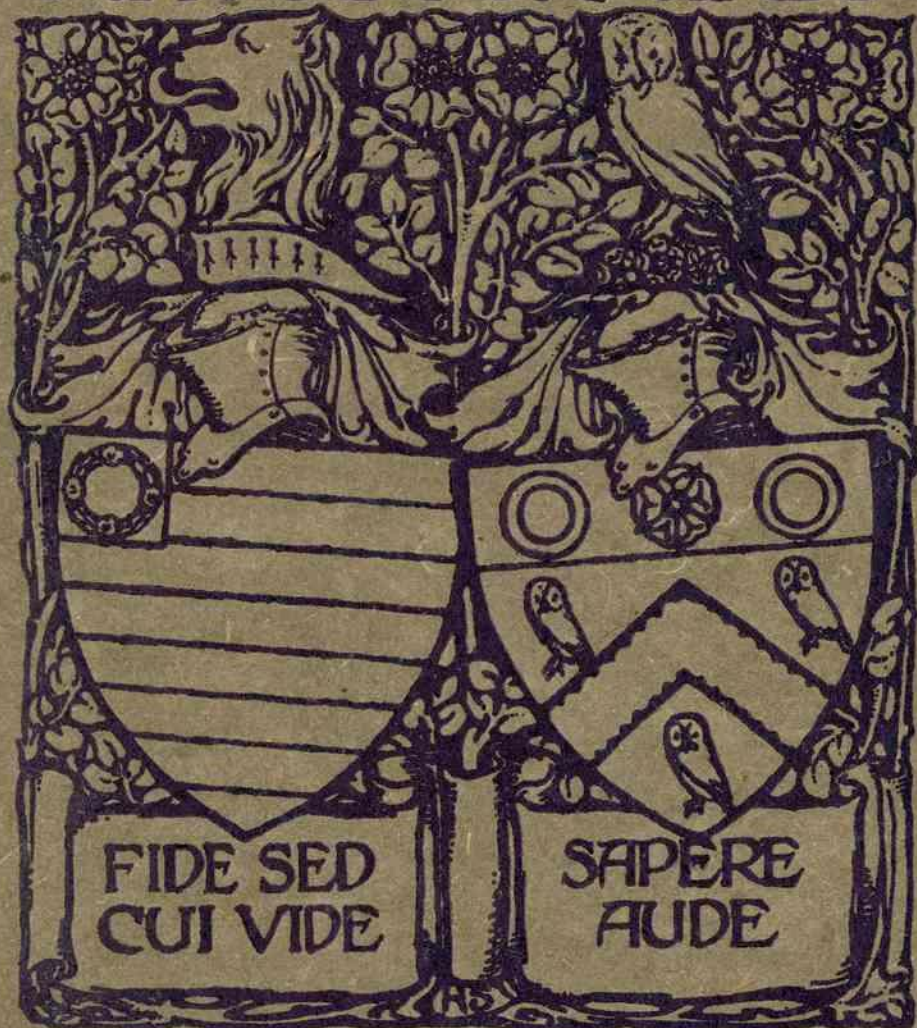
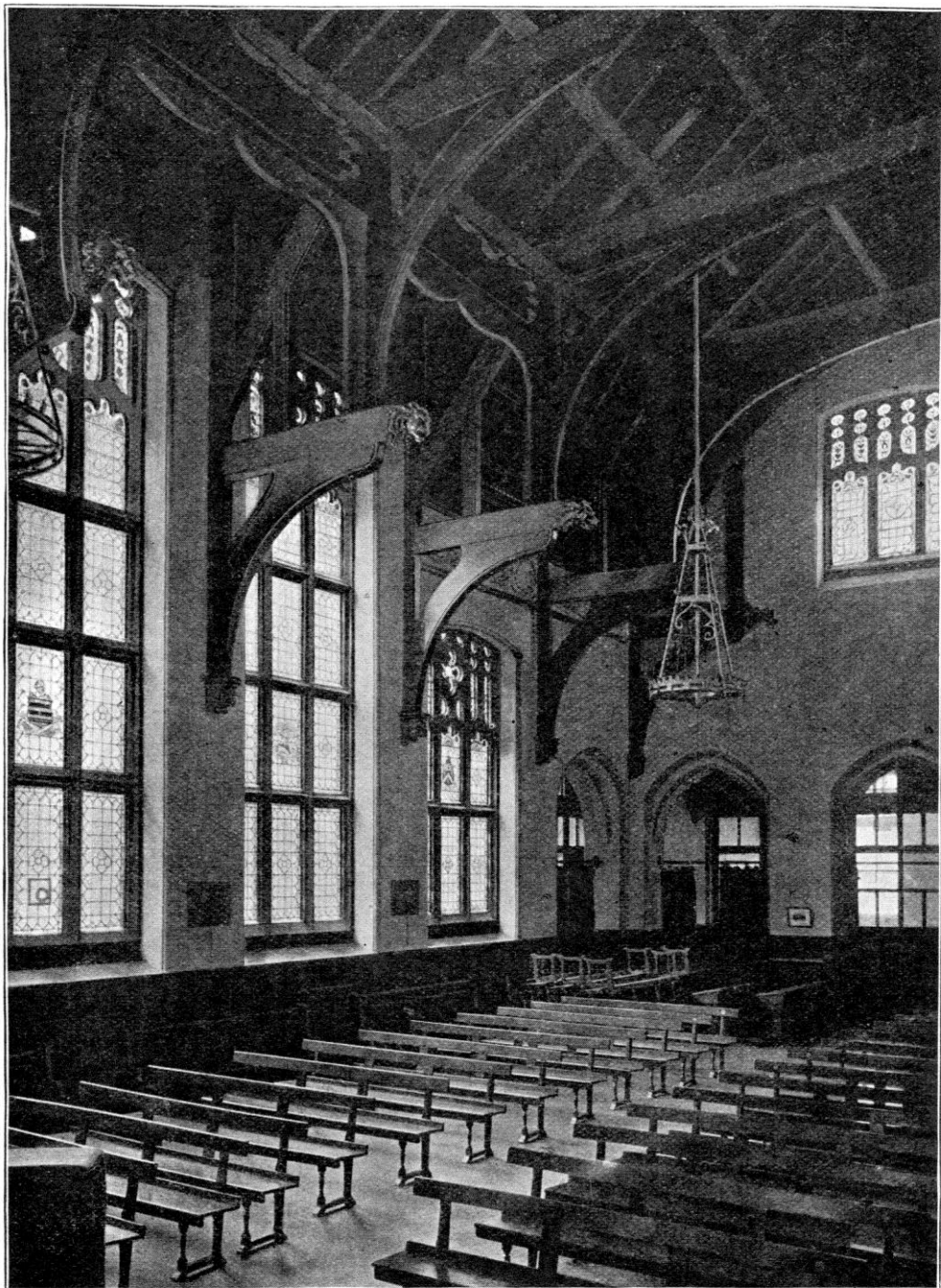


