everyone patronised the stalls which sold reproductions of the pictures and finally we were collected, counted and formed into a crocodile. Miss Gurney then took us for a walk down New Bond Street where some of our wealthy young people bought baskets of flowers in a really beautiful shop. Emmie Simon, Gwen Philpott, Kathleen Sinclair, Faith Hall, and Joan Burgh, were our guests of honour at luncheon.

Saturday afternoon was most exciting and we saw a very great deal including Westminster Abbey and the Houses of Parliament. Then we went over London Bridge and Tower Bridge, only seeing the outside of the Tower itself. We had many places of interest pointed out to us by our guide, including the Mint, the Mansion House and Fleet Street. We had tea at a Café just under the shadow of Big Ben and thence returned to the hotel for our luggage. Having collected our belongings we were driven to Kings Cross in time for the evening train.

On the journey down it was most interesting to hear how the Exhibition as a whole had impressed individuals. Some saw colour as the prominent note and others felt that the rhythm of the art was the keynote of the whole Exhibition. None were disappointed, indeed all expectations were exceeded. We had a pleasant and uneventful journey to Newcastle and, thanks to Miss Gurney's splendid organising, the expedition was a very great success.

LUCY APPLEBY,

P.S.—Mrs. O'Hea, our generous hostess for tea has given us a lovely reproduction of Botticelli's "Madonna" from the Gallery, Milan, to keep in school as a reminder of this wonderful exhibition.

We value and appreciate the picture and we enjoy the remembrance it brings.

L. M. GURNEY.

OUR VISIT TO BORCOVICUS.

Miss Osman very kindly arranged for some of us to go to Borcovicus on Ascension Day. We left school at ten o'clock and drove along the Military Road as far as Chollerford. Here most of us dismounted to buy sweets and lemonade at the "George Inn." From there we went straight to Borcovicus, arriving at the camp about twelve o'clock.

We all sat just outside the camp and ate our lunch, after which some of us took photographs. Miss Osman then told us a few general things about the camp and took us round in two separate parties, to show us all the interesting details. Presently, we walked along the top of the wall as far as we could, climbing up and down hill all the way. At last we saw Broomlee Lough and Greenlee Lough, and shortly afterwards Crag Lough.

We now had permission to amuse ourselves as we pleased till tea-time. Some of us paddled in the lough and the rest either looked on or gathered flowers which grew in abundance. At a quarter to four we returned to the farm for tea, after which we sorrowfully packed up and walked down to the chara-bancs. We settled ourselves comfortably and started off for home, stopping at the "George" to return the empties and travelling by Hexham to enable us to drop someone there. We arrived back at Newcastle about seven o'clock very sunburnt and happy.

D. HOLLINGSWORTH, VB Cl.

NEWS OF THE OLD GIRLS.

Emmie Simon, who is at the Royal Free Hospital, was captain of the Netball team 1928-29 and won colours for Netball and Swimming, 1929-30, she is swimming captain. In July, 1929, she was second in the Junior Anatomy examinations, obtained a certificate and became a demonstrator in Anatomy to Junior Students. This year she won the first prize (divided) for Senior Practical Anatomy.

Ruth Salkeld hopes to start training at St. Thomas's Hospital, London, next March. At present she is learning massage.

Mabel Reed has obtained a Diploma in Fine Art at Armstrong College. She is now taking a Pedagogy course.

Alice Roland is working at the School of Cookery, Edinburgh.

Nancy Armstrong has a post as governess at Blyth.

Mollie Smith, who was Mollie Ross, now lives in an old Vicarage (built in 1744), though her husband is not a clergyman. She has a boy of 6 and two daughters, one of 4 and one nearly a year old.

Kathleen Ross, her sister, teaches Domestic Science in Middlesborough, and Ena is studying at the Royal College of Music.

Ella Simpson is secretary to a Literary Agency in London.

Doris Peaps is helping with the secretarial work at the Cripples' Home, Gosforth.

Phyllis Patterson, who is working for a London degree at the Royal Holloway College, was playing tennis for London University at Fulham Palace on May 17th.

