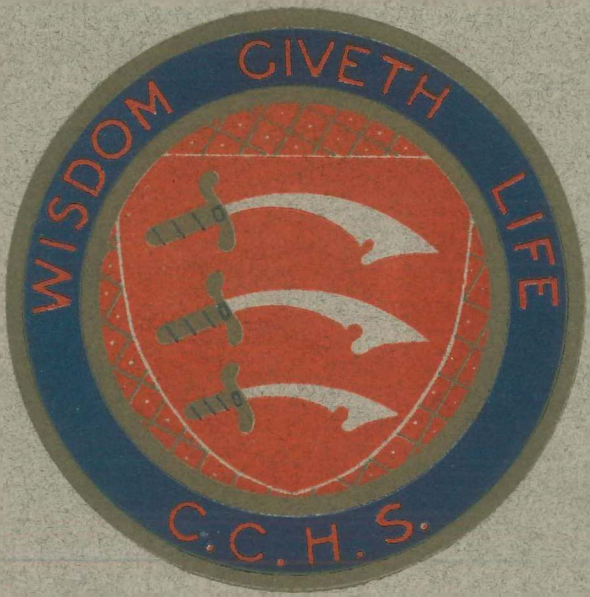


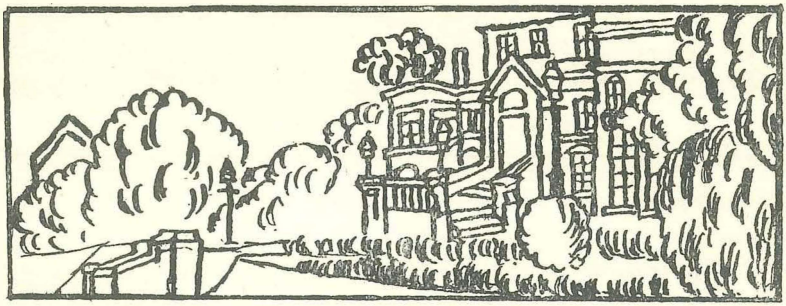

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# FOREWORD.

THIS present time, with its rapid changes, seems a most appropriate one for our School Magazine to appear in its altered character, described in detail by the editor. The crisis of August, 1931, and the difficult times through which our country is passing have made us all realise more and more clearly that our School has a double part to play. While it has its own inner life, it becomes increasingly evident that it is also part of the larger world outside.

Each year brings peculiar joys and sorrows to the internal life of the School. Among the outstanding sorrows of the year 1931-32 have been the departure of Miss Reynolds to become a House Mistress at Wycombe Abbey and the retirement of Miss Harris and of Miss Brignell. We owe them all more than can be realised or said in words, but we know that their affection for and interest in the school still continue. Probably before these words are read we shall see in the Hall Miss Reynolds' leaving present of framed and illuminated honours lists of scholarships won and distinctions gained by girls of the school. This will serve as a permanent and tangible proof of this interest – if indeed such is necessary.

The School has recently sustained a great loss in the death of Canon Tollinton, one of the Governors

The year 1931-32 has seen the first award of the School leaving Scholarship. Although we have by no means yet raised the amount we hope to obtain, yet it was felt that the interest from the money invested, though small, would be of some help. Accordingly the Scholarship has been awarded to Mary Angier.

It is more difficult to speak shortly of the School as part of a wider sphere. Changes of various kinds, necessary private and public economies, make us realise how much the present economic situation affects every part of life. We learn almost daily that we all can do something, even though our help appears so microscopic. Saving a piece of paper, taking greater care of School property, and exercising some piece of self-denial in order to help our Form collections, are a few of the material ways in which we can help.

It is in the difficulties encountered by girls who have left, in finding work that the close connection between the world of school and the world outside is most obviously felt. There is no doubt that this is a bad time in which to find employment.

Girls who want help and advice about their careers should speak to me. Those who are able to live in London can often obtain work through the Head Mistresses' Employment Committee or the Students' Careers Association. Girls who want work in Colchester can, through me, register at the Juvenile Employment Bureau.

I should like to give two words of advice to the older girls. First, by staying on at school as long as possible fit yourselves better for whatever work you undertake—times, we hope will improve—second, when you do finally leave, take whatever work presents itself.

R. H. KING.

## MAGAZINE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

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H. EASTLAKE, R. DIGBY, J. TOBITT.

*Ex-Officio* (Head Girl): S. PEARSON.

## EDITORIAL.

IT was disheartening to discover from the order lists, how little value the school, as a whole, has for the magazine, just when the Committee had been making special efforts to ensure that, in future, it shall be a really reliable school record. The Editor, whose absence we deplore, has occupied a great deal of her enforced leisure in writing up the constitution as a whole (hitherto we have existed on a basis of rather disconnected minutes of meetings); we of the Committee have re-allotted and systematised the magazine business, examined our accounts—with what deplorable results you have already heard—and provided our readers, for the first time, with a full School Calendar

All the School societies and activities, including the Library, have undertaken to make an annual report for the magazine part of their regular business, and we shall, in future, print the names of those officials of societies who are elected annually. Finally and most important of all, we have persuaded Miss King to write a foreword. We do thank her most gratefully for finding time to do this for us, and we hope she realises that she has created a precedent!

For ease in reference, we are printing the date on the cover of the magazine in future. We have also—as we hope you will agree—improved the position and colouring of the school badge.

The miscellaneous contributions this year were few and, for the most part, too poor to print, but two prose pieces we enjoyed very much will be found at the end of the competition section. For reasons of economy we have been forced to give up printing the names of form magazine representatives. This does *not*

mean that the form representatives are not important: they are. And perhaps next year they will prove it by persuading people generally to take more interest in the magazine.

This year there have been many changes on the Staff. We said goodbye to Miss Morton who had been with us for six, and Miss Ralph who had been with us nearly five years. We shall miss them both very much. Miss Wareham, Miss Rawlins and Miss Boggis also left in the summer. We wish them all happiness in their new work. Miss Brignell who retired from the Art School in July, taught at the Colchester Pupil Teachers' Centre (C.C.H.S. in embryo) forty years ago, when it was where the Albert Hall is now. In those days it was a mixed school and only art and science were taught in it. When that school had outgrown its accommodation and conditions generally, the boys were sent to the Grammar School and our school on North Hill was built. So Miss Brignell has been with us through an almost incredible number of changes. We hope that she will enjoy resting after so many years of work.

As a record, the magazine is supposed to confine itself to the school year of September, 1931—July, 1932, but, just as last year it deliberately overstepped its limits to mourn the departure of Miss Reynolds, so it is determined this year to trespass on next year's ground. Miss Harris left us at half-term. She has been with the school longer than anyone else on the Staff, since 1914 in fact, when even the oldest of the VI Form were literally in their cradles. She built up the 'Pre' from its beginnings in S. Peter's Parish Room, and it is in the 'Pre' that she will be missed most of all But she will be missed everywhere, for she has become very really part of the tradition of the school. With her retirement, we lose too a rare privilege—the help of one of our Governors in the actual teaching of the school, since for many years now Miss Marriage has taught Scripture in the 'Pre.' We comfort ourselves by remembering how close to us they are going to live, and in the hope that they will come in to see us whenever they can.

Miss Ward joined the Staff in January, and this term we welcome Miss Arrowsmith, Miss Lynn, Miss Mark and Miss Rosborough.

## PREFECTS, 1931-32.

*Head Girl*: M. BLOMFIELD.

*Upper VI.*: M. ANGIER, R. DIGBY, O. KETTLE, J. LOMAX, E. PAYNE, S. PEARSON, P. STOWE.

*Lower VI.*: J. DENNEY, H. EASTLAKE, P. PANNELL, K. WEBB, N. WHITE.

# SCHOOL CALENDAR, 1931-32.

## AUTUMN TERM, 1931.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sept. | 16 | School re-opened |
| „ | 21 | Hark Carol Singing at Nayland Sanatorium. |
| „ | 30 | Piano Recital—Gerard Moorat. |
| Oct. | 2 | VIth Form party to the Faraday Exhibition. |
| „ | 7 | Rev. P. E. T. Widdrington on "Drama." |
| „ | 21 | Harpsichord and Song Recital—Alice Ehlers, Marietta and Martha Amstad, at Albert Hall.<br>Visit of H.R.H. Prince of Wales to Colchester. |
| Nov. | 2 | Half Term. |
| „ | 11 | Mr. Fielden on "Disarmament." |
| „ | 18 | Recital of German Lieder—Dorothy Robson. |
| Dec. | 4 | Dr. Courtney Weekes on "Alcohol." |
| „ | 7 | Cambridge School Certificate Examination began. |
| „ | 9 | Piano and Song Recital—Stuart Robertson and Reginald Paul. |
| „ | 12 | Old Girls' Party. |
| „ | 17 | Parents' Afternoon with Carols, North Hill. |
| „ | 18 | School broke up. |

## SPRING TERM, 1932.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Jan. | 7 | School re-opened. |
| „ | 13 | Hark Miracle Play. |
| „ | 20 | Lecture on Haydn, with illustrations by Miss Joy Smith. |
| „ | 21 | Miss Gray on "Careers," to parents at Grey Friars. |
| „ | 27 | Miss Whinney on "French Art." |
| Feb. | 3 | Song Recital by Mrs. Spruytenburg. |
| „ | 15 | Half Term. |
| „ | 17 | 'Cello and Piano Recital by Beatrice Eveline and Reginald Paul. |
| „ | 18 | North Hill party to the Exhibition of French Art. |
| March | 2 | Concert—English Singers. |
| „ | 7 | Gymnastic Competition at Grey Friars. Judge, Miss Ash. |
| „ | 14 | Gymnastic Competition at North Hill. |
| „ | 16 | Mr. Hart on "Modern Art." |
| „ | 23 | Captain Deane on The Disarmament Conference. |
| „ | 24 | School broke up. |

