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EDITORIAL.

The Editor is anxious that "White and Blue" should be much more used by "Old Girls" as a means of communication between each other, and between them and the present School. For this purpose, it is imperative that every "Old Girl" should take and read it, and so keep in touch with what is going on here.

On the other hand, it would be of the greatest value to us to be in touch with *them*; to know what the world outside of school is saying and thinking on matters which concern both them and us.

We are glad to welcome some contributions this month, but could not insert all that were sent in, for we must draw the line at poetry that will not scan, and English which is not grammatical.

Notice of the new Senior Department.

We find that an increasingly large number of girls are feeling the need of classes for special subjects, after school life is over ; some, whose time is not wholly filled with home avocations, and who would like, now that they are free from the daily time-table, to take up some one or more studies in their leisure time ; some, who, hoping to go on to the University, need to specialize in preparation for it ; others who want to gain facility in speaking foreign languages ; or to improve in art, in singing, in music, or in needlework, or to attain perfection in dancing ; others again who are anxious to learn how to teach what they have learnt ; while many need guidance simply in reading for its own sake.

To these, and such as these, we hope our Senior Department may prove useful. Every subject will be in the hands of a first-rate specialist, and the hours at which the Lessons or Lectures will be given will be arranged before next Term.

WORCESTER HIGH SCHOOL FOR GIRLS.

Senior Department.

Girls beyond school age can take courses of advanced study in such subjects as Literature, Languages, Music, Art, Needlework, (including lacemaking, embroidery and dressmaking). Dancing (Mrs. Wordsworth's). Such students can also join the ordinary school classes for any subject they desire.

Fees.

	Per Term.	
Class Subjects - - -	£2 2 0	} for one lesson weekly.
Piano - - - -	3 3 0	
Violin, Viola, or Violoncello	3 3 0	
Organ - - - -	4 4 0	
Solo Singing - - -	4 4 0	
Class Singing - - -	1 1 0	
Painting - - - -	3 3 0	
Private Lessons - - -	3 3 0	
Conversational French -	1 1 0	

Theory and Practice of Education, £6 : 6 : 0 per Term.

Arrangements can be made for special cases, and all applications must be made to the Head Mistress.

Notes of Canon Claughton's Address to the Guild,

JUNE 16th, 1911.

1 S. John, iv., 19, 21—"We love Him, because He first loved us."
"And this commandment have we from Him, that he who loveth GOD love his brother also."

We are assembled at a time of great moment for the Empire. The Coronation is in every mind. To attend it, members of the Empire have come together from every quarter of the world, and our sense of unity is thereby quickened.

This great occasion has four aspects: (*a*) religious—in the Service in the Abbey; (*b*) social—in the various festivities that are taking place; (*c*) charitable—in the feeding of the poor and aged; and (*d*) consultative—in the presence of the Colonial Premiers, and their discussion with our own authorities as to the best means of binding the Empire together.

Let us take the religious aspect, and draw from it thoughts connected with our own Guild.

The great Service in Westminster Abbey, where the King and Queen are crowned by the spiritual head of the Catholic Church in our land, is the principal event of all. In the course of the Service, the royal personages are put in mind of their great duties, responsibilities, and privileges; and as soon as they are admitted to their high office, they proceed at once to the Holy Communion, the Divinely appointed Memorial of the Love of GOD, and the Divinely ordained Means, by which our love to the brethren is drawn out, and put in practice; the great Memorial of the greatest Act of Love the world has ever seen, and the Means, whereby grace is imparted to enable us to bring forth the fruit of love to GOD and Man.

This thought is drawn out in the Epistle for next Sunday, the 1st Sunday after Trinity, which you should take as part of your preparation for the Holy Communion on that day, noticing such passages as:—"Herein is love; not that we loved GOD, but that He loved us, and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins." "In this was manifested the love of GOD toward us, because that GOD sent His only-begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him." "We love Him, because He first loved us." "If GOD so loved us, we ought also to love one another." "This commandment have we from Him, that he who loveth GOD, love his brother also."

The Holy Communion is the expression of our love to GOD, and of our love to the brethren, as the outcome of it, and also the means of carrying this love into action.

Such are the thoughts that are brought to the minds of our King and Queen immediately after their actual Coronation.

And we meet here to-day as members of a far greater Empire than the British Empire; an Empire which

embraces the whole universe of GOD, the living and the departed. Christ, our Emperor, Whose Coronation we have just commemorated on Ascension Day, has made us kings and priests to Himself, with duties and responsibilities. If we dwell for a moment on the spirit of the rules of the Guild, we shall find that it is exactly the same as that which underlies the Coronation Service.

We are admitted by a religious Service, in which our duties are put before us, and, this Office is followed, on the next Sunday, by a Celebration of the Holy Communion, when we are reminded of the love of GOD to us, and in which our love to GOD and to our fellow men is drawn forth.

It is on these principles that the whole constitution of the Guild is based, and on these lines that the rules, which bind us, are laid down.