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1908.

## SCHOOL NOTES.

The first thing to strike the attention of the reader will be the beautiful new design on our cover, for which we are indebted to the kindness of Miss Shaw. In it we have a combination of arms dear to all members, past and present, of the Hulme Grammar School. On the left is the familiar griffin who greeted us as we entered the School gates for the first time. This and the Assheton shield on which he stands, and the motto, "Fide sed cui vide," will always be valued by us because of the debt of gratitude we owe to William Hulme and James Assheton, whose generous interest in education so many years ago is helping us to-day.

Dear, too, to every Oldhamer is the owl surmounting the Oldham arms on the right. There sits the wisest of birds inviting us to emulate his wisdom and dare to be wise. Behind is the Lancashire rose, carrying back our thoughts to those stormy days of fierce rivalry between the White and the Red Rose, a rivalry which, living within sight of the Yorkshire boundary as we do, we still commemorate on the friendly games' field.

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Since the publication of our last number many girls have submitted to the ordeal of public examination, and we have excellent news to report of them.

Marjorie Martland and Henrietta Taylor have passed the Matriculation Examination of the University of London. Margaret Higgs, Harriet Jackson, Alice Watson, and Ellen Winterbottom have passed the Matriculation Examination of the University of Manchester; Margaret Higgs in Division I. Gladys Millington, after passing the Intermediate Examination for the B.Sc. Degree of the University of London, was awarded the Mrs. Charles Lees leaving scholarship of £50 for three years, to be held at the Owens College, Manchester. Marjorie Martland, having passed the previous examination of the University of Cambridge, and the Entrance Examination of Newnham College, a year before she went to Cambridge, spent her last year at school in working for the Preliminary Scientific Examination (Part I) for the M.B. Degree of the University of London, which she successfully passed. She was awarded a Foundation Scholarship of £50 for three years.

