

Sutton

High School

Magazine.

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EDITORIAL.

Subscriptions for 1917 ($1/7\frac{1}{2}$ post free) are now due and should be sent to Miss Candler at the High School. We shall be glad to receive the names of new subscribers.

We heard at the end of last term that Mr. and Mrs. McMorran had presented to the school the sum of £50. It has been decided that this sum, which is in the hands of three Trustees (members of the Council), shall be invested. The interest derived will be given annually as a Prize for English in the Sixth Form. It will be known as the McMorran Prize—a name which will, we feel, perpetuate both the generosity of the donors and our appreciation of their gift.

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Margaret Ironside, an old girl of the school, has started a Literary and Secretarial Bureau in London. She has very kindly offered a Scholarship to one girl leaving from this school who wishes to learn such work under her and who is suited for it. Any girl who wishes to take advantage of this generous offer should apply in the first place to Miss Bell.

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This term we have collected in the Form Boxes the sum of £5 11s. 3d., and in addition have had two special collections, one for "Our Day," amounting to £4 18s. 3½d., and another for the Kitchener Flag Day of 17s. 3d. We have discontinued our weekly subscription of 2s. 6d. per week to the Belgian Homes in Sutton, since the Committee have no further need of help at present, but we have been able to send away donations to other Funds. The sum of £4 13s. was sent to the Professional Classes Relief Fund, with a large box of cakes, toys, crackers, etc. We have also sent £3 to the Belgian Soldiers' Christmas Fund and £2 2s. towards Miss Collins' fund for buying a piano for the Factory Girls' Club (Morecambe) in which she is greatly interested. We print below extracts from the letters of acknowledgment. We also print this term's Balance Sheet of the War Funds Accounts.

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We are still making bags for Lady Smith Dorrien's Hospital Bag Fund and have sent 370 away this term.

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A Branch of the War Savings Association has been started in the School this term. There are already 76 members and we hope there will be many more next term, and that many of the parents will also join our branch. We have been able to buy 78 certificates, of which 56 have been allotted.

It is with regret that we have to record the death of Miss Straker which followed upon a few days' illness in March last. Though her visits to Sutton had been but rare since she left it in 1890, on her appointment to the Headmistress-ship of the Girls' High School at Northampton, yet her interest in our school remained lively to the last.

The Old Girls who knew her in those early years, from 1884 to 1890, can never have forgotten her and her zealous work amongst us.

Her personal influence was strong and attracting, and it was regarded as a privilege and a pleasure to reach her Fifth Form, and many in looking back must be grateful for her teaching and her friendship.

Miss Straker only resigned her post at Northampton in 1913, and after that was enjoying a well-earned, restful, though by no means idle life—and was still looking forward to many years of useful work.

A. E. JENNINGS.

« Dorcas Meeting.

A combined Upper and Lower School Dorcas Meeting was held this term on October 27th. Owing to the lighting regulations and the difficulty of screening the hall windows, we were obliged to hold the meeting from 2.30 until 4.30. It was suggested that this term each form in the Upper School should give some kind of entertainment during the afternoon. This

plan was most successfully carried out at very short notice, and a very enjoyable afternoon was spent. The programme was as follows:—

VI. The Sèvres Teacups.

L.V. Mrs. Honey's Treasure.

V. Plantation Songs.

IV. Visitors Taken In.

R. Lord Ullin's Daughter.

We were delighted that Miss Cartmell was able to be present. The following Old Girls were also present: E. Perry, E. Smith, M. Roberts, M. Oram, D. Moore, A. Pritchard, B. Godfrey, M. Hunt, E. Crump, Q. Crump, M. Taylor, B. Taylor.

Weather Report, Autumn Term, 1916.

Month.	Rainfall.	No. of Wet Days.	Average (* below † above).
August	3.37 inches.	14	*1.02 inches
September	1.32 "	10	† .93 "
October	4.00 "	23	*1.99 "
November	5.22 "	11	*2.25 "
December to 14th ... ..	.27 "	4	

September and December to date (14th) had little rain, but the latter half of August, all October, the beginning and middle of November were very wet. Rain fell very heavily in November from the 3rd to the 7th, and again on the 18th and 19th. The total for the period August 1st to December 14th (3½ months) is 14.18 inches, or more than half the average for the year. The heaviest rainfall, 1.11 inches, was on August 29th. The highest temperature was 68 deg. F. on September 25th. The first frost was on October 23rd. There were very thick fogs on November 12th to 15th.

D. LUFKIN.

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Prize-Giving.