So many Old Girls are now masseuses that we have tried to compile a complete list of them and their activities. Here it is :—

Margaret Nicholson	...	Head of the School of Massage, R.V.I.
Dulcie Adams	...	} in partnership. Private Practice.
Elsie Cairns	...	
Joan Corder	...	Practice in South Africa.
Helen Baker	...	Norwich Hospital.
Elma Carnegie	...	Private Practice.
Audrey Coates	...	Oldham Hospital.
Betty Crisp	...	Hartlepool Infirmary.
Helen Horsley	...	Coventry Hospital.
Mary McCoull	...	Tavistock Hospital.
Mary Heath	...	Staff R.V.I.
Marion Vipond	...	Mansfield Hospital.
Dora Wilks	...	Middlesbrough Hospital.
Joan Simon	...	} Hold certificates but are taking further
Doreen Jameson	...	
		examinations.
Jean Hughes and Joan Holmes are students.		

Nancy and Dorothy Scott have been appointed to Lady Clerkships at the National Provincial Bank.

Rae Scott and Joan Hedley are working at Newnham College and are taking up rowing. Rae plays Lacrosse and Joan Netball for Newnham.

Margaret Duncan is now Physical Training Mistress at Skellfield School, Thirsk.

Kathleen Oldroyd has gained her Diploma at the College of Cookery and is now a fully fledged teacher of Domestic Science.

Edith Kynoch has gone to New Zealand : we hope to hear from her when she has settled down there.

Dorothy Dyson has gained a Diploma in Painting at Armstrong College and is staying on there for another year.

Nora Heawood (Inskip) has a daughter who was born last September. Her husband is a Schoolmaster.

Kitty Holliday is now at the Chelsea College of Physical Training. Before leaving the North she gained the Diploma of the Royal Life Saving Society. This is the highest award given by the Society and Kitty was the only School girl in Northumberland to obtain it.

Elsie Lees has a post at a School in Liverpool where she is responsible for the running of the Junior Department.

Joan and Pauline Brown have gone to Singapore where their father is in charge of the construction of the Naval Base.

Mildred Hamer is still at the High School, St. Albans, and Irene Pearse's small niece is in her form.

Dorothy Hamer is at Bromley High School, where she teaches Ethel Potts's little daughter.

Ella Hamer is at the C.M.S. High School in Cairo.

Gertrude Hodgshon has been on furlough from Tanganyika and has visited and addressed the School during the Summer term.

Charlotte Parkin is an Associate of the Teachers of Dancing and was last year a student with Miss Bauche.

Nancy Patterson is at Wimereuse learning French, or perhaps we should say more French.

Margaret Dickinson is working at Smarts Secretarial College.

Louisa Bowes is teaching Dancing.

Faith Hall and Kathleen Sinclair are at Westfield College. Kathleen has been elected Senior Student of her year and Faith is a member of the second Netball VII.

Haroldeen Wilton is at School in Scarborough.

Nesta Woodall has been studying at the School of Dramatic Art in London. She is now doing stage work and she broadcasts for the B.B.C.

Gwen Wilkinson holds the P.N.E.U. Certificate and has a post abroad.

Nora Burnip has a post at the Bedford High School.

Alisoun Cumberlege who has been at Roedean since last September, has won a Scholarship there of £90 a year for School life. There were sixteen candidates.

Nona Philpott has gained a First Class in the Teaching Diploma at Armstrong College, and has divided the Ellen Phoebe Wright prize for the best thesis with another woman student of her year. She is teaching at the Raby Street School in Byker.

Nancy Whitfield has passed her final examination and has obtained a post in Gateshead at the Lady Vernon Schools, where she will have charge of Standard I in the Boys' Department.

Kathleen Scott is teaching Domestic Science at Newbiggin.

Edna Russell has been Theatre Sister at King's College Hospital from February to May. She has resigned her post to take up Maternity work.

Jean McKellar and Dorothy Morris have passed in the first M.B. Durham.

Connie Caris and Shirley Parker have gained Third Classes in the 1st M.B. Durham.

Jessie Dunlop has become a D.P.H. and Bachelor of Hygiene.

Doreen McCullagh has a Class II in Pure Science in B.Sc. Honours at Armstrong College.

Irene Rowell is a B.Sc. of Durham.

Esme Taylor is a Student Librarian at the Lit. and Phil.

Mary Lough is a student at the College of Cookery.

