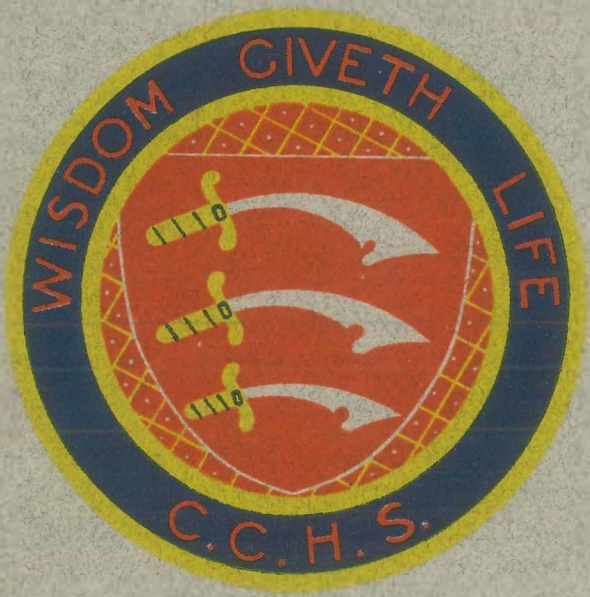

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EDITORIAL.

EACH year a blank Editorial page leers at the trembling Editor, but never more hideously than this year. At first she had ideas (as doubtless had all her predecessors) of dealing with it in a flippant and highly original manner. But the very nature of Magazine material drove her (as it had driven them before her) back into the old grooves at last. Besides, she really wanted to congratulate the representatives, especially at Grey Friars, on the way they have done their work. But people do not respond. Horses *were* driven to the water, but they simply would not drink. The Executive Committee wonders if the School at all realises how much time and energy it takes to extract any material for the Magazine, beyond the reports of school happenings; this year the Committee received the merest handful of miscellaneous contributions. Only less arduous is the task of inducing people to buy the Magazine thus laboriously compiled. Nor does this state of things improve with advancing years. It is incredible how often the work of the Committee is held up because Old Girls have simply failed to send any answer whatever to their Magazine Representative's enquiries or requests.

We have tried elsewhere to say what we feel about losing Miss Reynolds; our very best wishes go with her wherever she goes. At Xmas we lost Miss Mortimer who had been with us a long time too; we were so sorry to hear of her illness and hope that she is getting quite strong again now. In the summer we had to say good-bye to Miss Finch, Miss Cooke and Miss Walker. We wish them all success and happiness in their new work.

Miss Walton and Miss Boggis came to us in the Spring Term, and this term we welcome Miss Price, Miss Rawlins, Miss Rushton, Miss Smith and Miss Wareham.

Miss REYNOLDS.

Miss Reynolds is leaving. She has been with us for fifteen years; wrestled and borne with our stupidities over Latin constructions, controlled corridor traffic, deputised for Miss Crosthwaite and afterwards for Miss King, and piloted first the Y.H.L. and then the L.N.U. to prosperity and success. Indeed, the thought of the L.N.U. at school without her is rather like the thought of Hamlet without the Prince of Denmark. In the ordinary routine of school life there was no question she was not willing to answer, no difficulty she was not ready to solve; she reminded us of forgotten duties, put examination forms into our hands, and found corners for us to work in.

Our comfort is that she leaves stamped on school tradition the marks of her own personality. Those she cannot take away.

And if any of us have learnt a capacity for seeing the other fellow's point of view, or the practise in ordinary life of the League's exaltation of co-operation over competition, we owe it very largely to her. Some one once said, and said very truly of Miss Reynolds, "She talks to you as if she were more interested in you than in anyone else." That is tribute to a rare quality, and she has given us of it most generously in all the years she has been with us.

In the vexed question of debts and reparations who shall assess what is owed by Wycombe Abbey to Colchester County High School?

Miss REYNOLDS.

An Appreciation by an Old Girl.

It was with a feeling of dismay that I heard Miss Reynolds was leaving C.C.H.S., and that feeling, I am sure, is uppermost in the hearts of many Old Girls to-day.

She first became a member of the Staff during the war years, when we were comparatively few in numbers, and consequently there were none of the organisations which flourish among the present-day girls. We expended most of our energy on games, and the first Saturday she was here she came and played hockey with us, and the vigour of her game was an "open sesame" to our respect, especially when we found that her energy on the games field was equalled by her energy in school.

Nobody ever enjoyed school more than we did in those early days, but it is only as the years go by, and one does not take so much for granted, that we fully realise the tremendous debt we owe to such an inspiring influence as Miss Reynolds.

Her illimitable patience, cheery smile, and ever-ready help in any difficulty, will always be one of the happiest and most grateful memories of our school days.

She was, and still is—though it may be years since we left—a real friend to us all, and as such we offer her our warmest wishes for happiness in her new work, and our sincerest thanks for all she has done for us, both in school and out.

We will only bid her *au revoir*, for we hope that she will come as often as she can to our O.G. meetings, where she will always find the warmest of welcomes awaiting her.

EXAMINATION RESULTS.

Cambridge School Certificate, July, 1931.

Honours—D. Ball* (Distinction in History), H. Eastlake* (Distinction in History and French), M. Forsdike,* D. Smith* (Distinction in History), E. Wendon.*

Pass—M. Anderson* (Distinction in French), G. Bell, M. Bentley, J. Berry, M. Brown, M. Cawdron, V. Chaplin,* J. Denney, G. Duddy* (Distinction in History and French), J. Ellis, O. Fairhall, N. Firmin (Distinction in French), M. Goodchild* (Distinction in French), E. Hawkins, J. Knape, B. Marshall, P. Pannell, C. Payne, J. Pointon, E. Sach, D Simons, I. Smith, J. Smith,* M. Thain, D. Thomson, K. Webb, N. White, O. Wigley,* M. Martin, M. Mead.

Cambridge Higher School Certificate, July, 1931.

J. Francis, M. Gould, I. Hayward, B. Wootten.

National Society for Domestic Studies, Housecraft Certificate, July, 1931.

Class I. J. Fairhead, B. Garnham, J. Southgate.
Class II. C. Cross, G. Dale, M. Saunders.

University Successes of Old Girls, 1931.

N. Hurnard, B.A. Oxon. I., Hons. History.
B. Murray, B.A. Oxon. II., Hons. History.
B. Theobald, B.A. Lond. III., Hons. Latin.
I. French, B.Sc. Read. II., General.
M. Roper, B.A. Read. II., Geography.

N. Hurnard was also awarded the Stanhope Prize for History. This is the first occasion on which this University Prize has been gained by a woman. She has also been appointed to a Research Fellowship at Somerville College, Oxford. The School is very proud of her, and not only offers its best congratulations, but also very many thanks for the half-holiday she won for it.

* Exemption from London Matriculation.

GAMES REPORTS.

THE alteration in the method of reporting hockey and netball is not entirely satisfactory. In next year's Magazine we shall print names of the teams, lists of matches and general reports for the past season as a whole (Autumn Term, 1931, Spring Term, 1932), together with detailed criticisms of the teams (1st only) chosen in the Autumn Term, 1932.

