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### EDITORIAL.

It is again necessary to remind Old and Present Girls that a School Magazine depends for its continued existence upon *them*; and while we delight in the tidings that reach us of their doings, we should rejoice also to learn something of their thoughts. Our readers will see that there are only two items, this term, that can be called "Articles"; and these are contributed by Mistresses. How greatly we should welcome really literary "papers" on any subjects of interest! By "literary," we here mean written in pure and scholarly English, with no lapses into grammatical inaccuracy, or into the little vulgarisms which spoil so much of the writing of to-day; and against which we trust High School Girls will always set their faces.

## Notes of Canon Claughton's Address to the Guild,

NOVEMBER 11th, 1910.

St. Matt. XXIV., 28.—“Wheresoever the carcase is, there will the eagles be gathered together.”

St. Luke, XVII., 37.—“Wheresoever the body is, thither will the eagles be gathered together.”

Next Sunday is the 25th Sunday after Trinity, and as the Church provides that the Collect, Epistle, and Gospel for that Sunday shall always be read on the Sunday next before Advent, we shall use, next Sunday, those for the 6th Sunday after the Epiphany. That Gospel tells us of Our Blessed LORD's words about His Second Coming, and in the middle comes this remarkable passage.

We hope that our LORD is coming to us in a very real way in the Mission ; and what a great thing it would be if the Mission could leave us in that state in which we should wish to be at His Second Coming. I shall speak of this Mission in relation, not to the work done for it, but of that done in your own souls.

From St. Luke's Gospel we learn that the Apostles had asked when His Coming should be ; He gave no direct answer, but said, “Wheresoever the body is, thither will the eagles be gathered together.” There were other occasions on which He gave the same sort of answer. When the question was asked, “Are there few that be saved ?” He made no direct reply ; and to the inquiry, “LORD, and what shall this man do ?” He made answer, “If I will that he tarry till I come, what is that to thee ? follow thou Me.” So here ; it would not be good for them to know the locality or the time, but by His reply He shewed them how to make certain of being among those, who would be caught up to meet Him, to be “ever with the LORD.” “Take heed,” He said, “that ye be among the eagles,” *i.e.*, His Servants, His Saints, “who set their

affection on things above ; then, no doubt, you will be gathered together with them to the glorious Body, the Body of Christ."

St. Matthew uses *πτῶμα*, the Greek word for a *dead* body, referring to the Death, by which Redemption was purchased ; St. Luke uses *σῶμα*, which may mean a body, which *has* been restored to life.

The Mission comes to remind you, GOD'S servants, that you should be as "the eagles." What are the qualities of the eagle ?

(1) It renews its plumes in old age. In Baptism we put off the old man, and put on the new man ; by other means of grace we are made young and lusty as the eagles ; "they that wait on the LORD shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings, as eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint." Thus, by continual resort to the means of grace, you will go "from strength to strength," and as the outward man perishes, the inward man will be renewed ; and even the body will rise, like unto His glorious Body ; corruption will put on incorruption ; in that hope we think of those who have *gone* before us.

(2) The eagle flies highest of all birds above the earth. The Saints are to set their affection on things above. The Mission comes to tell us how, far too often, we seek the things of earth rather than the things of heaven. If this were all of life, it would be natural, but if our life is as a vapour that vanishes away, is it not folly to think of things behind ? should we not press forward to things before. If we are chained to things of earth, how shall we fly aloft to meet Him ? This Mission is to raise us higher than ever before.

(3) The eaglets cannot soar all at once ; they learn to fly. "An eagle stirreth up her nest, fluttereth over her young, spreadeth abroad her wings, taketh them, beareth them on her wings." So our Mother, the Church, takes us

under her fostering care, and line upon line, precept upon precept, teaches us to soar. Some think they will be able to fly, when here they have done nothing but crawl. We must not neglect earthly duties, they are as important as religious duties, but we must remember to do them in a religious spirit, and, amid the trivial round, we may find the means to rise. The Mission lesson is, not to put this off, but to begin at once.

We must be careful that we are *now* gathered together in Christ's mystical Body, the Church; if we would be as the eagles, we should dread nothing more than separation from Her. Remember the vision in the Revelation, where two wings of a great eagle were given to the Woman:—the two Sacraments, or, perhaps, the two Testaments. So the Mission, rightly used, will bring you into closer union with the Church, and so into safety.

It is at the Table of the LORD that the eagles are gathered now, for where the sacred Bread is, the faithful will discern the LORD'S Body. The Mission should bring you more frequently, more earnestly, to that Table, and should teach you to discern His Body, the Body of the Lamb that has been slain and is offered for men, and to receive it to the strengthening and refreshing of your souls.

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### Letter from the Council.

The following letter concerns Old as well as Present Girls:—

“Worcester High School for Girls, Ltd.,  
Britannia House,  
Worcester,

18th July, 1910.

Dear Miss Ottley,

I have the pleasure to write to you, on behalf of the Council, to ask you to convey their warmest thanks to all



your kind helpers in the Persephone Entertainments, and to say how very much they appreciate the energetic and enthusiastic efforts of the whole School to make them such a splendid success.

A vote of thanks was recorded on the Minutes of the Meeting at which your Report of the Entertainments was received.

Yours sincerely,

H. DOWNES."

SCIENCE ROOM FUND.

