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#### EDITORIAL.

Owing to the fact that several of our School functions have been postponed this term, we look forward to a particularly full programme during the coming term; and we are hoping to see a great number of old girls and friends of the School on September 28th at the Bazaar.

The Swimming Sports were not held during the term, so we have to defer the announcements as to the results of the cup ties till later. In the meantime we are glad to be able to print in full the interesting letter, signed by influential supporters of the G.P.D.S.T., concerning the proposed building fund, and also the leading article from "The Times" of the same date. The subject cannot fail to be of interest to all our readers, and especially to those old girls who do, as we know so many do, look back upon their school career with a grateful recollection of what they owe to those pioneers of women's education who made a High School education a possibility and a fact. It is hoped that the School may do something to help, and as a beginning we propose to give a certain proportion of the money which will be obtained at the Bazaar on Saturday, September 28th.

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Miss Bell has received a letter from a member of the Central Committee of the Charity Organisation Society, asking whether any old girls of the Sutton High School will volunteer to give one or two days a week to Social Work. Any old girl who can do so is asked to communicate with Miss Bell. Increasing interest has been shown of recent years in questions such as Poor Law Administration, Care of Children, etc.; and there is an increasing demand for more voluntary workers if these questions are to be thoroughly dealt with.

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We have been able to send £20 from our balance in hand to the Children's Country Holiday Fund, and hope to send a much larger sum after the Bazaar.

This term has been a red-letter one, in one respect, for, for the first time for nineteen years we were in the Final Tennis Match for the Shield, competed for by all the London schools of the Trust. We were much disappointed not to win; but reference to the official account on a later page will show how hard we fought for it and how nearly we won it.

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It is just three years since Miriam Homersham gained a County Council Scholarship, and we now have to offer her our warmest congratulations on gaining a First Class in the Final Honours School of English Language and Literature at Oxford and our best wishes for her success in the teaching profession. She has been appointed English Mistress at Huyton Hall, Liverpool.

We are asked by the Games Club to thank Mrs. Pryce and G. Johnson, who have presented tennis balls to the Club during this term. They are most grateful for them.

The Dorcas Meetings this term will be on October 18th (Lower School) and November 15th (Upper School).

A BAZAAR—the proceeds to be divided between The Children's Country Holiday Fund, The Sutton Factory Girls' Club, other Charities and School Societies in need of funds (including the Building Fund of the G.P.D.S.T.)—will be held in the Hall and grounds of the Sutton High School, on Saturday, September 28th. The Bazaar will be opened at 2.30. There will be stalls for plain work, fancy articles, toys, sweets and flowers, and groceries. Tea and light refreshments will be provided during the course of the afternoon. The Entertainments will include a French Play, entitled: "L'Anglais tel qu'on le parle"; and a Play, "Alice through the Looking Glass," by Members of the Kindergarten Department. In the Garden—Competitions of various kinds will be open to visitors. Admission 6d. each. Girls in the School, free.

Extract from "The Times" of July 6th:

#### GIRLS' PUBLIC DAY SCHOOLS.

APPEAL FOR THE TRUST BUILDING FUND.

To the Editor of "The Times."

Sir,—We venture to make an urgent appeal for financial help to all those who believe that the higher education of girls is of vital importance to the welfare of the nation.

Within the last year the public has given generously to the funds which have been raised to provide buildings for Bedford College and Kings' College for Women. We now most earnestly ask for similar assistance in building and improving the schools from which the students of these and other colleges are largely recruited.

At no period in the history of this country has the necessity of a broad and liberal education for the sisters of the boys who go to our public schools been more apparent than at the present time, and yet provision of this education under conditions suitable for such girls is still chiefly dependent on private enterprise. Progress in this direction is now considerably checked by the increasing financial burdens placed on this section of the community, which is obliged to make large contributions to public elementary and secondary schools maintained by Government grants and local rates.

Public schools for boys have been generously endowed by benefactors in the past, but in general schools for girls of a similar class have been obliged to fight their way without endowment. It was the need of efficient schools in which such girls could receive a sound general education, open to all religious denominations and with moderate fees, which led to the formation of the Girls' Public Day School Company. This company was founded in 1872 by the late Lady Stanley of Alderley, Mrs. William Grey, Miss Shirreff, Miss Mary Gurney, Sir James Kay Shuttleworth, Bt., Mr. H. A. Bruce, M.P. (afterwards Lord Aberdare), and others, with the sympathy and active support of her Royal Highness Princess Louise, Duchess of Argyll, in whose drawing-room the movement took shape. The office of president of the company was filled successively by the Earl of Airlie, Lord Aberdare, and Earl Spencer. It has developed into an organization now known as the Girls' Public Day School Trust, which has been responsible for the education of over 60,000 girls. The schools of the Trust exist in and near the metropolis and throughout the country, and in these schools which now number 28, 6,000 girls are being educated.

The schools are under the management of an influential council, which includes men and women of distinction and educational experience who have freely given without remuneration their time and attention to advancing the interests of the schools. During the 40 years of its existence the Trust has maintained these schools well to the front as institutions of the first educational rank, in which highly-qualified teachers are employed and the needs of the average girl kept prominently in view, in methods of education as well as in the opportunities for physical training and recreation. Without undue pressure a long list of educational distinctions has

been gained by girls from these schools, including many University scholarships and exhibitions, presenting a record of which any public school for boys might well be proud. In fact, these schools, as regards education and general training of character, mind, and body, with their games and school clubs and their strong public school spirit fostering high traditions, now stand on a level of full equality with many well-known public schools for boys. For the convenience of pupils whose parents live at a distance boarding houses are connected with certain schools.

The cost of providing suitable school buildings has been hitherto defrayed from capital subscribed by parents and others interested in the higher education of girls. On this capital the Trust has paid a low rate of interest; the main income, derived from school fees, being devoted to maintaining the general educational efficiency of the schools. In recent years the financial task of the Trust has become more and more difficult. It is true that the Trust receives from the Board of Education some aid in the form of grants based on the efficiency of the teaching, which have assisted in obtaining the services of specially qualified teachers in certain But this assistance is far more than counterbalanced by the increased cost of education, the necessity for augmenting the salaries of teachers, and the cost of equipment, especially in connexion with instruction in science, art, and domestic economy. The educational success of the schools generally is well-known. Improved methods of teaching in music, science, and art have been carried into effect with the assistance of advisory boards of experts in these subjects. Even in face of this greatly increased expenditure on education the Council of the Trust has considered it of the first importance to keep the fees of the school at as low a level as possible, having regard to the many calls on the limited means of the parents with whom the schools of the Trust are so largely concerned. The school fees, which have been increased in recent years, now average about £16 a year, and it has not been found desirable or practicable to increase them further.