## SUMMER TERM, 1932.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| April | 26 | School re-opened. |
| „ | 29 | Miss Turner on "Birds."<br>North Hill party to the Imperial Institute. |
| May | 11 | Piano Duets by A. Hazell and A. Rudere. |
| „ | 16 | Whit-Monday—Holiday. |
| „ | 18 | Song Recital by Tessa Richardson. |
| „ | 21 | L.N.U. Mock Trial at North Hill. |
| „ | 26 | Preparatory Play and Handwork Exhibition. |
| June | 1 | Piano Recital by Harry Isaacs. |
| „ | 4 | Hark Expedition to Colchester. |
| „ | 8 | Recital of Instrumental Music by Erse Trio. |
| „ | 18 | North Hill party to the Tower of London and "Twelfth Night" at New Theatre. |
| „ | 20 | Half Term. |
| „ | 24 | Sports. |
| „ | 25 | Hark Expedition to Castle-Acre. |
| „ | 30 | Preparatory Sports. |
| July | 11 | Cambridge Certificate Examinations began. |
| „ | 20 | Grey Friars' party to the London Docks. |
| „ | 23 | Old Girls' Summer Meeting. |
| „ | 27 | School broke up. |

## EXAMINATION RESULTS, 1931-32.

| | |
|---|---|
| M. Angier. | Passed Holloway College Entrance Examination.<br>County Major Scholarship. |
| M. Blomfield. | Entrance to Somerville College, Oxford.<br>County Major Scholarship. |
| J. Lomax. | Entrance to Newnham College, Cambridge.<br>County Major Scholarship. |
| C. Payne. | County Domestic Science Exhibition for a three years' course at Berridge House Domestic Science Training College, London. |
| D. Simons. | County Domestic Science Exhibition for a short course at Berridge House Domestic Science Training College, London |

*Cambridge Higher Certificate.*

R. K. Digby (Physics, Maths); O. J. M. Kettle (History, Geography); J. Lomax (History); E. I Payne (Botany, Geography); S. W. Pearson (Geography, Maths); P. M. Stowe (History, Geography).

*Housecraft Certificate of the National Council of Domestic Studies.*

First Class:—M. Bentley, N. Dennis, J. Pointon, D. Simons, N. White.

Second Class.—H. Buck, C. Payne, C. Shippey.

*Cambridge School Certificate.*

*December, 1931.*

Honours:—*J. Knape (Dist. English, History).

Pass:—*G. Bell, P. Joscelyne.

*July, 1932.*

Honours:—*E. H. Bennett (Dist. History, Maths, Oral French); *M. Robinson (Dist. History); *M. Loe.

Pass:—D. R. Bates, V. G. Bibby, E. R. Biddle, A. J. Bond, M. E. Cox, C. M. Cuthill, F. I. Dodson, W. M. Elson, *H. M. Everitt, *J. E. A. French (Dist. Oral French), M Hansford (Dist Oral French), M. F. Heddle, E. M. Hoare, D. E. Hunt, E. M. Jones, F. Lamb, P. B. Manton, B. Marsh, *M. I. Martin (Dist. Oral French), *E. G. Mills, E. M. C. Rowston (Dist. History), M. E. Siggers (Dist. Maths), R. A. Siggers, *F. J. Simons (Dist. History). F. A. Snell, E. J. Soames (Dist. Oral French), J. E. Sutherwood, *C. J. Wadley, M. L. Wells, E. M. Pullen.

## SIXTH FORM NOTES.

ONLY those who have had actual experience realise the hardships of Sixth Form life. Few people know of the problems that are thrashed out behind the Committee Room door, or the discussions on the Lost Property Box in 33. The one great concern of the Sixth is to ward off that premature old age which is commonly supposed to overcome all those who spend their time writing essays and shutting cloakrooms; in fact, to show that it can still catch a netball, hold a hockey stick and run in a sack. The trouble which always faces the Sixth in games is that it is invariably divided against itself—plain Sixth v. Prefects—presumably because an insufficient number of people

*Exemption from London Matriculation.

face Upper VI life. This year our netball was not very successful, in spite of attempts to practice when the rest of the school was out of the way. But in hockey the worst occurred; the Prefects had to fight the Sixth in the finals. The result was luckily a draw. In the sports the Prefects determined to have their last fling before they resigned themselves to old age They managed to carry off the first prize for points and the prizes for the Cross and Tunnel and Girdle races.

There were two events of importance during the year. First Room 33 became the receipt of custom and its members spent a good deal of time counting halfpennies. Then, in the Committee Room, there was a revolution. Father Time refused to keep pace with his companions, and, in spite of repeated coaxings, persisted in stopping. Perhaps he may be persuaded to reform in fresh company.

M. Blomfield.

## HOME SCIENCE NOTES, 1931-32.

THERE were eight of us taking the course this year, and the kitchen became rather crowded at times, especially when it came to 'dishing up.'

We invited several people to lunch during the year, including Miss King, Miss Reynolds, and Miss Winters.

It was great fun helping at the school parties, especially catering for the Preparatory party.

Towards the end of the Easter holidays we lived at Lyndhurst for one week, housekeeping, shopping, and cooking. During the week we had a picnic at Mersea, and one day our mothers were invited to tea.

At the beginning of the Summer term we cooked the dinners at Grey Friars for one week. We began by peeling 1 cwt. of potatoes and ended by cooking 240 fillets of fish.

On Mondays and Fridays we had Science, Needlework, Hygiene, English and Book-keeping lessons.

At the end of the year we went for some very interesting expeditions with Miss Collier to the Steam Laundry and Canning Factory, and with Miss Smith to the Co-operative Dairy, and the Water-Tower.

We wish the present Home Science girls luck, and hope they will have as interesting and profitable a year as we had.

M. Bentley.
N. White.

## PREPARATORY NOTES.

AT the Christmas party each form acted a play—Upper II did a scene from Dr. Dolittle, Lower II scenes from Winnie the Pooh and the First Form The Three Bears. The First Form had a grocer's shop and a draper's shop, called the Stores. They

had two tables and covered them with white paper, and brought materials and things for the shop from home, and played shops with them. They had five gardens with a lot of worms in them, and a lot of weeds too

Lower II had a rounders' match against Upper II and won by five rounders to two ; they chose an umpire from each form.

Upper II kept weather charts in Geography. They had a form garden too and worked in it at dinner time.. They were second for two terms in the gardening competition.

We shall miss Miss Harris very much, especially when we act plays at Christmas time and when we fall over. We hope she will often come to see us.

Here is a poem composed by Form I.

CLOCKS.

TIC toc, tic toc
Goes the grandfather clock.
He stands in the hall
Close by the wall.

Cuckoo, cuckoo,
Now it is two.
The little bird
Can now be heard.

## MEMORIES OF THE "PRE" IN 1914.

I HAVE just heard that Miss Harris has left Colchester County High School, and I suppose it is true. It is a long time since I came back to visit school, but it still seems impossible to think of the Preparatory without Miss Harris—or Miss Harris without the Preparatory.

In 1914 I was nine years old, and the school had just begun to outgrow its North Hill quarters. So the youngest of us were cast forth into St. Peter's Parish Room and were known as "the Preparatory." Here Miss Harris came to look after us and quickly became a very solid part of the background of our lives.

I seem to have no remembrance of any lessons except sewing and handwork (the smell of wet cane soaking in a tin bath : the soft lustrous green raffia which you sewed round in a coil to make heavy little boxes and mats: the messiness of clay modelling), but I know we used to collect odd flowers, caterpillars and chrysalises "to show Miss Harris" who was always interested and could tell you things about them.

I remember too that we once acted the Pied Piper of Hamelin and I had to be the boy who got shut out of the mountain. In my imagination I was quite prepared to play the part, but to have to do it in cold blood in front of parents was quite another

thing. I think I might have bolted without the steadying feeling that Miss Harris apparently wasn't even considering it possible that I should.

St. Peter's Parish Room was up a long narrow covered-in passage next to the greengrocer's shop on the other side of North Hill. There was a large room, with a smaller one at right angles through a folding partition, where I believe the youngest ones had their lessons.

On one side were some steps up into St. Peter's Churchyard, but I fancy this was very strictly forbidden (such a good place to play in too). On the other side there was just a plain walled yard. The seeds from a sycamore tree used to drift down and sprout there. I do not remember whether we received formal initiation into their growth in the Parish Room, but the knowledge about them carried through from this time made at least one of the Senior Cambridge papers enjoyable for me.

AN OLD GIRL.

The "Pre" stayed at St. Peter's Parish Room till Miss Harris brought it into its present quarters at Grey Friars when the Junior School moved there in 1920.

### THE PREPARATORY SPORTS.

THE Preparatory Sports were held at Grey Friars on Thursday, June 30th. The rain held off all the time, though we did not have a very bright day.

People entered for the two team races with great enthusiasm and they were won by Lower II. The Hoop and Dressing was one of the most amusing races. The jumping this year was very good; the Senior jump was won by Edna Pilkington and the Junior by Jean Craig. The Little Visitors' race was won by John Vincent and Wendy Stott was second. Miss Digby kindly presented the prizes and said how glad she was to see such excellent team work among all the Forms. The winning Form was Lower II, who obtained the largest number of points.

