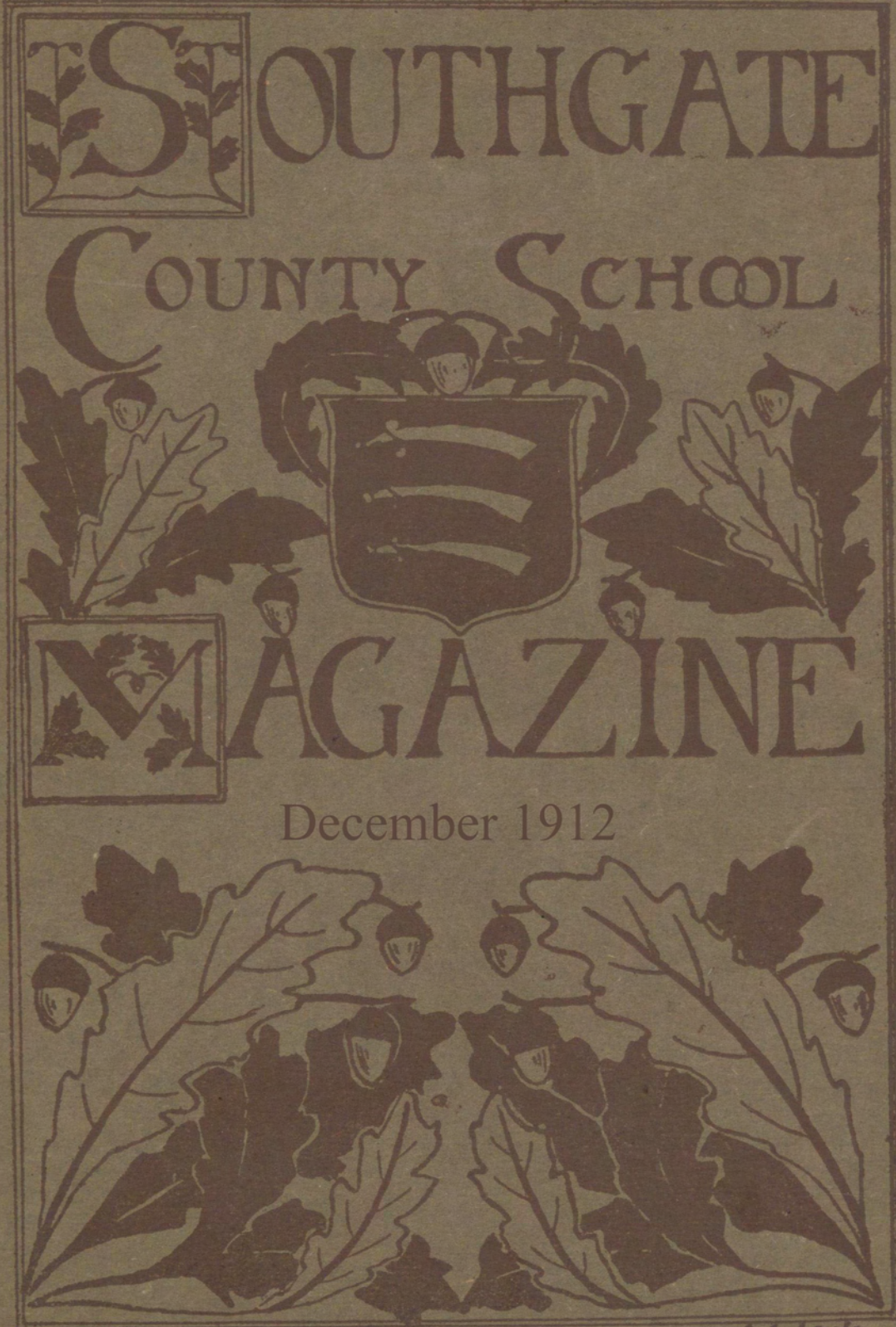


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SCHOOL NOTES.

The work of the Editorial Staff has been rather disorganised this term owing to the pressure of an Examination. We send forth our paper with apologies to our readers for any deficiencies it may have, and with hope that, in spite of them, it may receive a warm welcome.

Changes on the Staff.

Last term we said good-bye with much regret to Miss Rodwell Jones, who had been with us ever since the girls' school opened at Avondale Hall. At the same time we are glad to be able to congratulate her on having obtained a very good appointment at the London School of Economics.

Miss Jones' work in the school is now taken by Miss Dovey, B.A. Liverpool. We welcome her and Mr. Baldwin, B.Sc. London, as new members of our staff this term.

Matriculation Results.

The following pupils passed the London Matriculation Examination in June, 1912 :—

Honours.—A. W. Bartlett, with distinction in Mathematics, Mechanics, Physics, and French.

Pass.—E. R. Brown, with distinction in Mechanics.

Kathleen Clark, with distinction in English.

D. Finlayson, with distinction in Chemistry.

R. B. Oram, with distinction in English.

We congratulate Bernard Finlayson on having obtained from the Haberdasher Aske's Company a scholarship of £15 a year to last for three years.

We have not yet had any response to our appeal for a School Song. Mr. Annett is still willing to set the words to music if a song is forthcoming.

The last number of the Magazine was issued before the most important fixture of the cricket season had been played—namely the Parents' Match.