The prize-giving was held on the last Monday of the term, December 18th, at 2.45 p.m., in the school hall. We were extremely pleased to have Mr. Llewelyn Davies, Acting Chairman of the Council, and his daughter with us, and as a member of the Council had not been at our prize-giving for four years we were more especially glad to welcome him. In his speech Mr. Llewelyn Davies spoke of the increasing employment of women in every department of public life. He said that the Council wished this to be taken into account in the education given in their schools, and he considered the most important point to be that every girl should complete her school education. He also said that the Council had been extremely anxious lest the present call for women and girls should cause the girls at school to leave early. This they considered would be a very serious mistake, because the girls who are now needed are those with a good education. He said that the Council hoped that, during the war and after, their Sixth Forms would be full, and increase rather than diminish in size. Mr. Llewelyn Davies finished his speech by wishing the school "A ripping Christmas holiday." The delightful orchestral selections were a very great addition to the programme, and were much enjoyed by the audience. Below we give the list of those who gained certificates, and of the winners of prizes, which again took the form of Special Certificates, as will be seen from Miss Bell's report, and we also give the programme, which was as follows:—

Orchestra Suite ..	"Andante" .. Saint George	Valse Triste ..	Solo Violin ..	Sibelius
	"Bourrée"		G. MARSHALL	
	"Gigue"	DISTRIBUTION OF CERTIFICATES.		
Three-part Song ..	"Snow" .. Elgar	Unison Song ..	"Sigh no more Ladies" ..	Stevens
	VI., V., L.V., IV.	Valse ..	"Sleeping Beauty" ..	Tschaikowskai

Miss Bell's report was as follows:—

For the third time we meet in our School Hall for the distribution of the awards won during the school year.

The decision which the School Council made more than a year ago, to give certificates instead of prizes, still holds. The certificate is the same as the one awarded last year. The design, as those who were present at our distribution then will remember, is two branches of wild olive, because the wild olive cannot be bent into a wreath. The design on our certificates is said to be the only correct representation that exists of the decoration which, to the ancient Greek athlete, was a reward above gold and precious stones.

Last July, Edith Black gained a Higher Certificate of the Oxford and Cambridge Joint Board and Phyllis Foucard and Audrey Morris Letters. Gwen Carlton and Helen Bourne passed the London Matriculation. By means of the Senior School Certificate of London University, the Matriculation was also passed by Nora Grinley, Dorothy Ovenden, and Hilda Schafer, who gained distinction in Chemistry, French, and German. Last June Helen McMorran passed the Previous Examination of Cambridge University, and was the only woman student placed in the first class for French. Hilda Schafer has gained a Prize in the Concours Supérieure de Professeurs Française. Molly Hogan has passed Part I. of the Higher Certificate of the National Froebel Union. The First Aid Certificate of the S. John Ambulance Association was gained by Marian Absale, Kathleen Hawkins, Molly Philip, Molly Oram, Mary Roberts, Mona Price, Hilda Cope, Nora Baron, Evelyn Speid, and Doris Hamley, and the Home Nursing Certificate by Nora Baron, Kathleen Hawkins, Mary Roberts, Hilda Cope, Molly Oram, and Evelyn Speid. The School Scholarship was won by Edith Black and the Junior Scholarship by Janet Macfarlane. The Duirs' Memorial Prize for French was divided this year between Rosemary Langton Cole and Hilda Schafer, and will be given partly in War Savings Certificates and partly in books. Three old girls are now at the Universities, two at Oxford, and one at Cambridge.

We have played during this year a few friendly matches against other schools. I think all the parents know that the competition matches for the Hockey and Netball Cups, and the Tennis Shield have not been played during the last two years on account of the War. So the Hockey Cup and the Tennis Shield which we won in 1913, and again in 1914, still decorate this hall. The Sports were held as usual in the Summer Term, and again medals, not prizes, were given. The town baths were not opened this summer, so that there was no swimming competition.

An old girl, Elaine Langton Cole, has presented a shield to be competed for by all forms in their morning drill class. The shield hangs in the hall, not in the form room of the holders, so that it may be a daily inspiration to the drilling classes. Another old girl, Margaret Ironside, has offered a scholarship for a girl to train under her at her Literary and Secretarial Bureau. Up to the present no one has been able to avail herself of this offer.

Mr. and Mrs. McMorran have given £50 to endow an annual English Prize in Form VI.

We have tried throughout the year to take our part in the great happenings of to-day. Ever since the beginning of the War we have been affiliated to the Girls' Patriotic Union for Secondary Schools, of which Princess Mary is patron. Early this year the Union decided to raise £2,000 to build part of the Star and Garter Hospital for Disabled Soldiers. I am sure it will interest you to know that, instead of £2,000, more than £5,000 has been raised, and a corridor containing about 16 rooms is to be built by the girls of the secondary schools of England, and a tablet commemorating the fact placed in the corridor. We had a Fancy Dress Dance in the spring to raise money for the Star and Garter Hospital. As this was the year of the Tercentenary of the death of Shakspeare we had a Shakspeare Entertainment in the garden, and raised over £45, which was divided between the Prisoners of War and Lord Roberts' Memorial Funds. We have helped financially the Belgians in Sutton, the French Flag Nursing Corps, the French Red Cross, Our Day, Professional Classes War Relief Fund, Belgian Soldiers' Christmas Fund, &c. We have made and sent about 1,250 bags to Lady Smith Dorrien, for the use of the wounded in the hospitals. Parcels have been sent to prisoners and to the trenches.

