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EDITORIAL.

Welcome, W.H.S. ! It is good to have a "White and Blue" now and again that is all our own, and this number is such an one !

Welcome also brave ventures into foreign tongues ! We shall hope next for original German and Latin productions ! It is truly satisfactory to find the attempts at verse much less marred by false rhythm, or by lack of sense and of grammar ; less vague and unreal than they were. So go on, those who have begun well ; and "a welcome to all débutantes" in the halls of literature who have something to say, and will say it simply and purely, whether in prose or verse.

Miss Ottley's Visit to Oxford,

Saturday and Sunday, February 9th and 10th.

We all rejoiced in Miss Ottley's visit to Oxford, the first, in term-time, since any of us have been up. Mrs. Ottley

very kindly invited us all to lunch at Christchurch, and "Tom Quad" was horrified to see belated and heated O.G's hurrying up to Canon Ottley's door,—for lectures occupy students till well upon lunch time. We all enjoyed our talk with Miss Ottley, and the news from School.

After lunch, Canon Ottley, at Miss Ottley's suggestion, took us up Tom Tower to celebrate the occasion, and Miss Ottley could scarcely be restrained from coming with us. The weather was perfectly glorious, and the old City looked its loveliest, under a resplendent blue sky, with the tender spring green on the trees.

Somerville were fortunate enough to have her to tea in Doris Hollowell's room, and Sally Medd (who had come in from Abingdon), and Ruth Lawson were there also. Hall dinner at S. Hugh's, always rather joyous on Saturday evening, was made still more so for us by Miss Ottley's presence, and we all collected at "the High," to be as near her as possible. We showed her our own rooms, which are all on the same landing, though some of us were struggling to perform our evening toilette, hasty as always, but in a manner befitting the great occasion.

At 9.30 p.m. we had to say good-bye, feeling much grieved that we were not to have Miss Ottley to tea on Sunday, thanks to VI. Form Divinity at 9.30 on Monday morning. We all congregated in the Hall to say good-bye, and saw her into her cab, very glad that her cold had not prevented her coming.

D. SELBY.

D. Selby also writes in a letter: "Of course it is quite impossible to put all that Miss Ottley's visit meant to us in a letter for the School Magazine. It really was a great event, and a most happy time for us all."

A History Lecture.

On Saturday, February 10th, Canon Chappel kindly invited the girls who take History in the VIth Form, to a Lantern Lecture, in the College Hall, on the "Flight of King Charles after the Battle of Worcester." (The Lecture was given by Mr. Spackman). . . . On September 3rd of last year, the 260th anniversary of the battle, about 30 people from all over England set out in motor cars from Worcester at 9 a.m. Their intention was to take, as far as possible, the exact route which Charles had taken in his flight. They called themselves "The Carolian Pilgrims," and one of their leaders was a Mr. Penderell Broadhurst, a direct descendant of Richard Penderell, who was Charles guide during the greater part of his flight. . . . It has now been decided that the King made his escape from Worcester through S. Martin's Gate. Many amusing anecdotes are told of the King's experiences. When in hiding at Boscobel, he was asked what he would prefer for his Sunday dinner; on answering "mutton," it was found necessary for someone to steal into a neighbouring sheep-fold and to kill a sheep. Later, however, the owner was paid for the sheep, by the King's orders. When Charles was in hiding for a whole day in the tree, which has since become known as the "Royal Oak," he fell asleep, supported by the arm of his companion, Major Carless. The Major's arm became cramped and numb, and he was obliged to pinch the King sharply, for he dared not speak, as the Roundhead soldiers were prowling around near. When the King finally reached the coast, at Lyme Regis, he went into the stable of the best inn of the place, to unbridle the horses. The hostler accosted him with, "Sure, sir, I know your face." Charles was disconcerted, but asked him where he lived. The hostler said he had been born in Exeter, and had been hostler at an inn there, hard by one Mr. Potter's, in whose house the King had lain in

the time of the war. Charles, to ward off suspicion, said to him, "Friend, certainly you have seen me there at Mr. Potter's, for I served him a good while, above a year." "Oh," said the hostler, "then I remember you a boy there." Thereupon they drank a pot of beer together.

Among those who assisted the King was a Mr. Whitgrove, whom the King persisted in calling Mr. Pitchcroft, this name having evidently made a deep impression on his mind. The lecturer especially emphasised the devotion and loyalty of four women at that time: Alice Lane, behind whom Charles rode all the way to Bristol, Juliana Coningsby, Dame Hyde, who sheltered the King in her own house for three weeks, without even the knowledge of her own servants, and the wife of a sea-captain.

WINIFRED ANTON, VIA.

Comédies Françaises à Worcester.

L'excellente troupe de M. Roubaud, bien connue maintenant à Worcester, a joué le 6 Février après-midi "Les Femmes Savantes" de Molière et "Gringoire" de Th. de Banville.

La pièce "Les Femmes Savantes" très bien jouée a paru plaire infiniment au jeune public qui remplissait le théâtre. La fine satire de Molière montrant le ridicule, non des vraies savantes, mais de Philaminte, d'Armande "mauvais singes qui méritent d'être bernés" était bien rendue par les acteurs et très appréciée du public qui paraissait connaître le grand comique français. Bélise a diverti tout le monde tant elle représentait bien son rôle de "vieille folle."