J. DENNEY.

## GAMES REPORTS.

### HOCKEY, 1931-32.

THE standard has gone up generally in the School, this year. Girls are still showing the enthusiasm that is necessary if the School is going to produce a good team. The team has played together well; it was particularly successful in the Spring Term, and did not lose a match. We were very fortunate in having Harper's Ground for practices and matches, this year. The team wishes to thank P. Joscelyne for painting the balls.

## MATCH RESULTS, 1931-32.

### 1st XI.

*Autumn Term*—

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| v. Ipswich High School | won 2-0 | v. Braintree ... ... | lost 0-5 |
| v. Romford C.H.S. (League) | lost 2-5 | v. Chelmsford ... ... | lost 2-8 |
| v. Staff ... ... ... | won 4-0 | v. Maldon ... ... ... | lost 3-8 |

*Spring Term*—

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| v. Ipswich ... ... | drew 1-1 | v. Braintree ... ... | won 1-0 |
| v. Chelmsford ... ... | won 2-0 | v. Harwich ... ... | won 4-1 |
| v. Maldon ... ... | won 5-1 | v Hostel ... ... ... | won 3-1 |
| v. Staff ... ... ... | won 2-0 | Oxford v. Cambridge | drew 1-1 |

### 2nd XI.

*Autumn Term*—

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| v. Ipswich ... ... | won 4-1 | v. Chelmsford ... ... | lost 0-4 |

*Spring Term*—

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| v. Ipswich ... ... | drew 0-0 | v. Clacton .. ... | won 4-2 |
| v. Chelmsford ... ... | drew 1-1 | v. Harwich ... ... | won 7-0 |

J. Lomax (Capt, 1931-32).

### TEAM CRITICISM—1st XI, Autumn Term, 1932.

G. P. Pannell—A good goalkeeper who can be relied upon to come out and tackle at the right moment; but she must be careful not to raise the ball dangerously when kicking. (M.H.)

L.B. M. Waters—A steady back who can be relied on.

R.B. S. Pearson—Tackles well but needs to get rid of the ball more quickly and to be more careful about her passing. Her play has improved during the term

L.H. P. Dennis—Places her passes well but needs to mark more closely. Rather slow.

C.H. J. Taylor—A valuable centre-half who is quick at intercepting and varies her passes.

R.H. J. Hawkins—A promising half who is quick and tackles well but must learn not to foul.

L.W. M. Chrystal—With more practise she will become a good wing.

L.I. P. Manton—Rushes and shoots well but she must be careful not to muddle her centre and, be left offside.

C.F. M. Collier—A quick centre who presses well in the circle but she must learn to keep her place.

R.I. J. Wigley—Neat stick work, but she must learn to pass before she is tackled.

R.W. R. Siggers—Takes her passes well, but needs to keep out more because she is apt to muddle her inner. Shoots well.

P. Pannell (Capt.)

## NETBALL.

### General Report, 1931-32.

THE Netball team of 1931 was one of the best teams we have had for some years. We were unfortunate in meeting Southend in the second round of the Netball League. After a very hard and good game we lost.

People on the whole at North Hill were not so keen on Netball as they have been in past years.

E. Payne gained her colours.

## TEAMS, 1931-32.

| 1st VII. | | 2nd VII. | |
|---|---|---|---|
| G.S. | M. Siggers | G.S. | R. Scrivener |
| A. | C. Wadley | A. | P. Rose |
| A.C. | M. Taylor | A.C. | F. Lamb |
| M.C. | E. Payne | M.C. | A. Phillips |
| D.C. | M. Elson | D.C | M Loe |
| D. | J Taylor | D. | M. Siggers |
| G.K. | M Collier | G.K. | P. Bird |

## MATCH RESULTS, 1931-32.

*Autumn Term –*

v. Chelmsford ... 1st won 10-8
2nd won 17-7
J. lost 10-13

v. Brentwood (League) 1st won 15-14
2nd lost 16-17

v. Brentwood ... J won 13-11

v. Staff ... ... 1st won 15-8

v. Southend (League) 1st lost 7-12
2nd drew 13-13

*Spring Term—*

v. Brentwood ... 1st won 17-8
2nd won 24-8
J. lost 20-24

v. St. Mary's ... 2nd won 18-13

Oxford v. Cambridge
Cambridge won 19-14

v. Ipswich ... ... 1st drew 13-13
J. won 11-8

J. Taylor (Capt. 1931-32).

## TEAM CRITICISM—1st VII, Autumn Term, 1932.

G.S. M. Siggers—Gets free well, but keeps too much on top of the attack.

A. C. Wadley—A good shooter, and is very good at getting herself free.

A.C. M. Taylor—Very good. She is a valuable member of the team.

M.C. M. Collier—She has played an excellent game as goalkeeper and we hope she will be as good a centre this season.

D.C. M. Loe—She must try to be quicker and at the same time not to run with the ball.

D. J. Taylor (Capt.)—She is a very good captain and an excellent defence. One of the best players the school has ever had. (N.F.J.)

G.K. R. Siggers—She must mark her opponent more closely, and look where she is throwing the ball.

J. Taylor (Capt.)

## TENNIS, 1932.

TENNIS has improved generally throughout the School. The attitude of the School is good; girls are willing to learn, and enthusiastic. We are glad to see that Forms have produced two couples for the Form matches this year, and hope they will continue to do so. It is encouraging to see Tennis taken so seriously in the Upper and Lower IV's; there are some very promising players in the Lower V's.

The Team improved generally towards the end of the season. This is the first year the whole team played at the net, and the results were much better.

The Team is grateful to Margery Collier for organising the fagging so successfully.

### TEAM CRITICISM.

M. Blomfield—Her play has improved greatly, but she has not quite mastered the volley.

J. Lomax—Her play has improved very much this season. She is learning to anticipate her opponent's strokes, and some of her volleying is really good. (M.H.)

J. Taylor—Her net-play is good, and she uses her head and places well.

M. Waters—She has a good drive, and her net-play is good, but she must take care not to foot fault.

M. Siggers—Her drive is fairly steady, but needs to be stronger. Her net-play needs practice.

R. Siggers—She has a fairly steady drive, but is rather slow in moving. Her net-play needs more practice.

### MATCH RESULTS, 1932.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| v. Chelmsford (League) ... ... | lost 0-3 | events |
| v. Staff ... ... ... ... | lost 42-57 | games |
| v. Harwich ... ... ... ... | won 60-39 | ,, |
| v. Ipswich ... ... ... ... | lost 41-58 | ,, |
| v. Old Girls ... ... ... ... | lost 31-68 | ,, |
| v. St. Mary's ... ... ... ... | won 56-43 | ,, |

J. C. LOMAX (Capt.)

## GREY FRIARS' GAMES.

LAST year at Grey Friars we played netball in our games lessons during the Autumn and Spring Terms, and rounders in the Summer. Form matches were played at the end of every term. In the final netball match in the Autumn Term, Upper IVB beat Upper IVA, and the result was the same in the Spring Term ; but in the Summer Term Upper IVB, who were not so good at rounders as they were at netball, were beaten by Upper IVA.

R. HILL.

## GYMNASTIC COMPETITION.

THIS year the competition was held on two consecutive Mondays at the end of the Spring Term, to suit the convenience of the judge, Miss Ash, who kindly gave up her one free day in the week to come to us.

For the first time Grey Friars did their work without tunics, and we hope that by next Competition the whole school will be enjoying this freedom.

After the Competition on the second Monday, Grey Friars came up to North Hill, and Miss Ash spoke to the whole school about the importance of facing the world with one's head well up.

The cup was shared by Middle VA and Lower VA who did some very good work.

## SPORTS DAY.

WE were unfortunate in not having a fine Sports Day this year; the weather was cloudy and there was a shower in the middle of the events, but we were able to finish the races. The Senior jumping was won by M. Taylor and E. Payne who tied for first place at 4ft. 10in. This height, which has not been jumped since 1927, is the school record.

The Prefects won two of the team races—Girdle, and Cross and Tunnel. The Hoop and Bail race was won by Upper Va in record time. There was a new race in the Senior Division this year, instead of Slow Bicycling—the Boat Race, which caused much amusement. The Fathers' Race was again included in the events.

As usual we were very eager to hear the final lists. The Prefects came top with 24·6 points; then came Lower IVa with 24·1 points and then Middle Va with 18·8 points. The Mayor congratulated the Prefects on distinguishing themselves at Sports in their last year at school.

Tea was again served and there were three Stalls—Household Goods, Flowers and Fruit, and Sweets.

We wish to thank the Mayor for presenting the prizes, the Staff, those who contributed to the Sports Fund, and all who helped to make the day a success.

J. Tobitt.

## MUSIC CLUB.

DURING the past year we have had a great variety of concerts; some have been given by artists new to most of us, and some by people who are well-known to the whole school.

A very interesting concert of old music was given by Alice Ehlers (harpsichord), and Marietta and Martha Amstad (sopranos), at the Albert Hall. Harpsichord music is new to most of us and we hope to hear more of it in future. We were surprised at the volume of tone obtainable from the instrument, which was quite new although of old pattern. After the concert some of us had an opportunity of examining it more closely, while Madame Ehlers explained how it was played.

Dorothy Robson visited us again this year. Besides singing German "Lieder" she described Verdi's opera "Aida" and sang some of the songs from it. Her description was so vivid that we could easily picture the different scenes.

The English Singers (six mixed voices) gave a most enjoyable concert at the Albert Hall. They sing most of their songs in the Elizabethan style, unaccompanied, sitting round a table. Their programme included several Elizabethan madrigals, and some Folk Songs arranged by Vaughan Williams. They also sang the round "Sumer is i-cumen in."

