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GREETING!

BY A SIXTH-FORMER.

WE have long felt the need of a School Magazine; but we felt it would be unpatriotic to issue one during the war, when economy was so necessary. One of the first thoughts on hearing that "de hostibus actum est" was that now would be the time to make the venture, and accordingly the Magazine makes its bow. Whether it appears again or not, will depend upon the reception given to its first number.

Please remember that contributions and suggestions will always be welcomed, and should be sent to the Editor or Sub-Editor. Miss Howson has kindly offered a prize for the best design for a cover for the Magazine. We thank her very much, and hope that many will try. Attempts should be sent in before the end of this term.

We extend our heartiest thanks to those who have helped to make the Magazine a possibility, and we hope that every girl will take a keen interest in this record of the doings of our School.

BY AN OLD GIRL.

ONE usually feels hopelessly lost when asked to contribute an article to the School Magazine, and it has been said that old pupils are too modest to send in particulars for publication. That may be so, but I am sure all Old Girls wish the Magazine every success.

It was a wish dear to the hearts of many that our year should institute the School Magazine. Ambitious, as we all were, there are only two successful efforts on record to produce a Magazine. One was published in 1914. The other was the effort of an enterprising form, who managed to publish one edition. Those who

remember it must have happy recollections of that weird and wonderful volume.

However, "Third time fair" is a world-worn saying, but promises well once more, and we wish success to every number of the School Magazine. May it live for ever!

AN IDEAL SCHOOL MAGAZINE.

IN the first place, to be in the slightest degree successful, the existence of a Magazine should be recognised by the whole School. A Magazine which is only written by a few, however enthusiastic they may be, is almost sure, in the long run, to prove a failure. Since the Magazine, then, is to be a public affair, it follows as a matter of course, that its management should be in the hands of responsible and capable persons—preferably VI girls. Possibly the best method of management is for these persons to form a committee and for each member to be held responsible for a certain section of the Magazine. Otherwise quite frequently, the whole responsibility devolves on one unfortunate individual. At the same time, of course, an editor is a necessary evil and must be endured with patience, for someone must collect the contributions and arrange them for publication.

Then as to contributors; the Magazine ought to be contributed to by members from every Form, if possible. One does not expect to find any unusual talent in an average school-girl; nevertheless, everyone should be encouraged to contribute, even though some of the productions have to be rejected. It does not matter in the least how many are the contributors—the trouble begins when they are too few. If the editor is reduced to begging people to take pity on her and contribute "something" the result is unhappy to say the least.

The next matter to be dealt with is the contents. The size of most Magazines does not admit of long stories; such as there are should be brief and to the point. Serials are quite impossible when one considers the time which elapses—even in the best regulated Magazines—between one publication and the next. One realises that it is quite hopeless to try and sustain public interest to that extent. "Poetry" is always an addition to any Magazine —if only anyone can be found to write it.

It is customary in School Magazines to include current events, games results, etc. This seems quite the obvious thing to do, and is always interesting, so long as the news has not become stale before the Magazine appears; for even an ideal Magazine would hardly be published more frequently than once a term. If there is anyone in the School with a talent for drawing, illustrations are

a valuable addition and always acceptable. Moreover they give prestige and dignity to a youthful journal—and that is a consideration.

In a large School material should not be lacking. After all, to school-girls, events and matters connected with School life are the most interesting, and a School Magazine should, to a certain extent, confine itself to such subjects. By an average girl, such a Magazine, well written, well conducted, is always read with lively interest. Unfortunately, though, it seems that to run an ideal Magazine one other condition is necessary—an ideal School.

M. Brooke.

EXAMINATION SUCCESSES.

London Matriculation.

The four candidates sent in this year by our School were :—

M. Compton, G. Patten,
R. Fitch, W. Savill,

and all were successful.

Senior Cambridge.

The successes gained by the fifteen girls sent in from our School are as follows :—

1st Class Honours.	L. Dancer, distinction in French.		
	R. Causton	,,	French and Mathematics.
3rd Class Honours.	M. Brooke, distinction in English.		
	J. Addison.		
	D. Gallifant,	,, ,,	Scripture.
	V. Went,	,, ,,	English.
Satisfied the Examiners.	I. MacDonald.	C. Dunn.	J. Bull.
	M. Palmer.	D. Collins.	M. Edmunds.
	E. Palmer.	H. Jackson.	K. Easton.