"Gringoire" a transporté le public à l'époque de Louis XI. L'impression, que donne ce roi bourgeois rusé et son sombre ministre Olivier-le-Daim, passe vite. On s'enthousiasme avec le jeune poète Gringoire. C'est bien Dieu qui

lui donne son métier à ce chanteur-là, pour souffrir avec ceux qui souffrent. . . . "Tous ces pleurs inconnus, toutes ces plaintes si faibles, tous ces sanglots qu'on ne pouvait entendre passent dans sa voix, se mêlent à son chant et ce chant ailé, palpitant, s'est échappé de son cœur" pour dire à tous "Ayez pitié."

Si touché des accents lyriques de Gringoire le public a vu tomber le rideau presque aussi ému que Loyse elle-même.

UNE SPECTATRICE.

Le soir, la troupe a joué "Les Précieuses Ridicules" et "Le Monde où l'on s'ennuie." Comme le théâtre était occupé ce soir-là, il a fallu que la troupe aille au King's Hall. On a parfaitement bien rendu les deux pièces. "Le Monde où l'on s'ennuie" est une petite comédie moderne, spirituelle et très jolie. La scène est dans le salon d'une comtesse, qui a invité pour quelques jours un jeune sous-préfet, qui s'appelle Paul, avec sa femme. Il jouait très bien, c'était un excellent comique. Le fils de la comtesse, Roger, est un gentilhomme distingué, mais bien sévère. Il avait l'air très ennuyé, mais c'était un bon acteur. Suzanne, pupille de Roger, est très jolie, très gaie, et la duchesse, personne majestueuse, tante de la comtesse et de Suzanne, veut que cette dernière se marie avec Roger. Suzanne elle-même aime Roger, et Roger d'abord est choqué de la gaieté de sa petite cousine, mais il finit par l'aimer. Il y a d'autres caractères moins importants—un professeur et une jeune fille anglaise—et on a pu faire une jolie petite pièce qui, à de certains moments, nous rappelle "Les Femmes Savantes." Tout le monde, donnant le prétexte d'une migraine, quitte le salon littéraire de la comtesse, à la lecture d'une tragédie ennuyeuse. Il y a des rendez-vous

dans la serre, et c'est alors très amusant ! Bien entendu, la pièce se termine heureusement.

Tous les acteurs parlaient distinctement et très bien, les femmes surtout avaient un très joli accent. On a parfaitement bien joué, et avec beaucoup de naturel.

Tout le monde connaît, ou doit connaître, les "Précieuses Ridicules" de Molière, alors je ne vais pas raconter la pièce.

Mascarille la rendait avec toute sa vivacité. C'était un vrai comédien. On riait beaucoup de ses droleries bouffonnes.

On ne peut jamais oublier la pièce après l'avoir vu jouer ce soir-là, et tout le monde s'est parfaitement bien amusé.

S. N., VIA.

Poetry.

TRANSLATIONS.

(a) "The First Smile of Spring."

From the French of Théophile Gautier.

While breathless mortals go,
Unwilling, to their toil,
March laughs on, despite the showers,
And secretly prepares the flowers,
When departs the snow,
To beautify the soil.

He irons a little frill,
And makes a knob of gold,
To adorn each marguerite ;
But stealthy are his lightsome feet,
For all is sleeping still,
Safe guarded from the cold.

To the orchard see him creep,
 And to the vinery,
 With swan's down, lighter than the breeze,
 To powder-puff the almond trees,
 Which, covered in their sleep
 With rime, are fair to see.

In bed is Nature slim,
 But March with pleasure keen,
 Swift to the lonely garden goes,
 And laces every budding rose
 In corsets neat and trim
 Of verdant velveteen.

In the fields the snowdrops white,
 In the woods the violets blue,
 Blossom 'neath his clever hand ;
 Trills are heard throughout the land,
 Which he whistles light
 To thrush and blackbird too.

To the rippling brook,
 Which flows through grassy dells,
 Where drink the deer alert for flight,
 Unseen he steals with great delight,
 On the cresses green to hook
 Silver lily bells.

To guard thee from the heat
 He gives thee leafy shade.
 The strawberry with its rosy tint,
 Which he gives thee without stint,
 Finding, 'neath thy feet,
 Pick, thy thirst to aid,
 Then, his duty done,
 And drawing to its close
 His powerful reign, he turns his head,
 And rousing Spring-time from its bed,

Says, "April, bring thy sun,
To waken up the rose."

S. NAYLOR, VIA.

(b) "Ballad of the Hanged."

From the French of François Villon.

Oh! human brothers, living after us,
Against us, pray we, harden not your hearts,
For if you pity us, who knows but GOD
May grant to you His Mercy and His Grace?
You see us hanging here—five corpses, six;
Our flesh, which we had pampered daintily,
Has long since rotted, or the birds has fed.
These bones, our all, are powder, ashes, dust.
Take heed that no one scoff at our distress,
But pray to GOD that all may pardoned be.

If we, as brothers, kinship claim with you,
Be not disdainful, slaughtered though we be
By justice:—all men are not gifted with sound sense,
And human judgment errs from time to time.
Oh! pardon us, we pray, for we are dead.
And that the Son of Mary may still look
In mercy on us, is our humble prayer,
Preserving us from hell's eternal flames.
We hang here—dead. Our bones let none disturb,
But pray to GOD that all may pardoned be.

