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The Worcester Mission.

During the ten days, November 17th to 27th, a Mission was held in all the parishes of Worcester; and about 80 High School girls went, on each evening, to S. George's, at 4.30, for the Children's Service, conducted by the Rev. A. Baring Gould. He saw each one separately afterwards, and signed their Resolutions, and has now written them a letter, which we append.

Letter from the Rev. A. Baring Gould, to the children who attended the Mission:—

"My dear Children,

I promised to write a letter to you from time to time, and your Vicar has just reminded me of my promise. You are very much in my thoughts, and I frequently remember you in my prayers. I know it is hard work to

keep faithful to the Resolutions, but I do hope you are trying your best. I made a Resolution myself, which I got Mr. Adderley to sign, and that Resolution has been a great help to me, for I think about it, and determine I will try and stick to it. What a change comes over us when a Mission is over! The excitement has all gone, the Special Services are finished, and we seem to be left alone to carry on the fight against the world, the flesh, and the devil. But we are never left alone. Jesus Christ is helping us with His Presence and His Prayers, and we have only to remember *that*, to feel that we need not despair. The Holy Angel GOD entrusted to take care of you is ever guarding you, and besides that, in S. George's Church and elsewhere, many prayers are being said for you, that you may be faithful to death. What I think will be a real help to you in your spiritual life will be this: will you each one try to help some other child to do that which is right? I am sure you have plenty of opportunities. When we are trying to help others, we are sure almost to be seeking to do right ourselves. Would you remember the children who are just starting on their Confirmation Classes?

I remain, dear children,

Affectionately yours,

ARTHUR BARING GOULD,

Missioner.

Notes of an Address given by the Precentor

*to the King's Messengers of the School and others, in
S. Oswald's, on February 25th.*

“And JESUS said: ‘Make the men sit down.’”—*S. John, vi., 10.*

This was a difficult moment. The people had been with our LORD, and did not want to leave Him, and our LORD,

the Good Shepherd, did not want to send them away. He wished to see if the Apostles had enough faith to meet this emergency. One, S. Philip, was inclined to despair:—"Two hundred pennyworth of bread is not sufficient for them, that every one of them may take a little." Another, S. Andrew, said, "There is a lad here, which hath five barley loaves and two small fishes." This was their evening meal—a very small one, but all they had; and just because some did not despair, our LORD was able to feed a very large number of people. In this well-known story we have a useful lesson for Missions; we are inclined to despair; there is so much to do—in Canada, Africa, India, everywhere—that we despond and let it alone. That attitude is useless. Our LORD will not work where people will not help Him. But if, like S. Andrew, we say, "there is something here"; if we can do only a little, can only pray a little, cannot ourselves go to the Mission Field, our LORD can work. We are called to offer what we have, and He will use it. It is sad that not all are zealous for Mission work; we Churchpeople should be zealous:—

(1) Because we are Christians; our name means followers of Christ, and if we read the Gospels, we know that He told us to make disciples of all nations, that he gave this definite command to His Church.

(2) Because we are English subjects, and are members of the greatest Empire ever seen. How have we gained the Empire? We answer, by fighting; but GOD is the GOD of battles, and He gave us our victories. We see GOD's hand in it, when we realize how some parts of the Empire have almost been forced upon us, and how some parts seem to have come to us as a result of what looks like a trifling circumstance, *e.g.*, the East India Company was formed because the Dutch raised the price of pepper. Why did GOD give us the Empire? Was it that we might be rich? No! but that we might spread His kingdom;

and we must do His work, or He may take our power from us, and give it to another nation.

(3) Because Missions do great good. As examples of this we may take the work done by Medical Missions, the efforts made by Missionaries to stop the cruel treatment of little girls in India, and the good influence the Church had in the last Zulu rebellion. It was the Church that prevented the rebellion from becoming very serious; and we are told that only two natives belonging to the Church joined in the rebellion, because they had been taught to pray for the King.

(4) Because we learn from history that a Church which is not a Missionary Church soon dies. In the Acts of the Apostles we see the missionary zeal of the early Christians, in the Middle Ages this enthusiasm died down, and the Church became corrupt. Again, the Church of North Africa, which had great saints, was not a Missionary Church, and it has been almost completely swept away. The Dead Sea has no outlet, it receives, but does not give out, it is salt, and its shores are barren. This is a type of those Christians who receive grace but give nothing out.