Esther Kershaw has obtained the Senior Certificate of the Oxford Local Examination Board.

From Forms V and Lower V forty-five girls have taken the Lower Certificate Examination of the Oxford and Cambridge Joint Board during the last four years. Of these, thirty-six have obtained certificates with a total of seventy-six distinctions.

That this year's hard work had met with its reward, frequent applause from the Recreation Room proclaimed. Five girls entered for the Matriculation Examination of the University of London. Bertha Martland passed in Division I; Vera Calverley, Elizabeth Hall, Alice Kent, and Doris Warhurst in Division II. In the Matriculation Examination of the University of Manchester, Amy Kay passed in Division I; Hilda Marcroft, Elsie Millington, Nellie Mills, Gladys Schofield, and Alice Taylor in Division II. In the Lower Certificate Examination of the Oxford and Cambridge Joint Board the following girls gained certificates: Annie Lees (distinction in History, Geography, French, Arithmetic, Mathematics); Annie Lloyd (distinction in Geography, Mathematics, and Science); Jean Macpherson (distinction in History, Geography, and Mathematics); Marion

Mathews (distinction in Geography, Arithmetic, and Mathematics); Lavinia Renals (distinction in Geography and Mathematics); Edith Watson (distinction in Geography and Arithmetic); Alice Whitehead (distinction in Geography).

At the Examination held by the Royal Drawing Society, one hundred and forty-two papers were sent in, one hundred and six passed, thirty-one with honours. The prizes, given to the girl who did best in each division, were awarded as follows: Divisions VI and V, Mabel Higgs; Division IV, Margaret Kempsey; Division III, Helen Bowes; Division II, May Wood; Division I, Edith Clough; Preparatory Division, Dorothy Ashworth.

Mabel Higgs and Elsie Millington gained the full School Certificate of the Royal Drawing Society, having passed with honours in every division.

At the Annual Exhibition of the Royal Drawing Society, Mabel Higgs, who gained a Silver Star last year for a group of Animals, gained a second Silver Star for Book Illustrations. Elsie Millington was awarded a Bronze Star for a book-cover which she designed and embroidered in silks herself. Mabel Higgs was Highly Commended for a Life Study, and Commended First Class for Drawings of Heads and Drawings from the Cast. Elsie Millington, Nellie Mills, Gladys Dearden, and Mary Smith were also Highly Commended for Model Drawings.

Of our Old Girls we hear excellent news. In June last, Nellie Neild, who is now teaching at the Central Foundation School, London, took the M.A. Degree of the London University, the thesis which she wrote being of such excellence that she has been asked to print it. She now has the proud distinction of holding the M.A. Degree of one university together with the certificates which would entitle her to the same honour were degrees granted to women by the older University of Oxford.

Alice Sergeant, after working for some time as Secretary to Professor Vinogradoff, has now been appointed Assistant Lecturer in History at Westfield College.

Of those girls who have devoted their University careers to Science, May Kershaw, after obtaining the B.Sc. degree with first-class honours in Botany, at Owens College, in June, 1907, was awarded a Graduate Research Scholarship. On the result of this work she was granted the M.Sc. degree in June, 1908, and her Research Scholarship has now been extended for another year.

Marjorie Martland has just entered on her third year at Newnham College, Cambridge, and will take her Tripos Examination next June. She is President of her college Natural Science Society. In spite of this, and the fact that she has been doing more advanced work than the rest of her "year" she has found time and energy for the games' fields. In her first year she was the swimming champion of her Hall. She has also played for her college cricket eleven and in the tennis team, of which she is now captain.

Margaret Higgs, of whose work an interesting account appears in another part of the Magazine, has been working for the last twelve months at Sesame House, St. John's Wood. She has already obtained her Nursery Certificate, which enables her to take complete charge of an infant. Next spring she will also be entitled to the full Sesame Certificate for Housewifery and Kindergarten. She is spending the next six months in preparing for the Certificate of the Sanitary Institute and National Health Societies.

Mabel Higgs, to whom the Governors have awarded the Mrs. Charles Lees Leaving Scholarship of £40 for three years, is now working at the Slade School of Art (University of London). She is also attending the Lectures of Mr. Ablett, having won the Scholarship offered by him to students under twenty. During the last year she obtained the Full School Certificate of the Royal Drawing Society, and was awarded a Silver Star at the Annual Exhibition of Work held by that Society. She also won a prize in the Red Book League. In addition, she has been working for the Ablett Teacher's Certificate, and has already passed some parts of the Examination.