With rain we have been oft'times soaked and drenched,
The sun has scorched and blackened all our bones,
While ravens, magpies, hollowed out our eyes,
And pulled our eyebrows and our beards away.
Oh! never, never are we left in peace,
The wind first blows us here, then there, at will,
Thus ceaselessly we sway, while cruel beaks

Have left us dented as a thimble—marred.
 Oh! do not join our ghastly company,
 But pray to GOD that all may pardoned be.
 Oh! JESUS, Lord and Master, keep us safe,
 And shield us from the sov'reignty of hell.
 That we may freedom find, and liberty.
 All ye that pass! We hang! No ribald mirth,
 But pray to GOD that all may pardoned be.

LILIAN L. SPENCER, VIA.

A VISION OF SPRING.

It rose with that sweet subtle influence
 Of coming Spring, that breathes across the fields,
 And wakes the living joy of every sense
 In all the treasure that rich Nature yields.
 I seemed on sunny primrose banks to rest,
 Where merry bees were humming since the dawn,
 And watched the hawthorn petals downward quest,
 To kiss the blue-eyed violets, newly born.
 Methought gold-crowned marigolds were mine,
 That by the stream's brown waters bud and blow.
 The freckled cowslips where the dewdrops shine,
 And the pale wind-flowers drift of quiv'ring snow.
 In yon bare copse the sky had kissed the earth,
 And as the days in laughing chorus flew,
 And leaf-buds opened, one fair morn had birth
 Those woodland fairies robed in skiey hue.
 The orchard boughs swayed white upon the breeze,
 Within the meadows grasses longer grew,
 The chestnut candles flamed upon the trees,
 And Summer wandered nearer when she knew.

So the dream faded, and the March wind swept
 Through naked boughs, and mocked the earth. In vain
 Thou hopest! And the almond blossom wept
 Away her beauty in rose-tinted rain.

K. WHITEHEAD, VIA.

School News.

END OF AUTUMN TERM.

STAFF CONCERT.

On November 23rd, a delightful Concert was given in the Large Hall by Miss Hirschfeld, Miss Bowles, and Mr. Chignell. The Concert was by invitation, and many friends of the School came and much appreciated the beautiful music. The Apse was charmingly decorated by two "Springfielders," Miss Brookes and Miss Stewart. Forms VIA., VIb., and V. came, and also Miss Hirschfeld's pupils from other Forms. We hope that we shall have other such concerts; and that many will be inspired to learn a stringed instrument.

PROGRAMME.

1. Viola and Piano "Zwei Albumblätter" *Hans Sitt.*
 Miss Hirschfeld and Mr. Chignell.
2. Piano { *a* "Pensée Musicale" *Landon Ronald.*
b "Gigue in G" (French Suite) *Bach.*
 Mr. Chignell.
3. Songs { *a* "Sandmannchen" } *Brahms.*
b "Liebestreu"
 Miss Bowles.
4. Violin and Organ "Romance in G" *Beethoven.*
 Miss Hirschfeld and Mr. Chignell.
5. Piano "Papillon" *Coleridge Taylor.*
 Mr. Chignell.
6. Songs { *a* "Twilight" *Elgar.*
b "The Infinite Shining Heavens" ... *Vaughan Williams.*
c "Morning" *Tschaikowsky.*
 Miss Bowles.
7. 'Cello and Piano "Romance Sans Paroles" *Mendelssohn.*
 Miss Hirschfeld and Mr. Chignell.

SPEECH DAY

was December 4th. The Large Hall was, if possible, more crowded than ever; and a large number of parents and friends stayed to tea in the Gymnasium. The following account is taken from the "Worcester Daily Times":—

WORCESTER HIGH SCHOOL FOR GIRLS.

PRIZE DISTRIBUTION.

The Annual Distribution of Prizes in connection with the Worcester High School for Girls took place on Monday. Viscount Cobham presided, and was supported by Canon Chappel and Messrs. T. Southall and W. Stallard, Mrs. Temple (widow of Archbishop Temple), and Miss Ottley (Headmistress).

Before the distribution of prizes the girls performed the following programme:—Unison song, "It comes from the misty ages," from Elgar's "The Banner of St. George," with solo by Miss Hirschfeld, Senior School; French Scene, "Dance of Butterflies" (Kate Weber), Forms I. and II.; Song, "Bergère Légère" (Wekerlin), Isabel Mann; Two-part songs, "Wann die Kinder schlafen ein," "Wer hat die schönsten schäfchen," "Der Abendstein," and "Regenlied" (Reinecke), Senior School and Orchestra.

HEADMISTRESS'S REPORT.

