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EDITORIAL NOTES AND SCHOOL NEWS.

At four o'clock on Friday, June 16th, the whole School—boys, girls, masters, mistresses—assembled in the Play-ground. The Head Master having said a few words about the Coronation, A. C. Benson's fine patriotic song, "Land of Hope and Glory", set to Sir Edward Elgar's equally fine music, was heartily sung, and afterwards the National Anthem. Three cheers for the King and three for the Queen followed, and then the School "broke up" for the Coronation Holidays.

There was no element of sadness in the prospect of holidays for King George's Coronation. We remember, very distinctly, how conflicting were the feelings which Bede School had, on June 25th, 1902, when "breaking up" for the two days' holiday which, it had been arranged long before, should then be given for King Edward's Coronation. That monarch's sudden illness had made it impossible for him to be crowned on June 26th, as intended—yet, in accordance with his wishes, all schools were given the anticipated holidays. *The Bedan* for July, 1902, remarked

"The Holidays, in view of the King's condition, were a sort of chastened pleasure. Everybody felt it right to seem glad, seeing that the King was alive; and yet everybody felt it indecent to seem very glad, seeing that the King was not only not having his long-projected Coronation just then, but was even almost at death's door."

We have come across the Obituary Notice of Queen Victoria which appeared in *The Bedan* for March, 1901. It ran thus:—

QUEEN VICTORIA,
Having Lived Blamelessly
For 81 Years 243 Days,
And Reigned Gloriously
For 63 Years 216 Days,
Died Peacefully

On Tuesday, January 22nd, 1901.

We beg leave to wish Mr. Hamar Greenwood, M.P., and Mrs. Greenwood, long life and much happiness. Mr. Greenwood's first public appearance in Sunderland after the announcement of his engagement to Miss Margery Spencer was in the Victoria Hall, at Bede School Speech Day, March 20th, 1911. Mr. Greenwood gave out the prizes and certificates with kindness, dignity, and geniality; and, in the course of a capital speech, which delighted the 3,000 people, young and old, who were present, declared (amidst cheers) that Bede School, with its striking record of success, ought to have better and worthier buildings, and would, he hoped, soon get them. During the evening the Chairman, Coun. J. S. Nicholson, announced (amidst cheers) that Mr. Greenwood had most kindly and generously promised to give £10 a year to the Boys' School and £10

a year to the Girls' School, to be devoted to scholarships or prizes for pupils, at the discretion of the Head Master and the Head Mistress.

Within the past few months Bede School boys have won three Open Scholarships, two Toynbee Hall Scholarships, and an Exhibition.

James Prior Moffitt's success in winning an Open History Scholarship tenable at Jesus College, Cambridge, was a fitting climax to a school career of exceptional brilliance. He was admitted to Bede School in January, 1904; passed the Oxford Junior Local Examination with First Class Honours in 1907, the Oxford Senior Local Examination with First Class Honours in 1908, and the London Matriculation Examination in the First Division in 1909; and, in December, 1910, gained the Scholarship referred to. He has been one of the most consistently prominent members of the Debating Society, and was, for a time, President. As secretary of the Football Club, and as goal-keeper, he has done capital work. As Senior Prefect for two years he exerted great and wholesome influence in the school.

The five other Jesus Open Scholarships awarded when Moffitt got his, went to candidates from Charterhouse, St. Paul's, Marlborough, Repton, and Horsham. He will go to Cambridge in October. His College (of which Cranmer was once a student) has this year a "crack" crew which has greatly distinguished itself in Belgium and at Henley.

In March Thos. W. Hetherington gained a Toynbee Hall Scholarship, and also an Exhibition at Trinity College, Cambridge, to which he will proceed in October. Hetherington's record of school successes, like Moffitt's, includes two Honours "Firsts" in the Oxford "Locals" and a "First" at Lond. Matriculation. He was in the School Football Team, and held, for a time, the Debating Society's Challenge Cup.

In March, too, Isaac Rothfield gained a Toynbee Hall Scholarship. He goes in October either to Downing College, or Emmanuel College, Cambridge. His brother Jacob Rothfield is at St. Catherine's, and won a University Hebrew Scholarship last year. Three brothers Rothfield have had very successful courses, and all matriculated, at Bede School.

