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EDITORIAL.

We welcome several creditable contributions to this number : some others were excluded, not so much from lack of interest as for want of simplicity and literary honesty of expression.

In future the Magazine will be a publication belonging to the School-in-being ; and a balance sheet will be issued each year shewing (we fear) the deficit which usually occurs. However, we must take measures to wipe this out.

The Editor is anxious to call the attention of Old Girls to the London Meeting at Francis Holland School, Clarence Gate, N.W.1, on January 3rd, 3—6. Miss Crapper is most kindly lending a room ; there will be several former mistresses present, and it is hoped that some married old girls may find it possible to bring a child, however young ; just for exhibition—should the weather be kind.

MISS MACKWORTH.

The School has suffered a great loss through Miss Mackworth's resignation—for 25 years she has served it—for many of the 25 as Second Mistress ; during Miss Ottley's last years this meant much responsibility and anxiety, indeed during the summer term of 1912, Miss Mackworth was acting Head Mistress. It was owing to her courage and devotion, and the loyal support given to her by her colleagues, that the School passed safely through that crisis : she stayed for seven years more, to give invaluable support to the new head, and there are many who agree with those Old Girls who say that the School can never be quite the same without her.

MISTRESSES WHO LEFT, JULY, 1919.

Miss Mackworth retired after 25 years' service in this School. Miss Jowett has given up teaching and gone to India. Miss Howell, Miss Shrubsall, Miss Peggy Ottley and Miss Hirschfeld have also left.

NEW MISTRESSES.

Miss Spink (Classics), Miss Harris (English and French), Miss Stewart (Geography), Miss Maundrell (K.G.), Miss Petty (Junior School) ; Miss Finegan comes from Birmingham to teach Violin.

GIRLS LEFT.

Christine Robinson (Head Girl), Sybil Smith, Betty Stallard, Phyllis Donkin, Winifred Hildebrand, Mary Highfield, Phyllis Richardson, Freda Burden, Peggy Jones, Myfanwy Rees, Kathleen Garner, Joan Baker, Kathleen Chell, Ruth Ware, Margaret Lloyd-Jones, Dorothy Lloyd-Jones, Ruth Lloyd-Jones, Irene Dorrell, Nancy Dorrell, Celia Trevor, Richard Watson, John Beavan.

NEW GIRLS, SEPTEMBER, 1919.

Marjorie Morris, Eileen Mumford (V.A.), Frances Thornton, Betty Lindner (IV.A.), Emily Austin, Nesta Morgan, Diana

Lindner, Muriel Deacon (IVB.), Constance Brown (Remove), Philippa Hesketh Williams (IIIA.), Joan Nicholls, Nellie Lynn (IIIB.), Betty Barron, Joyce Ford, Maud Gresley, Phyllis Parry, Kathleen Harper, Muriel Armstrong (II.), Joan Ponting, Betty Andrewes, Delphine Solon (I.) K.G.—Peggy Underwood, Kathleen Cook, Tom Creighton, Doris Foulds, Betty Revill. At half-term—Joan Clark.

PREFECTS.

Head Girl.—Constance Mackenzie.	IVB.—Mary Tibbets.
VIB.—Rosemary Hansen-Bay.	Sub.—Molly Boyd.
VA.—Audrey Bird.	Remove.—Vera Welch.
VB.—Hope Murphy.	IIIA.—Joan Jerram.
IVA.—Dorothy Powell.	Sub.—Violet Buckney.
Sub.—Peggy Whitaker.	

OTHER OFFICERS ARE :—

Head of Baskerville—Phyllis Davies.
 „ „ Springfield—Phyllis Hansen-Bay.
 „ „ Day Girls (East)—Betty Pollard.
 „ „ Day Girls (West)—Catherine Watson.

The following Girls are now (Sept., 1919) Members of Form VI. :

VIA.—Constance Mackenzie (Head Girl), Catherine Watson, Betty Pollard, Phyllis Hansen-Bay, Phyllis Davies, Margaret Luckham, Mary Burnett, Francesca Pilditch. VIB.—Rosemary Hansen-Bay (Prefect), Margaret Taylor, Sheila Cavenagh, Betty Gillespy, Phyllis Henery, Mollie Chambers, Betty Harvey, May Revill, Dorothy Earle, Beres Martin, Freda Rogers, Irene Simes, Winifred Gilbanks, Ruth Longland, Marjorie Grove, Sybil Lawson, Isabel Humphries, Joan Watson.

