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EDITORIAL.

With great regret we have felt obliged to limit the Magazine to one issue in the year, until the war is over. In spite of its increased circulation there is still a heavy debt on the Magazine, which the charge of 1s. for this number will not clear.

A Holiday on the Land.

It was one of the most successful holidays I ever had. After spending August in training I went to a farm—a big corn farm on the edge of the Fens—just in time for the harvest. My job was carting, that is taking out empty carts from the stackyard and bringing in full ones. The same number of "men" worked from each end, and the carts were timed to meet about half-way between the yard and the field. We had very little rest as there was generally an empty cart waiting to go out as soon as a full one came in. Riding the horses was allowed on the outward journey, but this was not as restful as it sounds. People who have never ridden on anything but a saddle have something to learn

about discomfort. There seems to be endless chains, straps, and buckles, with here and there an astonishingly sharp bit of spine poking through. The old horses, of course, knew their job thoroughly, but a few young ones, who were making their first appearance in the harvest field, caused us some anxious moments; they would turn too sharply through gateways, and for some days, our hearts were in our mouths every time till we were safely through, without the horrible splintering sound which tells of a damaged gatepost or waggon or both. Some of those waggons seem so enormously long, you can't tell where the other end will go. One day I stuck altogether coming out of a field and had to be extricated by a passer-by, who, when I asked him for help very wisely remarked, "You should not have stopped just there." I assured him that I hadn't been actuated by any desire to rest or look at the view, and he then condescended to join his efforts to mine in persuading a very "fed up" horse to back and try again—this time with success. They do get bored—one old mare fell asleep while her cart was being loaded, and had a rude awakening when she fell down, breaking the shafts and burying herself in sheaves. She happened to be called "Beauty," so will, of course, be "The Sleeping Beauty" to her dying day. Strange to say her stable companion is called Prince. One of the funniest accidents that happened was when a badly tied load slipped backwards and tipped up the cart, shafts and all, leaving the horse hanging with all four feet off the ground. He was rescued, none the worse, but it must have been an uncomfortable position.

On the whole it is a delightful life, especially in fine weather—at least twelve hours a day in the air; no hurry; everything going smoothly and at a lively pace. In fact, strolling along beside a cart is apt to lead to day-dreams,

and one occasionally occupies the middle of the road, quite unconscious of some other vehicle that may be trying desperately to pass. I shall never again abuse a farm boy quite so fiercely as before for "holding up" my car—*experientia docet*.

K. MARSH.

The Kitchenmaid's Duty at our V.A.D. Hospital.

The work of a "Kitchenmaid" at our V.A.D. Hospital in Droitwich, is both hard and dirty, but those who do not mind getting hands greasy find it very interesting.

Work starts for the Kitchenmaid at nine o'clock and her first duty is to wash up all the big dishes and kitchen utensils, which have been used for breakfast.

This is heavy work, for saucepans, porridge saucepan, frying pan, tea-urns, all fall to the lot of the Kitchenmaid, and they are by no means light to handle.

If the Nurse who has cooked the breakfast, remembers to pull out the hot-water, well and good, but if not (which is generally the case), the poor Kitchenmaid has to wash up in almost cold water.

As soon as she has finished washing up, she finds out from the Cook what vegetables are needed for the day.

There are nearly always two kinds to be prepared, but what keeps the Kitchenmaid busy is preparing the vegetables for a stew. Potatoes, onions, carrots, turnips, and greens, are needed then, and they have to be cooked by 12.30 for dinner.

When these are finished there are numbers of pots and pans to be washed up again, so the Kitchenmaid's next job is to wash up as many as she has time for before helping the Cook to dish up the dinner.

At 12.30 there comes a short breathing space until the Staff's dinner has to be got ready. The Cook is off duty at 1 p.m. and the Kitchenmaid is left alone to send in the men's pudding, and also to send in the Staff's dinner.

When she has had dinner the Kitchenmaid goes back to the scullery to wash up the dinner things and the dishes which have been used for cooking during the morning.

The Cook for the afternoon comes at 2.0 p.m. and she helps with the washing up and tidying. At 3 p.m. the Kitchenmaid's work is over and she is free to go.

C.S., VIA.

Work in a Munition Factory.

At present I am working 54 hours a week ; normally it would be 48, but having such a pressure of work on hand we are all doing overtime three nights a week. That means that I work from 7.45 a.m. until 8 p.m. on those days, stopping the rest of the week at 5.30.

Perhaps you would like me to describe a day's work. I am awakened at 7 by a neighbour's alarm clock. I think how comfortable bed is for five minutes, and then have the most awful rush to be ready for breakfast at 7.50, as I have to make my bed and clean my shoes, etc. A wash in icy water wakes me pretty effectually though. There is generally a long queue at the hatch in the dining room, waiting for cups of tea and porridge to be served out, and it is very trying for the temper when one knows one has but five minutes to spare.