It is now necessary to provide new buildings for some schools and to improve the buildings of others. The council of the Trust feel that the strictly educational demands made on their limited resources have become so great that they must raise a special Fund for this purpose, and they therefore ask all those who realize the importance of the work they are doing to assist them in obtaining a sum of £50,000, to be devoted exclusively to building purposes. We appeal to the many former pupils of the schools, to parents who appreciate the need for this effort, and to all who realize the national importance of the work, to send donations, great or small, in aid of the Building Fund.

Her Royal Highness the Princess Louise, Duchess of Argyll, Patroness of the Trust, who signs this appeal, has most kindly consented to act as Treasurer of the Fund and will welcome donations, which should be marked on the envelope "Schools Building Fund" and addressed to her Royal Highness at Kensington Palace. Cheques should be made payto "G.P.D.S.T. Building Fund."

Former pupils of the schools of the Trust may send their donations through the head mistress of their school, and may, if they so desire, earmark their contributions for improving the buildings of the school in which they were educated. Apart from such earmarked contributions from these and other sources, the Fund will be employed by the council for improvements in the school buildings in the order of their urgency. It may be added that funds are greatly needed at the present time for the new buildings at Brighton and at Putney.

We also wish to state that an arrangement has been recently entered into with the Government by which the schools and all the property of the Trust will eventually become a national trust for the advancement of the work which, during so many years, has been carried on by the present voluntary association. The improvements in school buildings to which the Fund now to be raised is to be devoted will, therefore, ultimately become a permanent asset in the educational system of this country.

We are glad to be able to announce that several donations to the Building Fund have been already promised by friends of the Trust.

The following have most kindly consented to act as Trustees of the Building Fund:—

His Grace the Duke of Argyll, K.G., K.T.

The Right Hon. Lord Burghclere. The Right Hon. Henry Hobhouse.

A special pamphlet and further particulars respecting the schools of the Trust may be obtained on application to the secretary at Broadway Court, Westminster, S.W.

Louise, Patroness of the Trust and Treasurer of the Building Fund.

CREWE, President of the Trust.

Lansdowne, E. C. Petriburg,

E. C. Petriburg, Reay,

Vice-Presidents of the Trust.

M. E. JERSEY, MARY GURNEY,

J. S. NORTHCOTE, Chairman of the Council.

WYNDHAM R. DUNSTAN, Chairman of the Building Fund Appeal Committee.

July, 1912.

The following is a leading article from "The Times" of the same date:

#### THE GIRLS' SCHOOLS APPEAL.

The appeal which we publish this morning for help towards the Building Fund of the Girls' Public Day School Trust is a remarkable document, if only for the weight of the signatures which it bears. A Royal Princess heads the list, and her name is followed by those of Lord Lansdowne, Lord Crewe, Lady Jersey, Lord Reay, and the Bishop of Peterborough. A cause which can enlist the advocacy of persons so eminent in Church and State can hardly be an ordinary one. It must be directed towards meeting some important public need, which the ordinary sources of reverue cannot meet. This is certainly the case with the higher branches of female education, which, great as has been its advance in recent years, is not yet fully endowed either by the State or by private benefactions, and which, like all other departments of education, can never be wholly self-supporting. The effect of a strong public appeal in these matters has just been shown by the case of Bedford College, which has raised nearly £100,000 for its new buildings and new equipment. If this can be done for young women of seventeen to nineteen, should not something of the same sort be attempted for their younger sisters? It is their cause that is represented by the Trust, a very well-known body, which stands in no need of an introduction. Founded in 1872 by the late Lady Stanley, Mrs. William Grey, and others, with the powerful aid of the Princess Louise, the late Lord Lyttelton, and many friends, it was a success from the very beginning. It was at first a limited company, with a capital which in time grew to £150,000, and it later became a "Trust" with the assent of the Board of Education. It now possesses twenty-eight schools, scattered about London and the suburbs and various towns like Norwich, Newcastle, Sheffield, and Brighton. Quite

60,000 girls have passed through these schools, and the number at present under instruction is about 6,000. These receive the best possible education under the best teachers, many of them women who have taken honours in the Universities. The schools pay their way; but the surplus revenues, after a minimum dividend—now 2 per cent.—has been paid to the shareholders, are spent on the educational needs of the schools. There is nothing left over for building; and hence the appeal to the public.

The objector will of course ask, why cannot prosperous schools pay for their own buildings? The answer is that seldom is there a sufficient margin, in day schools of any grade, for anything of the kind. The elementary public schools, as we all know to our cost, are paid for out of the rates; and the old schools, which we oddly persist in calling "public," Eton, Winchester, Westminster, and the like, have large endowments, as have the colleges at Oxford and Cambridge. The Girls' Public Day School Trust can neither come upon the rates nor fall back on endowments, of which it possesses none. It receives, it is true, the "lower" grant from the Board of Education, but this is on condition of teaching three subjects which require a rather costly equipment—science, art, and domestic economy—so that, on balance, no profit is shown. And, on the other hand, as there are no outside resources for exceptional needs, like building, so the internal resources have diminished for very obvious reasons. The cost of mistresses has greatly increased since these schools were started, and these ladies are now very rightly paid much higher salaries than of old, To enable the Trust to do this the self-denying shareholders have agreed to a reduction of their dividend step by step till it is now less than half what it used to be. Of course, this means that fresh capital cannot be raised in the ordinary market; the City will not subscribe on a promise of only two per cent. The last resource would be a raising of the fees; but these are now £16 a year, and experience has shown that this figure is as high as the bulk of the girls' parents could afford. They belong to the professional classes all over the country, and these, as a rule, cannot pay more, especially as they themselves are heavily taxed and rated to pay for the education of the classes which are, or are supposed to be, poorer than themselves. Whether a well-paid

artisan is really poorer than a country doctor or clergyman is not the question; it is the latter who has to pay for the children of the former, and he therefore cannot pay high terms for the teaching of his own. In a word, there seems nothing for it except such an appeal as this of the Princess and her co-signatories to those who believe in the national desirability of a high standard of education for our girls, if the work of this excellent Trust is to receive its proper development.