GAMES, GYMNAS TIC, AND GARDEN COMPETITIONS, JULY, 1919.

The Form Tennis Cup was won by VIB. — (Constance Mackenzie and Margaret Luckham).

The Cricket Shield was won by Form IIIA.

The House Tennis Cup was won by the Day Girls, East, (Agnes Payne and Phyllis Richardson).

The Silver Badges for Gymnastics were won by :—Senior—Betty Pollard ; Middle—Eva Watson ; Junior—Betty Smith.

In the Garden Competition the Shield was won by IIIA. ($\frac{29}{30}$). IVA. ($\frac{26}{30}$) won the Motto. Form I. was equal in marks with IVA. but had received some help. The order of the other Forms was : II. (2^4), VIB. and IIIB. (2^2), VB. (1^6), Remove (1^4), IVB. (1^2), VA. (1^7).

GAMES REPORT.

The weather has been unusually favourable to us for games this term. I think it is safe to say that we have not missed more than two days' practice altogether. We are extremely grateful to Miss Gillespy, who has allowed us to use the ground at Springfield, principally for Juniors. This has been a great help, for although we are very glad to see that the number of girls who play games steadily increases year by year, it is rather a problem to fit them all in on one ground, so that they play an equal number of times. This increase in numbers bodes well for the future, but it is up to the senior girls, and the form captains, to see to it that the keenness which obviously exists, especially amongst the Juniors, is not allowed to get less.

Unfortunately the present Seniors allowed their zeal to flag considerably, because during the war there were no outside matches in which to try their strength. Possibly there was some excuse then, but we need none now, as the attitude of the team has quite changed, and although the results of our matches are not very hopeful, it can be seen that the zeal and ardour still remain ; there is a determination for better results in the future.

School v. The Abbey. Lost 3—7. This was quite a good match for the first of the season. Both teams were new and

inexperienced. The first half was quite even, the goals being 3 all. When we changed ends our lack of wind and staying power was only too obvious and our opponents got 4 more goals. J. Hooke played very well in goal and received her colours.

School v. Lawnside. Won 10—1. This was a comparatively easy match and was very useful in encouraging our team to further effort.

School v. The Abbey. Lost 1—15. This was nothing short of a fiasco. After rather a tiring ride in the bus, the team was demoralised and failed to pull themselves together all through the game. We found that our opponents had improved a great deal more than we had.

School v. St. James'. Lost 0—9. Quite an interesting match and not so uneven as the score denotes. The ground was very slippery, which considerably hampered our efforts. J. Hooke again played well in goal and B. Pollard at back. The forwards were decidedly weak.

Characters of 1st XI. :—

S. Cavenagh (Captain), Centre Forward. Has been a very keen and energetic captain. Her play has been rather disappointing and she must break herself of the habit of "muddling the ball." Shooting weak.

B. Gillespy, Left Wing. In a difficult place, she has done some very good work. Her determination to get the ball at all costs is an example many others would do well to follow.

R. H. Bay, Right Half. Has played consistently well in all matches, and proved herself a very valuable member of the team.

G. Richardson, Left Inner. Has been rather disappointing. She does not make use of her oppor-

tunities and capabilities in the striking circle. She passes well in the field and should do better next year.

D. Morley, Centre Half. Has also been disappointing and is not yet up to last year's form. If she is to keep her important position in the field next year, she will have to be much quicker and safer.

D. Earle, Right Wing. Tries hard, but is not really good enough for the team. Is rather apt to lose her head in matches.

J. Hooke, Goal. A very valuable member of the team. Is a little slow in clearing and should try to use her feet as well as her stick.

B. Pollard, Left Back. A hard worker. Shews more improvement than any other member of the team. Should make quite a useful back when she has learnt to be quicker and to hit harder.

I. Humphries, Right Inner. Has improved considerably in her new place and passes well out to her wing. She is not quick enough and she does not make use of a hard shot in the circle.

J. Littlebury, Left Half. Is very keen, but has been rather disappointing in matches. She is too slow.

H. Pope, Right Back. Is a good hard hitter and has improved, but she is still clumsy.

LECTURES.

Canon Price gave us three delightful Lectures on George Herbert, Henry Vaughan, John Keble and Cardinal Newman, which were attended by Forms VI., V. and IVa. He has also most kindly undertaken to give the Upper VI. Lectures on S. John's Gospel, during the Lent Term.