In June James M. Herring and Harry E. Sladden won Open Classical Scholarships at Durham University. They will go to St. Chad's College next Term. Sladden was nine years at Bede School, but had to leave a few months ago when his people went to Wakefield. He was in the School Cricket and Hockey Teams and the Debating Society, passed the Oxford "Senior", and was a Prefect.

Herring gained high honours in the "Locals", and matriculated. At present he is Senior Prefect and President of the Debating Society. He was in the School Hockey Team, plays chess well, and is a capital swimmer and first-rate boxer. He did splendid service in the Upper Forms' Boxing Club

last winter. He has been six years in the school, and will carry away with him, when he leaves at Midsummer, general esteem and good wishes.

We heartily congratulate Stanley Rutherford Gibson, of Queens' College, Cambridge, on his distinguished success in gaining a First Class in Part 1 of the History Tripos at Cambridge, last month. Gibson left Bede School for the University in July, 1909, and gained a First Class in the Inter-Collegiate Examination at Cambridge in May, 1910.

Many Old Bedans have obtained Second Class or Third Class Honours at Oxford or Cambridge, or First Class Honours at other British Universities; but Gibson is the first Old Bedan to secure *First Class Honours* at Oxford or Cambridge.

Muriel Bruce was at school for 9 years and then proceeded to Holloway College. She takes the Final Lond. B.A. Examination in October, 1911.

Amy Ayers has distinguished herself at Durham University, where she is studying for B.A. degree. In June, 1910, she headed the list in Intermediate B.Litt. Examination, Durham, and gained an Exhibition of £20 a year for two years.

Hilda Chapman passed London University Final B.A. (with Honours in English and French) in November, 1910.

Mabel Brierley passed London Final B.Sc., 1st Division, November, 1910.

Jane Parker was first in England at Examination for admission to Post Office Clerkship.

Elsie Lax and Mary Faichen left school in 1909, and spent the following year in France. Elsie then proceeded to Somerville College, Oxford. Mary goes, in October, to Bedford College for 2 years.

Grace Wood, at present a Student teacher, obtained the Bronze Medal awarded by the Royal Geographical Society to the Candidate at the Oxford Local Senior Examination (July, 1910) whose papers in Geography were second in order of merit. There were 10,437 Senior Candidates, most of whom took Geography.

Alberta Farrow, B.Litt., Durham, 1905, has just been appointed Senior Mistress at Secondary School, Ryhope.

Emmeline Ord, Annie Neish, and Greta Raine left school in 1908 and proceeded to Armstrong College, Newcastle-upon-Tyne. Obtained. this year, B.Sc. degree.

Ella Eyles, passed Durham B.A. Examination, June, 1911.

Misses Hutchinson and Wilson, and Mr. J. W. Findlater, members of the Staff, obtained the Durham M.Litt. degree this year.

Miss Guthrie is leaving this Term to go to Adelaide. She has been an Assistant Mistress at the school for nearly seven years. She and the late Miss Ethel W. Wells, another mistress whose service at Bede School was long and efficient, were very great friends. Miss Bennett, also, is leaving.

We wish long life and happiness to Dr. David Macnair and his bride. He, his brothers Tom, James, and Ian, and his sister May, are all Old Bedans. Mrs. David Macnair's uncle, the late Mr. William Phorson, was for more than two years a Master at Bede School. He managed the school football team in 1891 when, with Tom Walker as goal-keeper, it had a glorious succession of victories until, in the last match of the season, on the famous Newcastle Road Ground of the Sunderland Club, it had to suffer, after fighting hard against a bigger and better eleven, a not inglorious defeat.

Mrs. David Macnair's cousins, William and Walter Phorson, were at Bede School in the "nineties" along with the esteemed Ex-Mayor's son, Arthur Sinclair Young, who played the organ at her wedding.

Miss May Macnair has been appointed Domestic Science Mistress at the new Secondary School at Ryhope. We believe that her certificates are unusually comprehensive.

We notice that Ian Macnair took part in the recent Durham Regatta. Not many Bedans have become oarsmen. Walter Leadbitter, Lynn Wilkinson (whose son has been admitted a pupil recently), and only a few others, could be mentioned. The branch of aquatics in which our boys, present and past, undoubtedly excel, is not Rowing, but Swimming. It is probably not too much to say that Bede School could at any time in the past ten years have selected, and can now select, Twenty representatives, ten of them being past pupils and ten present ones, able to swim, with a capital prospect of being victorious, against a similarly constituted Twenty from any Secondary School in England.