Royal Society of Arts. Typewriting.

The following were successful :—

N. Davall. E. Hopkins. E. Greenwood. E. Ward.
L. Francis. G. Langlands. H. Martin.

Scholarships.

I. Warren---Girton College---Open Scholarship.
M. Compton---Mary Edward Tate Scholarship, Battersea Polytechnic for Domestic Science.

Intermediate County Scholarships.

R. Causton---2nd in the County.
D. Gallifant---6th ,, ,,

THE ROBIN'S SONG.

ON a budding bough sat a robin gay
Singing to all who passed that way;
Soon came a lover with his lass,
Treading softly through the grass.
"Live and love," cried the robin gay,
"Live and love till your hairs be grey."

Next came a pilgrim old and worn,
His back was bowed and his gown was torn,
But on his face, so old and grey,
A look of peace had come to stay.
"Go on, go on you pilgrim brave,
You have paid back what your Saviour gave."

Then came a baby, young and fair,
With bright blue eyes and curling hair,
His tiny feet, they skipped along,
And soon he heard the robin's song;
"Dance on, dance on my baby fair,
God's own image I see in thee there."

No more folk did pass that day,
But the robin sung in his own sweet way;
"May the skies be dull or fair,
Know ye the sun is always there."

M. MAKEPEACE.

AMATEUR THEATRICALS.

ON Friday afternoon, July 19th, the Lower Fifth, chiefly for the benefit of the Upper Fifth, acted several scenes from "As You Like It." The whole form took part, and the hearty clapping testified to the appreciation of the audience. The love-making between Audrey and Touchstone caused much amusement, and the acting of Jaques was greatly appreciated. The costumes gave the finishing touch to the performance, which was voted a great success by all.

W. E. S.

THE SCHOOL BRANCH OF THE Y.H.L.

THE school members of the Y.H.L. have not lost any of their enthusiasm this year. In the Spring Term, with the help of the whole school, the splendid sum of £103 was raised by a sale of work.

During the Summer Term the members arranged some sports for the lower school and Preparatory. There were a great many

exciting races and much amusement was caused by such items as the sack race, kangaroo and wheelbarrow races. After tea had been served on one of the tennis courts, Miss Crosthwaite presented the prizes.

During the term, enthusiasm was stirred up by an interesting lecture by Mr. Hind-Smith.

TENNIS.

THE first match of the season was against the Staff, and resulted in a win for the School by 2 matches to 1.

On July 3rd a match was played on our ground against St. Mary's, the School winning by 12 sets to 7. The team to represent the School was chosen to coincide with the ages of those playing for St. Mary's. Owing to the bad weather, the return match was not played.

The day after we broke up an exciting match was played against the Old Girls' Team, and after much good play on both sides we were beaten by 7 to 2. The team representing the Old Girls was E. Heap and M. MacDonald (1st), M. Johnson and D. Smith (2nd). The School team for this season is W. Savill and L. Dancer (1st), I. MacDonald and J. Payne (2nd), M. Palmer and J. Barnett (3rd).

KNOWLEDGE—AS IT IS KNOWN IN THE LOWER SCHOOL.

A rectangle is a triangle in which nothing is equal to any thing else.

Raffia is flavouring for puddings.

The commander of the English Fleet against the Spanish Armada was Hawker.

The Rabies Order of 1919 is a disease among dogs.

Dyaks are walls built by the people of Holland to keep the sea out.

Guy Fawkes was arrested when alighting from a train.

The Polders are the people of Poland.

"Egypt is the child of the Nile" means that when Moses was a baby his mother put him in a basket on the river, and Pharoah's daughter found him and brought him up. So Egypt is the child of the Nile.

R34 is the room where Miss Diller teaches.

The standard European gauge is the amount of rain that falls.

FORM NOTES.

Upper V.

WITH Cambridge ahead we have had little opportunity or inclination to do much this term. At the same time we have thoroughly enjoyed the tournaments and matches which have taken place. The meetings of the French Club, which were held every week until the Oral Examination, were both pleasant, and, let us hope, instructive. At all events we fully appreciate the help which has been given us, not only in this subject, but in all. Those of us who remain are very sorry that so many of the form are leaving, but, in most cases, we shall still meet on Wednesdays.

Lower V.

This term has been very full for the members of Lower V., and we are glad to say that it will be a very happy time for all to look back on, especially those of us who are leaving School.