Miss Ottley's Report stated that the year had been one of steady and satisfactory advance in all directions, as was evidenced by the results of examinations, and the work of "Old Girls" afterwards. A larger number than ever before were proceeding to Oxford, and the School had now two at Somerville, four at St. Hugh's, and another as a home student. At Manchester University, Madge March had had the degree of M.Sc. conferred upon her, and had also had the unique honour of receiving the "Mark Sturup" Scholarship for two years in succession. In the School the standard of work had become considerably higher; the Upper VIth Form was preparing for groups of the Cambridge Higher Local Examination, the Lower VIth took the Oxford and Cambridge Higher Joint Board; and the Vth the Lower Joint Board. In the Société Nationale des Professeurs de Français the girls had, for the first time, gained prizes in the "Laureat" Examination, a considerable advance upon the ordinary "Concours." There was also a move forward in the music of the School, by the addition to the Staff of a first-rate violin mistress and conductress of ensemble music, in Miss Hirschfeld; and by the generous kindness of Mr. Chignell, in giving lessons to High School pupils, whenever possible, in the

School building. Advanced work in other subjects was also arranged for ladies beyond an ordinary school curriculum. The health of the School had been excellent throughout the year, with the exception of two serious operations for appendicitis; in both cases a perfect recovery was made. Miss Burton left in the Summer, to the great sorrow of her pupils, in order to become a Deaconess, and Miss Hatton had taken her sister's place at home. The former had been succeeded by Miss Hirschfeld, and the latter by Miss Turner. The results of examinations were very satisfactory. In that of the Higher Joint Board there were six full certificates with seven distinctions; and in the Lower 25 first and 57 second classes.

Supplementing her printed report, Miss Ottley said that two ideas were developing among educationists. One was that no two children were alike, and therefore that no two children wanted exactly the same curriculum. The aim was to make the curriculum, so far as it was possible, suitable for each child. The second idea was that after school life a girl's education was only beginning. It was recognised that something must be done for the girl who was leaving school. At that school they were trying to meet that want. They had now advanced courses of study for all ladies who desired them, and who were prepared for examinations following on school life. They had found that it raised the standard of work generally throughout the School. She thanked the children for their strenuous and honest response during the year to the efforts of their devoted mistresses, who gave their personality to help build up character. (Applause.) She thanked the parents for their help, for without their co-operation the teachers could not form character, or make the pupils honest and responsive. She thanked, too, the older girls in the school. They were becoming extraordinarily helpful and good and kind. By their unselfishness and goodness they did a great deal, more perhaps than it was possible for a mistress to do, in improving the little girls, and they were passing on the traditions of usefulness and kindness, which they had inherited from the old girls of the past. Miss Ottley read an extract from a letter she had received from Lady Alwyne Compton, who, as President of the Needlework Association, stated that "the work is better than ever." Miss Ottley remarked that the personal touch in education had largely passed away, but she believed there was still room in Worcester for such a school as that, and they intended to maintain it, although they had no help from rates or grants. (Applause).

Mrs. Temple then distributed the prizes.

In addition to the results of Examination, which were announced in last term's Magazine, the following received prizes:—

Special Prizes.—Divinity: Canon Chappel's Prize, Form VI., K. White-

head; the Head Mistress's Prize, Form V., M. Smith; the Bishop's Prizes, Form IVa., M. Williamson, Form IVb., A. Campbell and A. Smith, Form IIIa., D. Holland. Science: Dr. Mabyn Read's Prize, V. Horne; Miss Laybourne's Prizes, M. Brierley, M. Ottley. French: Mdle. de Sabatier-Plantier's Prize, L. Spencer; M. Barrere's Prizes—Degre Intermediaire, L. Spencer, K. Whitehead; Degre Elementaire, M. Ottley, M. Grisman; Degre Enfantin, M. Grisman.

Prizes gained by obtaining 80 per cent. on term marks and 75 per cent. on examination.—English subjects: Form IVa., B. Weston, A. de Saram, M. Wilson, G. M. Chappel; IVb., V. Surman, F. Sayers, A. Campbell; IIIa., K. Allen, G. Chappel; IIIb., G. Blakeway; II., P. Mann; I., C. Watson, B. Pollard, F. Rogers, C. Mackenzie. Mathematics: Form VI., D. Hancock; IVa., G. M. Chappel, M. Grisman; IVb., W. Joseland. Special Prize for excellent Mathematical work, L. King.

“No bad marks” in I. and II.: F. Rogers, B. Pollard, C. Mackenzie, I. Simes. “Excellents”: M. Lewis (13), F. Sayers (13), D. Creese (6).

Holiday Tasks.—Poetry, K. Whitehead, P. Horton, B. Weston, J. Harding; Classical Letter, I. Mann; Plan of the Armada's Course, K. Burden, H. Downes, D. Sharpe, W. Ragg; Historical Stories, A. Smith, D. Creese; Shakespeare Character, M. Smith; Recitation, M. Pond, R. Weston, G. Blakeway, G. Beauchamp, F. Rogers, B. Pollard; Models, M. Ottley, M. Leech; Flowers, A. Onslow, D. Mann; Hereward the Wake, K. Allen; Collection of Pressed Leaves, P. Brierley, I. Simes, D. Rigden, M. Constance; Butterflies, P. Mogg; Ferns, V. Rea.

Addressing the assembly, Mrs. Temple said she hoped the progress of the School would continue, and that it would not only be an honour to the girls, but would be also a cause of emulation for the rest of the schools in England. The value of such a school was not limited to the school or the scholars; it raised the whole standard of education through the county. She alluded to the pioneer days of education for women, and paid a high tribute to the work of Miss Buss and Miss Beale for the battle they fought before “high” schools began. There was still the work of maintaining the education of women on the level it had reached. Such schools as that possessed the enormous advantage of being entirely independent of the State. They admitted inspection of the school by the Board of Education, and they could avail themselves of helpful suggestions without feeling compelled to adhere to all the Regulations of the Board. That was an advantage. The necessity for the higher education of women was very pressing now. There were so many branches of service and usefulness open to women that if they were to pursue them efficiently they must be trained to be receptive. (Applause.)