HOCKEY. AUTUMN TERM, 1931.

Hockey is steadily improving throughout the school, and we are glad to see girls showing such keenness, especially in the dinner hour.

The second eleven cannot be criticised as it has not yet been fixed permanently.

TEAM CRITICISM—1ST XI., AUTUMN TERM, 1931.

L.W. M. Collier—She has made a good beginning, but must learn to pass before she is tackled.

L.I. P. Manton—Attacks well, but must not muddle her forward line, or lose control.

C.F. J. Lomax—She is beginning to get free and rush well and her shooting is good, but she must be careful not to be left offside. She is a very reliable captain. (M.H.)

R.I. E. Hawkins—She shoots well, but must learn to pass more to her wing.

R.W. M. Blomfield—A really good right wing who varies her tactics well.

L.H. K. Webb—She has a good hard drive and tackles well, but could be a little quicker.

C.H. P. Joscelyne—She is a good quick half who would be more reliable if she kept her place.

R.H. J. Taylor—A quick reliable half who would improve if she passed harder.

L.B. D. Hunt—She tackles and passes well, but must be careful of turning.

R.B. E. Jones—When she can control her stroke she will make a good back.

G.K. P. Pannell—A very good reliable goal.

J. LOMAX (Capt.)

HOCKEY.

Match Results—Spring Term, 1931.

1st XI.

Old Girls	...	...	School won 2—1
Chelmsford	...	...	School won 4—1
Staff ...	...	...	School won 3—1

2nd XI.

Chelmsford	...	...	School won 4—1
Clacton...	...	...	School won 4—1
Staff ...	...	...	School lost 2—0
Oxford v. Cambridge		...	Oxford won 3—1

NETBALL.

GENERAL REPORT. AUTUMN TERM, 1931.

THE first match of this season was won at Chelmsford, on September 27th. The score was 10-8; at half-time the school was losing by two goals. We are very glad the team can now play harder in the second half, as in past years we have been unable to keep up the standard of the game to the end.

The League match was played on October 17th against Brentwood on their ground. After a very thrilling game, when the whistle sounded for "Time," the score was 12 all, and we had to play five minutes extra, (two and a half minutes each way). The score at the end was 15-14, Colchester leading. During these five minutes five goals were scored, which shows that the game was very quick. At half-time the score was 8-2 to Brentwood, and we were very much afraid we were going to be beaten. We have twice this term been down at half time; this is not a safe thing to practise, and we hope in the next match, the second round of the League, we shall be even at half time or scoring more than our opponents.

Team Criticism, Autumn Term, 1931.

G.S. M. Siggers—Her play is improving steadily and she should become a good shooter.

A. C. Wadley—She must get free more often and practise shooting to make herself more certain.

A.C. M. Taylor—She plays well and thoughtfully and with more practise should become an excellent player.

M.C. E. Payne—Very good. Jumps well and is a reliable centre. Combines very well with her two wings.

D.C. M. Elson—She must try not to run with the ball and vary her passes.

D. J. Taylor (Capt.)—Very good. She jumps well, and is steadily improving in marking her opponent, and is a most reliable member of the team. (N.F.J.)

G.K. M. Collier—Very good. Plays well and carefully, and is a valuable member of the team.

J. Taylor (Capt.)

NETBALL.

Results of Matches, Spring Term, 1931.

				Goals.
School	1st	v. Chelmsford (League) ...	School won	26-23
,,	2nd	v. ,, ...	,, ,,	25-13
,,	Junior	v. ,, ...	,, ,,	19-13
,,	1st	v. Romford ...	,, lost	13-16
,,	Junior	v. ,, ...	,, ,,	22-5
,,	1st	v. St. Mary's ...	,, ,,	27-11
,,	1st	v. Woodford (League final)	,, ,,	9-33
,,	2nd	v. ,, ...	,, ,,	11-13

TENNIS, 1931.

THE team on the whole this year has good style and strokes, but needs more practice in volleys and smashes in order to gain confidence. Unfortunately, the team does not seem able to win the vital points and until this is remedied cannot hope to win many matches.

The Middle school has taken a far greater interest this year in practising footwork and the right actions for strokes; the school has also umpired its own form matches successfully again this year. To improve their tennis girls should make the most of the opportunities which they often get of watching good players. (Frinton is not really very far away).

The team is very grateful to Dorothy Hunt and Eileen Jones who have so kindly organised the fagging for the matches.

Team Criticism.

J. Lomax. She can be very good, but too easily loses confidence.

G. Wright. She must learn to play net and to take her strokes carefully, then she will be really good.

I. Hayward. Her network is good but she should try to improve her service.

J. Berry. A steady player who still needs more force behind her drives.

P. Faulkner. She gets some good strokes but must try to be less erratic.

B. Garnham (captain). Her service and drives improved throughout the season, but she had not enough confidence in her volley to use it effectively. M.H.

RESULTS OF MATCHES.

School	v. Brentwood (League)	...	School won	3-0	events
,,	v. Staff ...	...	,, lost	47-52	games
,,	v. Harwich ...	...	,, won	69-48	events
,,	v. Southend (League)	...	,, lost	0-3	events
,,	v. St. Mary's ...	...	,, ,,	49-83	games
,,	v. Old Girls ...	...	,, ,,	27-72	,,
,,	v. Staff ...	...	,, ,,	55-89	,,
,,	v. Ipswich ...	...	,, ,,	36-81	,,
,,	v. Maldon ...	...	,, ,,	31-68	,,

B. GARNHAM.

THE BLACKBIRD.

I SAW a Blackbird, and he saw me ;
His wife had a nest in an apple tree,
She sang a song about her nest,
With speckled eggs beneath her breast.

The eggs were just beginning to chip,
And you could hear the pip pip pip
Of the little beaks inside the shell,
For they were growing fast and well.

And then I saw a tiny head,
With an open mouth so big and red,
Peep out beneath its mother's wing,
I'm glad I saw that tiny thing.

FREDA MAY, Lower IVc. Age 12.

GREY FRIARS NOTES.

IN response to a demand for more Grey Friars news in the Magazine each form was asked to send in form notes this year. We have not space to print them all, but the most interesting events mentioned in them are all reported. For instance, there is a Grey Friars Games Report this year for the first time, and the Upper IV Expedition to the Docks, Upper IVB's White Elephant Stall, and Lower IIIA's Geography Expedition all have reports to themselves.

FIRST-FORM NOTES.

IN needlework we have made tea-cosies, shopping bags and dolls' bed-covers.

Miss Knee sent us a beautiful picture when she left and it hangs over the fire-place. We won a sports picture of little squirrels eating nuts.

In the Summer term we kept some silkworms in the form-room and fed them on mulberry and lettuce leaves. They went home with some of us for the week-ends and were brought back again on Monday mornings. They all spun silk threads and we wound the silk off on to a silk winder, which was rather like a little mangle.