Nancy Armstrong hopes to start the Diploma Course at the College of Cookery in September.

Joan Burgh has had a secretarial post at the office of the Asiatic Petroleum Company in Bishopsgate. She is now Assistant Private Secretary to one of the Directors of the Washington Chemical Company.

Nancy Dogherty has left Durham County School and is going next term to Bradford Grammar School. One of her pupils at Durham won a Mathematical Scholarship at Cambridge.

Vivian Taylor is doing political work for the Conservative Party. In September she is proposing a vote of thanks to Mr. Neville Chamberlain, Minister of Health in the last Government, at a great rally (25,000 people at least) of the Junior Imperial League at the Crystal Palace. In October she is beginning her training for Conservative work.

Mary Abram, Doris Thompson and Ellen Armstrong are all at St. Mary's College, London, doing the Froebel training. Mary has passed both the first and second part of the higher National Froebel Union Examination. Doris and Ellen have both passed the first part, Doris having a first class in Mathematics.

Irene Bobby (Marr) was married three years ago and is living at Ely. She used to be a Domestic Science Teacher.

Kathleen Hughes has gained a Diploma in the Teaching of Art at Armstrong College.

Elsie Waugh has been studying at the Bermondsey Medical Mission and Bible College and has gained the Diploma with honours in Religious Knowledge at Richlands. She has been accepted by the Zenana Medical Mission and will take up her duties shortly.

Kathleen Good and Majorie Laing are both working in Lloyds Bank.

Marianne Watson is teaching Mathematics at Miss Gillespie's School in Windsor Terrace.

Molloy Whitley is married to Mr. Alan Robson, an International Rugby Football player.

Clifford Wilton is at Fettes.

Leslie Bishop is writing for the "Morning Post" and the "Daily Mail."

Fleming Furgerson is on the staff of the "Evening World."

Dr. Trevor Thomas, Ship's Doctor on the "Audania," successfully performed an operation in mid-ocean on Professor Cafferty of Wisconsin University. Trevor has now been appointed to the "Mauretania."

BIRTHS.

Cutter.—On July 2nd, 1929, to Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Cutter (Vera Little) a son.

McBean.—On August 22nd, 1929, to Dr. and Mrs. Malcolm McBean (Vera Ison) a daughter, Monica.

Glendenning.—On September 25th, to Mr. and Mrs. Ian Glendenning (Betty Bradford), a son.

Blundell.—On October 7th, 1929, to Mr. and Mrs. John Blundell (Kitty Robson), a daughter.

Carlile.—On January 1st, 1930, to Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Carlile (Elca Vardy), a daughter.

Greig.—On February 4th, 1930, to Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Greig (Annie Kirk), a daughter.

Trevelyan.—On February 5th, 1930, to Mr. and Mrs. Thornton Trevelyan (Nancy Wardale), a daughter.

Waugh.—On February 15th, 1930, to Mr. and Mrs. George Waugh (Nancy Martin), a son.

Kirk.—On March 13th, 1930, to Dr. and Mrs. Kirk (Peggy Daniels), a son, Peter John Daniels.

McKie.—On April 10th, 1930, to Mr. and Mrs. Cyril McKie (Gertrude Vernon), a son.

Jonas.—On May 4th, 1930, to Mr. and Mrs. G. J. Jonas (Cicely Pringle), a son.

Wilkinson.—On January 9th, 1930, to Colonel and Mrs. Wilkinson (Nan Hunter), a son, George Campbell Hunter.

Giles.—On May 6th, 1930, to Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Giles (Bessie Falconar), a daughter.

Davies.—On June 18th, 1930, to the Reverend J. T. and Mrs. Davies (Diana Cresswell), a son.

MARRIAGES.

Wallace—Musgrave.—On September 15th, 1929, Dr. H. A. Wallace to Jenny Musgrave.

Richardson—Copeland.—On September 17th, 1929, Dr. C. F. Richardson to Eva Copeland.

Slater—Simpson.—On September 28th, 1929, the Reverend R. H. L. Slater to Alys Simpson.

Dunn—Spencer.—On October 19th, 1929, Sydney Dunn to Rachel Spencer.

Craggs—Gledson.—On April 22nd, 1930, Edward F. Craggs to Peggy Gledson.

