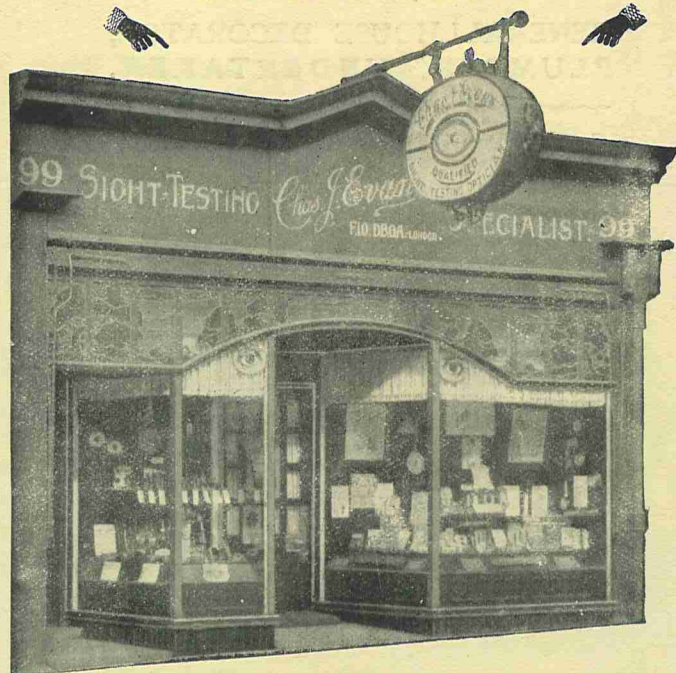


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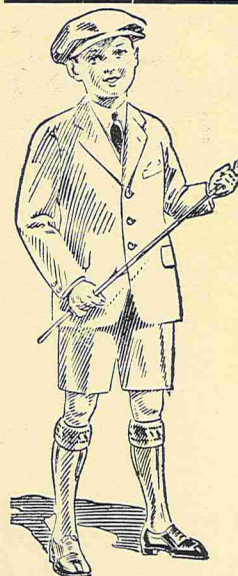
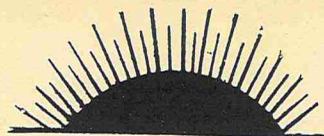


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SCHOOL CALENDAR, 1926—1927.

Autumn Term, 1926.

Term begins	Wednesday, September 22nd.
Half term	Monday, November 8th.
Term ends	Wednesday, December 22nd.
Old Boys' Football Match	Saturday, January 1st.

Spring Term, 1927.

Term begins	Wednesday, January 12th.
Half term	Monday, February 28th.
Term ends	Wednesday, April 6th.
Old Boys' Football Match	Tuesday, April 19th.

Summer Term, 1927.

Term begins	Wednesday, May 4th.
Whit Monday	Monday, June 6th.
Old Boys' Cricket Match	Saturday, June 18th.
Old Girls' Tennis Match	
Half term	Monday, June 20th.
Sports' Day	Thursday, June 30th.
School Entrance Exam.	Saturday, July 9th.
Cambridge Exam. begins	Monday, July 12th.
Cambridge Exam. ends	Friday, July 22nd.
Term ends	Wednesday, July 27th.

EDITOR'S NOTE.

Contributions for the next issue of the Magazine
should be sent in no later than TUESDAY,
NOVEMBER 8th.

Please write legibly in ink on one side of the
paper; leave a margin, and fasten your papers
carefully together.

We beg to thank all our contributors to this
issue, for their very varied efforts, and we hope they
will continue to write for us and will endeavour to
persuade their friends to join with them in our next
issue.

PRESENTATIONS.

On the last day of term Miss Ling, on behalf of the Scholars and Staff, presented to Miss Ross a Silver Tray and Tea Service on the occasion of her coming marriage to Mr. Durling, in view of which, she has resigned her school duties for those of a broader kind. Miss Ling spoke highly and appreciatively of the services which Miss Ross had rendered to the work and life of the School and wished her the best possible happiness in her new sphere of life. Miss Ross and Mr. Durling, amidst a great ovation, thanked the Staff and Scholars for their warm praise and splendid gift and declared that the occasion would never fade out of their memory so long as there was a cup of tea to be had in the land.

A little later, Mr. Neal, on behalf of Staff and Scholars presented to Mr. Williams an oak clock as a token of the appreciation of his work and interest in the School over several years. It is well known that Mr. Williams, who served throughout the Great War and who is still suffering from wounds received there, is keen to return to the warmer climate of South Africa, and with great lustiness the Staff and Scholars wished him and Mrs. Williams and family a happy and successful future.

Finally, Collen, Captain of the School and Cricket Captain, together with Tripp, the Vice-Captain, received amid warm enthusiasm, a cricket ball as an appreciation by the School of their excellent performances during his last and most successful season.

PRIZE DISTRIBUTION, 1924—25.

The Annual Prize Distribution took place quietly within the precincts of the School on Thursday, July 4th, in the presence of the Chairman of the Higher Education Committee (Dr. Hutchinson), Major Selwyn Humphrey, Mr. E. Tuttle, Mrs. Adams and Mrs. Craig. Letters of apology for absence were received by the Headmaster from Mr. Culf and Miss Doughty.

Mrs. Adams kindly consented to distribute the prizes. During the proceedings it was announced that Dr. Hutchinson had kindly presented to the School an exquisite bronze statuette, to be awarded as an annual trophy to the House which gains the best points for Sports in the year. We here publicly tender our best thanks to Dr. Hutchinson for his generous gift.

THE PRIZE LIST.

Certificates were awarded to:—

Boys—

Bushel; Ayres; Bailey; Baldry; Bayfield; Bell; Coleman; Cooper; Edwards; Foster; Gowers; Harding; Lang; Larter; Long; Mallett; Potter; Pye; Tripp; Wade; Wilsher;

Girls—

W. Beckett; K. Brown; L. Daniels; L. May; M. Rising; M. Talbot; C. Woodward.

Form Prizes—

Prep.	1 Robertson	Ic.	1 P. Saunders
	2 J. Thain		2 Tovell
Ia.	1 Newson	Ib.	Farrow
	2 Wilby		Woosnam
Ila.	1 Walne	Ilb.	1 Soanes
	2 Beard		2 Dodge
IIla.	1 Finn	IIlb.	1 Beckett, K.
	2 Grimmer		2 Lewis, J.
IIlc.	1 M. Cannell	IIId.	1 Strong
	2 B. Brown		2 D. Pitcher
IVa.	1 R. Easto	IVb.	1 Kilham
	2 O. Brown		2 Lockwood

PUBLIC EXAMINATION.

School Certificate Examination.