| <i>Receipts.</i>           |     |     |     | £     | s. | d. | £    | s. | d. |
|----------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-------|----|----|------|----|----|
| Donations                  | ... | ... | ... |       |    |    | 44   | 15 | 9  |
| Performance of Persephone— |     |     |     |       |    |    |      |    |    |
| Receipts                   | ... | ... | ... | 39    | 2  | 6  |      |    |    |
| Expenses                   | ... | ... | ... | 17    | 11 | 4  |      |    |    |
|                            |     |     |     | <hr/> |    |    | 21   | 11 | 2  |
| Sale of Work—              |     |     |     |       |    |    |      |    |    |
| Receipts                   | ... | ... | ... | 62    | 11 | 0  |      |    |    |
| Expenses                   | ... | ... | ... | 1     | 16 | 6  |      |    |    |
|                            |     |     |     | <hr/> |    |    | 60   | 14 | 6  |
| Programmes—                |     |     |     |       |    |    |      |    |    |
| Receipts                   | ... | ... | ... | 2     | 1  | 8  |      |    |    |
| Expenses                   | ... | ... | ... | 1     | 16 | 6  |      |    |    |
|                            |     |     |     | <hr/> |    |    | 0    | 5  | 2  |
| Tea—                       |     |     |     |       |    |    |      |    |    |
| Receipts                   | ... | ... | ... | 6     | 10 | 0  |      |    |    |
| Expenses                   | ... | ... | ... | 5     | 14 | 2  |      |    |    |
|                            |     |     |     | <hr/> |    |    | 0    | 15 | 10 |
| Sale of Picture Post Cards |     |     |     | ...   |    |    | 3    | 0  | 10 |
| Nett Receipts              |     |     |     | ..    |    |    | £131 | 3  | 3  |

| <i>Expenditure.</i>                           | £     | s. | d. | £     | s. | d. |
|---|-------|----|----|-------|----|----|
| Science Room—                                 |       |    |    |       |    |    |
| To Higgs, for alterations...                  | 81    | 9  | 7  |       |    |    |
| Apparatus, Chemicals, and                     |       |    |    |       |    |    |
| Sundries ...                                  | 14    | 3  | 1  |       |    |    |
| Books ...                                     | 4     | 9  | 2  |       |    |    |
| Electric Light ...                            | 18    | 9  | 0  |       |    |    |
|   | <hr/> |    |    |       |    |    |
| Total Cost of Re-fitting Science Room         |       |    |    | 118   | 10 | 10 |
| Wire Fencing ...                              |       |    |    | 9     | 17 | 0  |
| Iron Chest and Packings, for keeping curtains |       |    |    |       |    |    |
| and properties, 18s. 3d. ; less 2s. for       |       |    |    |       |    |    |
| hire of acting clothes ...                    |       |    |    | 0     | 16 | 3  |
|   |       |    |    | <hr/> |    |    |
| Total Expenditure ...                         |       |    |    | 129   | 4  | 1  |
| Balance in hand ...                           |       |    |    | 1     | 19 | 2  |
|   |       |    |    | <hr/> |    |    |
|   |       |    |    | £131  | 3  | 3  |
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M. M. ROGERS.

25th October, 1910.

### The Bursary Fund

Is not growing as we had hoped. The few are punctual and excellent, and they are indeed doing a good work, but a very large number of Old Girls never think of it ; and it is only the *many* "littles" that can make a sufficient "mickle" to provide for even a few of the many girls who cannot come to school without such help.

To those who are helped the boon is immense ; nothing less than equipping them for the battle of life, and enabling them to help both themselves and others, in ever widening circles.

At present, four girls are being wholly or partially thus

provided with an education that would otherwise be out of their reach.

Joan Sanders being obliged to give up her work as Collector, Zoë Brierley (Sydways, Rochdale, Lancs.), has kindly undertaken it.

BALANCE SHEET FOR YEAR 1909-10.

| <i>Receipts.</i>  | £   | s. | d. | <i>Expenditure.</i> | £   | s. | d. |
|-------------------|-----|----|----|---------------------|-----|----|----|
| In hand ...       | 43  | 18 | 7  | Bursaries ...       | 37  | 7  | 0  |
| Subscriptions ... | 35  | 1  | 0  | Stamps ...          | 0   | 2  | 2½ |
|                   |     |    |    |                     |     |    |    |
|                   |     |    |    |                     | 37  | 9  | 2½ |
|                   |     |    |    | Balance in hand     |     |    |    |
|                   |     |    |    | for next year's     |     |    |    |
|                   |     |    |    | Bursaries ...       | 41  | 10 | 4½ |
|                   |     |    |    |                     |     |    |    |
|                   | £78 | 19 | 7  |                     | £78 | 19 | 7  |

“Ercole.”

It was the most beautiful day of May in Italy, when the nightingales sang in the groves of Frascati, and the broom blossom lay like slabs of gold on every waste corner by the road-side, and the sky was bluer than northern-bred mortals can dream of until they have seen it.

The party of tourists, which made its way up the mule track from Frascati to Tusculum, was as mixed in nationalities as it was in ideals. There were two gentle daughters of a German musician; he had long since left off making the unsatisfying music of this lower world, and his daughters, through an unexpected legacy, were delightedly feasting, in middle life, upon the beauties of the country of their dreams. There were two Americans; one rich, vulgar, and oddly low in intelligence for a woman of her country; and the other chiefly busy in trying to curb his wife's ugly eccentricities. There was a cultivated English-

man with his young daughter, enjoying the delightful comradeship which seems to be less common between fathers and daughters of other nations than it is in our own. Finally there were spinsters of most races of Europe, delighting in the freedom to travel which a saner view of life has made possible for unmarried women. One or two of the weaker members of the party rode donkeys, the rest trudged on foot up the rough track, hailing with delight the shade of the trees which border the last few yards of the path leading to the Greek theatre of Tusculum.

Soon all the tea-baskets were opened, and the party broke up into its component parts to refresh itself, sitting in the seats of the audience of classic times. In front of them was the stage, with its entrance passages right and left, and below them the grass-grown enclosure which the feet of the chorus of elders or maidens had trodden as they described and bewailed the evil deeds they could not stop. Had Cassandra's "ἄ" ever rung through those spaces? Had the air rung with the griefs of Elektra? And where had been the seat of Cicero when he came up from his villa to see what a country theatre could offer him by way of distraction from his arduous labours? Argument rose high upon that point; the Englishman giped gently at his daughter's modern pronunciation of the great man's name, as she upheld *her* theory against that of another High School-bred damsel.

The glorious Italian day was passing. The shadows of the trees were growing longer; and that strange feeling, common in Italy, that souls of those who have inhabited these scenes before us, wait in the dusk to take their turn again, was beginning to fill the air. Suddenly the Englishman sat upright with a jerk.

"Look there," he said, pointing with his finger towards the stage, "there comes someone who can surely settle all disputed points for you. He must have known Cicero well."



Everyone looked.