Our Annual Meeting, which brings distant members together, has the same four aspects as the Coronation : (*a*) religious—in our Service ; (*b*) social—in the renewal of old friendships ; (*c*) charitable—in the help given to the needy ; (*d*) consultative—in our meeting to consider how our usefulness may best be extended.

Our gathering here may seem small and insignificant when compared with the assembly of the representatives of the Empire next week, at that great Service ; but our numbers here are far larger than appear to the outward eye. It is our custom at this Service to remember those who have passed from us. (Here Canon Claughton read the names of those belonging to the School, who are at rest). Think of these at every Communion ; and, besides these, I would have you remember that not only here and now, but in every almost deserted Church, at every Celebration, there are present the great multitude, that no man can number of those who cast their crowns before the Lamb ; and sing the Coronation Hymn to His Glory : “ Worthy is

the Lamb, that was slain, to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing."

Letter to the Guild.

My very dear Guild,

Ascensiontide, followed by Commemoration Day and Guild Meeting, has brought us near to many "Old Girls," about 50, who were in S. Oswald's on June 16, and very many more, who were with us in spirit, and sent delightful tidings of themselves and their work; besides a goodly contingent of fresh members.

It is a great joy to know how, in their far-away homes and their very different spheres, they are all doing such good work, and are knit so closely to each other, and to the Old School, in mutual "prayer, service, and love," as our Founder, Dean Butler, taught us to pray we might ever be.

But as the years go on, I have some misgiving as to how far the Guild is a real force in the lives of the more recent members, and is quite maintaining its original standard; and we cannot afford in any way to relax our rule of life, or lower our ideals, in these days, when the tendency everywhere is to self-indulgence, and to making pleasure the aim and end of existence! Against all this, Guild girls should stand as a rock, daring to put duty first in everything; and (Sir Galahad-like) to sit in Merlin's chair, and lose themselves that they may find their better selves; pledged, wherever they may be, to be "workers together with Christ," His faithful soldiers and servants, marching in the ranks of the Church as she goes forward in her war against "the world, the flesh, and the devil."

A great many lists of books were sent in, and it is satisfactory that there was not one which was not, at least, harmless; but this is rather negative praise, and, in many cases, there is an overwhelming excess of fiction over all else taken together!

Does this mean that amusement is sought to the exclusion of serious thought? That interest in *fact* is quenched in the excitement of *fiction*? Nay, that the thrilling story of Missionary enterprize no longer calls forth our sympathy, and excites our desire to "go and do likewise."

In any case, what of the Guild Rule! Surely about 150 hours in a year are not too many to be given to graver subjects! And what of Lent and of Sunday?

Probably the difficulty sometimes is that a girl hardly knows what to read, or does not find it easy to get books; in that case, write to the Editor of "White and Blue," who will advise, when possible; and remember that books may always be borrowed from the High School Library by paying the postage, while there are few places in England now where they cannot be easily got from local libraries. And every girl should take in some Missionary Magazine, and make a point of always reading it conscientiously; no tale of adventure or of heroism can be more inspiring, from its very simplicity and transparent truthfulness, and absence of self-consciousness, than the story of life in Missions abroad. It would be well for girls when they join the Guild to make it a part of their self-examination to read its rule from time to time, and to think how far they are keeping it. Generally, it is only binding for a few years, *i.e.*, until its principles are impressed ineradicably, and life habits formed; afterwards the modes in which those principles are expressed are as various as the circumstances of the different lives, which are all tending to one object, leading to one goal—

"The gladness of rejoicing
On the far eternal shore,
Where the one Almighty Father
Reigns in love for evermore."

Your affectionate

ALICE OTTLEY.

Letter from Agnes Gedge.

La Mission Anglicane,
Andovoranto,
Madagascar,
May 11th, 1911.

My dear Miss Ottley,

I have been a long time fulfilling my promise, but things have been so confusing for my poor brain lately, that you must excuse me. Also I have been extremely busy. I landed at Tamatave on March 19th, after a voyage which I can't say I enjoyed; in fact, though the home-going mail was then in the harbour, I don't think I *could* have started straight back for anybody! My brother met me, and we had a very amusing day or two camping out in an empty bungalow belonging to the Mission, while we waited for the chaloupe which brings passengers here by the lagoons. The congregation provided us with rice, eggs, a live duck, and a live goose, so we lived well! A day's journey in the chaloupe, through lagoons connected by muddy canals, and fringed by swamps full of crocodiles, brought us to Andovoranto, which is built on a strip of sand lying between the lagoons and the sea. At present, the chief feature of the place seems to me to be mosquitoes; and I can't describe the plants or animals scientifically, because nobody here can even tell me their names. If anybody else is thinking of coming, the most important articles of dress to bring are gaiters as a protection from mosquitoes. My brother and I have got some copied from the bishop's. It is very hot still, though in another month it will be mid-winter. Luckily, we can go up to the capital for the hottest month of all.