With the many calls upon us now, we have been able to continue old work. We have, as for some years we have done, paid the rent of the Sutton Working-Girls' Club-room. Last month a parcel was dispatched to the Freetown Hospital. And in a day or two we shall be sending toys, etc., to the Queen Mary Hospital at Carshalton.

I am glad that to-day gives me an opportunity to thank parents for the support they give to the many appeals I make.

I think few weeks pass without a special appeal being made by me on behalf of some cause which really needs help. But if you also receive the innumerable appeals that, as head of a school, come to me—appeals, all of vital importance—I am sure you realise how very difficult it is for me not to ask for even more than I do.

In addition to giving we have realised the necessity for saving, and this term we have started a War Savings Association in the school. Our own pleasures and luxuries, if curtailed,

will provide the means of joining this Association. The number of members is 76, and the number of certificates bought is 78, of which 56 have been allotted. I hope that those members of the school who have not joined this term, will do so next. The minimum subscription at a time is 6d., but any multiple of 6d. can be paid in. I now appeal to parents to join my Association. Some, if not all of you know, that about ten days ago a public meeting was held in Sutton with the purpose of forming a local committee. That Committee is to meet this evening to elect officers and to consider in what way the formation of war savings associations should be started. Doubtless all of you will soon be asked to join some association; and I cannot imagine that any other would suit you better than mine. All you would have to do would be to give your daughter your savings each Monday morning for her to bring here. I hope you will consider favourably my suggestion; and that next term our numbers will be greatly increased.

It is very difficult to keep in touch with the doings of our Old Girls just now. They are working as clerks in banks, offices, and Government departments, as nurses, munition makers, motor drivers, in canteens, etc., both here and abroad.

I am very sorry that the Domestic Science Department at Fernwood is to be closed at the end of the term. I would I could state that we shall re-open it next September. But so long as women and girls are urgently needed by the country for other kinds of work, it is impossible to make any statement. If a sufficient number of students come forward, I will arrange to continue the Home Nursing Classes.

We were all very sorry to part with Miss Bone last July. She left to take up the appointment of Lecturer in Education and Method at the Hull Municipal Training College. I gather from her letters that she is very happy in her new work. Mrs. Barlow leaves us at the end of this term, with many regrets on our part, and all good wishes for her future happiness. You and I are more greatly indebted than we can ever say to the other members of my staff—you for the kindness and efficiency with which they deal with your children, and I for their unswerving loyalty and constant courtesy.

We are very glad to welcome Mr. Llewelyn Davies here to-day, on this his first visit to the school. It is four years since a member of the School Council has been present at any school function, so that our welcome is all the more hearty. And we are glad that his first visit is on such a pleasant occasion.

Certificates.

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| II. D. Graves—Piano, Primary. | J. Macfarlane—Piano, Junior Scholar. |
| C. Graves " Elementary. | LV. J. Iago—Drawing, Stage III. |
| III. M. Sieber " " | M. Penn—Piano, Higher. |
| A. Collins " " | VI. A. Morris—Council Certificate, Joint Board Letter. |
| M. Harbinson " " | H. Bourne—London Matriculation. |
| R. M. Leech " (Honours), Elementary. | D. Ovenden—London Matriculation, Senior School Certificate, Council Certificate. |
| K. Robinson—Drawing, Stage III. | |
| IV. I. Clifton " " | |
| D. Penn—Drawing, Stage III.; Piano, Lower. | |

Prizes.

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| LT. K. Gaston—English Prize. | V. E. Hotchkin—Mathematics Prize; Geography Prize. |
| A. Hensley—Form Prize. | N. Fawcett—Form Prize; English Prize; Languages Prize; Drawing Certificate, Stage IV. |
| UI. N. Passmore—Form Prize. | VI. P. Foucard—English Prize; Council Certificate; Joint Board Letter. |
| M. Reavell—Arithmetic Prize. | B. Black—Mathematics Prize; Trust's Scholarship, Joint Board Higher Certificate, Council Certificate. |
| II. H. Ferguson—Form Prize. | VI. H. Schafer—French Prize, Science Prize, German Prize, Duirs' Memorial Prize, Senior School Certificate, London Matriculation, with distinction in French, German, and Chemistry, Council Certificate. |
| G. Harbinson—French Prize; Piano Certificate, Elementary. | I. Percy-Smith—Upper School Scripture Prize. |
| III. D. Lufkin—Form Prize; French Prize; Lower School Scripture. | R. Langton Cole—French Prize, Duirs' Memorial Prize, Head of the School. |
| M. Barber—Second Form Prize; Botany Prize. | |
| R. N. Willson—Form Prize; Languages Prize. | |
| G. Adshead—English Prize. | |
| IV. E. Lovell—Form Prize; Languages Prize; Piano Certificate, Lower Division. | |
| H. Lufkin—Mathematics Prize. | |
| I. Webb—English Prize; Drawing Certificate, Stage III. | |
| LV. R. Marsden—Form Prize; French Prize. | |
| M. Saunders—Science Prize. | |
| W. Jones—German Prize. | |

Games Club.