Striding down the avenue behind the stage, came a dusky figure. With a step as free and graceful as a faun's he came on, and, stepping lightly on to the stage, he passed to the front, and took up his position there. Was he the spirit of all the actors who had trodden that stage before him? Was he Mercury, the messenger of all the gods, and had the tired, bronze limbs we knew so well, taken on life and movement? Or was he that incarnation of the spirit of all living things, the great god Pan himself?

Most like Pan he looked as he stood there, glancing from side to side with soft, bright eyes, and tossing back his clustering, dark brown curls. Upon his head he had the classic, round-shaped hat that Mercury wore hundreds of years ago. His nether limbs were clad in shaggy goat-skins, and on his feet he wore soft, swathed sandals. His right hand held a shepherd's pipe.

Breathless and expectant, that motley collection from barbarian races gazed at this apparition. Would he speak, and, if so, what would he say? Something, surely, which would solve unanswered riddles, some word which would clear difficulties away, and leave contending theorists no points on which to wrangle.

"Hush," said an excited lady, "he's going to speak."

Everyone felt a curious tenseness of expectation.

He flung back his head, and a clear, strong young voice rang through the old theatre. Four words he spoke, and then all was silent. His bewildered hearers scarcely knew what they had heard, or whether they had heard rightly.

The American woman spoke first.

"The almighty dollar wins again," she said, "I don't know much of this dago's language, but I do know 'Da mi un baiocco' when I hear it," and with the words she flung some coppers to the "cunning little fellow."

The money fell short, and the English girl ran down to help Pan find it in the grass.

"Come ti chiamai?" she asked, as they groped in a friendly manner together after the coins.

"Ercole, signorina."

"*Ercole* ! Oh, daddy, how delicious," she called up to her father, "he's Hercules, and he can't be more than ten, and he looks half proud and half frightened, just like a plucky, wild animal."

"E dove stai?" she asked again. The pennies were all picked up now, but she *must* find out some more about this child, who had given such a delightful thrill to their afternoon.

"Down there, signorina," pointing towards the campagna below, "I am a shepherd," he said proudly, "I help my father."

"And kill snakes and boars, I suppose."

Ercole looked puzzled.

"Snakes, sometimes, signorina, but I never saw a boar, and, besides, I am too small to kill *them*," he added modestly.

The girl laughed.

"Addio, gigantino mio, ò piuttosto à riverderci," and she ran back to her father.

"I don't care, daddy, I believe he *is* Pan, after all," she said.

M. B.

### Trois jours dans une chaumière pendant les vacances de la Toussaint.

On a tant entendu parler de "la vie Simple" de la campagne qu'en cette saison, où les joies et les plaisirs de l'été sont finis, où l'automne n'offre plus que quelques superbes et derniers rayons, ce séjour dans une chaumière semble être tout le plaisir et l'imprévu désirables, avant l'engourdissement de l'hiver.

Deux heures de chemin de fer ; après, on a une course en voiture, toujours en montant, le long d'une route bordée de mélèzes aux longues aiguilles, de chênes vénérables, de hêtres et de bouleaux aux teintes automnales.

Comme ce paysage si simple, si grandiose, vous prépare déjà à aimer la vie rustique et la maisonnette située dans un site réellement favorisé.

Anxieuse, les yeux bien ouverts, on tâche de percer la brume légère et soudain la blanche chaumière paraît au regard.

C'est une vraie chaumière qui a un minuscule porche et de petites fenêtres à trois panneaux. Elle apparaît surplombant le village et l'église, si près du monde habité, et cependant en pleine campagne.

En entrant, une petite salle s'offre à la vue—La salle-à-manger?—Point du tout. C'est la cuisine "du devant"; et le mot salle-à-manger offense presque nos hôtes si simples. L'âtre est bien celui d'une cuisine, le dressoir garni d'assiettes bleues aussi, mais, il y a un—je-ne-sais-quoi—qui en fait une charmante cuisine, si c'est là le seul mot permis dans le vocabulaire du petit logis.

Nous passons au salon. Horreur ! Dire salon dans une chaumière, être humain trop compliqué ! On dit "parloir." Il est si gentil le "parloir" avec sa fenêtre à trois panneaux donnant sur une pelouse en miniature, sa cheminée rouge sombre, qui ressort joliment sur les parois en bois blanc des murs, et son bon feu qui réchauffe la pièce.

Le chat dort d'un côté, tandis que le chien allonge de l'autre vous lèche les mains.

On est heureux dans ce mignon "parloir," et l'on commence à comprendre le charme indicible et pur de ce genre de vie.

L'on monte à sa chambre par un escalier tout droit. La même simplicité de bon goût vous frappe, en apercevant les murs recouverts de papiers peints, ornés de petits bouquets de roses.

Une fois débarrassée de ses lourds vêtements de voyage pour en vêtir de plus simples, il faut vite descendre s'occuper des apprêts du repas, car la jeune servante de quatorze ans ne peut suffire à tout.

C'est alors que, dans l'arrière—cuisine, on éprouve un pénible moment : même le genre de vie le plus simple a ses complications ! En face du fourneau chauffé au rouge, et des majestueuses casseroles, on sent sa petitesse et son incapacité. En faisant de son mieux on arrive tant bien que mal à cuire une omelette, mais on est heureux que les hôtes hospitaliers, ayant mené plus longtemps ce genre de vie, soient mieux versés dans cet art utile, mais difficile, qui s'appelle, je crois, art culinaire.

Quel plaisir d'aller attraper l'âne sur le pré communal de l'atteler à la petite charrette, et de partir faire des commissions.

De se promener dans les bois et le long des chemins, pour cueillir les baies rouges des haies et les derniers mûres.

D'aller, un panier au bras, acheter des œufs frais dans les fermes.

L'utile et l'agréable me semblent être le monopole de ce genre de vie

C'est bien la vie simple cela, et si elle est aussi délicieuse en réalité que dans cette jolie chaumière sur la lisière de la forêt : Vive "la vie simple" de la campagne !

UNE CITADINE

### Extract from a letter from Dorothy Tibbs.

" Hong-kong,

St. James' Day, July 25th, 1910.