This took place on July 27th, and we were lucky enough to have a fine day. The Parents batted first, and although they lost 7 wickets for 7 runs, managed to obtain the fine score of 139. Mr. Wilton, Mr. McDonald and Mr. Nix batted admirably, scoring 43, 31 and 29 respectively. The tea interval was warmly welcomed, especially by the bowlers.

The School made a good attack on the high score of the Parents, and Boswood (32), Marsh (21) and Evans (16) were chiefly responsible for bringing a keen and exciting game to a

very close finish. The final scores were: Parents XI., 139; School, 132.

A notice of the School Aero Club, with pictures of some of the members, appeared in the "Daily Sketch" for November 28th.

At the suggestion of Miss Simmonds, a badge has been designed which will be awarded to girls in the Upper School who show special merit in their drilling classes.

The badge will be worked in green silk on a navy blue ground, and will be worn on the drilling tunic. Mr. Thompson has kindly made the design for us.

Some of the VI. Form girls went to Kew for a Botanical excursion at the end of last term, and spent a very pleasant afternoon in the gardens. The weather prevented a second excursion which had been arranged, but on October 12th some of us visited the Natural History Museum at South Kensington instead.

Old Pupils.

As usual a good many of the elder boys and girls left school at the end of the summer term. We wish them all success in their present life, and hope that we shall see them again at the meetings of the Old Pupils' Associations, and at our annual sports.

We are glad to be able to record the success in the London Intermediate Science Examination of two old pupils who left the School in July, 1911—A. F. Sheffield and Margaret Lacey.

Margaret Lacey has also gained a second scholarship at the Birkbeck College, where she is now working for her final.

Of the boys and girls who left us in July, we have the following news:—

On the result of the Matriculation Examination R. B. Oram has been awarded an University Extension Exhibition.

Doris Varley is studying music, and is at present training under Madame Edith Hands.

The School breaks up for the Christmas holidays after the Prize-giving on Friday, December 20th. Professor J. Adams has promised to give away the prizes, and we are looking forward to the pleasure of hearing him speak.

We shall re-open after the holidays on Tuesday morning, January 14th, 1913.

We wish all our readers a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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FOOTBALL CLUB NOTES.

LIST OF MATCHES.

FIRST ELEVEN.

September 28th : v. Hornsey County School.—Result : Won, 7—1. The School opened their season in fine style by defeating Hornsey. The 1st XI. played well together, and although not at full strength managed to win rather easily. Scorers : Dawson (4), Marsh (2), Wilson (1).

October 12th : Owing to several members of our team failing to turn up, the match against St. Ignatius College had to be scratched.

October 19th : v. Latymer County School.—Result : Won, 7—1. On a wet ground the visitors scored an early goal, but the

School soon showed their superiority, and ran out easy winners. Scorers : Dawson (4), Marsh (2), Wilson (1).

November 2nd : v. Northern Polytechnic School.—Result : Won, 7—0. Neither team was at full strength, and a rather one-sided game ended in a victory for the School. Scorers : Dawson (2), Marsh (2), Wilson (1), Boswood (1), Bolton (1).

November 6th : v. Bishop's College, Cheshunt.—Result : Master's XI. Won, 5—2. This match, being the first encounter with Bishop's College, was looked forward to with great interest by the whole School, and the presence of a large number of boys and girls on the touch-line—too near, sometimes—showed the intense enthusiasm evoked by the match. The Master's XI. consisted of Eder, Wallace, Mr. Swallow ; Slieker, Boswood, Mr. Wardhaugh ; Mr. Baldwin, Mr. Mayne, Mr. Neely, Wilson, Marsh.

The game began in brisk fashion, and after about fifteen minutes' play the School registered their first goal through Wilson. Shortly afterwards the visitors equalised through some strenuous work by their inside forwards. Half-time score 1—1.

In the opening stages of the second half Wilson scored a second goal, and then a third from a well-placed centre from the right wing. By eluding the home backs the visitors scored their second and last goal. Two more goals were registered by the School towards the end of a very enthusiastic second half. The game, very keen and well fought out, ended in a win for the Masters' XI. by 5—2.

It was very gratifying to note the keen enthusiastic support given to both teams by the rest of the School on this occasion. More could still be done by the non-playing members of the School in supporting the XI. in its encounters with other Schools on Saturdays. The School team represents the non-playing members as well as the others.

November 9th : v. Grocers' Company School.—Result : Lost, 1—2. The First XI. sustained their first defeat of the season at the hands of the Grocers' Company School, after a hard and fast game. The School had a weakened team, and played only ten men throughout. The visitors' two goals were scored through

our back mis-kicking, and Boswood was responsible for our goal, scoring after a nice run through.

November 23rd : v. Tottenham County School.—Result : Draw, 3—3. This match proved to be one of the best of the season, and the School did well to hold their own against the visitors. The score represented fairly well the run of the play. Scorers : Boswood (2), Marsh (1).

SECOND ELEVEN.

September 28th : v. Hornsey County School. Result : Lost, 2—7. The Second XI succumbed to a much heavier team, only managing to score twice, once being from a penalty. Scorers : Briggs (1), Forrow (1).

October 12th : v. St. Ignatius College. Result : Lost, 0—12. The School team was again opposed by a heavier and stronger side, and were unable to hold them. The inside forwards were weak, especially in front of goal.

October 19th : v. Latymer County School. Result : Won, 4—3. The 2nd XI. journeyed to Edmonton, and after a keen tussle managed to win by the odd goal in seven after being two goals down. Scorers : Daniels (2), Wield (2).