Of those Old Girls who have taken up work in Elementary Schools, many, we are glad to say, are working for degrees. In the Matriculation Examination of the London University held last June, Alice Dellow and Edna Lees passed in the First Division; Gertrude Browne and Josephine Phillips in the Second Division.

In the Preliminary Examination for the Teachers' Certificate, Edna Lees was one of the only two girls in the British Isles to gain distinction in each of the seven subjects offered. Alice Dellow also did well, gaining five distinctions.

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**SPEECH DAY.**—On Monday, October 7th, 1907, the day fixed for Speech Day, we had the great pleasure of receiving our prizes from Lady Jersey. After the singing of the School Hymn, the Chairman, Mr. Emmott, read Miss Clark's speech. Lady Jersey then distributed the prizes, and spoke to the School in words, which those who heard her, will long treasure. She reminded us of the duty of faithfulness to a promise at whatever cost to ourselves, and exhorted us not to let ourselves grow careless in what should be an essential part of a school-girl's code of honour.

In these days of rush and hurry the duty of courtesy was one which was sometimes in danger of being forgotten. Lady Jersey showed us how real a part of true politeness and goodness were those little courtesies which the girl of to-day is perhaps inclined to think beneath her dignity. In the daily round of life, in our intercourse with those with whom we are brought into the closest contact, we want especially to remember how much may be added to the sweetness of life by thoughtfulness and consideration for others. Lady Jersey told us how on one occasion when she was visiting the late Queen at Windsor, a telegram was handed to Her Majesty. At once, without waiting for the ladies-in-waiting, Princess Beatrice, who was in the room, got up and fetched the Queen's spectacles. It is by practising thoughtfulness in little matters such as these, by finding out the wants and wishes of those around us, that we come to learn the truth of the poet's words that "All worldly joys are less than the one joy of doing kindnesses."

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**AMBULANCE LECTURES.**—In the Spring Term, thanks to the kindness of Dr. Wilkinson, a course of First Aid Lectures for ladies was given on Tuesday afternoons. A few of the elder girls were allowed to attend, and all who had been present at the required number of lectures successfully passed the examination which was held at the end of the course. We are looking forward to taking the second part of the course, that on Nursing, after Christmas.

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**THE LIBRARY** continues popular as ever. During the last two years thirty-five books have been added. These are very varied in character, ranging from fairy stories and Mrs. Molesworth's ever-popular tales for the younger girls to essays and novels of Oliver Wendell Holmes and Robert Louis Stevenson for the elder ones.

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**THE SCHOOL DANCE** was held on Thursday, February 20th. Everything was excellently arranged by the Sixth and Upper Fifth, who, distinguished by the sprays of ivy which they wore, acted as stewards during the evening. The Sixth Form room was transformed into a conservatory for the occasion, and the dancers fully appreciated the comfortable chairs and soft cushions which were to be found there.

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**THE SCHOOL MUSEUM.**—For some years the School has been acquiring many interesting specimens of animal, vegetable, and mineral substances, but owing to lack of suitable cupboard room these objects of interest could not easily be seen. We now possess a

good cupboard, specially designed for the purpose of showing off to the best advantage a l our specimens, and it has been placed in the First Form room.

We have a good many fossils and rock specimens, and these have now been arranged according to their geological age. Many of these specimens have been obtained from the coal measures of the Oldham district, and presented by girls at one time in the School. We also have specimens of the sandstone, clay, and coal which were obtained from the coal seam which was exposed under the floor of the School boiler-house when some men were at work there about two years ago.

Curiosities from foreign lands have also been given to the School collection at various times; of these, the most recently acquired is a portion of the linen wrapping from the mummy of Khnumu-Nekht, a priest of the Twelfth Egyptian Dynasty. This specimen is referred to on another of our pages, and it was presented to us by Dr. Hoyle, the Director of the Owens College Museum.

In a manufacturing town like Oldham we ought to try to obtain specimens illustrating the industries of the district. A. Kent and E. Kempsey have recently given a number of specimens showing the different stages through which cotton passes in the process of spinning. It would be interesting if other industries could be represented in some way in the School Museum. The wild flowers of the district would not make a very large collection, but it would be a very good thing if some girl in the School would try to obtain it.

We should like to thank all past and present girls who have already contributed to the Museum, and to assure them that now their gifts are suitably housed and kept as free from dust as possible.