Viscount Cobham said mention had not been made by Miss Ottley of the acquisition of the house, Springfield, in Britannia Square. That would not have been possible but for the enterprise, readiness, and sacrifice of Miss Ottley. (Applause.) He earnestly hoped that she would not be allowed to suffer by the transaction, but even if she did, she would know that what she had done had saved the school nothing short of a calamity. He did not know how the school could have gone on without Springfield, but it was now safe for ever. The Governors had been under some apprehension of the competition from rate-aided schools, but Miss Ottley was never apprehensive, and he thought she was right, because it could not be said that they had suffered much from this strong competition. They had met it by keeping up a very high standard of education, and maintaining the instruction upon a truly religious basis. So long as they maintained that character they would be safe from competition wherever it might arise. (Applause.) He expressed thanks to Mrs. Temple, to Miss Ottley, and to the Staff, and asked the assembly to signify its gratitude, which it did cordially.

MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS.

At the Annual Meeting of Shareholders, held before the Prize Distribution, Viscount Cobham presided, and there were present also:—The Dean of Worcester (Dr. Moore Ede), Canon Chappel, Messrs. T. Southall and W. Stallard. An apology was received from Mr. E. E. Bird.

The Twenty-ninth Report of the Council stated that the Revenue Account, after writing off £200 for depreciation, shows a profit of £140 14s. 10d., which with the balance brought forward from last year of £545 7s. 11d., made a sum of £686 2s. 9d. at their disposal. The Council recommended the payment of a dividend of 2 per cent. per annum, free of income tax, amounting to £196, and that the balance of £490 2s. 9d. be carried forward. The number of pupils at 30th September, 1911, was 197, as against 203 in September, 1910. The Council had pleasure in again congratulating Miss Ottley and her Staff upon the very satisfactory reports received of the several examinations held during the year. The resignation by Lord Beauchamp of his seat on the Council was received by his colleagues with regret, and this vacancy remained to be filled. The following members retired from office, but were eligible for re-election, viz., Mr. T. Southall, Canon Chappel, and Colonel Stallard.

The Chairman, in moving the adoption of the Report, congratulated the shareholders on having a dividend this year. They had to remember that they were paying off the mortgage incurred in order to purchase the freehold of the School, so that on the whole they were doing a good deal more than

paying their way. The School was feeling, but only to small extent, the competition from newly established and rate-aided girls' schools. It was gratifying that the special fees for the music, dancing, and gymnastics had increased, and more than made up for the loss of entrance fees. A gratifying item in the balance sheet was the last payment in respect of depreciation of furniture and fittings. The mortgage on the freehold had been reduced from £5,000 to £3,000.

Mr. Southall seconded, and the motion was carried.

It was resolved to pay the dividend of two per cent. as recommended.

The retiring members of the Council were re-elected, and it was stated that the vacancy caused by Earl Beauchamp's resignation will be filled by the Council later.

Messrs. H. Day and Co. were re-elected Auditors.

"EAGER HEART."

On the last Saturday of the term VIA. and VIB. acted "Eager Heart" to entertain the rest of the School. This "modern mystery" play, by Miss A. M. Buckton, needs careful acting, and the girls seemed to enter into its spirit, and acted with reverence and restraint. Miss Rogers was a most capable and enthusiastic stage manager, and Miss Bowles and Miss Hirschfeld arranged the music, which is an important part of the production of this play.

I. W.

A CHRISTMAS MYSTERY PLAY.

Personages.

Eager Heart and her Sisters (Eager Fame, Eager Sense).

A Poor and Nameless Family.

Three Kings.

Three Shepherds and a Young Man.

Prologue.

Time, Christmas Eve.

Place, Everywhere.

Carol, "GOD rest you, Merry Gentlemen."

Scene I., Eager Heart's Dwelling.

Scene II., A Starlit Plain.

Scene III., Street outside Eager Heart's Dwelling.

On December 18th, the Ensemble Class played, in the Large Hall in the afternoon, to Miss Ottley and any of the Staff and School who could come. We congratulate Miss Hirschfeld and the Class heartily on the performance of their programme, and on the progress they have made in so short a time.

MARK READING

was on December 20th. The following girls left :—D. Bradley, K. Burden, B. Cave, B. Davies, C. Haines, D. Leeke, I. Mann, G. Mason, G. Sharpe, K. Worster.

Ronald Loach and Guy Webb also left out of the K.G., and have gone to the King's School, where we wish them a happy and successful career.

The end of term was much saddened by the parting from Miss Rogers, who is greatly loved, and has been a brilliant and successful mistress, as well as a true friend to the Staff and her pupils alike.

SPRING TERM.

School re-opened on January 18th, with seven new children, and another came at half-term.

Miss Margaret Bickersteth also came as a Student for one term.

Miss Bertha Woodhouse, B.Sc., Hon. Math., who has been a Student at the Royal Holloway College, has come to take Miss Rogers' place as Mathematical Mistress.

THE CONFIRMATION

is to be in the Cathedral on Thursday, March 21st.

THE ONE DAY'S RETREAT

is fixed for March 29th and 30th. The Conductor will be the Archdeacon of Worcester. All Old Girls, who are Communicants, will be welcome at any of the Services to which they can come.