November 2nd : v. Northern Polytechnic School.—Result : Won, 6—4. This was another very good game, and, although playing one short throughout, the School came out victorious by the above score. Scorers : Forrow (2), Cole (2), Imbrey (1), Daniels (1).

November 9th : v. Grocers' Company School.—Result : Lost 0—13. The 2nd XI. were again defeated, being opposed by a much stronger and heavier team. The stature of the opposing team seemed to be the main reason for the School's downfall.

November 16th : v. Wood Green County School 1st XI.—Result : Lost 0—16. The play of the School team was far below its usual standard, and consequently they were very easily defeated by the above score.

November 23rd : v. Tottenham County School.—Result : Lost, 0—15. The home team was once more heavily defeated by a superior and heavier team. The School side was much smaller and slower than its opponents.

THIRD ELEVEN.

September 28th : v. Hornsey County School.—Result : Won, 2—1. The 3rd XI. did very well, and after a good game came victorious by 2 goals to 1. The opponents' back gave us one goal, Anderson scoring the other.

October 19th : v. Latymer County School.—Result : Won, 7—0. The School XI. were again victorious, winning an easy game by seven clear goals. Scorers : Anderson (4), Weeks (1), Gubbins (1), Stockton (1).

November 2nd : Northern Polytechnic failed to put in an appearance and so this match had to be scratched.

November 16th : v. Wood Green County School 2nd XI.—Result : Lost, 4—5. The 3rd XI. put up a very good fight, and on the run of the play should have won, leading till right on time. Scorers : Wield (3), Briggs (1).

HOUSE MATCHES.

October 5th : Blues v. Blacks.—Result : Blues won, 9—0. In this game the Blues were much too strong for their opponents, and a one-sided game ended with the above result.

October 5th : Reds v. Whites.—Result : Draw, 0—0. This was a very evenly contested match, and although there were many narrow escapes for both sides, neither managed to score.

October 19th : Blues v. Whites.—Result : Whites won, 5—1. After a fast game the Blues, whose defence was very weak, succumbed to the Whites by the above score.

October 19th : Reds v. Blacks.—Result : Reds won, 10—0. The Blacks were again heavily defeated by a superior team.

The need of "House" supporters on the line is very noticeable.

House matches play a very important part in a school's life, and these matches could be made the most interesting and exciting fixtures in the whole football season. They are usually played with a great amount of keenness by the members of the "House" teams, and this keenness should be as widely shown on the touch-line.

The following boys at present compose the 1st XI. :—

Eder*

Murray. Wallace*

F. Ward. Boswood* (vice-capt.). Slieker.

Marsh* (capt.). Higgins. Wilson.* Bolton. Glover.*

Captain of 2nd XI. : E. Briscoe.

The boys marked with an * have represented the School in previous seasons.

E. MARSH, Captain.

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SCHOOL AERO CLUB.

Considerable progress has been made during this term, although some of the most prominent members, E. R. Brown, A. Herring, and A. W. Bartlett, have left the School. Practice flying has been held every Saturday afternoon, and at these weekly meetings several long flights have been obtained.

These were as follows :—A. Herring, 1,500 feet; J. Reed, 1,500 feet; F. Ellinghaus, 1,000 feet; G. Redottée, 700 feet.

A speed competition was held in October, the object being to get the models to pass over a line, 100 yards from the starting point, in the shortest time. This was won by J. Reed and A. Herring with flights of 12 seconds.

On November 22nd an exhibition of models was held in the School Workshop, and was a complete success. The results of the competition were : : 1st, F. Ellinghaus ; 2nd, J. Reed.

Several excellent models were exhibited, a "scale-tractor" monoplane, constructed by G. Redottée, being one of the best.

Gradually, ordinary models, or "flying-sticks," as they are termed, are being superseded by scientific models, as for example, G. Redottée's "tractor."

The Club's records are now 1,500 feet and 92 seconds.

J. H. REED, Hon. Secretary.

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HOCKEY CLUB.

So far this season the 1st and 2nd Elevens have done very well. The weather has been suitable for hockey, and we have practised regularly. Both Elevens have been fortunate in winning all their matches up to the present. We began our season early in October with seven members of last season's 1st Eleven, but unfortunately our Captain has been absent through illness since the beginning of the term. Cissie Glyn-Jones has, however, filled her place very well, and has shown herself to be a capable organiser.

This season we have entered for the North Middlesex Challenge Cup kindly offered by Colonel Bowles for competition among local County Schools, and have been successful in the two matches we have played.

House matches were played at the beginning of the term, and a keen interest was taken in them by the younger members of the School.

We all much appreciate Miss Simmond's kindness in giving up so much of her own time to coach us, which has undoubtedly led to the successes achieved by the team.

The matches which have been played up to the present time this season are as follow :—

1st XI.

Oct. 5th.—Tottenham High School. At home. Won 3—1.

Nov. 9th.—Tollington High School. At home. Won 10—0.

Nov. 16th.—Enfield County School (cup match). At home.
Won 4—1.

Nov. 23rd.—Wood Green County School (cup match). At home. Won 8—0.

2nd XI.

Oct. 19th.—Enfield County School. Away. Won 3—2.

Nov. 2nd.—Tottenham High School. At home. Won 3—1.

HOUSE MATCHES.

Oct. 11th.—Reds v. Whites. Drawn 1—1.