The Summer Term is always the most enjoyable until the examinations come too near, but this year we have had a really good time. The war, which has been hanging over us all for so long is over, and we can have tennis-parties and sports again without feeling unpatriotic.

At the beginning of the term the VI. gave a tournament to the Upper V. and our form in honour of Ivy Warren's success. Even those of us who are not great tennis players enjoyed our games against the School champions; and we take this opportunity of thanking Miss Howson and the VI. for a very pleasant afternoon.

Towards the end of the term we acted several scenes from "As You Like It," chiefly for the benefit of the Upper V.; the whole form took part.

The Lower V. is generally somewhat unlucky in matches and competitions. We lost the Gymnastic Cup by a few marks, and also the Netball Match last term, against the Upper V., by a very small margin; but at last we have accomplished something to celebrate our last term in the form by winning the Games' Cup, owing to the steady play of our tennis champions, I. Cock and J. Barnett. We have also endeavoured to restore the reputation of the form by getting good results, both in term work and examinations—seven girls have gained stars and first classes.

M. Makepeace.

Upper IVa.

Our greatest achievement as a form this term was when we carried off the Gymnastic Cup, much to our surprise---and delight. In the School rounders match against St. Mary's, our form was represented in the team by E. Weston and F. Springett, and in the tennis match by M. Whorlow and D. Payne.

On June 29th we invited Upper IV. Remove, Upper IVB., Upper IVc. and the Staff to a tennis tournament. The first prizes were won by Miss Bailey and K. Norfolk, and the second by V. Learmouth and D. Pocock. We also had the pleasure of the company of Miss Cunynghame.

We are sorry to have to record that, in a form tennis match against Upper V., our champions, M. Whorlow and D. Payne, were beaten, the score being 8-3. E. JEEVES.

UPPER IV. REMOVE.

Last term our Form Mistress, Miss Taylor, left, and before leaving presented us with a beautiful present. As we are at the top of the School we do not always hear the bell, and were sometimes late for prayers, so to remedy this she gave us a clock. Since then we have never been late, as our clock has a lovely chime which always reminds us to go down.

Miss Glanville has held a Botany Competition between several forms during this term. Our form was concerned in this because all the specimens were kept in our Form Room. It was very interesting to see the specimens, but if we were not very careful our Form Room became very untidy. Some of our girls take Botany, and the form which they worked with won the Competition. Our Form Captain this term is Ella Potter. K. HARVEY.

UPPER IVB.

We are proud and pleased to have won the Hawkins' Memorial Cup for having the best record for the term's work. It has been a hard struggle to keep from getting order marks, untidy marks or refused lessons, but thanks to Miss Hurt's care, and greatly needed admonitions, and to our united efforts, we have succeeded in winning one of the greatest honours the School can give. Each fortnight during the term, E. Martin has had a red star, and for the examinations she gained a star on the whole.

Our Games Captains during the term were G. Carter and M. Jeffrey. In a tennis match against the VI., we were beaten at last after a hard fight.

Seventeen of our form went for a picnic to Mersea with Miss Glanville on July 18th. We all enjoyed ourselves immensely. Happily the weather was fine, and almost as soon as we arrived there the tide came in. Some of us went for a sail, which we thought very jolly, and others of us bathed ; and we thanked Miss Glanville very much indeed for giving us such a happy time.

LOWER IVA.

Lower IVA., as a form, has done very little during this last term and school year. The Gymnastic Competition was held in the

middle of this term---Lower IVA. came second by the loss of one or two marks. Doris Ainsworth is our Gymnastic Captain, being a very keen worker and encouraging to the rest of the form.

The tennis champions are N. Dell and B. Makepeace. We played a match against Lower V., the result was 7-3, which was not so bad, as this is our first year of tennis. During the Spring term we played a netball match against Upper IVA., the goals were 10-7 to Upper IVA.

Lower IVc.

As we are a new form, we have not much to record. We were represented on the Honour List nine times, and we won several stars in the examinations. We enjoyed the sports, arranged by the Y.H.L., very much---two of us won prizes. Our Form Captain is H. Adams.

Upper III.

There are 32 girls in our form. Y. Champness is our Form Captain, and V. Norfolk our Games and Gymnastic Captain. Two of us have won green badges for gymnasium, and nine of us have won brown ones.

Lower III.