TIME TABLE.

Friday, March 29th—

7.0 p.m. First Address.

Saturday, March 30th—

8.0 a.m. Celebration of Holy Communion.

10.30 a.m. Matins, with Address.

12.30 p.m. Metrical Litany and Intercessions.

3.0 p.m. Office, with Admissions and Address.

5.0 p.m. Evensong, with Address.

GUILD MEETING.

This was held in St. Oswald's Chapel on November 25th. Canon

Cloughton gave the Address, and admitted two new members—Hilda Voy and Kathleen Worster.

MISSION GUILD.

The total amount collected for S.P.G. in the School during 1911, was £14 9s. 9³/₄d. Of this £4 was paid for our Delhi scholar; £3 was spent on materials for work party; and the balance was given to the funds of S.P.G.

Just before the Christmas holidays the Universities' Mission to Central Africa held their Miniature Exhibition in the Trinity Hall. A great many girls were able to go to see it, and much interest was taken in the groups.

At the beginning of this term, letters were received from S.P.G., saying that our Delhi Scholar, Marion Masih, had been removed by her father from the Victoria School. It seems that he resented the enforcing of a certain rule. As all efforts to get the child back were unavailing, we have been obliged to choose another scholar—Amy Prabhu Dujal. She is the only daughter of a "Reader," who has a large family of boys. She is described as being very shy and silent.

On February 5th we had the great pleasure of hearing the Rev. H. G. Peile address a Children's Meeting at the Public Hall. His address was, as usual, most inspiring, and we all feel sorry that we shall not be able to welcome him again as King's Messengers' Secretary, for he is resigning soon.

At the end of the Autumn Term parcels of clothing were sent to :—

St. Peter's Home, Kilburn.

St. Augustine's Mission House, Stepney.

St. John Baptist's Mission House, Newport.

The Worcester General Infirmary.

The Worcester Refuge.

St. Cadoc's Waif and Stray Home, Caerleon.

St. Andrew's Parish, Worcester.

The Free Registry, Worcester.

St. Lawrence's Home, Worcester.

The Refuge, Field House, Worcester.

St. Paul's Parish, for very poor babies.

The parcel for the Victoria School, Delhi, will shortly be despatched.

EXAMINATIONS.

M. Barrère's Concours.

Autumn Term. September.

- Mention.* Degre Supérieur.—L. Spencer.
 „ (Hors Concours) Degre Intermediaire.—K. Whitehead.
 „ Degre Enfantin.—K. Allen.

Concours des Lauréats. December.

- Mention.* Degre Intermediaire.—L. Spencer.
Prix. „ „ K. Whitehead.

Grand Concours.

Accessit Prix. G. Clarke.

Spring Term. February.

- Mention.* Degre Supérieur.—I. Mogridge, K. Whitehead.
 „ „ Intermediaire.—J. Harding, M. Ottley, M. Williamson.
Prix. „ Elémentaire.—M. Grisman.
 „ „ Enfantin.—V. Brown.
Mention. „ „ G. Blakeway.
2^e. Prix. Narration.—L. Spencer.

I. Mann has passed the Advanced, and M. Wilson the Intermediate Grade of the R.A.M. and R.C.M. Local Centre Examination (piano); and M. Wilson also the Theory.

In one of the French Translation Competitions of the Journal of Education, S. Naylor was 30th out of 141 competitors and was placed in Class II.; L. Spencer and I. Mann in Class III.; K. Whitehead and I. Mogridge in Class IV. There were altogether five classes.

GAMES.

HOCKEY.

SCHOOL MATCHES.

On December 9th.—1st XI. v. 1st XI. Malvern College, played away. Won by Malvern College, 7 goals to 1. Also 2nd XI. v. 2nd XI. Malvern College, played away. Won by Malvern College, 7 goals to 0.

On December 19th.—1st XI. v. Old Girls. Won by the Old Girls, 5—3. The Old Girls' team was:—*Forwards*: H. Chaytor, F. Abell, M. Graves, J.

Tree, M. Walpole-Simmons. *Half-backs*: V. Horne, D. Gardner, D. Chappel. *Backs*: M. Abell, M. Surman. *Goal*: M. Read.

On February 17th.—1st XI. *v.* Malvern College, played at home. Won by Malvern College, 5 goals to 3.

On March 2nd.—2nd XI. *v.* Malvern College, played at home. Won by Malvern College, 3 goals to 2.

Three other matches had to be abandoned owing to the weather and illness at the Schools.

FINAL FORM MATCH.

On January 27th.—VIA. and VIB. *v.* V. Won by VIA. and VIB., 4 goals to 1.

VIA. and VIB. therefore hold the Shield for the year.

1st XI.—*Forwards*: F. Jones, R. Swann, G. Downs (Captain), M. Chappel, G. Chappel. *Half-backs*: D. Sharpe, B. Appleton, M. Smith. *Backs*: A. de Saram, J. Swann. *Goal*: B. Phillips.

2nd XI.—*Forwards*: D. Mountain, M. Wilson, J. Harding, M. Jones, C. Pearson. *Half-backs*: M. Williamson, M. Brierley (Captain), H. Coombs. *Backs*: D. Carew, L. Spencer. *Goal*: C. Tomlinson.

NEWS OF OLD GIRLS.