\* \* \* I have done more practising and solid study here than ever before. I have been playing the organ in the Cathedral, of which I shall expect the H.S. Mag. to



take notice, as I don't suppose many O.G.'s have played for a Service with over 1125 people in the congregation! The regular Organist went home soon after we got here, but I managed, fortunately, to make friends with him before he went, and we made a bargain to the effect that I was to practise on the organ as much as I liked, on condition that I gave my services when required. Consequently, when his 'best pupil,' who is 'Acting Organist,' got ill with fever, on the Thursday before Whit-Sunday, I was called upon, at an hour's notice, to play for choir practice, and remained in power till Trinity Sunday (inclusive), by which time I had played eight times, including two Memorial Services on May 20th, and an Ordination Service;—rather strenuous work in this climate; but I seem to have given universal satisfaction; and, in addition to receiving much gratitude and eulogy, in print and otherwise, the Bishop wrote me a charming letter, 'on behalf of the Church Body,' begging me to accept a cheque for \$50 (=£4 15s., about). Not bad, was it? I feel very conceited telling you all this, but I know you are always interested in your old pupils' successes; and this is, perhaps, the biggest success I have ever had, when one takes into consideration that I was quite unknown here, and had only been in the place a few months; the fact that I am married, too, makes me all the prouder of it, as so many girls, when they marry, seem to give up all their music, which seems to me so utterly 'flabby.'

Next term I think I may teach in a Missionary School here, for High Class Chinese Girls (Class Singing); this will have to be a "labour of love," I expect, but it will be interesting, and good for one's experience.

I am very anxious to get the Organistship of the English Church at Kowloon (the part of the town on the Mainland), but, in that case, we should have to go and live on that side, which I am afraid we should not like so well—it is very flat and bare, and hot in consequence, whereas,

here, everything is so lovely and green and shady, and wonderfully breezy, even in this hotel, which is only about one-sixth of the way up the Peak. It is lovely up at the top—the views are glorious—though opinions differ as to the additional coolness. Personally I think I prefer this level, as, though here cockroaches eat one's books up, at the top they fall to pieces from the damp, and in the early part of the year they get terrible fogs, whereas here we are always comparatively dry. I have just asked for one 'piecee' tea. Chinese servants are a good deal over-rated, I think, they have much the same faults as English ones, anyway in Hong-kong, where they have been spoilt; still, I like the Chinese, and they are most interesting, though both my husband and I rather long to go back to Japan sometimes. It is just possible we may get moved back there before we have done with the East.

The Cathedral is quite nice, and stands in beautiful grounds planted with palms, etc.

What strikes one most in coming to Hong-kong is its great beauty, of which no one ever tells one. Not only is the harbour magnificent, and the views of it from the Peak past description, but the island itself is lovely, both as regards the general lie of the land and the vegetation. The buildings, too, are most striking (especially after Japan); there are great palaces, and this hotel is a very enormous place, with a huge entrance hall—lovely for concerts."

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### Extract from a letter from Lettice Jenkins,

*who is a Student at the Horticultural College, Swanley.*

"I am now a second year student, and that is ever so much nicer, as one sees the reason for doing the various things, besides, one does such much more interesting work.

In the morning, from 7 to 8, we (second years), each work at our 'charge'; that means, that every half-term we are given a special house—cucumber, chrysanthemum, or conservatory, etc.—to look after, and we water that, and generally tidy it up. At present I have the Stove, which I consider quite the nicest, as it is warm, and there are such beautiful plants in it. Unfortunately, I am afraid that the orchids and poinsettias will be in flower just after half-term, which will be very annoying. We have 13 big Market Houses, as well as the Plant ones, but in my opinion they are not quite so nice, as, of course, to make them pay they have to be managed in a much more rough-and-ready manner.

After breakfast, from 9 to 12, we work with our own 'gang,' which usually consists of six, in the part of the grounds in which we are set to work; we change twice a week; thus in three weeks we have gone the round of the departments. Some of this week we have spent in the Fruit Plantations, and have 'grease-banded' apple trees, for moths, with stuff called 'Taughfoot,' which catches the unwary insect as it crawls up the trunk, and after a time we were nearly stuck on to them, too, as the mixture would really make the stickiest toffee seem clean and unmessy after it. I am a foreman of a Cottage garden for the time being, which means that I have, more or less, to direct the labours of a first-year gang, on a certain plot of ground, every Thursday. I have a Russian, a Boer, a Jew, a Dane, and two others to direct (?), so we are somewhat cosmopolitan.

At 2.30, we begin work again, and go on till 4.30, and then, on three nights a week, we have Botany. We have a Horticultural Science Lecture one evening as well, and have Chemistry, Floral Decoration, Book-keeping, and Surveying on some afternoons. We have to write a Diary of Gardening work, and, of course, there are many things

to read up, so any spare time that we may have, is well filled.

The life here is very jolly. We are 22 in this house, which is about five minutes walk from College, and we have a delightful time. We have just begun a Debating Society, and already have 37 members, and are going to discuss the House of Lords next time."

## School News.

### END OF SUMMER TERM.

#### MARK READING

was on July 27th. The following girls left :—J. Webb (the Prefect of the School), N. Adlington, Z. Brierley, D. Burr, H. Carless, M. Hay, D. Holt, M. King, G. Mogg, C. Morris, J. Preston, D. Rhodes, E. Selby, K. White.

Dorothy Evans, who has been a student here for more than a year, also left the School, but we are very glad that she has a post in the new Secondary School for Girls, and thus is still in Worcester.

We also were very sorry to lose two Mistresses :—Miss Beckingham, who has been a most valuable member of the Staff since 1901, and Miss Terry, who came in September, 1907, and brought much enthusiasm into the French teaching of the Lower School. Miss Beckingham has gone to be Second Mistress at St. Hilda's, Liberton, Edinburgh ; and Miss Terry to be Modern Languages Mistress at Southboro' House, Putney Hill. She lives at home and goes to her work every day.

### AUTUMN TERM.

School re-opened on September 21st with 21 new children, and two who returned after an absence of some years ; two more came at half-term. Mabel Bradford has come as the Missionary student.

Miss Lindley has come to take Miss Terry's place as Junior French Mistress, and Miss Symonds as Geography and Junior Mathematical Mistress.