The factory is ten minutes away from the hostel, and it means a good rush to be at the big gate when the hooter sounds at 7.45. From there you are allowed four minutes

to reach your department, and "clock on." This latter is a most ingenious device ; everyone has a time card which, on arrival, is placed in a slot underneath the clock. A handle is pressed, and the exact time is registered on the card ; and woe betide you if you are a minute late, for it counts as five, and your pay is docked accordingly.

My work at present consists of testing, lighting brackets—these arrive in batches varying from 30 to 300 boxes, each box containing seven brackets. They have to be tested for light and whether they can bear certain weights ; their manufacture must be carefully scrutinised and any little fault must be written on a rejection label and attached to the bracket. One has to be very careful, as if a bracket is passed with a certain fault it may cause a fire. I have to keep a list of the various rejections, which is signed by our foreman, and is then sent to our chief. All the rejected brackets are sent back to their manufacturers, and the O.K. ones are despatched to various aeroplane manufacturers, ready to be fixed on the aeroplane dashboards. Of course my work is occasionally varied, as I may be asked to test the switches which work the brackets, and the little electric bulbs which go inside them.

The brackets when tested are fixed over the various instruments on the dashboard, such as speed, height, or revolution indicators, etc.

The factory is a huge place, and there are over twenty thousand people working in it. It is chiefly experimental work which is carried on there, only a few classes of aeroplanes are made.

I started by earning 27s. a week, and now get 31s., and there is a rumour of a 2/6 rise next week, which is cheering.

JOAN BAYLY.

Form Contributions.

A DAY IN THE LIFE OF A RABBIT.

Hark ! what was that I heard ? Why of course it was the lark awakening me to come out into the bright sunshine. I scamper out of my burrow, and dart out into the moors covered with gorse bushes and purple heather. There I see my friend mounting up into the air, singing merrily, for she is always happy. I now choose a nice sunny spot, and here I clean myself, for I have a brown coat with white spots here and there, and I always keep it clean and silky.

Now, to-day, I am going to a big garden, where all sorts of delightful things grow, and I hope to taste them all. Off I dart, jumping over the gorse bushes, and hiding in the heather, for I feel very mischievous. Now I come to a little stream, and I give one big spring and I am across on the other side. Then I come to the end of the moor and run down a little lane.

At last I reach the gate of the garden and squeeze through the railings. I creep cautiously round the corner and dart in amongst a bed of cabbages. When I eat enough of these, I then eat some radishes, these are exceptionally nice. There is a bed round by the greenhouse, where some very nice carrots grow. I start off creeping towards them, but just as I turn round the corner I come face to face with a huge dog with big eyes.

Off I dart, but the dog comes after me, round the corners, inside greenhouses, hiding behind pots, until at last, I feel like falling down dead. But, luckily, I espy a hole in the hedge, and through this I scramble, and the dog ceases to follow me.

When I reach the moor I lie under a clump of heather, panting. How nice and cool it feels when you are hot.

Just as I am very sleepy I hear somebody sniffing by me. As I look up I see a fox prowling about and looking very fierce and hungry. I try to lie as still as I can, but I hear my heart going "thud," "thud," "thud." But I suddenly remember that I once had a burrow round this part. On looking round I see a little hole and trust to luck that this is the right one.

I make a leap across and dart down the hole. Sure enough it is my old burrow.

I can hear the fox sniffing down it.

Suddenly a horn is blown, and the fox runs off, and on looking out of my hiding place I see some hounds pursuing him.

After they have gone I set out for my real burrow. How thankful I am to feel myself safe at last.

I lie down and go to sleep after an exciting but very tiring day.

W.B., IVB.

THE THRASHING ENGINE.

In this time of war, when food is scarce and corn of such great value, I wonder how many of us have seen a thrashing machine at work, separating the precious grain from the straw. It is very interesting to spend a whole day watching the thrashing-engine men at work, but more interesting still to help with one of the many jobs connected with it.

The first necessity is to get up early. At 7 a.m., a signal (which reminds me very much of a Zeppelin alarm), sounds, and by this time you must have finished your breakfast, and appear in the correct way, with your dinner in a red pocket handkerchief. All the workers cluster round the machine, and the farmer chooses which job each shall take. Of course, one man and a very reliable one too,

always manages the engine itself, and besides him there is the stoker. These two men usually go everywhere with the engine, while the other helpers are produced by the farmer.

A strong man is required to unload the boltens (bundles) of corn from one rick and throw them unto the drum of the engine. A light job, often taken by a woman, is that of standing on the drum and of cutting the bands of twine round the bundles.

After this the grain is thrashed out of the straw as it passes through the engine, and at last is poured out into sacks and the straw in boltens. A man takes the boltens and hands them up a ladder to another man, who is building a new rick.

As this work goes on we can see the rick of corn decreasing and the rick of straw getting gradually bigger.

But these are not all the jobs. Another man is required to fetch water to cool the engine and coal to keep up the fire. Another still to wheel away the sacks of corn, and a fourth to carry the "eavings." The "eavings" are the outer covering of the grain, small and very light. It is possible to pick thousands of them in one's hands. You may think it a light, easy job to carry "eavings" on your back, in a sack, but wait and try it, as I have, and you will soon prefer any other, as the "eavings" have a tendency to creep down your back inside your clothes, which is extremely uncomfortable.