My brother is in charge of a large district, including 19 churches scattered along the river banks, through the forest inland, and along the coast. There are two native priests

in quasi-charge in the most distant parts, and a native deacon here in charge of the school, but this is the total staff, except for native teachers, so my brother has a lot of travelling about to do. He is away now for a few days in our native canoe visiting up the river. We have a very nice bungalow, consisting of four rooms opening into one another, and surrounded by a wide verandah. We have a native cook, who can't cook yet, but is trying, and a boy to help in the house. Native servants are charming, but they do very little. The kitchen is a shed a little way from the house, and it's best not to go in. I have found a great deal to do in the house, and in mending for my brother, besides trying hard to learn the language; but for the last fortnight I have had to stop everything in consequence of a bad attack of quinsey, from which I am just recovering.

I shall not be able to do any teaching for a good long time, and on the whole my work will be chiefly domestic, and I am afraid I have nothing interesting to write about for "White and Blue." When I can talk Malagasy, which seems a long way off at present, I shall find out more about the people and their customs. We have a dear little wooden Church, which is always crowded, and the services are most impressive. Easter was really wonderful. They like long services; and on Sunday we begin at 7 a.m. and end at about 10.30; after which we have to shake hands with the entire congregation. Then we stagger home to breakfast. The people are most charming, and the children delightful.

There is no Roman Catholic Mission here, and though there are several French residents, and many Creoles, no French priest has visited the place for more than a year.

Yours very affectionately,

AGNES GEDGE.

Letter from Miss Bagnall.

Diocesan High School,
Auckland, N.Z.,

May 18th, 1911.

My dearest Head,

I have just had through Mary Douglas the delightful present from W.H.S., and Q.M.S., and Godolphin, for a Union Jack and pole for this School. It will be such a jolly thing to have it just in time for the Coronation, and specially as a gift from the Old Country. Do please tell those who subscribed how grateful we are. We are having holidays now for three weeks, but as soon as we meet again I know there will be great rejoicings among the children about the flag. I hope all goes well at the dear old School. I wish you could visit your youngest daughter. . . . I am hoping to see Cicely Sola (*nee* Gregson) and her babies, as I am staying with my cousins only a mile or two away.

Best love to you and all the dear Worcester friends.
Long live W.H.S.

Your ever loving,

H. M. BAGNALL.

"Candida Rectaque."

(AN ALLEGORY.)

One early summer morning a knight rode out of the palace gate. His armour shone in the sun and his shield reflected the blue of the sky in its silver surface without a device, for he had but lately taken the vows of knight-hood. He was setting forth on a quest in which many stronger than he had failed. It had been his dream from his boyhood to rescue and set free Candida, a maiden famed throughout the world for her goodness and beauty

The snow-white charger that he rode was his to aid him on his way, of which he knew little as yet, on the promise he would never part with it.

Years rolled away. The knight in truth had done many noble deeds, yet his shield bore no device. One day he was riding through a fair country, and both he and his horse were weary and travel-stained, when a gay cavalcade came by. A tall knight headed it, and at his side was the fairest lady he had ever seen. The tall knight seeing him cried, "Ho, Sir Knight, why art riding such a sorry steed, and whither?" The knight answered his question, after which he said, "'Tis pity such a brave man should seek in vain, come, take this horse and ride with me to my castle. We give heroes a reward, fame, honour, riches—what thou wilt." "I thank thee," replied the knight, "but I am pledged to this adventure."

Then the lady bent forward smiling and said, "Sir Knight, thou art weary, come and share our feast and dances, and my maidens shall soothe thee with songs and music, and thou wilt forget this folly." The knight courteously refused. Her companion then pressed him to accept a jet black steed instead of his own, saying, "He will bear thee faster." The knight nearly consented as he compared the two, but, remembering his promise, declined, and rode off, while the followers of the tall knight and his lady jeered at him.

So he pressed onward, for at last he felt he had found the way. At length he came to a dark wood, and enquired of a passer-by how best he might traverse it. The answer was that it was infested with robbers, who let none pass but such as wore the livery of the lord who owned it. "However," said the man, "I can easily supply you with a suit, else you will surely be slain." The knight declined the offer, and boldly rode into the wood. A storm was rising, and he had nearly reached the other side, when a