There is great need of our help to-day; in Canada, in Borneo, where the schools are closed, and there are not enough Clergy to hold services for the Christians, in India, in Corea, etc., the opportunities are wonderful. How can we help? Every King's Messenger has three duties: to *study*, to *pray*, to *give*. We should read the K.M. Magazine, and try further to study one special mission; then we can pray about what we have learnt. Prayer is the ammunition which Missionaries need to help them in their work. Lastly, we should try to give liberally. It is a good plan to have a missionary box, in which to put *our own* contributions. We, in Worcester, ought to be especially zealous King's Messengers, as the name "King's

Messengers," was adopted by the S.P.G. from a band of Worcester children who worked for Missions.

Extracts from a Letter from Evelyn Gedge.

This was written February 8th, relating her experiences in "this wonderful first week in India."

She stayed in Poona instead of going straight to Panchgani, her future headquarters, after a week-end at Mukti, with Pandita Ramabai.

"I last wrote to you on the eve of my departure to Pandita Ramabai's. We arrived there early on Saturday morning, and were received by Manoramabai. We were given most comfortable guest rooms, with everything provided: towels, sheets, pillows, and blankets. One of the English ladies, a Miss Couch, a most excellent 'Martha,' sees to the wants of the many guests, who arrive from every part of the world, and well she does her business. I have seldom felt more at home anywhere.

Saturday is a day for cleaning and clearing up at Mukti, and thus it is possible to gather all the girls together for a Mass Meeting.

A man from Dr. Barnado's arrived with us, and he and his wife addressed the girls in the large Church. . . . It was a thrilling moment, one's first sight of those hundreds of Indian women squatting on the floor in the huge Church, which holds 2000 and more, and is not yet finished. . . .

. . . Mukti is the most remarkable place I have ever seen; it is a living example of a modern miracle, showing what GOD can work through one whole-hearted, loving, motherly Indian woman. It is a huge compound, and the

girls are taught various industries, beginning, as a rule, with needlework and lacework, then following on to weaving (they make all the saris used by the 1500 odd inmates), book-binding, printing (there are three presses, and rooms full of compositors). Pandita is not only translating into the vernacular, but turning out quantities of healthy, Christian literature, to try and stem the torrent of filthy literature which is pouring into India, as into England. They also make oil, butter, grind corn, stuff beds, and work in many other manual ways. The cleverest girls go through a High School Class, and pass their Matriculation.

On Sunday, after Service, the Pandita sent for . . . and myself. The dear old soul . . . came in to Service dressed entirely in white, and made a slight inclination with her hand to us. . . . She then squatted on the floor, and little children snuggled all around her and played with the Pandita's reticule, and even her fountain pen, but when prying fingers touched her Bible and spectacles, they were rebuked. One wee mite went to sleep with its head on her broad, motherly lap. The girls all call her 'Bai,' a motherly title of respect, and when one thinks of the appalling stories which lie behind many of those little dusky faces, one realizes that it is indeed no mere empty title.

During afternoon Church, I was given a note. . . . the Pandita had sent for me. I think I had one of the most inspiring talks of my life. I was with her for nearly an hour, with only her daughter, Manorama, there besides. We sat upon a hard board, cross-legged, with a cushion behind, and talked of Cheltenham, of her work, of her plans and hopes, which are full of great initiative. She wants a Christian College for women who have passed their Matriculation, and would like to have the nucleus of such a College at Mukti. . . . I asked for her views on

education. 'If we Christian people do not educate, the Hindus will, and then they will be in advance of us, and education with no religion is the cause of all unrest in this country,' was the gist of her answer. I almost wished I had the required gifts, and told her so, but she took my hand and patted it, and said, 'India wants every gift, your music will be of use, I am glad you have come . . .'

She is an inspiring personality, and takes a great, broad, and comprehensive view of problems, which she combines with the firm, unshakable faith of a child, and the deeply-taught spirituality and ripe knowledge of a scholar. . . ."

In Poona, Evelyn saw Soonderabai and her work, she says:—

"Some people hardly realize the existence, in Poona, of Soonderabai and her work. I was there this morning. She gave me such a warm welcome, and the girls and children sang and drilled for me. . . ."

These Indian pioneers are grand, and oh! one realizes, as never before, the power of the message of Christ's love, and the transformation in the lives of these poor little women. . . ."

Distribution des Prix à Mansion House.