Oct. 25th.—Blues v. Reds. Blues won 6—1.

Nov. 1st.—Greens v. Whites. Whites won 3—0.

1st XI.

Captain Kathleen Clark.

Goal—Hilda Varley; Right Back—Constance Taylor; Left Back—Ada Rowe; Right Half—Cissie Glyn-Jones; Centre Half—Olga Müller; Left Half—Majorie Clark; Right Wing—Gladys Hayward; Right Inner—Dora Day; Centre Forward—May Brereton; Left Inner—Gwen Greening; Left Wing—Nellie Cannon.

2nd XI.

Captain Constance Cole.

Goal—Grace Pegg; Right Back—Doris Hole; Left Back—Gertrude Trevena; Right Half—Majorie Warren; Centre Half—Majorie Howorth; Left Half—Winifred Truman; Right Wing—Muriel Glyn-Jones; Right Inner—Constance Cole; Centre Forward—Gwen Greenin; Left Inner—Ina Girdwood; Left Wing—Elsie Cogdale.

CRITICISM OF THE 1ST XI TEAM.

Our forward line is strong; the "passing," "dribbling" and "tackling" have greatly improved, but the "shooting" is feeble, and often a goal is missed through not following up the shot.

The half-backs are realising their work at last, the "marking" and "tackling" are good, but there is still an absence of the "clean hard hitting" that is so necessary to a half-back.

The backs, too, do not clear hard enough to the wings, and the tackling in the circle is too slow. The strokes should be clearer and stronger. But both backs are enthusiastic players, and owing to their determination and to the pluckiness of the goal-keeper they have managed to defend their goal very successfully this season.

ADA ROWE.

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NET-BALL NOTES.

The net-ball matches played against other schools this term have been very enjoyable, although the results are not so good as we should like. All the net-ball players have been much interested in the House matches.

The results are as follow:—

1st TEAM.

Oct. 26.—Wood Green County School. Southgate. Lost 8—13.

Nov. 12th.—Latymer County School. Edmonton. Lost 3—4.

Nov. 23rd.—Enfield County School. Enfield. Lost 10—22.

2nd TEAM.

Nov. 12th.—Latymer County School. Edmonton. Lost 2—10.

Nov. 23rd.—Enfield County School. Enfield. Lost 12—20.

HOUSE MATCHES.

Blues v. Red. Draw. 13.

Greens v. Whites. Greens. 12—5.

THE SWIMMING SPORTS.

The annual Swimming Sports took place at the Wood Green Baths on the last day of the Summer term. Owing to the coldness of the weather, they were held this year in the closed-in baths.

The usual events were competed for, and many of them were very evenly contested, and some close finishes were seen. The final of the One Length Race probably provided the best finish.

We were glad to see that a good number of boys were able to swim in the Beginners' Race.

The White House secured the greatest number of points, the Red and Blue Houses being very evenly matched for second place. The Black House, which was rather poorly represented, only managed to secure nine points.

The final positions were as follows :—

White House, 23 points.

Red House, 18 points.

Blue House, 17 points.

Black House, 9 points.

In a Swimming Competition among Schools in the neighbourhood, four of our girls were successful in the team race, and won the shield offered by the Broomfield Park Swimming Club.

The girls were :—Muriel Glyn-Jones, Betty Thomson, Marjorie Pearce, and Edith Joy.

E. R. MARSH.

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CAMERA CLUB NOTES.

It is encouraging to record that progress has been made by the members of the Camera Club since the last issue of the Magazine. Indeed, the only source of complaint has been the weather.

However, notwithstanding its fickleness, a fairly comprehensive record of the Athletic Sports was obtained. At the concluding meeting of last term some very creditable prints were produced.

A Holiday Competition was arranged, but, owing to the weather, the entries did not justify the award of any prizes. An excellent study of the interior of a church was submitted by Reed. Winter is not favourable for outdoor work, but much may be done indoors.

A Lecture on "Bromide Printing" was given by the Secretary on November 15th, followed by a practical demonstration. Our President, Mr. Paull, has promised to give, next term, a series of Lectures on "Elementary Photography." Opportunity for discussing difficulties will be afforded, and even the more advanced will be able to pick up some useful hints. May we venture to hope that the attendance at these Lectures will be greater than that at previous meetings. Hitherto attendance has been made entirely by boys. Surely there are some girls interested in photography!

Lantern-slide work and enlarging is being attempted by several more experienced members.

New members are cordially invited. Names should be given in to the Secretary. There is no subscription.

R. PETTY, V.I.A, Hon Secretary.

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THE ENGLISH DEBATING SOCIETY.

PRESIDENT—MR. AUGER.

The first meeting this term was held on Monday, November 4th, when the subject discussed was "Women's Suffrage." J. D. Archibald, having been elected Chairman, called upon Hartsilver to open the debate in favour of Women's Suffrage. The latter argued that women pay taxes, and, therefore, deserve votes, and they are as capable as men, and, therefore, able to use them. He justified the militant methods of Suffragettes by saying that the Government does not listen to voteless women.

