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FOREWORD.

IN January, 1914, the first number of the School Magazine was published, and since 1920 volumes have appeared regularly.

For some time the Editors have felt that the magazine might be improved both in quality and quantity, and this year they have made a special effort to produce a magazine worthy of a School of 530 girls.

I have always felt that if a School magazine is to be worth anything it must be due to the effort and initiative of the girls themselves, and that the work of editing and producing must not be done by members of the staff, though the latter are always ready to help.

The success of the magazine will be assured if all members of the School become regular subscribers and contributors, and I would specially appeal to old girls for their support. We want each issue to contain not only current School news, but information about old girls, and it will be a means of keeping them in closer touch with the School.

We have many loyal and public-spirited old girls who have not joined the Old Girls' Association, for the reason that they cannot (on account of distance or work) attend the meetings. I am hoping that these will become regular subscribers so that they may have, at least once a year, definite news of the School and of their former companions.

Rightly used and supported the magazine will become of real value to all members of the School, both past and present.

W. M. CROSTHWAITE.

EDITORIAL.

HITHERTO, all the work of editing and producing the School magazine has been done by three girls—the editor, the sub-editor, and the treasurer. For some time past, however, we have felt that this system was unsatisfactory, for it meant that the School in general took no active share in producing the magazine.

This year we have brought out the magazine under a new system. A committee has been formed, consisting of an editor, a sub-editor, a treasurer, an Old Girls' representative,

two Staff representatives and representatives from each form in the School. This committee met once, at the beginning of the term, to discuss the chief features of the magazine, but it was felt that it was too large to meet many times. An executive committee, consisting of nine members of the full committee, was therefore elected, and has met several times during the term to discuss the contents and arangements of the magazine, and to judge the competitions. These competitions are a new feature of the magazine, and, judging from the number of entries received, they have proved very popular. We hope to be able to include more competitions in future numbers

All the form representatives have worked very hard to make this number a success, and our special thanks are due to the staff representatives, Miss Phillips and Miss Thornbery, and to the Old Girls' representative, Eva Palmer, for the valuable help which they have given us.

As the magazine, in past years, has been run at a loss, we have felt that for the present it will be best to publish it only once a year. The Committee decided that it should be published during the Christmas term, as it is then possible to give a complete résumé of the past school year. Thus, a report of this season's hockey and net-ball will not be given in this number of the magazine, but will be found in the next number.

We are very anxious to make the magazine of greater interest to Old Girls. They are as much a part of the School as are the present girls, for they are carrying on its traditions wherever they may be, and it is only right that full news of their doings should be given in the magazine. The Old Girls' representative has taken her share in producing this number. Letters from various Old Girls have been printed, and we hope that we shall receive news from many more Old Girls for insertion in the next number. We appeal to all Old Girls who still look upon C.C.H.S. as "the" school, to support its magazine, and to help us to make it a success.

We wish to impress upon the School that the success of the magazine depends, not upon the committee alone, but upon each individual girl. This number has been increased in size, and, if the circulation is good, we hope that the next number will be still larger. If every girl in the School will take a pride in the magazine, and will do her best to support it, then it will be a success. Until every girl does take a real interest in it, it will never be truly successful. Let us all work our hardest to make our magazine worthy of our School.

We would take this opportunity of wishing good luck, on behalf of the whole School, to those of the Staff who left us at the end of the Summer term. Miss Elder and Mlle. Calais had both been with us for a long time Miss Elder has gone to teach in S. Africa, and Mlle. Calais has returned to France. Miss Curtin, who had only been at the School for a year, has taken up a new post. We miss them all very much, and we hope that they will not forget us, but will come back to visit the School many times.

EXAMINATION RESULTS, 1922.

OPEN SCHOLARSHIP to Royal Holloway College, awarded for French: M. C. Makepeace.

COUNTY INTERMEDIATE SCHOLARSHIPS.

M. Flatman (4th in County)
M. Fitch (7th in County)

LONDON MATRICULATION, JUNE.

Pass—Division II. D. L. Pearce.

CAMBRIDGE HIGHER SCHOOL CERTIFICATE, JULY.

M. C. Makepeace.

CAMBRIDGE LOCAL SENIOR, JULY.

Honours—Class I.

*M. Fitch (Distinction in French and Botany)
*M. Flatman („ French „ English)

Pass.

*B. Armitage	*B. Baker	*D. Boome (F)	K. Boyes
*A. Canham	*E. Cant	W. Durant	*W. Edmunds
M. Ennew	G. Grant	*C. Hemming (F)	M. Holliday
*V. Hudgell	D. Hum	*M. Jeffery	M. Leonard
*D. Moore (F)	*I. Nicholas (F)	H. Pullen	M. Raven
*F. Sharp (F)	E. Smith	*A. Wadley (F)	*I. Wyatt (F)

(F) Distinction in French.
* Satisfied the Examiners in spoken French.

BEWARE!

A piece of cheese a crow did steal,
And to a tree did fly,
The crow was just enjoying it,
When a fox came slinking by.

The fox was such a flatterer,
So to the crow did say,
"Your feathers are most beautiful:
You look so sweet and gay."

"Pray, Mr. Crow, why don't you sing,
I'm sure your voice must be,
Much finer than your feathers gay,
So will you sing to me?"

"I should so like to hear you sing,
Upon that tree so tall."
That foolish crow ope'd wide his mouth,
And out the cheese did fall!

The fox did smack his lips to see
The cheese come falling fast,
He snatched it up and ran away,
For he had won at last.

Thus, thus, my worthy friends, take heed,
To flattering words list not;
For if you do then sure as fate,
Great loss will be your lot.

JOAN BYFORD, Lower IVc

LEAGUE OF NATIONS UNION.