Janet Tree is Prefect of the School.

Several of the Forms have had to change places this term. VIA. and VIB. have interchanged rooms ; and so have IVB. and IIIA. ; and II. and I.

We heartily welcome a new Head of Springfield—Miss Tuke, late Head Mistress of the Derby High School, and wish Springfield all success under her.



On October 14th, Dr. Woollatt, Principal of the Victoria Institute, generously gave us an extremely interesting Lecture, illustrated by lantern slides, on some of the latest developments of the uses of Electricity, which was keenly appreciated by the audience.

On October 29th, Canon Wilson again gave a party of Mistresses and Girls the great and unique pleasure of shewing them parts of the Cathedral, which he may be truly said to have discovered, and which he made extraordinarily interesting by his explanations.

### EXAMINATIONS NOT RECORDED IN THE REPORT OF SPEECH DAY.

M. Barrère's Concours. Summer Term. June.

- Prix.* Degré Supérieur.—J. Webb.  
*Mention.* N. Brierley.  
 „ Degré Élémentaire.—N. Ottley, S. Naylor, J. Harding.  
*Prix.* Degré Enfantin.—M. Grisman.  
*2nd Prix.* Narration.—G. Clarke.

Autumn Term. September.

- 2nd Prix* (Hors Concours) Narration.—G. Clarke.  
*Mention.* Degré Supérieur.—G. Clarke.  
*Prix* (3 Mentions) Degré Élémentaire.—M. Ottley.  
*Mentions.* Degré Élémentaire.—M. Williamson, J. Harding.

### SPEECH DAY

was on November 14th. The following account is taken from the "Worcester Daily Times":—

The Annual Prize Distribution in connection with the Worcester High School for Girls took place on Monday afternoon.

The Annual Meeting of the Shareholders took place before the Prize Distribution. Lord Cobham presided, and there were present also:—Canon Wilson, Mr. T. Southall, Mrs. Wheeley Lea, Mrs. Knight, and Miss Butler. An apology was received from Mr. Stanley Baldwin, M.P.

The Twenty-eighth Report of the Council stated that the Revenue Account, after writing off £200 for depreciation as usual, showed a profit of £35 6s. 2d., and with the balance brought forward from last year of £510 1s. 9d., made a sum of £545 7s. 11d., which they recommended should be carried forward to next year. The number of pupils at 30th September, 1910, was 203, as against 198 in September, 1909. The Council had pleasure in again congratulating Miss Ottley upon the high position gained by the School in the

Oxford and Cambridge Joint Board Examinations, and upon the excellent reports received during the year. The Council wished to record their gratitude to Miss Ottley and her staff for their zeal and generous help in organizing entertainments to raise funds for additions and alterations in the Science Room. The Council were also indebted to other friends of the School for their kindly interest and help. The following members retired from office, but were eligible for re-election, viz., Lord Cobham, Lord Beauchamp, the Dean, and Captain Eric Knight.

The Chairman, in moving the adoption of the Report, said it was in some respects very satisfactory, but in financial respects it was not so satisfactory, because it showed a profit of only £35 6s. 2d., which was not sufficient to enable them to declare a dividend. That was almost entirely due to the falling off of the special fees. That was not the fault of the Council or of any member of the staff of the School, but was entirely due to outside causes. He hoped that the falling off would not be maintained, because it was a serious matter. On this occasion it represented a sum that would have enabled them to pay the ordinary dividend. There was another little matter against them. The numbers were somewhat less than appeared in the Report. For the year they were 200, as against 205 for the previous year. But the increase of fees really more than counterbalanced the small falling off in numbers. The results of the examinations had been extremely satisfactory, and entitled the Council to state that the School was steadily improving. He alluded to the acknowledgment in the Report of the help of the staff and friends in equipping the Science Room, which, he said, represented a sum of £131. That enabled them to put the Science teaching upon a really satisfactory footing with ample equipment. On the expenditure side there had been an increase of £42 in incidental expenses. They had never been otherwise than intermittent in their payment of dividends, and they were grateful to the shareholders for their patience and consideration to the Council in not reproaching them. The Council hoped this drop was only temporary, and that they would be able to resume payment of moderate dividends at the earliest possible date.

Mr. Southall seconded the adoption of the Report, which was carried.

The retiring members of the Council were re-elected; and Messrs. H. Day and Co. were re-elected Auditors.

Canon Wilson moved, and Mr. Southall seconded, a vote of thanks to the Chairman. Mr. Southall said he not only gave his name, but time and effectual service.

The Chairman, in reply, said his work was a labour of love. He would rather give up many things than the chairmanship of that College. Although they could not look back upon a great financial success, they could look back upon a record of very good work done.

## PRIZE DISTRIBUTION.

At the Prize Distribution which followed, there was a large attendance of parents and friends of the girls. Lord Cobham presided, and was supported by the Dean of Worcester (Dr. Moore Ede), Mr. Arthur Sidgwick, of Corpus Christi College, Oxford, Mr. T. Southall, and Miss Ottley, the Headmistress.

The following programme was first performed: Unison Song, R. Kipling's "Recessional" (J. Gower), Upper School; Folk Song, "O no, John!" (arranged by C. Sharp), Middle School; Violin Solo, "Madrigal" (Squire), A. M. Ottley; Part-Song, "In praise of May" (J. Ireland), Upper School; Quartett, "Minnelied" (Brahms), I. Mann, V. Adlard, M. Wilson, B. Parker; Singing Game, "Oats and Beans" (Old English), Forms I. and II.; Solo Song, "The Serenade" (Tosti), E. Robinson; School Song, "Candida Rectaque," The School.