Willcock—McGuinness.—On April 24th, 1930, William R. Willcock to Mollie McGuinness.

Arnot—Gale.—On June 4th, 1930, Dr. C. W. Arnot to Phyllis Gale.

Louis—Lukes.—On July 9th, 1930, Louie Louis to Debra Lukes.

F. E. DICKINSON.

Fairmaner—White.—On September 6th, 1930, D. J. Fairmaner to Dr. Eileen White, Ph.D., B.Sc.

Miss Gurney has recently had an interesting letter from Miss Morley, who was formerly on the Science Staff of this School. She is now teaching in a school in Poona, where there are 200 girls altogether, of whom 75 are boarders. Among this number are Mahomedans, Indian Christians, Jews, Europeans, Anglo-Indians, and English girls; in fact a wonderful mixture of creed, class, and colour. Curiously enough, they all speak English, and all the teaching is in English. She finds the teaching of Botany very different from in England, as all the plants are strange and of a greater variety.

ESSAY PRIZE, SENIOR SCHOOL, 1930.

SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH WORK IN THE TWENTIETH CENTURY.

Wherever we are, whatever we do, we can see and hear all around us the inventions and discoveries of science. Engineers work to devise vehicles which travel quickly and are comfortable, electricians labour so that our houses may be warm and filled with light, while scientists in every part of the world are working for our comfort, safety and pleasure.

The extent to which during the strikes of 1912 and 1927 all manufacture and transport, all industry, was paralysed shows the complete dependence of modern life on fuel. In spite of the fact that in Great Britain nearly two hundred and forty million tons of coal are raised annually, a temporary stoppage of supply throws all the ordinary machinery of existence out of action and reveals the magnitude of the debt that the nations owe to those who win precious stores of the fuel from the depths of the earth. Probably no industrial operation excites more widespread interest than the winning of coal, and that because of the dangers which attend it. From the early days when growing industry demanded more coal, inventors have been busy devising all sorts of safety appliances for the miner. Most varieties of coal give off a

gas known as marsh-gas or "fire-damp" which is inflammable and, when mixed with air, violently explosive. The original Davy safety-lamp is therefore used and the percentage of this deadly gas can be estimated by the faintly luminous "cap" which hovers above the flame of the lamp.

Explosions do occur, however, and unfortunately, the disastrous effects do not end with the explosion itself. The main products of combustion are carbon dioxide and carbon monoxide which are the dreaded "after-damp" of the miner.

Those who survive the explosion are therefore in great danger of suffocation or poisoning, so that the circulation of the air must be restored without delay and the work of the rescue party is a labour of desperate heroism, often attended by additional loss of life.

During the last twenty years however, it has been found possible to reduce the dangers of "after-damp" by providing rescue parties with respirators fitting over the mouth and nose, and supplied with oxygen from two steel bottles of compressed gas strapped across the back, which is sufficient for two hours strenuous labour. In all colliery districts there are, of course, special rescue stations where men undergo training in the kind of work they may be called upon to do, in such an atmosphere as would be produced by an explosion or a fire in a pit.

The enormous demand which industry is making upon our supply of coal has increased the search for substitutes. It was not until after 1890 that oil and petrol engines were considered at all, and it is only within the last twenty-five years that oil has really invaded the territory of King Coal. The crude petroleum, a liquid which varies in colour from pale yellow to nearly black, is a mixture of hydrocarbons.

When refined it yields many products, the most important of which are petrol, benzine, paraffin and lubricating oils. The first of these is the substance so largely used in the engines of motor-cars and aeroplanes, the second for dry-cleaning. While oil fuel is, and is likely to remain, more expensive than coal, there are cases in which first cost is of secondary importance. For ships of war and especially the smaller vessels, oil fuel possesses many advantages, as it occupies about three-quarters of the space that coal does and its heating power is one and a half times as great.

For naval purposes every country in the world recognises that it is the most suitable fuel, and that it has great advantages for all the smaller craft.

The rise in petrol has led to the demand for a more suitable substance for use in small motors and it may be that alcohol will become the standard fuel in the next century. This is because it can be prepared cheaply from any kind of quick-growing vegetation that absorbs carbon dioxide from the air. If in time the ancient store of natural fuel should give out, then it is just possible that the housewife of the future will feed the kitchen fire with whisky and warm the drawing-room with effervescing champagne!