## Weather Report. Summer Term, 1912.

The total rainfall for May was 1·17 inches (·83 inch below the average); for June 2·96 inches (·94 inch above the average); and 5·22 inches fell altogether during the term. Heaviest fall ·8 inch on June 7th. The highest temperature recorded was 81° on July 15th, and the lowest 40° on May 28th. There were westerly winds on 26 out of 35 School days in May and June.

B.G., B.S.

## Upper School Dorcas Meeting.

An early date, May 17th, was chosen for this meeting. After tea Miss Bell read us some charming selections from Kenneth Graham's "Dream Days." The story of S. George and the Dragon, as here told, caused very great amusement. Miss Cartmell, Miss Virgo, and Miss Dodge each sang us two songs, all of which were much appreciated. Miss Cartmell, Miss Tayton, and M. Hunt provided the dance music. The following Old Girls were present:

D. Barton, M. Black, G. Boniface, C. Carnell, B. Dean, D. Gray, M. Hind, M. Hunt, M. Johnstone,

I. Rose, E. Winter, and D. Woodroffe.

## Lower School Dorcas Meeting.

The Lower School Dorcas Meeting this term was held on May 31st. There were a good number present. Miss Bell read from a most delightful book, The Adventures of Squirrel Brighteyes. Miss Cartmell, Miss Virgo, and Miss Dodge sang to us. The following Old Girls were present:

D. Woodroffe, M. McGregor, B. Dean, N. Bullen, I. Rose, and K. Wright.

## Games Club Accounts. Summer Term, 1912.

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#### The Games Club.

#### TENNIS FIXTURES. Summer Term, 1912.

Date	Date Against		Played at	Result			
May 23rd		Dulwich (Shield Match)	Sutton	Won 122—103; 11-4, 8-7, 4-11			
June 13th	• • •		Croydon	Won 146—79; 9-6, 12-3, 8-7			
$\mathbf{June}\ 26\mathbf{th}$		South Hampstead (Shield Match)	Putney	Won 128—97; 10-5, 8-7, 7-8			
July 5th		Clapham (Final Shield Match)	Sydenham	Lost 123—102; 5-10, 11-4, 8-7			
July 9th	•••	Putney	Sutton	Scratched			

The Form Tennis ties were drawn as follows:

#### FINAL FORM TENNIS MATCH.

The Final Tennis Match between Forms V. and VI. was fixed for Friday, July 19th, and the

Sixth Form invited to tea the Mistresses and the Fifth Form.

We managed that afternoon to get in one sett consisting of 26 games, but at that point the rain began again, and we were forced to postpone the match till Wednesday, July 24th. The result went in favour of Form V., who won the cup by two setts to one (6-3, 8-10, 6-4). In the first sett the Sixth Form played a much faster game than on Friday, and perhaps partly owing to this they were fairly easily defeated by the Fifth. In the second sett there was a good deal of lobbing. The Fifth Form did some very useful placing, but finally lost the sett at 8-10. The third sett was won by the Fifth (6-4).

Sutton v. Croydon, at Croydon, on Thursday, June 13th. Result, Sutton won by 146 points to 79.

First Couple won 9—6. Second Couple won 12—3. Third Couple won 8—7.

The third couple, as usual, played first, and for a time Croydon led, their champions playing a very sound game. The fact that one of them played at the net by no means disconcerted our couple. who eluded her either by lobbing or by placing the ball out of her reach. M. Price was particularly successful in these tactics. Finally, they won the odd game. Croydon were unfortunate in having a substitute playing in their second couple, and in consequence fell a very easy victim to our champions. The latter played very steadily on the whole, and, except for the fact that G. Westhorpe sent several double faults, did not throw away points unnecessarily. The first couples were equally matched on the whole, though M. Taylor was decidedly steadier than either of her opponents and won her third mention and shield—only the second won for tennis during a great many years. M. Pegg was handicapped by the fact that for nearly a fortnight before the match she had been unable to practise,

Sutton v. South Hampstead, at Putney, on Wednesday, June 26th. Result, Sutton won by 128 points to 97.

> First Couple won 10—5. Second Couple won 8—7. Third Couple lost 7—8.

This match was the semi-final, and in consequence very great anxiety was felt as to the issue. The match was played under somewhat dismal conditions, owing to the fact that, through circumstances over which we had no control, we were unable to take with us any spectators, and were obliged to forego any intercourse with our opponents. The match was, throughout, a most interesting one to watch, and was free from the monotony which so often accompanies the play of, at any rate, the second and third couples. The services of the S. Hampstead champions were in almost every case superior to ours, and their strokes on the whole were much harder, but the great points in favour of our players were their steadiness and their power of pulling themselves together when the game seemed to be going against them. Both these qualities have been noticeable throughout the season, and are extremely creditable.

At the end of the first two matches we were exactly one point ahead, and our feelings were better imagined than described when the decisive match began. Still, there was nothing to choose between the sides, and with the score at four all it would have been impossible to prophesy the result. At that point, however, our champions made up their minds to put an end to this state of affairs, and won the next three games straight off, and then, after S. Hampstead had managed to secure one, finished the match triumphantly at 10-5. M. Pegg's play was very good. She used her judgment in placing her balls, and by one particularly well-placed lob at a critical moment saved the situation. Her serves were good also, and we were glad to be able to give her, her third mention and shield.

#### THE FINAL SHIELD MATCH.

The Final Shield Match against Clapham was played at Sydenham on Friday, July 5th. A party of about 30 went to watch it. We had hoped for more spectators, and it was unfortunate that circumstances prevented many from coming who would have wished to be there. The match kept us breathless with excitement, as up to almost the end there were equal chances for either side. It was disappointing to see the Shield which many of us then saw for the first time presented to Clapham instead of to us. However, we were very glad of our tea, which was provided at the Sydenham High School, for the match was not over till 6 o'clock.