Samedi le 4 Février, je suis allée à Londres pour assister à la distribution des prix du Grand Concours à Mansion House et pour recevoir nos prix et nos certificats.

Nous nous sommes rendues à Mansion House à quatre heures moins le quart, et nous avons rencontré Miss Terry dehors. Nous sommes entrées dans une salle grande et fort belle, où il y avait beaucoup de dorures. Les candidats se sont assis dans les premiers rangs près de

l'estrade. A quatre heures précises, le Lord-Maire, la Lady Mayoress, l'Ambassadeur de France, et d'autres notabilités, ont pris place sur l'estrade.

Alors on a présenté à la Lady Mayoress un très beau bouquet de fleurs, et Son Excellence M. Paul Cambon a fait un discours très intéressant. Il a dit que le succès de l'enseignement du français en Angleterre lui donnait une grande satisfaction. C'était une preuve tangible des liens de l'Entente Cordiale, "à laquelle nous travaillons depuis tant d'années, et dont Edouard VII., le souverain si regretté, fut un des premiers pionniers."

Puis M. Barrère a lu son rapport dans lequel il a déclaré que les résultats des Concours de 1910, se sont montrés supérieurs à ceux de 1909.

Le Colonel Graham-Thompson, Commandant l'Académie Royale Militaire de Woolwich, a prononcé une allocution intéressante. Il a insisté sur la nécessité d'une solide connaissance de la langue française pour l'officier anglais à Woolwich et à Sandhurst.

Le Lord-Maire était plein d'humour. Il a demandé à M. Barrère comment il pouvait partager les honneurs avec la Lady Mayoress. En réponse, M. Barrère a suggéré que Sa Seigneurie donnerait les prix aux garçons, et sa femme aux jeunes filles. Mais le Lord-Maire n'a pas suivi cette suggestion, en disant que le conseil était mauvais, car il aimait beaucoup les jeunes filles.

Alors la distribution a commencé. Les Ecoles qui ont gagné le plus grand total dans le Grand Concours ont reçu des vases de Sèvres magnifiques ; on a aussi donné des médailles d'or, des bourses de voyage, et de très beaux livres.

La distribution finie, on a proposé un "Vote de remerciements" pour le Lord-Maire et pour la Lady Mayoress. le Lord-Maire a répondu, et en passant a plaisanté sur "le

sourire perpétuel d'approbation" de Son Excellence M. Paul Cambon. Et, à son tour, M. Cambon a donné une réponse très spirituelle.

Cette fonction s'est terminée par une réception très agréable.

G. T. CLARKE, VI. Supérieure.

Société des débats français de la High School. VI.A.

Le 22 Février, il y a eu une réunion de la Société des débats français. Mademoiselle de Sabatier-Plantier a pris le fauteuil présidentiel. Le sujet était :—" Les Anglais jouent avec raison les jeux athlétiques."

V. Horne était le premier membre de la défense. Elle a dit que :—

1. Les jeunes filles d'il y a soixante ans, comme celles des livres de Jane Austin, manquaient de courage, et de force. Aujourd'hui, quand beaucoup de jeunes filles gagnent leur vie, il leur faut ces qualités, et elles les gagnent par les jeux athlétiques.

2. Les jeux athlétiques nous empêchent d'avoir un excès de vanité, et de trop penser à la mode et à nos robes.

3. Ils développent les bonnes qualités, comme la loyauté, l'esprit-de-corps, et ils donnent de la santé.

I. Mann, premier membre de l'opposition, a soutenu que :—

1. Les Françaises ont par nature les qualités que les Anglaises gagnent par leurs jeux.

2. L'éducation intellectuelle est plus importante que l'éducation physique.

3. Dans toutes les écoles françaises il y a des cours de gymnastique, qui ne sont pas si violents que ceux des Anglaises.

La Présidente a dit que les Anglaises jouent trop. Elles deviennent des géantes, avec des maladies de cœur, des mains grosses et laides, sans grâce ni beauté. Quant au courage, quel courage y a-t-il à pousser une petite balle avec un bâton plat ou recourbé ?

Il y avait un argument très animé entre la Présidente et quelques membres sur ce sujet.

La motion était votée avec une majorité de 6.

Mademoiselle la Secrétaire, N. GRISMAN.

School News.

END OF AUTUMN TERM.