The nineteenth century was the age of steam and the twentieth century will be without doubt the age of electricity. Although the primary source of power will still be water or steam, the countries in which water-power, coal or petroleum are plentiful will command the markets of the world. The real value of electricity lies in its cleanliness and the ease by which it can be transmitted great distances by a thin wire overhead or underground.

Our ordinary domestic lighting—the half-watt lamp—was the result of many experiments of an American and an Englishman, while electric heating is based on the same principle. All our modern patent devices such as the electric cooker, the electric iron, grill and kettle are inventions that were unknown thirty years ago and make the task of running a house a very different matter from the Victorian housewife's.

Although wireless had been used many years for ships it is only recently that it has become a definite installation in practically every home. We think nothing of pressing on a switch and listening in to lectures or concerts and very seldom remember Marconi who first invented it. Ships and aeroplanes would be almost crippled without wireless, while it is useless to try and describe the great service it rendered during the war.

The children and young people of to-day are hardly able to realise that trams were once small uncomfortable vehicles drawn by horses and yet it was not until after 1890 that electric tramways began to make any appreciable headway in this country. Thousands of business people depend on the electric tubes and underground railways in London and other large towns to take them to and from their work.

What London would do now if compelled to go back only twenty-five years in history cannot be imagined. The hundred and thirty-eight miles worked by electricity carry about five hundred million passengers every year. Such means of quick transport have an important influence in extending the area of large towns, which, by their electric suburban railways are spreading out and coalescing with places which were once distinct and isolated.

Just as the beginning of the nineteenth century saw the achievements of the railway and the steamships, so the beginning of the twentieth century has witnessed navigation of the ocean of air. The aeroplane and dirigible are no sudden advances in man's struggle with nature, but rather the final yielding of defences which have withstood his attacks for a hundred years.

The valuable work which aeroplanes did in the Great War will not be easily forgotten and it was then that England realised the value of aeroplanes and airships.

Flying is coming more and more into the foreground of transport. The service from Croydon to Paris is as well-known as the cross-channel steamer, while there is also a service to India.

In 1914 the maximum speed that an aeroplane could attain was sixty miles per hour, while now the Schneider Cup Race winner achieves the stupendous speed of over three hundred miles an hour!

Only this year we have witnessed the great lone flight of Miss Amy Johnson who reached Australia last May 24th. This achievement makes us realise how comparatively safe and pleasant flying has been made since the war and though there seem to be a large number of accidents, there is a tendency to exaggerate the amount, as the tragedies and not the ordinary successful flights are recorded in the newspapers. An investigation by the Aero Club of France shows that only one fatal accident occurred for every ninety-two thousand miles flown in 1925.

Since Herschel's time there has been no startling discovery made in astronomy, with the exception of the planet Neptune, whose movements Adams and Leverrier calculated and so found the constellation in which the planet was to be found on a certain night.

There has been, however, a steadily increasing improvement in scientific instruments and therefore astronomers have been able to ascertain even more accurately the position of the planets and stars and the occurrence of eclipses. The success in modern astronomy is due not only to the vast improvement of telescopes, but also to the use of the spectroscope and the camera. Real progress in celestial photography dates from the invention of the dry photographic plate in 1880, and as has been mentioned, since that time hundreds of millions of stars have been photographed. A great astronomical spectacle of this century was the total eclipse of the sun on June 19th, 1927.

Scientists from all parts of the world came to see this, as it very rarely occurs—for the next total eclipse will not be until the year A.D. 2004.

To many people the great sight was covered up by clouds, but, fortunately, hundreds of others were able to witness the wonderful sight of the moon slowly moving across the face of the sun and then, the all too short twenty seconds when all the world seemed dark again, and the red corona of the sun made it something never to be forgotten.

The theory of the Greeks that the earth was composed of four elements earth, air, fire and water has long ago just become a saying, and so perhaps will our theory of atoms become to future scientists and chemists. Dalton's atomic theory still holds good for elementary chemistry, and until lately his view has been accepted that every atom is indivisible, now, however, we know that some atoms do split up of their own accord. Again there is the theory that all atoms are composed of even smaller particles called electrons, and as the world is made up of atoms, so everything must be composed of electricity.