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**METEOROLOGICAL OBSERVATIONS.**—In January, 1908, a set of Meteorological instruments, in a properly screened case, was obtained for the School and fixed on a suitable wall near the front door. These instruments include Maximum and Minimum Thermometers and Wet and Dry Bulb Thermometers. In addition, a Rain-gauge has been planted in an open space near, so that we can now prove for ourselves whether Oldham has or has not a heavy rainfall.

Daily observations are now made at playtime by certain girls in the Upper School, and great keenness is shown by some of the observers. There is always a certain excitement on Monday morning to know how much rain has fallen at the week end, for although we cannot make our records on Saturdays and Sundays all the "rain" accumulates in the gauge.

Readers may like to know that between the beginning of February and the end of September the lowest temperature has been  $20\cdot4^{\circ}$  (April 30th), and the highest (in the shade)  $86\cdot8^{\circ}$  (July 2nd). The total rainfall for these months is  $22\cdot704$  inches, and the observers are now looking forward to January, 1909, when they will be able to calculate the rainfall for the whole year.

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**THE GARDENS.**—There must indeed have been "a commotion under the ground" of the School gardens this year, when Spring called to the flowers to awake. In every little bed green shoots could be seen forcing their way through the brown earth, which for many months had looked so cold and bare, though great efforts had been made to keep the gardens tidy and free from weeds in spite of the many wet days, which might have damped the ardour of the gardeners. Soon the warm sunshine encouraged the buds to come out of their warm coats, and before long the gardens were ablaze with crocus and scilla, and later with "a host of golden daffodils," so that it was a pleasure to walk along that side of the School.

But when the spring flowers had gone away, what had they taken with them—where had the enthusiasm of the gardeners gone? In between beds always bright and

neat were patches which looked like waste ground, bare of plants, or with one or two solitary ones which looked as if they had lost their way. And this was not, as one might have at first thought, because the garden was planted with seeds which would have filled it with sweetness and colour later on; the seeds, if they were there, never found their way above ground, and the gardens looked more and more forlorn each week. A little more energy, a little more thought, might have kept every garden as beautiful as the prize gardens always were.

Seeds, on the whole, do not seem to be very satisfactory for the Summer Term; it would be better either to buy seedlings, which are quite inexpensive, or else to raise the seeds at home, and then plant them out in the gardens. Spring is so late in Oldham that the bulbs go on flowering almost till Whitsuntide, so that if seeds are planted afterwards they cannot be at their best until August, when we are not at School to see them and look after them. Virginia Stock, however, comes up quickly, and flowers well, and is therefore excellent as a border. Mignonette, too, does well, in some cases, but it is rather later in flowering.

Not only have the gardens claimed our attention, but indoors, too, we have been trying to make Oldham beautiful. The various Forms in the Spring Term seemed to be vying with one another as to which could make their room most beautiful, encouraged to the greater effort in some cases by the joy of having, thanks to the kindness of Mrs. Lees, a mantelpiece on which the flowers could show to the greatest advantage. The two lovely bowls of yellow daffodils grown by the Sixth and Upper Fifth excited general admiration. We are now watching anxiously for the first signs of life in the bowls of bulbs carefully stowed away in the dark.

The Garden Prizes were awarded as follows: 1st prize, E. Bowes and D. Jackson (Juniors), 99 per cent. 2nd prize, E. Millington (Senior), 98 per cent; E. Braddock and N. Spencer (Juniors), 98 per cent. 3rd prize, M. Leech (Senior), 95 per cent.

#### THE DEBATING SOCIETY.

There is no doubt that a debating society is the source of a great deal of pleasure and amusement to its members. Busy though Forms V and VI are with coming examinations, games and societies, they yet find time to meet occasionally for the purpose of hearing one another's views on subjects that for the most part lie quite outside "lessons," or that can only be lightly touched on in passing. A wonderfully varied programme meets your eye as you turn over the pages of the "Minute Book" of the Society.