ALICE OTTLEY SCHOOL DEBATING SOCIETY.

A Business Meeting of the Society was held at the beginning of Term for the election of officers, and the choice of a subject for the next debate. C. Mackenzie was elected vice-president and M. Chambers representative for VIB. P. Mann was re-elected secretary.

A Meeting of the Society was held on Monday, November 17th.

The motion before the House was that "It is better to be a Jack-of-all-trades than a master of one."

C. Mackenzie, the proposer, declared that there can be no absolute masters, because to be absolute master of his trade a man should know all about it, and he cannot because he does not see future developments. So-called masters are merely superior Jacks.

M. Garner, opposing the motion, considered that outstanding men of the past were masters of their particular trade or occupation. She thought that the result of masters' work made a perfect whole, beneficial to the community, while Jacks-of-all-trades obtain no particular result because they excel in nothing. There must be masters to set a standard for Jacks to follow.

M. Chambers, supporting the motion, considered that Jacks are as beneficial to the community as masters, because they are in the majority, and of most use in times of crisis, such as war.

R. Hansen-Bay, supporting the opposer, thought that a Jack-of-all-trades is of no use because he does not think deeply upon any subject.

The motion was now open to general discussion.

M. Burnett thought that too much concentration on one subject is mentally harmful.

R. Longland pointed out that it is only specialists who are in demand for good posts ; and also that their influence is not confined to a small circle, but reaches into the future.

Miss Tisdall added that the progress of the world is due to those particular masters—the inventors.

Miss Harris, supporting the motion, gave the example of a mistress of a house who has influence when she is a Jack-of-all-trades in the house.

Miss Smith thought that a good mistress of a house is an example of a master, or rather mistress, of a trade, because although she may be familiar with every branch of house management, those branches only make up one trade—domestic science.

This raised the point that there are many branches to every subject, and therefore, to be a master, one must first be a Jack.

Other speakers were Miss Cowell, P. Hansen-Bay, M. Luckham, M. Grove.

The President then asked the proposer and seconder to sum up, and the motion being put to the vote, was defeated by a majority of three.

GIRL GUIDES.

3RD WORCESTER COMPANY.

We were all very sorry to say “Good-bye” to our Lieutenant—Miss Howell—at the end of last term. Our Lieutenants are now Irene Grove and Elsa Taylor, who have taken the meetings this term, as Miss Smith was not able to do so, even after her return to Worcester.

The Guides are divided into five Patrols :—

Lilies.—Leader : C. Watson ; Second : J. Littlebury ; D. Earle, K. Shaw, B. Hutchinson, J. Jerram, M. Watson.

Pansies. — Leader : M. Shaw ; Second : R. Chignell ; B. Holmes, N. Castley, P. Whitaker, C. Young.

Primroses. — Leader : B. Pollard ; Second : M. Revill ; G. Dingle, E. Watson, N. Pollard, M. Berry, K. de Salis, V. Dingle.

Wild Roses.—Leader : S. Cavenagh ; Second : J. Watson ; F. Thornton, I. Stroyan, E. Barnett, J. Boden.

Honeysuckles.—Leader : M. Taylor ; Second : M. Grove ; E. Philips, A. Grice, J. Holmes, B. Jerram, K. Littlebury.

We hope that more recruits will join soon to complete the patrols.

The Primroses and Wild Roses challenged the other patrols to a hockey match, but it could not be played owing to bad weather.

Miss Knott came to the meeting held on Nov. 20th, to test us for the Athlete and Gymnastic Badges ; she also inspected us.

Several Second Class Badges have been won this term. The Shield for the Summer Term has been awarded to the Pansy Patrol (Leader : Irene Grove). M. REVILL, VIB.

Speech Day, Nov. 22nd, 1919.

In the absence of the Chairman, The Right Hon. Viscount Cobham, the Chair was taken by the Vice-Chairman, the Rev. Canon James. The programme began with the singing of "God Save the King," after which several part songs were sung by the Upper and Middle School. When Miss Spurling had reported on the year's progress, the Bishop of Worcester gave the prizes and certificates ; the list of these follows :—

CERTIFICATES AND PRIZES, 1919.

COUNCIL'S SCHOLARSHIPS.

2nd year—Catherine Watson.

1st year—Rosemary Hansen-Bay.