band of robbers beset him. He was pulled from his horse, and though he used his sword with good effect, they overpowered him. "Yield or die," they cried. The knight answered, "I had rather die than live a traitor such as ye." Fortunately for the knight, the storm, which had gradually been getting worse, redoubled its fury; there was a flash of lightning, a clap of thunder, and half-a-dozen of his enemies lay dead on the ground, and the rest fled. The knight sought his horse and, as he mounted it, it seemed to him that it was as strong and handsome as on the day that he had it. He soon left the wood behind him, and travelled onward till he entered the valley, above which the castle stood. Its darkness and gloom were oppressive, and a horrible dread seized him. Voices murmured in his ears, his quest was unreal, shapes beckoned him to follow them, fearful spectres stood in his way; but the knight grasped his sword and pressed on, while they vanished before him, and in the morning he came to the foot of the hill on which Candida's prison stood. He began to climb it, and had hardly reached the summit when a huge knight rode out of the castle gate. His size would have made a less determined man quail, but the knight rode boldly towards him, and a frightful battle began. The gigantic warrior dealt such strokes that the knight was oftentimes nearly unhorsed and slain; yet he was wary, and at last his lance pierced the joints of his enemy's armour, so that he fell down dead. Then the knight rode unmolested into the courtyard of the castle, and dismounting, passed into the hall. The inhabitants shrank away in fear, and he went onward till he came to the door of Candida's prison, and unbolted it. As he entered, a beautiful woman rose to meet him. She was robed in white, and a deep blue mantle fell from her shoulders. Her golden hair shone round her forehead like an aureole, and her eyes were so deep and clear that they seemed to see into his very soul. Thanking her deliverer,

she led him into the sunshine on the bare hillside, then she spoke, "O knight, faithfully has thou sought me, and shalt never rue it. Henceforth shall men know thee as Rectus, I am the Spirit of all that is pure and holy and true, and they who find me find their heart's desire ; and death itself can never take it from them." And as she spoke her face became so wonderfully beautiful that he had to shield his eyes. When he looked again she was gone, but where she had stood, there had sprung up beautiful white lilies, and lo ! the same flower was emblazoned on his shield on a blue ground, with the words "*Candida Rectaque*."

Then Rectus rode slowly down the hill with great wonder, and a new peace and joy, in his heart. Far and wide he was famed for his great and noble deeds, and wherever he went, men were braver and more honourable, and women gentler and purer, till his motto became their's and their children's for ever.

K. W., VI.

Poetry.

THE CORONATION.

See the streams of people flowing
 To the Abbey of Westminster.
 Gorgeous robes and gay apparel
 Flashing, brilliant in the sunlight ;
 Thousands, tens of thousands watching
 Kings and Queens and Dukes and Princes
 Filing on in never ceasing,
 Ever-glittering, splendid cortège.
 Chargers, coal-black, cream and chestnut,
 Housings, trappings, all resplendent—
 Give delight to eyes of thousands.
 But within the grand old Abbey,
 In the quiet, sacred, stillness,

Sit the stars of England's greatness
 In their robes of State, majestic,
 Silent, quietly expectant.
 Now a thrill runs through the building,
 Hearts beat quicker, eyes are brighter,
 As, with slow and measured paces,
 Walk the Princes and the Prelates,
 All the noblest of the Nation,
 Followed by our well-loved sovereigns,
 George V. and good Queen Mary.

S. N., VI.

School News.

END OF SPRING TERM.

On February 11th, Miss Ottley and the Staff were "At Home" to a large number of friends. There was tea in the Central Hall, followed by some delightful music in the Large Hall. A Quartett was played by Mrs. Lewis, Miss Badham, Miss J. Tree, and Mr. Quarterman. Mrs. Milward and Reverend H. J. Mercer sang; and there were instrumental solos by Mr. Quarterman on the viola, Mr. Chignell on the organ, and Mr. Ivor Atkins on the piano.

THE CONFIRMATION.

Bishop Milne confirmed the following High School candidates on March 29th, in the Cathedral:—K. Archer, G. Beauchamp, M. Chappel, B. Davies, C. Derry, H. Downes, M. Gibbs, J. Harding, D. James, M. Jones, L. King, V. Lane, K. Mussen, P. Ottley, M. Preston, W. Ragg, A. Smith, J. Thomas, B. Thompson, C. Tomlinson, P. Villar, B. Weston.

MARK READING

was on April 11th. The following girls left—V. Adlard, M. Ellis, M. Greenhous, B. Thompson, G. Worthington. M. Seaman had left at the half-term. Muriel Day, who has been a student here for the last year, also left us to take a post in the Girls' Grammar School at Ashby-de-la-Zouche.

SUMMER TERM.

School re-opened on May 10th with 16 new children. A. Bentinck and P. Mogg also returned after two terms' absence.

On May 13th, Canon Wilson most kindly received a party of 30 Mistresses and girls at the Cathedral. He shewed the Jesse tree on the bosses in the roof of the Cloisters; then, in the Chapter House, gave them some account of the most interesting books in the Cathedral library, which they were afterwards allowed to look at.

At Whitsuntide, the Teachers' Guild visited Worcester and Malvern, and held its Annual Conference in the Shirehall. The afternoon of Monday was spent in seeing the Schools of Worcester; and Miss Ottley entertained the members at tea at the High School. The Large Hall was decorated with flags and flowers, and a stand of palms on the platform. A good many of the visitors went over the School, which had been prettily decorated by the girls of each Form.

On Tuesday, June 13th, the Reverend F. W. Cooper, who was Missioner at new St. Martin's during the Worcester Mission, and who conducted the last Retreat in St. Oswald's, came to speak to the School in Mark Reading time. He spoke of the Bible, giving us some helpful teaching to illustrate three different points: its inspiration, development, and its essentially Oriental parabolic teaching.

