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EDITORIAL.

 THE Council of the Girls' Public Day School Trust, Limited, has decided to award annually a Scholarship of £2 a term, to the best girl between 13 and 14 who entered the School under 10.

The Scholarship will be awarded for the first time in the Autumn of 1913.

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We have already drawn the attention of our readers more than once to the Building Fund which has been started in connection with the G. P. D. S. T. Schools, and on which the future of those schools so largely depends. In aid of this Fund, it is proposed to give performances of

"A Mid-summer Night's Dream,"

in the Public Hall, Sutton,

On June 24th and 25th, at 7.45 p.m.

Mendelssohn's music will be rendered by an augmented Orchestra, under the direction of Miss Gwynne Kimpton.

Tickets, price 7/6, 5/-, 3/- (reserved) and 1/- (unreserved), may be obtained at the School, and from Mr. J. Dewey, High Street, Sutton.

We hope that all those in any way interested in the School will give us their support, and persuade others to do the same.

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It seems a very short time since we announced the victory in the Final Match for the Net-Ball Cup, and it is with great pleasure that we record here the fact that on April 4th our First Eleven won the Final Match against Croydon, and bore that cup in triumph home. We offer our congratulations to the victors on their success in a well-fought match. No doubt many of our readers will remember the victory of ten years ago, when we defeated Wimbledon in the final round by a goal scored in the last minute.

A Fancy Dress Dance, on April 5th, given though it was in aid of the Magazine Fund, proved, by chance, a fitting celebration of the great event, and gave, to those who needed it, an opportunity for the working off of irrepressible excitement and enthusiasm. It was pleasant to see among us on that memorable evening three members of the eleven who won the cup in 1903.

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During this term the School was inspected by the Board of Education, and for four days we had five inspectors in the School. It is only necessary to refer our readers to a later page to prove to them how inspiring this visitation proved.

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During this term the School Lending Library, under the management of Kathleen Hall, has been thoroughly re-organised. Many books that were too entirely out-of-date to be of any interest have been disposed of, and many interesting volumes have been added to those already on the shelves. There has been, in consequence, a great increase in the number of subscribers and the amount of the funds.

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The following are the dates of the Fixtures for the Summer Term :

Upper School Dorcas Meeting	May 16th
Lower School Dorcas Meeting	...	...	May 23rd
Sports	...	...	May 28th
Mid-summer Night's Dream	...	...	June 24th & 25th
O. G. A. Conversazione	...	...	July 4th
Flower Show	...	...	July 5th

Weather Report. Spring Term, 1913.

The total rainfall for the term was 5·37 inches. The total for February was ·77 inches, or ·75 inches below average. The total for March was 2·52 inches, or 1·06 above average. The highest temperature recorded was 58° on 3rd and 6th of March. The lowest Temperature was 28° on 24th of February and 18th of March. There was a small fall of snow on February 17th. Westerly winds occurred on 24 days out of 49 recorded.

EVA SMITH (Remove).

Gardens. September, 1912 — April, 1913.

The gardens have been marked occasionally during the winter. In the autumn most Forms planted bulbs, which have made quite a good show ; but it is a pity gardeners do not make more use of plants such as wallflowers, forget-me-nots, polyanthuses, etc., which flower for a longer time. More attention should be paid to general arrangement, and the edges need regular cutting. Next term the gardens will be marked every week ; and we hope all the gardeners will be enthusiastic about their work, and will try to get a good show of flowers early in the term.

Flower Show. July, 1913.

A Flower Show will be held in the Hall at the beginning of July.

CLASSES.

- 1.—2d. Ferns, grown by competitor (see below).
- 2.—Plants tended by competitor since March, 1913.
- 3.—Annuals grown from seed by competitor (see below).
- 4.—Vegetables (including potatoes) grown from seed by competitor. These must be shown on a dish. Credit will be given for the number of kinds exhibited.
- 5.—Model of a garden on a tray or biscuit-tin lid.
- 6.—Collection of pressed leaves of trees or shrubs in Surrey (see below).
- 7.—Basket of garden flowers.
- 8.—A spray.
- 9.—Vase of garden flowers.
- 10.—Vase of wild flowers.
- 11.—Table decoration.
- 12.—Drawings of four growing seeds (see below).

REGULATIONS.

- 1.—Competitors must be pupils in the School.
- 2.—Entrance fee for 4 or more classes, 1s.; for 1, 2, or 3 classes, 3d. each.
- 3.—Each class will be divided into two groups, A and B—
Competitors in Class A must be 14 years old or more on June 30th, 1913.
Competitors in Class B must be under 14 years old on June 30th, 1913.
- 4.—Unless there are enough entries in Classes 1, 2, 3, 4, to warrant a special greenhouse class, no exhibits must be grown in a greenhouse.
- 5.—No competitor may receive practical help of any kind.
N.B.—Any infringement of this rule will disqualify competitor.

FORMS	...	...	Fireplace decoration.
OLD GIRLS	...	...	Basket of flowers.
KINDERGARTEN & TRANSITION			1. Basket of flowers. 2. Plant tended by competitor since March, 1913.

Special Notice for Classes 1, 3, 6 & 12.

CLASS 3.—Competitors should remember, when sowing their seeds, that the annuals should be at their best the first week in July.

CLASS 6, A & B.—Place where picked and date when found must be given. Specimens should be collected in a portfolio. Leaf's attachment to stalk must be shown either by the specimen shown or by a sketch.

- A.—Latin and English name must be given.
- B.—English name must be given.

CLASS 12.—A list of suitable seeds: Broad bean, pea, yellow lupin, vegetable marrow, mustard seed, sycamore seed, maize, wheat.

Soak all seeds until soft enough to cut easily with a sharp knife (Maize takes several days). Plant a good many of each kind. Grow all except mustard in damp sawdust, the mustard on damp flannel in a saucer.