Olive Sidey opposed Hartsilver. She thought that women would eventually obtain votes, but she hoped that by that time they would have more sense than some Suffragettes of to-day have. It was found, she said, that women voters paid too much attention to personal details, and were, therefore, poor politicians. Edith Boyce, in seconding Hartsilver, showed that women had been forced out into the world in competition with men by the introduction of machinery, and that they should, therefore, be given equal power to protect themselves. Suffragettes had had to resort to militant action after trying in vain for sixty years to obtain votes in a peaceable way. Edith predicted success for them under their present able leaders. Owing to a misunderstanding, there was no seconder for the opposition, so the debate was declared open to the meeting, and Cissie Glyn-Jones and Jacob spoke. The motion that women should be given votes was then put to the meeting, and lost by thirty-six votes to twenty-eight.

The second meeting was held on Monday, November 18th, with Archibald in the chair. After the minutes of the preceding meeting had been read, the Chairman called upon Baker to propose, "That war is justifiable." Baker said that war is an unavoidable evil, which is, as a rule, only resorted to when other means have failed. He pointed out the fact that the trade of a

country often gains by the treaties made after wars, and that in Queen Elizabeth's reign, in spite of the struggle with Spain, England's commerce prospered. Tod opposed Baker on the ground that the horrors of war are increasing, as shown by the slaughtering of women and children in the present Balkan War. Disputes, he said, could be settled more satisfactorily by international arbitration than by warfare. Doris Amor supported the view that war is justifiable, as it was in the case of the Indian Mutiny, when the natives ill-treated Europeans, and were, therefore, put down by force. She thought that, although war is distasteful to civilised nations, it is inevitable.

Olga Müller was of the opinion that war is unjustifiable because it causes such terrible suffering to people who have had nothing to do with the outbreak. This is arranged by the Governments of the countries concerned, who do not have to endure the hardships of the battlefield.

The debate was then open to the meeting, and several members spoke. Day considered war was justifiable for the redress of grievances and as a kind of capital punishment for the wrong-doing of a nation, but Hartsilver maintained that the soldiers should not be punished for crimes which they have not committed. Mr. Auger suggested an amendment of the motion to "That war is justifiable between civilised nations," thus excluding purely punitive expeditions and the rebellion of an oppressed people such as the present struggle in the Balkans. This amendment was agreed to by Baker and Tod, and the motion was changed accordingly. Later on Mr. Auger spoke for the opposition, maintaining that friendliness between nations was possible, and that the enormous taxation now levied for preparation for war would then be unnecessary. He drew a parallel from the early history of Britain, asking whether the same unity of purpose which enabled the English to join together as one nation after the time of Heptarchy, could not be revived now, between England and the Continental nations, to promote the common interests of all. Day objected to the comparison, stating that the early Britons' motive in union was to prepare themselves more effectually for war against a common enemy. Petty and Hole both maintained that war is unavoidable, and Day declared that if it is unavoidable

it must be justifiable. Varley also spoke on the side of the opener.

The motion "That war is justifiable" was then put to the meeting, and carried by thirty votes to sixteen.

CISSIE GLYN-JONES.

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SOCIÉTÉ LITTÉRAIRE FRANÇAISE.

Pendant ce trimestre cette société n'a eu que deux assemblées. Le premier débat eut lieu le huit octobre. On traita le sujet suivant : " Les jeunes filles, doivent-elles faire des sports?" La majorité des élèves ont déclaré que le jeu est une bonne chose : par exemple, le Hockey, le Lacrosse, le Tennis, etc. ; mais Ada Rowe et Eder ont soutenu le contraire. Ils ont dit que les jeunes filles qui pratiquent les sports restent gauches et ignorantes. Parfois même elles sont sauvages et rudes. (Nous espérons qu'il n'ait pas parlé de son expérience de cette école.) Gladys Hayward, May Brereton, Constance Cole et Barker ont aussi parlé. Les trois derniers ont déclaré que les jeunes filles doivent pratiquer les sports, qui sont nécessaires à la santé. Après le vote il fut décidé que les jeunes filles feraient des sports.

Nous nous sommes assemblés le vingt-huit novembre pour traiter le sujet suivant : " Les écoles, sont-elles nécessaires?" Monsieur le président était absent, et Miss Miller prit sa place. Cissie Glyn-Jones parla la première, et déclara qu'on doit avoir une éducation et qu'on n'étudie pas aussi bien chez soi qu'à l'école. Olga Müller montra que la première des choses pour étudier est d'avoir un bâtiment, car le mauvais temps ne permet pas de travailler en plein air. Brooker nous fit voir l'utilité d'une bonne éducation, et montra que la meilleure est celle qu'on reçoit dans les écoles. A la fin du débat il fut déclaré par une grande majorité que les écoles sont nécessaires.

N. SAUER, VI.B.

A HOLIDAY IN CANADA.

Although most people go out to Canada to work there are many attractions for the holiday-maker. The first nine days of our holiday were spent on board the "Corsican" which sailed from Liverpool on 26th of July. The journey out seemed very long in spite of the deck-billiards, quoits, whist-drives, and a splendid concert given in aid of the Seamen's Orphanages. The voyage to Canada would not have been complete without the fog on the banks of Newfoundland, and a glorious iceberg which looked very imposing in the sunshine. The fact that it was a good way off rather added to its beauty. The River St. Lawrence looked remarkably grand to one or two people who thought they were good sailors, but who could not deny the fact that they did not feel altogether at home. On either bank were scattered, here and there, small villages, with a church in the middle of each village—all of which looked very Frenchy.