Bailey; Harding; M. Talbot; Coleman; Lang.

Higher School Certificate Examination.

Harding; J. Evans; D. Charter; E. Ladbrook.

Special Prizes given by Miss Ling.

Holy Scripture	O. Brown.
Botany	M. Talbot.

At the conclusion of the Distribution of Prizes, a short Play, given by the Preparatory School under the direction of Miss Fordham, and dances under direction of Miss Walsh, were performed and were greatly enjoyed by all present.

PICTURES IN THE FIRE.

'Tis pleasant by the fire to sit,
Before the evening lamps are lit,
The friendly twilight all around,
The kettle making cheerful sound.

With chin in palm and book on knee,
I sit in dreamy reverie.
And in the firelight's ruddy glow
I watch the pictures come and go.

Castles with battlements appear:
Fiery steeds with knight and spear—
Squires and jesters; bowmen bold
Marching thro' the flames of gold.

Elves and fairies, happy all
Dancing in a fiery hall.
Princes bold and ladies gay
Passing by in grand array.

Fields I see, with birds and flowers.
Garden paths and maiden's bowers,
Shady trees and stately halls,
Golden fruit on sunny walls.

Now I see in pleasant dream
A little cottage by a stream,
With roof of reeds and windows small,
Behind, the forest dark and tall.

But hark! the sound of opening door,
And in a flash my dreams are o'er.
The lamps are lit, 'tis time for tea,
My pictures bright no more I see.

JOAN FAIRHEAD,
Nightingale House.

BOYS' HOLIDAY CAMP—

Hayfield, Derbyshire.

The site of the Boys' Holiday Camp was in the Kinder District of the Peak, about one and a half miles from the village of Hayfield.

The journey by way of March, Spalding, Lincoln and Sheffield proved most interesting, especially to the younger members of the party, whose exclamations frequently rang out in our corridor coach. We were unfortunate enough to miss our connection at Guide Bridge, but this did not damp our spirits, especially as our arrival took place in fine weather.

The advance party, in spite of numerous difficulties, had done their work very well, our tents being situated in line on a ridge at the top of a very steep field, with a small gully on the top side. Thus we were prepared for rain, and anything short of a water spout would have left us unmoved. We were eleven hundred above sea level, and about three hundred above the valley on whose flank we were situated. Above us, Kinder Low rose to over two thousand, and across the valley was Mount Famine, over sixteen hundred feet.

On two days only were we prevented from carrying out our programme as arranged, and on each of these after a wet morning we experienced a fine afternoon, so that other excursions could be substituted.

Diary—

August 4th.—Arrival of Advance Party.

August 6th.—Arrival of Main Party.

August 7th.—Visits to Hayfield and short walks in the vicinity of Camp.

August 8th.—One party by way of the Snake and Doctor's Gate to Glossop. Others over Mount Famine; to Edale by the Snake Inn; or to Kinder Low and Scout.

August 9th.—Rest day in Camp; cricket and various shorter walks.

August 10th.—Wet morning; Castleton visit postponed to

August 11th, Wednesday—On our way out over the shoulder of Kinder and by Jacob's Ladder we

were drenched by rain storms. Crossing the Edale Valley the weather improved, and with a drying wind, we were soon more comfortable. At Castleton we visited the Blue John and Speedwell Mines, and the Peak Cavern.

August 12th.—Oldham: here we visited in the morning the largest textile engineering works in the world—Messrs. Platt Bros., of Oldham. In the works we visited, Messrs. Platt Bros. employ something like 7,000 men. In the afternoon, we had demonstrated to us the cotton process of the Kent Mill, Chadderton.

August 13th.—Our first visit to Manchester. In the morning we saw through the Ford Motor Works at Old Trafford. In the afternoon, by the courtesy of the Master, we saw, from the Strangers' Gallery of the Manchester Royal Cotton Exchange, about four thousand members carrying out transactions. This is about half of the normal number.

Later in the afternoon we went through the offices and works of the Manchester Evening Chronicle (Allied Press).

August 14th.—Manchester Fire Station, Manchester Docks, including the merchant liner, "*Pacific Skipper*."

August 15th.—Wet morning. Church in the evening.

August 16th.—One party to Manchester and the Belle Vue Zoological Gardens. Remainder short excursions or cricket in Camp.

August 17th.—Stockport Power Station, Stockport Gas Works, Messrs. Sutton's Hat Factory.

August 18th.—Wet morning: proposed walk through the Goyt Valley to Bextan cancelled.

August 19th.—Stockport Water Works and filter house at Kinder Reservoir. Clough Mill, Hayfield, where we saw the cotton spinning and weaving processes.

August 20th.—Return home in fine weather.

August 21st.—Rear party returned.

THE HIGH-ROAD OF FINANCE.

I read that in Calgary, where Oil is busily engaged in Booming, even schoolboys are investing their pocket money in oil, and study the financial pages with the best. It would considerably brighten our dull and uneventful lives, I think, if something began to boom here, to relieve the extremely amateurish efforts of the half-past-twelve siren (or hooter) which up to the time of writing has only managed a plaintive shriek. We have very little here, really, that could be persuaded either to boom, drop, rise, soar, fall, be bulled, beared, made a corper in, or anything else that does happen to stock; except perhaps marshes, and of late years they seem to have fallen considerably from favour.

Ink, possibly would do. There would be a good deal of competition for a corner in ink, I fancy, for "writing homework," that bugbear, would automatically cease until the precious fluid were put back into circulation. In the ordinary course of things, the Magazine would have a Financial Page, containing such information as:—

INKS.

Un't'd Muds	66—3/8—5/8
Invisibles	101—33/126
Dilutino Very Pales	42

MARBLES.

Glarnies (6-5) Pfds.	209
Bunnoes Ord.	98
Bunnoes Pfds.	99—126/127
Pops	43—2/7

And the Financial Correspondent would observe chattily—"Inks remained steady, United Muds being extremely thick. Invisibles and Dilutinos very quiet indeed, rising respectively 1/126 and 2/5. Marbles somewhat louder, Glarnies (6-5) Pfds. soaring 39 above yesterday and bunnoes (Pfds.) sagging 1/127. The rest fairly quiet except for loud Pops."

There would be another advantage in it. The juvenile financiers would be able to talk under cover of the ticking of the tape machine. In short, I really think something ought to be done to set the scheme on foot.

R. M.

THE ROSE FAIRY.

In the heart of a budding rose
A little fairy has her home,
On a heath where grows the heather
With the gorse and yellow broom.
She helps the children to be good,
Always to please their mother,
And not to fight and get annoyed,
But try to love each other.

MARJORIE COOPER, IIa.

A HAUNTED HOUSE.