Make a sketch of each kind before sowing. Keep the sawdust damp, not wet, and in a warm place. It is better not to put back the seeds that have been sketched. Sketches should be dated, and must be made at least once a week.

CLASS 1.—There will be as usual a Class for 2d. Ribbon Ferns, tended by competitor from February 28th till the day of the Flower Show.

NOTE.—Ferns may be re-potted, but must not be kept in a greenhouse. They must be attended to by competitor only, except in special cases—when leave may be obtained from me.

Games.

On Friday, January 17th, a meeting of the Games Club was held in the Hall, to elect an Hon. Secretary in the place of E. Perry. G. Westhorp, proposed by D. Champness, seconded by K. Feltham, was elected.

GAMES CLUB ACCOUNTS.

AUTUMN, 1912.

Dr.	£	s.	d.	Cr.	£	s.	d.
To Ground Expenses ...	33	17	2	By Balance ...	9	2	10 $\frac{3}{4}$
Balls, etc. ...	7	0		Subscriptions ...	10	17	6
Hospitality ...	1	7	6	Donations ...	1	10	0
Postage ...	6	11 $\frac{1}{4}$		Grant from Bazaar ...	30	0	0
Sundries ...	1	14	6 $\frac{1}{2}$	Grazing ...	2	0	0
Burglary ...	3	6	8 $\frac{1}{2}$	Sundries ...	16	3	
Balance carried forward ...	13	6	9 $\frac{1}{4}$				
	<u>£54</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7$\frac{3}{4}$</u>		<u>£54</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7$\frac{3}{4}$</u>

SPRING, 1913.

Dr.	£	s.	d.	Cr.	£	s.	d.
To Ground Expenses ...	40	15	4	By Balance ...	13	6	9 $\frac{1}{4}$
Balls, etc. ...	10	9		Subscriptions, etc. ...	10	14	0
Hospitality ...	9	2		Rent ...	24	0	0
Postage ...	9	8		Sundries ...	2	6	0
Sundries ...	2	7	10				
Balance carried forward ...	5	14	0 $\frac{1}{4}$				
	<u>£50</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>9$\frac{1}{4}$</u>		<u>£50</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>9$\frac{1}{4}$</u>

FIXTURE LIST.—HOCKEY.

Date	Against	Played at	Result
Friday, Jan. 25th	Clapham	Clapham	Lost 2—1
Friday, Feb. 1st	Sydenham	Sydenham	Won 5—1
Friday, Feb. 28th	Clapham (Cup)	Richmond	Won 2—1
Friday, March 7th	Sutton Ladies	Banstead	Won 2—1
Friday, March 14th	Croydon (2nd XI.)	Croydon	Scratched
Friday, March 14th	Wimbledon (Cup Semi-final)	Wimbledon	Won 2—1
Friday, April 4th	Croydon (Cup Final)	Wimbledon	Won 3—0

NET-BALL.

Saturday, March 29th	St. Paul's	St. Paul's	Lost 25—16
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CHARACTERS OF THE ELEVEN.

- M. TAYLOR (Captain). Her play during the season has been excellent. Her combination with centre-forward and inside-right has often broken up the defence against her, she is quick with her stick and her shooting is hard and generally straight. As captain she holds her team well together, and more than once has turned expected defeat into victory, by her pluck and determination.
- J. READ (Vice-Captain) has never had to exercise her office in a match, but has had a good deal of work to do at School, as M. Taylor is at Fernwood. Her play has maintained a steady degree of excellence, and once or twice, especially in the match against Wimbledon, she made brilliant saves. The knowledge of her strength and coolness behind has often given confidence to the backs and halves.
- U. SMITH after playing substitute in the Clapham Cup match at left-outside, and winning her first mention then for good play, has since kept up a high standard in the other matches. She is fast and good at keeping the ball on, and her centres are generally well timed; she must try to learn some other dodges for centring next season.
- M. PRICE has improved this season, but is still rather erratic and too much inclined to be slow in the circle; next year she will have more time to improve her combination with U. Smith.
- B. TAYLOR has played excellently throughout the season, her shooting is not quite so deadly as M. Taylor's, but in the field she is very good, and she has often done all the work in taking the ball down and then unselfishly passed to one of her insides for the shot. She keeps the forward line together, and can pass to left or right with equal ease, and often thoroughly confuses the opposing centre-half by clever play with her stick.
- MOLLY TAYLOR has improved very much since she was given her place, her dribbling needs practice and her passes near the circle are inclined to go to the opposing back, but she plays well with M. Taylor, and with a year's more strength and weight ought to do well.
- N. TODD combines well with G. Westhorp behind her, and plays a good attacking game; her whole style of play has improved this term, and she made very few mistakes in the last two matches, her pace is a great asset, and few forwards can really give her the slip.
- K. BUTT makes a good steady centre half, she has a good eye and, latterly, her passes to the forwards near the opposite goal have been well timed and well placed. She combines well with the backs in defensive play but is still a little weak in passing to the right, her hits that way very seldom reach the wing.
- S. DORLING makes a much better half than forward, and has done useful work this term, her pace is improving and also her attack. Her defensive play was always good, and she combines well with K. Butt and K. Vickers.
- G. WESTHORP always plays a good, steady game; and against Wimbledon her work was brilliant, the forwards could not get through, and every time she got the ball it went straight to the very forward who was unmarked. In the three cup matches she did not make a mistake, and her play against Wimbledon helped materially to win us our success.
- K. VICKERS has taken a new place this season as right-back, and plays there very well, she is steady and fairly fast, and on a good ground is certain of stopping a long pass, but is not so clever as G. Westhorp at catching a jumping ball. Her passing is good and straight.

1st XI. v. Clapham, at Clapham, on Friday, January 25th. Lost 2—1.