For the Coronation holiday, School closed at the end of Wednesday morning, June 21st, and did not open again till Monday, June 26th. The flags, presented by Miss Douglas to the School, were arranged in a trophy over Britannia, and other flags hung immediately over the front door.

On June 14th, a party of seven girls from Form VI. went with Miss Belcher to a Meeting of the Victoria Institute German Circle. Dr. Saloman gave a very interesting lecture on Schiller's poem, "Das Lied von der Glocke." The Lecturer spoke very slowly, and explained all difficult words so clearly that everyone came away full of delight at having understood, practically, every word of the lecture.

On June 28th, Miss Woodhouse and Miss Belcher took a party of nine girls from various German divisions to hear Dr. Saloman's last lecture of the Summer Session at the Victoria Institute. The subject was "die Zeitung," and much interest was shown in copies of the "Berliner Tageblatt" which were handed round. Dr. Saloman explained the various headings and sections of the newspaper, and drew attention to the fact that there was an interesting account of a meeting of doctors to discuss the "Krankenkassensystem" (State Insurance in case of illness). He mentioned that this had been compulsory in Germany since 1881. Then the advertisements were studied, with the result that we came away with many new words added to our vocabularies. At the end of the lecture two of the party bought copies of the "Tageblatt" to read at home.

EXAMINATIONS.

THE DRILL COMPETITION

was on March 22nd. Miss Taylor, M.B.O., who has before judged the Drill, came to hold the Competition. Each Form was drilled for about ten minutes. IIIA. won the Shield; but all the Forms were very good, and the competition was very keen.

M. Barrère's Concours.

Spring Term, March.

<i>2^e Prix. (hors Concours).</i>	Narration.	G. Clarke.
<i>Prix.</i>	Degré Supérieur.	D. Coombs.
<i>Mention.</i>	.. ..	G. Clarke.
..	.. ..	D. Chappel.
..	.. ..	M. Grisman.
..	.. Intermediaire	L. Spencer.
..	.. ..	S. Naylor.
..	.. Elementaire.	M. Marriott.

April.

<i>Mention and Prix (for 3 Mentions).</i>	Degré Supérieur.	G. Clarke.
<i>Prix (hors Concours).</i>	.. ..	D. Coombs.
<i>Mention.</i>	.. ..	N. Brierley.
..	.. Intermediaire	D. Hancock.
..	.. Elementaire.	M. Marriott.
..	.. Enfantin.	M. Grisman.

Summer Term, May.

<i>Mention and Prix (for 4 Mentions).</i>	Degré Supérieur.	G. Clarke.
<i>(hors Concours).</i>		
<i>Mention and Prix (for 3 Mentions).</i>	.. Intermediaire.	L. Spencer.
.. ..	.. Enfantin.	M. Grisman.

OPEN SCHOLARSHIPS.

D. Chappel has gained the 1st Scholarship at S. Hugh's, Oxford, in History, of the value of £25 a year for three years. J. Tree came third on the list and was highly commended, and afterwards gained a Gilchrist Scholarship, of the value of £27 a year for three years, at Somerville College, Oxford, also in History. They had both been coached by F. Fortescue, Esq., a Master at the King's School.

M. Chappel has passed the Intermediate Grade of the Local Centre R.A.M. and R.C.M. Examination (violin).

GUILD MEETING.

This was held on June 16th in S. Oswald's Chapel. Canon Claughton gave the Address, of which we print notes elsewhere, and admitted the following new Associates and Members. Associates :—Miss Ellison, Miss Woodhouse, Miss Rogers, Miss Laybourne, C. Sharpe. Members :—B. Appleton, M. Brierley, M. Chappel, N. Grisman, D. Hancock, V. Horne, I. Mann, D. Sharpe, G. Sharpe, M. Smith, J. Webb.

After the Service there was tea, as usual, in the Vestibule, and then the Business Meeting was held in the Studio. There were present—Miss Ottley in the Chair, and 39 Associates and Members, with Mary Bates acting as Secretary for Maud, who has been disabled, by serious illness, for many weeks. We are thankful that she is gradually, though very slowly, recovering, and trust that she will be fully restored to health. Meantime our hearty thanks are due to Mary for her kind and ready help.

1. The *Treasurer's Report* was presented, and was as follows :—

<i>Receipts.</i>			<i>Expenditure.</i>		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
In hand	7	10 9	Magazines	4	0 0
Subscriptions	6	8 0	Mission	3	0 0
Guild Books.....	0	5 6	Printing	0	19 6
			Stamps	1	16 6
				9	16 0
			Balance	4	8 3
	<u>£14</u>	<u>4 3</u>		<u>£14</u>	<u>4 3</u>

2. Allocation of the Balance :—

(a) It was proposed by Miss Moore, seconded by Mrs. Davis, and carried, that £1 be sent to the Jerusalem Mission.