We set some nasturtiums in pots on the veranda but they did not flower very well because they hadn't enough sun, but the flowers came out well in our gardens.

NETBALL.

THE Form Netball matches this year at Grey Friars were disappointing. The games in most forms were slow, the passing rather careless and the shooting throughout the School is very much below the usual standard. The School has a good reputation for shooting and this has been gained by girls who practised hard. At one time the goal circles were always filled with people shooting but now it is quite usual to find only one of the six goals being used. Shooting matches with a friend can be very interesting and we do hope that everyone who has a ball will use it a great deal this season.

ROUNDERS.

DURING the Summer Term, Grey Friars played rounders in their games lessons and worked hard to prepare for a match in London against The Green School, Busch Corner.

Two teams travelled to London on June 27th, a beautiful day, and after an excellent journey arrived at about 11 a.m. The matches were not quite as thrilling as last year as the hitting was so much weaker. The results were—

$5\frac{1}{2}$—$3\frac{1}{2}$ 1st team Colchester won.
3 —$4\frac{1}{2}$ 2nd „ „ lost.

We played rounders last term according to the new rules of the Ling Association, but we hope they will be changed before next season. With these new rules it is easy to get a high score against the bad play of a weak team, but we prefer to work for our rounders with our own good play. The old rules are better when the sides are even.

BETTY KETLEY.

HOME SCIENCE NOTES, 1931.

THERE were only six of us taking the course this year, but the kitchen became very full at times.

As Christmas time drew near there was great excitement over mincemeat, Christmas puddings, cakes, sweets and finally the parties. We were proud to think that we did all the catering for the "Pre" party.

At the end of Springcleaning we were quite expert at distempering, although at first we covered anything but the walls.

For the last week of the Easter Holidays we all assembled at Lyndhurst to learn the running of a house and servants, each taking a turn at the different branches of domestic work. Miss Collier was greatly amazed to find that we got up at 6.30 every morning. During the week we entertained our mothers to tea, and had a picnic at Mersea.

Our other week of hard work was the second in the Summer term, when we did all the catering and washing-up for Greyfriars. We had no idea of how many potatoes there are in a hundredweight, until we had to peel them all in one day; but the new potatoes were even worse to cope with than the old ones. We enjoyed the arranging of the menus, and at the end of the week, although we were very tired, we were glad to have had the interesting experience.

In the Summer term we devoted a lot of our time to canning, bottling and jam-making. We inspected the Water Tower, Marriage's Mill, the Pasteurisation of Milk at the Co-operative Society's Dairy and the Canning Factory—where we were given a sample tin of strawberries.

At the end of the year we had a shock, for our theory examination was three weeks earlier than expected; but fortunately it was not too terrible after all, whilst the practical was great fun.

G. DALE.
B. GARNHAM.

SPORTS DAY, 1931.

SPORTS Day came round this year bringing with it a feeling of freshness, in spite of the fact that, so far as actual events went, nothing new took place. Ethné Payne and Gracie Wright tied for first place in Senior High Jump, both clearing 4 feet 9 inches. We had the same team races as last year, and Middle VA won Hoop and Ball, while Upper VB won Cross and Tunnel, and Middle VB came in first in Girdle Race. The Father's Race was once more well supported, and was very amusing. There was great excitement, as usual, when the final results were read out, and it was found that Lower VA headed the list with 22.4 points,

while Upper IVA came second with 19.8 points and Upper IVB came third with 14.3 points. Among the prizes were a clock presented by Miss Turner and Mrs. Leveridge, and two brass rubbings given by Hark.

Tea was served once more, under Miss Collier's able guidance, and there were also several stalls—a sweet stall, a household stall at which you could buy anything from soap to jam, and a stall for fruit, flowers and vegetables. Alluring posters advertised the many wares, the proceeds of which went to the Scholarship Fund.

We would like to thank the Mayor for presenting the prizes and for his words of congratulation and encouragement, also all those who gave to the Sports Fund, the judges, starters and everyone else who helped to make the day so enjoyable for us all.

RITA DIGBY. Upper VI.

A WORD PICTURE.

IT is a cool and breezy day in early summer. A flock of birds is flying in a mass across the sky; they are mostly small birds, they show up very darkly against the sweeping, wind blown clouds, which are for ever changing colour.

Beneath them is a piece of flat country. In it is a river, which twists and turns and winds its solitary way through deep banks covered with green and living things.

Above them are the clouds, ever moving; and quite near them are three beautiful birds flying swiftly across the sky, looking like kings beside the other birds. These three alight by the river, dive straight into it, and come up several yards further along with a great splash of excitement; then they shake the water out of their feathers with a triumphant flourish. They swim slowly, and in a very stately fashion down the river, passing unnumbered fields of clover. Later on they see children, some playing in a field of hay, while some are picking kingcups and great water forget-me-nots on the river bank. Presently they fly up into the air again, right over a field of beans, whose smell is wafted pleasantly through the air. They fly past the mass of little birds, through the rolling mass of grey and white clouds, until they are practically lost on the horizon.

DOROTHY CLARK. Lower VA. Age 14.

UPPER IVB's WHITE ELEPHANT SALE.

THE White Elephant Sale was held on March 4th in aid of the School Leaving Scholarship Fund. It was held in the Gym at Grey Friars, in the afternoon. All the school and the mistresses

bought something. The Forms produced many things and the mistresses contributed largely to our collection. We had a busy time sorting out the "White Elephants" which were brought to our form-room. Marmalade, eggs, jam and many cast off treasures were among the contributions. Many things were bought and exchanged by our form before the actual sale. A large collection of books was brought and they sold very quickly. Upper IVA bought a very old and fierce looking golliwog which they kept as their mascot until it was used as a scarecrow in the garden during the holidays. We were unable to sell all the things on the one day, so we auctioned the others at Break later on in the week. We made a profit of £3.

V. TANNER and M. CHRYSTAL. Upper IVB.

MUSIC CLUB NOTES.

THIS year we have to thank Miss Gordon for arranging some very fine concerts; the most popular being perhaps that of Giuthermina Suggia, the 'cellist, whose striking personality appealed to everyone, many having seen her portrait by Mr. Augustus John which helped to make her famous.

Harold Craxton was delightful with his "Informal Talk." He rewarded us for "listening patiently to some very heavy stuff" by rendering "Three Blind Mice" as various composers would treat it. (How we wish we could do likewise!).

On January 28th, when Sir Richard Terry "blew in" on a sea breeze, the Hall was turned into the deck of a sailing ship, and everyone joined in paying "Daddy Doyle for his boots," and heaving the sail with Sir Richard Terry. The latter is a great authority on sea shanties, and comes from a seafaring family, so we feel proud to have our information from him.

The famous English soprano, Dorothy Silk, accompanied by Reginald Paul, sang some Bach songs, for which she is renowned. We were also treated to something new when Dorothy Robson sang "Lieder" in their natural German tongue. Miss Robson explained each song so clearly that we were able to catch the spirit, although unable to understand the actual words. We hope that we may renew our acquaintance with "Lieder" in the future.