## THE FINANCES.

The Chairman then expressed gratitude to the Head Mistress and the staff. It was no formal expression of thanks, for in no year had they so well earned it as during the past year. He referred to the equipment of the Science Room as a special reason for gratitude to the Staff and the Old Girls. They were very much indebted to the Old Girls of the School, not only for what they had done during the year, but during many past years. (Applause.) There was nothing more gratifying for those who were interested in higher education than the fact that in every school of importance there was now an Association of Old Boys or Old Girls, who had become a buttress of strength to the school to which they belonged. The time was coming, in the face of rate-aided competition, when the older schools would have to rely more upon the good feeling and the public spirit of those who owed so much to the school when they were members of it. The Council were thoroughly well satisfied with the high tone and character of the School, which had been more than maintained. During no year had more distinctions and credit been earned by the School in examination than during the past year. The School had come out first in the subject of French out of all the Schools in the Oxford and Cambridge Joint Board Examinations—a great distinction. (Applause.) That gave reason for the belief which he entertained that the School was second to none among the High Schools in the country. (Applause.) Referring to the financial record, he said he was sorry that they were not stronger financially, because it was better to have a sound financial basis for a great institution like that. But they need not be under any alarm that the School was approaching any financial crisis, because that was not the case. Examining the causes, he said that he had been raising a considerable sum of money for other purposes, and in many of the replies to his appeal there appeared the familiar name of Mr. Lloyd

George—(laughter)—and he thought that had been the cause why, to some extent, the fees had fallen off. Practically the whole of the money had fallen off under the head of special fees, and it looked as if the parents could no longer afford to pay quite so much as in previous years in special fees for music and gymnastics. He sincerely hoped that the burden upon the taxpayers of the country would be mitigated rather than increased, and that they would not have to complain of so large a drop in receipts as they had to deplore that year. (Applause.)

#### HEADMISTRESS'S REPORT.

Miss Ottley said the School still filled a place in the educational system of the City and County. They were proud of the admirable sister institution—the Girls' Secondary School,—but they heartily rejoiced the High School was not rate-aided and did not take grants, and therefore was free to be more individual. Worcester could not do without these different types of school. (Hear, hear.) She was glad that the new Mayor attended so soon after his induction to the office. He had sympathised with their work for some time. She mentioned that she had received apologies from Mr. Stanley Baldwin, M. P., and Canon Chappel. Referring to the latter, she said he had never before missed those gatherings. They all grieved because of the illness which kept him away, but rejoiced that he was being obedient to his doctor. (Hear, hear.) The School owed much to his ever-ready help, experience and counsel, and his deep and active interest in every detail of the work. Worcester was most fortunate in possessing two such schools as the Grammar School and the King's School. (Applause.) The year had been a very happy, healthy, and successful one. In November of last year, the School was inspected by three gentlemen and two ladies from the Board of Education. Their criticisms were most generous and helpful, and ended in a renewal of the recognition of the School as "efficient." The suggestions of the Inspectors were at once carried out as far as possible. Miss Ottley then mentioned the re-arrangement of the Science room, and the re-fencing of the asphalt Games Court, the latter at a cost of £9 17s. They had the happiness, after Easter, of welcoming the return of Mdlle. de Sabatier-Plantier, restored in health, and able to resume her work with renewed vigour, which had placed the School at the head of all the Girls' Schools which took the Oxford and Cambridge Joint Board Examination in French. They had lost two valuable mistresses: Miss Beckingham, who had taken up private school work in Edinburgh; and Miss Terry, who was living at home and teaching in a School at Putney. Their places had been taken respectively by Miss Symonds and Miss Lindley. The School had had the happiness to secure Miss Alice Hatton as Drill and Games Mistress; her sister having been married in the summer. At the end of the



Summer Term, to the great regret of her many friends, Mrs. Druitt's health so completely broke down that she found it necessary to resign the care of Springfield into the able hands of Miss Tuke, the late Head Mistress of Derby High School, who brought high culture, wide experience, and a thorough knowledge of, and sympathy with girls, to this important charge. Miss Ottley then referred to the Examination results which are given below. The year had been one of growth and progress, and it was impossible for her adequately to express what the School owed to the enthusiasm of her colleagues. Her thanks were due to the children who had been good, responsive and earnest. She expressed disappointment that so few girls availed themselves of the opportunity of learning to play the organ, and remarked that they were much indebted to Ella Cook, who, though she had left the School, came to play the organ for all the School prayers. Miss Ottley hoped that many more would follow her example. In regard to the Holiday tasks, they adopted a new plan this year, allowing each girl to choose her holiday work. This obviated all competition, and made any comparison of results impossible, but the general results were most satisfactory. Miss Ottley then thanked those who, year after year, gave special prizes; acknowledged the kindness of the Rev. H. M. Bartleet (who offered prizes for the best answers in an examination on Wordsworth's life, and gave prizes to J. Tree and M. Campbell, and consolation prizes to all the other competitors); and thanked Canon Wilson and Dr. Woollatt for giving Lectures to the girls. The Bursary Fund continued its useful work. It was largely maintained now by the Old Girls. When the dividends were not forthcoming, the Bursary Fund suffered. As to the School games, in Hockey the 1st XI. played five outside matches and won four; the 2nd XI. played two and won both. The weather only permitted two outside Tennis Matches—one against St. James', Malvern, won by Worcester; the other, the Inter-scholarly Tournament at Birmingham, twelve Schools competing; Leicester was first and Worcester second. The weather interfered with Cricket. The first match with the Abbey School, Malvern, was stopped by a thunderstorm. In the return match, Worcester won by 66—21 runs; and in the only other match, with Edgbaston High School, Worcester also won by 66—21. The Hockey Shield was won by the VIth; the Tennis Cup by the Vth.

Miss Ottley said she continued to hear of Old Girls from all parts of the world; they were good, strong, capable women, doing good work in their homes, hospitals, missions, or schools. (Applause).

Mr. Sidgwick then distributed the prizes, a list of which follows:—

#### CERTIFICATES AND PRIZES.

Council's Scholarships.—N. Brierley (2nd year), M. Ottley (1st year).

Victoria Scholarship.—M. Chappel.

Alice Ottley Scholarship.—M. Grisman.

