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EDITORIAL.

Those who, like the Editor, were fortunate enough to be in London for some reason, on June 28th, will not easily forget the impression made by the quiet yet rejoicing crowds: there was no "mafficking," but much real feeling. This found its most striking expression in front of Buckingham Palace, in the strangely-moving chant, "We—want—King—George." A popular form of this was words sung to the Westminster chimes! and quite appropriately, too, for they had not been heard through the long years of war.

The Guild Register (containing also the names and addresses of those O.G.'s who take the Magazine regularly) is ready, and may be bought by any O.G. for 3d. Application to be made to Miss Spurling.

Kalendar

SUMMER TERM, 1919.

- May 29—Ascension Day Holiday.
 „ 30—Singing Competition.
 June 3—Drill Competition.
 „ 4-6—Ablett Examination.
 „ 11—Drill Display.
 „ 13-16—Half-term Holiday.
 „ 20—Commemoration Day.
 July 2—French Oral Examination.
 „ 4—Music Examinations.
 „ 5—Guild Meeting.
 Peace Dance.
 „ 10—Children's Peace Party.
 „ 12—Tennis Match with Oxford High School.
 „ 16—Concert, 3 o'clock.
 „ 23—Junior French Plays, 3 o'clock.
 „ 25—Mark Reading, 2.30.
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The Confirmation.

The School Confirmation was held in the Cathedral on April 4th; the following were the candidates: U. Brierley, K. Garnham, E. Bradley, A. Bird, G. Dingle, K. Davies, G. Evans, E. Delahay, C. Delahay, K. Garner, A. Grice, B. Kirkham, S. Lawson, D. Moore, B. Pollard, C. Watson, D. Powell, F. Powell, G. Richardson, M. Spurgin, H. Stillingfleet, M. Taylor, M. Tompkins.

CHILDREN LEAVING. EASTER, 1919.

Marjorie Jones, Dorothy Mount, Kathleen Wilson, Rhoda Snow, Ervene Houlte, Mauritian Oliver, Iris Perkins, Ursula Brierley, Marjorie MacRae, Nellie Jelfs, Kathleen Davies, Mary

Wainwright, Mollie Barker, Grace Pitcher, Hilda Stillingfleet, Marjorie Dorrell, Dorothy Hesketh, Muriel Coward, Grace Sutor, Penelope Brierley, Marcus Martin, Peggy Godfray, Cherry Wright, Susannah Sutor.

NEW GIRLS. SUMMER TERM, 1919.

VI.B.—Mary Burnett.

VB.—Hilda Pope.

IV.A.—Muriel Gordon-Smith, Dora Yarnold, Winifred Gilbanks.

IV.B.—Eva Denley, Mabel Rawson, Mildred Gilbanks.

Remove.—Marjorie Yarnold, Mabel Smith, Jessie Garrood.

III.A.—Esther Robinson, Ida Smith, Norah Edwards.

III.B.—Millicent Petherick, Enid Joyce.

II.—Sheila Snowball, Julia Boden, Sybil Walker, Alice Garrood.

K.G.—Heather Barnwell, Gerald Barnwell, Millicent Denley, Helen Wyatt, Muriel Birkett, Mary Roberts, Mary Jeffcoat, Kathleen Curtis, Rodney Yates, Eric Knight, John Higgins.

VISITORS.

We have lately welcomed with much pleasure the following O.G.'s : W. Harper (Anton), W. Joseland, M. Williamson, S. Knight (Naylor), V. Allen, C. Stranack, P. Denton, J. Grove, P. Hildebrand, P. Brierley, N. Brierley, D. Woodrow, B. Bayly, E. Underwood ; also Miss Sparrow and Miss Turner.

The Form Singing Competition was held in the large Hall on June 3rd, the judge being Dr. Hammand, from Malvern. The shield was won by the VI. Form (Conductor : Phyllis Hansen-Bay) with 106 marks out of a maximum of 120. The other Forms were placed in the following order :— VA. (Winifred Hildebrand) 101 ; IV.A.¹ (Marie Hulse) 95 ; IV.B.¹ (Nora Castley) and IV.B.² (Mary Pratt) 87 ; IV.A.² (Adeline Gregory) 80 ; VB. (Hope Murphy) 70 ; Remove (Doreen Hutton) 63. The picture which is competed for by Forms III.A. and III.B. was won by III.B.

The Drill Competition was held on June 6th. In the Senior Competition the shield was won by IVA. (87). The other Forms were placed in the order as follows :—VI. (82) ; VA. and VB. (80) ; IVB. (77) ; Remove (76) ; IIIA. (74).