VICTORIA SCHOLARSHIP.

Mary Willis.

ALICE OTTLEY SCHOLARSHIP.

Jessie Lacey.

LONDON MATRICULATION.

Dorothy Mount.

Agnes Payne.

OXFORD AND CAMBRIDGE JOINT BOARD.

School Certificates.

			Passed with credit in	
Catherine Watson	...	7	subjects—	Latin, French, Chemistry, Mathematics, Divinity, English, History.
Margaret Luckham	...	5	„	Divinity, English, History, French, Mathematics.
Betty Stallard	...	5	„	Divinity, English, History, French, Mathematics.
Constance Mackenzie	...	4	„	English, History, French, Mathematics.
Betty Pollard	...	4	„	English, History, French, Mathematics.
Irene Grove	...	4	„	English, History, French, Mathematics.
Elsa Taylor	...	3	„	English, French, Drawing.
Phyllis Davies	...	1	„	English.
(Sybil Smith passed with credit in Divinity, English, French, History. Phyllis Hansen-Bay passed with credit in English, History, French, Drawing.)				

Lower Certificates.

Rosemary Hansen-Bay	First Class in 6 subjects, Second in 1.				
Winifred Hildebrand	„	„	4	„	2.
Marjorie Grove	„	„	3	„	3.
Sybil Lawson	„	„	3	„	3.
May Revill	„	„	2	„	5.
Betty Gillespy	„	„	1	„	5.
Mary Highfield				„	6.
Isabel Humphries				„	6.
Sheila Cavenagh				„	6.

Margaret Taylor completed her certificate with
First Class in 2 subjects.

Letters.

Audrey Bird	Second Class in 4 subjects.		
Molly Chambers	First Class in 1 subject	„	„	3	„
Phyllis Henery	„	„	5 „
Ruth Longland	First Class in 4 subjects	„	„	1	„

OXFORD SENIOR LOCAL EXAMINATION.

Phyllis Donkin.

Kathleen Whiteman.

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MUSIC AND THE ROYAL ACADEMY OF MUSIC.

Local Centre Examination.

Intermediate Grade.

Piano—Mary Spurgin.

Singing—Peggy Ottley.

„ —Agnes Payne.

School Examination.

<i>Higher.</i>	Piano	Marie Hulse.
	„	Eileen Philips.
<i>Lower.</i>	„	Annie Grice.
	„	Althea Beavan.
	Organ	Kathleen Chell.
<i>Elementary.</i>	Violin	Ruth Ware.
	Piano	Betty Holmes.
	„	Molly Philips
	„	Maisie Knight.
	„	Peggy Whitaker.
	Violoncello	Margaret Lloyd-Jones.
<i>Primary.</i>	Violin	Ruth Lloyd-Jones.
	Piano	Rosalind Evans.

ROYAL DRAWING SOCIETY.

Prize (Division V.)—Joan Watson.*Full Honours Certificate*—Margaret Taylor.

(Also 65 Honours and 32 Pass Certificates.)

Bronze Star—Eve Garnett.

Concours Barrère.

Concours des Laureats.	<i>Prix</i>	Catherine Watson.
Degré.	„	Catherine Watson.
	„	Rosemary Hansen-Bay.
	„	Gwen Evans.
	<i>Certificat</i>	Betty Pollard.
		Valentine Noake.

PERCENTAGE PRIZES.

(Won by gaining 80% on Term Marks and 75% on Examination Marks during 2 Terms of the Year.)

<i>Va.</i>	Ruth Longland	—English.
<i>Vb.</i>	Madge Hemus	—Mathematics.
<i>IVa.</i>	Marjorie Shaw	—English and Languages.
<i>IVb.</i>	Gwen. Evans	—English and Languages.
	Eva Watson	—English and Mathematics.
	Jessie Lace	—Mathematics.
<i>Remove.</i>	Lorne Wigram	—English.
<i>IIIa.</i>	Mary Watson	—English.
	Molly Boyd	—Languages.
<i>IIIb.</i>	Meriel Longland	—Arithmetic and Languages.
	Rosalind Evans	—Languages.
	Eleanor Watson	— „
	Molly Sparrow	— „
	Molly Darling	— „
	Maisie Knight	— „
<i>II.</i>	Daphne Sparrow	—English and French.
	Amy Davies	—Arithmetic and French.
	Marjorie Howson	—Arithmetic.
	Frances Coke	—French.
	Betty Philpott	—English.