We give below the official account written by the two umpires, Miss Raven, of Croydon High School, and Miss Millington, of Sydenham High School, from which it may be seen that our champions did us credit, and made a very good fight for the Shield.

#### MATCH BETWEEN CLAPHAM AND SUTTON.

The Final Tennis Match for the Shield was played between Clapham and Sutton at Sydenham, by kind permission of Miss Sheldon, on Friday, July 5th, and resulted in a win for Clapham. The match was a very interesting one owing to the fact that the result was doubtful until the last game but one, which was won by Clapham amidst loud applause. Among the juniors, Helen Bourne, of Sutton, shews great promise; she has already quite a good service and shews some discretion in placing her balls. Clapham were unfortunate in having to play without one of their regular junior champions. In the sett between the middle couples the Sutton players were evidently nervous, consequently there was no very high standard of play. E. Woodhouse, of Clapham, has a good service but sends too many faults. I. Freehill was very quick on the court. In the senior game much better tennis was seen. Sutton made a plucky fight after allowing Clapham to get the lead by five games to one. M. Pegg, of Sutton, has a good service and scored frequently by her drives down the side line, thus evading her opponent at the net. N'. and C. Heath, of Clapham, combine very well being equally ready at the net or on the back line. Altogether the match was a most interesting one to watch. At the end the shield was presented to Clapham, by Mr. Northcote, with a short speech. Cheers were then given for Mr. Northcote, Miss Sheldon, Miss Gadesden, and the Umpires.

CLAPHAM.

Juniors. R. Pick & C. Hodgson.

5 games to 10.

Middle Couple. E. Woodhouse & I. Freehill.

11 games to 4.

Seniors. N. Heath & C. Heath.

8 games to 7.

Clapham won by 123 points to 102.

SUTTON.

M. Price & H. Bourne.

B. Taylor & G. Westhorp.

M. Taylor & M. Pegg.

A. RAVEN, M. MILLINGTON, Umpires.

Owing to unavoidable circumstances the match was played a week earlier than originally arranged, and this probably accounted for the spectators being fewer in number than is usual at a final match. Miss Bell, Miss Gavin, Miss Gadesden, Miss Sheldon and Mrs. Woodhouse were present with girls and mistresses from eight schools belonging to the Association. The arrangements for tea were made by Miss Sheldon, at Sydenham High School.

F. Gadesden, Secretary.

#### CHARACTERS OF THE TENNIS CHAMPIONS.

The champions—all three couples—are to be congratulated on a very successful season. Their play has been characterised by great steadiness, and they can be relied on to keep their heads when circumstances seem to be against them.

M. Taylor has considerably improved since last season. Her style is good and she places her balls well, and can generally be trusted to adopt the right tactics in a match. Her fore-arm balls are very good and she takes back-handers with greater facility than she did last year, but they still need practice. Her weak point is her service, especially her second service. We hope next year to see it much more formidable. She has won her shield this season, and is the first to have won her colours for tennis, hockey and net-ball.

- M. Pegg has also won her shield this season, and her play, though variable, has been distinctly good. Her service has won us many points during the season, and also her powerful drives across the court. Her judgment is good and she plays well with her partner. She should practice playing at the net, and also cultivate a stronger return of back-handers. We shall miss her very much next season.
- G. Westhorp has done some very useful work. Her play is steady but she needs greater pace, both in her returns and in her service which, with more force and a little more certainty, would be quite an awkward one to take. She also should practice playing at the net, where she ought to do well.
- B. Taylor, like her partner, has no brilliant strokes, but her play though unobtrusive is dependable. Her service is, at present, weak and needs a great deal of practice. She has very much improved since last year in her play generally, and especially in her back-hand balls. At present she confines her play almost entirely to the back line where she is very useful, but must practise varying the length of her stroke.
- M. Price has fully justified her inclusion among the champions. Her play on the back line is sound, and her back-handers are above the average for a junior. She should pay a great deal of attention to placing her balls.
- H. Bourne is a promising player. She has already shown an aptitude for "placing," and with greater strength of wrist should do well. Her service, at present, is by no means dependable but at times is very good, and with practice bids fair to become quite a formidable one.

## Lower School Sports.

The annual Lower School Sports meeting was held on Wednesday, May 29th, this year. The weather favoured us, the day being bright and sunny. Miss Bell invited the whole school to tea, which was held, as usual, on the front lawn. After tea, many parents and friends assembled to watch the various competitions. The two new events this year were the Backward race and the Toy race, both of which amused the spectators very much, and also, apparently, the competitors. There was also a Consolation race for unsuccessful competitors. When the final of the Tug-of-War had been pulled off, about 7 o'clock, Miss Bell gave away the prizes.

#### PRIZE LIST.

2ND 7. High Jump— 1st

1. Potato Race-

1st

under 8 I. Worrell A. Gashion under 11 S. Bale E. Turner over 11 A. Morris M. Taylor	under 8 A. Gashion M. Hensley under 11 S. Bale A. Comer over 11 M. Saunders U. Smith
2. Flat Race— under 8 A. Gashion I. Worrell under 11 C. Philip H. Russell over 11 M. Oram M. Taylor	8. Toy Race— over 10 W. Cressy P. Cheesman  9. Backward Race— over 10 U. Smith N. Grinley
3. School Grandsons and Little Brothers— S. Westhorp 4. Long Jump—	10. Threadneedle Race— under 11 A. Comer I. Windebank over 11 M. Gashion Maud Worrell
under 11 C. Philip S. Bale over 11 M. Saunders U. Smith 5. School Granddaughters and Little Sisters—	11. Sack Race— under 11 S. Shinner C. Philip over 11 E.Rimmington H. Bourne
6. Three-legged Race—  over 10   A. Morris   M. Gashion   M. Taylor   M. Freeland	12. Form Team Race—  Upper School, Form IV.  Lower School, III.  Consolation Prize— B. Black

We have to thank the following for kindly presenting prizes on this occasion: Miss Bell, Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Black, Mrs. Bale, Mrs. Dixon, Mrs Gashion, Mrs. Jones, Mr. Oliver, Mrs. Pryce, Miss Sandford, the Staff, and Forms VI., V. and IV.

#### News of the Term.

The Holiday Book Prize for the "Passing of Arthur" was won this term by the Fifth Form.