Mr. Jones shivered. It certainly was a cold night and the rain was falling ceaselessly. Wet through, and fatigued, he quickened his pace and gained the shelter of a deserted railway arch. He shook the rain from his threadbare coat and looked around. In the distance he could dimly descry a house, situated in the middle of an extensive garden. Drawing his coat round his shoulders, he crossed the road, and entered the garden gate with the intention of asking for shelter. He went to the back-door and knocked, and hearing no sound within, decided that it was futile to wait. He would have turned away, but, at that moment, the rain descended in such torrential fury, that he set aside all scruples, and entered. The kitchen was in a state of perfect order, but nobody was in sight, and an almost deathly silence pervaded the atmosphere. He conjectured that something was wrong. He entered all the rooms, but with the same result. There could be no harm, he thought, in resting awhile in one of the armchairs in the dining room. He carried out his intention and reclined in a comfortable position, with his feet on the mantelpiece. It was in this attitude that he fell asleep.

He had scarcely been asleep an hour, when horrible cries rent the air. He leapt up, knocking from the mantelshelf a china clock which broke into countless pieces. He waited. Not a sound could be heard in the stillness of the night. Nothing daunted, he resumed his inelegant posture which he had just quitted so abruptly. No sooner had Mr. Jones settled down, than cries more piercing than before, rang out. Trembling with fear and cold, he rushed out of the room, his steps re-echoing upon the uncarpeted hall. Instinct led him to the kitchen, where a horrible sight met his gaze. On the floor was a man with his head chopped off, whilst beside him, there sat a beau-

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tiful lady who was vainly endeavouring to make the severed head resume its natural position. Horrible vision!—but worse was still to come. From the pantry incessant shrieks emanated. Mr. Jones opened the door, and was amazed to see four heads, freshly severed from bodies. It was from these heads that the cries came. Passing his hand across his brow to wipe off the perspiration that had gathered there, he listened to what the heads were trying to say. They directed him to go into the bedroom at the father end of the landing. He went. Here he saw a figure which, from its clothes, he knew to be that of Mephistopheles. This latter presented a very formidable appearance. With his fork he was playfully prodding bodies which he was attempting to roast on the fire. Mr. Jones could stand no more. He rushed from the room and reached the garden. His troubles, however, were not yet ended, for the devil, followed by the beautiful young lady, the bodies and the five heads, dogged his steps. All round the garden, panting and trembling, ran Mr. Jones. Likewise did his pursuers, who, however hard they ran, could not catch him. With a tremendous effort, he managed to gain the shelter of the pantry and to shut the door. He heard his enemies go upstairs and, unable to restrain himself, followed them. He arrived at the bedroom door just in time to see Mephistopheles with his companions step into the fireplace and vanish up the chimney. All was silent for a moment, but soon moaning and whistling could be heard.

Terrified by his visions, Mr. Jones, without delay, rushed downstairs, out of the garden gate to the railway arch. Oh! had he but stopped there! What should he do now? He was too cold to stand still, so he walked to the end of the arch, when, bump! "Hi! why can't yer look where yer going?" sounded in his ear. An irate policeman shook him by the arm. Mr. Jones woke up! He blinked. He yawned. Beside him stood a policeman, who requested him to get up and move on. He did so, and was exceedingly surprised to see opposite him a brilliant poster, on which were portrayed many of the characters of his dream. He read, "Do not fail to visit X's circus." "No," thought Mr. Jones, "I certainly will not, after seeing the conjuring Mephistopheles and the lady who can do such wonderful feats as putting severed heads on their respective bodies in that haunted house. I should waste a vast amount of money." His thoughts were justifiable.

Mr. Jones did as the constable asked him. He moved on, deciding that the next time it was pouring with rain, he would not choose as his shelter a railway arch where he could see brilliant posters and hear the shrieks of trains passing overhead.

K. BROWN, VI.

THE OLD-FASHIONED SOWER.

See, there goes the old-fashioned sower,
Relic of an age that's gone,
He scatters his seed o'er the barren earth,
And passes on.
Soon he returns with well-worn scythe,
To gather the harvest in;
And works with joy from morn till noon—
Content within.
He holds the secret of this world,
And does ambition shun,
For cares and trials pass him by,
Quite overcome.
When at last his final harvest's done,
And life for him's no more,
The earth another gracious soul has lost,
For evermore.

G. COLLEN.

A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF A COUNTRY HOLIDAY.

Have you ever tasted the delights of a holiday spent in a quiet country village? If you are a villager yourself you will probably turn up your nose at my question, on the other hand, if your days are spent in the bustling town, you will be with me in all that I say.

For my part, I can think of nothing more heavenly than to wake up early in the morning, with the sun streaming in at the open window, and the delicious smell of the honeysuckle, while chanticleer heralds the morning labours.

A race round the orchard with Gyp, the terrier, at my heels, and I am very much ready for breakfast, the appetising odour of which calls me through the half-open kitchen door.

The morning passes far too quickly—for the most part we play tennis, although our tournament is somewhat spoilt by the disappearance of sundry competitors in the direction of the orchard. Nevertheless, we are

prepared to break all records in the consuming of an early lunch. As the sun reaches the highest point in the sky I hie myself off to a hammock in a shady nook, at a convenient distance from the aforementioned orchard. Lazing away about three hours thus, it is then usual to scramble to the kitchen to see who shall be honoured with a can so that the evening milk may be fetched. A delightful stroll through meadows of rich grass, and the old farmhouse is reached. How comical the old cows look as, while being milked, they stand placidly chewing the cud; it seems that those big brown eyes will gradually close and that the owner will fall fast asleep!

Tea consists chiefly of luscious strawberries with generous quantities of thick, rich cream; that is one of the most enviable advantages of living in the country with a garden of one's own, for one can have numerous helpings of strawberries without being reminded that the supply is dwindling. Usually after tea is the time for a row on the river, which (in the particular village of which I am thinking) is one of the beautiful features of the neighbourhood. Nowadays my chief ambition is to be able to row as quickly and as far as my tall cousin, without getting "puffed"; once upon a time, all I indulged in was sitting in the stern with bare legs dangling in the running water. Once we overturned the boat in trying to reach some water-lilies! However, we managed to swim to the bank and haul the boat in with a boat-hook without further mishap.

One of the most interesting, though quiet, days in the village is Sunday. Contrary to Sunday morning customs in town, one rises early with a long walk before breakfast. The morning service is attended by the whole family, as a rule. Sometimes, after a cold lunch we go down to the river and sit, under the willows, in the moored punt; at other times the hammock in the orchard is more attractive.