Within recent years great strides have been made in the manufacture of cloth and foodstuffs, one of the most interesting of which is that wood pulp is used for the production of artificial silk. The methods of manufacturing sugar, soap and paper have been known for a long time, but the processes have been improved so that the retail price of these everyday things is now cheaper. The chief value of science lies in its ability to improve the conditions of everyday life, and the adaptation of theories to new facts is a part of this process of advancement.

One of the characteristic features of the twentieth century is the improvement in transport and communication and the recent marvellous discoveries relating to electricity, astronomy and photography.

We know something of the attempts which are being made to solve the great problem of the future.

Western nations have learnt how to produce power : they have devised thousands of ingenious manufacturing processes ; they have covered a large part of the earth with a network of railways, of steamship lines, of telegraphs and of wireless communications. We indeed wonder at the genius of all these scientists who have carried out such marvellous experiments, yet in the future, there must be even more wonderful inventions and discoveries. We know how in the past thirty years or so, Man has made gigantic strides in the utilisation of many natural resources amid which he lived for so long in semi-blindness, but, though we may not live to see them, there will be even more wonderful buildings than the New York skyscrapers, safer and swifter mediums of transport will be devised and above all electricity will be the dominant power of the next century.

All these wonderful inventions and discoveries were not perfected in a year, or even fifty years. They are the work of hundreds of scientists and engineers who have devoted their lives to this work for their country's service. An extract from Shakespeare's "Sonnet" emphasises the Ages through which Man has worked before Science has become what it is now.

" No ! Time, thou shalt not boast that Earth doth change,
Thy pyramids, built up with newer might
To me are nothing novel, nothing strange ;
They are but issues of a former sight."

AILSA MCKELLAR, VA.

(Owing to the length of the original essay it has only been possible to print the above extracts).

ESSAY PRIZE, MIDDLE SCHOOL, 1930.

BUTTERFLIES AND MOTHS.

"Child of the sun pursue thy rapturous flight,
Mingling with her thou lov'st in fields of light.

Yet wert thou once a worm, a thing that crept
On the base earth, then wrought a tomb and slept."

Rogers.

The Lepidoptera or scaly-winged insects comprise many hundreds of species known as butterflies and moths. Their wings are covered with what appears to be dry dust of wonderful colours. The dust, under the microscope, proves to be little scales of various shapes, and are attached to the wings by minute stalks arranged in rows.

Some insects do little work in the larva state, such as the bee, which is richly fed by its parents, and always carried about and cradled, but afterwards has an exceedingly laborious life. The butterfly, on the other hand toils and spins when a grub. It must be constantly searching for food, for which it has an immense internal need, and must also continually renew its organs by developing new ones. Butterflies and moths have to fight against diseases. Birds and insects often prey on their caterpillars; for instance the Ichneumon fly lays its eggs in the infant caterpillar, and its grub feeds on it without killing it outright, so the poor thing dies a lingering death. Burying beetles and ground spiders, too, are great enemies of the butterfly. The moulting stage, which has to be gone through four or five times when the skin becomes too tight for the body, is a dangerous stage for the caterpillar, and unless he is in good health, he perishes in the process, and is found hanging by his claspers to the web, which he has spun for the occasion, quite dead.

All insects have a "life cycle," which means that they usually undergo various changes before they become like their parents. There are four stages in the moth's or butterfly's life. They are the egg, the caterpillar or larva, the chrysalis or pupa and the adult butterfly or moth. The egg hatches into the larva, the larva feeds and eventually changes into the pupa, the pupa eats and sleeps, until at length the pupa case breaks open, and the perfectly formed butterfly or moth escapes.

The young butterfly or moth lays its eggs in surroundings where the larva can get the kind of food which it likes best, as each species eats of its own particular kind of leaf. Some of the eggs are so beautifully ornamented that they are more wonderful than those of the birds, and can only be seen with the aid of a microscope. They can endure through all the cold weather, and will even become hatched after being frozen in a block of ice.

A butterfly's life lasts one year from the egg state until it lays its own eggs and dies. Butterflies remain in a state of coma all through the cold wintry weather, but not always at the same period of their existence, and these are called hibernates. Each special species always hibernates in the same stage, either as a butterfly, caterpillar or chrysalide.