M. Halley has been awarded a Silver Star and a Bronze Star by the Royal Drawing Society.

The Council gave the school a whole hoiiday this term to celebrate D. Black's Girton Scholarship.

Miss Bell obtained tickets for this year's Victoria League Meeting in the Guild Hall, and Miss Leonard kindly took two of the Upper Sixth. The speakers were the Right Hon. A. J. Balfour, Lady Jersey, and Lord Emmett.

Miss Bell spent last holidays in Holland, and there bought a quantity of delightful Dutch pottery for the School Kyrle Society, and some beautiful Delft pots and plates for the Hall. Every form had a pot out of the collection.

In the middle of the term photographs were taken of parts of the school buildings and garden. These photographs can be obtained at the school at the following prices: Cases of Photographs, 2½d. per view; Books, 2/-; Post Cards, 10d. per packet of 12.

The Gymnastics Shields for this term were won by the following girls:

Lower School—Division Kindergarten, R. Wansbrough.

Division I., C. Philip.

Division I., U. Smith

Upper School—Division I., D. Brown. Division II., M. Wilkinson. Advanced, J. McCausland.

The School Bazaar and Concert were put off this term owing to an outbreak of mumps.

M. Macgregor has given a copy of Herrick's Poems, and a copy of Locke On Education to the Library.

In the Examination held by the German Language Association, D. Champness passed 1st class with honours, and K. Feltham passed 2nd class.

The Prize for Form Gardens presented by the Mistresses was won by the Sixth Form this year. Joint Board Letters have been gained by B. Godfrey and M. Taylor.

D. Woodroffe has passed the London Intermediate Examination.

### Music.

#### HOME MUSIC STUDY UNION.

The meeting on April 1st was held too late for details to be given in last term's magazine, but it was too good to be dismissed without some remarks. The subject was "French Music of the time of Cesar Franck." There were about 40 members present, and the following programme was given, after the minutes of the previous meeting had been read and "Non Nobis" sung.

Pianoforte

Vocal Duets

Pianoforte "Chant des fleurs" Massenet M. Morris. 1842 Short Paper on "The Aim of the Course" (French Music) H. M. CHANDLER, L.R.A.M. Two-part Song.. "Guardian Angels" .. César Franck 1822-1890 Violoncello Solos a "Le Cygne" Saint-Saens 1835 b "Elegie" Fauré Miss Burgess, A.G.S.M., L.R.A.M. Reading from Mason's "Saint-Saëns and César Franck. Song "Mon cœur s'ouvre à ta voix" Saint-Saens W. Morris.

Paper on "What has influenced Modern French Music"

Miss Gilford, A.R.C.M.

Quintet for Pianoforte and Strings in F minor
First Movement ... César Franck
H. M. CHANDLER, L.R.A.M. - Pianoforte.

a "Chant du Matin"...

b "Schinznach"

L. SANDERS.

a "La Vierge à la Crêche"

Mrs. RIGBY and Mrs. PALMER, L.R.A.M.

Reading from "Cesar Franck" by Guy de Ropartz, and from "Cesar Franck's Life" by Vincent d'Indy.

b "Aux petits enfants"

Guilmant

Vincent d'Indy

César Franck

1837

1851

F. Napper and Miss E. Lord - Violins.
Mr. Sutherland - - - Viola.
Miss Burgess, A.G.S.M., L.R.A.M. Violoncello

Next session we hope to take the new Course on "Folk Song and Dance, and their influence in classic and modern music," which is being arranged by Rutland Boughton. His papers are always the most suggestive, and he gives much material for programmes, so that we ought to have some interesting meetings. The other Course—the perennial one on Great Composers—will be conducted by Miss Gilford, who, however, will not write articles for it, but will merely make suggestions and refer to books and music.

As our Young People's Section has already had one course on Great Composers, members will probably prefer to work on the lines of the new course. A selection from the two courses would be

quite easy, and probably more interesting to our circle than either by itself.

There would have been a Lecture by Mr. Stewart Macpherson, and two other H.M.S.U. meetings during the term, but that the same reason which prevented the Bazaar from taking place on the appointed date also vetoed our gatherings. However, they are only postponed until next term, when we hope to hear Mr. Macpherson, and to have some good meetings on the new Course arranged by Mr. Rutland Boughton. The subject for the year is "Folk Music and its Influence."

Associated Board of Royal Academy and Royal College of Music.

The following have passed in the Local School Examination:

Ear-training and Sight-singing. Lower Division—R. Langton Cole.

,, ,, ,, Elementary Division—H. Cope, M. Follett.

Pianoforte. Elementary Division—M. Cole, M. Follett.

#### Gardens.

We give below the marks gained by the Forms during the year for their gardens. Form VI. has won the prize. The Remove have had rather a handicap since they have made a new garden, and have had to begin at the beginning again and put all the plants and seeds in afresh.

We hope that next year all gardeners will make a great effort to keep the beds neat during the winter. When they do not go out at Rest-time they must come back at least one afternoon a week for a few minutes to rake off dead leaves and make the place tidy. Last season, beds were often not touched for a month at a time.

			M	aximum	-	420			
1	VI.			353	5	V.		 239	
2	L.V.			337	6	III.	& I.	 238	
3	IV.			298	8	II.		 230	
4	L.I.			263	9	$\mathbb{R}$ .		 209	

#### VEGETABLE GARDENS.

The gardens found owners very quickly, though not all remained in the same hands all the term. They give evidence of having received good attention on the whole, especially Gardens 2, 4, and 11. The two chief faults were:—a too liberal sowing of seed, and a neglect to transplant and thin out seedlings later on. In common with other branches of culture, this one suffered from the compulsory holiday, and there is not such a good show as there should be at the end of term. In consequence, the prize cannot be awarded till later in the year.

Will non-gardeners please note that "Trespassers will be prosecuted."

## Nature Study Society.

There was an expedition to Headley Woods on Saturday, May 11th. Forty-three members of the Society drove and two bicycled to Headley, arriving there about noon. After lunch the party wandered about the woods, and many botanical specimens were found and named. The woods were charming, the ground was thick with bluebells, and a wild apple tree at the entrance was a mass of pink blossom.

The party met together again at Grove Park, at the other end of the village, for tea, after which the specimens were re-arranged and tied up. The drive home in a most beautiful evening brought a very happy excursion to an end.