At a General Meeting of the Games Club, held in the hall on Monday, September 25th, the following officers were elected :—

Captain of the Hockey Club	...	Molly Taylor
Vice-Captain " "	...	Ursula Smith
Captain of the Netball Club	...	Helen Bourne
Secretary of the Games Club	...	Rosemary Langton Cole
Treasurer " "	...	Audrey Morris
Sub-Secretaries " "	...	E. Whiter and G. Adshead

The Form Captains were afterwards elected as follows :

VI. Form—P. Foucard	V.—M. Saunders	IV.—E. Whiter
Fernwood—M. Taylor	L.V.—U. Smith	R.—I. Windebank

NETBALL.

1. Sutton v. Putney, at Putney, October 25th. Won, 21—18.

A good match. There were some very good passes between the centres, and the throwing into the circle was well judged. Our defences played very well. H. Bourne gained her third mention and shield.

2. Sutton v. Croydon, at Croydon, November 10th. Won, 30—18.

Not very exciting. The Sutton team was easily the stronger, and so the result was inevitable. D. le Fèvre gained her first mention.

3. Sutton v. Wimbledon, at Sutton, December 13th. Won, 33—27.

A close match. At half-time Sutton was leading by three goals, but Wimbledon pressed us hard. There was some very neat passing and the shooting was very good. I. Percy-Smith gained her third mention.

The Second Senior Team played a match against Croydon this term. The passing and shooting were both good.

THE NETBALL TEAM.

(Those with stars have their colours).

- *H. BOURNE has fulfilled her duties as captain very well. Her play has much improved; she is steady, and marks her opponent well.
- *I. PERCY-SMITH has played very well this term. She is much quicker all round, and remembers to mark her opponent.
- *M. SAUNDERS combines very well with her centre, and is a little quicker than last year.
- *M. TAYLOR is an excellent centre. She is sure, quick, and shows good judgment in all her passing, especially into the circle.
- *E. HOTCHKIN plays a good game, and combines well with her centre.
- *U. SMITH has retrieved her reputation. Her shooting is quite excellent.
- D. LE FEVRE has begun well, and has done very useful work in the circle. Her long shots, however, need some practice.

JUNIOR NETBALL.

Sutton v. Putney, on October 25th, at Putney. Draw.

A vere good match. The teams were very even. There was some good passing between the centres, and our defences played a good game. A. Comer, D. Bourne, L. Palmer, and E. Gilbert played very well.

Sutton v. Wimbledon, on November 1st, at Wimbledon. Lost, 27—3.

The team was not up to the usual form. The passing in the middle of the field was good but the defence and shooting were rather weak.

The hockey numbers this season have gone up from 33 to 44. The club was divided into five sections, graduating from 1st class to 5th class, the latter being chiefly composed of beginners. Removes can be obtained from the sections

a. Upwards by improvement in play and by regular attendance at practices.

b. Downwards by bad play and irregular attendance at practices.

After every practice each player who attended it marked according to her play with the following letters :

A.* First class play.	B. Average play.
A. Good all round play.	C. Poor play.

The Hockey Club loses two very keen hockey players in their captain, M. Taylor, and vice-captain, U. Smith. Both have done good service for the club, and will be much missed in the team. Unfortunately, I. Percy-Smith is leaving also—she has done good work in the team.

HOCKEY MATCHES.

Sutton v. Croydon, at home, November 17th. Won, 4-2.

This result was unexpected and satisfactory, considering that it was the first match of the season, that the weather had stopped any chance of the new team practising together, and that two of the team were unable to play. The game was fast, and in the first half very even, the attack and defence of both teams having plenty to do. Sutton's first goal was shot after a really excellent bit of passing from a corner hit. The Croydon goalkeeper saved brilliantly many times, and our forwards were slow in renewing and forcing the attack. At half-time the score was 2 all. The second half was easier for Sutton, although Croydon fought hard; the final score was 4-2 for us. The new forward line did real hard work individually, but have not yet learnt to work well together and to combine: that will come with practice. M. Taylor was centre forward, and U. Smith as left inner did excellent work in keeping the line together, and gave much help to the new players. The half-backs did really good work, and the substitutes, W. Jones and E. Whiter, deserve special mention for their play. The defence was strong and reliable; J. Crick and I. P. Smith played well together, and M. Saunders in goal was good. M. Taylor, U. Smith and J. Crick played well. The goals were shot by M. Taylor (2) and U. Smith (2).

Sutton v. Sydenham, home, December 8th. Won, 6 nil.