Quebec was reached fairly late at night. This, however, did not prevent us from making a tour of the city in an observation car. All that now remains of the plains of Abraham looked most impressive in the dark, and Wolfe and Montcalm certainly looked pretty gloomy. After admiring Quebec we found ourselves dashing along the banks of the St. Lawrence to Montmorency Falls. Before going up to the falls we had some refreshments in the house which used to belong to the Duke of Kent. A nearer view of Montmorency was then enjoyed in the dark. We returned to the "Corsican" at midnight, and she was off again before any of us were up next morning.

Montreal was safely reached on Sunday night, and after passing the dreadful Customs officials, and finding ourselves tossing on the ocean in bed in a Montreal hotel, we were ready to see the wonders of the city. From the top of Mount Royal we got a splendid view of the city and the river. Before leaving for Ottawa we drove round Montreal, and went through some of the beautiful churches.

At Ottawa all received a badge which would take us on any

car free. With the Hon. G. E. Foster as guide, we went over the Dominion Parliament Buildings. He also provided motor-cars to drive us round the Government Experimental Farm, Ottawa and its suburbs. In Booth's mills we saw the logs of wood cut up in one part, made into paper in another, and made into matches in Eddy's match factory.

After all this we were ready for a comparatively quiet time at Algonquin Park. Here, boating and canoeing were enjoyed, as well as the glorious Highland scenery of Ontario, and a visit to a lumber camp and timber slide. On the way to Toronto we had a pleasant little trip on the Muskoka Lakes.

In Toronto, motor-cars were again provided for seeing the city. It was here we had the only afternoon tea we had during our stay in Canada. Crossing the end of Lake Ontario, Niagara Falls were reached. The "Maid of the Mist" goes quite near to the foot of the falls, which are viewed amid showers of spray. We then went behind the falls, smothered in oil-skins. To crown all we were taken down the Gorge at a terrible pace, and saw the rapids with different coloured searchlights playing on them. We were always sorry to leave a place, but when we got to the next we were just as sorry to leave it; this was the case with Hamilton, which was the next place we visited.

Here the Mayor and Mayoress received us, and after going round the city in motor-cars, we were taken to the Royal Yacht Club to dinner. Again passing through Toronto, Kingston was reached by sleeping-car. We made our way to Montreal from here through the Lake of the Thousand Isles, and down the Lachine Rapids.

At Montreal we joined the "Victorian." We came back through the Straits of Belle Isle, and saw hundreds of icebergs, some of which were alarmingly close to the ship. No fogs disturbed us this time, and I arrived back in Liverpool after having an enjoyable holiday, with a better opinion of Canadians and Canadian hospitality than I ever thought any one could hold of any other people than Englishmen. After this I could heartily say, "Three cheers for Canada, the Empire's rising hope!"

ELSIE GOLDSTONE, Form VI.

THE PREFECTS' LETTER.

At a meeting of Prefects of the Northgate Country School a few weeks ago, it was decided that a Prefects' Letter would make a good contribution to the School Magazine. The following is an unreliable account of the second meeting, which was called to compose the letter :—

Scene :—*A Rectangular room with large tables; door of room labelled "Laboratory."*

Dramatis Personæ :—Archer	}	<i>Prefects.</i>
Knight		
Cave		
Petit		
Field		

Knight has been elected Chairman, and Petit Hon. Secretary.

Archer, Cave, Petit and Field are conversing. Knight has not yet arrived.

Cave. Where's Knight? How much longer is he going to keep us waiting?

Archer calls "*Knight.*"

Others. A very good effort. Did you expect an answer?

Archer. No.

Cave. Then why shout?

Archer. I thought he might be coming.

Cave. You're an optimist.

Petit (a philosopher). What's an optimist?

Field. Give reasons for your answer, and illustrate by a sketch map.

Archer (baldly). Don't talk shop.

Petit (smiling). What's shop?

Field. Give reasons for ——

Cave. Shut up, *Field*.

Field. All right. Keep your hair on.

Grave disorder is here prevented by the arrival of Knight, who rushes in breathless, with some important-looking books under his arm.

Knight. I'm awfully sorry to be late, you fellows, but ——

Archer. We've heard that before. Let's get to business.

Knight. Right. I'm ready. I call upon the Secretary to read the minutes of the last meeting.

Petit (reading). The first prefects' meeting was held on November 5th. All five members were present, etc., etc., etc.

Knight. Has anyone any objection to these minutes?

Archer. May I ask the honorary secretary when they were written?

Petit (smiling). As a matter of fact they are not written yet. I composed them as I went along.

Cave. Then I move a vote of censure on the secretary for neglect of duty.

Petit. Don't you try moving too much. It's not good for you.

Cave. Oh! We'll see about that.

They do. A general scuffle ensues, and Petit is removed to, and deposited in, the Dark Room.*

All. Hard luck, *Petit*.

Petit (locking the door). Not at all. It's hard luck on you. I have some photographs to develop, and this will be a good opportunity to do them.

A pause.

Knight. We cannot very well get on without our Secretary, so I think we should ask *Petit* to rejoin us.

After some argument and delay, Petit issues forth from the Dark Room, and the meeting is resumed.

* Prefectorial humour.

Knight. We want to compose a prefects' letter for the magazine.

All. Who is going to compose this letter?

Knight. All of us. Petit will write down our words and forward them to the Editor. Now we can begin.

Petit. How ought I to begin the letter?—Dear Sir?—Dear Mag.? Dear Brethren?—

Knight. I don't know, but I believe Dear Mr. Editor is proper.