(b) £1 was set aside for D. Gregson, as she has only had, so far, £1 of the £2 voted last year to buy pictures for her Schoolroom in Japan.

(c) As the Fund did not allow of the usual £1 being sent to Mr. K. Wilson, Miss Moore kindly undertook to make a 6d. collection, which realized 13s., and the Guild supplied the additional 7s.

3. Miss Ottley gave some account of the book lists (13) sent in ; they were mostly good, but disappointing in the too large proportion of novels.

Some very nice needlework had been done in the course of the year.

4. Miss Ottley appealed to every leaving girl to take "White and Blue."

LETTER FROM MR. RICHARD WILSON TO THE GUILD.

S. Augustine's, Stepney.

My dear Helpers,

Thank you so very much for a most welcome £1, which came this morning.

We had a delightful day with the "White House" yesterday. They stopped all day; they had had enough of streets; at 11.30 I said that if any of them had no beds they could sleep on the floor; only six went out. I said good-night, but at 12.30 I thought I would look in and say good-night again, and let them have a hymn and prayer. I went in and they sounded very merry. I found that about 20 of them were dancing "the Swedish," and the rest were sitting and just aching with laughter. One of them said to me as he looked on "Well, I'm quite sure they are not happier at Buckingham Palace to-night than we are here." Poor dears. They had their hymn and prayers all right, and very delightful it was.

Believe me,

Yours gratefully,

RICHARD WILSON.

LETTER OF THANKS FROM THE REV. RICHARD WILSON
for help sent by three children in Form I.

S. Augustine's, Stepney,

June 23rd, 1911.

Dear Miss Ottley,

Will you please accept my very best thanks, and will you kindly tell my little friends in Form I., how very much I thank them for their help. I am trying to send Mothers into the Country who have never been away, in memory of the Coronation; just now there are two Mothers and their children who are enjoying life to the utmost among the orchards of Kent. With my very warm thanks.

Very gratefully yours,

RICHARD WILSON.

I send you some letters from two other Mothers; they were not meant for publication. Never was there a happier party, seldom one that left so many troubles in town.

"Five Oak Green.

Monday.

Dear Father Richard,

I know you will be wondering how we are getting on. Just fine—it is lovely down here, in fact, Clara and I refuse to leave here—I have turned cook, and Clara is seriously thinking of starting a laundry.

You would have laughed such a lot to see us trying to light the fire, it took me nearly 1½ hours truth, to try to get a blaze at all. Oh, those terrible faggots, they're simply awful. We've bought some firelights, so we're just all right now.

We went to that little Church near Mr. Larkin's yesterday, and it was so nice there, and after dinner we had a nice walk. The children are mad on flower gathering. I never saw such a lot of orchards in my life before, the country is lovely round.

This place reminds me of that song the Blue Room girls sing, 'Ten miles from a Railway Station.'

There's one thing we forgot to tell you, we've all lost our appetites and found a elephant's.

Good-bye, thank you for all your great kindness to us.

Yours sincerely,

LIZZIE GROVES."

"The Rose and Crown,

Little Hoppers' Hospital,

Five Oak Green,

June 19th, 1911.

Dear Father Richard,

I hope this letter will find you well and happy as it does all of us, we arrived here quite safe and got here without a crutch and found the place nice and comfortable. We find ourselves very busy through the day with the children, but they enjoy themselves immensely picking flowers or else playing with dirt and stones.

Dear Father, me and Lizzie went to Church on Sunday morning and the service was very nice. The weather here has been fine till to-day it is a bit showery, so it has kept us in this morning, and we are all going to the fair to-night to make up for it, it will be the last we shall see of it, as it is going further on up the country.

Give my love to all the ladies and likewise Mr. Smith, and accept the same yourself from me, Lizzie and children.

God bless you, from

CLARA.

I hope you will enjoy your Coronation holidays, we have one flag for our house, so we shan't be without decorations if we die for it.

God bless the King and Vicar."

LETTER FROM D. GREGSON TO THE GUILD.

Shoin Jo Gakko,
Kobe, Japan.

26th April, 1911.

My dear Mary.

A very nice copy of Hole's Gospel pictures arrived from Humphrey's a little time ago, so I imagine it must be a present from the Guild, because I know they voted some money for pictures for me. If this is so, will you please thank the members very much, and tell them how useful it has already been, and will, I am sure, continue to be. The pictures are so good, and cover so much of the Gospel story, that we find them most useful in teaching.

I hear that the "White and Blue" announces that I am going home next year. I am *due* to leave here on November 19th, but I may very likely have to stay on a little longer, as S.P.G. say they cannot send a substitute. However, the time is getting near, and I am very much looking forward to seeing all the Worcester people again.

Yours affectionately.

DOROTHY GREGSON.

BURSARY COMMITTEE.

The Meeting has not yet been held. A Statement of Accounts will be published in the Autumn Magazine. Subscribers are reminded that subscriptions are now due, and should be sent either to their own Collector, or to Miss Bates, 44, Foregate Street, Worcester.

