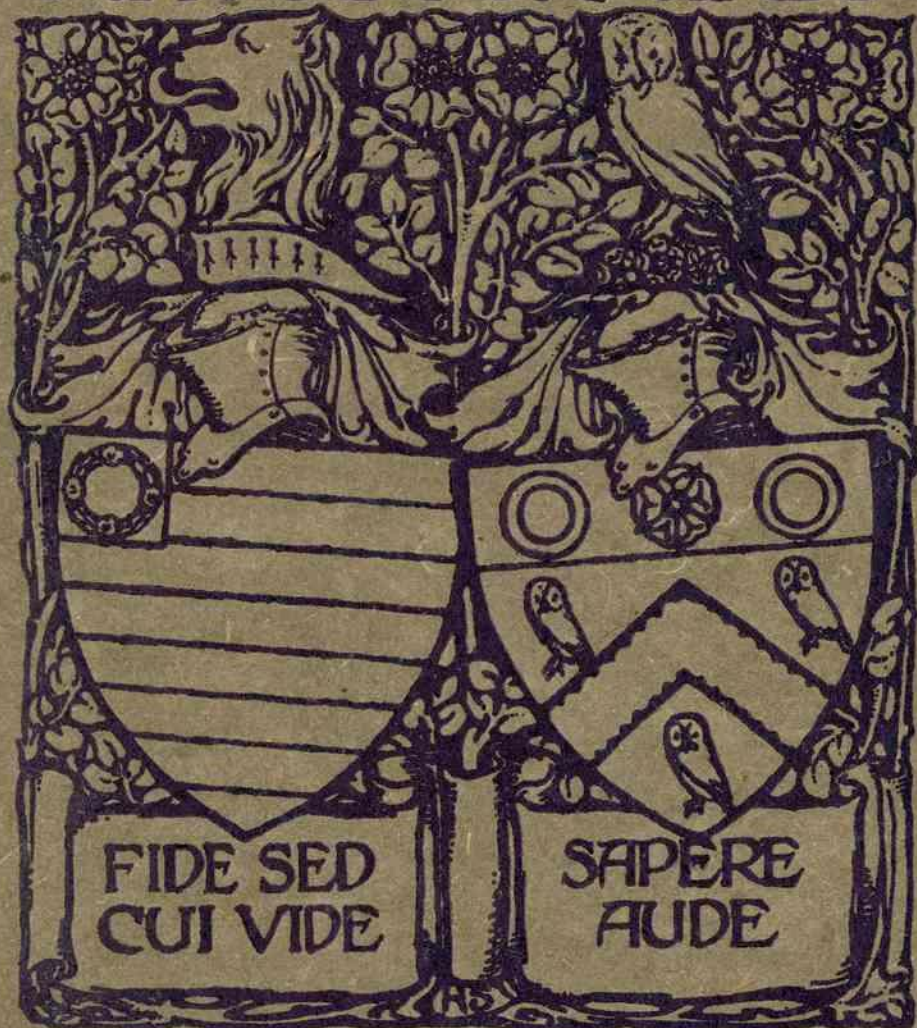


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SCHOOL NOTES.

At the end of the Autumn Term, Miss Gregory left us in order to enlarge the range of her experience by taking a post in the Coborn School, London. She had been with us nearly eight years, and when her impending departure was announced on Speech Day, there came upon us a startling sense of a very great loss which was evidently shared to the full by the many Old Girls present. Her place has been taken by Miss Benton, under whose guidance the senior cricket has already made great progress, while the tennis players hope to profit much from her help, seeing that she was president of the tennis at Girton.

The work of Miss Thane and Miss Wesley Dennis was taken up in September by Miss McHardy and Miss Alexander respectively—tennis and hockey players alike soon finding that in the field, as well as in the classroom, Miss McHardy was making good the loss they sustained when Miss Thane left Oldham.

To our very great regret, Miss de Castro is obliged to leave us this term and to take a long rest under a more southern sky. She will be greatly missed by the whole school which has so well responded to her inspiring and fascinating lessons, by the Literary Society which has done such good work under her guidance, and by her fellow-mistresses who have so greatly appreciated her unerring instinct for all that is highest and best in art and literature. Under her training the school theatricals have risen to a very high standard—indeed, we have seen nothing in schools to equal them—while so quietly and unobtrusively was the coaching carried on that very few realised how great was the time given and the trouble taken in order to bring the young actresses to such a high pitch of excellence.

EXAMINATION RESULTS.—Five girls entered for the Northern Universities Matriculation and four passed—Ethel Lloyd, Edith Mellor, and Nora Whitehead in Division I., Eleanor Hilton in Division II. Dorothy Cliff added Geography to the Matriculation Certificate she already held, and also passed the Higher Alternative Examination in English Literature and History.

In the Lower Certificate Examination of the Oxford and Cambridge Joint Board, our four candidates all passed in every subject taken—Marion Chadwick with distinction in History, Literature, French, Arithmetic and Mathematics; Annie Hall with distinction in History, Literature and Mathematics; Isabel Kay with distinction in History and Literature; Elsie Macpherson with distinction in History, Geography, Literature and Arithmetic. Though only four entered as candidates for the Certificate, the papers were taken by all the girls in Forms V and LV and were favourably criticised by the University Examiners. We cannot forbear to quote the unusual commendation of the History Examiner who reports on the papers as "thoroughly interesting and thoughtful"; while the English Examiner writes:—"The four candidates were excellent in all respects, while most of the others did very creditably. Answers were well expressed and intelligent, the essays were as a rule good in style and substance, and both play and novel had been read with intelligence." The Upper Fifth naturally did better than the Lower Fifth except in Arithmetic in which the younger class specially distinguished itself, more than half their number gaining over ninety per cent., and three gaining full marks.

Forms Lower VI and V underwent a *viva voce* examination in French Conversation and Reading—Monsieur Janau coming from Liverpool to test them according to the standard of the Higher Certificate. With one exception, all passed well—five being in the First Class.

The Lower School was orally examined by Dr. Rubie of Brasenose College, Oxford, who sums up his remarks by saying, "It is a pleasure to be able again to endorse the very favourable opinion of this school which I formed last year. The following features were again prominent this year as last—a well thought out and graduated curriculum; good teaching, and what does not always accompany it, good text-books; good discipline and tone; bright, ready, and full answers; the non-existence of 'weak' subjects amongst those which were examined. While all subjects were quite satisfactory, the following were very strong: English Literature—and that too studied and appreciated as Literature—French, and English History. Although illness had to some extent interfered with the work of the lowest Form, it was quite clear that there are many promising girls in the lower Forms to take a good place in the Upper Forms later."

The Preliminary Certificate Examination of the Board of Education was taken by Nora Ashton and Isabel Kay, the latter gaining distinction in English Literature.

On the result of two competitions judged by Mrs. Thorpe, a certificated student of Mme. Osterberg's Physical Training College, the Gymnastic Cup was awarded to Form Lower V, and the Ling Association Badge to Doris Sunderland as the best all-round gymnast in the school.

To Janet Macpherson the Governors have awarded a Mrs. Charles Lees Leaving Exhibition of £50 a year tenable for three years. She will hold it at Girton College, Cambridge, where she will work for the Mathematical Tripos.

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For many years we have been indebted to the Boys' School for the kind loan of a darkened room and an oxy-hydrogen lantern for our illustrated lectures. In the Spring we became the possessors of an electric lantern of our own, while the exertions of Miss Baguley and Miss Clegg darkened the Play-room with black curtains opaque enough to shut out the light of a summer afternoon's sun. A lesson by Miss Clegg on Palestine was somewhat marred by the vagaries of the new light, but by the time the lantern was next wanted, Miss Baguley had thoroughly mastered its various screws and lenses, and we greatly enjoyed the views shown to us by Miss Roberts of the Classical Association to illustrate her lecture on the Art of Pheidias.