We see that a farmer requires roughly eight men. Work is carried on at a great pace, but with intervals, at 10 for lunch, for dinner 12—1, and usually we "knock off" at 5 p.m.

You will soon get used to shouting above the noise of the engine, and will learn to stand so that the wind blows smoke, dust and "eavings" in your face.

If you have any time off duty make friends with the stoker, for chestnuts roast near the roaring fire, which is necessary to keep the engine going.

When the last bolten is put on the drum, we all feel that we have earned a night's rest.

If you want real hard work I advise you also to spend a day with a thrashing engine.

M.G., VIB.

THE SILENT WOODS.

The silent woods, the silent woods,

That's where I love to go,

The tall trees wave above me,

The green grass grows below.

The silent woods, the silent woods,

Where grows the primrose pale,

Whilst bluebells wave amidst the grass,

And violets scent the vale.

The silent woods, the silent woods,

Where soft the birdies sing,

From tree and bush their praises rise

To Him who made each thing.

The silent woods, the silent woods,

Where soft the breezes blow,

Where the streamlet murmurs,

Murmurs soft and low.

The silent woods, the silent woods,

Where toils and sorrows cease ;

The silent woods, the silent woods,

Where all is hushed in peace.

MARY WAINWRIGHT, IIIA.

A FOX.

A fox is very sly. He has a fur coat and long brush with a little white tip on the end of the brush. The weight of a fox is about 10lbs. His chief food is field mice, beetles, and water-rats, and when there is poultry left out at night he is apt to take them. He likes a nice dry bed in the day—in some gorse facing the sun and out of the wind is his favourite lying place. A fox is hunted by horses and hounds.

N.A., IIIA.

School News, 1917-1918.

EXAMINATION RESULTS.

CAMBRIDGE HIGHER LOCAL EXAMINATION FOR WOMEN.

L. Petrie, Class I., Group H. (History), distinguished in English History and Roman History. Class III. French.

R. Weston, Class I. in Group B. French and Latin.

(Both these girls now hold Honours Certificates).

OXFORD AND CAMBRIDGE JOINT BOARD. HIGHER CERTIFICATES.

Full Certificates.

M. Thornton, Distinction in Scripture and Biology.

S. Hancock, „ Scripture.

C. Stranack, P. Edwards, B. Webb.

Certificates Completed.

M. Elton, Distinction in Music.

P. Tompkins.

“ Letters.”

A. Gardner, Distinction in English and Biology.

P. Mann.

Lower Certificates.

C. Robinson,	Passed in 6 subjects.	First Class in B.
I. Coomber,	„ 5 „	„ 3.
D. Smith,	„ 5 „	„ 2.
M. Jones,	„ 6 „	„ 1.

“Letters” were gained by B. Bayly (3 First Classes), M. Bird (1 First Class), J. Kirkham (1 First Class), I. Grove and V. Knowles.

P. Denton has passed the qualifying examination admitting her to Oxford.

SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIPS.

Alice Ottley Scholarship to St. Hugh's College, Oxford.—P. Denton.

Council Scholarship.—C. Robinson.

Victoria Scholarship.—M. Willis.

HIGHER CERTIFICATES OF THE NATIONAL FRÆBEL UNION.

Part II.—P. Ottley. Part I.—P. Thompson.

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON.

J. Grove has matriculated.

UNIVERSITY OF BIRMINGHAM.

E. Davies has matriculated.

OXFORD LOCAL EXAMINATION. SENIOR.

P. Mann and W. Frost have passed.

SOCIÉTÉ NATIONALE DE PROFESSEURS DE FRANÇAIS EN ANGLETERRE.

Concours Mensuels. Prix.—R. Weston. B. Bayly, W. Hildebrand, M. Brierley.

Mentions.—L. Petrie, D. Wigram, C. Stranack, C. Mackenzie.

Concours des Lauréats. Prix.—B. Bayly.

Mention.—D. Wigram.

ASSOCIATED BOARD OF THE ROYAL ACADEMY AND ROYAL COLLEGE OF MUSIC.

<i>Higher</i>	<i>Division.</i>	Organ—P. Ottley.
		Piano—E. Wheaton, P. Jones.
<i>Lower</i>	„	Organ—P. Hildebrand.
		Piano—B. Martin, W. Hildebrand.
<i>Elementary</i>	„	Piano—K. Davies, M. Pratt, L. Wyatt, F. Powell.
		Violin—B. Martin.
<i>Primary</i>	„	Piano—P. Blackall.

SPECIAL PRIZES.