On December 15th and 16th, in the afternoon, the School entertained the School; on the first day with piano and violin solos and two piano duets played by those who learn music, and on the second day with recitations, etc., the programme of which was as follows:—

RECITATION—"The Revenge"	<i>Form II.</i>
RECITATION—"Hiawatha"	<i>Form IIIb. Parallel.</i>
TABLEAU—"The announcement of the Wreck of the White Ship to Henry I."	<i>Form I.</i>
SINGING GAME—"Here we dance looby loo"	<i>Forms I. and II.</i>
ROUND—"White Sand and Grey"	<i>Upper School.</i>
PLAY—"L'Ours et les deux Compagnons"	<i>Form VIb.</i>
TABLEAUX—(a) "The Trial of Queen Katharine"	<i>Form IIIa.</i>
(b) "Margaret Roper meeting Sir Thomas More on his way to execution."	
SCENES FROM "As you like it"	<i>Form V.</i>
SONG—"Well of St. Keyne"	<i>Middle School.</i>
PLAY—"Le Coq et le Renard"	<i>Form VIIa.</i>
GAVOTTE, by Rameau	<i>Orchestra.</i>

MARK READING

was on December 20th. The following girls left—Janet Tree (the Præfect of the School), G. Conan Davies, K. Dawson, P. Goodbody, H. Hatton, M. Harvey, C. Lees, M. Mercer, D. Newcomb, P. Norman, B. Parker, P. Webb, M. Williams. S. Beven also left earlier in the term to go back to her home in Ceylon.

Ethel Crisp, who has been many years in the School, first as a girl, and then as a student, left; we are very glad that she has an excellent post as Head of the Kindergarten and Mistress of Form I. at the Dudley High School; she has six students under her.

SPRING TERM.

School re-opened on January 18th with three new children.

Miss Belcher was not well enough to return at the beginning of term, and her work was excellently taken until the half-term by her former schoolfellow, Miss O'Maley.

On January 28th, the Staff gave a Dance to the Upper School in the Large Hall, from 5.45 to 8.30. The Hall was decorated with plants, Chinese lanterns, etc., and there were refreshments in the Kindergarten. A novel feature in the programme was a Cotillon; in the first figure of this, partners were chosen by means of duplicate bows of ribbon; in the second figure, a sheet was held up, and the "ladies" put a foot underneath it, and the "gentlemen" trod gently on the toes of the one with whom they wished to dance; in the third figure, all who had "Alice" or "Mary" in their names sat down, and held up a hand-glass; those who wished to dance with them, looked over their shoulders, and were either accepted or rejected by being wiped off the mirror. At the end of the dance, "Auld Lang Syne" was sung, and then everyone said good-bye, having greatly enjoyed the evening.

On February 1st, several Mistresses and a good many senior girls went to see a most excellent performance of "Le Bourgeois Gentilhomme," given by M. Roubard's Parisian Company, in the King's Hall, Worcester. Most had studied the play beforehand somewhat, and could follow perfectly. The acting was very good, and M. Jourdain, especially, evoked much laughter in the scenes where the different "maîtres" endeavour to win his favour and teach him their various arts, and again in the scene where, much to his delight, he is created a "Mamamouchi." No wonder Mmc. Jourdain wore a consistently worried expression!

THE CONFIRMATION

Is to be in the Cathedral on Wednesday, March 29th.

THE ONE DAY'S RETREAT

Is fixed for April 7th and 8th. The Conductor will be the Rev. F. W. Cooper, Rector of Prestwich, Manchester, who was the Missioner to New S. Martin's Parish last November. All Old Girls, who are Communicants, will be welcome at any of the Services to which they can come.

TIME TABLE.

Friday, April 7th.

7.0 p.m. First Address.

Saturday, April 8th.

8.0 a.m. Celebration of Holy Communion.

10.30 a.m. Mattins, with Address.

12.30 p.m. Metrical Litany and Intercessions.

3.0 p.m. Office, with Admissions and Address.

5.0 p.m. Evensong, with Address.

MISSION GUILD.

On November 22nd, Evelyn Gedge, an Old Girl who is working under the C.M.S., spoke to the School on her work in India; we print elsewhere a letter received from her.

On December 6th, Emily Glen-Bott, who was formerly a Kindergarten student, spoke to the girls at Work-party about her work in Kobe, Japan, under the S.P.G. She told us many interesting things about Japanese life, and gave us an account of the Kindergarten in which she worked. She also brought us news of Dorothy Gregson, who hopes to come home next year on furlough.