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RECENT ADDITIONS TO THE MUSEUM.—Myrrh from Palestine, presented by Miss Clark; chalk from Dover, by Miss Mitchell; fragments from the Areopagus (Athens) and the Forum (Rome), by E. Slight; silver ore from South Africa, and shells from Penzance, by M. Hartley; porcupine quill, by H. Taylor; porphyry from Bardsey Island, by N. Whitaker; calcite and lead ore from Darley Dale, by A. Ingham; rock-salt from the Marston Mine, Northwich.

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METEOROLOGICAL DEPARTMENT.—The atmospheric pressure has been recorded daily by Form Upper V, the corridor weather chart by Lower V, chiefly by R. Gartside, E. Hutchinson and H. Taylor. Form Upper III. has struggled, somewhat unsuccessfully, to keep a record of the sun's altitude. Form Middle III made a wind-rose (showing the number of days the wind was in each quarter) during the Autumn Term; Form Lower III, charts showing rain, sun and fog during the Autumn and Spring Terms; Forms II and I kept a record of the clouds, rain and winds during the Autumn Term.

NEWS OF OLD GIRLS.—At Cambridge, M. Lees, who is in residence at Girton College, has gained a Second Class in Part I of the History Tripos. She will take Part II next year. In the Mathematical Tripos, H. Bowes and E. Hall, also at Girton, have attained the Standard of the Pass B.A., the former in Part I and the latter in Part II.

At Oxford, D. Hudson, who has now completed her first year of residence at Somerville College, passed Pass Moderations (Latin, Greek and Mathematics) at the end of her second term, and Divinity Moderations in her third. She will now be able to devote herself to the work for the Final Honours School of English Language and Literature.

At the Royal Holloway College, D. Warhurst has obtained the London B.A. Degree with Third Class Honours in History, while the B.A. of Manchester has been gained by V. Calverley with Second Class Honours in English Language and Literature, and by Jean Macpherson with Third Class Honours in History. M. Mathews, at the Liverpool University, has also attained to the rank of a Bachelor of Arts, as did G. Schofield last year, while the B.Sc. list included the name of A. Kent in the First Class, who took the Honours B.Sc. examination this year and has been placed in the Second Class. She has since been awarded a Diploma Studentship which will enable her to go through the Secondary Course of training. Among the first-year girls who have just passed the Intermediate Arts Examination of Manchester University, G. Cooper has gained First Classes in French and Latin, and D. Cliff second Classes in the same subjects.

Of those Old Girls who passed through the Pupil Teachers' Centre before entering a University, E. Henthorne and H. Taylor have taken the Manchester B.A., and A. Kay has gained a First Class in the Final Examination for the Liverpool B.Sc.

S. Wright has, for a second time, had a picture accepted for the Spring Exhibition at the Oldham Art Gallery.

P. Fletcher has gained the First Class Diploma for Cookery at the Manchester School of Domestic Economy.

SPEECH DAY.

At our Speech Day last November, Miss Maynard, who kindly came to give away the prizes, was the principal speaker of the evening. Mrs. C. E. Lees presided, and there were also present on the platform Mrs. Arthur Schuster, Miss Lees, Canon Rountree, Mr. Herbert Booth, Mr. James Hardman, Mr. Isherwood, Mr. F. W. Mallalieu, Mr. Schofield, and Mr. J. W. Taylor.

In her report, Miss Clark introduced Miss Maynard to us as "one of that small band of gifted women who, like Tennyson's Princess, 'desired to live and learn and be all that harms not distinctive womanhood,' and who set themselves to win by no militant action, but by the powerful though quiet force of perseverance, ability, and character, the first step on the road which leads to the degrees of the great University of Cambridge."

"First of all Universities," continued Miss Clark, "London showed its appreciation of these pioneers by throwing open its doors to women on equal terms with men. That was in 1878, and four years after, Westfield College sprang into existence under the guidance of Miss Maynard, who had already done a great work for girls in helping to lay the foundations of St. Leonard's School, St. Andrew's—then the only boarding-school for girls which could compare in excellence with the great public schools for boys. In that London college, Oldham, always well to the fore, has been represented by a brilliant student—Miss May Higgs. In her education, however, this school had no share, for it was not opened in time to receive her; but we are proud to claim the still greater honour of having educated one of the College Dons—Alice Sergeant, who is the resident History Lecturer at Westfield, having obtained that important post at the end of her course at Oxford."

Before distributing the prizes, Miss Maynard made an interesting speech in which she emphasized the contrast which exists between the teaching of to-day and that of her girlhood. Perhaps it would be impossible for anyone who had not suffered, as did Miss Maynard, under the old régime, to appreciate fully the advantages of the new, but her words made us realise some, at least, of the great changes which have taken place in education, of which the ultimate object is no longer the mere acquisition of knowledge, but rather the general mental development of the pupil.

The girls contributed to the programme the singing of a very charming cantata based on Christina Rossetti's "Goblin Market," the solos being taken by two Old Girls, G. Hammersley and K. Spencer, whose singing was greatly appreciated by us all. We are glad of this opportunity of expressing our thanks to them and also to our very able accompanist, M. Wood, not only for their valuable help on the evening, but also for the very kind way in which they gave up many afternoons to attend the school singing-lessons for the practice of the cantata.

PRIZE LIST : *Form VI*, Janet Macpherson ; *Form L VI*, Nora Whitehead ; *Form V*, Marion Chadwick (Mr. Hesketh Booth's prizes). *Form LV—I*, Marjorie Redman (Lord Emmott's prize) ; 2, Winifred Leech. *Form IV—I*, Eva Hutchinson (Lord Emmott's prize) ; 2, Rhoda Gartside ; 3, Dorothy Knott. *Form III—I*, Eugenia Cooper (Lord Emmott's prize) ; 2, Annie Wright ; 3, Alice Chadderton ; 4, Ethel Waterhouse. *Form M III—I*, Sarah Brooks (Lord Emmott's prize) ; 2, Florence Whitehead ; 3, Kate Eyres ; 4, Lilian Lecomber. *Form L III—I*, Edith Marsland (Lord Emmott's prize) ; 2, Arline Ingham. *Form II*—May McVean. *Form I*—Kathleen Hilton.

UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD.—*Responsions* : Dora Hudson, Latin and Greek (exempted from the other subjects of this examination by the Manchester Matriculation).

UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE.—*Previous Examination* : Janet Macpherson, Latin, Greek and Heat (exempted from the other subjects of the examination by the Manchester Matriculation).

UNIVERSITY OF MANCHESTER.—*Matriculation Examination* : Ethel Lloyd, Edith Mellor, Nora Whitehead (First Division) ; Eleanor Hilton (Second Division). Subjects : English History, Geography, French, Latin and Mathematics.

Dorothy Cliff, Higher Alternative Papers in English Literature and History. (Matriculated July, 1911.)

LOWER CERTIFICATE OF THE OXFORD AND CAMBRIDGE JOINT BOARD.—Marion Chadwick, *History, Geography, *English, *French, *Arithmetic and *Mathematics ; Annie Hall, *History, Geography, *English, French, Arithmetic and *Mathematics ; Isabella Kay, *History, Geography, *English, French, Arithmetic and Mathematics ; Elsie Macpherson, *History, *Geography, *English, French, *Arithmetic and Mathematics. **First Class*.