Other interesting lectures and concerts were given by Sybil Cropper, who gave us a very good idea of how Music and Poetry have influenced each other; Joy Smith who lectured on Beethoven; and Margaret Friederich, a very fine violinist, with Egerton Tidmarsh (Piano Professor at the R.A.M.).

The Bronkhurst Trio, and West of London Trio, as well as a string quartet, all helped to make this year's music club a success.

Last, but by no means least, Graham Carritt introduced modern Russian and Spanish music, to many of us for the first time, but may it be hoped, not the last: for this music cannot be liked (or disliked) at its first hearing.

Grey Friars have had the same concerts, with also one or two extra ones. We are quite sure they want to thank, and go on thanking Miss Gordon, as do we all, for giving the School such splendid opportunities of hearing good music.

E. JONES.

THE GYM COMPETITION, 1931.

THIS year the Gym Competition had to be cancelled, because so many people were absent, owing to illness, that forms really had no chance of practising for it.

VIRGIL AENEID I. Lines 81-101.

He took his spear
And tore the hollow mountain side apart.
Then like a battle line in field array
The flocking winds rushed out through every gap
And in a whirlwind blew through all the earth.
And straightway from the blackest depths they rose,
Settling on the sea. The East and South winds
Blew, and Africus with frequent following squalls;
Then huge waves crashed upon the echoing shore.
Anon there came the clamour of the men
Mixed with the creaking of the tightened ropes,
And then the clouds snatched up the light of day
From Trojan eyes, and o'er the blackened sea
The gloomy night stretched out her brooding wings.
The thundering sky was rent with flashing fire,
And grim death hovered o'er the stricken men.
Then straightway coldest fear relaxed the hero's
Limbs, and with a groan he stretched his hands
Towards the vaulted sky, and loudly cried:
"O thrice and four times happy ones, to die
Before the very faces of your sires
Beneath Troy's lofty walls! O Diomede,
Bravest of the Grecian race! Would I
Had perished on the Trojan field, and lost
This life by your right hand,—where Hector fierce
Lies overthrown beneath the fatal spear
Of dread Achilles,—where huge Sarpedon
Fell,—and where, beneath his eager waves,
The Simois stream engulfèd all the shields,
The casques and bodies of our valiant men.

J. KNAPE. Lower VI.

L.N.U. REPORT.

THE School L.N.U. Branch is still progressing and has started several new ventures during the past year, but members have gone down in number from 169 to 165. Most of our members who left and remained in the town have joined the Youth Group, and it seems a great pity that our Branch is not growing instead of slightly diminishing. We have continued weekly form meetings, except in the summer term, when we tried the experiment of doing some general reading and having fortnightly or monthly meetings. This, however, failed.

In the Autumn Term we had a Debate, when the motion "That to abolish war, talk is useless, action is needed," was lost by a large majority. In the Spring Mr. Whelen came to speak to us on Disarmament, and we also once more had a Model Assembly, when the main body of the hall was crowded with delegates, with official-looking papers, and a member of each form spoke. Representatives of the "Press" were also very much in evidence. We are very proud of the fact that this year the French, German, and Danish delegates all spoke in their native tongues, the two latter providing their own interpreters in the correct style.

In the Essay Competition, D. Rowston and R. Digby won prizes in their divisions; these were presented by Miss Crosthwaite. R. Digby also won a prize in the county. We did not have many entries, but we hope there will be more this year. Unfortunately we could not continue to support Laszlo Bräutigam, the little Hungarian boy whom we adopted for the year; although funds did not permit this, we hope to be able to send him a present at Christmas. All through last year we received grateful letters from his family, translated at the offices of the Save the Children Fund.

Two of our members, G. Newman and M. Cawdron, attended the Geneva Summer School this year; an account of their visit will be found elsewhere. Several of our members are also corresponding with Estonians, Swiss, and Germans: this is a new venture and seems to be working well. We have had several new books for the library this year and we hope members will use it more, and keep up a keen interest in the work of the League.

This term we are losing Miss Reynolds who has run the Branch since 1928 We cannot thank her sufficiently for all the work she has done for us, and we do not know what we shall do without her. Owing to her the Branch is most flourishing and energetic and she has kept us up-to-date with League news and activities. We want her to know how much we appreciate her work and untiring energy, and how terribly sorry we are that she is going.

R. DIGBY. Upper VI.

SIXTH FORM NOTES, 1930-31.

THE Committee Room had a severe shock in September, 1930. After it had sheltered the three seemingly-noiseless members of the Upper Sixth for the past year, it was invaded by a band of twelve new Prefects who had never lived within its hallowed precincts before, and who treated it with very little respect. They strewed books and papers all over the tables and stowed weird and wonderful parcels of strange garments or pieces of cardboard-ship into all the nooks and corners. They found their large numbers extremely difficult to manage for they were continually overflowing into the library and the cubby-hole, which, as every one knows is the peculiar property of their other half, the Lower Sixth, which was large in itself and had no room to spare for wandering Prefects.

In Games the members of the Sixth endured the unhappy fate of a house divided against itself, for in all the matches they always had to begin by playing each other. In Netball the Lower Sixth won their first match against their other half but lost in the second round to Upper Vb. The same fate overtook the Upper Sixth in Tennis, but in Hockey the Prefects' Team reached the Finals. In Sports the Sixth, which was again divided into Plain Sixth and Prefects failed to distinguish itself in spite of assiduous practice.

Something must be done about these large Sixth forms for they seem to have a very bad effect on the Staff. Last year we had to say Good-bye to Miss Hurt, and now, when for one short year we have had Miss Reynolds as our Form Mistress we must say Good-bye to her too. The whole school and especially the Sixth will find it very difficult to part with Miss Reynolds for we all feel that she has belonged to the School almost "de urbe condita" and the gap she leaves behind will be very hard to fill.

M. Gould (Head Girl).

THE JUNIOR SUMMER SCHOOL AT GENEVA.

THIS summer, for the first time, our school was represented at the League of Nations Union Junior Summer School at Geneva. Two lucky people C.C.H.S. and six Endsleigh House girls, left Colchester in charge of Miss Collier, on August 7th. At Victoria Station we joined a crowd of nearly two hundred and fifty boys and girls from all over England, and the whole party set out for Geneva under the direction of Colonel Forty, who, with infinite cheerfulness and patience, saw us through all our travels.

We had a crowded week of interest and pleasure. Most of our lectures were held in the Palais des Nations, the League Secretariat building. We were most thrilled one day, when we

were told not to make a noise because a Conference on Opium was taking place in the building. We were welcomed to Geneva by M. Sugimura, Under-Secretary General, an enormous Jap, whose charm and politeness impressed everyone.

We were very interested at the number of Americans in Geneva. Americans are at work in the Secretariat, and at the International Labour Office. They are keenly interested in the League and its work.

We had one lecture at the Bureau de Travail, (the I. L. O.) and we were shown round it afterwards. Nearly every nation in the world has contributed something towards this building.