This was quite a good game, and more even than the score denotes. The second half was much the better part of the game, for the play was more even, and both forward lines attacked strongly. In the first half Sutton scored three goals, and in the second half, after repeated attacks, scored three more goals. Sydenham failed to score. For this match the forward line was completely rearranged, and this proved a great success, for the forwards played very well together, and there was some really first-class passing. The work in the circle was not quick enough or strong enough, and often the opposing defence was given time to clear when a shot quickly followed up would have been successful. M. Taylor and U. Smith have learnt this, and their work in the circle is both strong and quick. H. Todd as right outer did very good work. The half-back line was again playing two substitutes—E. Whiter and I. Clifton—both of whom played well. R. L. Cole did very good work. The backs cleared well, but did not combine well in this match. M. Saunders in goal cleared brilliantly. She knows how to use both her stick and her feet, and any team might feel confident with so sure a goalkeeper. The goals were shot by M. Taylor (2), U. Smith (3), and E. Hotchkin (1). H. Todd gained her first mention, R. L. Cole gained her third mention and colours.

FORM HOCKEY MATCHES.

The games Committee decided that the form hockey matches should be played this term, and as the IV. Form alone could raise a full XI. it was agreed that the remaining forms should draw for partners. The result was as follows: VI. and Fernwood; Upper and Lower V.; Remove and IV.; each team to play 7 a side.

SEMI-FINALS. DEC. 1st.

VI. and Fernwood (12) v. Remove.

The VI. and Fernwood won easily seeing that most of the Remove team are beginners, and all but one of the winning team in the School XI. The Removes put up a plucky fight and proved themselves promising members of future 1st XIs.

The goals were shot by M. Taylor (6); E. Hotchkin (5); B. Black (1). The Remove failed to score.

TEAMS.—VI. and Fernwood.—M. Taylor (Capt.), R. L. Cole, I. P. Smith, P. Foucard, B. Black, D. Browne, E. Hotchkin.

Remove.—I. Windebank (Capt.), C. Philip, M. Redfern, J. Ridley, D. Lufkin, L. Palmer, M. Leech.

Forms V. and L.V. v. IV.

This was a very uphill match for the IV. Form, as the combined Fifths had a strong team. The IV. Form defence played well against the formidable forward line of their opponents. Goals were shot by U. Smith (4), J. Horn (3), and M. Follett (1). The IV. failed to score. Teams:—

V. AND L.V.—M. Saunders (captain), U. Smith, W. Jones, M. Gashion, D. Candy, J. Horn, M. Follett.

IV.—E. Whiter (captain), H. Todd, I. Clifton, E. Arnold, J. MacFarlane, N. Brough, B. Mount.

FORM FINAL. DEC. 15th.

VI. and Fernwood v. V. and LV.

This was an exciting game as the teams were very evenly matched. The play on both sides was good, particularly the passing between the forwards. At half-time the score was 2 all. In the second half the Fifths scored twice and the VI. and Fernwood, in spite of repeated attacks, failed to score again. The hockey cup will be shared by the Upper V. and Lower V.

FORM HOCKEY CAPTAINS.

Remove ...	I. Windebank	U.V. ...	M. Saunders
IV. ...	E. Whiter	VI. ...	P. Foucard
LV. ...	U. Smith	Fernwood ...	M. Taylor

GAMES CLUB ACCOUNTS.

			£	s.	d.				£	s.	d.
By balance ...	...	...	11	0	8½	To Ground ...	...	...	33	17	1
Entrance Fees ...	...	...	0	7	0	Hospitality ...	...	...	1	3	5
Subscriptions ...	...	...	6	9	6	Sundries ...	...	...	2	0	3
Grant from Council ...	...	...	15	0	0	Balance ...	...	...	11	1	11½
Rent for field ...	...	...	15	1	5						
Ties, &c. ...	...	...	0	4	1						
			£48	2	8½				£48	2	8½

Form Drilling.

The morning drills have improved, and the standard of work done is good on the whole. The Forms must realise, however, that it is not only morning drill which wins the shield, but also general deportment and sitting positions in class. Forms V. and I. have obtained higher places by gaining good reports for sitting positions. The places of Forms L.V., Remove, III., and U.I. are considerably lowered by their sitting positions and general deportment.

Form Reports.

1. II. Form. 92. Have done excellent work throughout the term. General deportment good; sitting positions good on the whole.

2. IV. Form. 81. Have done really good work and have risen from last term's place of 7th. General deportment good on the whole; sitting positions fairly good but need great care.

3. VI. Form and U. V. 80.

VI. Form have worked well; their place has been lowered by sitting positions. General deportment good.

U. V. have indeed worked with a will, and raised their place from 6th in last term's drilling report. General deportment only fair; sitting positions good.

5. IV. Form. 70. Their drill has reached a high standard, but their marks are considerably lowered by the general deportment; Sitting positions fairly good.

6. Form L. I. 68. Have improved, and latterly have done good work. Their drill is energetic, but is spoilt by some very fidgety and inattentive people. General deportment very good; sitting positions good.

7. Form III. 62. Have done good work latterly, but must start to work at the beginning of the term. General deportment and sitting positions are not good.