Divinity.	VI.—S. Hancock, M. Thornton.
	V.—C. Robinson, D. Smith.
	IVa.—C. Watson.
	IVb.—M. Revill.
	Remove.—R. Snow.
	IIIa. Latin.—U. Brierley. Eng.—V. Elton.
	IIIb.—G. Evans.
English.	VI.—A. Gardner.
Science.	VI.—M. Thornton, A. Gardner.
Music.	VI.—M. Elton.
French.	V.—B. Bayly.
Mathematics.	V.—I. Coomber.
Arithmetic.	IVb.—M. Hemus (87%).
	A. Bird (82%).
	IIIa. Eng.—J. Barnard (92%).
European History.	IVa.—A. Hooke.

CATECHISM NOTEBOOKS.

J. Hooke, G. Dingle.

PERCENTAGE PRIZES.

80% on Term Marks and 75% on Examination.

Form V.	English.—C. Robinson.
	Mathematics.—I. Coomber.
Form IVa.	English.—C. Watson.
	Languages.—C. Watson.
	Mathematics.—C. Watson, B. Pollard.
Form IVb.	Mathematics.—M. Revill, B. Gillespy.
Form IIIa.	Latin, English.—N. Brierley.
	Languages.—N. Brierley, J. Hooke.
	Mathematics.—M. Willis.
Form IIIb.	English.—G. Evans, S. Elton.
	Languages.—G. Evans, S. Elton, D. Powell.
Form II.	English.—M. Watson.
	French.—M. Watson, E. Bradley, V. Noake, M. Taylor.
	Arithmetic.—M. Watson, E. Bradley, D. Knott.
Form I.	English.—M. Knight, E. Legge, K. Coomber, R. Evans,
	J. Dorrell.
	French.—M. Knight, E. Legge, K. Coomber, R. Evans.
	Arithmetic.—M. Knight, E. Legge, K. Coomber, J. Dorrell.

HOLIDAY TASKS.

French Reading. —S. Hancock (2nd Prize).

English. V.—D. Smith.

IVa.—B. Pollard, P. Hansen-Bay.

IVb.—M. Shaw, S. Cavenagh.

IIIa. Latin.—M. Willis.

Recitation. *II.*—M. Watson, N. Pollard.

Geography. Maps.—W. Elton, G. Mason, V. Dingle.

Illustrated Essays. —M. MacRae, B. Martin, F. Powell, R. Snow.

Science. —I. Grove, M. Grove, K. Coomber, P. Webb.

Art. 1st Prizes.—E. Garnett, C. Robinson, N. Pym, M. Taylor, E. Cadbury. M. Willis, E. Cadbury.

2nd Prizes.—P. Hansen-Bay, R. Longland, V. Elton, S. Elton, L. Robinson.

Needlework. —E. Taylor, P. Henery, S. Smith, B. Martin, E. Watson, W. Higginson, M. Edmonds, P. Roberts, J. Watson, M. Taylor (junior), M. Lloyd-Jones, D. Lloyd-Jones, R. Lloyd-Jones, D. Knott.

2nd Prizes.—I. Perkins, N. Coombs, I. Besley, G. Evans, E. Bradley, M. Longland.

The Prize Money was devoted to the following objects :—Navy Hut, £8 19s. 4d. ; Airmen's Hut, £3 1s. 0d. ; Army Hut, £2 19s. 8d.

These Huts are being provided by the Girls' Schools Patriotic Union, to which the School belongs.

RESULTS OF ROYAL DRAWING SOCIETY'S EXAMINATION.

1917.—E. Garnett completed her full Honours Certificate. 46 Honours and 33 Passes were gained. At the Society's Spring Exhibition, Phyllis Mann won a Silver Star and B. Webb a Bronze Star.

1918.—At the Exhibition in this year, Phyllis Mann won a Bronze Star for a sheet of Figure Drawings. Evelyn Cadbury was highly commended. The following were commended : Martin Heywood (aged 5), C. Robinson, U. Brierley.

STAFF NEWS.

AUTUMN TERM.

There have been four changes on the Staff. Miss Crapper (Classics and History) has replaced Miss Baynes, Miss Howell (Geography) has

replaced Miss Chambers, Miss Smith (Science) has replaced Miss Little, and Miss Collins (Domestic Science) has replaced Miss Batchellor.

SPRING TERM.

Miss Budge (Art) has replaced Miss Harrison, and Miss Shrubsall has joined the Staff.

STUDENTS.

E. Davies and P. Tompkins left at the end of the Summer Term.

NEW GIRLS.

AUTUMN TERM.

Via.—I. Essell, A. Payne. Vib.—M. Garner, O. Rees. V.—B. Stallard. IVa.—M. Rees, I. Humphries, E. Noake, R. Hansen-Bay, M. Chambers. IVb.—A. Gregory, M. Spurgin. Remove.—J. Baker. IIIa.—N. Spurgin, M. Barker, D. Hutton. IIIb.—P. Phillips, R. Tillet. I.—P. Newnham, M. Hartwright, M. Wilson, M. Amphlett. K.G.—R. Watson, T. Colmore, K. St. Joseph, B. Williams, P. Godfray, P. Philphot, P. Best, D. Best, M. Bunting, M. Lander.