## The Expedition to Twelfth Night.

On June 1st Miss Callender took a party from the VI., V. and L.V., with a few old girls, to His Majesty's to see Twelfth Night. When we arrived in London we all boarded motor 'buses and went to the National Gallery, as we had some time to spare before we need go to the theatre. There we wandered about enjoying the pictures till it was time to leave. We had most excellent seats in the theatre, and waited with increasing excitement for the curtain to go up. When it did go up our wildest dreams were more than realised, and we followed the fortunes of the Duke, Viola and Olivia with sympathetic thrills, which were interrupted by paroxysms of laughter over the machinations of Maria, Sir Toby and Fabian for the "gulling" of Malvolio. Poor Malvolio! Even the hardest heart must sympathise with him when he is shut up in the stable in the dark, visited by the priest and the fool in one and the same person, while Sir Toby, Maria and Fabian enjoy the joke outside. Viola was delightful all through the play, and the fact that Sebastian was really her brother in real life as well as in the play, added greatly to the charm of the last scene.

When the play was over we had tea at a shop near the theatre and then walked back to Victoria. We caught the train home, and as we came down we discussed the play with much laughter and many regrets that it was over. Herewith we propose a vote of thanks to Miss Callender for taking us for such a delighful expedition, with which we are sure that all who went will agree unanimously.

## Geographical Walk.

On May 21st Miss Hunt and Miss Bone very kindly took the Third Form for an expedition to the Chipstead Valley, so that we might compare a contour map of a hill country with the country itself. We started from Sutton Station by the four o'clock train, and got out at Banstead. We walked as far as the cross-roads, where we consulted our maps, and found which way we were facing and which way we had to go. We walked on round by the road and up the hill, and found out where the 400 foot contour line was.

We walked past Banstead village, all the time noticing the different trees we saw, and every now and then looking at our maps to find out where we were and which contour line we were on. Some of us took a piece of paper and a pencil to write down anything we wanted to remember. We saw the place, or rather field, in which some pheasants were being reared, and what struck us most was that they were being reared by hens. A little further on we saw the woods in which they would be turned loose. The bracken in these woods grew as high as the fence and looked very pretty. There were fields on either side of the road, where numbers of rabbits lived and did not appear to mind the carts going by, for there were any number out of their holes feeding.

We walked on till we came to the place where the road turns sharply to the left, we followed the road round and, as we had brought something to eat, we sat on the bank and had our tea, during which there was a good deal of laughing and talking, and the view all round was simply beautiful. After tea we had our photograhs taken, as Miss Hunt had her camera with her. Miss Hunt took the first one and Ursula Smith the second, as we all insisted on Miss Hunt being in the second. After this, we gathered our pieces of paper together and buried them, as it spoils the country so if bits of paper are left about.

Then we walked towards Banstead and through the village. In the village we stopped at a shop and had some lemonade. We quite filled one shop, so some of us had to go over the road to another one. By this time it was getting fairly late, and we had to hurry for our train which was in the station when we arrived. We all arrived home quite safely at seven o'clock, after having had a very pretty and enjoyable walk.

E. Redman.

## Our Expedition to the Sand and Clay Pits, Cheam.

On the afternoon of May 22nd, Miss Hunt kindly took us (Form III.) for a delightful expedition to the sand and clay pits, Cheam. It was not far from the School, and we started at 2.30 p.m., so we were there in good time. We saw the different layers of clay and sand quite clearly. First of all came white sand, then yellow clay, then red sand mixed with clay, and lastly there was red clay. After the men, who were working, had dug out a barrow load of stuff, they wheeled it across over the water, on a bridge formed of one plank only, and then tipped it on to a landing place. Afterwards a man came and pushed it down some holes, and the clay fell into little trucks, which were carried along

on little rails up to a hut. We then went over to another pit, which was not in use, here we collected some clay. The layers here were not quite the same, first came white sand, then yellow clay, and then darker sand. On our way home we passed the brick kilns. The bricks are made from the clay from the pit. The clay is evidently very good, because chimney pots are made, and these are only made from good materials, because they would not stand the heat. The clay we collected was used in our next lesson to model hills and show the contour lines on them.

S. Bale.

## The Remove Expedition to Kew.

On June 22nd, sixteen of us started from School in a brake about 9 o'clock. We did not stop till we got to Richmond Park, where we got down to look at the view. The river looked lovely, with the trees on both sides of it and covering the slope behind it. There were a lot of deer in the park, white and brown, and they all seemed very tame.

We reached Kew about 11 o'clock. We tried to get into one of the hot-houses, but found they were not open until the afternoon, so we went into Kew Palace. It is not much to look at outside, being a plain building of red brick; but it has some very old things inside it, such as manuscripts and drawings of dead kings and queens, and German writers and painters. It was built by Sir Hugh Portman, in the reign of James I., and has been lived in by many great people since then.

We next walked down towards the river, and on the way saw all the different trees, both foreign and English. About four of us sat down under a big tree by the river and ate our lunch, while the others went on a little farther to get some water. After lunch we all met again, and went and saw a tulip tree. It was very pretty, with a flower exactly like a tulip, only bigger, and long, thin leaves. A little farther on we came to a pond, on which were growing most lovely water lilies, white, yellow, pink, and red, surrounded by rushes.

As the hot-houses were open by that time, we went and saw them. The first was a very large one, with huge palms and plants of that description. The next one had a large place for gold fish in it, and water lilies, and plants growing up the walls of the hot-house. The third one had several divisions it it; one contained an enormous basin, in which was growing the Victoria Regina, whose leaves, when full grown, are large enough and strong enough for a man to stand on; but it was not full grown when we were there. In another division were useful plants, such as lemon, orange, melon, and rubber plants. In most of the other divisions were flowers, orchids, and others, and a sensitive plant. After the hothouses, we went and saw the Centurian Plant, which only flowers once in a hundred years, and it is going to bloom this year. The plant itself is about twenty feet high, with enormous leaves and a very thick stem.