Twice a year, instead of a formal debate opening with set speeches, there is held a "Sharp Practice" meeting. Each member's name is drawn by lot. A few minutes only is allowed for thought before you are called upon to uphold a point of view that may be either wholly new to you, or one with which you do not in the least agree. The first state of affairs is, of course, unfortunate; and you perhaps have to stand still for two whole, long minutes, and like Tar-Baby, "keep on saying nothing." If, however, you do know something of the matter, but have to speak against your very strong convictions, you may console yourself by the reflection that you are developing an impartial spirit and approaching nearer in sympathy to your opponent, by learning to feel as well as to understand her position; for to argue a point well necessitates the calling up of a certain amount of feeling. This reminds me how easy it is to be carried away by one's feelings. Sometimes a member begins to speak on a certain subject, and before we know where she is, a flood of enthusiasm has carried her off to a matter which is no doubt very pressing, but one which has nothing to do with the original theme. This I put down to the difficulty of keeping all your wits in attendance at once when you are on your feet. As another



illustration of this difficulty, I note in the Minute Book, "She did not state which side she supported" ! Perhaps she was merely trying to make up her mind ; or perhaps it is not to be wondered at when so many ideas were thronging around her : "The Uses of an Ideal," "The Metric System," "Mrs. Grundy," "The Art of Letter Writing has Deteriorated," "Education is Better than Wealth," to quote only a few.

Last year the meetings were very enthusiastic, and such subjects as "The Value of Games," "Vegetarianism," and "The Greatness of England is Declining," roused keen excitement.

From one point of view the first meeting of the year is the most interesting. Besides the not unkindly amusement aroused by the nervousness of the new members, everyone is very desirous of knowing what new thoughts, suggestions, points of view, and what good speakers they bring with them to pour fresh life into the Society. At the second meeting, indeed long before the end of the first, there is no longer any desire for flight, but all feel keen to take some part in the discussions ; and I note again, "All but two spoke on this subject." We welcome very eagerly our new members, and are looking forward to many stimulating discussions on subjects about which there is very keen feeling. We must not forget to thank the mistresses for the help they give in bringing their views and knowledge to bear on many of the subjects, and also A. Kent, who undertook the secretarial duties of the Society last year.

#### THE LITERARY SOCIETY.

"The noblest of things," says Swift, "sweetness and light." What a beautiful ideal. this phrase, now so familiar to everyone, calls up with it. It implies the perfect union of beauty with that highest gift to man, intelligence, and moreover, a cultured intelligence.

Perhaps in few places more than in Oldham, surrounded as we are by so much that makes for commercial and material success, do we need to be sure that we are making towards that ideal. We should try to make sure that we are seeking, so far as it is possible for us to attain to it, that culture which is the outcome of a sympathetic and understanding knowledge of the greatest thoughts ever produced by Englishmen and by men of other nations too. This, however feebly, however darkly, is the goal towards which our Literary Society is aiming : a society which takes us for some short hours a few times a year into the company of some of these great men. We are, in the words of Milton, "as children gathering pebbles on the shore," and yet some waves from the great ocean reach us as we wander along.

The most interesting character with which we have come into contact during the last two years is undoubtedly that of Socrates. When we think of the ugly, shabbily-dressed man and of the tremendous influence he has had over the minds of men down to the present day, we are filled with amazement.

Miss Gregory gave us a most vivid picture of Athens in the time of Socrates, and Miss Clegg read us a very interesting paper on Socrates as a moral philosopher. The papers on his methods of teaching and on his life and character, by A. Lees and B. Martland respectively, also gave us a great deal to think about. A most amusing illustration of a Socratic dialogue was given by J. Macpherson and H. Bowes. Never did Socrates appear more sublime than during the few hours immediately before his death ; none of us heard unmoved that most beautiful account of Socrates' death as related by Plato.

Another interesting meeting was that at which we discussed R. L. Stevenson. An account of his life was given, very appropriately, by two Scottish members of our Society,

who in the course of their narrative conveyed to us some glimmering of his charm. This side of his character was amplified in another paper. He was also described as a novel writer and as an essayist. We heard with great pleasure his account of his "little people" who wove the plots of his stories for him. Various other extracts from his works were read. B. Martland showed Stevenson from, perhaps, the most lovable side of his nature: as a man who was always somewhat of a child himself, and who possessed a wonderful sympathy with children. Her paper will be found on another page.