Archer. Yes, that sounds all right. Better decide on that.

"Dear Mr. Editor" is agreed on by the meeting.

Petit. Now how shall I go on?

Cave. We ought to begin the letter well. A few well-chosen, fine-sounding sentences at the beginning would go a long way towards making the letter a success.

Petit. That's all very well, but where are these sentences coming from?

Field. Perhaps we could find something good in here.

He draws a copy of "The Penny Marvel" from his pocket, and reads.

There does not seem to be anything really good.

Knight. I think we might leave the arrangement of the opening sentences to the secretary. Let's discuss the body of the letter.

Archer. Couldn't we invent a few jokes for the Mag.? Something like this—What's the difference between a base, a bass, abase, and a Bass?

Cave. Chuck it.

They then proceed to chuck it—or rather them—i.e., such dusters, rags, papers as are lying near. After a few minutes of chucking it the chairman succeeds in restoring order.*

Knight. We must not waste time like this. We have a lot left to do. Can anyone make any other suggestion?

* Prefectorial humour.

Field. Cave won a literature prize last year, so he ought to be able to tell us how to write.

Cave. You shut up. That's nothing to do with it.

Field subsides under pressure.

Knight. No more ragging, you fellows. It's getting late.

Archer. Cannot we have a short account of the doings of each one of us during the term?

Petit. A good idea. Now, Archer, what are you doing?

Archer. Wasting my time at this meeting just at present.

Petit. That's all very well, but we cannot put that in the magazine. What have you been doing during the term?

Archer. I don't quite know. I once got half-way through a Science paper.

Cave. That's nothing to brag about. I once finished one.

Petit. That doesn't seem quite the thing for a magazine either. Can you give us any information, Field?

Field. Yes. I'm just about bored with this meeting. I propose that we leave the prefects' first termly letter to be finished by the secretary.

Petit. But I don't know anything about you yet.

Archer. That doesn't matter. Anything will do.

Knight. I have an idea. Let each of us write on a piece of paper what he would like to have said about us, and hand the papers to the secretary.

All. A good idea. We'll do that.

They then proceed to write.

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As discussion is now over, there is no more to be recorded here, except that ten minutes later the five might have been heard singing, approximately in unison, a refrain something like this :—

“Ha ! ha ! ha ! He ! he ! he !
 Little brown mag. don't I love thee !
 Ha ! ha ! ha ! He ! he ! he !
 Little brown mag., I'll write for thee.”

THE TEMPLE AND ITS ASSOCIATIONS.

One of the most interesting, and, at the same time, one of the least visited places in London is the Temple. The name arises from the fact that it was originally the quarters of the Knights Templars, an Order of Crusaders founded in the twelfth century to defend pilgrims to Jerusalem from the attacks of the Saracens. In the fourteenth century the Order was dissolved, and soon after the Temple was leased to law students. It has ever since been one of the centres of legal learning in England, and forms two of the Inns of Court, the Inner Temple and the Middle Temple.

The Temple is situated on the south side of Fleet Street, near the site of Temple Bar, now marked by a monument. In olden times the heads of traitors were exhibited on iron spikes over Temple Bar. It marked the boundary line of the City of London, but had to be removed owing to the obstruction to traffic, and has been reconstructed as the gateway to Theobald's Park, near Cheshunt.

Passing along a narrow lane under two old houses, relics of the past, one comes on one side to the house where Dr. Johnson once lived, and on the other to Temple Church, which is among the oldest of London Churches. The oldest part is the Round Church, of which the porch and doorway especially are fine specimens of Norman architecture. The choir was added later, and is Gothic in style. In the Round Church are eight recumbent figures of old Crusaders, which date back to the twelfth and thirteenth centuries. Outside the church is the grave of Oliver Goldsmith, a plain stone, quite unworthy of the great author, and near by is a large house, the birthplace of Charles Lamb. Here also is the fine old Inner Temple Hall.

Continuing along Pump Court one next comes to Brick Court, where is a house in which both Goldsmith and Thackeray have lived. Then one passes into Fountain Court. The Temple fountain is one of the few old fountains still remaining in London, and, together with the Temple Gardens and the Elizabethan

Middle Temple Hall near by, forms one of the most delightful spots in the Temple. It remains to speak of the Temple Gardens. These gardens stretched to the water's edge before the construction of the Embankment, and are now used as the grounds for the Royal Horticultural Show. They are said to have been the gardens in which the red and white roses were plucked, which afterwards became the badges of the two contending parties in the Wars of the Roses.

Occasionally also one sees in the Temple a barrister, in his powdered wig and gown, crossing one of its old courts, deep in conversation with a solicitor. Everything bears evidence to the great amount of legal business transacted here, but one is most impressed by the silence which prevails, and the old-world appearance of all connected with the Temple. The impression is the more strengthened from the fact of the sudden contrast with the roar and bustle and the great modern buildings of Fleet Street. As Charles Lamb says, "It is the most elegant spot in the Metropolis. What a transition for a countryman visiting London for the first time—the passing from the crowded Strand or Fleet Street, by unexpected avenues, into its magnificent ample squares, its classic green recesses!"

F. W. WALL, Form VIc.

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THE SUFFRAGETTES' MARCH TO LONDON.

(With apologies to Lord Macaulay.)