We then made our way towards the refreshment place to get some tea. On our way we saw the peacocks, with their lovely blue tails trailing behind them. After tea we went into a house full of paintings, all done by a Mrs. Lord; the pictures are divided into groups, each group the country in which the pictures were painted. Some of them are landscapes, and others are pictures of flowers and trees. When we came out of the house we walked along under the trees till we reached the gate at which the brake was waiting, about 5.15 p.m. The drive home was really nicer than the drive there, as it was cooler; and we reached School about 7 o'clock.

N. GRINLEY.

## Sixth Form Expedition to Oxford on June 22nd.

It was a real summer's day, hot and cloudless, on which we set off to pay a flying visit to one of the greatest Universities in the world. We reached Oxford Station soon after 11 o'clock, having had a very comfortable journey. Here Miss McDonald met us, and we had the pleasure of her company as far as Magdalen College, where we started our tour of inspection. It is impossible to describe the beauty of Addison's walk and the river, as we saw them on that June day, or the solemn stillness of the old cloisters. Unfortunately, the famous tower, where a Latin hymn is sung every May Day morning at five o'clock, was undergoing repairs and covered in scaffolding. We very much wished to see Magdalen Chapel, but special "Commemoration" services were being held both here and in many other Chapels, so that we could not be admitted. "Commemoration" week at Oxford is a very festive time, and most of the College Quads were temporarily defaced by the erection of marquees for the holding of dances.

Having left Magdalen, we made an unsuccessful attempt to see the Shelley Memorial at University College. Then we strolled down "The High," that most wonderful of all English streets, and, regretfully passing Queen's, All Souls' and Brasenose unvisited, we turned aside and peeped into Oriel Quad. Our next visit was to Merton, which is famous because it has the oldest foundation of all the Oxford Colleges. On one of the walls of Merton Chapel there is a tablet to the memory of the late chairman of our Trust Schools, Sir William Bousfield. From Merton we passed on to Christchurch, the largest and most important of all the Colleges. The Chapel of Christchurch has the unique distinction of being also the Cathedral Church of the diocese. As such it is not very large, but is very beautiful and full of interest. It has, amongst other things, a most curious and very old shrine, that of S. Frideswide. The Hall of this College is very spacious and light, and contains a great quantity of interesting portraits. That of King Henry VIII. is in the principal place, with that of Cardinal Wolsey next to it. Near the entrance there is a small portrait of John Wesley. The kitchens are gigantic, of course, and all the utensils seemed to be on an enormous scale. This visit reminded us, however, that we were very hot and very hungry, and we were glad to adjourn again to "The High," where we were to have lunch.

About two o'clock, after we had had a short rest, we made our way to the "Martyrs' Memorial," where Cranmer, Ridley and Latimer were burnt long years ago. Thence we went on to S. John's College, and were lost in admiration of its wonderful gardens. The great expanses of smooth green lawns were broken in places by clumps of shady trees, here and there even a dark cedar, while the sombre grey walls of the old College formed a perfect contrast to the brilliant colouring of the flower borders. A short visit to Balliol was followed by one to the Bodleian library and museum, but the heat and lack of time prevented a very close inspection of the latter. Next came the famous Sheldonian Theatre, where all the Oxford degrees are conferred. The energetic members of the party, undaunted by previous exertions, climbed to the very top in order to obtain the view. After this, we visited two more Colleges, New and Keble. The former is famed for the stone reredos in its Chapel, similar to that at Magdalen, and we were sorry that neither of them could be seen that day. At Keble we saw Holman Hunt's picture, "The Light of the World."

After this, it was time for us to go on to S. Hugh's College, where Miriam Homersham provided us with a delightful tea, including strawberries and cream, which we had in the garden under the welcome shade of the trees. It was with many regrets that we made our way back at length to the station, in order to catch the 5.50 to Paddington. A few hours in such a town as Oxford made us long to spend days there, but we were all very grateful to Miss Bell for the visit, which enabled many of us to get our first real impression of English college life.

## Poems.

#### THE CROWSTONE.

High tide! the stone stood gray, but proudly conscious

Of its own beauty and its use to man. The water laughed and rippled on around it, Sparkling and dancing lightly as it ran. The blue of heaven fell upon the water;

The blue of heaven fell upon the water;
The breezes gently stroked the proud gray stone;
The white sails bowed beneath their welcome
pressure.

Then raced away like feathers lightly blown.

Low tide! the stone stood gray, but sadly conscious

conscious
Of its own life of pain and weariness.
Only a pool of silent water round it;
And all else mud, black mud and dreariness.
The mist of heaven closed about the Crowstone;
An unused fishing boat lay on its side;
The white gulls shrieked and swooped down all around it.

And all things waited for the coming tide.

G. Johnson.

#### APRIL.

The sky is weeping as though for a loss,
When sndden comes the sun and right across—
A rainbow.

The world was bare of blossoms and asleep, But now the sun with earth a tryst doth keep With flowers.

The daffodils with trumpets brave and bright Do make, with dancing, sun's own shining light, In showers.

The earth awakes, the air is soft above, And Spring comes dancing hand in hand with love In April.

S. R. READ.

THE RETURN OF KING ARTHUR. (Written after a struggle with the holiday book).

'Twas many, many centuries ago When that good knight Sir Bedivere did see The last of England's loved and honoured lord, King Arthur. To the west they carried him, And Bedivere, who, watching from the shore, Gazed on and on till he no longer could Make out the smallest sign of that dark barge, Lived to a good old age, and many told The wondrous words King Arthur spake to him, That he did not then die but passed away, And would return when all his wounds were cured. The people were rejoiced, and waited long For their dear lord to come again and reign; But generations passed, and he came not. So after centuries they ceased to hope, And some did even say 'twas but a tale, That no King Arthur ever lived, and, if He had, he was now dead and would Not, if he could, come back again to rule A country full of strikes and suffragettes. But not so very long ago there came A barge, it does not sound surprising, on The Thames, the incident was usual, but The barge was very weird and different from All other barges seen upon the Thames. The barge itself was wholly white and draped With rich white cloth and also cloth of gold. Up in the bows of this strange barge there stood The figure of a very handsome man, Encased in golden armour, head to foot. The visor of his helmet had been raised, And round the helmet rose a crown of gold. His face showed clearly blank astonishment. He gazed from bank to bank and at each bark That hurried past him, churning up the waves.