A dull match. Both teams were feeling slack after the holidays, and all the forwards seemed unable to score, there were many fouls (but only one against Sutton), a good many sticks and two or three offsides. Our backs stand so high up that we find forwards against us often get penalised for offside. We had three substitutes: a forward, a half, and a goal-keeper, this weakened two of our lines, but we ought to have won if only the rest of the team had done themselves justice. G. Westhorp and K. Vickers gained their 3rd mentions and shields.

1st XI. v. Sydenham, at Forest Hill, on Friday, February 1st. Won 5—1.

It was a beautiful day, and we thoroughly enjoyed the match, but we had the best of the game right through, our forwards combined well and dodged the opposing backs many times. Had it not been for much crooked shooting, we should have scored oftener.

1st XI. *v.* Clapham. Second round for the Cup, at Richmond, on Friday, Feb. 28th. Won 2—1.

We won the toss, and played downhill first, as we hoped to score early in the game in case our forwards felt the strain of having two substitutes in the line. M. Taylor managed to get a goal, but it was a fluky shot and really ought not to have been let through by the Clapham goal-keeper. Our defence was rather ragged in the first half, and had it not been for some very steady play on the part of K. Vickers and J. Read, Clapham might have scored more than once; however, they did not score, and at half-time we led 1—0. M. & B. Taylor got away once or twice, but were stopped by the opposing centre-half or left-back, who were both playing well. After half-time, Clapham pressed us hard, and their inside left dribbled up the ball through our defence and shot a good goal, but after that, at last, Sutton began to play, G. Westthorp and K. Vickers did splendidly, and the forwards against them had not another chance. M. Taylor scored again after a good run up the field by U. Smith, who played very well; and our halves kept the ball well in the Clapham half of the ground, K. Butt doing a great deal of work. B. Taylor had bad luck in her shots, or we might have scored again, but the whistle blew, leaving us the winners, and we wanted no more. U. Smith received her 1st mention, N. Todd her 2nd mention, and K. Butt her 3rd mention and shield.

1st XI. *v.* Wimbledon, at Wimbledon, on Friday, March 14th. Semi-final for the Cup. Won 2—1.

This was a very closely contested match, till the whistle blew the result was uncertain, though we had the best of it perhaps in the second half. J. Read saved some dangerous shots and stopped more than one clear run by the Wimbledon forwards by her steady play; also G. Westthorp played a brilliant game all the time and broke up the attack over and over again. Our first goal was scored after some good passing, but the shot itself was rather soft. However, our second made up for it, as it was a hard shot by B. Taylor from the edge of the circle. N. Todd did good work, especially as she had not her usual centre-half to combine with. Play was fast throughout and on the whole the rules were well observed; the Wimbledon backs did not tackle at all quickly in the circle, but their half-line was good and the forwards kept up the high reputation they have had for some years. Our forward line worked very well together, especially M. Taylor and B. Taylor, whose combination is always excellent.

U. Smith gained her 2nd mention.

M. Price gained her 1st mention.

M. Taylor gained her 1st mention.

S. Dorling gained her 2nd mention.

N. Todd gained her 3rd mention and shield.

CUP FINAL.

Sutton High School beat Croydon High School, at Wimbledon, on April 4th, by 3 goals to nil.

Sutton won the toss, and played down the wind in the first half. In the first minute the centre-forward scored Sutton's first goal, after some smart passing between her and the inside right. Some fast play up and down the field followed, and Croydon carried the ball to their opponents' circle, but their forwards did not keep control of the ball, and often lost opportunities through hitting it too far in front. Their centre-half did excellent work; her hitting was clean, but it was a pity she spoiled her play by giving "sticks," the ground no doubt was partly to blame, as the surface was uneven and muddy in places, and this would account also for the number of kicks that were given. Sutton's second goal was scored by the inside right, off a penalty corner, one of the two given against Croydon during the game. In the second half, Croydon marked much more carefully the Sutton centre-forward and inside-right, and, though the inside-left got away in consequence and got in a hard shot, she did not score. Croydon left and right outsides got away, but were caught up by the right and left halves for Sutton, who were both faster, but the right-outside frequently centred the ball very well. The defence was good on both sides; the right-back for Sutton was a little uncertain, and both the Croydon backs need to look where they hit. Croydon pressed soon after half-time, owing to the good play of their right and centre halves, and once the centre-forward got well away, but over-ran the ball just on the circle and lost her opportunity. The inside-right scored the last goal for Sutton, a good, hard shot off a pass from the wing; and soon after the centre-forward ran the ball down and took a running shot, which rose over the bar.

SENIOR NET-BALL MATCH *v.* St. Paul's. Lost 25—16.

It was a very good match, in spite of the rain. The School building bounded one side of the court, and so the ball was never off that side. The Sutton team went over the School after the match, and very much admired the large hall, gymnasium, and swimming baths.

Sierra Leone.

It was decided at the beginning of the term not to hold a working party for the Hospital in Free Town until some lecture had been given, to which the whole school could be invited. The object was to arouse fresh interest throughout the school in the work being done in Sierra Leone, and so gain a larger attendance at the work parties to be held subsequently. We were fortunate in securing for our lecturer Mr. Garrett, who was, until recently, head of the Grammar School in Free Town, and with whom Miss Dodge worked for some time during her stay in Sierra Leone. He gave us a most interesting lecture, illustrated by remarkably good slides—coloured and otherwise—of the hospital and school in Free Town and the country round about. Among the slides we were pleased to see again Bishop Walmisley, who came to speak to us last term. The money collected by tickets for the lecture amounted to 17/6, which we hope to send out, with further contributions, some time during the summer.

Since the meeting there have been two work parties held, at which four dozen and a half bandages (six yards long) have been rolled, and sent out to the hospital.

During the Summer term we hope to hold three meetings, to which we shall welcome any girls who would like either to roll bandages—quite a fascinating occupation—or make garments, to be sent out later.