One of the things I look forward to a country Sunday for, is to hear the pealing of the evening bells—I love to listen to the simple hymn tunes, as they are slowly rung out by the labouring efforts of the aged bell-ringer. Sometimes he makes a mistake, or sometimes even, he merges from one tune to another half-way through. Yet this is unnoticed by the simple villagers, they would as lief turn old Solomon from his post as they would pull their dearly beloved church down—and I love them for it!

Thousands of people on holiday during the summer months go to all parts of the world—France, Switzerland, Italy and Spain, but give me my holiday in this village. The worst of it is that one is so unsettled on the return to the daily routine; yet, I suppose, it is the way of the world.

D. ALDOUS, V.

A VISIT FROM THE DOCTOR.

I think the worst of an illness is waiting for the arrival of the doctor. Every car that enters the road or every knock at the door seems to send a quick thrill of fear or perhaps hope through one's body.

There is a ring at the door—hurrying footsteps are heard in the regions below. One gets flustered, puts the pillows straight and then tries to assume an air of placid contentment. It is a false alarm and only the usual question is heard, "Any fruit or vegetables to-day, ma'am." With a sigh of relief one opens the book which is being read very vaguely.

At last the fatal moment comes—a car stops outside—the bell is rung—hurrying footsteps are heard below—and then the terrible "Good-morning, doctor," is audible, which destroys all hope of it being an errand-boy or anyone but a doctor.

A muffled thump, thump of big feet on the stairs is heard. It seems an age before—(Oh! the agonies one is going through) the door opens and in walks the doctor accompanied by the mistress of the house.

The first thing that appears of any interest in the room is the person concerned, on whom his intelligent eyes rest. He then glances out of the window and remarks about the weather whilst adjusting his spectacles. He draws out a few necessary instruments and begins business.

There is an interval of silence.

Whilst putting away his instruments he gives orders about the required medicine and departs. The room seems like a calm haven after the storm, when the door is closed.

If the doctor goes out with a cheerful "Good-morning," hope for the best, but if there is a long discussion fear the worst. But in any case one should always hope for the best, even if it is doubtful.

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OVERHEARD IN THE DINNER-HOUR.

Scene:—Girls' asphalt.

Characters:—Four schoolgirls.

They are presumably learning Latin grammar.

First damsel:—I'll ask you, and you tell me in Latin. Cough?

Second damsel:—hack, hackris.

(Much laughter.)

First damsel:—The verb 'to observe'?

Third damsel:—specto, spectare, spectavi, spectatum. (To second damsel) is that right?

Second damsel:—I 'spect so.

First damsel:—Latin for bronze?

Second damsel:—Attempting to be witty—

"Have an aes, Aeris."

(The unfortunate damsel is borne away protesting, by her compassionate friends).

EAVESDROPPER.

A FAIRY TALE BY THE HEAVENLY
TWINS OF IIA.

Once upon a time an old woman lived in the middle of a dark wood. Her cottage, however, stood in a little clearing which every day was flooded with sunshine. The old woman, who was called Dame Gentle, lived up to her name in every respect, for, when weary travellers passed she invited them in and set before them her simple fare. Then she would show them the way out of the wood.

One day a fairy prince, in the disguise of a poor pedlar, went to the cottage to see if she was really as kind-hearted and courteous as the travellers had said. He knocked at the little door and Dame Gentle opened it. Then he saw that she was just as sweet as he had been told. She wore a black gown and a little white apron, while her silver hair gleamed in the sunshine.

"I am a poor pedlar,

I know not my way.

Oh! please will you help me

To find it to-day?"

he said.

"Why, certainly, sir," she replied with a sweet smile. "But won't you to stay to dinner first?"

"Nay, madam, I cannot," he said, "but thank you kindly all the same."

"Well, then, follow this tiny path till you come to a red post, then turn to the right and keep straight on," she directed. The prince thanked her and went

on. When he was a little distance from the cottage he chanted,—

“ Little Fairy of the air,
Show me with your wand so fair,
How to make this dame my wife,
I love her as I love my life.”

Immediately a tiny fairy appeared and said, “ I will turn her into a princess and her cottage into a fairy palace.” Then she tapped her wand twice on the ground. Everything happened as she had said. Dame Gentle came running from her palace, a beautiful young princess with golden hair and blue eyes. She fell into the prince's arms, and then and there they were married by a little fairy clergyman. They lived happily ever after in the palace, always doing good to poor travellers.

THE HEAVENLY TWINS OF IIA.

SPORTS.

Sports Day is an event which is always anticipated with the keenest interest, and the seventh annual sports on the School field on Thursday afternoon was no exception. Those responsible for the arrangement of the day's programme found ample reward in the excellence of the achievements of the pupils who took part, and in the large crowd of parents and friends who were present. The standard of athletics in this School is well known, Mr. McArthur (principal) and staff being encouraged in the belief that with due regard to the moral and physical fitness of the pupil, intellectual advancement invariably follows. Few schools are better equipped in all the essentials of an up-to-date school, and the controlling authority have periodical opportunities of testifying to the high standard of efficiency which is maintained. Amongst those who were present and “ saw for themselves ” on Thursday were Dr. D. H. Hutchinson (Chairman of the Education Committee), Major Humphery, Mrs. Craig (Hopton) and Mrs. H. C. Adams (members), Councillor and Mrs. Savage, and Dr. Stott (Medical Officer of Health), and many other prominent townsfolk.

With the exception of Major Humphery, who usually renders able service, the programme was carried through entirely by members of the teaching staff. The starter was Major Humphery.

Girls' Events.

100 yards, under 11—1 W. Bussey, 2 M. Fairhead, 3 M. Payne; time, 15 1-5 sec. 100 yards, under 14—1 G. Wigg, 2 M. Smith, 3 M. Cooper; time, 13 4-5 sec. 100 yards, over 14—1 Porter, 2 Turrell, 3 Burwood. 220 yards, over 14—1 Porter, 2 Turrell, 3 Burwood; time, 31 3-5 sec. 200 yards, under 14—1 M. Smith, 2 M. Cooper, 3 B. Mobbs; time, 30 1-5 sec. Hobble and Poodle, over 14—1 E. Rogers and J. Lewis, 2 B. Brown and E. Woodgate, 3 V. Rayment and J. Howell. Hobble and Poodle, under 14—1 Hammett and Roll, 2 M. Smith and O. Andrews. Three-legged, over 14—1 Turrell and Porter, 2 Nichols and Morecroft, 3 Lawton and Austrin. Three-legged, under 14—1 Mobbs and Pearson, 2 Wigg and Wigg, 3 Hammett and Roll. Egg and Spoon, over 14—1 E. Rogers, 2 J. Austrin, 3 J. Lewis. Egg and Spoon, under 14—1 G. E. Wigg, 2 G. Evans, 3 V. Aldrich. Slow Cycle—K. Lawton. 440 yards house relay, over 14—1 Grace Darling House, 2 E. Cavell House, 3 Florence Nightingale House, 4 St. Margaret's House. 440 yards house relay, under 14—1 Grace Darling House, 2 Florence Nightingale House, 3 E. Cavell House, 4 St. Margaret's House. High Jump, over 14—1 J. Lewis (4ft.), 2 Mallerton (3ft. 11ins.), 3 Sturrell (3ft. 10ins.). High Jump, under 14—1 M. Cooper (3ft. 9ins.), 2 B. Mobbs, 3 G. Wigg.