In the Junior Competition the cup was won by IIIB. (86). Form II. had 77 and Form I. 71. Miss Rose, who came from Oxford to act as Judge, gave the School a very good report.

On June 11th, a very interesting Drill Display was given by the Afternoon Classes ; the balance movements were remarkably good.

THE PEACE DANCE.

When it was evident that the news of the actual signing could not reach Worcester in time to arrange any celebration on June 28th, it was decided that if all went well a Dance should be given on July 5th. To this, Forms VI.—IIIA. inclusive, were invited, and a most delightful dance took place. The arrangements and decorations were entirely in the hands of the VI. Forms, under the direction of Christine Robinson, who was well supported by Agnes Payne ; everything was most successful and gave evidence of great ingenuity as well as artistic power.

Alice Ottley School Debating Society.

A Meeting of the Society was held on Monday, March 24th.

The motion before the house was "That Cinemas are harmful for children." C. Robinson, the proposer, considered cinemas bad for children who attend from the earliest age. The speaker held that there were few cinemas showing suitable subjects for children, while the buildings themselves are stuffy and small. Cinemas were chiefly attended by poor children as they could not

afford better entertainment. The greater part of the time being taken up by unsuitable stories, the result was bad morally as well as physically.

M. Jones, the opposer, thought that cinemas were good for children, in that they were an education, and placed before the children such things as good books, which, under ordinary circumstances, they would have known nothing about. The scenery was good and nature well depicted. Otherwise, money spent on the cinema would be spent on cheap, trashy books. In some towns, films were specially selected for children. She considered that cinemas kept poor children out of mischief and were far more restful and warm than their homes, as many risks were run in playing in the streets or in their sordid home surroundings.

M. Garner, supporting the proposer, thought that cinemas were bad for children's nerves and made them morbid—a proof being the loud applause at the most horrible moments.

P. Hansen-Bay, supporting the opposer, considered slums quite as ill-ventilated as cinemas, while reading ill-printed books at home was as bad for the eyes as seeing pictures at cinemas.

Miss Cowell added that cinemas were the picture books of the poor.

Miss Home pointed out that cinemas of the present day were not banned by parents who ought to judge for themselves. Moving pictures were even now being introduced into schools. The pictures were now improved so as to be no longer bad for the eyesight. The buildings were inspected, and were obliged to be carefully ventilated and disinfected.

M. Jones then pointed out the benefit of cinemas during the war in widening children's outlook and making them realise conditions other than their own.

M. Garner gave examples of accidents and crimes inspired by the cinema.

Miss Cowell said that owing to the popularity of cinemas children played together less with a consequent loss of social ideas.

Other speakers were A. Payne, B. Stallard, B. Pollard and F. Rogers.

Miss Cowell then proposed an amendment that under certain conditions cinemas were profitable. This was accepted and the amendment was carried unanimously.

The Meeting of the Society on Monday, April 8th, took the form of a sharp practice.

- 1.—“A Uniform for men and for women would be a good thing.”

Proposer—I. Grove.

Opposer—B. Pollard.

Other speakers were C. Robinson, A. Payne, M. Garner and M. Jones.

The motion was lost.

- 2.—“It is better to be too hot than too cold.”

M. Jones, the proposer, said that to be too hot made one only feel tired, not ill as the cold does. There is a remedy for being too hot—one can wear less.

M. Garner, the opposer, said that many evils such as sun-stroke arose from over great heat.

A. Payne and I. Grove also spoke.

The motion was carried.

- 3.—“That School Teas are cheap at the price.”

Proposer—P. Donkin.

Opposer—C. Watson.

The motion was carried unanimously.

4.—“Dissimulation is necessary.”

The proposer, C. Robinson, showed that Queen Elizabeth's reign was a good example of the need of dissimulation.

Opposer—C. Mackenzie.

A. Payne and M. Jones also spoke.

The motion was carried.

5.—“The comfortable opinion which some people have of themselves keepeth up human Society, which would be more than half destroyed without it.”

The proposer, A. Payne, said that self-confidence generally resulted in successful action.

P. Hansen-Bay, opposer, thought that too much self-confidence killed ambition. People were blind to their own faults.

C. Mackenzie also spoke.

The motion was carried.

6.—“An egg underdone is preferable to an egg overdone.”

Proposer—Miss Tisdall.

Opposer—A. Payne.

Other speakers were B. Pollard, M. Jones and C. Mackenzie.

The motion was lost.

GAMES.