The Society sustained a great loss this year when P. Lansdell left, and those who were present at the reading of Tennyson's "Maud," will remember how thoroughly we all enjoyed her singing of "Come into the Garden, Maud." We entertain ourselves sometimes also by acting scenes or plays. On one occasion, when discussing Sheridan, we illustrated his work as a dramatist, by acting a scene from "The Rivals." Our most ambitious attempt was a performance of "The Critic," the rehearsals of which were a continual source of pleasure and amusement. This was performed also on the day of the School Bazaar. A thrill of excitement greeted Tilburina, otherwise M. Smith, when she entered on the scene, wild-eyed, and attired in white glazed calico which crackled audibly, with straw in her hair, and with the general appearance of having left her wits behind the scenes. She received much applause and well deserved it for the manner in which she spoke and acted her part. The small, though difficult part of the confidante, was excellently played by F. Braddock. There were other parts well played, too; and we must here express our regret at losing both M. Smith and P. Fletcher, who have done so much to help in our various entertainments. To B. Martland we owe a word of praise for the admirable way in which she has played the parts of Mrs. Malaprop, Petruchio, and Mr. Puff. We must also thank our Secretary, D. Warhurst, for her efforts on behalf of the Society during the past year, and B. Martland for hers of the previous year. We have found it needful to elect an Assistant Secretary, and V. Calverley has been chosen for the post. She has not only read some very good papers, but has proved to us most convincingly that she can be of excellent service when an amusing scene is chosen for performance.

### THE SCHOOL PICNIC.

The morn is bright and fresh I see,  
The sun is shining bright,  
And now I am so full of glee,  
So happy with delight.

I rise up from my cosy bed  
And dress myself with haste,  
For although it is but early yet,  
I have no time to waste.

I then bid all at home good-bye,  
And to the station go;  
When I arrive I heave a sigh,  
For a north wind doth blow.

I forget all this, for here I see  
Faces so bright and happy,  
In steams the train, and off are we  
To visit Bolton Abbey.

At Manchester we all arrive  
And up the platform flee,  
Helter-skelter see us strive  
To catch the 8-33.

At Burnley a surprise we get:  
"O change, O change your train!"  
A long drive in a wagonette  
All in the sudden rain.

At length we reach our destination,  
Just fifteen minutes late,  
We drive from Bolton Abbey Station  
In macintoshy state.

In chariots we drive to lunch  
Amidst the pouring rain,  
We name our horse "The Weary One"  
As we drive up the lane.

Our luncheon over, now the rain  
Falls not as once it did;  
And so in merry laughing vein  
We set out for the Strid.

At length we reached the lovely Strid,  
And there awhile we roamed;  
But dare to jump it none of us did,  
As o'er the rocks it foamed.

We start with chocolates galore  
To the Vale of Desolation,  
The rain drives us to shelter once more,  
A moss-grown hut our station.

We after tea to the Abbey start,  
Our hearts with its beauty thrill,  
We think of the monks who did their part  
Through winters cold and chill.

The ruins o'er us cast their spell,  
 As lingeringly we stay;  
 That scene with us will ever dwell,  
 We'll ne'er forget that day.

Homewards at length we turn again  
 And many games we play;  
 Our spirits are fresh—they never wane  
 Throughout the livelong day.

At Werneth bid we all good-bye,  
 And all most blithely say,  
 Though the weather was not—well—quite dry,  
 We've had a glorious day.

DOROTHY WILDE (FORM V).

### GAMES.

HOCKEY.—Last season was, on the whole, a very successful one; though, with one exception, we have to report as usual victories on our own ground and defeats on those of other schools. The reason of this is that we are always somewhat lost on a full-sized ground, and our opponents are at a disadvantage on our small ground. We have had, certainly, for the last two years, the use of a full-sized field. This, however, may only be used once a week, and not even then if the ground is very soft. Moreover, it is some little way from the school, so that from the beginning of November till the end of January it is already half dark when we get there, and the game has to be a short one in consequence; therefore it happens that what with the shortness of the days and the dampness of the weather we sometimes do not play a full game for weeks together. We are congratulating ourselves that owing to the fact that there seem to have been at least three summers this year, we have managed to reach the field six times already this term. Some of us are for the first time learning what it means to run!

Of last year's team there are only five members left. Our greatest losses have been among the backs—no less than four of whom left during the year. The goal-keeper, P. Rye, by her fearlessness, steady aim, and judgment in anticipating and routing the enemy, gave confidence to the whole team. Her place will be a very hard one to fill, but there are already two members of the club who are trying hard to make themselves equally efficient. We shall also very much miss F. Braddock, D. Andrew, and M. Higgs, the last of whom was useful both as a back and as a forward. E. Millington was also to be relied upon for steady and pertinacious play. Seven matches, besides the Form matches, were played during the year:—

#### MATCHES WON.

Oldham v. Whalley Range High School..	..	..	..(away)	6—0
v. Pendleton High School	..	..	..(home)	6—2
v. Bury Grammar School	..	..	..(home)	4—0

#### MATCHES LOST.

Oldham v. Manchester High School	..	..	..(away)	8—0
v. Bury Grammar School	..	..	..(away)	4—0

#### MATCHES DRAWN.

Oldham v. Stockport High School	..	..	..(away)	5 all.
v. Manchester High School	..	..	..(home)	2 all.