Events previously decided:—Long Jump, over 14—1 D. Porter (13ft. 7in.), 2 N. Burwood (13ft. 6in.). Long jump, under 14—1 G. E. Wigg (12ft. 2in.), 2 M. Peck (11ft. 6in.).

Victrix Ludorum—D. Porter, 18 points; runner up, S. Turrell, 10 points.

Boys' Events.

100 yards, 11 to 12½—1 Knowles, 2 D. Lang, 3 R. Cooper; time, 13 sec. 100 yards, 12½ to 14—1 Baxter, 2 Tweedle, 3 Turrell; time, 12 2-5 sec. 100 yards, over 14—1 Collen, 2 Crossland, 3 Stevens; time, 11 sec. 220 yards, over 14—1 Crossland, 2 Collen, 3 Stevens; time, 25 2-5 sec. 200 yards, under 14—1 Baxter, 2 Osborne, 3 Richards; time, 25 3-5 sec. Half mile, open—1 J. Bayfield, 2 Peck, 3 Baker; time, 2min. 27 3-5 sec. Sack, over 14—1 Miller, 2 Utting, 3 Stevens. Sack under 14—1 Thain, 2 Pye, 3 Chambers. Obstacle, over 14—1 Stevens, 2 Cutting. Obstacle, under 14—1 Long, 2 Rushmore. Slow cycle—Mewse. Three-legged,

under 14—1 Goldspink and Wright, 2 Newson and Rushmore, 3 Jones and Stone. High jump, over 14—1 J. Bayfield (4ft. 10in.), 2 Morecroft 4ft. 9in.), 3 J. Lewis and A. Beckett (4ft. 8in.). High jump, under 14—1 Tovell (4ft. 2in.), 2 Solomon and Turrell (4ft.), 3 Wright. 880 yards house relay, over 14—1 Athenians, 2 Trojans, 3 Romans, 4 Spartans. 440 yards house relay, under 14—1 Romans, 2 Athenians, 3 Trojans, 4 Spartans. Tug of war—1 Athenians, 2 Trojans.

Events previously decided:—Throwing cricket ball—1 Collen (102½ yards), 2 Bayfield and Tripp (85 yards). Long jump, over 14—1 Collen (18ft. 5in.), 2 Stevens (16ft. 5in.). Long jump, under 14—1 Baxter (14ft. 10in.), 2 Wright (14ft.). Cross country, over 14—1 Bayfield, 2 Baker, 3 A. Beckett. Cross country, under 14—1 Goldspink, 2 Hines.

Victor Ludorum—J. Bayfield, 22 Points: runners up, Collen 16 points, Stevens 14 points.

A TITBIT FROM IIB.

Mistress:—Give me the name of a division in France in the reign of Henry II?

Bright boy:—Quebec.

R. E. Y.

ITEMS OF NEWS FROM ID.

This form, which has always tried to help the local hospital in a modest way, has now collected about 1½ stones of tin-foil, which are to be sold in aid of that institution.

On May 19th, the Headmaster gave permission for the form to be taken on a nature study ramble through Gunton Woods, from 9.45 a.m. until 12.15. Miss Fowler kindly threw the whole of her grounds open to us, and, as the weather was kind, we spent a most enjoyable morning, finding over thirty plants in flower. Excitement ran high when a nest of field mice was disturbed, and later when a huge hare dashed out of the long grass at our feet.

The children of Id. are now trying to do without all minor punishments, and a scheme has been started by which children who consider that they have done their best, both in work and behaviour, apply for badges. Their application is only accepted and the badge granted, if they have been satisfactory in every way. So far the scheme has worked very well in most cases, and there has been a decided improvement in work and conduct.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR.

London,

April 25th.

Dear Sir,

No doubt you've heard by now that I am away from Lowestoft, and that I'm employed by Harrods, in their Optical Department.

I found that I didn't miss "the crowd" at Lowestoft much on coming away, but I did miss them on coming away at Easter.

Life up here is so much different from what it is down at home. One gets so much entertainment by just wandering about and keeping one's eyes open. I thought at one time I should never go away from Lowestoft, but I'm glad in a way that I have now, but its fine to look forward to coming home for a holiday.

Harrods make fine provision for sport and social life. They boast that their sports' ground is the largest in London. It covers twenty-four acres.

A trial cricket match was played yesterday in which I played. Unfortunately, I was put in the two elevens containing the best players so I did not shine. I batted for eleven overs, giving no chances and scoring only four runs. The pitch was in beautiful condition, as is the whole field, which is cut and rolled all over.

The Club House leaves nothing to be desired, containing dressing-rooms, lounges, a café, ball-room, billiard rooms, etc. The Members, too, are a very sociable crowd and make newcomers very much at home. The "sub." for all this is only 2d. per week, and this entitles one to all sports catered for.

In spite of all Bayfield's attempts to prove that the magazine is on the verge of falling, it still seems to carry on, and I enjoyed the last number. To read about the doings of the School is much more entertaining when you have left. I certainly have appreciated the Magazine more since I left than I did before. It compares with letter writing. My friends at Lowestoft don't realize what a letter is to a person away from home, and I have a job to get letters at all, though B— responded like a hero. The others, like I used to, just don't trouble.

I believe you ask for criticism of the Magazine. In my opinion, a little more M—, and a little less B— would be better.

I remain,

Yours sincerely,

AN OLD BOY.

TENNIS NOTES, 1926.

The weather this term has not been altogether ideal for tennis, but the courts have been in use on every possible occasion.

Contrary to expectations, the day fixed for the Annual Tournament against the Old Girls (June 19th) proved not only fine, but hot. Wet weather during the previous fortnight had given us very little opportunity for practice, but we were hoping nevertheless to put up a good fight.

The School was represented by:—

Miss Walsh and J. Evans
J. Lewis and M. Allerton
R. Easto and N. Miller
J. Beckett and N. Burwood.

A most enjoyable afternoon was spent, and play was very close till five o'clock. We then stopped for tea, the score being 45 games all.