CERTIFICATES OF THE ROYAL DRAWING SOCIETY : HONOURS.—*Preparatory Division* : Edith Butterfield (prize), Florence Hilton, Muriel Ingham. *Division I* : Constance Hammersley and Eileen Slight (prize), Ada Ashton, Marian Broadbent, Sarah Brooks, Marion Chadwick, Kate Eyres, Dorothy Field, Dora Hudson, Arline Ingham, Madge Lawton, Lilian Lecomber, Ethel Lloyd, Edith Marsland, Eveline Oldham, Mary Simister, Florrie Smith, Alice Whitehead, Florence Whitehead, Mary Watson, Doris Wright. *Division II* : Ethel Whittaker (prize), Alice Chadderton, Marion Chadwick, Bertha Hudson, Ethel Lloyd, Marion Newton, Ethel Waterhouse, Annie Wright. *Division III* : Mary Stott (prize), Evelyn Blakeley, May Clynes, Rhoda Gartside, Winifred Kirkman, Dorothy Knott, Annie Owen, Jessie Smith, Ida Wood, Marion Wrigley. *Division IV* : Winifred Leech (prize). *Division V* : Ethel Lloyd (prize), Marion Chadwick, Dora Hudson, and Edith Mellor.

PASS.—*Preparatory* : D. Crinion, M. McVean, J. Thompson, E. Wood. *Division I* : M. Allott, M. Bagot, A. Broadbent, N. Bodden, M. Cartwright, J. Law, E. Lees, J. Macpherson, L. Mercer, W. Mottram, M. Rodgers, D. Turner. *Division II* : G. Bovill, M. Brearley, M. Bromley, S. Brooks, A. Chadwick, E. Cooper, N. Dean, G. Foote, L. Holroyd, E. Holt, G. Marsden, F. Nutter, H. Throup, D. Webster, D. Wild, E. Wright. *Division III* : D. Ashworth, A. Barrowclough, E. Carson, M. Hill, N. Hirst, D. Little, A. Makin, H. Schofield, B. Shaw, E. Shaw. *Division IV* : W. Cooper, K. Davies, D. Schofield, A. Throup. *Division V* : N. Ashton. *Division VI* : D. Hudson.

NEEDLEWORK PRIZES.—*Form III* : Bertha Hudson (Mrs. Newton's prize). *Form M III* : Madge Lawton (Mrs. J. W. Taylor's prize). *Form L III* : Dorothy Field. *Form II* : Florence Hilton. *Form I* : Annie Wallace.

GARDEN PRIZES.—Winifred Mottram, Kathleen Parkyn, and Florrie Smith (Mrs. Newton's prize); Hannah Gartside and Nora Whitehead (second prize).

GYMNASTICS.—Challenge Cup : Form Lower V. Ling Brooch for the best Gymnast : Dorothy Ashworth. Ribbon stripe for proficiency on the apparatus : M. Bromley, E. Cooper, H. Gartside, E. Smith, E. Waterhouse (Third Grade). W. Cooper, W. Leech, D. Sunderland (Second Grade).

SWIMMING.—Challenge Cup : Form Lower V. (Champions—W. Cooper and A. Owen.) First badges : Kathleen McGowan, Gladys Marsden, Florrie Smith. Second badges : Arline Ingham, May McVean, Kathleen Parkyn.

TENNIS PRIZES.—Gladys Cooper (Lady Emmott's prize), Annie Hall (Second champion).

Mrs. Needham's Hockey Challenge Shield.—Form IV (Elsie Shaw, captain).

Cricket Cup.—Form IV (Dorothy Ashworth, captain).

SPORTS FORM PRIZES.—Oak Mantelpiece presented by Mrs. Lees : Form Middle III. Picture presented by Miss Lees : Form Upper III.

LEAVING EXHIBITION.—Dora Hudson :—Foundation Scholarship of £80 a year tenable for three years, held at Somerville College, Oxford.

THE LITERARY SOCIETY.

During the last season two meetings of the Literary Society have been held, one in November and one in March. These were of widely differing character, the first dealing with Goldsmith's play, "She Stoops to Conquer," the second with Wordsworth's "Narrative Poems." There has been a good attendance at both meetings, particularly of girls from the Fifth and Sixth Forms. The new members from the Fourth, however, seem to take a greater interest in drama than in poetry.

The November meeting opened with a paper by Marion Chadwick, giving a summary of the whole play for the benefit of those who had not read it, and the rest of the time was occupied with the acting of two scenes, which were those in which Mrs. Hardcastle discovers the loss of Miss Neville's jewels, and the interview between Miss Hardcastle and the bashful Mr. Marlow. Both scenes were extremely amusing, and received with much applause. Probably they were the more popular because we have so few opportunities of seeing what the Upper School can do in the way of acting. In spite of their inexperience, however, the actresses acquitted themselves very creditably, and M. Brearley and E. Lloyd were especially good.

The meeting on Wordsworth's Narrative Poetry will probably be remembered by all who were present, on account of W. Leech's wonderful reading of "Margaret." This was

followed by the reading of "Simon Lee" and "Fidelity" by M. Brearley and M. Wrigley respectively. When the members had thus formed some idea of Wordsworth's work, N. Whitehead read a paper on his characteristics as a writer of narrative poetry. M. Chadwick showed how Wordsworth connected his peasant subjects with Nature, and K. Davies dealt with his manner of treating romantic subjects, and pointed out the difference between his method and that of Scott.

Our most grateful thanks are due to Miss de Castro, to whom this year, as in previous years, we are greatly indebted for the interest she has taken in the society, and the valuable assistance she has given us.

NORA WHITEHEAD (FORM VI).

THE DEBATING SOCIETY.

This Society has held its usual three meetings—two sharp-practice discussions and one formal debate. At the latter, K. Davies proposed the motion that "There is too much convention in present-day life." She tried to show by various instances that in social life, convention was the direct cause of much pretension and hypocrisy, while her seconder, A. Throup, said that in yielding to convention we act on the opinions of others instead of relying on our own consciences. A. Hall, who opposed the motion, declared conventions to be simply those methods of acting which experience has taught us to be the best, and maintained that whilst we conform to them, we still have freedom to indulge our individual taste. Her seconder, W. Cooper, seemed to regard all foolish deeds as breaches of convention.

The sharp-practice debates ranged over a varied programme. We grew earnest in proving that "He makes no friends who never made a foe," and "That the cult of the Golly-wog and Teddy-bear is deteriorating to the human character and intelligence"; but in a more frivolous spirit we greeted the announcement that "A bad-tempered person is more disagreeable than a rainy day," while the animal lovers had a great time in essaying the conversion of the meeting to the belief that animals are more musical than humans. That the present generation is much too prone to the use of armchairs was indignantly denied by lazy and energetic members alike—the presence of their grandmothers might possibly have destroyed the unanimity of the meeting. But the greatest surprise came at the end when the more learned the debater, the more did she uphold the proposition that it is better to possess some reserve of intelligence in addition to that which a speaking countenance divulges to the world, than to live up to the appearance of a wisdom to which one has no claim. No doubt our readers know the familiar terse and vigorous Saxon in which our final motion was expressed.

JANET MACPHERSON (FORM VI).

GAMES.