THE School Branch of the League of Nations Union has held one Assembly Meeting this term, at which reports on different countries were read. Up to now we have had no means of collecting information about the various countries in the League except through these reports, but each form is now holding a fortnightly meeting to discuss current events. Another Assembly will be held before the end of the term, and will be on the Third Assembly at Geneva.

On Tuesday, November 14th, Professor Gilbert Murray came to speak to us about the League, and, of course, we were very much honoured by having a visit from so eminent a man. Professor Murray said that the idea of conference before war was the

main object of the League, and that it is a mistaken charge against it to say that it has no force to back its decisions when acting as arbitrator between two nations. The League itself needs no force, because, if force is necessary, it can be raised by the nations who compose it. He described to us some of the outstanding personalities at Geneva, and explained the position of Great Britain and France in the Assembly, the one being progressive and the other reactionary. Professor Murray said that the bulk of the nations in the League were progressive, so that France is usually out-voted on any question of moment. After he had finished speaking, Professor Murray invited questions, and he was asked so many that there was not time for him to answer them all. Referring to some of the questions, he said that he hoped soon to see both Germany and the United States of America in the League, which was incomplete without them.

Professor Murray was heartily applauded afterwards, as everyone had enjoyed his lecture very much. A great many of Greyfriars came up to North Hill to hear him, and one of them, who heard Professor Murray say that he represented South Africa at the Assembly, said, "He comes from South Africa, doesn't he? Don't you think he speaks English very well?" Perhaps she expected Professor Murray to be black, and to appear in native costume, brandishing an assegai !

J. O. McBryde.

OLD KING COLE.

IN the Spring term £10 was raised for the L.N.U. by a performance of 'Old King Cole'—a play by Clifford Bax—and as it was a success, two more performances were given on June 29th and July 1st, this time to get money to keep our boy at the Watts' Naval Training School. On both days the hall was fairly well filled, but the audience was much more appreciative on the Saturday, and consequently the play went with a swing.

It was wonderful to see how all the actors managed to arrange themselves—especially in the dances—in the rather limited stage space, without tipping over one another or the numerous toys. The singing was rather weak in places, but we enjoyed the songs very much, and went about humming them for days. (Bobby Shafto was particularly popular.)

There are too many characters to say much about individuals, but several deserve special mention, such as the Knave (K. Putt), Mary Q. Contrary (C. Holliday), and King Cole himself (R. Causton), whose jolly, happy-go-lucky spirit pervaded the play. Then there are Simple Simon (O. Child), who had to struggle against desperate desires to laugh; and Dame Hubbard, with her admir-

able creation of a best bonnet. The violent agitation of the ostrich feathers during the songs showed her appreciation of music. The fight between the Spratt and Hubbard adherents was most realistic.

The money raised by the two performances, the sweet-stall, and the teas, was £53, and Miss Elder, Miss Jex and Dorothy Bullman, who, with the help of others, spent such a lot of time and energy in making it a success, should be congratulated. The children who lent their toys to equip the nursery also deserve thanks. We know of one small girl who even lent her constant bed-fellow, a rabbit, whose fur had long since been worn off by embraces!

E. M. JEEVES.

THE DAWN OF THE NEW YEAR.

THE west is glowing, breezes blowing,
Stars begin to peep;
Darkness stealing, bells are pealing,
The Old Year falls asleep.

The east is glowing, stars are going,
The moon is fading fast;
The day is breaking, cocks are waking,
The New Year dawns at last.

VERA BRIGHT, Lower VA.

FRIDAY NIGHT.

IF I had to propose a toast, it would be "Friday Night, gentlemen, Friday night." There is something irresistible about this Friday-night-feeling Directly I wake up on a Friday morning it comes to me, and I feel like leaping out of bed at once, to hurry up the day, so that the evening may come more quickly.

Not that anything in particular happens on this evening; on the contrary, it is usually the quietest in the whole week, but it is your own. You come in cold and tired, but bubbling over with excitement. This is your own evening, your very own, to be wasted or used, as you like,

The whole charm of this evening lies in the fact that you can do exactly what you wish. You need not get your lesson books directly after tea, or tear yourself away in the middle of an interesting conversation to go and practice. The motto for this evening is "Put off till to-morrow what you don't want to do to-night," and you live up to it. You have two whole days before next

week. What luxury! The whole of the summer holidays never seemed so long. You are cut off from next week as if by a wall. This is the Friday-night-feeling. By next morning it is gone, and you remember how soon it will be Sunday evening, and then, Monday morning.

Do not think from this that I dislike the rest of the week. No! I really rather enjoy it; there is something quite exciting about Latin tests and Geometry theorems, but one must look forward to something, and my goal is Friday night.

B. MAKEPEACE, Upper Va.

A GIPSY MAID.

SWEET gipsy maid, I pray,
Stay, oh, stay!
With me and tell thy tale,
Of river, hill, and dale,
Of gipsy lore and way.
Del, dilly, dindo,
Del, dilly.

Thy hair is wild and black,
Black, oh, black!
Thine eyes are big and brown,
Thou hast a gaudy gown,
Where no bright colours lack.
Del, dilly, dindo,
Del, dilly.

Thy hands are soft and brown,
Brown, oh, brown!
Thy teeth are big and white,
While thy step is swift and light,
And joy thy face doth crown.
Del, dilly, dindo,
Del, dilly.

OLIVE M. CANT, Upper Vb.

A WALKING TOUR ALONG THE ROMAN WALL.

GILDAS, the earliest British historian, writes:—"The Britons, impatient at the assaults of the Scots and Picts, send suppliant ambassadors, with their garments rent and their heads covered with ashes, imploring assistance from the Romans. They, with the help of the miserable natives, built a wall, extending in a straight line from sea to sea, between some cities which from fear of their enemies had there by chance been built."