LANTERN LECTURE ON SIERRA LEONE.

On Friday, March 7th, at 5.30, Mr. Garrett gave a very interesting Lecture on Sierra Leone, which was illustrated with lantern slides. Mr. Garrett began by dealing with the educational side of his Missionary work, and showed us slides of the children of Sierra Leone and the schools which they attend, and also entertained us with humorous anecdotes of his own experiences.

He then told us about some of the most important buildings of Free Town, including the Cathedral and the Annie Walsh School. After this he passed on to Sierra Leone itself, and contrasted the horrors of the climate with the beauties of the country. Sierra Leone is the size of Ireland, and is governed by native kings, whom the English Government restrict in no way beyond forbidding them to make human sacrifices or to wage war among themselves. Mr. Garrett told us of the great influence of Missionary work, and described some of the horrible rites and superstitions which missionaries have to combat.

In dealing with the scenery he showed us a view of the bungalow in the hills, where Miss Dodge was his guest for a few days, and gained great applause by describing an incident illustrating her skill with the revolver. He then proceeded to give us some slight idea of the lives of the native girls, and described the wonderful changes for the better, brought about by the advent of the missionaries.

The meeting closed with a hymn, and a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Garrett, proposed by Miss Callender in the absence of Miss Bell.

The Victoria League.

Miss Leonard is now Vice-President of our Branch of the Victoria League, and Beatrice Godfrey has been elected Hon. Secretary for newspapers. The above, with Miss Bell (President), Joyce Read (Hon. Secretary), and Kathleen Hall (Hon. Treasurer), form the Committee.

At the beginning of the term we were affiliated to the International High School, Sydney, N.S.W., and letters and magazines are to be exchanged between the two Schools. Already we have sent a number of letters with a covering letter from Miss Bell to their Principal, and also various illustrated magazines. Newspapers are being sent out weekly to "occasional" addresses in Canada.

A full report of our work, including an audited account of the expenditure, has been sent to the office of the Victoria League for the Annual General Report.

There are 58 Junior Associates and 14 Associates in the School. Two copies of the Victoria League Notes are taken in monthly for the members of the Branch. Next term we hope to have a lantern lecture on Australia.

As the Annual Public Meeting of the Victoria League at the Guild Hall fell this year in the holidays, we were unable to form a party to go up to it.

BALANCE SHEET.

Subscriptions	... ..	£1 1 9	|	Stationery ...	... ..	£0 0 6
				Subsidy to Head Office	...	1 1
				V. L. Notes	...	1 9
				Balance	...	18 5
		£1 1 9				£1 1 9

We have sent papers and magazines weekly (about 100 in all) to the International High School at Sydney, and fortnightly to Saskatchewan and Vancouver. We wish we could send more papers, but the postage is heavy and funds are limited. As the subscription for the postage of the newspapers is only 1d. and twenty-three people have not yet paid, we are greatly dependent on donations. We hope always to receive as many papers as we have this term. The Remove, especially, have brought a great many.

BALANCE SHEET.

Cr.		s. d.	|	Dr.		s. d.
	35 Subscriptions of 1d.	... .. 2 11			Wrappings and string	... .. 5
	Donations	... .. 6 3½			Postage (8 weeks)	... .. 6 9
					Balance	... .. 2 0½
		9 2½				9 2½

Nature Study Society.

This term the Nature Study Society has been re-organised, and there have been several meetings in the Science Room, besides expeditions. We give below accounts of three of these expeditions:

On March 19th, the Nature Study Society held a meeting in the Laboratory. At 4 o'clock there was a picnic tea, and after tea Miss Glen Bott spoke to us for a few minutes, reading extracts from notes taken by various members on an expedition, and telling us how to take notes on growing seeds. Miss Hunt next gave us a lantern lecture. At first she showed us how to draw sketches of growing seeds for our note-books. Then we were shown different shell-animals and shell-fish, with external and internal shells. After the lantern lecture we looked at some plants the members had collected on an expedition. Miss Glen Bott named them all for us. The aquaria from some of the Lower School Form rooms were on view. In two the tadpoles were hatched; in the third the tadpoles were hatched, but there was a very lively water scorpion in it, and the tadpoles were fast disappearing. A water beetle in a jam jar was very much admired. While some of us were looking at the shells, plants, and aquaria, others of us were entertained by some experiments, showing the use of the stomata in leaves. There were two sections of leaves under a microscope. In one experiment, a leaf was placed in the mouth and air was blown through the stomata, down the stalk, into water. In another, a leaf was placed in hot water, and one could see the air bubbles rise. The use of sensitive paper was shown. Directly after tea the Committee was elected, the following being chosen to represent their Forms:

VI. B. Godfrey	IV. D. Browne	II. E. Whiter
V. M. Adams	R. U. Smith	U.I. J. Macfarlane
L.V. H. McMorran	III. D. Candy	L.I. M. Taylor

Secretary—Editha Hogan.

Expedition to Banstead.—On the afternoon of Monday, March 17th, Miss Glen Bott and Miss Kitchin took ten of the members of the Nature Club to Banstead, to study the plant and bird life on the Downs. We arrived at Banstead station about 2.30, and, after taking notes on the sky, searched amongst the gorse bushes for plants and flowers. We met an old man with a sack, who obligingly rooted up a dandelion for us with his trowel. He had been searching for herbs all day, and showed us some mandrake roots he had unearthed. These, he said, were the best cure for indigestion; and, as he claimed to know as much about medicine "as the best

doctor in the world," we did not dispute the question. Afterwards, we explored the lane to the left of the station, and at 4.15 filed on to the platform, where we arranged our notes and specimens until the train came to bear us back to Sutton. We found that we had noted fifteen different wild flowers in bloom.