Butterflies are often described as being more brightly coloured than moths, but this is not always so, as many moths, especially foreign ones, display the most gorgeous colouring, while some butterflies are decidedly dingy. There are several scientific differences between the moth and the butterfly. The antennae, which are the feelers, have, in the case of the butterfly, a little knob at the end while those of the moth have not; the moths, contrary to the butterflies can fold these antennae under their wings when they are asleep. Then too butterflies always fly by day, never by night, and very rarely in rainy weather, whereas most moths are nocturnal in their habits. Butterflies have waists, but moths have not, and also butterflies turn their wings upwards when they are resting, but moths turn theirs downwards, and fold them round their bodies.

Of all the many hundred species of British butterflies and moths, there are only five kinds which have aquatic tendencies. It is surprising to know that some of these moths can creep down the submerged stems of water plants, and return to the air with wings quite dry and unsoiled, and also that some caterpillars are capable of living beneath the surface of a pond : an example of this family is the pretty little moth called the Small China Mark. The wings of the male moth are white with a small black central dot, a black margin and bright silver dots.

The eye of the butterfly is very wonderful, and has 17,000 lenses, each supposed to have the property of a single eye.

The structure of the tongue of the butterfly is inconceivably delicate. It is composed of two half tubes, convex on the outside, and concave on the inside so that they form a complete tube, and the tip possesses a great number of fringes. When the tongue is coiled up, it is about the size of the fine hair spring of a watch.

Butterflies and moths have three pairs of legs, each of which consists of five different parts, the hip, the trochanter, the thigh, the shin and the foot.

There are sixty-six known species of the butterfly in Britain, and these are divided up into twelve families ; the Silver-Spotted Fritillaries, the Gregarious Fritillaries, the Angle-wings, the White Admirals, the Emperors, the Satyrs, the Dryads, the Argus Butterflies, the Redhorns, the Swallow-tails the Whites and the Skippers. Some of the Fritillary family are very common and their caterpillars or chrysalides may be found on the wild flowers in our lanes, and on dog violets or heartsease all over the country ; but one of this family, the Niobe, is rare and only found in the New Forest. The White Admiral is also rare, but may be found on honeysuckle. The Peacock of the Angle-winged is a common butterfly, and found on stinging nettles. The Swallow-tail is beautifully coloured, and found on milk parsley in Norfolk and Cambridgeshire. There are many kinds of Skippers, some being very common all over England, and some are found only in Devon and Dorsetshire. Their caterpillars live on grasses, birds-foot trefoil and bramble leaves.

The Greeks had the same word *Psyche* for soul as for a butterfly, and often a butterfly is carved on a tombstone meaning the symbol of a soul flying to its home. First comes the caterpillar, whose sole thought seems to be how it can get food, grovelling on the earth ; then the intermediate state of the chrysalide, when the creature is swathed in its own silky web, and lies dormant, and to all appearances dead, the sleep of death ; and lastly the perfect state of being, when the winged creature, decked in its brilliant colours, bursts the case which held it imprisoned, and soars aloft, joyous and beautiful and no longer troubled with its daily food, but an emblem of joy, and of the human soul, happy and glorious in its perfect life.

" And such is man ; soon from this cell of clay
To burst a seraph in the blaze of day."

Rogers.

MONICA HASTINGS, UP. IVA.

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THE FAIRY RING.

A long, long time ago amongst mountains there lived a young giant, whose name was Force, this giant lived all alone in a grotto.

Force was very strong, but he was also very clumsy, he was very good natured and had a great desire to do good in the world and make other people happy.

One day he went down the mountain to the village in the valley below ; on his way there he knocked down a shepherd's hut.

As he was passing the village church he saw the sexton about to ring the bells, Force said to the sexton " Let me ring the bells for you," but he rang them with such vigour that he pulled down the steeple, the villagers were so angry that they drove him out of the village and told him, never to go there again.

Force wandered sadly away, across mountains and fields, doing a great deal of damage as he went, and thinking of all the destruction he had wrought by his clumsiness.

At last almost dead tired, he lay down by a wood-side, and just before closing his eyes in sleep, he said to himself, " Oh ! how I wish I could make someone happy."