We had three expeditions; the first up Mont Salève; the second, an all-day excursion to Chamonix, and the third, to the Castle of Chillon. On the way home from Chamonix, we saw Mont Blanc in all its glory. The day before we returned home, we had a very exciting farewell party, that began with a Torch-light Procession through the town.

We thoroughly enjoyed ourselves, and we are very grateful to Miss Collier for looking after us, and helping to give us such a good holiday. Our only regret was that we were so poorly represented, and we hope that next year a larger party may go from School.

M. Cawdron, Lower VI.

THE CAT.

The cat was gay,
The cat was young,
She had a Mother,
Whose name was Nan.

We treated her kindly
But, Oh dear me!
She died of cold
In the apple tree.

Irfonwy Jones, Lower IIIa.

"HARK" 1930-1931.

THIS year Hark has grown almost incredibly. Consequently the sing-songs are extremely humorous affairs, the members being practically reduced to dancing two deep.

Hark found it very hard to say goodbye to Miss Finch. She had been with us so long, and piloted us through so many country dances that she had become a great part of Hark, and now we miss her very much. We wish her the very best of luck and hope that she will be happy where she has gone. Miss Jex kindly helps

us with the dancing now, and we hope that we shall not wear her out.

Hark has had a very busy year. We have learnt many new dances and songs, including a Latin Hymn on May Morning, "Te Deum Patrem," which we sang on May Day (luckily on a Friday). We also learnt a very exciting round called "Now God be with old Simeon" which J. Blomfield sent us from Oxford. During the Summer Term we danced on the lawn at Grey Friars once or twice to the violin, instead of in the hall to the piano. Middle VA. produced a mystery play in the Autumn Term in aid of the Scholarship Fund.

We have been for two expeditions this year. One to Norwich, and the other one to St. Albans, where we encountered a plague of weddings. We enjoyed them both very much, and sang lustily in the bus. Hark ended the year with a party at Grey Friars. We had a scrumptious tea, after which each form either danced, sang or acted, (some did all three), and some of the staff and the Sixth, with shawls over their heads, sang a gruesome round. The audience was most impressed by the spectacle of Sir Patrick Spens' soldiers (alias Upper VI.) bailing water out of the most remarkable ship ever seen, with treacle tins. The party ended with dancing on the asphalt and washing up (always a popular feature at school).

We wish we could show Miss Winters how much we appreciate all that she does for us.

J. KNAPE, Lower VI.

EXPEDITION TO THE LONDON DOCKS.

ON Wednesday, July 22nd, an excited party of girls from Upper IVB. and C., set out from Grey Friars with Miss Walton, Miss Ralph, and Miss Overy, on an expedition to London.

The day was fine, and we caught the 11.6 a.m. train out of North Station, and arrived at Liverpool Street Station at about 12.30. We then walked through a maze of streets, along Lower Thames Street, and on to the Tower Pier. When we reached the pier we settled down to eat our lunch. Some sat on tanks, but most of us spread mackintoshes on the pier, having previously been informed that we were going by steamer to the docks.

We had just begun to eat our lunch when a steamer drew up alongside the Tower pier. We hurriedly packed up our lunch, and scrambled towards the boat. We waited a long time and then we went aboard. When we got aboard, we arranged ourselves on seats and resumed our interrupted and somewhat delayed lunch.

We then steamed under the Tower Bridge, which opened for us. We passed Wapping Old Stairs, and went through the Lower

Pool of London. We noticed the Surrey Commercial Docks and a great number of wharves as we went through Limehouse Reach. We then steamed round the bend of the Thames at Greenwich and went through Greenwich Reach. On our right was Deptford Creek and Greenwich Pier, also Greenwich Naval College. We went through Blackwall Reach, seeing on our left the Isle of Dogs and the West India Docks. Further on we saw the East India Docks. We then went past the South Metropolitan Gas Works and on through Woolwich Reach, then past Woolwich Free Ferry.

We then went into Gallions Reach and steamed through the entrance of the King George V. Dock. When we got into the entrance, we waited for some time during which the lock gates were closed, and the entrance filled with water. Gates at the other end were opened, then a bridge lifted and we steamed into the King George V. Dock.

We cruised round the dock, and in it we saw some large ships, the "Tamaroa," "Loch Katrine," "Gracia," "Polyphemeus," and many others.

After leaving the King George V. Dock we passed into the Royal Albert Dock. We next steamed into the Royal Victoria Dock. Here we saw some Blue Star line boats, the "Avila Star," and the "Avilona Star."

Owing to its being low tide, the steamer was unable to get through the Tidal Basin into the Thames, so we had to go through the Docks again and past Woolwich.

We were due to arrive at the Tower pier at 6 p.m., but, having had to go a long way round, we reached the pier at 6.35. We scrambled on to the pier, and hurried to Liverpool Street, only to learn that the train had gone a few minutes before we reached the station. Consequently we had to wait for a slow train which left at 7.13. We reached Colchester at 8.45, after spending a most enjoyable day in London.

We are very grateful to Miss Overy for organizing such an interesting expedition and for giving us this splendid opportunity of seeing these wonderful docks which are an education in themselves.

G. Percival, Lower Vc.

THE FAT PRINCE AND THE FAT COOK.

ONCE upon a time there was a very fat prince, and he lived in a lovely palace, the prince's wife and father were both dead. The prince lived alone in the palace except for the Cook, who was just as fat. She knew that he wanted a wife, and the Cook knew he was exactly as fat as she was, and they both looked as if they were wife and husband, and so she said to him,

"Will you be my husband?" "Yes," said the prince, so they married. After they had married the prince always ate an egg for breakfast which made him thin, and he did not have any sugar in his tea which made him thinner still, and he went so thin that they looked funny together. One day the prince said, "I do not want to be your husband, but mind you, only one thing will make me keep to you. You must eat an egg and have no sugar in your tea for a month." She did, so she went thin, and they lived happily ever after.

PEGGY HALE, Upper II. Age 9.

HOSTEL NOTES.

A NEW scheme has been started at the Hostel, in which everyone contributes their ideas to form a "Hostel Scrap Book:"—

At the beginning of this year, an air of mystery overhung the Hostel, when bulky parcels containing our "original" fancy dresses, were smuggled in for our "after-Xmas party;" an innovation we thoroughly enjoyed.

In the summer term we welcomed our new matron—Miss Shephard—one of the O.G.'s, and said good-bye to our last original Hostelite—Olive Wigley.

We spent the Saturdays of last term in fagging for tennis matches and going for picnics to the sea and country, and once going to the Colchester Rose Show.

We finished the term with a grand and glorious supper picnic, which was consumed with gusto (and also many thanks to Mrs. Haydon) underneath a haystack. After playing rounders in the dusk with a minute ball which took a delight in hiding among the thistles, we wended our way home via the river, singing songs.

We all feel very proud of having a freshly painted hostel, with new gates that open and shut.