To arms! to arms! brave Suffragettes,
 To arms! for Votes and Rights!
 Strike, strike the men, snatch up some stones,
 And ho! for London's fright!
 The Imperial Parliament, doomed a prey
 To our avenging tongues,
 Sends up the voice of her dismay
 From all her hundred lungs.

The Strand resounds with Asquith's shrieks;
The 'Change with Churchill's sighs;
And blushes stand on George's cheeks;
And tears in Hardie's eyes.
And pale with thinking and with fright
Each Liberal Committee
Hath summoned forth to help and fight
Their allies in the City.

And soon shall London's freemen hear
The thunder of our shout;
And London's dames, in wilder fear,
Shall cry, "Alack, look out!"
Smash in the windows, break the doors,
And forward, one and all,
We come, we come, with horrid roars,
We come that men may fall!

Quarter! The torrent onward whirls.
Oh never let it fail!
No quarter! think on Pankhurst, girls;
No quarter! think on jail;
What ho! those coward men retire.
On, trample them to motes!
No quarter—charge! No quarter—fire!
No quarter! Votes! Votes! Votes!

O. M. S., VI.c.

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A VISIT TO A YORKSHIRE WOOLLEN MILL.

Whilst staying in a small village in the West Riding of Yorkshire we thought we would like to see through a woollen mill, so we set out one afternoon and obtained permission to visit one.

The mill was a very ugly building of four storeys. The first thing that strikes one on entering is the noise made by the looms, which is deafening to one not accustomed to it.

We were shown over many departments—where the wool is sorted, washed, dyed, carded, spun, woven, finished and mended. It was very interesting to have the processes explained to us. Some of the work seemed very clean and easily done, but some greasy and disagreeable. Carding the wool is separating the coarse from the fine by combing it. This is now done by machinery, but was formerly done by teasels, which were grown in the district. Finishing and mending—the last processes—make the cloth ready for sale. Mending is done by women. If there are any broken threads or the pattern is wrong, it is put right by the menders, whose work is clean, but tedious. Men, women, and children are employed in the mills. Many children are known as “half-timers” because they go to school one day and to the mill the next.

Some of the finest cloth in the country is manufactured in the West Riding, although it has lost its reputation to a great extent on account of making large quantities of shoddy and mungo. These are inferior kinds of cloth made from rags, which are torn to pieces and rewoven. Mungo is a degree worse than shoddy. The story goes that a man working the machine which pulled the rags to pieces found the greatest difficulty in working, and complained that the rags would not go through the machine. “But they *mun* (must) go,” replied the master. And so the name has stuck to this class of cloth.

MARGERY MATTHEWS, Form VIC.

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COMPETITIONS.

SOME QUESTIONS IN ENGLISH LITERATURE.

Some very good Literature papers were sent in, and we congratulate the prize-winners on their success. The quality of the work showed that the voluntary reading during the year had been

thorough and systematic. All the prizes are carried off by girls. As the Headmaster said from the platform, in announcing the results, we should like to see the boys appearing on the list. We hope they will do better next year.

The prizes were awarded as follows :—

Form VI. : Nellie Sauer, Olga Müller ; Highly Commended, Ada Rowe, A. Thomson.

Form V. : Doris Hole, May Brereton ; Highly Commended, Elsie Goldstone.

Form IV. : Margery Briscoe, Beatrice Girdword ; Highly Commended, Doris Dover.

The lists of books to be read next year are already given out, and we hope that those who are interested will begin their reading early.

BOTANICAL COLLECTIONS.

Only two members of Form VI. sent in work illustrating the flora of a special habitat. Of these Gladys Hayward's moorland plants were particularly well done.

The IVth Forms sent up some excellent collections of fruits and seeds, carefully selected and arranged. But again the number of competitors was disappointing.

A better response came from the IIIrd Forms, who sent up twelve collections of pressed wild flowers. Most of these were also well done, but another year all competitors must remember that only one specimen should be mounted on each sheet of paper, and that the paper should be of the regulation size.

The prize-winners were :—

Form VI. : Gladys Hayward.

Form IV. : Dorothy Hawes.

Form IIIa. : Ivy Brereton.

Form IIIb. : Doris Cade.

Form IIIc. : Betty Lawson.

All the collections and other drawings in connection with the Botany Classes were on view in the hall on the afternoon of October 24th.

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SCHOOL OFFICERS.

The Prefects for the term are :—

N. L. Day, D. Archibald, W. E. Hole, R. Petty, E. R. Marsh, Kathleen Clark, Cissie Glyn-Jones, Gladys Hayward, Olga Müller, Ada Rowe.

The Heads of the Houses :—

White.—N. L. Day, W. E. Hole, Ada Rowe.

Blue.—E. R. Marsh, Constance Cole.

Red.—R. Petty, Cissie Glyn-Jones.

Black.—D. Archibald.

Green.—Gladys Hayward.

Football Captain.—E. R. Marsh.

Vice-Captain.—E. R. Boswood.

Cricket Captain.—

Vice-Captain.—

Hockey Captain.—Kathleen Clark; *Hon. Secretary.*—
Ada Rowe.

Term Netball Captain.—Olive Sidney; *Hon. Secretary.*—
Mildred Varley.

English Debating Society.—President : Mr. Auger.
 Hon. Secretary : Mildred Varley.

French Debating Society.—President : Mr. Neely.
 Hon. Secretary : Nellie Sauer.

Camera Club.—President : R. Petty.

School Aero Club.—President : Mr. Paull.
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