HOCKEY.—The hockey season last year was somewhat disappointing as, owing to the inclemency of the weather, opportunities for combined practice were rare, and we felt that little real progress had been made. Individually the majority of the members of the First Eleven show great promise, but at present their power of combination is weak. This is mainly due to the fact that we are heavily handicapped by having so little opportunity of playing on a full-sized field. Most of our practices take place on the School field which only admits of nine players a side, the inside forwards having to be dispensed with. The consequence is that our forward line combination can never reach a high standard of excellence, and our halves lack full opportunity of exercising that quickness of judgment which is most essential when there are five forwards to feed judiciously and five opponents to baffle. However, in spite of these drawbacks, our team worked splendidly in matches, and we

had no cause to be ashamed of the results. Four matches besides the Form matches were played during the year.

MATCHES WON.

Oldham v. Whalley Range High School	..	..	..	..	(away)	2—0
Oldham v. Manchester High School	..	..	..	..	(away)	4—1
Oldham v. Old Girls	(home)	3—2

MATCHES LOST.

Oldham v. Bury Grammar School	(away)	2—0
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The following played in the First Eleven matches during the year :—

Forwards : A. Throup, B. Bagot, D. Ashworth, W. Cooper, K. Davies. *Halves* : E. Lloyd, W. Leech (captain), M. Redman. *Backs* : D. Sunderland, R. Gartside, H. Gartside, N. Whitehead. *Goal* : M. Brearley.

Of the forward line, D. Ashworth was most effective. She has good pace, good judgment, and handles her stick neatly. We shall be sorry to lose her next year, as she was a most useful member of the team. K. Davies is a speedy left-wing but as yet she has not sufficient control of her stick, the result being that her passing is weak. A. Throup passes well and judiciously, but she is very slow at recovery. W. Cooper is a tremendously hard worker, but she has not yet learned to combine. B. Bagot is most promising. Her pace is good and with more practice her stick work ought to improve, while her ideas of combination are sound. Of the halves E. Lloyd was most effective. She never retired discomfited but returned again and again to the attack with unflagging zeal. Were she more speedy she would be a most formidable opponent. W. Leech and M. Redman are both inclined to act too much on the defensive, and lack at present quickness of attack. For D. Sunderland we have nothing but praise. She is indefatigable, and her stick work is excellent. H. Gartside is also an acquisition to her side, her one fault being an inclination to rely too much on mere force. She clears admirably, however, and is a most reliable player. R. Gartside shows promising qualities. She is not brilliant, but always safe and dependable. N. Whitehead proved a very efficient substitute. M. Brearley had a difficult part to play in goal, and considering that it was her first match season, her play was commendable.

The most exciting matches of the year were the Form matches, which were very keenly contested. Forms VI-V and Lower V took part in the finals. Three matches were played, the first two resulting in a draw, and the third in a decisive victory for Forms VI-V by four goals to two. Form Lower V are to be congratulated on the splendid fight which they made.

On May 8th the annual tea was held and the shield was presented to the victorious team. A vote of thanks to W. Leech, the retiring captain, was proposed by A. Throup and seconded by E. Lloyd.

During the hockey season an opportunity was given to members of the Club to see the North v. West match which was played at Brooklands. It was regrettable that so few could take advantage of this opportunity, as the hints which one picks up on such occasions are invaluable.

C. G. L. MCH.

NETBALL.—The new grounds have been much appreciated—a fact attested by the well-filled lists of players each fine day, both in the dinner-hour and at 3-30, and also by the small amount of grass left for the Junior Cricket and Stoolball Clubs, after two terms of tremendous wear and tear! C. Hammersley again fulfilled the office of captain with

energy and tact, and the results of the outside matches show a slight improvement on those of the previous season.

<i>School.</i>	<i>Where played.</i>	<i>Won by</i>	<i>Goals.</i>
Pendleton	Home ..	Oldham	9—3
Manchester	Away ..	Manchester	18—1
Bury	Home ..	Bury	3—0

Owing to the weather, return matches were repeatedly postponed and finally cancelled.

FORM MATCHES.

III v. Middle III	Won by III	26—1
IV v. III	Won by IV	3—1
III v. Middle III (under 14)	Draw	1—1
Mistresses and VI v. IV	Won by IV	9—3
Middle III v. Lower III	Won by Middle III	12—5
III v. Middle III	Draw	0—0
Mistresses and VI v. III and Middle III	Draw	6—6
III v. Middle III	Won by III	5—1

The match against Manchester recorded above was in the first round of the Tournament. At the annual meeting of our Association in October, the name of the game was changed to "Netball," out of courtesy to the Ling Association, to which schools playing in the south of England belong; the members of this Association are trying to bring about uniformity of rules throughout England. The Yorkshire schools, which used to belong to our Association, have now formed a League of their own.

C. E. C.

TENNIS.—This year, owing to the fact that we are now the proud possessors of three courts, tennis has been played much more generally throughout the School. Until quite recently we had only one court, the result being that, hitherto, the game has been necessarily confined almost solely to the senior girls, the younger ones having little opportunity for practice. Now, however, they enjoy equal privileges, and it is pleasing to see how appreciative they are. They must remember that in future years the School will look to them to uphold its honour in League and in other matches. Tennis is by no means an easy game to master. It requires much persevering practice, and it is just in the lower forms that most time for practice is available, so our advice to the junior members is to use their opportunities well.

Our senior members, not having enjoyed such privileges, are still suffering from lack of steady practice. Up to the present time we have played Manchester High School, Bury Grammar School, Bolton High School, and the Old Girls, and in all four matches we have been rather badly beaten. A. Hall, A. Throup, E. Macpherson, M. Chadwick, J. Kay and E. Lloyd represented the School.

We have also had an interesting "International" School match, England and Ireland v. Scotland and Wales, in which the former came off victors.

We should like to see much more enthusiasm in the playing-off of ties. The junior members must not be afraid to challenge their seniors. Even although they lose, they will learn much, and their tennis will improve immensely. Generally, one plays much more keenly and strenuously in a match, and from this point of view alone match-playing is desirable.

One of the most interesting incidents in the tennis season for some of us was the visit which we paid to the Northern Club at Didsbury to see the Finals in the Northern Tournament. To watch the players was in itself a "liberal education." It filled us at once

with enthusiasm, despair, and envy. We longed to be able to cultivate Parke's Irish drive and Mrs. Larcombe's fine overhead volley, and even although these are impossible of attainment, we were at all events spurred on to further efforts.

C. McH.

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SENIOR CRICKET.—The club is small this year, but those who do belong to it are for the most part keen on the game. The practices are fairly well attended, but the new nets might be used a good deal more, with advantage. We have some quite promising young players; our bowling and fielding are very fair, but our batting is distinctly weak.

So far we have only had one outside match, but in that we covered ourselves with glory. To our own great astonishment we drew in our favour against Manchester University.

First Innings	..	School	42	University	31
Second Innings	..	School	31	University	5 for no wickets.

The heroine of the day was Lilian Holroyd, who made twenty-three in her first innings and took four wickets.

The team is as follows: N. Whitehead (Captain), D. Sunderland, H. Gartside, B. Bagot, E. Holt, K. Davies, L. Holroyd, M. Redman, W. Leech, D. Knott, M. Brearley. The Secretary is N. Ashton.

S. B.

JUNIOR CRICKET.—A pitch on the new netball grounds has been a great joy, and more children have played cricket than has been the case for some years.

It is cheering to know that the hardness of the ball was not the only, or perhaps the chief, reason of their former diffidence. There is much enthusiasm over practices, but less for matches than is shown by the older girls in the School. It is certainly generally the case in the Junior School that success in matches goes by seniority of Forms, but this is by no means a universal rule, and one would like to see a more fervent hope amongst the little ones of beating the Form next above theirs!

This is the first year we have had a Junior Bowling event in the Sports, and we were very glad that the number entering for it was equal to that in the Middle and Senior events.