At Half-Term.—Marie Mactaggart (V.), Margery Mactaggart (IVb.), Morna Mactaggart (II.), Paul Wisslet (K.G.)

SPRING TERM.

Via.—J. Harvey. IVa.—B. Stroyan, P. Richardson. IVb.—V. Shrubsall. Remove.—M. Plum, H. Stillingfleet. IIIa.—I. Stroyan. IIIb.—J. Sayer. (*At Half-Term.*)—I. Marcus. II.—L. Moore, A. Davis, M. Hudson, C. Young, M. Martin. I.—K. Birchley, K. Lavender, M. Berry. K.G.—J. Walker, P. Brierley, M. Haywood, J. Roberts, M. Martin, H. Martin. (*At Half-Term.*)—C. Ede.

SUMMER TERM.

Via.—D. Mount. IVa. Parallel.—K. Garner, L. Jelfs. IVb.—J. Lace. Remove.—K. Garnham, N. Jelfs, M. Fearnside. IIIa.—A. Grice. IIIb.—E. Moody. II.—R. Sherbrooke. I.—Q. Marcus, F. Coke, J. Rowe, M. Hartwright. K.G.—J. Shelmerdine, M. Lamb, G. Biscoe, C. March, N. Dorrell.

At Half-Term. Remove.—P. Ward, M. Parmee. IIIb.—P. Wadams.

GIRLS LEFT.

SPRING, 1917.

M. Hemus, D. Darlington, I. Curtler, N. Curtler, S. Lewis, M. Marshjones, K. Wright.

SUMMER, 1917.

J. Grove, M. Elton, B. Webb, I. Simes, B. Humphries, O. Bottomley, P. Bottomley, J. Cubitt, S. Ondaatje, D. Wells, P. Wheaton, P. Hildebrand, M. Frost, F. Hesketh-Williams, J. Webster, A. Hall, V. Beach, M. Pitt, E. Pitt, T. Wainwright, S. Gettings.

AUTUMN TERM, 1917.

Marie Mactaggart, Margery Mactaggart, Morna Mactaggart, S. Haigh, M. Haigh, K. Bramley, I. Essell, R. Bird, R. King, O. Spicer.

SPRING TERM.

P. Denton, D. Wigram, B. Blythe, L. Lewis, M. Baker, N. Pym, I. Edwards, V. Rigden, I. Duncan, G. Mason.

The School now numbers 259.

THE DEBATING SOCIETY.

SUMMER TERM, 1917.

A meeting of the Society was held on June 28th, at 4.15 p.m.

The President called upon Lois Petrie to move that "In the opinion of this House popularity is a criterion of virtue."

B. Webb opposed the motion.

After general discussion the motion was lost by 14 votes to 2.

A meeting of the Society was held on July 9th. The meeting took the form of a sharp practice debate.

CHRISTMAS TERM, 1917.

A business meeting of the Society was held on Monday, 22nd October.

Miss Tisdall and Peggy Denton were re-elected [President and Vice-President respectively. Phyllis Mann was elected Secretary.

New members, including Miss Crapper and Miss Smith, were welcomed by the President.

We regret to report that Miss Rogers has resigned her membership.

A meeting of the Society was held on Monday, 12th November.

The President called upon Peggy Denton to move that "In the opinion of this House mathematics and science should be made more important in education than literature and languages."

The proposer delivered an interesting speech upon the importance of mathematics and science as a foundation for literature.

C. Stranack opposed the motion, which was lost by 11 votes to 10.

The last Meeting of the Society in the Christmas term took the form of an interesting sharp practice debate.

A meeting of the Society was held on Monday, February 6th.

The motion before the House was "That an absolute monarchy is a better form of government than a democracy."

The subject proposed by B. Bayly and opposed by M. Garner proved an interesting one. The motion was lost by a large majority—14 votes to 6.

The meeting of the Society held on March 13th was a Sharp Practice.

We are sorry to lose our Vice-President Peggy Denton, and Daphne Wigram, both of whom took a leading part in our debates.

GIRL GUIDES—3RD WORCESTER COMPANY.

The Company now consists of 26 Guides, in three Patrols, the Lily, Pansy, and Primrose. Some of this number have been Guides for two years, and most of them are Second Class.

At the end of the Summer Term, 1917, the Thanks badge was given to Miss Chambers, the Captain, as she had started the Company, and was leaving the School. The Lieutenant, Miss Little, also left at the same time. For a term the Company was without officers, but in the Spring Term, 1918, Miss Smith became Captain, and Miss Howell became Lieutenant.

Before the School broke up for the Christmas holidays the Guides on two evenings went out carol singing. Altogether £2 15s. was made for St. Dunstan's Home for the Blind.

Several matches have been played against the Springfield Guides (4th Worcester Company). On June 2nd, 1917, a cricket match was won by the 3rd Company with 79 runs. to 50, and on October 13th there was a hockey match, which the 3rd Company won with 1 goal to 0. One innings has been played of another cricket match.