H. McMORRAN.

Expedition to the Natural History Museum. On Saturday morning, March 29th, Miss Hunt took fourteen members of the Nature Club to the Natural History Museum. We had two boxes of shells with us from our School museum, most of which we were able to identify and name from the specimens we saw there. Our guide then told us something of the habits of the whale, squid, and octopus, (models of all of which we saw in the Museum), and next conducted us to the British Bird Section. There we found cases containing models of all the birds that have been known to frequent our islands, with drawers containing their eggs. After exploring this section thoroughly, we were glad to have some refreshment; and then we wandered about the Museum at our own sweet will, collecting again at one o'clock, when, after three hours' solid enjoyment and instruction, we turned homewards.

H. McMORRAN.

News of the Term.

The Holiday Book prize, on "The Tale of Two Cities," has been won by Form V.

M. Carlton and M. Penn have passed the London Matriculation Examination.

On Wednesday, April 2nd, Miss K. Baverstock gave a lecture on "The Employment Outlook for Educated Girls," at which a large number of parents were present. The Sixth and Fifth Forms were also invited.

Rehearsals have already been started for the "Mid-summer Night's Dream," which is to be acted next term in aid of the Council's Building Fund. The performances will take place in the Public Hall, on June 24th and 25th, and the Orchestra (under the direction of Miss Gwynne Kimpton) will play Mendelssohn's music.

This term the Hockey Cup competed for by the London and Suburban Schools of the Trust, has been won by Sutton.

The Lantern Lecture on "Iceland," which was to have been given by Mr. Sykes on Wednesday, March 12th, in the School Hall, was postponed.

The Magazine Fund was increased by £7 18s. 9d. by the proceeds from the Fancy Dress Dance.

The ties for the Junior Tennis Champions have been played off as usual.

Five Board of Education Inspectors visited the School from February 11th to 14th.

Both the Upper School and Lower School Dorcas meetings were unavoidably postponed.

There is to be a Singing Competition among the Schools of the Trust on the morning of Saturday, June 21st, at 10.30, in the Steinway Hall. Thirty voices are required from each School. The songs are as follows:

Unison Song (accompanied)	...	"It was a Lover and his Lass."
Two-part Song (accompanied)	...	"A Visit from the Sea."
"Song of Trees" (accompanied).		
Three-part Canon (unaccompanied)		"O come, sweet Music."

The Gymnastic Badges were awarded as follows:

Kindergarten (unawarded).	Upper School Division, III.—E. Hotchkin
Lower School Division, II.—R. Marsden	II.—M. Bullen
I.—C. Vincent	Advanced—J. Read

Owing to the poor attendance at the Kindergarten Gymnastics Division the badge was not awarded this term.

Library.

The following books have been presented to the Library—

By GLADYS JOHNSON:

The Little Minister.

Stories of the Arabian Nights.

The Hunting of the Snark.

By J. READ :

Tales of the Borders. Winning an Empire. A Chapter of Accidents.
 Hudson Bay. The Young Rajah.

By K. HALL :

The Heart of Rome. The Girls' Own Annual.
 Golden Square High School. Jill's Red Bag.

In addition to these, the following books have been bought with the accumulated Library funds :

The Second Jungle Book.	Adventures of Elizabeth in Rügen.	Huckleberry Finn.
Puck of Pook's Hill.	Elizabeth, and her German Garden.	A Tramp Abroad.
Stalky & Co.	A Solitary Summer.	Three Men in a Boat.
A Benedick in Arcady.	A Kentucky Cardinal.	A Bad Boy's Diary.
The Broad Highway.	The Choir Invisible.	Uncle Remus.
The Wind in the Willows.	The Call of the Wild.	A Lame Dog's Diary.
Dream Days.	White Fang.	The Fortunes of Christina McNab.
The Golden Age.	Tom Sawyer.	

The Fancy Dress Dance.

On Saturday, April 5th, a Fancy Dress Dance was held in the School Hall in aid of the Magazine Fund, which had suffered severe loss owing to the burglary of last year. Tickets (price 1s.) were sold to members of the School, and spectators' tickets (price 6d.) to parents and friends. The total amount cleared was £7 18s. 9d.; and hearty thanks are due to all those who so kindly brought cakes and other contributions to the refreshments, and to the members of Form VI. who wrote out tickets and programmes, thereby saving the cost of printing. By these means the expenses were greatly reduced.

From 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. the Lower School enjoyed themselves vociferously under the superintendence of our Head Mistress, Her Grace the Duchess of Devonshire, a Dresden Shepherdess, a Japanese Lady carrying her baby, an Irish Colleen, Rebecca, and the Wife of a Chinese Mandarin. Miss Bosworth and Miss Miller kindly consented to act as judges; and prizes were awarded for the two best dresses, the winners were Joyce Shears and Vera Derry, as early Victorian Maidens.

The following were highly commended :

Fairy—Marjorie Derry	Charles Surface—Marjorie Sennett
Squaw—Enid Arnold	Pink Rose—Isabel McMorran
Dutch Boy—Kathleen Todd	Dutch Girl—Joyce Sampson
Robin Hood—Joan Iago.	

At 7 o'clock, the Upper School and many Old Girls began to arrive, and the Hall was soon filled with a motley throng. A march past of the Upper School and Old Girls was then organised, in order that Miss Pochin and Miss Jantze, who were kindly acting as judges, might award the prizes for the best and most original dresses, the half-crown dresses being judged later. The prize for the best dress was won by Margaret Taylor as an Eastern Bride; for the most original, by Alice Cox as Fernwood; and for the best dress for 2/6, by Gwen Carlton as a Norwegian Peasant Girl. Miss Pochin was so much pleased with Mona Price's dress as an Ancient Greek, that she presented her with an extra prize.

The evening then began in earnest. At 9 o'clock all trooped down to supper, and refreshed themselves after the exertions of the evening. On returning to the Hall the fun became fast and furious. The Dance being on the day immediately following that on which the cup was won for the first time for ten years, it formed a fitting celebration for the glorious victory, and all present danced round the cup singing and cheering.