Stuart Robertson came to the school and gave us a very jolly concert, in spite of having a boil at the back of his neck. He was accompanied by Reginald Paul, who came again later in the year with Miss Eveline ('cello), whom we all know. Mrs. Spruytenburg and Tessa Richardson have also been to sing to us.

We have had other piano concerts; Harry Isaacs and Gerard Moorat both came during the year, and A. Hazell and A. Rudere, who played piano duets. Miss Joy Smith, who has been to the school several times before, lectured on Haydn. She chose to talk about this composer because the bi-centenary of his birth was celebrated in March.

"Drink to me only" and "Three poor Mariners," arranged by Roger Quilter, were included in the programme given by the Erse Trio at a concert last term.

Grey Friars have had the same concerts but with slightly different programmes. We all wish to thank Miss Gordon for arranging such splendid programmes which give the School opportunities of hearing so large a variety of good music.

J. TOBITT.

## SCHOOL CHARITIES, 1931-32.

| RECEIPTS. | £ | s. | d. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Balance in hand ... ... | 5 | 14 | 10 |
| Upper IVA Sale (Dec., 1931) | 4 | 0 | 0 |
| Form Collections— | | | |
| Autumn, 1931 ... ... and Sale of Buns at Grey Friars. | 10 | 10 | 10 |
| Spring, 1932 ... ... | 11 | 13 | 10 |
| Summer, 1932 ... ... including Stalls at Sports. | 25 | 14 | 6 |
| | £57 | 14 | 0 |

| EXPENDITURE. | £ | s. | d. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Annual Subscription to— | | | |
| Watts' Naval Home ... | 50 | 0 | 0 |
| Mayor's Fund ... ... | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| Balance ... ... ... | 2 | 14 | 0 |
| | £57 | 14 | 0 |

## LIBRARY REPORT.

FICTION—*Sub-Librarian*: R. DIGBY. *Treasurer*: M. ANGIER.

FOR some reason, the Library has never featured in the School Magazine. Perhaps it had little to report, except that it went on with its work quite quietly. Now, since it undergoes drastic changes from year to year, it has decided to try to arrest the public eye.

The Fiction Library has, for the past two years, been run by a committee to which each Form sends a representative. Each group of representatives has a member of the executive committee to help it. A shining array of new books is put on the shelves in the corridor, each Term, to entice the public. This Term the array is slightly smaller than usual, as the subscription has been

reduced to twopence ; a reduction which has, however, increased the membership considerably.

The Reference Library has now begun to cater more for the general public. Except for the Lower Fifths, who have stated times for getting books, the school can go to the library whenever it likes ; we hope it will go more and more. Some books which should appeal to the Middle School in particular, have been added, and the English Reference Library is eking out its supply with borrowed books. The Library has been rather sacred to the Sixth Form specialist in the past, although it is free to all. Perhaps the Middle School has not realised what pleasant things are to be found in the somewhat grim-looking cupboards which live upstairs and in the back of Room 19. Since it is a great asset to have a library to use, we hope that the school in general will make good use of its privilege, and, in addition, will help the committee by suggesting any improvements it thinks advisable. In future, we hope to publish a full list of the new books in the library. We have to thank the following people who gave books during last year:

Miss Illington, for "The Good Companions." J. B. Priestley.
Miss Ralph, for "Old Trades and New Knowledge."
Sir William Bragg.
and "The Outdoor Year." W. J. Claxton.
Joan Blomfield, for "Cautionary Catches." Cyril Alington.

We are glad to hear that the Library at Grey Friars has moved from Miss King's room to the back of Room 10, where the members can now go to choose their own books. Those of the Committee who have been to inspect, were sadly tempted to make a raid, and carry off most of the contents of the four big new cupboards.

R. DIGBY.

## L.N.U.

*Chairman* : M. BLOMFIELD. *Treasurer* : S. PEARSON.
*Librarian* : O. KETTLE. *Secretary* : R. DIGBY.

THE past year has seen several changes in connection with the School L.N.U. Branch. Last Christmas we had to say goodbye to Miss Reynolds, who had done so much to help us. We take this opportunity of welcoming Miss Burchby, who kindly undertook to be Staff representative in her place.

We did not have a Model Assembly this year. Instead, we followed the example of the Town Branch in producing a Mock Trial, an account of which will be found at the foot of this report. During the year we had two lectures: Mr. Fielden came to speak on the World Crisis, and Captain Deane gave a talk on the work of the Disarmament Conference ; we would like to thank them

both for coming. None of our members went to the Geneva Summer School this year.

All through the year our various activities went on as usual. Form meetings, in some ways the most important part of our work, took place weekly. We were glad to see that more people than usual entered for the Essay Competition this year. Three of our members, E. Hawkins, B. Bennett and R. Digby, won prizes which were presented by the Town Branch

Our membership at the end of the year totalled 165, a steady average which does not seem to vary much from year to year.

R. DIGBY.

## THE MOCK TRIAL.

AT the beginning of last Summer Term the School Branch of the L.N.U. arranged a Mock Trial at North Hill. As it took place on a Saturday, some League members from Brentwood and Chelmsford High Schools were able to come. The people who were there thoroughly enjoyed it, and feel very grateful to the Staff and girls who took so much trouble to make it a success.

The prisoner in the dock was the League of Nations (J. Wigley), charged with obtaining money at divers times by false pretences. The plaintiff was America (E. Jones), whose case seemed good, superficially. The attorney for the attack (J. Lomax) and her junior counsel (E Hawkins), raised some very debatable points in connection with the League, which, however, were ignored because the judge (Miss Winters) said that they were irrelevant. The attorney for the defence (M. Blomfield) and her junior counsel (M. Cawdron) made a good case for the League by calling in War (O Fairhall) as a witness. In spite of War's fierce denials, it was easy to see that he had fallen on hard times owing to the energies of the League of Nations. China (J Tobitt) was called in to prove that the League was unable to stop a war, but (after losing her moustache in her excitement) she had to admit that, without the League, affairs would have been much worse.

The judge's summing up was clear, and her treatment of America's evidence, proving it wholly illogical, was concise and to the point. The jury was unanimous, and the League was acquitted. It was perhaps a little disillusioning to see people who looked so dignified making straight for tea and buns after such a solemn afternoon.

Those who suspected that the air of injured innocence and beauty had prejudiced the jury in favour of the League, had an opportunity to disagree with the verdict on the following Wednesday, when the debatable points were discussed.

J. KNAPE.

## Y.H.L.

*Chairman*—M. BLOMFIELD. *Secretary*—M. CAWDRON.

LAST Christmas we sent a large packing case of toys and clothes to Dr. Barnardo's Homes. Upper VA made a miniature cinema. We hope other forms will follow their example this year.

Miss Hill came to speak to us again in October. She told us about our protégé at the Watts' Naval School, and more about the work of the League. She made an earnest appeal to all to become members.

Grey Friars' members are very pleased with their new cottage boxes. We hope that the attraction of the boxes will increase the collections.

| | £ | s. | d. |
|---|---|---|---|
| NORTH HILL— | | | |
| From Box Collections ... ... ... | 14 | 2 | 4¼ |
| Subscriptions (Old) ... ... | 4 | 4 | 0 |
| „ (New) ... ... ... | | 2 | 0 |
| GREY FRIARS— | | | |
| From Box Collections ... ... ... | 12 | 4 | 5½ |
| Subscriptions (Old) ... ... ... | 3 | 2 | 0 |
| „ (New) ... ... ... | 2 | 4 | 0 |
| | £35 | 18 | 9¾ |

## HARK.

*Chairman*—M. BLOMFIELD. *Treasurer*—P. STOWE. *Secretary*—J. KNAPE.

THE past year has been a very successful one for Hark, chiefly owing to the unflagging energy of Miss Winters, who makes Hark possible, and Miss Jex, who whisks us through complicated country dances. We would like to thank them very much indeed.

The singsongs have continued to flourish. In May Miss Winters talked to us about Spanish architecture, and showed us post-cards on the projector. In the Autumn Term, an illustrated essay on Norman Architecture was set as an inter-form competition. Upper VA won the first prize, and the Upper Sixth the second. One Friday the parents and friends of Hark members were invited to a performance of "Secunda Pastorum," the Nativity play from the Wakefield cycle, which was given by Upper VA and produced very ably by Eileen Jones. After the play we all sang carols and some of the most popular folk songs. Upper VA gave another performance to the school in aid of the Scholarship Fund. In the summer, the Lower Sixth read a paper on Old English Customs.

We have had three expeditions during the year. One Saturday we went to Nayland to sing to the people in the Sanatorium. We went on to Wiston, where we looked at the tiny

Norman church, and had tea in the splendid timbered house which was built in 1500. Early in July, Miss Winters gave us a short talk on the history of Colchester, and then took us round to as many of the interesting buildings as we could cram into one morning. Later on in the term we had a very successful expedition to Castle Acre, where, *mirabile dictu*, the guide really knew something about the ruins.

At the end of the summer term we had a splendid party at Grey Friars, the only disappointing thing being the weather. Unfortunately we had to say goodbye to Miss Morton the next day. She was a very vital part of Hark, and we miss her very much indeed. We wish her the very best of luck and hope that she will follow Miss Jewell's example and start a Hark at Bradford.

J. KNAPE.

## HOSTEL NOTES.

*Scene:*
The Hostel Recreation Room.

*Time:*
Ten minutes before supper.

When the curtain rises all the Hostelites are seated round the fire. Most of them have anguished expressions,—five of them are knitting—one of them learning the names of mountains while the rest are reading.