The Hostel is proud of its members in the school Hockey and Netball teams, and as a new netball post has been installed, we hope in the dim future to challenge the school.

THWARTED, OR THE TRIUMPH OF INNOCENCE.

IN January the staff produced a play in aid of the Scholarship Fund. It was a burlesque in the manner of an early Victorian melodrama, and was extremely amusing. The words were original although the plot was borrowed. The plot was a simple and touching one, showing how the beautiful heroine, the gallant hero and the pious convert triumphed over great odds. The play was overshadowed by the brooding malevolence

of the villain, and the fury of the thwarted villainess, who, in her tender moments, regretted that she "smiled on evil pleasures." The play ended with the dramatic murder of the villain Spaghetti by Henrietta the villainess, and the clearing of the stainless name of Burton.

"Thwarted" was extremely well produced and acted, and we all enjoyed it tremendously. The people who provided the music, and the people who did the work behind the scenes (not forgetting the unknown person who tweeted most effectively just at the right times during the scene in the wood) helped to make it a great success, too. We would like to thank the Staff very much for spending such a lot of time and trouble over "Thwarted" with such a jolly result.

The proceeds amounted to £62 7s. 0d.

J. KNAPE, Lower VI.

LOWER III. A GEOGRAPHY EXPEDITIONS.

LAST year Miss Overy took Lower IIIA. down to the River Colne in the Park. First of all we went to a little bridge going over the river, we looked to see which way the water was flowing and it was flowing down stream. We went to the side of the bridge which the tide was flowing towards and dropped sticks in to see if the tide went faster at the sides or in the middle of the river, and it went a little faster in the middle. We then walked up to Chopping's Mill, here the river was a little wider because of the Mill. When we walked along to the Mill we saw the swans on the pond and the little island in one place. Then we went on a little bridge and saw the water rushing through the Mill stream. We then walked back to Grey Friars.

Another time Miss Overy took us to the Hythe, we went by 'bus from the top of Queen Street to the Hythe. We then went over the bridge to the other side of the River Colne. There were many more people at the Hythe than in the Park and the river banks had boards along the sides to prevent them falling in, when people walk along the banks. As well as people, traffic went along the sides. On the river there were barges as the river was wider and deeper, the barges came up the river bringing and taking things for the factories that there are on the side of the river, for example there are factories for cattle cake and fire brick. Near a cattle cake factory we saw some barrels which had been used for linseed oil. The Hythe is the estuary or tidal part of the River Colne, and when we went there the tide was out a little way. The Hythe is a small port. After we had seen all these things we went by 'bus to the top of Queen Street, then we walked back to Grey Friars.

MARY WALKER, Lower IIIA.

THE OLD GIRLS' REVEL.

JULY 23rd was a lovely bright sunny day for the Old Girls' Revel, held at Grey Friars in aid of the Scholarship Fund. The programme started with a pastoral play called "On Zephyr's Wings." The plot of this play was a typical fairy one. The princess (Gladys Facer), having fallen in love with a shepherd (Beryl Aldis) decided to become a shepherdess. The shepherd was changed into a shepherd-prince through the princess' magic powers, but the witch (Irene Smith), who had power over the shepherd, captured him. Finally he was rescued by Zephyr (Joan Thackery) and of course all ended happily. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the skilful management of the magic element —Cupid (a small boy) removed all the objects which were supposed to "vanish."

Stalls and side-shows were a great attraction to the visitors, staff and girls during the tea interval, and the fun waxed fast and furious. Many a penny was spent on digging for hidden treasure or throwing ping-pong balls into a pail.

Afterwards some of the revellers enjoyed a whist drive under the oak tree, while the rest had great fun country dancing on the lawn. Apparently a detailed knowledge of the dances was not necessary, since several girls managed quite happily without it.

The enjoyable evening came to an end in the conventional manner with the performance of "Sellenger's Round."

M. LORD,
B. WOOTTEN, } Upper VI.

SCHOOL CHARITIES, 1930-1931.

This year we are printing for the first time a Balance Sheet of School Charities.

RECEIPTS	£	s.	d.
Form Collections ...	31	15	2½
Sale of Buns, Sale of Photographs, White Elephant Sale, Sale of Cards, French Play, Virgil Tea, Stall at Sports, etc.	35	1	10½
	£66	17	1

EXPENDITURE	£	s.	d.
Y.H.L.	40	11	5
Mayor's Fund	7	7	0
Scholarship Fund ...	18	18	8
	£66	17	1

Dr. BARNARDO'S HOMES.

(These accounts are quite separate from the accounts of the Y.H.L.)

September, 1930.

RECEIPTS	£	s.	d.	EXPENDITURE	£	s.	d.
Balance in hand ...	15	3	5	Annual Subscription to Watt's Naval Home	50	0	0
From Form Collections, etc.	40	11	5	Balance for 1931 ..	5	14	10
	£55	14	10		£55	14	10

MAYOR'S FUND.

December, 1930. Donation £7 7 0

YOUNG HELPERS' LEAGUE.

THE number of members in the Young Helpers' League is now 209. With subscriptions and the money from Box Collections, we were able to send £50 to Headquarters. This year, as every other year, all the Y.H.L. members and some others made or gave Christmas presents to the children in Dr. Barnado's Homes. We were glad to hear from Miss Hill, when she came to speak to the school, that Anthony Rockall, the boy we now support at the Watt's Naval School, is doing very well.

	£	s.	d.
North Hill—			
From box collections...	16	14	3½
94 Old Members' subscriptions... ...	4	14	0
10 New ,, ,, ...		10	0
	21	18	3½
Grey Friars—			
From box collections	11	18	6
63 Old Members' subscriptions... ...	3	3	0
42 New ,, ,, ...	2	2	0
	17	3	6
Total Amount ...	£39	1	9½

SPRING CLEANING.

WHEN spring comes along and the trees start to sprout,
Then brushes and brooms and O'Cedars come out,
And Mother begins to make spick and span,
Both upstairs and downstairs as fast as she can.

Then putting away her mop and her brooms
She puts up clean curtains to freshen the rooms,
Then she says, when she can't find a smudge or a smear,
"Thank goodness there's no more of that till next year."

BARBARA GUNTON, Lower IVc. Age 11.

COMPETITIONS.

AGES 16 AND OVER.

THE poetry of this section was much more popular than the prose. There were several triolets and epitaphs on Hikers but only two prose entries. It is always much harder to write good prose than to write good poetry, and though the prose did not reach prize standard it showed an enterprising spirit. The Committee commend F. Rowston on her essay "Of Trees." The prize goes to H. Eastlake for her triolet on Hiking. M. Forsdike's triolet is commended. We also print M. Sigger's epitaph.

TRIOLET ON HIKING.

With haversack upon her back,
She enters on her weary travel;
It is the fashion now, alack!
With haversack upon her back
To spend week-ends with stick and mack,
Her high-heeled shoes both filled with gravel;
With haversack upon her back
She enters on her weary travel.

HILDA EASTLAKE, Lower VI. Age 16.