We have to thank the Old Girls for an excellent meal, accompanied by less speech-making than usual.

The final score of the match showed a win for the Old Girls by 4 games, 74-70.

Inter-house tennis matches are being arranged and are to be played off as soon as possible.

The Inter-Schools' League Tournament is to be held at Norwich on Saturday, July 3rd. The School is drawn against North Walsham in the first round.

J. A. EVANS, (*capt.*)

HOUSE NOTES.

NIGHTINGALE.

The members of the House are to be congratulated on their splendid efforts in the House Competitions. Very few failed to send in a contribution. Our detention list for the past year was not quite so satisfactory. I trust that the "black sheep" of our House are steadily reforming and will keep the sheet clean for next year.

There was manifest enthusiasm among members of the rival Houses on Sports' Day, for competition for the Cup was very close. Up till the very last event, the House Relay, the winning House remained uncertain. The Grace Darling won both Junior and Senior Relays and with them the much-coveted Cup. Our heartiest congratulations to them!

Doris Porter is to be congratulated on winning 18 valuable points for the House, and also on carrying off the "Victrix Ludorum."

There are to be House tennis matches this term. Let us go all out to win them, and so make a good start for next year!

J. A. EVANS (*capt.*)

TENNIS TOURNAMENT.

At 8.45 a.m. on July 3rd, we met at Lowestoft Central, with the weather looking far from promising. Norwich looked even less favourably on youthful optimists in white dresses, but we proceeded nevertheless, to the tennis ground. After a few preliminary showers, play proceeded uninterrupted, the sun later became agreeably hot.

Playing for the School were:—

1st. couple:—M. Allerton and J. Evans.

2nd. couple:—J. Lewis and K. Lawton.

We were drawn for the first round against North Walsham, winners of the Shield for 1925. The result of a most exciting game (exciting for the players, that is) was a win for us by 3 sets to 1.

After lunch, we were due to play Norwich. The very close match ended by each of us winning an equal number of games. Another twelve games were played, seven of which we won, thus knocking out Norwich.

We had now qualified for the final against E. Dereham, who holds it for the first time. May the School carry it off next year!

DETAILED RESULTS.

First Round—

Norwich bye

Lowestoft beat North Walsham

1st. couple:—5-6, 6-4

2nd. couple:—6-4, 6-4

East Dereham beat Great Yarmouth

Diss bye

Second Round—

Lowestoft beat Norwich

1st. couple:—6-1, 1-6, 7-5, 5-2

2nd. couple:—6-3, 3-6, 4-6, 2-3

East Dereham beat Diss

Final—

Lowestoft lost to East Dereham

1st. couple:—5-6, 6-4

2nd. couple:—3-6, 4-6

J. A. EVANS, (*capt.*)

FOOTBALL NOTES.

For the benefit of those who do not already know, I should like to say here, that we succeeded in scoring 100 goals last season. In our last match we still required 10 goals, and although our opponents were rather weak, nevertheless, we played one of our best games and won by 11 goals to 1. Carr, whose second appearance it was in the 1st. XI., scored the 100th goal.

CRICKET NOTES.

We looked forward to the present season with the usual forebodings, many of our last season's players having left. However, after losing our first two matches, we have since had an unbroken run of success. Up to the time of writing eight matches have been played, we have scored 624 runs and our opponents 354. Of the newcomers, I should like to mention Potter and Bell. The former has been keeping wicket very well and Bell, who opens the innings, has proved a hard man to shift.

Our first match was against the Town "A." The School batted first and gave a very poor display; all the side being for 25. There were no less than 6 "ducks"; but opponents did not do much better for they were dismissed for 30. Collen took 7 wickets for 10 runs.

We met Bungay Grammar School in our next match, and again were defeated, but total was 33 and our opponents' 78. Tripp bowled very well in this match, he only bowled 4 overs and two balls taking 5 wickets for ten runs.

Our third match was against Beccles, Sir John Leman's School. Beccles batted first and scored 39 runs. Collen took 4 wickets for 10 runs. Carr 2 for 5 and Bayfield 1 for 1, but batting improved considerably for only one person failed to score in our total of 61. Collen scored 22.

On the following Thursday we played the Y.M.C.A. and beat them very easily. They were dismissed for 13; Collen took 8 wickets for 4 runs. During the innings of the Y.M.C.A. Bayfield made a splendid catch, falling full length to hold the ball just on the ground. The School scored 61, of which Austrin collected 21.

Our fifth match was against Somerleyton and we gave a very good all-round display. Stevens batted very well for his 32, and Carr gave him good support with his 17. Collen scored 19, and Bell took $1\frac{1}{4}$ hours to score 5. Surely this must be a record!

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Our opponents scored 34. Collen and Mr. Finbow bowled unchanged, the former taking 5 for 14, and the latter 4 for 15.

On the following Saturday we played our return match with the Town "A." We batted first and took full advantage of a good wicket. Bell and Collen put on 30 for the first wicket, and Austrin and Collen 45 for the second. Our final score was 129 for 4 wickets. Austrin scored 27, Mr. Finbow 25 not out, Stevens 14 not out, and Collen 40. Our opponents scored 74. Bayfield bowled very well, taking 3 wickets for 9 runs.

We played Blundeston in our next match, and again we declared our innings closed. This time we had scored 91 for 3 wickets. Austrin batted well, scoring 25 not out, Mr. Finbow made 14 not out, and Collen scored 45. In Blundeston's innings Bayfield again bowled well, taking 4 wickets in 3 overs for 5 runs.

Our last match was the return with Bungay. It was a very good game from our point and I must congratulate our team on their splendid fielding. The School batted first, Bell and Collen put on 42 for the first wicket, after that there was a collapse. The School again topped the 100, the total being 109. Collen scored 89. Bungay were all out for 38. Tripp bowled well and his figures at the finish were 6 for 15, including the bat-wick. Collen took 3 for 8.

G. COLLEN (*capt.*)

The Annual Match with the Old Boys took place on June 19th, when we were favoured with better weather and better luck than last year. Unfortunately, only a very small number of Old Boys, and present boys for that matter, turned up in support.

The School won by 65 runs to 32.

School Score—Collen 37; Bell 1; Austrin 2; Mr. Finbow 10; Stevens 0; K. Beckett 3; Tripp 1; Carr 1; Peck 5; Bayfield 1; Potter *0. Extras 4. Total 65.

Collen's score comprised one 6 and two fours.

Old Boys—E. Wilsher 1; G. Baxter 6; R. West 0; J. Cunningham 4; T. Chilvers 3; A. Day 1; W. Sanders 0; Mr. Durling (subs.) 3; W. Drummond (capt.) 9; E. Pyman 0; G. Ayers *1. Extras 4. Total 32.