*1st Hostelite* Can't anyone make a suggestion? These notes must be written.

*2nd H.* We must have a good introductory paragraph—that is the keynote of a good essay.

*3rd H.* Knit one, make one, knit two together.

*1st H.* Stop knitting and think of something sensible.

*4th H.* Does Atlanta have two T's or one?

*1st H.* Please put all your work away and pay attention. I will read the rough notes that were made during the Spring Term and that will give you some idea of what has happened. (Reading)—"At the beginning of the term we went to the Regal to see 'Tilly of Bloomsbury.'"

*5th H.* Oh yes, I remember, that was instead of an Xmas party.

*6th H.* I wish we were having as nice a supper to-night.

*1st H.* (continuing) "Later in the term we had one case of measles and one person was in quarantine for ten days. The Hostel managed to produce a hockey team which played the school and was beaten by three goals to one. The school team came to tea." That is all.

*7th H.* You have forgotten the canaries. We must mention that we have an aviary now.

*8th H.* You mean an aviary-to-be. We only have one canary at present, although we hope to have four more soon.

*1st H.* That *really* is all for the Spring Term. Now for the Summer Term. "We went to 'Iolanthe' at the Grammar School. P. Murphy fractured her leg playing rounders at Grey Friars. A collection of birthdays gave us a joint birthday party to which some of the staff came followed by strenuous games of tenni-koit (shrieks of laughter).

*2nd H.* Punctuation !

*1st H.* Punctuation doesn't matter in notes. We will alter that afterwards. "Mr. and Mrs. Haydon celebrated their silver wedding half-way through the term. Unfortunately Mrs. Haydon sprained her ankle at about the same time. We had a miniature whist drive on the last night of the term instead of a supper picnic because it rained. During the term we had several week-end picnics" —and that is that.

*6th H.* There goes the supper bell. Thank goodness we have finished the rough notes.

(The curtain falls on a scramble for chairs).

## SCHOOL VISIT TO THE FRENCH ART EXHIBITION.

ON February 18th a party from school went with Miss Chapman to the French Art Exhibition in London. In the train we studied the catalogue and tried to pick out some of the pictures we wanted to see most. From Liverpool Street we went straight to the Y.W.C.A. in Tottenham Court Road for lunch. We thus arrived at Burlington House just when most people had left for lunch, and the rooms were comparatively empty.

The first thing we saw when we entered was the stiff little gold statue of S. Faith, in the Central Hall. We looked particularly for the pictures that we had been told about in the lantern lecture. The first of these that we found was "Jean, roi de France," a XIV. century painting that is now badly chipped. We also saw the portrait of Richard II., taken from Westminster Abbey, and in this the colours were beautifully preserved. We also noticed the portraits of Elizabeth of Austria by F. Clouet, and Francis I. by J. Clouet. We were all very interested in the various portraits of Napoleon. One of them, "Le Premier Consul," by J. L. David, was particularly interesting because it formed such a striking contrast to the portrait we have at school. We hardly had time to do the really modern painters justice, and we only gave the Impressionists a very hurried glance. I think most of us felt that the older paintings were more satisfying than the modern ones, but perhaps it was because we were so unaccustomed to the moderns.

After tea we visited the Charles II. Exhibition in Grosvenor Square. Amongst the documents we saw the Secret Treaty of Dover. We could only spend a very short time there because we had to catch our train home. We had a very enjoyable day, and we do thank Miss Chapman very much indeed for giving us the opportunity of seeing French Art, and for planning our day so well for us.

M. CAWDRON.

## THE VISIT TO THE IMPERIAL INSTITUTE.

ON April 29th Miss Rushton and Miss Wareham took a party of the Middle Fifths to the Imperial Institute, South Kensington, for a Geography expedition.

We caught the 9.30 train to London, in which seats had been reserved for us, but several people had to stand in the corridor, as there were only five compartments for fifty-four people. We went by Metro from Liverpool Street Station to South Kensington, and when we arrived there we had to wait for Miss Rushton and about eight of the party who had missed the train. When they eventually arrived we tried to make up for lost time by running along the subway which took us to a street quite near our destination.

At the Institute we divided into two parties. We were taken round by guides who pointed out the most interesting exhibits, and gave us a brief outline of the industries of the different countries. We visited the Indian Court and the galleries of Canada, New Zealand and Australia.

After lunch, which we had at the Victoria and Albert Museum, we were allowed to go round the galleries which we had previously visited, in small groups. Then we met in the Indian Court to go to the cinema. We saw several films of the colonies, including two of Jamaica and Bermuda. There were also films on bee-farming, maize-growing, pike-fishing and the eider-down industry.

We left the Institute at about 4 p.m. We found that no carriages had been reserved for us on the train, so we had to get seats where we could. We arrived home at 6.15 after a most enjoyable day.

Our thanks are due to Miss Rushton for organising such an interesting expedition, which helped us a great deal to learn the geography of the Colonies.

J. TOBITT.

## "TWELFTH NIGHT."

ON June 18th Miss Phillips and Miss Holmes took a party, consisting of Upper, Middle and Lower Vths up to London, leaving Colchester early in the morning. On arriving in London we went to the Tower of London where we were lucky enough

to see the Tower Bridge opened and shut. We also saw the Traitor's Gate and many things of interest in the White Tower, including the Crown Jewels. The time went very quickly and soon we had to leave the Tower and go to the Y.W.C.A. in Tottenham-Court Road for dinner. From there we walked to the "New Theatre," where we saw Shakespeare's "Twelfth Night" acted in black and white. It was very good and we all enjoyed it immensely. Then we returned to the Y.W.C.A. for tea, which we had on a balcony outside. After this we were shown over the new Y.W.C.A. building. When we had seen most of the building it was time to go for our train home, and we left London having spent a very enjoyable day.

We thank Miss Phillips and Miss Holmes very much for having arranged this interesting expedition.

J. STANFORD.

## THE LECTURE ON BIRDS.

NEAR the beginning of May Miss Turner came and gave us a lecture on birds. All Grey Friars went to North Hill for it, and some of North Hill saw it too. Miss Turner also had slides of the birds, which she showed us. The first was a cuckoo in a great field looking round for his nest. In the next picture the same bird was just taking another bird's egg away in his mouth. Another was a nest in the trees with baby birds in the nest and the father coming with a large worm in his mouth. Then there was a picture of one of the most beautiful birds, a goldfinch which was perched on a thistle. The song thrush was shown, and after that a stone with many broken snails' shells round it. Miss Turner said that each morning this bird would perch on the stone and hit the snails against the stone, then have his breakfast from them. We were shown a bright-eyed robin on an old branch. This bird, we were told, was a resident and stayed with us all the winter. The wren, who by a trick is known as the King of birds, we saw as well. Next we saw an old pump and inside there was a blue-tit's nest. This nest was built when the pump was not in use, so when it was used again the nest was drowned, but the bird built there again, so the owner left off using it. Miss Turner showed us many other birds including a missel thrush, linnet and coal-tit which has a white line down the back of its head.

B. GUNTON.

## UPPER IVA SALE OF CHRISTMAS PRESENTS.

LAST year in the beginning of December Upper IVA decided to have a sale and to give the money to Doctor Barnardo's Homes. All the girls in the form worked very hard with the help of our form mistress, and every day would come to school laden with mysterious little parcels, which would be duly

admired and criticised and then stowed away.

Most of the things brought were handkerchief sachets, pin cushions, needle books, blotters, calendars and coathangers. Cakes, etc., were very kindly provided by the girls' mothers. Every Saturday Miss Burchby and several girls would spend half the day sorting and making up the silk and cotton materials into some fancy shapes, sizes and colours.

When all this was finished, some of the girls who had worked very hard were allowed to help with the pricing and arranging of the things. We had the loan of the big dining room where about six of the tables were converted into stalls and two girls were told off to look after each.

The whole school and staff supported us very well and nearly everything was sold on or before the day, but on the following day we took the remaining things out at break and sold them for as much as the people would give, and the rest of the small things left over were sent to Doctor Barnardo's Homes as Christmas presents. When all the money had been counted we were all very surprised to find that it amounted to £4.

W. Staines.
A. Blewitt.

## UPPER IVa's FORM PICNIC.

ONE of the most delightful days last term was when we had our form picnic which was arranged by Miss Burchby. We were all very pleased that Miss Thornbery, Miss Jex and Miss Wareham were able to go with us. We had it in very nice surroundings, because Anne Blewitt's father, Colonel Blewitt, kindly invited us to his farm at Boxted.

We started at half-past-nine from Colchester 'bus park, and arrived about ten o'clock. After having sent the 'bus away we went round the fields and farm. There were four lovely ponies in one field, but unfortunately we could not catch them. Then we went to the fruit farm where we saw people picking raspberries. En route we came to the hut where the raspberries were weighed and packed, and before twelve o'clock each day were sent to a Canning Factory in Colchester, British Canners, Ltd. The average amount sent each day was four tons. After that we went over more fields, and saw two mares with their perfectly sweet foals, and got to "The Scouts Hut" where the bus had left our bathing kit and lunch. We all got our bathing kit, and walked down to the river, going through pasture fields and corn fields on the way. After the bathe we tramped back to the "Hut" and fetched the lunch. We went into a field under some trees, and laid out a very large table-cloth, on which we put sandwiches, scones, cakes and buns which we had all brought.

Mrs. Blewitt had kindly provided raspberries all beautifully

mixed with cream and sugar, and also some delicious orangeade and lemonade. We enjoyed the meal immensely.