GARDEN REPORT for the year 1910-1911.

The gardens have decidedly improved during the last twelve months. Most of them have shown evidence of forethought, care, and taste. In two, viz., Forms VI. and IIIA., the result has been excellent. Forms IVA. and V. have also done good work, though the gardeners still need to learn that a garden demands regular—not spasmodic—attention.

Forms I., II., IIIB. Par., and IIIB. Lat., have all worked, and in spite of a very dry Spring, some accidents, and some carelessness, their end of the Garden Walk has been better kept during this year than last.

C. GRAHAM.

GARDEN MARKS.

Maximum 55.

Form VI., 53; IIIA., 52; IVA., 46; V., 45; IVB., 43; II., 42; I., 42; IIIB. Par., 40; IIIB. Lat., 38.

GAMES.

HOCKEY.

School Matches.

On March 25th—Present *v.* the Old Girls. Played on the School ground. The Old Girls won, 3—1. The Old Girls XI. was arranged as follows:—
Forwards—R. Bearcroft, F. Abell, M. Graves, M. Bates, *M. Smith,
Half-backs—J. Tree, D. Gardner, N. Baker. *Full Backs*—M. Spencer,
 M. Surman. *Goal*—*A. de Saram.

"These present girls played for the Old Girls to make up the XI.

House Matches.

On April 7th—Vigornia *v.* Baskerville and Springfield. Won by the latter, 2—1.

An "Oxford" *v.* "Cambridge" match was played on April 1st. It was won by "Oxford," 5—1.

TENNIS.

Form Matches.

On July 3rd—IVB. *v.* IIIB. Won by IVB. 6—2, 6—0.

On July 6th—VIB. *v.* IVA. Won by VIB. 6—3, 6—2.

" " V. *v.* IIIA. Won by V. 6—2, 6—2.

School Matches.

On June 10th—Inter-Scholarly Tournament at Birmingham. Worcester was third with 29 games, being beaten by Leicester with 43 games, and Stafford with 30.

On June 17th—Match *v.* King Edward's School, Birmingham. Worcester won, 6 sets to 3.

On July 1st—Match *v.* Oxford High School. Won by Oxford by one game, the sets being even, 4 all. The shield therefore remains at Oxford.

CRICKET.

1st XI. :—G. Chappel (Captain), J. Swann, M. Jones, P. Ottley, F. Hadley, D. Mogg, S. Hancock, K. Scales, P. Mogg, H. Cutler, V. Rea.

July 1st—Match "Army" *v.* "Navy." Won by the "Navy" by 60 runs to 26.

OLD GIRLS AND MISTRESSES.

Old Girls have been winning Honours of late. Two have been appointed Head Mistresses:—Dorothy Hodge of the Lichfield High School; and Evelyn Young of the new Woodard School to be opened at Harrogate in 1912.

Dorothy, who was Prefect of the School from 1896-1897, went to S. Hugh's College, Oxford, and was then appointed Classical Mistress at the Caversham School for Girls. For the last few years she has been Geography Mistress and Mistress of Form IV. at the Oxford High School. Evelyn, who was in the VIth with Dorothy and was Head of Springfield, went to Lady Margaret Hall, Oxford. She is now, and has been for some time past, Second Mistress at Queen Margaret's School, Scarborough.

Another distinction has been won by Janet Tree, who obtained a Gilchrist Scholarship at Somerville College for three years, in History.

Ethel Crisp is now Head of the Kindergarten at Dudley, and has six students under her.

Emily Glen Bott, who has recovered from the effects of her operation, has been appointed Kindergarten Mistress at the Sutton High School.

Cicely Wilmot has a delightful post; she is Secretary to Mrs. Talbot, the wife of the Bishop of Winchester.

Nora Adlington has a post at S. Catherine's School, Branley. Her chief duty is to teach Needlework, and as all the Forms learn this subject, the cutting out of the garments is no slight task. She also teaches Catechism, French, and Dictation to the 2nd Form, and has an Arithmetic Class.

Stephanie Beven writes from Ceylon to say she is helping to teach her small nephews, learning to make her own clothes, and holding, with her sister, a Dorcas class for poor coolie women on the estate.

Janie Atkinson is now managing her brother's house in Kinistino, Saskatchewan, entirely alone; she is very busy, but sometimes gets a game of tennis.

Ruth Lawson, who has had much trouble with her eyes of late, and still may not read for long at a time, has given up reading German for Final Honours, and is taking Theology instead.

Madge Spencer is Drill and Games Mistress at a School at Great Missenden, Bucks; she teaches also a variety of other subjects, and is very happy in her work.

Leila Kenyon-Stow, who is at the Truro High School, is finding Cornwall delightful in the Summer.

Sally Medd is busy with her King's Messengers' Class.

The Abells have been staying in Cornwall, where they were a colony of 18; amongst them are George and his family, Rosie and hers, and Alice Brackenbury.

Gladys Stockman has just begun some new private teaching work.