AN EPITAPH ON A HIKER.

Here the sole has rest at last
From life's journey in the past.

M. SIGGERS, Upper VA.

AGES 14 AND UNDER 16.

THIS section was especially disappointing. No entry reached prize standard and so no prize will be awarded. The Rhymes of Colchester were poor and showed very little originality. There were very few entries for the prose—"Colchester Noises"; J. Tobitt's was the best and showed originality but the ending was weak. There were only three Advertisements for Mersea and I. Taylor's is commended for the great care she took over her painting. We wish people would show more enthusiasm in this section.

AGES 11 AND UNDER 14.

THIS was the best section as regards the number of entries. The poems on "Sleeping out of doors" and "Where no one ever goes" were quite good, and the prize goes to Freda May. Audrey Calveley's poem is highly commended. The prose, too, was quite popular, but it is a pity that people do not attend to the age limit. D. Martin wrote a very good description of Animal Sports, but she was not eligible for a prize because she was too old. We print Jean Thompson's "How the Sun and Moon became enemies," which was very well managed.

WHERE NO ONE EVER GOES.

AS I walked slowly along the sea shore
I saw a big cave with an oaken door,
I pushed it gently and ventured inside,
And the cave was big, and broad, and wide.

It was very dark inside that place
And in the darkness I saw a face
He looked so fierce and wild and grim
That I hardly was able to look at him.

He said to me, "The one who dares
To venture down these hundred stairs
To walk beneath the ocean green
Will be where none have ever been.

For twenty miles he could advance
And walk from England into France."
But down those steps I could not go
It looked so damp and dark below.

And if I were beneath the sea
I wonder what would become of me
If a hole came in the ceiling thin
And let the English channel in.

I left his dark and gloomy lair
And came out into the sun and air.
I'd rather be out on the shore
Than go where none have been before.

FREDA MAY, Lower IVc. Age 12.

WHERE NO-ONE EVER GOES.

WHEN the wind blows softly into space,
Playing lightly around your face,
Then it blows from the far-off place
Where no-one ever goes

It comes from Downland far away
Where wild thyme grows and cowslips gay
Give their scent to the wind alway—
Where no-one ever goes.

The flowers are wild and scent the air,
And many butterflies, dainty and rare
Are only known to hover there
Where no-one ever goes.

The balmy air that smells so clean
Blows gently from that land unseen,
Where all is peaceful and serene—
Where no-one ever goes.

AUDREY CALVELEY, Lower Va. Age 13.

HOW THE SUN AND MOON BECAME ENEMIES.

AT one time the sun and the moon were always together and they were great friends.

One day the moon said, "I'm sorry for one little star that is all alone, I'm going to make friends with it, it shines so brightly." Then the sun said, "If you do I shall not be your friend." "Then I will not go," said the moon, "But I will stay with you." They stayed together, as before, for three months, then the moon said, "There are two stars that I very much want to make friends with, they are so pretty." "If you do I will never be your friend again," replied the sun," Then I will not go," said the moon. They stayed together for six months, then the moon said, "I mean to go and speak to three stars, they look so friendly and bright." "I will never again be your friend if you do," replied the sun, "Then I will not go just yet," said the moon. They stayed together for nine months, shining together as usual. Then the moon said, "I am going to make friends with five little stars, I will bring them and introduce them to you" "If you do I will never speak to you again," replied the sun. "I will wait a little longer then," said the moon. He stayed with the sun for a year, going on as usual, then he said, "I am going to fetch seven stars over here, they look so friendly and bright. "I will always be your enemy if you do," replied the sun, "No you won't," said the moon, "Not when you see those seven stars." When the moon and the stars came back, the sun said, "Go away, go and live with the stars, but leave me alone." Then the moon said, "I *will* go away, and I *will* live with the stars, and I *will* leave you alone, and you will have *no* friends. So the moon went away, and that is why we always see the moon with the stars, but never with the sun.

JEAN THOMPSON, Lower IVA. Age 11

AGES 9 AND UNDER 11.

THE number of entries for this section went down very badly this year. The Committee hopes that the abundance of Open Competition entries in some way accounts for this. The poetry was the best and the prize goes to M. Walker for her poem on "The Kitchen at Midnight." We also print I. Adnams' "Secret." For the prose, the descriptions of One-eyed Ghosts were quite exciting, especially as one ghost had a pink eye. There were very few entries for "A week on a Desert Island."

THE KITCHEN AT MIDNIGHT.

AS the clock struck twelve
All down from their shelves
Jumped the platters and mugs
With their friends the jugs,
To dance a reel
With light toe and heel.

Every pot and pan
To the kitchen ran
Saying, "O what a boon
Is the light of the moon,
As to the kitchen we fly
When midnight is nigh."

The knives and the forks
All went for walks,
While the poker and tongs
Together sang songs,
Of their gallant deed
When the fire was in need.

The table and chairs
All put on such airs
For they felt very clean
Since the charwoman had been,
And the brasses so bright
Shone with all their might.

As the clock struck five
They were no longer alive,
They went back in a fluster,
Except one poor duster
Who got hung on a nail
And loudly did wail.

MARY WALKER, Upper IIIa.

THE SECRET.

IF I, this secret to you tell,
Remember you must keep it well ;
I haven't told it to mummy even,
Nor daddy nor yet to my brother Stephen.

I found a kitten the other day
And I made up my mind that it should stay,
But I knew daddy doesn't like kittens at all
And if I asked him, my hopes would fall.

So I put it into daddy's little wooden garden shed,
And I took my dolly's cradle to use it for a bed.
Each day I always take him little pieces of my meat,
You should see how eager pussy is to have these scraps to eat.

But when to a great big cat he has grown,
My secret to mummy will have to be shown,
I shall take him in to her and say,
"He loves me mother please let him stay."

Now promise me that you will be true,
And not tell the secret that I've told you.
It's a lovely secret, don't you agree,
A secret just between you and me.

IDA ANDAMS. Lower IVc. Age 10.

PREPARATORY COMPETITIONS.

THE Lower II. were asked to draw "Humpty Dumpty." There were some lovely red walls and fat Humpty Dumpties. Rosemary Saunders' was the best, her brilliant brick wall and lemon-coloured Humpty Dumpty were very effective. Margaret Huckelsby's was also very good, and Jill Clark's flabby Humpty Dumpty with his tiny little hat, greatly intrigued the Committee.

The Upper II. wrote about the Fairy who lives in Grey Friars' garden. The prize goes to Margaret Sherry.

THE AUTUMN FAIRY.

AUTUMN LEAF was a tiny little girl fairy who looked more like a leaf than a fairy, lived in Grey Friars garden in a big hollow tree. She was very lonely because her brothers had left her. Suddenly she heard shouting and pattering of feet and peeping out saw a lot of children running out to play, and leave lessons for a bit. Night came on and it grew cold. A leaf took off her pretty red dress and thin birch-bark petticoat it must have been Autumn Leaf she was careful not to hurt her thin wings, then she cuddled up in her bed and went to sleep, how long she slept she did not know but woke up to see all her brothers round her in new green dresses, and one had brought her a new green dress too, she got up and put on her new green dress and went outside with her brothers, she was so surprised to see it was warm and sunny, and suddenly realized she must have slept all through the winter for it was spring, she danced and sang. Now I will let you into the secret she was really a little leaf fairy.