The Boys' School's last Swimming Gala was a magnificent success. Most of the "events" evoked much interest and excitement. But probably the enthusiasm was most intense when, in the Old Bedans' race, a big entry of very strong swimmers, several of whom left Bede School before many of the boys now there were born, took the water, and,

"Like Leviathans afloat", swam length after length of the Bath at a tremendous pace and with tremendous power. Physique and physical force are, doubtless, not the noblest things in the animate creation, and should not be idolized. The Psalmist taught this in the well-known words "He (God) hath no pleasure in the strength of an horse, neither delighteth He in any man's legs". But, though it is better to have moral goodness and intellectual ability than to have merely a strong, well-trained body, this last is by no means unimportant; and there's no denying the impressiveness of forty fine specimens of it, as seen in a big Swimming Contest.

The Girls' Swimming Gala was very enjoyable. It was not on the same scale as the Boys', comparatively little swimming having been done by the

Girls until the past two years. It showed, however, that the Girls' Swimming has made very great progress lately; and the outlook for it is most encouraging.

A particularly gratifying feature of the Swimming Galas is the absolute good temper shown by the competitors. Readiness to take a fair beating and to accept decisions unquestioningly is, we are glad to say, the rule among Bedans, in cricket, football, hockey, boxing, chess, and sports, as well as in Swimming. But the handicapping that some of the "cracks" have to endure, in certain "events" at the Galas, strikes us as appalling (though doubtless it is quite fair), and we have sometimes thought that a little grumbling might ensue. However, winning or losing, the race a hollow thing or a close shave, the victory falling to a novice or to a champion, all the contestants behave admirably.

Mr. and Mrs. Gillis Brown and Mr. G. E. Watson deserve our thanks for repeated kindnesses to Bedans at the Baths.

May Mr. J. W. Findlater and his bride have many years' health and felicity! He is the eighth master who, during service at Bede School in the past five years, has entered into matrimony. And many of his colleagues were, half a decade ago, already Benedicks.

We were very sorry when Mr. W. J. C. Eggers (one of the German Masters) left Bede School at Easter, though glad to see so good a man get preferment. His successor, Mr. Ernst Philip Horowitz, is an Examiner for the Civil Service Commission, and the author of an interesting book on Indian Literature. A work of his on the Indian Theatre will shortly appear.

At the recent Royal Review in Windsor Great Park of Boy Scouts from different parts of the world there were two Sunderland representatives present, District Secretary W. J. Oliver, Junior, and Patrol-Leader Matthew Huntley. The former is an Old Bedan, the latter is still at school.

John Charles Gibson, of the Kimberley Volunteers, was one of the representative Colonial Troopers sent to England for the Coronation, and presented with medals by the King. Gibson, who is a crack shot, holds a responsible position in the De Beers Diamond Mines Office. He left Bede School in 1893, after a highly creditable career there. His youngest brother left in 1910. We heard recently, with much regret, of the death of his father.

Two of Charles Gibson's schoolfellows have become University Professors, and several others have shown such ability in one way or another that, thinking of intellectual stature, we are disposed to say "There were giants in those days".

We congratulate Albert Norman Rose, who left Bede School three years ago and was perhaps the

best President the Debating Society has ever had, on completing a distinguished course at Birmingham University by taking the B.A. degree, and dividing the University Philosophy Prize with a lady.

J. Spence Rae, Manufacturing Manager for Messrs. Brady & Martin, has passed the Examination for the "Major" or Honours Diploma of the Pharmaceutical Society. He belongs to a family of Bedans.

Thomas Scott has been awarded the "Nathaniel Clark" Scholarship at Armstrong College, Newcastle. The Junior Lecturer in Education at that College, J. R. Thomson, B.Sc., and the Demonstrator in Physics, Harold Smith, B.Sc., who were appointed last year, were at Bede School with W. M. Dalton, B.Sc., who has been made Science Master at Jedburgh Grammar School.