8. Form U. I. 60. Have done better work latterly, but it is spoilt by inattention. General deportment improving; sitting positions only fair.

9. Form Remove. 52. Are capable of doing very good work, but have not troubled to do it. General deportment is not good, and they have the worst report for sitting positions. This Form was 4th in last term's list.

Gymnastics.

Gymnastic Badge for Improvement, won by :

LOWER SCHOOL.				UPPER SCHOOL.			
Kindergarten Division...	...	L. Philip		Division I.	...	...	M. Taylor
Division II.	...	H. Jones		Division II.	...	...	H. Todd
Division III.	...	M. Reavell		Advanced Class...	...	...	R. Marsden

LOWER SCHOOL.

Kindergarten Division.—The majority of the class began gymnastics this term and have made good progress. E. Jones, M. Malcolm, L. Frost, M. Falcke, T. Higgins, and T. Brown have done good work. L. Philip wins the badge for improvement.

Division II.—Work vigorously but as a whole the class is not smart. B. Marshall, N. Letts, R. Wansbrough, M. Marshall, M. Harrower, and K. Butler have done good work. H. Jones wins the badge for improvement.

Division III.—Have done good work throughout the term and improved in style. The whole class is keen and energetic. D. Graves, C. Quilter, D. Archer, P. Gilbert, L. Saberton, M. Baines, E. Brannan, G. Burnett, C. Graves, M. Sieber, D. Jones, M. Bourdas and J. Butler have done very good work. M. Reavell wins the badge for improvement.

UPPER SCHOOL.

Division I.—Have done good work; well up to the standard of an upper school class. Apparatus work is good, but free standing movements need more precision and control. M. Redfern, J. Rocke, E. Gilbert, B. Collins, M. Taylor are good at both apparatus and free standing work. J. Ridley, D. Lufkin, M. Pledge, M. Watters and B. Kelly have also worked well, but their apparatus work is not up to standard. M. Taylor wins the badge.

Division II.—Have done good free standing and apparatus work. H. Todd, G. Wilkinson, M. Redfern, C. Philip, and I. Windebank are good all round gymnasts. D. Penn, D. Pillinger, and H. Lufkin have worked well, but their apparatus work needs much practice. H. Todd wins the badge for the third time, *and therefore keeps it.*

Advanced Class.—Work hard, but are not yet up to the advanced standard required of them. The free standing movements are hurried and unfinished; apparatus work is improving. The class is keen and very energetic, but the work is often spoilt by thoughtlessness. B. Black, E. Hotchkyn, U. Smith, and R. Marsden are quite good at both free standing and apparatus work. M. Gashion, W. Jones, K. Baker, D. Browne, and H. Schafer have worked well, but their apparatus work is not good. R. Marsden wins the badge for improvement.

News of the Term:

The Holiday-Book Prize for the "Antiquary" was won this term by the Upper Fifth.

The Upper School Scripture Prize was awarded to Iris Percy Smith.

The Duirs Memorial Prize was divided between Rosemary Langton Cole and Hilda Schafer, each of them having two war loan certificates and the rest of the money in books.

The Senior Council Scholarship was awarded this year to Bindy Black, and the Junior Scholarship to Janet Macfarlane.

Mr. and Mrs. McMorran have presented an English Prize to be competed for by the Sixth Form. They have given £50, and the prize, which is to be called the McMorran Prize, will be given each year from the proceeds of the investment of this sum of money.

In June Molly Hogan passed Part I. of the National Froebel Union Higher Certificate Examination with distinction in History, Zoology and Botany.

In July, Hilda Schafer gained a prize in the Degré Supérieur of the Grand Concours.

In the Senior School Certificate Examination in July, Nora Grinley, Winnie Knight and H. Schafer gained distinction in French Oral.

During the term, Mademoiselle Berst made appeals for old kid gloves of any sort or colour for the Glove Waistcoat Fund and she was able to send up three parcels. The following are extracts from letters received in thanks for the parcels:—"Thank you very much indeed for your very kind gift of gloves and leather, they will be most useful and we are very grateful . . . We have just completed 800 for the prisoners of war in Germany and are now making 600 for the men in Mesopotamia."

"Sixty four women are hard at work and even so it is difficult to keep pace with the demands for the waistcoats. If you saw how quickly they go out and the encouraging messages that come from the trenches, the North Sea and the camps at home, you would be sure that the collection of gloves, etc., is a real service to the men who are fighting for us."

Mademoiselle Berst is only too glad to receive any old kid gloves or leather goods for this fund, if any of our readers will send them to her at the school.

Throughout the term waste paper has been collected at home by the girls, brought to school, put into sacks, and sent off to Messrs. Phillips, Mills, and Co. by Miss Hunt.

The Sale of Work organised by the Old Girls and described in detail in the Old Girls' Account, produced the magnificent sum of £19 9s 6½d., instead of a desired £8.

The sum of 3s. was made by the sale of Jack Cornwell stamps in the school, and was sent up to the Jack Cornwell Fund.