C. E. C.

STOOLBALL.—C. Hammersley was elected Captain for this season and L. Lecomber Vice-Captain. Before Whitsuntide a match between the Upper Third and the Middle Third was interrupted by rain, while other Form matches were cancelled on account of the weather or the condition of the ground. In spite of these drawbacks, the game has been enthusiastically indulged in by the Junior Forms.

P. M. B.

BOATING.—During the first half of the Summer Term very little boating was possible, owing to the multitude of counter-attractions, in the shape of hockey matches, choir practices, tennis and cricket, which occupied the afternoons of Forms VI, V, and Lower V. Since the Whitsuntide holidays, however, a party has gone down to row on the park lake almost every week, and the oarsmen have been even more enthusiastic than last year. Luckily, the art of sculling, though difficult to acquire, is not easily forgotten, and most of the members of Forms V and VI, who began boating last year, showed good form at the outset of this term and have improved since.

Elsie Macpherson is the first, and so far the only, boat captain in the School, but it is hoped that there may be others before the end of the term. To acquire this distinction, a girl needs not only to have mastered her oars, but also to have a general knowledge of

watermanship, and to be able to coach her crew. The first captain is therefore to be congratulated.

Lower V, who began boating this term, have made very good progress, though as yet few of them have entirely mastered the mysteries of back-watering, turning the boat, and of coxing. The work of the cox is, indeed, no light task on summer afternoons, when the lake is sometimes quite crowded.

J. M. G.

GARDENING.—The gardens presented quite a gay appearance during the spring, when they were full of bulbs. Their owners, however, seemed loth to uproot these bulbs when they had finished flowering, and consequently they did not sow seeds early enough in the year to produce strong flowering plants. The summer state of the gardens is therefore disappointing.

Young Oldham gardeners must learn that it is not very much use waiting to sow seeds until after the Whitsuntide holidays if they wish to pick flowers in July.

The prizes for the best gardens in 1912 were awarded to H. Gartside and N. Whitehead, and to K. Parkyn, W. Mottram, and F. Smith.

P. M. B.

THE SPORTS, 1913.

The Sports were held on Tuesday, June 17th. The morning was gloriously fine, but a heavy thunder-shower about noon almost obliged us to postpone them to another day. As the rain was soon over, however, we were able to begin punctually, the first event being the Potato Race, which was run in teams of five, according to our fashion in recent years. The only new event—not indeed entirely new, but a revival—was the Long Jump. The winner amongst the Seniors jumped 11ft. 9in., a most respectable record. In the High Jump (held the day before), the champions in the Junior, Middle, and Senior events cleared 3ft. 2in., 3ft. 8in., and 4ft. 1in., respectively.

For the declaration of the winners we adjourned to the Hall, where Mrs. Newton very kindly took the chair, while Mrs. Wilkinson presented the prizes, and, in a few sympathetic and appreciative words, congratulated the School on the success of the afternoon.

Mrs. Martland, though not herself present, was represented by four very acceptable prizes: a Clock for the Junior Bowling, a Fountain Pen for the Middle Egg and Spoon Race, a Camera for the Senior Long Jump, and a Picture for the Senior High Jump.

The Mrs. Charles Lees Form Prize was won by Upper III, Forms VI and V obtaining the second place. The list of events and winners is as follows: High Jump: Junior, M. Parkyn; Middle, L. Holroyd; Senior, W. Leech. Potato Race: Junior, J. Law's team; Middle, M. Bagot's team; Senior, M. Chadwick's team. Obstacle Race: Junior, 1, R. Mellor; 2, J. Law; Senior, 1, K. Davies; 2, I. Kay. Hundred Yards: Junior, M. McVean; Middle, K. Eyres; Senior, 1, C. Hammersley; 2, D. Sunderland. Skipping: 1, M. Chadderton; 2, J. Thompson. Kangaroo Race: Junior, M. Ingham's team; Middle, A. Broadbent's team; Senior, N. Ashton's team. Bowling: Junior, J. Thompson; Middle, L. Holroyd; Senior, H. Gartside. Balance Race: Junior, J. Thompson; Middle, C. Hammersley; Senior, M. Cartwright. Long Jump: Junior, J. Thompson; Middle, L. Holroyd; Senior, 1, K. Davies; 2, D. Sunderland. Egg and Spoon Race: Junior, 1, G. Taylor; 2, M. Mellodew; Middle, 1, M. Bromley; 2, M. Bagot; Senior, 1, M. Cartwright; 2, B. Bagot. Flag Race: Junior, J. Law's team; Middle, A. Broadbent's team; Senior, N. Carson's team. Visitor's Race (over five): Marjorie Wild; (under five), Jack Hilton. Consolation Race: Junior, E. Smith; Middle, E. Cooper; Senior, W. Cooper.

SPORTS WINNERS, 1912.

High Jump : Junior, A. Broadbent ; Middle, L. Holroyd ; Senior, W. Leech. Flat Race : G. Bovill. Potato Race : Junior, J. Law's team ; Middle, M. Newton's team ; Senior, B. Bagot's team. Obstacle Race : Junior, M. Rodgers ; Senior, W. Cooper and M. Newton. Sack Race : (Forms I and II) M. Ingham. Hundred Yards' Race : Junior, E. Whitehead ; Middle, C. Hammersley ; Senior, G. Bovill. Kangaroo Race : Junior, A. Broadbent's team ; Middle, C. Hammersley's team ; Senior, N. Ashton's team. Bowling : E. Hilton. Balance Race : Junior, M. Bagot ; Senior, M. Newton. Circular Jumping : D. Booth. Egg and Spoon Race : Junior, M. Lawton ; Middle, A. Wright. Flag Race : Junior, E. Marstrand's team ; Middle, C. Hammersley's team ; Senior, E. Shaw's team. Visitors' Race (under seven) : Eva Wood ; (under ten), Marjorie Wild. Consolation Race : Junior, M. Schofield ; Middle, M. Bromley ; Senior, E. Hutchinson.

C. E. C.

THE DRILL COMPETITION.

The Gymnastic competition was held in the afternoon of March 7th. This year, for the first time, Forms I and II took part separately as competitors, and in spite of their inexperience and comparatively small numbers, they proved themselves quite capable of competing on equal terms with the other forms of the Lower School.

The competition was, if anything, more interesting and keenly contested than usual. The free-standing exercises were particularly well and smartly done, Form IV gaining the highest marks in this respect. The apparatus work was as usual interesting to watch, some very difficult exercises being done at the parallel bars and on the ropes, but to the onlookers the vaulting and jumping were the most exciting of all. Here Forms VI and Lower V did remarkably good work, the vaulting being in some cases extremely good.

The marks assigned to the competing forms by Mrs. Thorpe, who very kindly came to judge, were as follows :—

	Maximum	Free-standing.	Apparatus.	Total.
 200	.. 200	.. 400
Lower V 163	.. 141	.. 304
IV 164	.. 130	.. 294
VI 148	.. 144	.. 292
Middle III 153	.. 122	.. 275
Lower III 149	.. 112	.. 261
III 139	.. 116	.. 255
II and I 134	.. 101	.. 235

Mrs. Thorpe, in awarding the Cup to Form L V, commended Form IV for their free-standing exercises, and Forms I and II for the able way in which they were led.

J. M. G.

THE LEAGUE OF PITY.