SPECIAL PRIZES.

Divinity.

<i>Canon Chappel's Prize.</i>	<i>VI.</i>	Sybil Smith.
	<i>Va.</i>	Ruth Longland.
	<i>Vb.</i>	Jean Littlebury.
	<i>IVa.</i>	Winifred Buckney.
	<i>IVb.</i>	Gwen. Evans.

<i>Remove.</i>	Doreen Hutton.
<i>IIIa.</i>	Mary Watson.
<i>IIIb.</i>	Christine Young.
<i>II.</i>	Daphne Sparrow.

Latin.

<i>VI.</i>	Prose—Catherine Watson.
	Translation—Betty Pollard.
<i>Va.</i>	May Revill.

French.

	<i>VI.</i>	Catherine Watson.
<i>Mdlle. de Sabatier-Plantier's Prize.</i>	<i>Va.</i>	Rosemary Hansen-Bay.

History.

<i>Miss Mackworth's Prizes.</i>	<i>VI.</i>	Betty Stallard.
	<i>Va.</i>	Ruth Longland.

English.

<i>Miss Hamilton's Prize.</i>	<i>VI.</i>	Betty Stallard.
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Mathematics.

<i>VI.</i>	Margaret Luckham.
<i>Va.</i>	Rosemary Hansen-Bay.

Science.

<i>VI.</i>	Catherine Watson.
	Phyllis Hansen-Bay.
<i>Va.</i>	Sybil Lawson.

Drawing.

<i>VI.</i>	Elsa Taylor.
<i>Va.</i>	Margaret Taylor.
	Rosemary Hansen-Bay.

History Illustration Books.

<i>Miss Belcher's Prizes.</i>	First.	Vera Dingle.
		Kathleen Shaw.
	Second.	Mary Gascoigne.
		Kathleen Acton.
		Phyllis Roberts.

Plain Needlework Association Prizes.

<i>Section I.</i>	Honor Martin.
<i>Section II.</i>	Eleanor Watson. Katie Coomber.
<i>Section III.</i>	Margaret Taylor.
<i>Section IV.</i>	Bessie Stroyan. Eva Watson. Muriel Plum.

(8 First Class and 20 Second Class Certificates.)

Also 66 Holiday Task Prizes.

NEWS OF OLD GIRLS AND MISTRESSES.

Audrey Spackman (née Smith) and her husband have sailed for India.

We hear that Winifred Harper (née Anton) and her husband have arrived safely in Australia.

Dorothea Johnson Barker has a school of her own at Enfield.

Irene Cave-Brown-Cave has gone back to the London Hospital.

Vera Bond (née Adlard) has gone to Cairo for three years as her husband has a Chaplaincy there.

Joyce Webb has a post at the Girls' Modern School, Bedford.

Mary Chappel has a post in the Bermondsey L.C.C. Secondary School for Girls.

Marjorie Chappel has qualified L.R.C.P. and M.R.C.S., and now has a post at the Elizabeth Garrett Anderson Hospital.

Peggy Jones is a Probationer at the Tenbury Cottage Hospital.

Daphne Wigram is hoping to continue to do agricultural work ; we were glad to welcome her to the Dance on Speech Day evening.

Dorothy Mackworth is living with Miss Mackworth at Drakes Broughton and is the District Nurse and Health Visitor for Stoulton and Drakes Broughton and several other villages.

Miss Bagnall is teaching Divinity at Wycombe Abbey School.

Miss Jowett hopes to sail for India this month.

Miss Howell has a post in the Twickenham Girls' Secondary School.

Betty Webb is Drill Mistress at a private School at Bishops Stortford.

Muriel Higgs-Walker (née Smith) and her husband are living at Pendle where the latter has a post at Pendle School.

Margery Jones is studying at the Bedford Physical Training College.

Mrs. Taylor (Mary Hay) writes from 'The Parsonage, Mt. Jameson, N. Rhodesia, that her six weeks' old baby girl is both good and pretty ! Mary hopes that her husband, who is Chaplain there, may get new work before long, as there is not enough work for a young man.

Enid and Stephanie Ondaatje are in England for two years with their parents : their address is 33, Russell Road, West Kensington, W. They have undertaken to work one day a week at the Lady Margaret Hall Settlement in Kensington Road, but Stephanie has unfortunately been indulging in chickenpox.