After lunch Anne's sister brought two ponies, Sinbad and Joe which belonged to Anne and her brother, and gave all of us rides on them. Everyone enjoyed that very much, and we spent about three-quarters-of-an-hour doing that. At about three o'clock we dragged ourselves away from a game of rounders, to go to see the cows being milked by electricity. All the cows had their own names, and also stood in their own boxes. We saw some little calves which were only a week or two old.

After seeing the cows we walked to the place where we had to catch the bus, and after waiting for some time until it arrived, we all got in, and went home after a very enjoyable day.

M. Rolleston.
K. Eastlake.

# COMPETITIONS.

## OPEN COMPETITIONS.

### NORTH HILL.

THERE were only two entries for this competition—a great disappointment after last year's comparative plenty. Both, however, are good; the general effect of J. Taylor's is very pleasant, but M. Barritt's choice of verses, design, and lettering are better, so she wins the prize.

### GREY FRIARS.

There were more entries at Grey Friars, but no difficulty at all in judging between them. The prize goes to M. Anderson whose rhyme sheet is made quite lovely by its flowers. E. Hatfield is highly commended.

We have to thank Miss Lynn and Miss Cathcart for their kindness in judging this competition.

The rhyme sheets will be exhibited at the end of the term.

### AGES 16 AND OVER.

THE entries for this section were disappointing. The Committee did not feel that any were good enough to deserve a prize. The drawings were better. The prize goes to Norah White whose sketch of North Hill as a "Head or Tail" piece is printed above the foreword.

### AGES 14 AND UNDER 16.

THERE were very few entries here. The Executive had great difficulty in deciding betwen Audrey Calveley's "Parody on Sir Patrick Spens" and Ruth Burnop's "Netball Match." The prize goes, however, to A. Calveley.

## A PARODY ON SIR PATRICK SPENS.

THE King sits in Dumfermline town,
Putting his bedsocks on ;
"O who will knit me some new bedsocks
For these are far too long ? "

O up and spake an eldern nurse
Was putting the king to bed,
"I ken who will knit thee some new bedsocks,
Sir Patrick Spens," she said.

Our king has written a pencil letter
He's not allowed to use ink—
"O please will you knit me some new bedsocks ?—
My favourite colour is pink—"

"O whare will I find some pink wool now ?
I cannot find aught but blue
And a little green," Sir Patrick said,
"But nothing but pink will do."

He's climbed up on yon high hill-head
His shears are in his hand.
But ne'er a pink sheep can he see
In a' of the fair Scotland.

A white sheep he espied at last
In the light of the setting sun.
But the sheep looked pink as it stood there
Just as the day was done.

He hadna' gone a step a step
A step but barely twae
Towards the busily munching sheep,
When the sheep it moved away.

He followed it o'er hill and dale
But ne'er any wool got he,
"Accursed be he," Sir Patrick said,
"Who tauld the King of me."

At last Sir Patrick has sheared the sheep,
The bedsocks they are made,
When, "Look ye here, this wool is white,"
The astounded Sir Patrick said.

He's cut his hand and with the blude
He's dyed the King's bedsocks
And sealed them up with sealing-wax
And sent them in a box.

But now he cannot stop the wound
  However hard he try
And greatly is the King afeared
  Sir Patrick Spens will die.

And now upon yon high hill-head
  Whare Sir Patrick saw the sheep
A little cross stuck in the earth
  His memory does keep.

AUDREY CALVELEY, Middle Va, Age 14 years.

## AGES 12 AND UNDER 14.

THE prose in this section was better than the poetry. The subject set was "Once a Year.' Nearly everyone wrote about Christmas or a Birthday. Jean Thompson wins the prize since hers was more original and very interesting.

### ONCE A YEAR.

EVERY year, in the spring, birds rear their babies in our garden. Robins, wrens, blackbirds, thrushes, chaffinches, hedge sparrows, blue tits and great tits have their nests, though we cannot find them all. Besides those there are house sparrows and starlings, which always make a noise.

There seem to be no robins' nests or wrens' nests or hedge sparrows' nests, but there are young birds, so the nests must be somewhere.

The blackbirds, thrushes, and chaffinches choose flowering creepers on the house, or the honeysuckle on a fence, for their nests.

The blue tits and the great tits use the nesting boxes we put up for them or else in between the outer and the inner walls of the garage. They get there through gaps, and we do not know how the babies get out to learn to fly; but they do.

The house sparrows use a thick creeper on the garage for their nests, or ivy on people's houses, and the starlings use the eaves of houses, and the chimney pots.

If you watch from the windows you can see the young birds learning to fly. At first they are very clumsy with their wings, and they can hardly rise from the ground at all, but all the same they seem to be very proud of themselves the first time they fly a foot, and the first time they can rise properly.

In the spring the bird table is visited regularly, at first by parent birds only, and afterwards by the babies too. In the morning there *is* a noise. The young starlings quarrel with one another over a bit of chicken skin or something similar that they do not know what to do with.

Sometimes, however, there are catastrophes. Many of our neighbours have cats, and the cats often come into our garden. They hide near the bird table, and when the young birds come they pounce out and they generally catch the birds. But in spite of that, there are many birds sucessfully reared, and if every egg that was laid became a bird there would really be no room for them.

The robins, blackbirds and thrushes choose special parts of the garden. We have one or two robins in the front garden, one or two robins in the back garden, two Mr. Blackbirds, two Mrs. Blackbirds, and one or two thrushes.

Every year this happens, and it happens once a year, and the same birds nest in the same places every year, until they die, and then their babies take their places.

So once a year, in the spring time, there is a very busy nesting time for all the birds.

JEAN THOMPSON, Upper IVB, Age 12 years, 9 mths.

## AGES 9 AND UNDER 12.

THERE were several most exciting entries for "The Treasure in the Dragon's Lair." The prize goes to Margaret Sherry who also sent in, as miscellaneous prose, a story entitled "The Spotted Caterpillar." We would have liked to print that too, but feel we cannot print both. Josephine Blomfield's poem on "Greyfriars" was highly commended.

### THE TREASURE IN THE DRAGON'S LAIR.

DICK was so thrilled, because he had found a cave. For Dick had read about pirates and dragons living in caves, in his books. Dick was a jolly, brave little boy of eight years old, and he went into the cave; there he saw a dragon crying. Dick felt sorry for the dragon, and asked him why he was so sad. "Oh, I do wish you would get some toffee for me," said the dragon. Dick ran down the hill to the village which was called "Yellow Oak" and got some toffee from the tuck-shop, then he ran to the dragon and gave him the toffee; to Dick's surprise the dragon did not eat it but dropped it by his side. The next day Dick got more toffee and the next but the dragon always dropped it by his side. Dick did the same thing for two years, and now he was older he got more pocket money, and could buy more toffee. One day when Dick went to see the dragon he saw him crying. "Dick do ask your father if you could have me as a pet" said the dragon. Dick ran home and told his mother and father what the dragon had said. His father said "No," but his mother who was the great, great, great, great grand daughter of St. George and knew a lot about dragons and their diet, persuaded Dick's father to get the dragon. Dick's father bought a big steel collar

and some rope. That afternoon Dick went with his mother and father to the dragon. Whilst his father was putting the steel collar (from the black smiths) on the dragon's neck, Dick explored the cave, and he found a lot of gold coins and precious stones. "Those coins and stones were once the toffee that Dick brought me, take it as a reward, and in a few days I will be free of the spell that binds me," said the dragon. Dick led the dragon (which he named "Winkles") by the rope which his father had bought. That night Winkles slept in the stables, and Dick's mother brought him "Dragon's Diet" which is milk and a mutton chop. A few days after dear old Winkles had been there, Dick went to the stables and only saw the dragon's scaly green skin. Then he saw a darling doggy. "I am free at last," the dog said. "My master who was a wizard, turned me into a dragon, because I bit him one day," the dog continued. "I shall still call you Winkles," said Dick. "Take me in to the field opposite and let me eat a poppy, and then I will be a normal dog, not being able to talk." Dick did as the dog said, and his parents let him keep Winkles for a pet. Dick nailed up the dragon's skin in the stable, and as for the coins and precious stones they were kept in a little Cedar wood cupboard, with dragons carved on it, and it was locked with a golden key. Dick called the coins and precious stones "The Treasure in the Dragon's Lair." I think that is a suitable name and Winkles thought so too.

MARGARET SHERRY, Form Lower IIIB. Age 10.

## UPPER II.

THE subjects set for prose were "The Kitten who had no tail" or "The Fairy who went marketing." Although we thought the ideas in Margaret Blomfield's and Nyria Ellis's stories were good they were not well enough written and spelt to be given prizes. Margaret Hucklesby, whose "Kitten who had no tail" was much better written, wins the prize.

### THE KITTEN WHO HAD NO TAIL.

THERE was once an old cat, who had one wee baby kitten who had no tail and everybody said they had never seen one like it before. The poor little kitten was very unhappy, so one day he thought he would run away, so when he got into the street, he ran, and ran, and ran, until he got quite tired and he lay down to sleep. All of a sudden something patted him on the head; he looked up and there was an old man looking at him and he said "I will do you a favour little kitten, if you do me this, catch that little mouse which is behind my heels." So the kitten

killed the mouse and the old man gave him a tail and told him his way home and when he got home his mother sobbed cat's tears to show she was pleased. The End.

MARGARET HUCKLESBY, Form Upper II. Age 9 years.

## LOWER II

THERE were a great many drawings from this form. The subject was "When I am grown up," and people seemed to have very exciting ideas about it. We decided to give Norma Neale the prize. Elvire Waugh was very highly commended. The drawings will be put up on the Notice Boards.