Miss Smith has given a shield to be won each time by the Patrol who has the most marks, gained by good weekly letters, etc., and who has lost the fewest by bad marks, return lessons, etc. It is held this term by the Lilies.

There have been two outings this term. For one the Guides went to Gorse Hill and did tracking, and each Patrol laid and lit its own fire and boiled its kettle for tea. The second one was to Whittington Tump.

On June 30th, the School Sports were held, the prizes awarded being badges of coloured ribbon. The proceeds, which amounted to £11 11s., were sent to Lord Roberts' Workshops for Disabled Soldiers and Sailors.

The Garden Shield (1916-17) was awarded to Form V., and the motto to Form VIb.

The Guild Meeting was held on July 14th, at St. Oswald's. The Rev. G. F. Hooper gave an address, and the following girls were admitted as members:—R. Weston, L. Petrie, S. Ondaatje, M. Elton, M. Lewis, B. Webb, P. Edwards.

Miss Spurling afterwards provided tea in the Vestibule, and the General Meeting followed in the large Hall. Money was voted as follows:—£1 to the Rev. Richard Wilson, S. Augustine's, Stepney; (2) £1 towards the debt on "White and Blue"; (3) £1 to the fund for relieving the distress in Palestine; (4) 10s. to the Welcome Club (for Munition Workers) at Rainbow Hill.

On Saturday, January 12th, a Fancy Dress Dance was given in the large hall. Admittance was 1s. and the proceeds went to the following objects:—£10 for Church Army Huts; £2 for the Worcester Red Cross Working Rooms.

The following account appeared in a local paper:—"The large hall at the Alice Ottley School presented a very bright and festive appearance on Saturday last when many of the pupils were present at a Fancy Dress Dance, lasting from 6 to 9. A condition very rightly made by Miss Spurling (the Head Mistress) was that no child should spend anything in providing a new dress. Costumes might be borrowed or made out of materials out of the girls' wardrobe, but were not to be bought for the occasion. In spite of this there were a great many pretty dresses and others that were extremely quaint.

Some of the Mistresses wore fancy dress. Miss Badham appeared as Father Christmas in a disguise difficult to penetrate. Miss Gillespy came with her boarders as the Old Woman in the Shoe. Miss Smith was a Gentleman Pierrot, and Miss Jowett looked very well in a Marie Antoinette dress. Miss B. Beale was a capital old lady, out of Crawford, in a real old black silk brocade and lace cap. Miss Joyce Webb looked very well in a pretty rainbow costume, and Miss Mussen illustrated the White Rabbit in Alice in Wonderland. Miss Howell wore a very nice

Japanese costume, Melle de Sabatier Plantier went as a French Red Cross Nurse in white, and Miss Tisdall was a Red Cross Nurse.

Some of the girls wore very good costumes, carried out most faithfully, as, for instance, that of a Knight of the 13th Century, worn by Sheila Cavanagh, which was, I was told, made for her brother, who wore it at a pastoral play at Magdalen College, Oxford. One of Mrs. Rigden's daughters wore a handsome Turkish costume, Marjorie MacRae was a Scotch boy in a perfect Scotch suit. One of Mrs. Watson's daughters was the Mad Hatter, an excellent representation. Mrs. Pollard's girls looked well, one as a red Pierrot, the other in an early Victorian short waisted satin dress. Miss Mary Buck was a Dutch girl, and there was a very good Knave of Clubs.

The little ones only stayed until 7.30, leaving, I am sure, very reluctantly. Among them, I remember, Rosemary Chignell, in a Russian boy's costume, Isabella Gillespy, a fairy, and Freda Jones, a Norwegian peasant. All the girls seemed to enjoy the evening thoroughly, and the onlookers who sat on the apse, also spent a pleasant time watching them."

CONCERT.

A very good Concert was given on January 17th, at the Alice Ottley School, in aid of the Professional Classes War Relief Fund, at which Miss Agnes Clarke sang with expression and taste Purcell's "Nymphs and Shepherds" and "The Throstle" (M. V. White), and later on "Butterfly's Song," from "Madame Butterfly," and "The Song of the Blackbirds," (R. Quilter). I was told that Miss Maud Arnold, who played the Violoncello was quite excellent. She was very heartily encored in all her efforts. She played "Boellmann's Symphonie Variations" and "Londonderry Air" (O'Connor Morris) and an "Allegro Appassionata" of H. Espir, which was immensely admired. The pianist, Mr. Lloyd Powell, also played with splendid technique and true feeling "Pastoral Scarlatti" (Tansy), Tambourine (Rameau Endowsky), Rhapsody in G. Minor (Brahms) and a nocturne and polonaise of Chopin.

On March 8th the Singing Competition was held. Dr. Hammond, of Malvern, was the judge. The Shield was awarded to Form VI. (Conductor) S. Hancock and the picture to Form IIIa.

In the Drill Competition (June 19th, 1918), Miss Oldham judged and praised the work done. The Shield was won by Form V., and a miniature Cup for the Lower School, presented by Miss Spurling, was won by Form II.