There are thirty-one girls in the form. Our Form Captain is Joan Cockrell, and our Games' Captains are Sepha Treble and Nancy Davall. We all like gymnastics---our Captain is Doris Hearsum. The following girls have green badges :---Sepha Treble, Phyllis Wash, Nancy Davall and Doris Hearsum.

These girls have brown badges :---Sepha Treble, Betty Bullough, Gladys Bather, Nancy Davall, Mary Brooke, Gertrude Sharp and Doris Hearsum. We had some sports on Thursday, 24th July. Gladys Bather won the obstacle race. They lasted all the afternoon.

This term we have been studying snails and tadpoles chiefly in our Nature Study lessons.

News of the Preparatory.

We have had several delightful outings this term. One day Miss Marriage kindly asked us to spend the day at Alresford Grange. We went by train to Wivenhoe and walked the rest of the way. When we got there we went for a walk. After lunch we paddled and then we went into the woods. Then we went into the farmyard and fed the chickens and collected eggs. After that we went home.

A little while after we decided to act "Goblin Market," and we acted it in Col. Davison's garden, on the day of the Rose Show. The audience liked it very much. Then Mrs. Impey invited us to

Myland Hall. We walked there across the fields. We paddled and played in the farmyard and watched Mrs. Impey make butter, which she let us taste. Eleven of us are going up into the Big School next term.

L. PAYNE.

REPORT OF OLD GIRLS' ASSOCIATION.

THE Old Girls' Association was revived in July, 1917, when a general meeting of Old Girls was held. It was well attended, and at that meeting officers for the ensuing year were elected.

Since then the Association has been a great success. In spite of difficulties arising from war conditions, six meetings have been held during the two years, and the number of members has increased to eighty.

Each year there has been a very jolly social gathering at Christmas time, and a tennis tournament and match in the summer time.

Various netball matches have also been arranged between the Past and Present Girls during the last two years.

It is hoped that the number of members will steadily increase and the Association be a huge success.

A Games Club has been formed in connection with the Old Girls' Association, but there are very few members at present.

We hope that Old Girls will send news of their doings for publication in the Magazine. We shall always be glad to hear from them. The Secretary of the Association is E. HEAP, 47, Roman Road, Colchester; and the Treasurer is M. JOHNSON, 97, Northgate Street, Colchester.

MY EXPERIENCES IN AN AEROPLANE FACTORY.

IT was only after assuring the Powers-That-Be that I was *not* subject to fits, etc., that I found myself a member of the M. of M. Training School at the Aeromina works.

The factory is quite unique; one of the partners is a lady, and the works are built mainly for women, being large, light and airy, and extraordinarly clean. A big canteen is attached, where meals and hot drinks are served all day.

The school was situated at the side of the machine shop, and was divided into three parts, the metal, woodwork and wiring schools, and as I knew a certain amount of geometry I joined the latter, and found myself under a Frenchman's tuition.

We were provided with a number, various tools, and an overall (these never were the right size) as soon as we entered. Our billets were three miles away, so we had to catch the 5.30 train, which meant getting up at 5 a.m., started work at 7, went on till 9 a.m., when we went to the canteen, and on again till the dinner hour, 12-1 p.m. We had a short break for tea at 3 p.m., and finally finished at 5.30. There were several very nice girls there, and I soon settled down. Amongst other things I learnt how to rivet, file, solder and draw plans to scale---this was purely geometry, and to my surprise I was told I was very accurate. I never was told *that* before. But accuracy is the key note to everything appertaining to aeroplanes, you are quite useless without it. We did many odd jobs too, from lighting our fire (this took anything from 20 minutes to 1½ hours) to cleaning the stove pipe and running errands into the town. Wednesday afternoons we had lectures, some were interesting---and some were not.

For lack of space in the school we had to wire our wings in the machine shop, and the smell of the oil and the noise of the machines were terrible, you could not make anyone the other side of the wing hear you, no matter how loudly you shouted (only those who have heard my voice will fully appreciate this fact).

I left with most of the others soon after the armistice was signed, and have not gone on with it; but I shall never regret having been, as I have learned many things I could never have learned anyhow else.

D. E. S.

PREFECTS—WINTER TERM.

J. Payne, Head-girl.

G. Patten,	L. Dancer,	Prefects.
W. Savill,	D. Gallifant,	
J. Addison,	I. MacDonald,	

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