The evening was far too brief, and to the sorrow of all seemed over as soon as begun. Fair maids of all periods, Greeks, witches and frolicsome elves, courtiers and shepherdesses, joined lustily in the National Anthem and the cheers with which the evening ended.

Then all parted

“Good-night,” says Harry, “Good-night,” says Mary,

“Good-night,” says Poll to John,

“Good-night,” says Sue to sweetheart Hugh,

“Good-night,” says everyone;

and the School was left once more dark and deserted.

We give below an account of the Children's Dance, written by our 14th Century correspondent, who unfortunately had to leave before the end.

Nowe it felle on a fayre Saturdaye in Aprile, that ye Schole, being then at greate peace—as was its wont on ye seventh daye in ye weeke—was suddenlie most violentlie assayled by a righte strange companie.

Verilie one would deem it most meet that ye teachers and ye scholares had with goodlie zeal come to ye schole on this holidaye for ye further studyes of ye wise bookes. Fonde hope! Fore these aforesayde personnes did eftsoones gin righte merrilie to dance to ye sounde of joyouse musick.

And lo! I wot not what to thinke fore this same motley crowde did in no wise resemble ye teachers or ye scholares that were wont demurelie to resort to ye schole, but did appeare to come from ye foure corneres of ye earthe, yea there were ye dancers from Spayne, ye adventurers from Italie, ye peasants from Irelande, ye thrittie Dutch in ye well-patched clothes, ye savage Red-skin in ye war paynt, and eke from Japan and China had they come, and they moreover did consort with ye ladies and ye gentlemen of Englande who were righte strangelie arrayed in ye most antique fashions; and furthermore a troupe from fairie land did come and did bringe ye flowers and ye butterflies. Erelong, being wearied with much pleasure, ye merrie companie did to ye banqueting hall retire and there did they feaste. And, thus renewed, they did again with zeal return to ye dance and ye merrie games; until after many houres, they being wearied did take theyr leave, and did perchaunce by different wayes finde theyr strange homes, there to rest in ye armes of Morpheus. It was righte strange.

BY ONE OF YE COMPANIE.

L'Avare.

Thursday evening, January 30th, saw a small party of girls, clad in mackintoshes and clinging to umbrellas, assemble on Sutton station with the intention of going to Clapham High School, to see a performance of Molière's "L'Avare." Most of us had read through the comedy beforehand, an advantage which, added to our not over large stock of French, enabled us to follow the play and to laugh (without much effort) at the right moment. In spite of the hindrance of a foreign language, we soon became exceedingly interested. We did not get so far as criticising the acting, but we admired it. The two heroines (Élise and Marianne) were about equal favourites, but we were most enthusiastic over Harpagon, "l'avare." When he found that he had lost his "cher argent, sa joie," and consequently, as he piteously said, "son esprit était troublé," our feelings were divided between pity at his wild grief and disgust at his avarice.

"L'Avare" was followed by a short French play called "Freddy's Aunt." Unhappily, we were only able to see the beginning as we had to catch the train to Sutton, and we left with the end still shrouded in mystery.

However, we had all thoroughly enjoyed ourselves, and we were very happy in having Mademoiselle Berst and Miss Francis to look after us.

B. SAUNDERS.

Hamlet.

On Saturday, March 29th, Miss Callender took a party of the VI. and V. Forms to see Forbes-Robertson as Hamlet in Shakespeare's tragedy, which was being acted in his farewell season at Drury Lane.

Miss Callender and Miss Francis, accompanied by the majority of the party, went up by the 12 o'clock train, and were met at Victoria station by Miss Cartmell and the Net-ball Team, after the match which the latter had been playing against St. Paul's Girls' School that morning. We were all very sorry that Miss Bell was unable to come also.

While Miss Cartmell and the team had lunch, the rest of the party went to see the pictures in the Tate Gallery, where they were afterwards rejoined by the revived team. The whole party then walked to Parliament Street, where they caught a 'bus and proceeded to Drury Lane.

We were in our seats as the curtain went up, when we were immediately transported to the moonlit battlements of the Royal Castle in Elsinore. Thenceforward we were gradually worked up

to the climax in the last scene, when Hamlet died upon the throne of his fathers, crowned with the majesty of Denmark.

Leaving our minds in Elsinore, we managed somehow to conform to the prosaic custom of devouring rolls and butter, after which we caught the 6.30 home.

We are both grateful and delighted to have had such an opportunity. To have seen the play with so great an actor in the title-rôle, though the author and the part are to us as one and the same, is to remember it always.

Poems.

THE INSPECTORES (*after* Chaucer).

Bifel one morn, as in the hall I stood,
A yonge girl rush'd in, as she were wood,
And cried, " Bewar, bewar, oh! comrades all,
For dire catastrophes upon us fall!"
Fast fell our tears; we fairly swam in hers
As she pronounced the word " examiners,"
And said authority directed us
To use our wits, when they inspected us.

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But ere I tell the details of their stay,
Methinks 'twere good to speak of their array,
Their looks, their manners, whether cross or kind,
And what I judge to be their types of mind.
Two dames there were, both worthy and both
wise :

One had a pleasant face and twinkling eyes,
Full quick she talked in English and in French,
—I ween that once she was a merry wench;
The other lady lovéd mathematics,
Full learnedly she spake about quadratics,
But logarithms were her chief delight—
She was a verray reasonable wight.
With them there was a man, an English scholar,
He wore a golden watch, and stiff, white collar,
And tall he was; of some agility;
And much he talked of old nobility.
Another was there with a sad, brown eye,
And sorrowful he seemed, and wont to sigh,
Whan that he spake of Latin verbs and prose,
Of Charlie's death or that of brave Montrose,
But cheered him up and even 'gan to smile,
Whan lunch-time came and he could rest awhile.
About the last one of this company
I cannot speak, for him I did not see.
I only know that he was scientific,
And for the rest I cannot be specific.