## THE SMALLEST CHURCH IN THE WORLD.

WHEN in the Channel Islands, two years ago, I went to see a wonderful building. Up among some pines in the grounds of the Jesuit Vauxbelets College, Guernsey, stands a little church no bigger than 8 feet high, and 12 feet long and 6 feet wide. It is the smallest church in the world, (it holds just four people comfortably) and it was built, or rather is being built, by a Jesuit brother. He works two hours a day at it, still, though it looks as if it were finished. For twelve years he has been constructing this little church, and you would be astounded at the amount of care he has put into his work.

The whole building, when finished, will consist of three tiny chapels and a grotto. It is a replica in miniature of the chapel of Our Lady at Les Lourdes This famous chapel was built on the spot where a shepherd girl had a vision of Our Lady, on the hills. To obtain the effect of rocky scenery, this ingenious priest has arranged masses of clinker to form arches and caves and wherever there is root hold, little ferns are growing.

The Jesuit brother asked friends to give him pieces of broken china. From this odd assortment he has paved walls, ceiling, floor and altar with an intricate mosaic. The entire mosaic work on the ceiling is made up from scraps of blue and white china. The church windows are covered with coloured paper and look as if they were made of stained glass. There is a beautiful altar in the first chapel, on which is a statue of the Virgin Mary.

Although many people have been to see this wonderful little church, no visitor has ever seen the priest at his work on it.

J. WALKER.

## MAPS.

THERE was a time when I thought that maps were merely dull appendages of a geography lesson. Although they had their uses, it is the idea of travel and of movement in a map that is its chief joy, and it requires a vivid imagination to

attach much importance to transport on such a large scale. Your Stella Bensons may find a map of the world a pleasant and compact chronicle of their travels, but most people want something smaller.

The first map about which I really got excited was an Ordnance Survey Map of the Colchester District. It was quickly coloured by walking. Roads were no longer lines on the map—they showed a real means of getting from place to place, and, like the stars, one road differed from another in glory. Churches, with their symbols, a cross, with a black square underneath for a tower or a black circle for a spire, soon fell into groups—the lofty churches of the Flemish weavers, at Long Melford, Stratford St. Mary, and Stoke, in the Stour Valley, the little cluster of churches, whose Norman apses can still be traced in varying degrees—Copford, Easthorpe, Little Tey. Moreover there were the earthworks; a strong shield of ramparts on the vulnerable side, while, further out, through Messing and Mersea and Manningtree, stretched a girdle of tumuli. Finally, the contours came to life, and the map ceased to be flat.

There is, however, a very pleasant type of map which, since it needs less map reading lore, is more in favour with many people; I mean the pictorial map, which, since it shows the landmarks and associations, can attract interest to a part less well-known. These maps sometimes appear as advertisements. The Anglo-American Oil Company has just issued a series of charming maps, one of which shews Colchester Castle stretching from here to Halstead, the ridiculous Tudor chimneys on the roof of the Castle at Framlingham, the Fighting Cocks at St. Albans, and two jolly little Morris dancers having a rest at Thaxted. Moreover I still hoard the Anglo Persian Oil Company's map of Persia, printed on the back page of the Times Persian Art Supplement, with its intriguing illustrations of Sinbad, and the Garden of Eden, Dick Whittington's Cat, and other notable objects. It has lovely winding roads down which some member of the equestrian tribe performs notable balance-walking feats, between the various oases where little men squat in the shade of stock pattern trees, sheltering buildings which look as if they had been built by some youthful craftsman with wooden bricks. In the Persian Gulf dolphins still dive for Solomon's ring, while in the north-east a valiant harvester uses his scythe on ears of wheat like Lombardy poplars.

There is at North Station, a pleasing map to advertise the merits of Colchester itself. But we have at school a more exciting map still. It shows where the fairs were held: Midsummer Fair on St. John's Green, New Fair at the corner of Harwich Road, and another on Magdalen Green. The streets bear their old names: Abbeygate Street is Lodders', or Clothiers', Lane, Osborne Street is Black Boy or Bear Lane, West Stockwell

Street is Angel Lane (evidently from the inn on the corner).

These maps are all pleasant in their way but it is to the Ordnance Survey maps I would go back again and again, for they improve on further acquaintance. Every walk adds to the value of your map. You mark in, actually or mentally, the good pump at Messing, the delightful weathervane at Cook's Mill, the stocks at Havering, the lane you found lined with cowslips and periwinkle in the spring, or with spindle in the fall.

As your experience widens, your interest in maps widens with it. Yet it seems sad that a child should first be faced with the cold and shiny shapes which mean nothing to him instead of the friendly parts he knows. Geography, like charity, should begin at home. If you cannot take in the Essex salt-marshes or the downs, the springline, and the fruit growing weald of Kent without seeing them, how much more, then, is it impossible to take an interest in the Himalayas or the South East Indies, until you have grown to care for maps through a region you know.

RITA DIGBY.

# OLD GIRLS' SECTION.

## BUSINESS REPORT.

THE Old Girls' Christmas Party was held at North Hill last year on December 12th, and at this meeting the suggestion that there should be an Old Girls' Badge-brooch was approved and the style chosen. These brooches are most attractive and any Old Girl who has not already done so, should certainly get one in the near future. They may be obtained from the Secretary at any time, price 2/6.

The Easter meeting this year took the form of an Informal Social, and although not very well attended, it was a great success, Progressive Games and Country Dancing being thoroughly enjoyed by all present.

At the Annual General Meeting and Tennis Tornament held on July 23rd, the most important business was in connection with the Scholarship Fund. It was decided that the Interest on the money already collected should be used immediately, but that the Scholarship should be reconsidered annually.

This year it was decided that it should go to Mary Angier. Marjorie Thackery having resigned, Dorothy Stanyon was unanimously elected to deal with this Fund.

G. Facer, Errington House, Errington Road, Colchester, retains office as Hon. Secretary and Treasurer for another year, and the election of the Committee resulted as follows:—

J. Hickford, G. Carter, V. Paice, M. Shephard, H. Williamson.

## SCHOOL LEAVING SCHOLARSHIP FUND, 1931-1932.

WE now hold £649 16s. 0d. Consolidated Stock paying 2½%. The cash value of this investment varies from about £325 to £495 according to the price of Consols. The annual interest is about £16 (without deducting Income Tax).

The amount on deposit at the Bank, uninvested, is £43 2s. 7d. which includes the following :—

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| Donation from Mrs. Davidson (Miss Zellikoff) | £2 | 2 | 0 |
| Hark-play ... ... ... | £1 | 6 | 0 |
| Sports teas ... ... ... | £1 | 12 | 6 |
| Sale of photographs (Miss Peatfield) ... | £1 | 10 | 0 |
| | £6 | 10 | 6 |

This quarter's interest paid to M. Angier (Oct. 1932) was £3 7s. 2d. There is 7/6 cash in hand.

R. H. KING.

## HOUSE PROPERTY MANAGEMENT FOR WOMEN.

THE society for which I work is known as the Newcastle Housing Improvement Trust ; its aim, in common with many other similar societies, is to provide decent dwellings for the very poor who are at present living in overcrowded tenements and dilapidated buildings.

Instead of building new houses on the outskirts of the town, the Trust buys big empty houses near the centre and converts them into attractive flats at a rent within the means of those receiving either very low wages or some form of Public Assistance. In the older parts of the city, many houses originally built for one family are becoming empty because they are very inconvenient to work, and after adaptation these make pleasant and convenient flats.

When a suitable house has been bought it is surveyed, planned, and the necessary alterations decided on. The flats generally consist of a living-room, kitchen and one or two bedrooms. There are a few bed-sitting rooms. The minimum of convenience provided in each kitchen is a range, ventilated food cupboard and sink, and the bedrooms are fitted with adequate wardrobe cupboards. The bathrooms are shared, but each family has its own W.C. and coal-house. It is obvious therefore that a good deal of reconstruction is necessary before the house is ready for the three, four, or five families who are to occupy it.

While the workmen are busy in the house, we are busy choosing the tenants. There are many more applicants than flats, so the tenants are chosen according to their need and size of family. Great care has to be taken lest in our anxiety to rehouse

the most seriously overcrowded families, we overcrowd our own flats. Prospective tenants are visited in their own homes before being accepted in order to see the conditions under which they live and what they make of them.

When the families are established in the houses, we call regularly once a week to collect the rent, and the tenants are encouraged to notify us of any repairs that are necessary. We go right into their homes, and after a few visits they usually become friendly and interested in the upkeep of their flats. They come to us with all sorts of troubles and difficulties and if we are not able to give them advice, we can, as a rule, put them in touch with the person who can. As the Trust is a business concern we never help them with money, for the relation between the Manager and the tenants must be on a business footing.

It has often been said that people who are moved from slums into decent houses will turn the new houses into slums. We have found that this is not so, but on the contrary, the tenants take a great pride in their new flats and appreciate their improved conditions. The fact that the collector is a woman, and is therefore able to go into the homes as a man could never do, enables her to see how the property is being treated, and to put a stop to any misuse almost before it begins.

The Newcastle Housing Improvement Trust now owns twenty-eight houses whereas three years ago there were only three. One hundred and six families have been rehoused, a total of four hundred and fifty individuals. This has been done on a capital expenditure of £15,900. The Trust receives no help from the Government or Local Authorities, so that its work of providing additional accommodation is being carried on without increasing the rates or taxes.

NORAH CALVELEY.