This Society, which is the Children's Branch of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, held a meeting in the Hall on Tuesday, February the 18th. It was attended by the whole school and by several other children and their friends. Lady Emmott presided, and Mrs. Frank Bush had come down from London to give us an address on the work of the League, which exists to give health and happiness to children who would otherwise be uncared for and ill-treated. She pointed out that

the work cannot be carried on without money, and she named a few ways in which children can earn money for the League, for it is quite contrary to the principles of the Society for its members to beg from anyone or to give their parents' money—their gifts must be their own, the result of their own self-sacrifice in time, labour, or pocket-money. Everyone enjoyed her most interesting address, and the meeting concluded with the enrolment of over fifty new members. We take this opportunity of reminding our readers that our biennial Sale of Work will be held in the first week of December, and now is the time to begin preparing for it. And when it is uphill work to keep to our self-imposed task for ten minutes every day or two half-hours a week, let us think of a pale, thin little face turning plump and rosy as the result of our sacrifice of time or pleasure offered on behalf of one of these our brethren.

ANNUAL ENTERTAINMENT.

The usual AUTUMN ENTERTAINMENT on behalf of the N.S.P.C.A. provided a very varied programme. The first item was a Somerset Folk Song, "The Coasts of Barbary," which was sung by a selection of members of the Lower School. This was followed by two scenes taken from "The Winter's Tale," which had been arranged by Miss de Castro, who had also designed the dresses of the numerous characters. The first, "The Sheep-shearing Scene," in which Polixenes and Camillo, disguised as countrymen, come to spy on Perdita and Florizel, was in a rural setting. The shepherds and shepherdesses, clad in simple dresses whose colours were delightfully blended, executed two Old English dances taught them by Miss Sharman. All the characters seemed naturally suited to their parts, except indeed the old shepherd, whose distinctly juvenile appearance was amusingly incongruous; his treble voice was however somewhat muffled by his long, flowing beard, which conferred something of the venerable to his appearance. "The Statue Scene," in which Leontes is reunited to Hermione whom he had long believed to be dead, struck a different and more pathetic note; it is a scene of very great beauty and made far greater demands upon the actors than had the first scene. All, however, did their parts well, and the dresses with their rich stencilled borders and graceful draperies, added dignity to the acting.

The other features of the programme were two violin solos given very kindly by Miss Winifred Mitchell, and "Caller Herrin'" sung by some of the Junior School, who wore blue cloaks, striped aprons, and red kerchiefs, and carried large fish-baskets, from which they took the most inviting-looking herrings which they displayed to imaginary customers as they sang.

The entertainment was brought to a close by the singing of two carols, "Sleep, Holy Babe," and "The Three Kings of Orient."

The afternoon was in every way a very great success, the financial result being that a sum of thirteen guineas was raised for the funds of the Oldham Branch of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

J. M. G.

MUSICAL FESTIVAL.

The first competition in connection with the Manchester and District Girls' Secondary and High Schools' Musical Festival was held at the Royal College of Music, Manchester, on May 3rd. Eight schools competed, and the trophy, a silver rose-bowl presented by Miss Greg, was awarded by Dr. Keighley to Macclesfield High School. Our choir sang Handel's "Come, Gladsome Spring" and Foster's "Song of the Gale."

Phyllis Lansdell has entered upon her career as a singer and has appeared at several important concerts. Her vocal recital in Ashton-under-Lyne was much enjoyed, not only

for her fine singing, but also for the interesting programme. She was well received at the Oldham Orchestral Society's concert, and at that of the Beethoven Society in Manchester. We heartily wish her every success.

A. M. M.

LECTURES.

CLASSICAL LECTURE.—In the Easter term Miss Roberts very kindly came and gave us a lecture on the "Great Period of Greek Sculpture," illustrated by very good lantern slides, chiefly taken from the works of Pheidias. The Parthenon claimed a large place among these, and made one wish that the Elgin marbles were not quite so far away. We were taken all round the frieze, glanced at a metope or two, gazed at some of the figures on the pediment, and pondered for a long time on the interesting but ugly statue of Athena with its wonderful shield.

FRENCH LECTURES.—Through the kindness of Mr. Lynham, of the Société Française, we received invitations to two lectures at the Lyceum. The first, on the Riviera, was illustrated by fine lantern views. We visited thus Cannes, Nice, Hyères, Monte Carlo, and could imagine something of the glowing sunshine and rich semi-tropical vegetation of these towns on the Mediterranean shores. The subject of the second lecture was "L'Académie Française et quelques uns de ses Membres." The lecturer told of the foundation of the Académie by Richelieu and its incorporation later with other kindred societies into the Institut de France. It was interesting to learn that Shakespeare, many years after his death, of course, was elected an honorary member. One great name not included in the list of members is that of Molière; the omission is due to the determined opposition of Richelieu. The regrets of the Academicians is well expressed in an inscription to his memory: "Rien ne manque à sa gloire: lui manque à la notre."

F. E.

THE FRENCH PLAY.

On Tuesday, February 11th, we again had the privilege of seeing the performance by M. Rouband's company of French plays at the Manchester Grammar School. Girls from Forms VI, V, and IV were allowed to go, and about forty-four availed themselves of the opportunity.

The plays chosen were François Coppée's "Le Luthier de Crémone," and "Le Barbier de Seville," by Beaumarchais. It was well that the pathetic story of "Le Luthier" was given first—the story of the renunciation by the poor hunchback, first of his great masterpiece, his violin, and later, of the promised reward for the same—the hand of his master's daughter. The jovial, dictatorial master lute-maker played his part well. He appeared later in "Le Barbier" as Don Brazil, the organist, very susceptible to the gentle persuasion of a well-filled purse which was easily tucked away in his broad leather belt.

Figaro, the barber, delighted us all from the moment he appeared, with his guitar slung over his shoulder, writing verses on scraps of paper in the street, and "partout supérieur aux événements, aidant au bon temps, supportant le mauvais, riant de ma misère, et faisant la barbe à tout le monde, je me presse de rire de tout, de peur d'être obligé d'en pleurer." And we were constrained to laugh with him.

F. E.

A VISIT TO PLATT'S.

On February 18th Miss Clegg took Form V to Platt's New Hartford works, where we were conducted through the principal departments. First we visited the forge, where we saw the molten iron streaming into barrows, from which it was poured into moulds.

After the forge we saw the great force hammers at work beating huge masses of white-hot metal, which were manipulated by men with long hooks. Next we were shown short, thick rods of red-hot iron being passed through a machine which gradually made them longer and thinner, until they were about fifteen feet long, instead of three.

We saw automatic drills at work boring holes in cast-iron wheels, and afterwards we passed through the joiners' workshops where the packing cases for the finished machines were being made.

Later we were taken up to the show-room, where all the various types of machinery which are made at Platts are exhibited. One of the machines was set in motion by a powerful motor, and we were shown how the different parts worked and what was their use.

In the show-room, too, were copies of the earliest machines used in the textile industry, including Hargreave's spinning mule and Arkwright's spinning jenny.

N. ASHTON, Form V.

GEOGRAPHICAL EXPEDITION TO DERBYSHIRE: FORMS VI AND V.

All the first part of the morning we watched the leaden sky and the rain driving on the windows. We had almost given up hope when a ray of sunshine shot through a break in the clouds. Fortunately our lesson soon came to an end, so we flew to the window, and opening it put out our hands. The sun was indeed shining, and the rain had ceased. The day became quite bright and fine, so we started at half-past twelve in high spirits for Edale, in Derbyshire.

We took the train to Manchester, and from there to Chinley, where we changed for Edale. The changes of scenery which we passed through were very striking. From the tall dark buildings of Manchester we passed on to the neat rows of red and white houses of Chorlton-cum-Hardy, surrounded by green fields. The buildings became more scarce, and trees and meadows were frequent as we passed through Chinley, until we crossed the hills by the Cowburn Tunnel and glided into Edale.