John Campbell, Exhibitioner of Brasenose College, Oxford, of which another Old Bedan, Herbert Cairns, is a Scholar, remarks naïvely, in a recent letter to the Head Master "There is plenty of room at Oxford for Bedans!". *Verb. sap. sat.*

We hope that our list of successes at the London Matriculation June Examination may be the best ever obtained by the School. But last year's Matric. list will be hard to beat.

The Oxford Local Special Examination in Oral French and Oral German was held on two days in June. The Oxford Local General Examination begins on July 17th. A slightly-reduced entry, and the special distractions and holidays of a "Coronation" Term, will make it almost impossible for Bede School to gain as many Senior and Junior Certificates this year as last—when only one School had more. But all Candidates will doubtless do their very best.

We gratefully acknowledge the kindness of Mr. Charlton Deas, Director of the Public Libraries, in giving facilities of various kinds to parties of Bede School pupils for getting the utmost benefit from the Central Library, Museum, and Picture Gallery; and we also thank the Museum Committee and Mr. Deas for making the school a present of certain birds, birds' eggs, shells, and butterflies.

Several Form Magazines, in manuscript, have appeared in the Boys' School lately—for example, "The Comet" (Upper IV F), "The Black Cat" (Upper IV D), and "The Herald" (Upper V L). The covers of these, designed by A. Todd, Kerr, and Speight respectively, were clever little works of art, and the Magazines had, as a whole, considerable merit.

The Girls' Sports on July 8th were most successful. A detailed description of them will appear in the next Number of *The Bedan*.

We bid good-bye to such Senior Pupils, Student Teachers, etc., as will naturally, their school course being completed, leave at Midsummer. But we most strongly advise Parents to keep their sons and daughters at school as long as possible. It is sheer folly for a boy or girl to leave Bede School when *fourteen* years of age. An imperfect education is a life-long drawback, and, ordinarily, pupils in a Secondary School cannot go through even a fairly complete course before they are 16 years old.

We much regret that references to many Examination Successes of Old Bedans at Armstrong College, Newcastle, at the Newcastle Medical College, and elsewhere, and accounts of many School Picnics, Concerts, Lectures, and Walking Tours, together with several Articles, are unavoidably "squeezed out" of this Number of the Magazine.



FOOTBALL.

THE record of the football team during the past season was hardly inferior to that which preceded it. In 1909-10, out of 12 matches played none was lost, and only 3 drawn. Last season, of 15 matches 3 were lost, and none drawn. We suppose we shall not be believed if we say that we could adduce good reasons why, morally at any rate, we really won all those lost matches, and that a mere score of goals is sometimes misleading. Therefore we will let the matter pass, but even as it stands the nett season's result is highly satisfactory. Nearly every match was played against a school of similar standing to our own—in fact, in order to maintain a consistent standard all school matches are restricted to those against other schools. We append the list of fixtures and results to the end of this account. It is somewhat invidious to single out individuals for special notice when the whole team worked together admirably, for on no other grounds could success have been won. At the same time we are bound to bear testimony to the untiring energy and good sense of Thurlbeck, who captained the team. He kept his men well together, set them a good example, and cheerfully undertook any hard work there was to be done. In Moffitt the school had an excellent secretary, and an exceptionally clever goal-keeper; indeed in the latter respect he was hardly inferior to Pollock, and he improved as the season went on. Great credit is also due to the games prefects, who helped to choose the team, and did their utmost to keep the school football on a high level. Without their ungrudging help it would have been difficult to set the group games going and carry them through. We cannot impress on the school often enough that

the success of the team largely depends on these games; they are the training school, out of which footballers are drawn, and the fact that they are refereed by a games prefect means that every boy from time to time has his play noted by the committee for future use. The school wants the best players in its team; there is not an atom of favouritism in the selection, and the only means of finding out who can play and who cannot is by watching the Saturday games. Last season the school was divided into 4 Houses, and these into Senior and Junior divisions, with a view to equalising the groups. On the whole the arrangement worked well—quite as well as the District division, but it entailed an immense amount of labour to the prefects, and it can only be justified by its success.