Oxford and Cambridge Joint Board Higher Certificates.—

*Full Certificate.*

D. Chappel, passed in 4 subjects (distinguished in Scripture, English and French).

N. Brierley, „ 4 „ ( „ „ French and German).

G. Clarke, „ 4 „ ( „ „ French).

E. Selby, „ 4 „ ( „ „ French).

Z. Brierley, „ 4 „

D. Holt, „ 5 „

I. Mann, „ 4 „

*Addition to Full Certificate.*

V. Horne, passed in 2 subjects.

*Completing Certificates.*

N. Adlington, passed in 3 subjects.

N. Grisman, „ 3 „ (distinguished in French).

*Letters.*

K. White, passed in 3 subjects.

D. Coombs, „ 2 „

*Lower Certificates.—*

W. Anton, passed in 7 subjects, 1st Class in 1.

B. Appleton, „ 8 „ „ 1.

M. Brierley, „ 7 „ „ 2.

M. Chappel, „ 5 „ „ 1.

D. Hancock, „ 8 „ „ 4.

I. Mogridge, „ 9 „ „ 6.

C. Morris, „ 6 „ „

S. Naylor, „ 8 „ „ 3.

M. Ottley, „ 9 „ „ 7.

J. Preston, „ 6 „ „

L. Spencer, „ 8 „ „ 6.

K. Whitehead, „ 8 „ „ 6.

*Letters.*

M. King, passed in 6 subjects, 1st Class in 2.

G. Sharpe, „ 4 „ „ 1.

On the results of this Examination Muriel Kyrle Ottley is recommended for the Council's Scholarship.

Cambridge Teachers' Diploma.—D. Evans passed in Class II.

Cambridge Higher Local Examination.—M. Moncur, passed in Group II. ; J. Webb, B. (First Class) ; M. Turner, C. (Third Class).

London Matriculation.—Janet Tree, passed in Division I.

Diocesan Examination in Religious Knowledge.—Forms IVA., IVB., and IIIA., were examined in writing by the Rev. J. H. Maude ; IIIB. and II., orally, by the Rev. Canon Houghton, and 23 Certificates of Special Distinction were gained. The General Report of both is quite excellent.

Société Nationale des Professeurs de Français.—Eight First and three Second Prizes, and four Certificates were gained during the year.

Associated Board of the Royal Academy and Royal College of Music.—*Higher Division* : Piano, G. Mogg, J. Harding, C. Fry, I. Mogridge. Violin, G. Mogg, D. Burr. *Lower Division* : Piano, C. Tomlinson. *Elementary Division* : Piano, M. Marriott. *Primary Division* : Piano, J. Swann, D. Wood-Roe, S. Lewis.

The Royal Drawing Society.—48 Honours, and 32 Pass Certificates were gained.

Association of Plain Needlework.—Six First Prizes were won ; Seven Second Prizes, and Two Third Prizes ; besides 55 First and two Second Class Certificates.

#### PRIZES.

Special Prizes.—Divinity : Canon Chappel's Prize, *Form VI.*, D. Chappel ; the Head Mistress's Prize, *Form V.*, L. Spencer ; the Bishop's Prizes, *Form IVa.*, M. Rowe, *Form IVb.*, M. Chappel, *Form IIIa.*, V. Lane ; Miss Hamilton's Prizes, *Form IVa.*, B. Parker, *Form IVb.*, B. Weston, A. de Saram. Science : Dr. Mabyne Read's Prize, M. Ottley. French : Mdlle. de Sabatier-Plantier's Prize, *Upper School*, E. Selby ; Miss Terry's Prize, *Middle School*, M. Marriott ; Monsieur Barrere's Prize, M. Ottley. Prizes obtained by gaining 80 per cent. on term marks, and 75 per cent. on examination : English Subjects, *Form VI.*, J. Tree, E. Selby, and D. Chappel, *Form IVa.*, J. Harding, *Form IVb.*, B. Weston, *Form IIIb.*, G. Beauchamp, *Form II.*, D. Wells, May Mercer. Mathematics : *Form VI.*, G. Clarke, *Form V.*, D. Hancock, *Form IVa.*, F. Jones, *Form IVb.*, M. Jones, M. Chappel, and M. Grisman, *Form IIIa.*, F. Sayers, W. Joseland, *Form II.*, J. Grove, P. Edwards, *Form I.*, B. Webb. Languages : *Form VI.*, N. Brierley, *Form V.*, L. Spencer, *Form IIIa.*, A. Campbell, H. Coombs, W. Joseland, *Form IIIb.*, K. Scales, *Form II.*, J. Grove, D. Wells, *Form I.*, B. Webb, V. Rea.

Drawing Prizes.—*Form IVa.*, D. Bullock, D. Beauchamp, M. Rowe, and J. Harding ; *Form IVb.*, K. Dawson ; Miss Laybourne's Prize, *Form IIIa.*, G. Chappel, H. Downes, and P. Otley ; *Form IIIb.*, B. James ; *Form II.*, G. Phillips.

"No Bad Marks" in II. and I.—P. Edwards.

Excellents.—Head Mistress's Prize, F. Sayers (9), G. Phillips (6), M. Lewis (6), G. Clarke (5).

Mr. Sidgwick, in his address to the assembly, referred to the improved opportunities for the education of girls. He went back to the time when women were first admitted to the Universities, and said this made an immense difference, at once, in what could be required of the teacher, and in the standard of the school teaching itself. Since then we had gone on adding a little here and there, and there was a growing feeling that resistance to that sort of improvement of opportunity was wrong. He expressed the heartiest wish for the welfare of the school and for all who belonged to it. (Applause).

Mr. Southall proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Sidgwick.

Miss Ottley seconded, and the Motion was heartily carried.

The Dean moved a vote of thanks to the Chairman for the interest he had taken in the School since its inception, and for the labour and time he had given to the work of the Council. With the exception of Mr. Willis Bund, who was an abnormal phenomenon—(laughter)—no one devoted so much time to the public weal as did Lord Cobham. (Applause). He congratulated him on the remarkable success of the School. The Dean said the Report presented that day was a remarkable one considering the number of girls in the School.

Lord Cobham, in reply, said he was extremely proud of having a share in the management of three great institutions, which, he believed, were the best of their sort in England, viz., Eton College, the Saltley Training College, and the Worcester Girls' High School. He would be loth, except under the direst compulsion, ever to give up the great privilege of having some share in the administration of these three great institutions. (Applause).

## THE GUILD MEETING

was on November 11th, in St. Oswald's Chapel. Canon Claughton gave the Address, of which we print notes elsewhere. After the Service, there was tea, as usual, in the Vestibule, and many met who rarely do so; while several, who had not even seen the outcome of the "Sale," and of "Persephone," visited the Science Room.