K. HOMERSHAM.

Upon last Tuesday morning we did hear
An heevy tred, and looking with grete feer
Without the dore then, no less than thre
Ful manly men right neare we did see
Ascending slow the wynding wooden stair,
And eek with them two gentil ladyes fair.
Eftsones the portal opened, and in

Entred a ladye fair not over thin.
And French and German spake she right wel,
Caused one mayd a tale in French to tel.
Time past, another man, of haire grey,
Into another chamber cam next day.
He Latyn spake and learned seemed to be,
Of Alexandre Grete eek asked he,
To see how far we did bisette our wit,
And manye Latyn words he mad us writ.
Alle the inspectores with dred did fil
Our corages. One eek did watch the dril.
And unto al the studies that we had
They cam, til we bigun to feel ful sad.

C. BROWN.

Bifel that in the High School as we lay,
The fearful news, " Inspectors come this day,"
Was spread abroad and much excitement raised,
And all with horror at each other gazed.

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MUSIKER.

A musiker there was, a geniall man,
That fro the tyme that we first bigan
With horrid fright to playen him bifore
Considerately looked on the floore.

ENGLISHER.

The Englisher was tall and well y-made
With visage brown and all in black arayd,
His eyen were stepe and rollng in his heed,
But he of speche was mild and kind indeed.

GEOGRAPHER.

But one there was, a tall and sclendre man,
Of all the others was there noon that can
So many horrid questions for to aske.
He too was dark with bristlynge blake
moustache.

He sat upon the piano for a bench,
And fierce he glared at some wretched wench,
And asked in accents grim, " Whence
hailth wheat" ?
She answered noight, but shuffled with her fete.

MATHEMATIKER.

The Mathematiker was tall and slyght,
Her eyen twinkled in her head aryght,

Her smyle was coy, and eek most kind was she,
She asked us some questions, two or three.

LATINER.

The Latiner was tall with grey visage.

LINGUIST.

And there was one inspecting our languages.
There were na-more and we were very glad,
When that they their departure taken had.

B. LA FARGUE.

Bifel it laste weeke at our taske
There came five Inspectores us to aske,
How that we swanc and what we mighte know
Of German, Historie, or Cicero.
Full ill did we replie with terror seizde,
And mightie silence reigned till person sneezde.
Then dide they with frowns their foreheads decke,
Them seemed of wisdom had we not a specke.
Right kind were some and well below'd by alle,
And everichoon came not into the halle,
Us to see daunce which did us muche like,
For that we feared that we might say "bike"
Or "gym," or otherslang that might them shocke.
Full earnestlie we did of them take stocke,
And learnte we afterward that one was fain
To pullen out his teeth as if in pain!
And when that they were gone then did us cheere
And cry "We want no more Inspectores here!"

K. F. BUTT.

THE KNIGHT OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS.

(Dedicated to the memory of Captain Oates, who died
near the South Pole, March, 1912.)

Alone, 'mid the ice and the drifting snow,
He laid himself down to die ;

And only the stars looked down from above :
Did they guess the reason why ?

The moon, as she sails through the Southern sky
May shine o'er his lonely grave ;
But she tells us not where the hero lies—
The man who in death was brave !

The stars hold our secrets, many a one ;
And never this one will they tell ;
Though only they and the dear, pale moon
Were there to say "farewell."

His life, for the life of his friends he gave ;
Could angel, or seraph, do more ?
And in letters of gold will his name be enscrolled,
"An Englishman, true to the core !"

For the goal had been reached, the task had
been done,
The journey was well-nigh o'er,
But the last grim fight which had yet to be fought
Might be won by the three, not the four.

So he, the fourth, the true, gallant heart,
Crept out alone to die ;
And it matters not that his grave is hid
From every human eye.

For a glory gathers around his deed,
Enshrining his purpose high,
He went forth alone to the great unknown,
That his comrades might not die.

And the heart of all England thrills with pride,
In the midst of its sorrow and loss ;
And from father to son shall the story run—
Of "The Knight of the Southern Cross."

A. E. JENNINGS.

Edinburgh Play Centres.

I have been asked to give a short account of the above, and I do so with pleasure.

These centres were started about six years ago, after a meeting which Mrs. Humphrey Ward addressed in one of the city halls in Edinburgh. The primary object was to provide suitable places for the recreation of the slum children of the city, and to bring them under refining influences in their leisure hours. Public school buildings were lent for this purpose, and ladies were asked to go once a week to play with the children. Many responded to this appeal, and the work of the centres gradually developed. There are now three centres open daily from 5 to 6.30 in North Canongate, Castlehill, and Stockbridge, besides three other affiliated centres.

Each centre has a sub-superintendent who goes daily, and voluntary helpers who go once or twice a week. Anyone passing through these districts at the opening hour might see the queues of children, boys and girls, waiting to be let in, not to be amused by prepared shows, but to take part in wholesome play. Music forms a great feature of the evening, and the children come in, dancing to some popular tune. When they have all collected in the big hall and have shown clean hands, they form circles and generally start the evening with singing games, in which all the helpers join. These are followed by other games, and then small groups are formed for handwork. Considering that the children have been in school all day it is somewhat surprising that they care to do this after school hours; but play centre handwork has apparently its own fascination, and consists of a variety of things, such as:—rug making, cane and raffia work, paper and card modelling, toy making, wood-work, painting, crochet, knitting, and some needlework, besides cobbling for the big boys. This last is in great request, and boys mend their own boots or bring boots from home for the purpose.

Finally, all collect in the big hall for the treat of the evening, viz.: The Story, without which they would not consider a play centre complete. For this, they all sit on the floor in concentric circles, and even the roughest and noisiest boys are quiet at this time.