## NOTRE FOYER.

NOTRE FOYER (Our Hostel), 19, Rue des Martyrs, Paris, 9e, is about ten minutes' walk from the Gare St. Lazare, the station at which you arrive after having come from England via Newhaven-Dieppe. To get to it, you can take the Métro from St. Lazare and alight at the station Notre Dame de Lorette, or the 'bus B from St. Lazare, or you can walk. The road is direct, and you follow first the Rue St. Lazare to its end, then the Rue de Chateaudun, till you come to the church, Notre Dame de Lorette. The Rue des Martyrs, a busy market street, is just behind the church.

The Foyer is a hostel for Paris Business girls and young women. It is a place where they can come to have their meals (for there is a good restaurant here,) to sit in the two drawing-rooms and read, and talk, and do their needlework, to listen to the T.S.F., to dance sometimes, and to listen to music, and the

lectures which are frequently given, in the dinner-hour, or in the evening, on such subjects as Art, Music, Literature, History, etc.

To be a member of the Foyer, each girl must take a membership card, which costs twenty francs a year. This entitles her to all the benefits of the Foyer. She may consult the Foyer Doctor, free of charge when the doctor comes, every Tuesday, is invited to the Christmas Party and Christmas tree, and to the various little Social Evenings, which are held about twice a term in the drawing-rooms. She can often receive help for finding work, can borrow French and English books from the well-stocked library, and is always sure of a kind welcome whenever she appears in the Foyer. If she needs any advice or help, the secretaries are always pleased to give her the very best they can.

Every day, at the Foyer, from 12.15 p.m. to 1.15 p.m., and from 7.0 p m. to 9 0 p.m. there are classes: French classes, English classes (1st Year, 2nd Year, 3rd Year, 4th Year, Literature, and Commercial English classes) German, Spanish, Italian, Diction, Singing, Dressmaking and Millinery, Gymnastic and Red Cross classes. The girls pay 30 to 35 francs a term for these classes (a very small sum), and the lessons are specially arranged so that the girls can follow them in their lunch hours, or after their work is finished in the evening. Many girls and married women take advantage of these classes because they are cheap, and because they wish to improve their position in business.

We are three secretaries, here, at Notre Foyer. One of us is responsible for receiving the girls, talking to them, and making them feel at home, another is really the Principal, and I am what they call "Education Secretary." I give about three English classes a day, am responsible for paying the teachers, writing to the pupils when they are absent, seeing if they are pleased with their lessons, and so on. In addition, I am responsible for the running of two English-speaking clubs for French girls and women, who speak English well, and wish to keep up their fluency. One of these clubs meets every Wednesday, in the dinner-hour, and is very small. It is really, more or less, a little conversation group. The other is more important, and is composed of 35 members. It has a treasurer, president, and secretary, and meets every Tuesday evening, from 8 p.m. till 9.30 p.m. At its meetings we sometimes have debates, sometimes games, sometimes a musical evening, sometimes I give a little "lecture" on English literature, or read them a story in English, but very often we have real "speakers," English men and women, living in, or passing through Paris, who come free to lecture to our members on interesting subjects. It is my task to find these English or American lecturers, in Paris, and to persuade them to come. During the two years I have been here, we have had some very interesting speakers. Our members, besides, who are all very nice girls, are not difficult to please.

There are several Foyers like ours, in Paris, branches of the Y.W.C.A. In most of them the girls can have rooms, and can sleep, but in our Foyer there are only the restaurant, drawing-rooms, and classes. There is no room in the Foyer for boarders.

The work, amongst all these young French women, most of whom work in banks, and offices, or shops, is most interesting for an English woman. I love my work; and giving lessons to girls and women who want to learn isn't half so difficult as trying to teach children who often have no desire to learn.

If any of the old girls, or present girls, who read this, at school, come to Paris, I hope they will pay a visit to Notre Foyer. They will be very gladly received there by another Old Girl.

E. J. GALLIFANT.

## EXTRACT FROM A LETTER TO MISS KING.

ST. JAMES' HOSPITAL,
BALHAM,

*February, 1932.*

I have been at St. James' Hospital for about six weeks now and I like it very much. For the first six weeks we are supposed to go on to the wards for an hour in the mornings to help to make beds, and then go to lectures for the rest of the day, but owing to the numbers of nurses off sick we have been going to the wards for half a day and sometimes for a whole day. Consequently the preliminary training school is lasting longer than usual, but I think we are having our examination next week. In the preliminary training school we learn all kinds of things such as invalid and dietetic cooking, anatomy and physiology, hygiene, how to give all kinds of treatment,—first aid, bandaging and splint padding,—how to make all the different kinds of beds, all medical terms (I'm glad now I took Latin at school), how to take temperature, pulse and respiration, how to prepare patients for different operations and how to nurse them on return from the theatre, how to disinfect an infectious room and how to sterilize everything. It is very interesting.

I have been working on a fracture ward, and last week during the frosty weather our ward was crowded out with new patients with broken limbs.

We have to work very hard. We are called at six o'clock in the morning, and we finish at 8 o'clock at night. We have two hours off each day and one day off a week.

If I do not pass the examination next week I shall have to leave as we only get one chance, so I'm studying hard.

Last week I was a model for the State Preliminary Examination. Our hospital was one of the London centres and nurses from all over London came to be examined here. I had to be in

bed and the candidates had to make the bed, change the sheets, and make different kinds of beds while I was in it. They also bandaged me. I was very pleased I was chosen to be a model as now I have an idea of what to expect when I take the State Preliminary. We learn almost enough in the Prelimary Training School for this examination.

E. SACH.

We have since heard that E. Sach passed the Preliminary Training Examination at the top of the Honours list. We are very sorry that her further training at Ipswich Hospital has been broken off by illness.

## SOME IMPRESSIONS OF KING'S COLLEGE, LONDON.

"The World is so full of a number of Things.
I'm sure we should all be as happy as Kings."

—and we are too, at King's. Nothing is so true for the fresher at King's who is making her début into the social, and athletic life of College, as well as trying to hold her own on the academic side.

I shall never forget my first day at College. The morning an endless stream of queuing for interviews, while in the afternoon I was hustled into the Great Hall where the presidents and captains of various societies and clubs sat at stalls and offered their wares to the bewildered freshers, most of whom ended in joining about twenty societies—Of the athletic clubs, the Women's Rowing Club tempted me most. I cannot dwell on the joys of an 'eight' on the tideway at Barnes, but now we rowers envy those who boast on land their splendid new pavilion built on the college Athletic ground at Mitcham as a War Memorial.

The first day of Lectures—I have vague memories of never-ending corridors, South-West Blocks, and East Wings and lecture rooms that were never the right ones. I had not yet learnt to ask Beaver (our head porter) in times in stress—for Beaver knows ! !

I remember more clearly however, the first time I was called to translate Horace's Odes in the "Large Theatre" before a hundred others, but one gets used to numbers for there are about three thousand of us all told at college.

Queuing for food in the Refectory was a desperate business at first until one learnt that they are *not* served who only stand and wait ! !—especially when one wants to go to a lunch hour meeting at 1.20 p.m. to hear some noted authority, speaking for the L.N.U. or the Literary Society. We have been favoured in hearing Lawrence Houseman, Margaret Bondfield, Lord Cecil, and Sir John Simon among other famous people ; while every

Thursday lunch hour Concerts are given. Moreover the Union Society whose officials form the governing student body of the college, hold occasional and rather lively meetings.

Altogether College life is a complex and an enjoyable business and the only complaint one can make is the lack of time to do all that one would like.

M. WYLIE.

## EXAMINATION SUCCESSES.

Margaret Fieldgate—B.A. Hons., Class II., Geography, London.
Ida Hayward— London Intermediate (Internal).
Betty Haydon— The University of London, Teachers' Certificate in Domestic Subjects.

## NEWS OF OLD GIRLS.

N. Calveley is training for House Property Management at Newcastle-on-Tyne.

I. Akehurst has finished her horticultural training at Reading and is now at the Rampton State Institution teaching gardening to Criminal Mental Defectives.

N. Barritt is Assistant Matron in the Junior House of the Friends' School at Saffron Walden.

V. Chaplin is teaching infants in an Elementary School at Epping.

M. Angier is at East London College, London University.

M. Blomfield is at Somerville College, Oxford.

J. Lomax is at Newnham College, Cambridge.

O. Kettle and P. Stowe are at Homerton Training College.

M. Cawdron, J. Denney and E. Hawkins are at Saffron Walden Training College.

E. Payne and O. Fairhall are at Norwich Training College.

M. Brown is at St. George's Secretarial Training College, London.

C. Payne and D. Simons are taking Domestic Science Courses at Berridge House, London.

J. Pointon is an Assistant Matron at the London School of Medicine.

H. Buck is training as a Nurse at the Colchester Hospital.

D. Sumner with her partner O. Willsher, an Old Girl of Braintree County High School, this summer won the Ladies' Doubles Tennis Shield for the Eastern Surveyors' District of the Civil Service.

## BIRTHS.

Hitch—On April 28th, 1932, to K. M. Hitch (Miss Strang) a daughter, Jane.

Moore—On March 25th, 1932, to Kathleen Moore (née Smith) a daughter, Sheila Mary.

Southern—In August, 1932, to Kitty Southern (née Young) a daughter, Zoe.

On August 16th, 1932, to Ida Scott (née Howard) twin daughters, Judith and Jennifer.

## MARRIAGES.

Ogden—Boone. On September 3rd, 1932. Joseph Eric Ogden to Adela Dulcie Boone.

For the first time in its history the School has in it this year the daughter of an old girl. Lilias Howie, daughter of L. Paterson, came into the First Form in April.

The Old Girls Magazine Representative (Mary L. Harvey, Pit Field, Wivenhoe) will be glad to receive news of Old Girls at any time.