The Form Collecting Boxes produced a total of £5 11s. 3d. In addition the sum of £4 18s 3½d. was collected on the Red Cross Flag Day, and 17s. 3d. was collected on the Kitchener Memorial Flag Day.

Miss Collins is now driving a motor lorry for the National Projectile Factory, Lancaster, and in response to an appeal from her we sent up a cheque for £2 2s. towards the purchase of a piano for the Munition Workers' Recreation Room. During this term her place has been filled by Miss Tucker, a pupil of Miss Ruby Ginner. We also sent a donation of £3 to the Belgian Soldiers' Christmas Fund, and the following is an extract from the letter received in thanks for our donation: "May we ask you to thank in our name and in the name of our soldiers the girls who have been good enough to subscribe to our fund, and tell them that, thanks to their kindness and generosity, many a Belgian soldier will have a joyous Christmas."

Earlier in the term a parcel of toys and garments was sent to the Princess Christian Hospital, Sierra Leone.

The old tennis court has been marked out for net ball, and we have thus had two net ball courts this term. By this means we have been able to have two practices going on at the same time. This is a great advantage, as we have a great many members and little time in which to play.

Piano certificates of the Associated Board have been gained by:—

B. Collins, Lower Division.

D. Roach, Elementary Division.

M. Bourdas, Elementary Division.

The Holiday Sketching Club.

The holiday drawings were criticised but not placed, as there were so few sent in. It is hoped that there will be many more in future.

R. Langton Cole and K. Baker did good work.

Patriotic Union.

This term, hospital bags have again been made throughout the school, as the need is as urgent as ever. We have sent up altogether 370 bags this term. These bags are simplicity itself to make and as they are so badly needed we suggest them as a simple but real form of war work to any of our readers who may have any time to spare. Cretonne, if it is wanted, labels and full instructions, can be obtained by return of post from Lady Smith-Dorrien's Hospital Bag Fund, 5, Belgrave Place, S.W.

Amounts collected in Form boxes:—

		£	s.	d.			£	s.	d.
Form II. ...	...	1	2	11¼	Form IV. ...	...	0	11	6
„ VI....	...	0	16	10	„ I. ...	...	0	10	5¼
„ L. I. ...	...	0	14	6¼	„ L. V. ...	...	0	7	3½
Remove...	...	0	12	4	„ V....	...	0	7	0¼
					Form III. ... 0 5 9½				
					Fernwood ... 0 2 7				
					<u>£5 11 3</u>				

At the end of the term we were able to send up a cheque for £4 13s. to the Professional Classes' Relief Fund, a donation of £3 from the Charities Fund and £1 13s. brought by various girls in the school. We also sent a large hamper of books, toys, etc., brought by the girls.

And to speak of the reasons of modesty; there be some which are over-modest, to the end that they may be praised by their friends, which is called by the vulgar fishing for compliments, and this is childish. There be others that fear to speak of their achievements lest the jealous gods should envy them and strike them down. Thus in the triumph of the ancient Romans, a slave clad in a dull robe stood behind the victor, and said to him, "Respice post te, hominem memento te," reminding him that he should go the way of all the earth, as David says, whereby it was thought to propitiate Nemesis. Yet there be many that are modest neither through affectation nor through fear; as Geoffrey Chaucer, the poet, saith of a knight in a romance:

And though that he were worthy, he was wys,
And of his port as meek as is a mayde.

In such people modesty is a very pleasing virtue.

H. SCHAFER.

The Searchlights.

The night is clear, the moonless sky is hung
With silver lamps; beneath the purple dome
O'er the grey land the voiceless breezes roam;
Sweet lullabies by nightingales are sung.

Sudden, across the peaceful vault, one sword
Of living brightness flashes, all around
Bright answering beams, far flung without a
sound.

In questioning flight flash earthward heaven-
ward.

O! watchful search-lights, flashing far and free
The darkness of the moonless sky ye brighten
Your level searching beams keep far our foes;
Bright swords by spirits held ye seem to be
In kind protection over land and sea.

Till peace shall reign again, our darkness lighten!

J. MARTIN.

Venus' Bath.

When first I saw the pool beside the sea,
When first I saw the waters clear, and deep
Which sparkle in the sun and dance and leap
I felt that Nature nearer drew to me,

That she had cut my bonds and set me free
To find the treasures she will ever keep;
I looked into the pool—all seemed asleep,
Limpets and ormers, all as still could be;

But what were lovelier than the rest, I thought
Were the fresh seaweeds of that wondrous pool
As staring in with eager eyes I sought

To find new treasures 'neath the waters cool;
Oh! how I wish that I could see thee more
Thou pool of beauty, by the wild sea-shore!

KATHLEEN BAKER.

The Old Girls' Association.