Cricket this term has been quite successful, except that we have had great difficulty in getting the ground into order. However, there has hardly been a day all the term when a game could not be played. The form competition resulted in the winning of the shield by IIIA. In the lower forms there are quite a number of cricket enthusiasts of whom we have great hopes in the future. We have played two matches against St. James's, and won them both. The first time we went to Malvern, and found it very agreeable playing on a well-mown field. We beat them by about 30 runs. N. Andrews kept wicket well and played a very good innings. Our fielding was not as good as it ought to have been.

In the second match St. James' came to Worcester, and we had time to play two innings, the whole match resulting in a win for us by about 80 runs.

In this match N. Castley and V. Shrubsall batted very well, and G. Richardson and V. Dingle were successful as bowlers.

After the match the following received their colours :--G. Richardson, N. Castley, N. Andrews, V. Shrubsall, V. Dingle, J. Henery.

The 1st XI. consisted of—

G. Richardson (Captain). Has made quite a keen, capable Captain. She is a good all round cricketer, but has been more successful as a bowler than as a bat. Her fielding is one of the best in the team.

N. Castley. A very keen member of the XI. Has bowled consistently well, and played a good innings in the second match.

N. Andrews. A very useful player. Has kept wicket very well, and is the safest bat in the team.

V. Shrubsall. Has been very useful as a bowler, and played quite a useful innings in the last match.

V. Dingle. Has improved very much lately, and has become quite a good member of the team.

J. Henery. Quite a useful bat. Fielding fair.

E. Watson. Is useful at "keeping her end up," but has not made many runs. Rather slow in fielding.

P. Blackall. Has been useful as a bat in "backing up her partner."

G. Evans. Quite a steady bat, but a very slow field.

K. Shaw. A hard hitter, but a poor field.

E. Phillips. Rather uncertain, but quite capable of making runs.

M. Clift. A hard hitter, but very uncertain. Fielding poor.

The team as a whole shows great promise, its weak point being the fielding. There is a certain amount of excuse for this, on account of the length of the grass in the field, but it is not sufficient to cover up this evident weakness. We hope to remedy this next year.

TENNIS.

Very little can be said about the tennis this year, as when this goes to press neither of our matches will have been played. About three weeks ago we had a tournament in order to find out the better players ; since then we have arranged the team as follows :—

1st Couple—A. Payne (Captain).
B. Kirkham.

2nd Couple—C. Mackenzie.
P. Henery.

3rd Couple—I. Humphries.
P. Richardson.

The day girls have been divided into two houses, so, with the Boarding Houses, there are four houses to compete for the beautiful tennis cup which Miss Spurling presented to the School.

GIRL GUIDES.

3RD WORCESTER COMPANY.

The Company now consists of 32 Guides and 1 recruit, in 5 patrols. We hope that more girls will join next term.

It was decided that we could not compete for the Mayoress's Challenge Shield, as we do not have the same examiners for proficiency badges as the other Companies. We hope, however, to compete next year.

The Primrose Patrol again holds the Patrol Shield, for the third time.

We have had five meetings this term, which have been spent chiefly in Ambulance, Company Drill and Morse Signalling.

The 3rd Worcesters challenged the 4th Worcesters to a cricket match on July 4th, but as it was too wet to play, the two XI.'s had games and competitions in the gymnasium, which the 3rd Worcesters won, 3—2.

We have also challenged them to a tennis match on July 10th.

C.W., VI.B.

THE 4TH WORCESTERS.

The Company has now three patrols—Bantam, Skylark, and Blackbird. Four new Guides have been enrolled this term, and two senior Guides will be ready for enrolment at the end of the term. Five more second-class badges have been won, and a good number of proficiency badges of various kinds have also been gained. The Company is now working for the Annual Ambulance Test.

The 3rd Worcesters have challenged the 4th to cricket and tennis matches. The cricket match was to have been played on July 3rd ; most unfortunately the rain prevented it, and so the Guides played in the gymnasium, the two XI.'s competing in Kim's game and team races. We hope to play the tennis match soon.

Miss Knott has now passed all her Captain's examinations and has gained a great number of proficiency badges.

Flowers have been brought on Friday in each week by one of the Forms. They have been taken (by the kindness of Miss Cowell) to the Children's Hospital, Birmingham ; also to the Worcester Infirmary, and to the Reverend Richard Wilson, S. Augustine's, Stepney—they are almost too gratefully appreciated.

SEASONS.

SPRING. A cool fresh breeze ; sweet scents of budding flowers
Beneath our feet.
The cuckoo's note
Sounds shrilly through the air,
Telling of youth, of love, of happiness.

SUMMER. Hot breathless air, laden with heavy scents ;
Drowsily sweet.
The hum of bees
Around the ripening fruit ;
Cool brooklets trickling under shady trees.