On the whole, the First XI has combined well, and played a good game.

B. Martland seems able to captain her team on the field, better, I think, than the average of school-girl captains. It is of untold value to the team to hear the right word at the right moment. She has, moreover, the power of combining with the other forwards, which is so essential in a good player, and her insinuating way with the ball is most discon-

certing to her opponents. We have nothing but praise for E. Lawton, as well for her impetus and the unselfishness of her play as for her persuasive manner of getting the ball through the goal. G. Hammersley and D. Wilde do yeoman's service as halves. They are both swift and strong and make very formidable opponents. A. Whitehead and M. Lees, though intelligent and steady in their play, need more force. Alice should be swifter and more self-assertive; Mary more supple in her movements. M. Johnson and G. Cooper, though both quick and able to take the ball up the field well, lack somewhat that indefinable quality called style. They are both inclined to flourish themselves and their sticks too much. May should learn to pass harder, and Gladys to judge the right moment for passing. A. Wood hits hard as a back, but is developing a tendency to raise the ball. She promises to make a very energetic half. M. Fitton, M. Buckley, E. Hall, P. Brothers, and J. Crompton all show promising qualities as backs. It is early to judge of them yet, but they all lack at present quickness of attack—they are too much inclined to act on the defensive. Among the new members of the Club, those who deserve special commendation are H. Gartside, who promises excellently as a half, M. Wood, and E. Robinson, who should make a good forward when she has learnt to combine with the rest of the line.

The most exciting matches of the year are the Form matches. Form IV is specially to be congratulated on the gallant stand it made against Lower V. The score for the two matches was 1—0, 2—1, in favour each time of Lower V. Forms VI and V won both matches against Lower V, the results being 6—3, 6—1. After the finals the Annual Hockey Tea was held, at which there was much merriment and making of speeches. J. Simmonite, in the course of an excellent and amusing speech, exhorted certain of the girls not to throw away their present chances of playing, and wished that she could change places with any one of them. Another good speech was that of D. Wilde.

The excitement of the afternoon reached its climax when it was announced that Mrs. Needham was presenting a shield to the Club to be competed for by the different Forms. The greatest enthusiasm greeted this news, and our warm appreciation of Mrs. Needham's great kindness was shown by cheers and applause. It is a lovely shield and now occupies a proud position in the Hall, while Forms V and VI have the great pleasure of seeing the record of their victory inscribed on the first of the little silver shields which surround the central design. The following girls have played for their Forms:—

*Form IV.*—M. Buckley, M. Johnson, D. Neild, P. Brothers, G. Hammersley (Captain), D. Lansdell, A. Wood, D. Andrew, M. Smith, M. Robertson, M. Chadwick, M. Wood.

*Form Lower V.*—E. Lawton (Captain), M. Lees, N. Bowes, G. Cooper, D. Hudson, D. Wilde, A. Whitehead, A. Lowe, G. Dearden, M. Crompton, F. Braddock, N. Wild, E. Shaw, M. Broadbent.

*Forms V and VI.*—M. Higgs, B. Martland (Captain), E. Kershaw, A. Taylor, G. Lumb, E. Millington, A. Lees, E. Watson, A. Kent, M. Jennings, H. Marcroft, P. Rye.

The following played in First XI matches last year:—

*Forwards:* \*M. Higgs, \*E. Lawton, \*B. Martland (Captain), A. Taylor, M. Lees, \*E. Kershaw, M. Johnson; *Halves:* \*E. Millington, \*G. Hammersley, \*D. Wilde, A. Whitehead; *Backs:* A. Kent, \*F. Braddock, D. Andrew, A. Wood, H. Marcroft; *Goal:* \*P. Rye, M. Smith.

Those whose names are marked with an asterisk have won their colours.

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**BASKETBALL.**—The basketball season last year seemed to be distinguished by particularly bad weather, so that one or two of our matches had to be postponed more than once, and it was sometimes impossible for weeks together to have a good practice. We played three outside matches, the first in November, against Manchester on their