Edale is a beautiful hamlet surrounded on all sides by high dark hills, down which streaks of silver streams roll into the bright green meadows below, where sheep graze with their tiny white lambs, and calves roam on the river bank. Not a sound could be heard except the noise of the stream, the bleating of the sheep and lambs, and the singing of the birds. Here in "this other Eden" it is hard to realise that one is so near to the noise and bustle of Manchester.

We soon found the fault in the rocks which we were hoping to see. On one side of it the strata are quite horizontal, and on the other oblique. It is a very clear and well-defined fault.

We left Edale and walked to the summit of Mam Tor, where we obtained a splendid view of Castleton, the romantic Peveril Castle, and the mines—lead and Blue John—in the distance. We went up to the site of the Roman encampment on Mam Tor. The long trench reminded me very much of a photograph I have seen of one of the trenches at Scutari. After resting a while in the trench we descended the hill and walked to a limestone quarry. We found many fossils in the limestone, but the greatest excitement was caused by the discovery of several large crystals of Blue John. We quarried the largest crystals, together with something that looked very much like obsidian, and were excited, too, at the discovery of some bitumen, from which we took specimens. We then left the quarry for the gorge called the Winnats. This place was fascinating. It was very narrow and the rocks on each side of it were very high and steep. A few sheep grazed here and there, and the screams of the peewits echoed along the gorge. When we emerged from it we came to a little white cottage which we learnt was the entrance to the Speedwell Mine. The

cottage seemed to grow out of the mountain side ; we entered it, left our cloaks and rock-specimens, and followed the guide to the mine. At the top we were each given a lighted tallow candle, and we followed the guide down a long flight of rough steps to where a boat awaited us at the beginning of the passage. We embarked and set out down this long narrow working, cut out by the miners of bygone days. As we looked back at the long row of lighted candles stuck on the sides of the passage, with their reflections in the water, we thought of gondolas and Venice. The cutting is very long and remarkably straight, the result of splendid workmanship. When the boat stopped we got out into a huge cavern, where we were one-sixth of a mile under the earth. At one side of the cave water issues from somewhere in torrents, and pours into what is known as "The Bottomless Pit," with an enchanting roar. By means of a magnesium wire, the guide lit up the cavern, while he gave us an account of the cutting of the mine. Soon we started back down the passage. The candles were still burning brightly all the way. It seemed wonderful that the air so far beneath the surface of the earth should be so pure. When we ascended the steps we saw streaks of daylight which looked brilliant after the darkness of the cavern. The sight of the green grass and bright flowers was very refreshing too.

We left the mine, went on to the village of Castleton, where we had tea, and then walked along the high road to Hope, where we took the train home, having spent a very delightful afternoon and learnt many useful things.

Our thanks are due to Miss Clegg, who so kindly gave up her time to take us on this pleasant journey, and who made it much more interesting by explaining things to us as we went along, and by helping us to find specimens for our museum.

W. COOPER, Form V.

BOTANICAL EXPEDITIONS.

FORM III.—On Thursday, June 12th, we took a walk up Chew Valley. The day was very hot and dry. Chew Brook is a good example of a mountain torrent, and the scenery in its valley is exquisite. We saw the steep mountains, looking so huge because they were so near, and the brook rushing from its unseen source. On one part of the surrounding hills were scattered many huge boulders ; not a sound was heard except the bubbling of the brook over the stones, the occasional twittering of the birds, and, of course, our own conversation !

We walked some distance up the valley, and crossed the brook. Afterwards we climbed up the hillside and walked through a wood, which consisted chiefly of oaks and beeches. In it were also a stumpy larch, and a few limes and sycamore trees. A few mountain ash trees, and one or two alders, with their small black cones, flourished near the water.

The ground was covered with moss, bilberry, and heather, some of the former being in flower, and in some places the hillside was yellow with potentilla. Some of the moss was bearing its capsular fruit, and in one place we were surprised to see moderately-sized oaks growing in the form of bushes. Our search for flowers and leaves resulted in quite a good collection, and we returned to the station carrying our treasures, after a thoroughly delightful afternoon.

SARAH BROOKS.

FORM M III.—We had our expedition to the Chew Valley on Tuesday, July 1st. The first part of the walk from Greenfield Station to the Valley was not very pretty, but soon we left Greenfield behind and found ourselves really in the country. On the way we saw a great many grasses, covered with different coloured pollen, some pink, some purple, and a great many other colours. In the valley the stream flows between high banks

covered with bracken and heather. In one place the bracken was so tall that we could hardly walk, while in another it was the grass that we could hardly push our way through. We gathered about twenty different kinds of flowers, as well as twigs of trees, grasses, bracken, and some pretty moss. Some of the nicest flowers were the wild orchid, potentilla, and bell heather. We found also some dear little tiny frogs. We saw a great many huge stones, some very curiously shaped, which looked as if they might roll down the hill any minute. In one place we came to a marshy piece of ground, which we had to cross by walking as quickly as we could. There were a great many little streams everywhere, and tiny ditches which you could hardly see until you were in them.

PHYLLIS ROBINSON.

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During the Autumn Term an expedition to Manchester was made by some members of Form III, to witness the performance of the dramatic adaptation of Kingsley's famous novel, "Westward Ho!" The play, full of adventure and rapid incident, breathed out the enthusiasm and patriotism of the Elizabethan age. Two very striking scenes, one giving us a glimpse of the Spanish Inquisition and another in which a sea fight was presented, were especially enjoyed by the audience, which at some junctures could scarcely restrain its excitement.

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UPPER SCHOOL PICNIC.—The place chosen last summer was Hardcastle Crag, Hebden Bridge. It proved to be an ideal spot—a long wooded valley through which flowed a fascinating stream. We were lucky in having a warm, sunny day, and spent the time sitting in a grassy field where we had lunch, or wandering through the woods and beside the stream. It was in every way a very successful day.

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Form Lower V spent an afternoon at Manchester University Museum in the Spring Term, special attention being paid to the geological specimens, which, though not at first sight the most interesting part of the Museum, are very valuable to our students of the British Isles, enlarging and filling in the gaps of knowledge gained from our own tiny collection at school.

THE CHRISTIAN EDUCATION OF WOMEN IN THE EAST.

(Printed at the request of the Committee formed for the furtherance of this work.)

Among the vast changes which are taking place in the world to-day, few movements are more significant than that which is bringing freedom to the women and girls of the East. In India, China and Japan the influence of Western civilisation has already put women into a new position, and the need is being recognised for their special contribution in the building up of national life, and for their help in arriving at an adequate solution of the problems which confront the awakened peoples.

But if women are to take their right place in the new movements, it is obvious that they must be educated, and this fact is being recognised in the East as well as the West. Yuan Shi Kai, the President of the Chinese Republic, in the midst of his perplexities looks upon the development of women's education as one of the most urgent necessities for China, and in India Hindu and Moslem reformers are discussing the question and are founding new schools for girls.

In these circumstances, the leaders in the East naturally turn to the West for help, and to Western women has come the supremely important question, What kind of training shall be given to the women of the East? Shall they receive a merely Western education and thus bring to their nation an ideal of human life which is not interwoven with the old national ideals, or shall they remain true to the best which their nation has always

desired for its women and yet add to the old ideal the new social and intellectual freedom, and the stronger religious life which Christianity and Christian education can give? With the entrance of Western science and Western civilisation the old faiths are rapidly losing their hold; shall the women of the East receive an education which will bring to them material benefits but which will offer them nothing to satisfy their deep religious instincts, and which will give them neither spiritual ideals nor moral power with which to cope with the strangely difficult conditions of their lives?