AUTUMN. Dry shrivelled leaves, falling on dusty roads,
Yellow and sere.
The tired earth
Prepares itself for sleep
And casts aside its robes of summertide.

WINTER. A calm grey sky ; the silent earth beneath
Shrouded in white.
The naked trees
Groan sadly in the wind,
Sole mourners at the great world's funeral.

R.M.L., VA.

A UNIVERSAL LANGUAGE.

Esperanto ! What a wealth of meaning the word conveys ; what a picture it conjures up before the imagination ! Hope ; expectation ; promise of future attainment. Could any more suitable name be applied to the language which would bring such tremendous advantage to the world.

Although the subject has been under discussion for many years, it is at present only a possibility, a mere shadowy thing of

the future ; but should the idea ever materialize, it would lead to a greater civilization, and to a closer, deeper understanding and sympathy between the nations.

War has shown men the great need of unity ; it is not very often that a country rises against itself, and this is because the people have common interests, common aims and ideas.

A language common to all would go far towards bringing about that closer unity of nations which is so essential to the peace and happiness of the world.

Then with regard to the individual ; he will have more chance for self development, for associating with men of different nationalities, he will learn from them and they from him. Knowing the views of others his own outlook will become broader, and he will be altogether a more efficient man.

Great books, too, could be read by all, were they written in a language which all could understand. In this way, everyone would have a chance to become acquainted with the great works of clever men.

How greatly this scheme would facilitate travelling ! A person could travel all over the world, seeing all he wished to see, without the discomfort of not being understood or any of the inconveniences which arise from ignorance of a language. In conferences such as are being carried on at the present time how helpful it would be to have a tongue which men of all nations could speak with ease ?

It is not to be supposed, however, that such a huge scheme could be carried out with no difficulty, or that it would be wholly a success. At first, no doubt, blunders would be made, but Rome was not built in a day.

Esperanto, the universal language, is based upon Latin, the spelling is phonetic, and it has been said that one is able to learn it in an hour.

AN ENTHUSIAST, V.B.

THE AMERICANS' VISIT TO WORCESTER.

Fourteen American convalescent soldiers arrived at Shrub Hill Station to stay for a week in March.

Twenty soldiers were expected, but only fourteen arrived, the other six being left behind sick.

They were delighted with the welcome they received at Shrub Hill.

The Cathedral King's School O.T.C. were drawn up on the platform, and as the train drew up the drums and bugles sounded.

At the station a special car was waiting, decked with flowers and leaves, and U.S.A. flags.

Preceded by the O.T.C. and the band, and accompanied by crowds of people, they were driven to the Guildhall, where the Mayor and Mayoress, the Dean and others, were ready to receive them.

After the guests had had tea, the Mayor gathered them round a little platform, and said how proud Worcester was to receive the first contingent of the American Army. After that the American guests were introduced to their Worcester hosts, and they departed to their several homes.

A special programme for the week was arranged to entertain them.

On Tuesday, the next day, the morning was spent in showing the visitors over the Royal Porcelain Works, the men being much interested in what they saw.

The afternoon was spent in various ways; some of the soldiers went up to Battenhall V.A.D. Hospital, while some went with their hostesses on a trip to Malvern.

In the evening the Mayor invited them to the Arcade Cinema, and some attended a dance at the King's Hall.

On Wednesday morning the soldiers met at the Guildhall and went over the Commandery. In the afternoon they went by motor car on a visit to Madresfield Court, and when they returned they went to Norton Barracks, where tea was served in the Officers' Mess.

On Thursday the Dean conducted the soldiers over the Cathedral and then took them to tea at the Deanery.

On Friday they visited Blackpole munition factory, and on Sunday attended the morning service at the Cathedral.

J.L., V.B.

A GARDEN.

On Ascension Day we went to Icomb, on the top of the Cotswolds, for the day, and there we saw a beautiful rock-garden. We went down a bank and across a stream at the bottom and then a little way up the opposite bank. It was a blaze of colour, and we could see a little stream trickling down. After looking at this we crossed over the stream again and walked up through the garden. At the bottom there was a flaming bush of azalias, and higher up a great many other flowers. Some were rather like narcissi only the flowers were arranged in a circle round the top of the stalk, and others were dwarf pinks and pansies ; there were also crowds of other rare flowers growing in the cracks and crevices. At the top were some dear little trees rather like poplars, they were only about a foot high ! The stream, which ran all the way down the bank, was very picturesque, it came out from under a stone at the top and after running into a small pond covered with water lilies, and filled with tadpoles, it trickled down into another pond and then another, and finally into the stream at the bottom.