Millicent Webb, the first Old Girl to be appointed a Head Mistress at all, and Dorothy Hodge, the first Old Girl to be appointed Head Mistress of a Public School in England, met at the W.H.S.G. this term.

Miss Bagnall is in England again; she landed on February 29th, and hopes to be with us on March 20th.

Stephanie Beven, writing from Ceylon in the time of the monsoon, says, "The rain has been lovely during the last fortnight, and one day the gauge registered 12 inches in ten hours, which is quite a record even during the monsoon. The animals seem to love it, and the cattle have not yet satisfied their appetites after the long drought, and seem to graze all day and all night. Last night I was waked by a pack of jackals yelling just outside my window. They were after the chickens, and there were so many of them that the dogs were too terrified to bark. The snakes come into the house to take shelter from the rain, and we killed a cobra in the dining room on Sunday. Some of us are going on a gardening expedition to the Church to-morrow. It is three miles away, and we have to carry all the plants we want, and the tools, too, from here. The garden had been rather neglected for some time, and the

Churchwardens have been asked to plant it out again, so I am doing father's share."

Peggie Smith has gone to Switzerland, and is eventually to go to India as nurse to a little girl.

Dorothea Johnson Barker is teaching in a private School in Bath.

Maud Walpole-Simmons has gone to the Kidderminster Infirmary to begin her training as a nurse. She is to begin in the Children's Ward.

Kitty Jerram has not gone to Cairo with Mrs. Gairdner this winter, but is at home, busy with the Choir, a Girls' Bible Class, etc. She sends an interesting account of Winnie's early married experiences. "Winnie's husband is in the Indian Forest Service, he is Assistant Conservator of Forests. He has charge of the Simla Division; their headquarters are at Simla, but they travel about a great deal. Just before Christmas, when they were on a march, they got snowed up in tents on the hills. They had to leave their tents which were unsafe with so much snow on the top of them, and take up their quarters in a little shed lately vacated by coolies, which they had to share with the servants and kitchen. They put a piece of canvas across about half way up, and they had to live on one side and have the kitchen and servants on the other. Of course there was no chimney to the shed and no window. The head forester of the village, a native gentleman, came up and insisted on their going down and occupying his house, which he turned out of for their benefit. So after about four days in the shed they moved to this native house in a native village. The house was a mud hut, also with no window nor chimney, but more comfortable than the shed.

After these experiences, they decided to go to a warmer place for Christmas, and when they at last reached Simla again after a *most* adventurous journey, they went on to a native State in the very south of the Punjab, which is apparently in their district. This is the only State they have in the plains. Here, the Rajah had gone to the Durbar with all his state carriages, but had left them the use of his bungalow and his elephant, and some of his servants. They had a most amusing time there, going about on the elephant. They also went tiger hunting once or twice, but had not shot the tiger when we last heard."

Janie Atkinson, who lives with her brother at Kinistino, Saskatchewan, sends an account of their holiday trip to the Mountains. "We certainly had a delightful holiday, and it was nice for a time to be free from housework and cooking, and afterwards we come back to it with fresh vigour. We went by train to Duluth and from there by boat to Sarnia, where we took the train to Toronto. There we got a steamer which went through the Thousand Islands,

which were perfectly beautiful, and then had to change to a smaller one to go down the River rapids to Montreal, which was most exciting. At Montreal, we had to wait three days for my sister Helen's boat, and we just came in for a heat wave; the weather was so oppressive that we hardly knew how to exist. From Montreal we went to Niagara, and certainly the Falls are magnificent and wonderful. The fruit at Niagara was delicious, and we got a basket of peaches just fresh picked, and they were the best I have ever tasted. From Niagara we went to Banff, and the mountain scenery was grand, impossible to describe, making one feel the greatness of God and the Creation.

One day we went for a row on the River, and when we got into the still lakes there were wonderful reflections in the water of the snow-tipped mountains, and I got some good photographs of them. The scenery from Banff right through the mountains was perfect, and one just looked and looked. The track followed the course of the river, first on one side, then on the other, and we were always going across bridges and there were always mountains on both sides. Often when one looked out, one could see the engine and three or four of the carriages of our train, as the track curled in and out. We went through the wonderful tunnel near Field, where the train makes a complete circle, and comes out above where it went in. We stayed five days at Glacier, and I think I liked that best, for it is all so wild, and away from everything. The wild ferns and trees are splendid, and the two big glaciers most wonderful. I always longed to see a glacier, and it far exceeded anything I had imagined. The snow sheds interested us very much, and are wonderful in their great strength and the way they are built.

We went to Vancouver, and then on by boat to Victoria; the latter place reminded me very much of England in the way the gardens were laid out, and in the flowers that grew there. We saw a cousin of ours at Vancouver, and he took us round the city in a motor, and we had a good view of the City and of the wonderful Park. From thence we came back by Edmonton.