Olive Burch is teaching a small boy at Teinmouth, Devon.

Dorothy Case is still working in Kobe, Japan : she gets her furlough next year and hopes to be in England in time for the Old Girls' Association Meeting in June, 1920. She says that Dorothy Gregson, who was in Worcester in the summer holidays, is greatly missed.

Christine Robinson is going to Birmingham in January to the School of Art : she hopes to live in the University Hostel.

Miss Batchellor is teaching at a School of Domestic Science in Hampstead.

Irene Simes has returned and is taking the Domestic Course.

Several Old Girls have been in School this Term, among others, Phyllis Brierley, B. Stallard, M. Brierley, D. Wigram, G. Blakeway, J. Grove, G. Chappel, I. Coomber, M. Elton, Marguerite Sharpe (née Rowe), I. Perkins, Phyllis Harvey (née Blott), M. and A. Campbell, R. Weston.

BIRTHS.

On July 14, at 38, Ombersley Road, Worcester, the wife of Leonard Sharpe (née Marguerite Rowe) of a daughter (Jean).

On August 8th, at Bristol, Mrs. Bradley (née A. Adlington) a daughter (Nora Rosalie).

On September 9th, at Whitbourne Hall, the wife of E. F. H. Evans (née Fanny Brierley) of a daughter.

On September 13th, Mrs. Kelly (née Stella Harding) a daughter.

On September 11th, at Streatham Manor, Streatham, to Joan (née Bayly) the wife of W. S. Renwick, 5, Hale Gardens, Acton, a daughter.

MARRIAGES.

Lloyd—Raymond.—On July 23rd, at St. Paul's, Knightsbridge, the Reverend K. H. Lloyd, of St. John's College, Agna, to Patricia Raymond.

Palmer—Lewis.—On July 23rd, at St. Peter's, Bromyard, Howard Gwynne Keppel Palmer to Sylvia Helen King Lewis.

Baynes—Beauchamp.—In July, at the Parish Church, Colwall, Edward William Baynes to Dorothy Margaret Beauchamp.

Grigg—Hough.—On August 1st, at Broadwas Parish Church, by the Bishop of Woolwich, Percy James Grigg to Gertrude Charlotte Hough.

Spackman—Smith.—On August 12th, at St. Michael's Church, Himley, by the Bishop of Stafford, Captain A. C. Spackman, I.M.S., to Audrey Helen Eden Smith.

Saunder—Adlington.—On September 17th, at Holy Trinity Church, Worcester, Arthur T. Saunder to Susy Violet Adlington.

Mansfield—Baylis.—On November 22nd, at the Baptist Chapel, Worcester, George William Mansfield to Ella Noel Baylis.

GIFTS.

To the Butler Library—

A large number of valuable books from Mrs. Knight and Miss Butler, also from Miss Mackworth, Irene Cave-Brown-Cave, and Ophelia Browne.

To the School—

A House Hockey Cup from Agnes Payne.

A House Tennis Cup.

Two large pictures, His Majesty King George V. and Marshal Foch, from Miss Mackworth.

Several Books for the History Shelves, from Miss Leather.

To the Museum—

A collection of Foreign Shells, from Mrs. Sherwill.

A Cyprus Glass Bowl, very ancient, from Miss Butler.

CANDIDA RECTAQUE.

The King went down to His garden one day,
 To gather some lilies fair ;
 Said He, " the flowers that adorn My house
 Must all virtues and graces bear."

The first He saw had a faded leaf,
 The next had a dusty stain
 Marring the petal's lovely white,
 At the spot where 't would ever remain.

Another blossom still high aspired,
 But one head of dazzling white
 Hung down in shame, for the stem had snapped ;
 It could now look no more to the light.

The King then saw a mournful sight :
 A lily, once upright and pure,
 Had fallen to earth, with its fair beauty smirched ;
 So low, there was no hope of cure,

" Shall I never find a worthy flower
 To adorn My house on high ?
 Lilies of purity, lustre and strength,"
 Cried the King, as He passèd by.

But, at last, as He looked o'er his garden fair,
 Despairing of finding such flowers,
 He saw a white flower growing, pure and upright,
 'Midst the green of the bushes and bowers.

He thither went, with hope in His heart,
 And He found there lilies, pure white,
 Growing so humbly, behind the green trees,
 That many might miss the glad sight,

And the King, as he gathered the lovely blooms
 So shining and upright and pure,
 Thought to himself that a blameless life
 Can do nought but fight on and endure.