At the Committee Meeting held early in the Autumn Term it was decided that the Old Girls should undertake for this year to pay the rent of the Club Rooms used by the Sutton Factory Girls and Munition Workers. The rent is generally paid by the School from the Charities Fund, but this year the School has no Charity Fund owing to the fact that there has not been a School Bazaar since July, 1914. The Committee realised that every Old Girl has now important regular work to do and that consequently no one has much spare time, hence there was much difficulty in deciding how £8, the amount of the rent, could be raised with the minimum of labour. Finally it was agreed that a Sale of Work, on a very small scale, would be the most profitable method; it was further agreed that if there was any surplus over £8 that a donation should be sent to the Princess Christian Hospital, Sierra Leone.

The date was fixed for Saturday, December 2nd, the time from 2 to 4.30 p.m., and the stalls were limited to three, namely:—a Soldiers' Parcel Stall, a Christmas Present Stall, and one for cakes and sweets.

The amount realised, after expenses were paid, was £19 9s. 2½d.

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The Association has invested £9 6s. of Life Membership Subscriptions in War Saving Certificates which will produce £12 in five years' time. If those members who intend to become Life Members would send their guineas soon there would be a possibility of investing more money in War Funds.

Subscriptions for 1917 (1s. 6d.) are due in January, and the Secretary would be glad if members would send them to her, in good time, at the High School.

Old Girls' News.

Gwen Carlton has been training at the National Hospital and is now a Junior Probationer at Lady Constance Butler's V.A.D. Hospital in Norfolk Street.

Marjorie Carlton is Demonstrator in Physics at Birkbeck College, London.

Cicely Langton Cole is working at the Talbot House Settlement and is Secretary of the Children's Welfare Committee.

Muriel Cook is a clerk at Somerset House.

Hilda Cope is at Coutts' Bank.

Dorothy Champness is training for Kindergarten work at West Hill Training College, Selly Oak, Birmingham. She passed Part 1. of the Froebel Examination in July, 1916.

N. Grinley, K. Hawkins and E. Fox are clerks in the War Office.

Kathleen Hall is at S. Hilda's Hall, Oxford. It was erroneously stated in our last issue, that she was at S. Hugh's College.

Wilma Meikle has written a book entitled "Towards the Sane in Femininism." It is published by Grant Richards.

Marion Ovenden is a clerk in the office of the Alliance Assurance Company.

Sibyl and Joyce Read have joined the Sutton V.A.D. and are nursing at Benfleet Hall.

Eileen Rimmington is a clerk at the Admiralty.

Nina and Kathleen Todd are clerks in the Bank of England.

BIRTHS.

To Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Steel (N. Price-Edwards), a son—David.

To Mr. and Mrs. Reginald Brown (Miss Craven), a son.

MARRIAGES.

On September 14th, Captain J. R. A. D. Todhunter, R.A.M.C., to Marjorie E. Stenson.

On September 27th, at Christ Church, Sutton, by the Rev. C. Carey Taylor, Vicar of Benilton, Lieut. David H. Leck, Border Regiment, to Gladys M. Vickers

On September 28th, at Christ Church, Crouch End, by Rev. T. Clegg Whittle, of Belvedere, Kent, assisted by Rev. W. R. Matthews, Vicar of the parish, Capt. C. Bertram Rolfe, A.S.C., to Mona Cornish.

On November 4th, at Holy Trinity, Tulse Hill, by license, Second Lieut. Reginald F. Barlow, to Miss Ethel Gurley.

On November 9th, at the Cathedral, Bombay, Mr. A. G. Rice, to A. Constance Henman

On November 18th, at Christ Church, Sutton, by Rev. Courtenay Gale, Mr. Algernon West, Black Watch, to Gladys Young.

On December 12th, at Brompton Parish Church, by the Rev. T. H. Dening, assisted by the Vicar, the Rev. Prebendary A. W. Gough, Lieut. Basil Cranmer Dening, M.C.R.E., to Ruth Henderson.

Killed in Action.

On September 15th, Second Lieut. S. J. Price, Suffolk Regiment. He was educated at the Sutton High School Kindergarten, Homefield School, Sutton, and Bishop-Stortford College, where he was captain of the school. A very fine athlete, he played in the football fifteen and the cricket eleven for several years, and was an exceptionally strong and good swimmer. He had been entered at Magdalen College, Oxford, to which he would have gone up in October, 1914. When war broke out he enlisted in the Public School Corps (19th Royal Fusiliers), and from that corps was gazetted in 1915 to the Norfolk Regt. In 1916 he was ordered to France, where he was transferred to the Suffolk Regiment. His captain, in a letter to Mrs. Price, says: "Your son was one of my subalterns, and a more popular fellow never joined the regiment. He was an excellent officer beloved by all his comrades. . . . I should like to add that your son showed particular pluck in getting special leave from the Division to take part in the battle on the second day, as we were rather cut up the first day. Sydney was down at the base before we went over the top; arrived at our headquarters after the first day's battle with a draft; he should then have gone back to the base, but he got special leave to join us that night. I just mention this to emphasise his courage and enthusiasm." Another officer writes: "Your son was last seen leading his men to the assault."