We had a very busy time getting into this new house, which is quite the best in Kinistino. The plans were designed by my brother, who was once in a land agent's office; it is certainly a very easy house to work, and has every improvement we can get out here. I very much rejoice over the bath room and draining system, and hot water apparatus. The house is built in bungalow style; it is plastered inside and bricked outside, and is the only bricked house in the place; also the only one to have the hot water system. It is certainly the warmest house in Kinistino, and is the envy of everyone. We had a great time moving, for it is only a short way from our old house, and we got a light sort of cart (they call them 'democrats' out here), and my brother pulled and I pushed, and we took all the books, china, and odds and ends down that way; and left the big things for the dray. We had no maid, but my brother

and I worked away and very soon got things straight, especially as the first day one of the neighbours took care of Margaret and we went in there for meals, which meant we did not have to stop to prepare them. I washed the 14 windows, and it was hard work, for they were well covered with putty and paint, but when everything was done it looked very nice. Now I have got a Norwegian girl, which makes me less tied to the house; and she does a great part of the work, though I have to watch her and tell her how I like things done.

Our student goes to College after Christmas, but I am glad to say that the Bishop is going to send someone to take his place, so that the Church will not be shut up. We have been working hard, giving concerts, and a chicken-pie supper, having booths on Fair Day and Public Holidays, and have made some money to improve the Church with; and next week windows are to be put in, also doors, and a porch is to be built.

The snow now is deep on the ground; the thermometer has been down as low as 29° below zero, so for this time of year (November) it has been pretty cold."

The following letters were received last term from two of the "Oxford 7," and give some idea of the work and play of the present representatives of W.H.S.G. at the University:—

"Somerville College,
Oxford,
December 3rd, 1911.

My dear Miss Ottley,

We are going to write the Oxford letter between us, so that we can tell you about both St. Hugh's and Somerville, and the opinions of first, second, and third years.

The 'first years' have kept up Worcester's reputation both in games and work. Janet is playing in the Oxford United Hockey team, and has got her Somerville 1st XI. colours, is in the Central Tennis Club, and is getting on well on the river. Dorothy and Vivienne are both in St. Hugh's 1st XI. Janet and Dorothy are working for Pass Moderations at present, and their Latin proses have been recognised as the production of Worcester, and not of an 'ordinary school.' I think we all feel the term has gone much too quickly. At Somerville we have had a succession of entertainments and some very good lectures. We began with a Fancy Dress Dance the Saturday after All Hallows E'en, and some of us had already kept the right day at a proper party, where we bobbed apples and jumped candles. Parliament has met twice, but has been rather dull. The Liberals were in power and brought in an Act for Housing and Town Planning, and then a Licensing Bill, both rather too

detailed to inspire the uninitiated with much enthusiasm. A stranger was ejected at the first meeting, and a new member sworn in at the second, but speeches were, in some cases, so long and involved that a weary Cabinet Minister rose and protested, 'If it's and an's were pots and pans, Sir!'

We had a very interesting lecture by Miss Penrose on 'Trajan's Column,' illustrated by lantern slides, and Professor Gilbert Murray read a paper on 'Some people who were in advance of their time,' taking Ernest Day and Mary Wolstonecroft as examples. Miss Penrose also gave us a lecture on Greek architecture, and showed us some of her own sketches to illustrate it.

Hockey has been most successful, and Janet has shot a large proportion of our goals. We have won every match except one against Bedford Physical Training College, which was a draw. We played it at Bedford, for we are allowed one match away every two years, and I think the 1st XI. agree that the day spent at the Training College was one of the best this term. We are all looking forward to the return match next term, when they come here.

I think it is Janet's turn to write now and give her opinions.

Yours affectionately,

DORIS HOLLOWELL."

"Dear Miss Ottley,

Doris has not left me very much to say. She has not told you anything about her own doings, so I will amend the omission. She did not play hockey much during her first two years, but has taken it up again now and has got her colours. She has also just got promoted as a boat half-captain. For the rest, she works most of the day, and can be found in the library at almost any time between the hours of 8.30 a.m. and 10 p.m.

First impressions are rather difficult to describe. I think mine are a somewhat tangled vision of teas, coffees, cocoas, hockey, boating, Parliaments, sharp practices, lectures, and many other delights. Perhaps the outstanding feature of the first term are the numerous teas and cocoas we go to. It sounds greedy! but all the freshers are asked to some meal by the third and second years at some time during their first term, and as there are ninety or more of us and only twenty-three first years, it means, at least, sixty-seven extra meals in eight weeks! The eight weeks of next term are spent in returning the hospitality of our sixty-seven hostesses. We have had one or two Worcester tea-parties, and should have had another at the end of term, but we have a case of German measles in College, which prevents us from seeing anyone from another College.

Next Saturday the second years do their play, and we are going to have

dancing after it, to wind up the term. We have acting twice a year, a play by the second years at the end of this term, and another topical one written and acted by the third years just before they go down.

We go down on Monday, so I will not write any more now as I shall be at school so soon.

Your affectionate

JANET TREE.

BIRTH.

December 22nd, Mrs. Tom Kay (Dorothy Southall), a son.

MARRIAGES.

October 23rd, at the Cathedral, Lahore, H. L. Wright to Agnes Winifred Jerram.

December 21st, at the Priory Church, Malvern, Claude H. Giles to Cicely Foster.

December 28th, at S. Mary's Church, Kempsey, Evan Meredyth Rocke to Charlotte Mary Williams.

February 26th, at S. Michael's Church, Colombo, Ceylon, Charles Leslie Cox to Dorothy Ida Caldicott.

GIFT.

For the Butler Library.—"Roadside Songs of Tuscany," translated and illustrated by Francesca Alexander and edited by John Ruskin, from Miss Rogers.