Phyllis Mogridge is keeping house for an uncle at Hove, and enjoys it, as she likes housekeeping.

Dorothy Lloyd has just had a delightful holiday in Switzerland. Her work

at S. Bartholomew's Hospital is now in the Nurses' Home and Hospital Kitchens, which gives her some valuable experience.

Katie Hughes (Katie Lloyd) and her husband hope to go out to Missionary work in China, in the Fuk-Kien Province, in October.

Marjory Noyle is teaching her sister at home, and finding her old School exercise books very useful for this.

Mabel Haywood writes from Princess Christian College, Withington, near Manchester, giving some account of her life there. She says :—"I have been Under-nurse to a little invalid boy of 20 months for a month, then I was put on as his Head nurse for a month, and now am Lecture-room maid. I am getting on quite all right, and like the work and the College far better than I anticipated. The Nursery-Superintendent is an excellent manageress, and so sweet with the babies, and is very kind and thoughtful for us. . . . We all help one another, and indeed, if we did not do this, I don't know how things would get done in the nurseries, as there must be a rush at times. The College is a good sized building, containing two day nurseries, two night nurseries, an isolation room, four dormitories, a splendid lecture room, large dining rooms, sitting rooms for students and the staff, etc. The Lectures are excellent, but there is not nearly enough time allowed for learning up the notes, etc. Fortunately the practical work is far more important than the written work. Laundry and children's cooking are taught very well, and there is always someone to ask when one is in any difficulty. We have great fun at meal-times, and the dinner table is always a happy picture. . . I am perfectly well and happy, and really feel that I am learning something that will be of practical use. The Worcester High School discipline is a considerable help to me here, and all my previous experience at home of different kinds of household work comes in very usefully. I wish you could have a peep at us in the Laundry at our tubs, or in the Lecture room at our ironing."

Kathleen Marsh is in Switzerland just now and hopes to do some climbing.

Miss Beckingham has accepted a post on the Staff of a private Boarding School, called Tolmer's Hall, in Hertfordshire.

Peggy Smith is at S. Anne's Nursery College, Cheltenham.

Susie Claughton, who is being trained in Mr. F. R. Benson's Company, was with the Company at Malvern from May 22nd to 27th. Several of the School went to see "The Piper," in which Susie had a small part.

Kittie Jerram has been spending the winter at Newport-on-Tay in Fife with Mrs. Gairdner and her children. She says :—"You may imagine one has not much time to spare with four children between the ages of 7½ and 6 months, the two elder boys needing quite regular lessons now. I love teaching them,

and begged that they might not be sent to School when the new baby arrived."

Marjorie Seaman and her family have left Worcester, and she has gone to school at Knightsville College, Blackheath.

Daphne Kenyon-Stow has been placed in Class III. in the Oxford Honour School of English Language and Literature. She has also been Captain of the Tennis, both of S. Hugh's and Oxford, this year, and has helped to win back from Cambridge the Tennis Cup which Oxford last held 10 years ago.

BIRTHS.

February 16th, Mrs. Murphy (Dorothy Blackstone) a daughter (Joy).

March--Mrs. Garland (Ina Whitefoord), twin daughters.

March 16th, Mrs. Axel Dickson (Nora Hutchinson), a son.

March 25th, Mrs. A. A. Maund, (Dorothy Armstrong), a daughter.

March 26th, Mrs. May (Clarice Higgs), a daughter (Dorothy Caroline).

April 3rd, Mrs. P. L. Moore (Pauline Ververs), a daughter.

April 26th, Mrs. Ernest Bird, a daughter.

April 26th, Mrs. Gerald Evans (Hilda Coombs), a son (Arundel Gerald).

April 26th, Mrs. Fielder Flint (Verena Buck), a son (Deryk).

April 28th, Mrs. Williams-Thomas (Eleanor Walker), a daughter (Eleanor Margaret).

May 23rd, Mrs. Taudevin (May Combe), a daughter (Lois Guille).

June 13th, Mrs. Hadow (Edith Abell), a son.

MARRIAGES.

May 17th, at Jesmond Church, Newcastle, H. R. West to Ella Mackay.

June 3rd, at Holy Trinity Church, Worcester, George Lewis Williams, M.D., of Germantown, Philadelphia, U.S.A., to Florence Elizabeth Acton.

June 20th, at St. Stephen's Church, Worcester, Tom W. Parker, to Edith Stella Teakle.

DEATHS.

March 31st, Mrs. Arrowsmith Maund (Dorothy Armstrong), aged 24 years.

April 27th, Mrs. Garland (Ina Whitefoord), aged 31 years.

GIFTS.

Miss Douglas, Head Mistress of the Godolphin School, Salisbury, and a former Mistress of the Worcester High School for Girls, has most kindly given us two big Union Jacks and a Banner of S. George.

Mrs. Coast (Miss C. Hatton) has generously given new Basketball Posts to the Games' Club.

Shakespeare's Plays, with Johnson's notes, in 11 vols., presented by the Rev. G. Hooper.