On Tuesday, January 31st, we had a visit from Miss Alice Moberly, who has been appointed by the S.P.G. Society as a Secretary for the special work of speaking in Girls' Schools, and organizing Branches of King's Workers and King's Messengers.

She gave an inspiring Address after prayers in the morning; and in the afternoon came to the Mission Work-party, and allowed herself to be questioned as much as we liked.

All this prepared the way for the gathering in S. Oswald's on Saturday afternoon, February 25th, when the Chapel was nearly filled with High School girls, and the Precentor gave an Address (which we report elsewhere), and afterwards admitted eleven new King's Messengers.

Thirty-six King's Messengers then came into tea at the High School, and welcomed Miss Belcher, who had returned the day before.

We are glad that a large number of girls are taking Missionary Magazines ; and some of the elder girls are using the Junior Quarterly Intercession Paper.

The following are the girls who were admitted as King's Messengers :—
V. Lane, D. Holland, M. England, J. Peake, V. Browne, A. de Saram, A. Smith, G. Beauchamp, M. Quarterman, M. Wilson, M. Grisman.

At the end of the Autumn Term parcels of clothing were sent to :—

The Free Registry, Worcester.
The General Infirmary, Worcester.
S. Lawrence's Home, Worcester.
Mrs. Claughton (for S. Andrew's Parish).
The Refuge, Worcester.
Sister Jane, Field House, Worcester.
S. Cadoc's Home, Caerleon.
S. Augustine's, Stepney.
S. Peter's Home, Kilburn.
S. John Baptist's Mission House, Newport.

EXAMINATIONS.

Students. Muriel Day has gained a 1st Class in the Examination for the Cambridge Teachers' Training Diploma.

Ethel Crisp has gained the Higher Certificate, Part II., of the N.F.U., with a 1st Class in History of Education.

Girls. In November, M. Brierley passed the Intermediate R.A.M. and R.C.M. Local Centre Examination (piano); and M. Wilson and E. Brewer gained Distinction in the Higher Division of the R.A.M. and R.C.M. Schools Examination (piano).

M. Barrère's Concours.

Concours des Lauréats. Autumn Term, December.

<i>1er Prix.</i>	Narration.	G. Clarke.
<i>Mention.</i>	Degré Intermediaire.	D. Chappel.
<i>Prix.</i>	„ Elémentaire.	M. Ottley.
„	„ Enfantin.	M. Marriott.
<i>Mention.</i>	„ „	M. Grisman.

On February 4th, G. Clarke went to the Mansion House to receive these Prizes and Certificates.

Concours Mensuels. Spring Term, February.

<i>2^e Prix.</i>	Narration.	G. Clarke.
<i>Mention.</i>	Degré Supérieur.	G. Clarke.
„	„ Intermediaire.	I. Møgridge.
„	„ „	L. Spencer.
„	„ Infantin.	M. Grisman.

Owing to a mistake, G. Josland's name was omitted from the List of Winners of Certificates in the account of Speech Day. She received a Pass Certificate of the Oxford Junior Local Examination.

GAMES.

HOCKEY.

SCHOOL MATCHES.

On December 9th—Present *v.* Old Girls. Played at home. Won by the Old Girls, 5—4. The Old Girls were represented by:—*Forwards*—F. Abell, N. Baker, M. Graves, Maud Bates, M. Walpole-Simmons. *Half-backs*—M. Abell, D. Gardner, C. Morris. *Backs*—E. Underwood, M. Kay. *Goal*—G. Underwood.

On March 4th—1st XI. *v.* 1st XI. The Abbey. This match was begun but had to be stopped at half-time owing to the rain. Worcester then led by 3 goals.

On March 11th—1st XI. *v.* Hereford High School. Won by Worcester, 6—0.

On March 18th—1st XI. *v.* 1st XI. The Abbey. Played at home. Won by Worcester, 3—1.

HOUSE MATCHES.

On February 11th—Springfield and Baskerville *v.* The Day Girls. Won by the Day Girls, 3—2.

On February 18th—Baskerville *v.* Vigornia. Won by Vigornia, 6—1.

FORM MATCHES.

On February 2nd—IVA. *v.* IIIA. Won by IVA., 7—3.

On February 3rd—VI. *v.* V. Won by VI., 2—1.

On March 15th—VI. *v.* IVA. Won by VI., 5—1. VI. therefore holds the Shield for the year.