P., VIa.

I musèd
 Sitting upon a bank that edged the sea,
 Beside it
 The waters lapped and murmured whisperingly ;
 Then came my dear,
 And, straightway from my sight,
 Gone was the sapphire sky and wondrous night,
 When she was nigh.

R.B., VIb.

THE PRIZE-GIVINGE.

Whan that Novembre withe his windes colde,
 For threë weeken haddē growen olde,
 Byfel that, in that sesoun, on a daye,
 In Worcestre, atte Schoole as we laye,
 There was cum upon a nafternoon, the Bishop
 And many Gouvernours atte Schoole to stop.
 Now in the Bigge Halle, richely lighte,
 Were maiden childre, cladde in robes of white.
 They tuned in the nose ful semely,
 Then tooke prize with smile and curteisie ;
 Eke spak the Bishop as he shoudde,
 And men seide his opinion was goode.
 Thanne all y-songe the Schoole Hymne,
 And, prizes given, wenten to the Gymne.

TWO OF VIa.

ARMISTICE DAY.

1918.

Peacefully resting at last in the star-bedeck'd fields of the blessèd,
Souls of our dead who had striven, now ageless, all-seeing, im-
mortal,

Gazed from their haven of bliss, on the earth which had caused
them to suffer ;

Pitiful, gazed on their land racked in anguish of tumult and
carnage,

Wept for our griefs and our sorrows, and laughed with our joy in
our triumphs.

Then when the purpose was worked, and the merciless tyrants
lay vanquished ;

When in each heart they had loved the long agonized tension
was broken ;

Then, in our shouting of vict'ry the voice of the heroes was lifted.

1919.

Seasons rolled on in our earth, though for them was the peace of
the timeless ;

Came again that great day of thanksgiving, and praise and re-
joicing ;

Eager the heroes awaited the glorious song of their conquest :

Silence pervaded the world, and a stillness like that of the snow
fields.

Silence, not cold or unheeding, but rising from hearts overflowing,
Hearts full of worship and gladness and joy for the dead who
had saved them.

Then in the fields 'midst the lilies the voice of the heroes was
lifted,

Till through all space and all time swept the cry of their great
intercession.

"Blest be this land through all ages, for worthy is she of the
blessing ;

Humble the heart in her joy, not forgetting the sons who have
loved her.

Maker and Master Omnipotent, bless 'Thou our motherland
always."

R.M.L., VI.B.

BACKS.

After Tennyson's "Ulysses."

It little profits that an idle back
 By this still goal among these silent halves
 Matched with an aged stick, I mete and dole
 Unequal hits unto a stupid wing,
 That knocks and bangs and bumps and knows not me.
 I cannot rest from hockey ; I am become a name
 For always hitting with a hungry heart.
 Much have I seen and known ; inners and wings,
 Centres, halves, backs and goals—
 Myself not honoured but least of all—
 And talked delights of hockey with the rest
 Far on the grassy field of the hockey ground.
 Yet all experience is an arch, wherethro'
 Gleams that yet unknown world, of being
 In the First or winning hockey colours.
 How dull it is to pause ; backs piled on backs
 Were all too little, when Miss Knott is forward
 In the game, but every hit saves
 Some goal from being shot, and vile it is
 To slip and sprawl, just when you've got the ball.
 And this wild spirit yearning in desire
 To go on hitting, as the ball nears the goal
 Beyond the utmost power of hockey sticks.
 Then there's the half, who always stops the ball,
 To whom I leave the hits and all the bangs,
 Well liked of me, discerning to fulfil
 This labour, by slow prudence to hit the ball
 Out to the wing, who by swift degrees;
 Runs up and shoots a goal.
 Most blameless is she, centred in the sphere
 Of hockey duties, decent not to fail
 In offices of hitting and to stop
 The forwards who prepare to shoot a goal
 When no backs are there ! she works her work,
 I mine.

ANON., IVa.

BELGIUM, 1919.

Even before one lands at Ostend, the signs of destruction are plainly visible. All along the coast from Nieuport, roofless and window-less skeletons of houses stand up against the sky ; though here, as elsewhere, the work of reconstruction has already begun.

At the entrance to Ostend Harbour lies the far-famed *Vindictive*, stripped of all loose wreckage, and with the holes in her sides roughly patched. Local rumour says she is to be towed home, but, as her back is obviously broken, this seems impossible.