He did not seem to heed the shouts and scowls Directed at him from all parts at once. His barge was certainly unpopular! Men thought that now-a-days advertisement Went much too far, "It's bad enough," they said, "To have the roads encumbered with great carts And four-in-hands and all those sort of things, To advertise the latest patent out. But really when they crowd the river up To advertise some stuff to clean up brass It is, to put it mildly, a bit thick!" Besides, the fellows didn't know the ropes, There might have been no river rules at all! And when King Arthur, he it was in gold, Landed and walked about the streets in town, A kind policeman, seeing him look lost, Told him his quickest way to Fulham was To take the District, for you see just then The Army Pageant happened to be on. Then Arthur changed his armour for rich robes, But still where'er he went they laughed at him. At last, King Arthur went and told King George Just who he was and all about himself, And, closeted together, quite alone, They talked it out between them, man to man. King George, of course, praised England to the skies, And talked about her Empire by the hour;

And talked about her Empire by the hour; But then he had to tell his brother king Of labour unrest and of suffragettes: And that quite settled Arthur once for all. Besides, if that had been all right, he said, He would not rule a country which in war Did not allow her king to fight for her. So he once more sailed out into the west, And this time said he'd rather stay away.

JOYCE R. READ.

- G. Johnson.—Entered School in May, 1906, in Remove; Left in 1912. Form Prize, Mathematics Prize, and Geography Prize in IV.; Form Prize, Mathematics Prize in L.V.; Form Prize, Mathematics Prize, and Geography Prize in V.; Mathematics Prize and two English Prizes in VI. in 1910; Mathematics Prize in VI. in 1911. Drawing Certificates: Honours, I.-IV.; Pass, V. & VI. Council Certificates in 1908, 1909, and 1910. Joint Board Higher Certificate with distinction in English in 1910. Cambridge Previous Examination in 1911. Trust Scholarship, 1910-1912. Sub-Editor of the School Magazine, 1911-1912. Head of the School, 1911-1912. Junior Tennis Champion, 1909; Senior Net-Ball Team, 1907-1912 (Shield, 1909), Vice-Captain, 1908-1909; Hockey 1st XI., 1909-1912 (Shield, 1911), Captain, 1911-1912; Treasurer of Games Club, 1910-1911.
- Sibyl R. Read.—Entered School June, 1903, in Form Ia. Form Prize, Ia.; Form Prize, II.; English Prize, V.; Needlework Certificate, Form III.; Full Honours Drawing Certificate, 1911. Sub-Editor S.H.S. Magazine, 1911-12. Hon. Treasurer Games Club, 1911-12. Girton Entrance Examination, 1911. Cambridge University Previous Examination, 1911.
- W. Cope.—Entered School 1905 in Form II.; Left 1912. Drawing Certificates, 1 and 2. Music Certificate Primary. Needlework Certificate, 1906. 2nd Eleven Hockey, 1909-10; 1st Eleven, 1910-12. Net-Ball Team, 1910-12. Tennis Champion, 1911. Net-Ball Shield, 1911. Hockey Shield, 1912. Sub-Secretary Games Club, 1910.

- B. Crook.—Entered School 1906 in Form II.; Left, 1912. Drawing Certificates, I. and III. Needlework Certificate, 1906. Form Prize, IV.; Form Prize, L.V.; Form Prize and Council's Certificate, Upper V.
- M. TAYLOR.—Entered School 1906 in Form II.; Left 1912. Drawing Certificates: I. to V., Honours, VI., Pass. Needlework Certificate, 1906. 2nd Eleven Hockey, 1910-11; 1st Eleven, 1911-12. Net-Ball Team, 1909-12; Tennis Champion, 1910-12; Net-Ball Shield, 1911; Hockey Shield, 1912; Tennis Shield, 1912. Sub-Secretary of the Games Club, 1911; Vice-Captain, 1912; J.B. Letter, 1912.

#### Old Girls' News.

#### BIRTHS.

To Mr. & Mrs. Rutherford (Dorothy Szlumper), a daughter, Rosemary.

To Mr. & Mrs. Rainey (Irene Parsons), a daughter, Margaret Eva.

To Mr. & Mrs. R. Bell (Marjorie Kerr), a daughter, Isla.

To Mr. & Mrs. T. Overton (Alice Hills), a daughter, Rosalinde Mary

#### MARRIAGES.

- On May 11th, at Christ Church, Epsom, by Rev. C. Courtenay Gale, Mr. B. Jackson, of Morgenrood, Clocolan, Orange Free State, to Kathleen C. R. Atkins.
- On July 4th, at Farnborough, Mr. Hugh Burroughes to Miss M. A. Powell.
- On August 27th, at the Wesleyan Church, Sutton, by Rev. G. L. Robinson, Mr. T. A. Speer to Ida Hersey.
- On September 7th, at All Saints', Benhilton, by Rev. J. J. Gay, R.N., and Rev. F. Harrison, Mr. George W. F. Osmond, R.N., to Dorothy Gray.

#### DEATH.

On June 10th, at Rottingdean, Marjorie Thacker, after tonsilitis.

Doris Penfold has left England to join her parents in Cape Town.

Dorothy Ellerton has left Carshalton, and gone to live at Sidmouth.

- P. Bideleux has left England with her family to live in South America.
- Q. Welch is studying Photography in the Lette-Verein, in Berlin.
- N. Boniface has finished her three years' training at Guy's Hospital, and is returning there as a Staff Nurse.
- M. Homersham has gained a First Class in the Honours School of English Language and Literature at Oxford. She has been appointed English Mistress at Huyton Hall, Liverpool.
- B. Dean has passed the Previous Examination at Cambridge.
- D. Capon has gained a Certificate of Merit for Piano Playing, and a Bronze Medal for Sight Singing at the Royal Academy of Music.
- K. Archer has gained Bronze Medals for Violin and Sight Singing.

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"The White Anemone," the operetta written by H. Stone, and composed by D. Capon, was performed at the Marylebone Institute, on June 21st.

## S.H.S.O.G.A. BALANCE SHEET. YEAR ENDING, 31st July, 1912.

Balance brought	Receipts. forward		4		91	Printing and Stationery		10
Subscriptions		***	9	1	6	Postage Stamps 1	10	21
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						Subscription to S.H.S. Magazine	5	0
						Balance carried forward 10	2	7

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