Collen took 6 wickets for 9, and Tripp 3 for 12.

On Saturday, June 26th, we played Sir John Leman's School on our ground, the match possessing some interesting features. Beccles batted first and scored 38, being all out just in time for tea. As, however, their train left early, there was only forty-five minutes left for the School to best their total. Collen and Austrin opened the batting, Collen smiting the first ball into the allotments for 6. Then, after some time spent in searching for the ball, our umpire produced one he had provided in anticipation of some big hitting. Three overs later, Collen hit this over the other hedge for another 6 and this was lost. Another ball being produced, Collen promptly hit it over the same hedge for yet another 6. Fortunately, no more sixes were scored; but in 13 minutes of actual play, Collen and Austrin between them, had beaten the Beccles total, and by end of time the School had won by 71 runs for 5 wickets. Rarely have we seen such big hitting.

Score—Collen 38; Austrin 6; Stevens 2; Carr 17; Peck 2; Beckett *1. Extras 5.

Bell, Tripp, True, Bayfield, and Potter were not called upon to bat. Collen took 5 wickets for 15, Bayfield 2 for 4, and Tripp 3 for 2.

School v St. Margarets, July 1st.

St. Margarets batted first scoring only 20, Collen and Mr. Finbow proving much too good for them. Mr. Finbow took 5 wickets for 7 runs and Collen 5 for 13.

The School won easily by 49 runs. K. Beckett making the top score of 17.

Score—Bayfield 4; Bell 8; Potter 0; Peck 0; Collen 16; Mr. Finbow 0; Carr 0; Stevens 1; K. Beckett 17; Austrin 4; Tripp *13. Extras 6. Total 69.

On July 6th, the School played the Y.M.C.A. again and won by 54 to 25.

The School batted first, Carr getting top score this time.

Bell 3; Austrin 7; Collen 11; Mr. Finbow 11; Carr 12; Stevens 4; K. Beckett 0; Tripp 2; Peck *0; Bayfield 0. Extras 4. Total 54.

Collen and Mr. Finbow again did all the bowling, the former getting 5 wickets for 12, and the latter 5 for 11.

On July 10th, we had another rather exciting match, namely, v Norwich High School on the Lakenham ground. Norwich batted first and, owing to the beautifully kept out field and one short bound-

ary, got 46 runs, though Collen took 8 wickets for only 4 runs.

Three supporters of our School who had turned up thought we should win fairly easily. Collen and Bell opened the batting, but in the second over, Collen was bowled after having scored 1. Then Austrin went in but, unfortunately, played on to his wicket, 2 for 4! Carr followed and hit up a catch, 3 for 4! Stevens then followed and the total was raised to 16, when he quite missed a straight one. K. Beckett followed and two balls later was also bowled, 5 for 16!! Things looked very serious with our best batsmen out. Then our stonewaller, Bell, woke up to the fact that runs were really wanted and that he could get some if he tried. Tripp helped to stop the rot and we had 33 when the 6th wicket fell. True went in, added 6 and kept his end up while Bell did more hitting, and we had beaten them before the fall of the 7th wicket. The School made 82, of which Bell made 39, including 4 fours and remained undefeated at the end of play.

School Score—Collen 1; Bell *39; Austrin 2; Carr 0; Stevens 7; Tripp 9; K. Beckett 0; True 6; Peck 8; Bayfield 0; Potter 4. Extras 6. Total 82.

July 17th. School v Blundeston.

The School batted first and only made 38, most of the other side being clean bowled for one or two runs apiece. Blundeston, however, fared worse, one man having, unfortunately, to retire hurt, and the villagers only obtained 31. Collen taking 4 wickets for 10 runs, and Bayfield 3 for 5.

School score—Collen 13; Bell 1; Austrin 13; Mr. Finbow 2; Carr 2; Stevens 5; Beckett, K. 1; Tripp 0; Crossland 1; Bayfield 0; Potter *0.

The last match of the season was played at Somerleyton on July 24th, and resulted in a narrow win for the School. As at Norwich, we started rather disastrously, 3 wickets falling for only 2 runs and 5 for 13, but this time the stand was made by Beckett and Tripp, the former scoring 15 and the latter 9, bringing the total to 48.

Thanks to the bowling of Mr. Finbow and Collen, who took 5 wickets for 17, and 4 for 12 respectively. Somerleyton were all out for 40 runs and the School 1st XI obtained its 13th victory for the season, only the first two matches of the series being lost.

H. C. T.

Collen	131.2	46	167	70	2.38
Tripp	37.2	11	64	22	2.90
Bayfield	51	14	73	19	3.83
Mr. Finbow	60.4	15	104	26	4.00
Austrin	23.1	4	56	5	11.20
Carr	24	6	37	3	12.33

<i>Also bowled—</i>					
K. Beckett	3	0	7	1	7.00
Bell	2	0	16	0	8

Catches—
Carr 10; Potter 9; Collen 8; Bayfield 7; Austrin 5;
Stevens 4; Mr. Finbow 3; Tripp 3; Bell 3;
K. Beckett 2; Peck 2; A. Beckett 1.

G. C. COLLEN,
J. BELL.

Collen	14	0	364	89	26.00
Mr. Finbow	10	2	75	25*	9.38
Austrin	16	1	133	27	8.87
Stevens	15	3	88	32*	7.33
Bell	14	2	81	39*	6.75
Carr	14	0	68	17	4.85
Tripp	13	1	54	13*	4.15
K. Beckett	15	0	54	17	3.60
Peck	12	1	31	8	2.81
Potter	11	2	15	5	1.66
Bayfield	13	4	14	4	1.55

<i>Also batted—</i>			* denotes "not out."		
A. Beckett	2	—	1	1	.50
Solomon	3	—	3	2	1.00
True	5	1	11	6	2.75
Crossland	2	—	2	1	1.00


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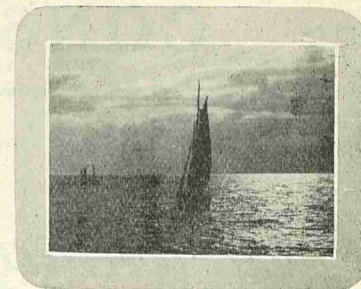
There is little to be said of last term's football. The first XI. played well, but were unsuccessful. The second XI. triumphed as usual.

The cricket season has begun more auspiciously. Our first match was against the Athenians. Some say that it was merely luck, but I prefer to think it due greatly to Wright's skill as bowler, that every one of our opponents was caught out. Eventually, we won by three runs and two wickets in hand—Beckett hitting to leg effectively.