## MISSION GUILD.

Our "Waif and Stray" child, Ellen Roberts has been transferred from the Home at Caerleon to a Home at Newark; in order that she may have more



training before she goes out to service. We have adopted, in her place, Maggie Clarke, aged 4.

On All Saints' Day, in Mark Reading time, the Reverend H. G. Peile, the General Secretary for the K.M., gave us a most inspiring address about the work of the King's Messengers, which we trust will bear much fruit.

### THE GARDENS.

On July 13th, Mrs. Bertram very kindly came, in lunch time, to see the gardens and present the Shield and Motto. The former was won by IIIA., and the latter by VI. Mrs. Bertram said a few words about the different kinds of gardeners; and made us especially wish to be "the gardener with the green finger," for whom any plant will grow.

The Marks for the year were as follows:—Max. 70. IIIA. 68, VI. 64, IIIB. 61, I. 60, IIIB. Parallel 58, IVA. 57, V. 56, IVB. 55, II. 52.

During the Summer holidays a shed has been put up adjoining the tool house; so that there is now plenty of room for everyone's tools, watering can, etc., and the tool house can be kept tidy.

Great progress ought now to be made with gardening, as Miss Graham has generously given much time to teaching the gardeners.

### GAMES.

#### TENNIS.

##### FORM MATCHES.

On July 18th, the Final Form Match between VI. and V. was played. V. won, 6—3, 3—6, 6—4; and, therefore, holds the Challenge Cup, which was presented the next day.

#### CRICKET.

On July 16th, a Match *v.* Edgbaston High School was played at home. Won by Worcester, 66 runs to 21. G. Chappel, the Captain, scored 36 in the 1st innings.

On July 23rd, a Match *v.* The Abbey School, Malvern (Hazel Bank), was played away. Won by Worcester, 66 runs to 21.

#### HOCKEY.

##### SCHOOL MATCHES.

On October 15th.—2nd XI. *v.* St. James' 2nd XI.; played at home. Won by Worcester, 5 goals to 2.

On October 21st.—1st XI. *v.* St. James' 1st XI.; played away. A draw, 1 goal all.

## HOUSE MATCH.

On November 5th.—Baskerville *v.* Springfield. Won by Baskerville, 3 goals to 1.

## FORM MATCH.

On November 12th.—IIIA. *v.* IIIB. Latin and IIIB. Parallel. Won by IIIA., 7—1.

On November 19th.—IVA. *v.* IVB.. Won by IVA., 4—0.

## NEWS OF OLD GIRLS.

Several Old Girls took Groups of the Higher Local last June with the following results :—

M. Glover passed Group A, Class II.

K. Harris „ „ „ and Group H, Class III.

N. Holyoake „ Group B (French, also oral), Class III.

N. Karn „ „ B (French and Latin), Class II.

M. Norry „ „ A, Class II.

H. Chaytor has passed the Oxford Junior Local Examination.

L. Kenyon-Stow has left York and has a post at the Truro High School.

J. Atkinson has gone to be with her brother in Kinistino, near Prince Albert, Saskatchewan.

M. Baldwin has a post at S. Mary's School, Wantage, where she is teaching Needlework, Embroidery, and English to Form I.

Ethel Machin is going to Sollingen, Germany, where she is to teach English in the Berlitz School, and hopes to have lessons in French and German.

D. Johnson Barker has gone *au pair* to a School at Neuilly-sur-Seine.

E. Spofforth and O. Burch have private posts.

Margaret Turner has gone to be trained at St. Deny's, Warminster.

C. Strange, who is at Guy's Hospital, has come out third in her last examination.

Miss May has been appointed English Lecturer at Mount Pleasant College for Women, Massachusetts.

There is quite a little colony of Old Mistresses near Edinburgh—Miss Beekingham, Miss Holmblad, and Mrs. Coast (Miss C. Hatton).

Miss Bagnall is sailing for New Zealand on Christmas Eve, to help in the Auckland Diocesan School in a time of difficulty.

Miss Webster has been to Worcester this term ; she is having a term's rest as she has been ill.

## BIRTHS.

August 29th, Mrs. Roberts (Helen Pilsbury), a son (David Christopher Vaughan).

September 27th, at Bulls, N.Z., Mrs. Sola (Cecily Gregson) a son (Richard Frederic).

## MARRIAGES.

June 29th, at St. Peter's Church, Addingham, Yorks, Thomas Coates Thompson to Eleanor Violet Hirst.

July 21st, at the Parish Church, Knightwick, Hubert Silvers Williams-Thomas to Eleanor Walker.

July 23rd, at St. Peter's Church, Cran'ey Gardens, Ernest Edward Bird to Gertrude Hannah Young.

July 28th, at Whittington Parish Church, Tom Kilbourne Kay to Dorothy Southall.

August 25th, at St. Mary's Church, Hampton, William Gerald Coast to Connie Hatton.

September 1st, at St. George's Church, Worcester, Reginald Malcolm Bourne to Gladys Mary Strange.

October 8th, at Buenos Ayres, Archibald Graham Weir to Mary Evelyn Oldfield Bartlett.

October 12th, at the Priory Church, Brecon, Capt. R. W. Bradley, D.S.O., to Eleanor Kathleen Myfanwy Lloyd.

October 26th, in St. James' Cathedral, Toronto, Cyril Henry Kirk to Edith Viva Boulton Nordheimer.

## GIFTS.

*For the School.*—Portrait of King Edward VII., from Miss Beckingham.

*For the Butler Library.*—"Egypt of Yesterday and To-day," by Percy Withers. Presented by Monica Heywood.

"The Holy Land," in the "Peep at Many Lands" series, by John Finnemore.

"Lesser Lights," by the Reverend F. Bourdillon. 2 vols.

"A Story of the Church of England," by Mrs. C. D. Francis. 2 vols.

"The Venerable Bede," "Leo the Great," "St. Basil the Great," "St. John of Damascus," "Defenders of the Faith," in the Rev. F. Watson's series of "The Fathers for English Readers." All presented by Mrs. Druitt.