In Zeebrugge Harbour are the *Thetis* and *Iphigenia*, the latter making an almost impassable barrier. The Mole has been temporarily rebuilt, but one can realise the tremendous damage done by the C.3 and her companion ships in that marvellous raid (St. George's Day, 1918). How a single man landed on a coast bristling, as this does, with guns, is a mystery ' Not far off is all that remains of the *Brussels*, Captain Fryatt's ship, visible only at low tide.

The wreckage in Bruges docks, ten miles up the canal is a wonderful testimony to the work of our airmen. There was an important submarine base here, with repairing sheds, and what must have been the biggest petrol tank in the world. The place was bombed many times, and almost everything in or under the water reduced to scrap-iron. One submarine was blown clean in two, and half of it thrown *over* a pier twenty feet high. It is still lying on the other side.

Bruges was, of course, occupied by the Germans for a long time, and, on the whole, the Belgians do not speak badly of their behaviour. Here, as at Brussels, they probably did little damage because they looked on the town as their own future property. All the brass and copper was taken, however, and all the wine. The proprietor of one hotel told us he had collected eight thousand bottles, and lost every one. He himself was away fighting, but his wife, her sister, and two servants (one an Englishwoman),

stayed through the whole occupation, completely cut off, even from Brussels, except for an occasional message, first through America and then Holland. It is amazing to find how cheerful the people are, and how little they show, to the outside world, of what they have been through.

Of course it will take generations for the country really to recover. Huge areas are just a waste, with no landmark but skeleton trees, bleached by poison-gas, pill-boxes, and heaps of ruins, with, perhaps, a board marking the name of the village. The ground is so riddled with shell-holes that it seems impossible ever to make use of it again. It *can* be done, though ; for where there is a British Camp, one nearly always sees a beautifully levelled football ground. Vive la sport ! Incidentally, the old sea-plane station, among the ruins of Zeebrugge Mole, is now used as a hard tennis court.

Chinese labourers are still employed in "clearing up" the battle area, and surround the traveller with offers of "souvenirs." Indeed, souvenir hunters find themselves in a veritable paradise—almost anything may be picked up ; even derelict tanks are so common that a few would hardly be missed. They would really be the most suitable means of transport along most of the Belgian roads, still in many places broken up by shell and mine craters, and even at their best, paved with cobbles that shake any English car to pieces in a few weeks, though they do not seem quite so fatal to the local carts. These are drawn by mules, oxen, or even dogs—the last work splendidly, except when they are seized with a sudden desire to fight ; then things happen !

The children begin to work early, and clatter about in their wooden sabots helping to "carry on" for labour is very scarce. Prices, in consequence are alarmingly high, especially to foreigners ; but, as we heard one man say, when faced with a more exorbitant demand than usual, "You can't grudge it to the poor devils !"

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AN INCIDENT IN THE LIFE OF A DOG.

There was no doubt about it, I was in disgrace, I had torn two mats to ribbons, and had buried a bedroom slipper, belonging to my master, in the garden.

And as I lay in my snug bed, trying to think how I could make up for all this mischief, I heard a sound which made me prick up my ears and stiffen my body. It came from the next room, I felt sure it was the sound of a window being slowly opened. I crept out of my bed and along the hall. Just underneath the door from whence the sound had come I sniffed cautiously ; yes, there was no mistake about it, I knew that scent too well ; it was man, and even I, a two-year-old, knew that when a man crept into a house in the middle of the night he meant no good. So I lifted up my head and barked my hardest. Soon I stopped and listened, the thief seemed to be in a hurry, for I could hear him moving rapidly about the room ; I barked again. Suddenly I heard my master's bedroom door open, and soon he appeared, and in answer to his question as to what was the matter, I wagged my tail and pressed against the door.

Moving me out of the way, my master opened the door and went in, and I followed ; and there, in the act of getting out of the window, was a man with a sack.

My master ran towards him, and the burglar made a desperate attempt to get his other leg out of the window. Then it was that I saw my chance, I shot forward and seized his leg ; with a yell of pain the robber dropped the bag he was carrying, and giving me a hard kick, wrenched his leg free and bolted through the window.

By this time, all the household was awake ; and soon they were all assembled in the drawing room. After I had been hugged and patted until I felt quite sore, I departed to my box feeling I had made amends.

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