On March 13th, the following Girls were Confirmed at the Cathedral :
 —B. Yeates, F. Burden, R. Chignell, V. Coombs, M. Downes, M. Garner,
 B. Gillespy, M. Grove, P. Henery, J. Henery, J. Littlebury, C. Mackenzie,
 M. MacRae, H. Murphy, M. Oliver, M. Plum, R. Snow, F. Rogers,
 E. Noake, J. Humphries, B. Martin. M. Chambers who was ill at the
 time was Confirmed later at Malvern.

MISSION WORK.

Accounts—December 1916 to December, 1917.

<i>Received.</i>	£	s.	d.	<i>Paid.</i>	£	s.	d.
Mission Money	6	5	3½	Materials for Work Party	3	15	0
Mission Boxes	2	16	2½	Esther Isa Das Party (Fees)	4	0	0
Old Girls' Boxes	1	14	8½	S.P.G. General Fund ...	3	8	6
Sale of "Church Abroad" ...	6	8		Stamps			4½
Balance (last year) ..	1	0					
	£11	3	10½		£11	3	10½

On December 15th, 1917, Lois Petrie presented our contribution to S.P.G. (£4 for Esther Isa Das and £3 8s. 6d. for the General Fund), at a Special Service for Girls' Schools in the Chapel at S.P.G. House.

Parcels of garments made at Work-Party were sent before Christmas to Reverend Richard Wilson, St. Augustine's, Stepney; Sister Selina, St. John the Baptist's Mission House, Newport; Sister-in-Charge, St. Peter's Home, Mortimer Road; Worcester "Babies" Miss Payne, Worcester Refuge; St. Lawrence's Homes (Waifs and Strays), Bath Road, Worcester: and also Clothes for Lilian Shepherd, our child at St. Cadoc's Home, Caerleon.

The Lent Savings for the Waifs and Strays amounted to £1 11s. The Sixth Forms gave their Savings, amounting to 17s. 2d. to the Zulu Mission.

OLD GIRLS AND MISTRESSES.

Victoria Allen has a post at the Diocesan High School, Brown's Town, St. Anne, Jamaica. The work seems to be carried on under difficulties, for the Staff have to teach under five different roofs.

Hilda Harding is working at the Capital and Counties Bank at Woodbridge.

Myfawny Campbell is now on the Staff of the King's School, Worcester.

Connie Morris is an Inspectress of Canteens on the East Coast.

Marguerite Rowe has a post at Miss Wyatt's School, Heathfield, Ascot.

Kitty Jerram is working at Plymouth, where she is Head of a Children's Home, with a crèche for 30 babies attached.

Audrey Smith is living at home and going to a Bank at Sedgely daily.

Kathleen Scales was successful in passing the Examination at the end of her two years' training at Gloucester Domestic School. She is now staying a third year to work for a special diploma in Needlework and Dressmaking.

Ethel Rubery is nursing in Egypt.

Justina Kent is now working at the Ministry of Munitions. She is doing Clerk's work at a branch which deals with the contracts for rifles and machine guns.

Helen Johnstone (née Stanton) and her sister Alice are working at the India Office.

Doris Hollowell has a post as History Mistress at the Lewisham Grammar School for Girls.

Joan Bayly worked for some time in an aeroplane factory at Camberley. She is hoping to be married at the end of July.

Janet Tree taught History and English for some time at Dudley High School, and returns there in September.

May Smith is teaching Shorthand and Typewriting at the Monmouth High School.

Nina Smith has gone to France as a "repétitrice" in a large Girls' School at St. Etienne. She has gained her M.A. (Birmingham) degree in French.

Irene Frost has a post as Clerk in a Bank at Bromyard.

Elsie Underwood is General Secretary to "The Outlook Club" in Leeds. This club is under the auspices of the Y.M.C.A., and has 520 members.

Alice Downes is Head of the Preparatory School at Hampstead Garden Suburb.

Miss Moore is still at Nassau, Bahamas. She has been busy getting up a performance of the "Rose and the Ring." It was apparently very successful, for they realized £25 for the Red Cross.

Freda Hadley has a post as Drill and Games' Mistress at the Princess Helena College, Ealing.

Freda Jones has a post at the Malvern College for Girls.

Marion Jones is Drill-Mistress at a private School at Tunbridge Wells.

Janet Swann has a post as Gardener at Malvern.

Miss Baynes is working at the War Office.

Betty Webb is being trained at the Bedford Physical Training College.

Peggy Edwards is at the Gloucester School of Domestic Economy.

Phyllis Wheaton took part in the Procession of Homage at Buckingham Palace.

L. Petrie has accepted the post of History Mistress at Grimsby Church High School.

M. Lyne has gained Third Class Honours in the final Honours School of Modern History at Oxford, and M. Chappel Third Class Honours in the final Honours School of English Language and Literature.

Mabel Haywood, who is a "Princess Christian" Nurse, has a post at Caterham. She has had charge of a baby girl from three weeks old.

Dorothy Sharp has charge of three children at Chesham, Bucks.