After sleeping for a while, he awoke to find a beautiful Fairy standing at his side, to him she looked just like a butterfly. She said to Force, " I have come to grant you your wish." Rubbing his eyes, Force said " But who are you and how do you know that I wished " ? Smiling, the Fairy said " Do you not know that your foot is in a fairy ring ? and whoever wishes while they are touching a fairy ring has their wish granted by me; my name is Industry, now please tell me your wish " ! " My greatest wish is that I bring happiness to others," said Force.

" Then come with me and I will show you how to be useful " cried Industry, and flying before him, she led him to a large mountain, and knocking on a rock which jutted out of the side of the mountain, part of it swung back revealing a large cavity, into which Industry led Force; inside was a scene of bustle and commotion, Fairies, giants, goblins, and elves, not one was idle, some were sewing, others washing, weaving, and building houses.

Industry led Force to a large bench where goblins were making shoes, saying as she went " This is the Mountain of Industry over which I rule, and," added the Fairy, " you will begin work by learning shoemaking."

One day, about six months later, Force said to one of the other giants " Oh ! how I wish Industry would tell me that I can go away from here now, " She will when she thinks you have learnt all there is to learn here," replied the other giant. At that moment Industry appeared, " You may go now " said she. " Come with me and I will show you how to get out of the mountain." Force followed her to the door, where he said good-bye to Industry and all his friends.

Force left the mountain and tramped across the country until he came to a large plain surrounded by hills, in the centre of the plain stood a big city, which he started to walk to ; about half way there he met an enormous giant, who told him to turn back ; at that moment up came a crowd of citizens, who told him that this other giant had been oppressing them for many years, and that they had sworn that anyone who killed the giant would be their king and Protector, so Force fought the giant and killed him, and he was made King of the city and the surrounding country.

For many years he lived there—greatly loved by the people to whom he had brought peace and happiness.

BETTY COLEBORN, IVB.

“ TO HAVE THE HONOUR.”

The Newcastle Church High School Old Girls' Dramatic Club was distinctly happy in its choice of a play for this year's production. "To have the Honour" by A. A. Milne, is a charming trifle showing its whimsical author at his best in dialogue and situation.

The whole action of the play takes place in the living room of a charming old cottage. Here at once the producer scored in giving us a scene as attractive as it was restful. As a producer it was naturally the production that had my first interest. Apart from some defects in grouping—which I put down to stage room—I thought that the players were made to create just the right atmosphere, and the attention to detail added not a little to a decided success. An excellent example of creating the right atmosphere was shown in Act I where boredom plus restraint made it humorous to us on the dark side of the footlights. If it had not been well done we should have felt uncomfortable. We did not. We enjoyed the situation.

The first meeting between Jennifer and Michael was also good. It whetted our interest for what was to follow. A really delightful bit of acting was given when Jennifer attended to the fixing of Angelas's necklace. This was just right. The by-play between Michael and Jennifer in Act II naturally made us expect that things would be as we wished before the final fall of the curtain. They were, in every way.

Coming to the players, I would give first place to Miss Kathleen Brewis as "Mrs. Faithful." It was a fine piece of character acting. Mr. Fred Weatherstone looked every inch a prince and played a difficult part well. The way in which he jumped from broken English to Kings English just when occasion demanded was wonderful. To Miss Comrie I would first pay a tribute for a charmingly produced play. It is some time since I have seen the Old Girls' Club perform, but the all round improvement was a pleasant surprise. Hats off to Miss Comrie for this—and keep them off while I compliment her on making Jennifer a character which would make any prince proud to claim her as his wife. There were many fine touches in the portrayal which made it convincing.

Mr. George Batty's "Simon" was a life-like little performance. It is easy to over-act. He did not. "Angela" was well played by Miss Violet Wilkinson and so was "Imogen" by Miss Grace Eskdale. Good work was also supplied by Miss G. Brewis, Mr. Samson, Miss Pimm, Mr. Anderson, and Mr. L. Dow.

Not the least good thing of a most successful production was the excellent articulation of all the players. I sat at the back of the hall and never missed a word.

Congratulations to all—and I shall look forward to the next Show.

E. P. GRAHAM BARROW.