The greatness of the opportunity now before English women of giving help to the women and girls of the East can hardly be overestimated. Not only are Western teachers needed to serve on the staffs of schools both for kindergarten and form work, but they are even more urgently required for training Indian and Chinese teachers who shall be able to educate the millions of Indian and Chinese girls, teachers who will be enthusiastic over their work and who will not merely try to "cram" the children with facts out of Western text-books. The influence which Christian women teachers might have at this moment in moulding the destinies of the Eastern nations is, without exaggeration, incalculable.

Moreover, English women who give their interest and thought to the needs of India, China and Japan are not thereby neglecting home problems. The social questions of England will not be truly answered so long as an attempt is made to deal with them in isolation; social problems to-day are closely bound together throughout the world; they are part of one great movement which is confined by no geographical boundaries. If Western ideas do not raise the moral and spiritual standard of the East, there will come flooding back upon England influences which will increase the social difficulties at home, and which will render the problem well-nigh impossible of solution. It is at their own peril that the Western nations act if they take to the East a new civilisation without Christianity.

The Christian education of women in the East is thus a subject both complex and urgent, and it is one which calls for the best thought and study which educated women in the West can give. A Conference to consider the problem was held at Oxford early in September, and was attended by about a hundred and fifty head mistresses and assistant mistresses; a full report of the addresses there given is shortly to be published.* Miss Roberts, Head Mistress of the Grammar School for Girls, Bradford, and Miss McDougall, Classical Lecturer at Westfield College, London, are spending six months in India this winter in order that they may visit schools and learn as much as possible about the conditions of women's education. Books on the subject have been published; the education committees of the missionary societies are glad to give information, and a special committee has recently been appointed which will consider the different ways in which English women and girls can help. The members of this committee are Miss Douglas, Head Mistress of the Godolphin School, Salisbury; Miss Gray, High Mistress of St. Paul's Girls' School, London; Miss Richardson, Westfield College, London; Miss Wood, Principal of the Cambridge Training College, and Miss Woodall, Head Mistress of Milton Mount, Gravesend. The Honorary Secretary is Miss de Sélincourt, formerly Principal of the Lady Muir Training School, Allahabad, and any questions may be sent to her at 26, Belsize Grove, London, N.W.

Miss de Sélincourt will be glad to give details of educational posts that are at present vacant in the East, and to explain the "Short Service Scheme" by which teachers and others who cannot take up permanent work abroad may give valuable aid for a year or more. Great opportunities for helping the women of India are also open to girls who go out to stay with friends and who have had no technical training, and the interest, sympathy

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and thought of those who remain at home are no less needed. In this critical moment of the world's history the women and girls of the East are appealing to the women and girls of England, and there is not one of us who may not, if she will, take a share in the response to that appeal.

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CORRESPONDENCE.

Somerville College, Oxford,

May 31st, 1913.

Dear Girls,—Yesterday two of us went for a cycle ride to Boar's Hill, which is just outside Oxford. A strong wind made cycling impossible, so we had to walk, but when we reached the top of the hill, and turned to ride back, we felt fully rewarded, for below us lay Oxford. In the bright sunshine her towers and spires stood out dazzlingly white against the bright blue sky. There was the graceful tower of Magdalen, standing a little apart, and surrounded by dark trees; the tower of Merton, not so dark, but no less beautiful; the spires of S. Mary's and All Saints' Church, and the great dome of the Radcliffe Camera. It was a sight one could never forget, and no one can realise the full beauty of Oxford until she has seen the city from a distant hill. Nobody, however, could be here a day without feeling the nameless charm which Oxford possesses, and some of the influence which she has on those who take part in her life.

College life at any university is delightful, but at Oxford it is absolutely indescribable; the setting is so perfect. Every hour is full of interest. In the morning there are, perhaps, classes at Somerville, work to be prepared in the Library or in the Common Room, or lectures at other colleges and the Examination Schools. The dullest lecture gains some interest when it is given in one of the great halls of the old colleges, with their dark oak panelling and fine old portraits.

To the athletically inclined the outdoor life is perhaps the joy of Oxford. No one works regularly in the afternoon. This term the chief centre of interest is the river. Swarms of punts and canoes have taken the place of the sculling boats one sees in winter, and we often take breakfast, lunch, or tea, and spend a large part of the day on the river. In the Summer Term most things go on outside. Many of us sleep, eat and work in the garden. If we do not happen to be playing tennis or boating, we fall back on a bicycle ride to Cumnor, Abingdon, Woodstock, or various other places of great historical interest. In the evening there is generally a meeting of some society to which we belong, or something else to which we wish to go—a concert, or a play, the Oxford Women's Debating Society, or, most exciting of all, a meeting of our College Parliament. Parliament is a Somerville institution, modelled on the lines of the House of Commons. Every member of college has her seat on the benches, and there are two meetings each term. The Liberals are in power one term, and the Unionists the next. Last term there was a Unionist Cabinet, and the first sitting took the form of a debate with the Arnold Society of Balliol College. This term we held a Freshers' Parliament, at which none but First Year Students were allowed to speak. Two bills were introduced, one by the Liberal party, putting forth a scheme for the Nationalisation of Railways; the other by the Unionists, advocating a reform of the Jury System. After an animated discussion, the Liberals carried their bill, and the Unionists were defeated. A motion was brought forward at a college meeting not long ago to abolish Parliament, and establish in its place a political club on different lines, but fortunately this motion was lost.

At ten o'clock every night work is laid aside, and we either give "cocoas" in our rooms, or hold friendly gatherings of a similar nature.

I wish I could give you a more adequate description of our life up here. By no means the least part of the joy is Oxford herself, with her glorious buildings and imperishable associations.

Most people know Matthew Arnold's words on Oxford, "home of lost causes and forsaken beliefs, unpopular names, and impossible loyalties," but less well-known are the following lines of his, which are nevertheless equally true and convey some idea of the magical attraction of this fine old city:—

"Steeped in sentiment as she lies, spreading her gardens to the moonlight, and whispering from her towers the last enchantments of the Middle Age, who will deny that Oxford, by her ineffable charm, keeps ever calling us near to the true goal of all of us, to the ideal, to perfection—to beauty, in a word, which is only truth seen from another side?"

I hope that many of you will sometime come up to Oxford, and enjoy all the delights and interest of this unique and wonderful life.

Yours affectionately,

DORA M. HUDSON.

BIRTHS.

Jan. 14th, 1913.—To Mrs. Buckley (Sarah Hall), in Moscow, a son, Herbert.

Jan. 14th, 1913.—To Mrs. Shawcross (Mabel Higgs), a daughter.

April 29th, 1913.—To Mrs. Norman Taylor (Ethel Anderton), twin daughters.

May 3rd, 1913.—To Mrs. Coombes (Lucy Williams), a son.

May 23rd, 1913.—To Mrs. Clifford Atkins (Marjorie Lansdell), a daughter, Dorothy Joan.

June 6th, 1913.—To Mrs. Norman Williamson (Dorothy Mayall), a son, Raymond.

June 22nd, 1913.—To Mrs. Carey (Ethel Neild), at Rocanville, Saskatchewan, a son.

July 5th, 1913.—To Mrs. T. Orme (Minnie Fletcher), a son.

MARRIAGES.

October, 1912.—Gladys Bateman to Mr. R. Moseley Hunt.

October, 1912.—Emily Bradbury to Mr. John Bradbury.

June 14th, 1913.—Bessie Hardman to Mr. Arnold Egerton Holt.

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The twin daughters of Mrs. N. Taylor (E. Anderton).