MAGARET SHERRY, Upper II. Age 9.



SEVEN AGES COMPETITION. J. FRENCH, Upper VB.

OPEN COMPETITIONS.

WE have to thank Miss Brignell very much for finding time to judge both Open Competitions, and we are glad she was so pleased with the general level of the entries.

COMPETITION OPEN TO GREY FRIARS.

THE Open Competitions were extremely good. Never have the Committee so enjoyed examining the entries. Every drawing showed so much care, both in planning and execution, that it was a very hard business to judge them. The Committee longed to set up a nursery there and then and hang up all the Friezes. The prize goes to M. Cater with J. Thompson as a very good second.

COMPETITION OPEN TO NORTH HILL.

NORTH Hill people were asked to illustrate the Seven Ages of Man according to Shakespeare, and here again the entries were extremely good. Every single one was so good that the Committee could have spent hours examining them. Ethné Payne wins the prize, her entry, in book form, was extremely good and well finished. Some of her colouring was most daring and effective, and her drawing very good indeed. J. French is to be very highly commended on her arrangement. F. Rowston's made a very good picture, while M. Barritt's was far the best for design. E. Jones' colouring was especially good and so were some of her figures; if she had grouped them together better, she would have had a very good picture. We should have liked to have included Ethné's entry in the Magazine, but the cost of printing in colour is far beyond our means. Instead we are printing J. French's black and white drawing.

The Committee cannot praise either of the Open Competitions sufficiently. It hopes that the sectional competitions will reach the same standard next year.

OLD GIRLS' SECTION.

BUSINESS REPORT.

THE Old Girls' Christmas Party was last year combined with the Staff Re-union, and held at North Hill on November 15th, which enabled Miss Crosthwaite to be present. We were all delighted to have her and several of the old Staff back, and hope they will visit us again before long.

For the Easter meeting a programme consisting of two one-act plays, "Postal Orders" and "The Bathroom Door," and a few folk songs, was arranged. Unfortunately the performance was poorly attended and only three pounds was handed to the Scholarship Fund.

It was decided at the Annual General Meeting (and Tennis Tournament by the way) that this Fund should now be run by a joint committee of Miss King, two Staff members, and two Old Girls, M. Thackery and the Hon. Sec. being elected.

It was also decided that the Easter meeting should sometimes take the form of an informal social, but perhaps the most important business of this Summer meeting was the adoption of a new system of membership. Instead of a yearly subscription, a fee of five shillings now entitles Old Girls to life membership of the association, but a small charge must of course be made at each meeting to cover expenses.

The election of officers for the current year resulted as follows:—

Hon. Sec. and Treas.: G. Facer, 2, Errington Road, Colchester.
Committee: J. Hickford, M. Turner, M. Thackery, V. Paice, G. Carter.
Member elected at school: O. Richardson.

SCHOLARSHIP FUND.

RECEIPTS

	£	s.	d.
Subscriptions and Donations	247	13	10
Proceeds of Staff Play, January, 1931	62	7	0
Proceeds of Grey Friars Revels, Organised by O.G.A., July, 1931 ...	18	14	6
Various School efforts, including Stalls at Sports, 1930-31 ...	18	18	8
	£347	14	0

EXPENDITURE

	£	s.	d.
Invested	261	0	6
In Bank	84	14	6
Cash in hand	1	19	0
	£347	14	0

Thus it is seen that since the Scholarship Fund was started in December, 1929, the sum of £347 14s. has been collected in all and £261 os. 6d. has been invested in Bank of England Consolidated Stock at 2½%

At the Summer Meeting a Joint Committee of five members, consisting of Staff and Old Girls, was formed to deal with the Scholarship Fund and members will gladly receive any subscriptions or donations.

COMMITTEE—

Miss King, Miss Reynolds, Miss Winters,
M. Thackery, Roman Road, Colchester.
G. Facer, 2 Errington Road, Colchester.

MARRIAGES.

Miss F. M. Hanson to Mr. A. Hodgson at Norbiton. September 14th, 1931.

Buchanan—Willis. On November 14th at St. Mary's, Thorington. John Gibson Buchanan of Thornton-le-Fylde, Lancashire, and H.M.S. Lucia, to Mildred Velena Willis, The Talbots, Thorington.

Davall—Foyster. On June 1st, 1931, at St. James' Church, Clacton-on-Sea, Alan Davall to Vera Foyster, now living at "Revalan," Queen's Road, Clacton-on-Sea.

Cook—Prior. On October 26th, 1931, at the Wesleyan Church, Brightlingsea, Eric Cook to Irene Prior, now living at 53 John Street, Brightlingsea.

Moore—Smith. On January 29th at St. Mary-at-the-Walls, Colchester, John Braynard Moore to Kathleen Mary Smith.

EXCAVATING AT COLCHESTER.

FOR the second time I spent part of the summer helping in the excavations which are being made at Colchester.

Our work this year was to follow up a large V-shaped ditch visible in the side of a gravel pit behind Sheepen Farm, which proved to be the defensive ditch of the winter camp of the Romans in 43-4 A.D. after the capture of Celtic Camulodunum and before the building of Roman Colchester.

The actual digging is done mainly by paid workmen, but there was enough work to keep the voluntary staff, of whom I was one,

All the rooms face the front and the other side consists of bathrooms, etc. We share a washing cubicle between two, and each bathroom has six cubicles and two baths. We have two showers on our floor and as they are the only ones we always get raided.

The common room is simply immense. It has ten very large sofas and sixteen arm chairs, all covered by students who make all the curtains und bedspreads too. There are nine long French windows, five of which look into the garden.

The dining room has five natural oak tables and one "high." Each table holds twenty-four. There are hatches from the dining room into the servery, which leads into the kitchen. We work in the kitchen once a week and it has every possible convenience for large scale cookery.

The whole hostel is run by I.M's (i.e. Institutional Management) commonly known as "Irresponsible Mugs." There are four old Student I.M's here who are in charge of the present term I.M's. These do all the cooking and housework. Four of them do 122 bedrooms every morning, about 25 an hour. They also wait at dinner every night and it means they have to get up at 6.30 and do not get to bed until 11.30. We shall have to do that next term as we shall then be I.M's if we pass a qualifying examination which decides whether we shall go on or join the Housewives (i.e. people who just learn how to run a house). The worst of it is we have a political question in this examination which is more or less compulsory.

At the moment I am having an awful time as I am in the Store-room at College. I have to order, check and send out food and at the end of the week weigh everything in the cupboards and make it correspond with what has come in and gone out. Last week everything went wrong and on top of everything I dumped a whole tin of salt into the sugar bin, so I am not looking forward to next week when I have entire charge."