E.W., IV.B.

THE GUILD MEETING.

The Guild Service was held on Saturday, July 5th, at 3 o'clock, in St. Oswald's. The Reverend G. F. Hooper admitted as Members Betty Stallard and Kathleen Chell. He gave a very helpful address on the importance of daily Bible reading and meditation. After the Service Miss Spurling entertained the Guild to tea in the vestibule, and then followed the Annual Business Meeting in the Large Hall. Ruth Surman, the Secretary, read the minutes of the last Meeting and reported that there was a balance in hand of £3 12s. 4d. Miss Spurling then explained very clearly the reasons which made it advisable to consider the formation of an Old Girls' Association which would admit as members any Old Girls who might wish to join, and who was proposed and seconded and elected by vote; for there are many loyal Old Girls who feel that for various reasons they are unable to join the present Guild. It was proposed by Miss Blanche Beale, seconded by Maud Bates, and carried, that an Old Girls' Association be formed.

Ruth Surman having regretfully resigned the Secretaryship, it was proposed by Miss Mackworth, seconded by Margaret Hall (nee Graves), and carried, that Marjorie Wight be appointed Secretary.

It was decided, after considerable discussion, that a Constitution Committee should be chosen to decide on the rules of the Association. The following were appointed: Miss Spurling (President) Miss Beale, Miss Rogers, Mary Bates, Maud Bates, Millicent Webb, Ruth Surman, Madeline Keir-Moilliet (representing old Baskerville girls), Molly Wylde (representing old Springfield girls), Betty Stallard (representing the leaving Sixth Form). It was further decided that this Committee should have power to co-opt three Old Girls who are not members of the present Guild. The Constitution Committee will hold its first meeting on Thursday, October 2nd, at 3 p.m., at the School.

Miss Spurling also explained that she thought it would be better to have a separate annual leaflet containing the news of Old Girls, together with all School successes, etc. This would be sent to every member of the Association, the cost would be included in the subscription. The School Magazine would then be for the present girls only.

Miss Spurling is hoping to be "At Home" in London to Old Girls on January 3rd, 1920, in the Large Hall of the Frances Holland School, Clarence Gate, N.W., kindly lent by Miss Crapper. She will be very glad to hear from any O.G.'s who can be present. In June or July, 1920, it is hoped there will be a large re-union of Old Girls at Worcester.

It was decided not to dispose of the balance in hand (£3 12s. 4d.) for the present.

NEWS OF OLD GIRLS AND MISTRESSES.

(It is to be regretted that there is little news of Old Girls to be recorded. We suppose it is due to the fact that many have finished their strenuous war-work and are enjoying a well-earned rest before beginning to do something else.)

Miss Bagnall has left the Godolphin School, Salisbury, and is living with her sisters near Stroud.

Elsie Brewer has gained her L R.A.M.

Victoria Allen has returned from the West Indies and has been ordered to take a three months' rest.

Ophelia Brown and her mother have left Worcester and are now living at Wootton-under-Edge, Gloucestershire.

Peggy Denton and Jane Harvey have passed the History Previous—(Peggy is the Ottley Scholar at S. Hugh's College, Oxford).

BIRTHS

On April 26th, at Fort Johnson, N. Rhodesia, the Wife (Mary Hay) of the Reverend Dan Aylett Taylor, of a daughter.

MARRIAGES.

On July 12th, 1918, at St. Mary's, Kidderminster, Captain Reginald Coldham Knight (D.S.O. M.C.). to Sybil Christine Naylor (*corrected notice*).

On May 28th, 1919, at Baxter Church, Kidderminster, Captain Thorold Harper (of Melbourne, Australia), to Isabella Winifred Anton.

In June, at St Laurence's, Evesham, Bernard Arthur Morris (2nd Lieut. R.F.A.), to Rosie May Collins.

On June 10th, at St. Peter's, Worcester, the Reverend J. Handforth Bourne, Rector of Broome, to R. Gracie Wilesmith.

On June 26th, at St. Clement's, Worcester, Vaughan Morris (late Lieutenant R.A.F.), to Marjorie Quarterman.

GIFTS.

A very large number of Books and a quantity of Music from Mrs. Knight and Miss Butler.

A case of Foreign Shells from Mrs. Sherwill.

Ward's English Poets (the latest volume) from Miss Graham.

Books from Miss Mackworth.

A "House" Tennis Challenge Cup.

"Weltgeschick" (Schlosser) in 18 volumes, from O Browne.

2 Pictures Marshal Foch, by W. Orpen, by O. Browne.

His Majesty King George V., by Bentley Cooper.