Lucille and Evelyn King have come to England from Switzerland, where they have been living since the outbreak of war. They are going to fell trees as their part in war-work.

Stephanée Ondaatje is unable to return to Ceylon owing to the restricted travelling. She is still living at Baskerville and goes every day to the V.A.D. Hospital at Battenhall.

Dorothy Burdett-Murray's (nee Fox) new home is near Hells, Co. Meath, Ireland, where her husband farms his own estate.

Jessica Grove is working at the Birmingham University.

Mary Hay writes that she is hoping to be married on July 2nd, in Likoma Cathedral to the Reverend D. Taylor (U.M.C.A.); they are going to have a long holiday before taking up work in Northern Rhodesia.

Adelaide Onslow is at the School of Domestic Economy, Gloucester.

Katie Pearson is in the Capital and Counties Bank, Wirksworth.

The following Old Girls have visited the School recently:—Lucille King, Vera Browne, Evelyn Loft, Mattie Lyne, Betty Webb, Peggie Edwards, Peggie Hildeband.

The School received birthday wishes from Peggie Denton, Lucille and Evelyn A. King, Betty Webb, Irene Simes, J. Grove.

BIRTHS.

- June, 1917.—Mrs. Coast (Miss C. Hatton), a daughter.
 July 23rd.—Mrs. Hall (M. Graves), a daughter.
 August 24th.—Mrs. Addis (Helena White), a son.
 September 27th.—Mrs. Owen Thompson (Miss Payne), a daughter.
 October.—Mrs. E. Thompson (E. Hirst), a son.
 January 11th, 1918.—Mrs. Snowden (D. Crabtree), a daughter.
 February 3rd.—Mrs. A. R. Neligan (H. Spencer), a son.
 February 12th.—Mrs. Baxter (M. Baird), a daughter.
 March 9th.—Mrs. Higgs-Walker (M. Smith), a daughter.
 May 29th.—Mrs. Tupper (D. Chappel), a daughter.

MARRIAGES.

- July 17th, 1917.—At the Parish Church, Woodstock, Randall Ward (Lieutenant M.T. A.S.C.) to Phyllis Mogg.
 July.—At All Saints' Church, Hove, Charles Courtenay Palmer, R.M.L.T., to Joan Ethel Peake.
 July 26th.—At St. Martin's, London Road, Worcester, George Fowler Smith to Florence Mary Holtham.
 July 28th.—At Malvern Priory Church, Captain J. C. Dixey, R.F.A., to Helen M. Holmes.
 August 29th.—At St. Mary's, Bryanston Square, W., G. Raymond Gabb (Lieutenant Worcester Regiment) to Grace Olga Holtham.
 September 8th.—At St. Peter's Church, Lee, Cyril Alexander Fraser Drummond (Lieutenant R.F.A.), to Muriel Kyrle (Molly) Ottley.
 September 26th.—At Naunton Beauchamp Parish Church, Gerald Noel Osler to Mary Hunt.
 December 14th.—At Cusop Church, Hay, John Hendy Watkins to Barbara Gillett Pearson.
 January 10th, 1918.—At St. Nicholas' Church, Worcester, Maurice Dominique Richard Rom to Marjorie Surman.
 February 6th.—At All Saints' Church, Battersea Park, Saville Burdett Murray to Dorothy Kirkham Fox.
 June 4th.—At St. Paul's Church, Dorking, Leonard Kelly (2nd Lieutenant) to Stella Harding.

DEATHS.

- September 26th.—In a Nursing Home at Hampstead, after a long illness, Nelly Davies.
 November 7th.—The infant son of H. W. and Frances Apperley (née Newman) aged 6 months.
 December 6th.—In London, Harriet Downes, for many years Secretary to the Council.

MRS. DOWNES.

Old girls and many other friends of the School will read with sympathetic interest of the death of Mrs. Downes on December 6th.

She had been in failing health for some time previously, but her unselfish courage never failed and she was tenderly cared for by her daughters.

The School owes much to her as its Secretary for many years of exquisitely exact and conscientious work, and no less for her loyal co-operation with Miss Spurling during the first difficult months after Miss Ottley's resignation.

NELLIE DAVIES.

Another link with the past was broken by the death of Nellie Davies, who was known to many generations of girls, having entered the School, as a pupil during the first year of its existence; and having served it faithfully as Mistress and as Secretary till 1915, when she resigned owing to her mother's ill-health. She died in London, on September 26th, after a long illness.

GIFTS.

For the Butler Library.

"The Oxford Book of Ballads" and "The Life of Lord Roberts," from S. Ondaatje, D. Wells, M. Elton, J. Grove.

"Poems, 1914 and other Verse," by Rupert Brooke, from P. Edwards and B. Webb.

A Birthday present of a Book from Miss Graham.

For the Oratory.

Two-dozen wooden Chairs—from an anonymous donor. A French inlaid wood Clock—from Mrs. Nash of Martley.

For the School.

A Portrait of Lord Roberts—from Peggy Denton.