B. VENESS.

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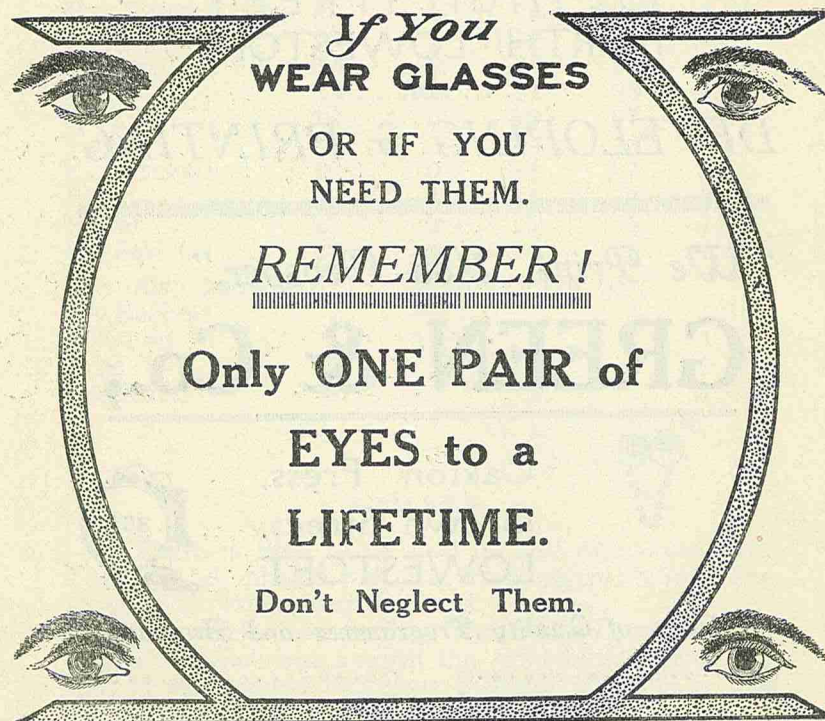
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ATHENIANS.

This year the Houses have been more evenly divided than for some time past. Consequently, competition has been keener and the results of only a very few contests have been foregone conclusions. The football matches were finished before Easter, and in the matter of points obtained, we occupied the third position. So far we have played two cricket matches, both of which have had exciting finishes; the first we won by six runs and the second was lost by one wicket.

E. T. P.

SPARTANS.

Easter Term.

Football Results:	1st. XI.	2nd. XI.
Spartans v Athenians	2-1	0-0
Spartans v Trojans	1-2	1-0
Spartans v Romans	6-1	2-1

At the end of the Football Season we occupied second position with 35 points—only 2 points behind the leaders. THANK YOU! All the Spartans in the lower forms who came up to cheer.

Summer 'Term.

R. Mallett has been appointed House Captain in place of Larter, who left at the end of last term.

Cricket:—We had a short practice match on Tuesday, May 10th, previous to our match with the Athenians, which we played on the Thursday. The Athenians went in first and made 49 runs, after a long innings. We lost the match, scoring 43 runs, of which K. Beckett made 18. We hope to do better in our other two matches.

B. P. COOPER,
(House Sec.)

GIRLS' HOUSE COMPETITION.

(English.)

The entries for the above section of the Girls' Houses Competition were, on the whole, very gratifying, though the number in the various branches was extremely disproportionate. In all there were forty-five efforts sent in, of which most were prose, several verse, two music and nothing at all in the dramatic line.

The standard attained of the work submitted to the judges was very varied. In the essay several attempts were of high standard, though in a few

instances the work was laboured, and in the case of the bigger girls some showed a lack of care and thought that one did not expect. For originality a few of the efforts may be highly commended, while a pleasing factor was the great number of entries from the younger girls, who, with perseverance and practice in time will produce really good work.

In the verse, one attempt was outstanding and merits great praise. This was Joan Fairhead's "Pictures in the fire." There were two very praiseworthy attempts in music. The melody in one was exceedingly good, while in the other the theme was unfinished.

Next year we should welcome more efforts in the music section as well as in the dramatic. Who knows what budding Stevensons, Handels, or Shakespeares the School may produce.

THE NEEDLEWORK COMPETITION.

Thirty-four garments, either knitted or sewn, and costing not more than half-a-crown, were entered for this competition, the largest number, fourteen, being contributed by St. Margaret's House. Under this heading also must be counted the Handiwork Ic. and Id. In the total reckoning Cavell House, with thirteen entries, held first place, though, as regards the actual number of entries sent in, it was beaten by St. Margaret's with a total of fifteen. The work was pronounced, on the whole, to reach a high standard. Certain of the garments are to be forwarded, for distribution among needy cases, to the Shaftesbury Union.

HANDWORK COMPETITION.

This competition was open to the girls of the two junior forms only, and the marks won were combined with the needlework marks obtained by the upper girls.

The children were asked to carry out any piece of handwork at a maximum cost of 1/-. The work showed a good deal of originality and careful execution, although in one or two cases, the choice of colour schemes was not very pleasing.

The results were:—

Cavell House	6 entries	45 marks
Grace Darling House	2 "	12 "
Florence Nightingale House	4 "	26 "
St. Margaret's House	1 "	9 "

W. M. FORDHAM.

RESULTS.

	CAVELL	DARLING	MARGARET	NIGHTL'E
Number entered	4	10	9	4
Points acquired	18	59	46	17
Points out of 100	30	100	78	29
Order	3	1	2	4

W. FORDHAM,
G. W. WALSH.

HOW THEY GOT OUT.

(Being the various excuses one hears at cricket).

"I say, did you see that ball shoot? Oh, wasn't it awful? You ask old Tom when he comes out; I know he'll agree with me."

* * *

"L.b.w. Oh dear. You know it seems funny to me how these umpires know your leg is in front of the blessed wickets, when it isn't all the time. Ask old Tom when he comes out. Really, I don't think that umpire was right, you know. Look here, I'll show you. I was standing here like this....."

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"I say, when a chap runs his hardest and just scrapes in the crease, I can't see how the umpire knows you're out, really I can't. But you ask old Tom, he knows I got in all right. Besides I....."

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RESULTS.

	CAVELL	DARLING	MARGARET	NIGHTL'E
Number entered	4	10	9	4
Points acquired	18	59	46	17
Points out of 100	30	100	78	29
Order	3	1	2	4

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HOW THEY GOT OUT.

(Being the various excuses one hears at cricket).

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"L.b.w. Oh dear. You know it seems funny to me how these umpires know your leg is in front of the blessed wickets, when it isn't all the time. Ask old Tom when he comes out. Really, I don't think that umpire was right, you know. Look here, I'll show you. I was standing here like this....."

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