The evening ends with a good night hymn, and then the girls dance round and curtsy to each helper, and the boys march out and salute.

On an average we get 70 to 90 children a night, but the same children are only allowed in twice a week, and Friday is given up to big girls. Visitors are always welcome.

The work is now about to be extended in many directions. A new centre is being opened at Gorgie on April 28th, and another district will in all probability be opened in the autumn. Each centre will, for the future, have a trained Kindergartner for the little children as well as a sub-superintendent for the bigger ones.

Net-ball is being started for some of the girls, voluntary coaches are already at work preparing for this, and we have obtained the free use of the Corn Exchange as a temporary place for practice.

We are also about to start ambulance and scout work for boys, and hope shortly to engage the services of a scout master for the same.

During the summer months we hope to use the nine gardens at our disposal for play and gardening, all under supervision. We also hope to bring a little beauty into the homes of the children by the introduction of window boxes. The city gardener has offered to supply boxes filled with flowers and to fix them for the moderate sum of 1s. each, and we are doing our best to make this widely known.

On May 31st we are going to hold a Public Demonstration in the Corn Exchange (lent free), to interest more people in the work and to get more voluntary help. Children from all the centres will join in singing games and folk dances. There will also be a small sale of the children's handwork. Nothing is given to the children, but they may buy their own work very cheaply, and on this occasion they are going to sell it to help expenses.

It is encouraging to note the difference in these children after a few weeks' regular attendance; even the policemen notice and remark on their improved manners. At present, however, we can only come into touch with about 400 children, and much remains to be done.

There is no doubt that the play centres have a great future before them both in Edinburgh and, it is to be hoped, in all cities where crowding is inevitable.

For anyone personally interested, I may say that my part of the work is to look after everybody and everything and superintend the whole. I visit the homes of the children, train the voluntary helpers, arrange the work of the centres, attend all committee meetings, get new helpers, and play with the children at some one centre every night, besides trying to extend the work in all directions.

L. PARSONS.

Leaving from Form VI. GLADYS M. HILL (VI.)—Entered school, May, 1904, in L.I.; Left, April, 1913. Arithmetic Prize, Form II.; Arithmetic Prize, Form III.; Geography Prize, L.V.; Neatness Prize, V.; Drawing, Honours, Divisions I., II., and V., Pass III., IV.; Needlework, Grade I. and II.

O. G. A. Conversazione.

On the evening of February 1st the members of the Old Girls' Association and the Sixth Form were entertained at School, by the kind invitation of Miss Bell and the Committee. I think it is correct to name the affair a *Conversazione*, for many tongues of excellent constitution became physically weary before half our reminiscences were exchanged.

We first had coffee in the dining room, and seemed to play a lively "General Post" as one after another of our contemporaries arrived; and then, with perhaps a slower step than in the days of tunics and sandshoes, we went upstairs to the Hall and tried to do the competitions prepared by the Secretary, which had the cruel effect of showing us that we were not nearly so clever as we had fondly imagined. We smelt horrible-looking liquids in test tubes, nearly related to those which we used to break with such zeal in the Science room. We tried to recall names of books from which well-known characters had been chosen. In short, we did mental gymnastics until our brains were in an excellent state of receptivity. Then some of the more talented members of our community (who were translated into French for the occasion) obliged us with a Dramatic Entertainment, entitled "Snowed Up with a Duchess."

The *Dramatis Personæ* were as follows:

The Duchess of Salterton	...	...	Mademoiselle Vickaire
Mrs. Cholmondeley	...	...	Mlle. Maudine Bachelière
Madame Value	...	...	Mlle. Majeris Villemans
Mrs. Hobbs	...	...	Mlle. Noel Barclay

The Socialistic tendencies of Mlle. Vickaire as the Duchess, the incurable pessimism with which Mlle. Noël Barclay waved her dish clothes around, and the philosophy and gesture of Mlle. Majeris Villemans delighted us all, while the millinery of Mlle. Maudine Bachelière absolutely took our breath away. No English words could express her hat, which was exactly *à la mode*.

When we had expressed our intense approbation of these proceedings in the usual manner, we adjourned to supper, a most sumptuous repast, which did full justice to the genius of our Secretary, Committee, and Mrs. Coupe.

We finished a delightful evening with a careful examination of the old School photographs, with dancing, music, and conversation; and finally, with a vote of thanks to Gwen Sprules, our Secretary, who had worked so hard to make the evening a success.

O.G.

Old Girls' News.

BIRTH.

To Mr. & Mrs. Monckton (D. Tatham-Hughes), a son.

To Mr. & Mrs. Jackson (Kitty Atkins), a daughter—Barbara Monica.

MARRIAGE.

On April 3rd, at St. Margaret's, Westminster, by the Rev. S. Bickersteth, D.D., Vicar of Leeds, Mr. G. A. Steel to Nellie Price-Edwards.

DEATH.—On February 22nd, Mrs. Reichardt (Mary E. J. Atkins).

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V. Henry is teaching at Croydon High School. She has been largely instrumental in establishing a branch of the Agenda Club in Sutton, and in organising the Health Week here during the week beginning April 6th.

E. Forster is Visiting Art Mistress at Maritzburg.

In the recent performance, by the Students of the Academy of Dramatic Art, at the Playhouse, a special silver medal was awarded by Sir Squire Bancroft to Gladys Young.

M. Penn has a post in her father's office in London.

Rose Overton has returned from Ceylon.

H. Chandler is in Russia.

E. Perry will become Miss Bell's Secretary at the beginning of the Summer term.

Miss Dunn is teaching at the High School in Aberdeen.

The Summer General Meeting of the O.G.A. will be held on Friday, July 4th, from 8 to 11, at the High School. It is hoped as many members as possible will come to ratify the election of the new Secretary and some Committee members.