We do not propose to preach a sermon here on the value of football, both to the school and the players. We happen to know that it is immense, and we are prepared to argue the point with anyone at a proper occasion. Moreover, we have no wish to waste valuable space in preaching to the converted. On one point, however, some conversion is required. The team rarely gets the support from the school which it has a right to expect on home match days. It has a right to expect that the school will identify itself with the fortunes of the eleven. We remember many an occasion when the team was manfully and unobtrusively wallowing its way to victory over the ancient moraine which we call a football field, upholding the honour of the school, without expectation of any reward beyond enabling Bede School to say it had won another match. Yet the Bede School was not there, as it ought to have been, in its hundreds, to share in the victory or to help to gain it. We blush to confess to a belief that in most instances it was toasting its feet at the fire—we have a sort of feeling that someone recently reached the North Pole in much the same way. We do not believe that the school expects the games prefects to go round the field and collect their names in order to record their attendance in the evening paper; but that, when it is made quite clear that the team is heartened by a friendly crowd of on-lookers, they will turn out and cheer on the boys who are doing their best to win renown, not for themselves, but for the school, and show that they are interested in the doings of the school. That is the real spirit which we want, and the absence of it is not atoned by a cheer for the team on Prize-day, or any number of matches won. At present we are making a tradition. Let the school see to it that it is well-made, that we gain the reputation of being good sportsmen as well as good workers; that is the only way we can be worthy of the school, or the school of us.

School Matches.

Oct. 8—Westoe Secondary School	(A) Lost 3-4
15—Rutherford College, Newcastle	(H) Won 3-1
22—Gateshead Secondary School	(A) Lost 1-0
29—Armstrong College II	(A) Won 2-1
Nov. 12—Modern School, Newcastle	(H) Won 8-1
19—Tynemouth Secondary School	(A) Won 4-0
Dec. 26—Argyle House School, Sunderland	(H) Won 2-0
Jan. 28—Gateshead Secondary School	(H) Won 3-1
Feb. 11—Armstrong College II	(H) Lost 1-3
13—Argyle House School, Sunderland	(H) Won 1-0
18—Modern School, Newcastle	(A) Won 5-0
25—Henry Smith's School, Hartlepool	(H) Won 5-1
27—do. do.	(A) Won 5-0
28—Westoe Secondary School	(H) Won 2-0
Mar. 18—Rutherford College, Newcastle	(A) Won 3-2

Football Characters.

- W. THURLBECK (Capt.)**—Combined good sense with hard work. As captain earned the respect of his men, and both by example and precept did all in his power to keep the football of the school at a high level. An excellent full-back, and quite indispensable.
- J. P. MOFFITT**.—Good goal-keeper, who repeatedly saved his side. A genial secretary, and an enthusiast.
- F. HASWELL**.—Left back; sure in kicking and tackling; greatly improved.
- A. FERGUSON**.—Right half; has plenty of weight, which he is not afraid to use. Marks his men well.
- PEARSON**.—Centre half; steady and hard-working; generally in the place he is wanted.
- PEEBLES**.—Left half; works hard, but is apt to neglect his forwards: good tackler.
- E. EGGLESTON**.—Outside right; tricky player: always cheerful.
- T. S. COLLIN**.—Inside right; feeds his wing well, but a poor shot.
- ROBSON**.—Centre forward; works hard: brilliant shot, and a terror to his opponents.
- FOSTER**.—Inside left; clever tackler: the opportunist of the team. Scored more goals than anyone.
- J. CASLAW**.—Outside left; neat and clever: good dribbler, who can put in some good centres.
- WEIGHELL**.—Played centre forward for a time; promising player, but cannot yet control his forwards well enough. Rather slow.

H. B. W.

House Matches.**SENIORS. First Division.**

Houses.	Played.	Won.	Lost.	Drawn.	Goals.	Points.
Paley	6	5	1	0	36-8	10
Havelock	6	3	3	0	11-19	6
Burdon ...	6	2	4	0	25-20	4
Lambton .	6	2	4	0	10-34	4

SENIORS. Second Division.

Paley	6	5	0	1	37-17	11
Havelock .	6	3	1	2	34-21	8

Lambton .	6	2	4	0	19-34	4
Burdon ...	6	0	5	1	15-33	1

JUNIORS.

Houses.	Played.	Points.
Lambton	6	8
Paley	6	7
Havelock	6	5
Burdon	6	4

Form Lower Fourth C won the Junior Football Shield.

T. H. B.

**CRICKET.**

[I]f it be a mark of courage to face death once a week or so, truly is the cricket team a band of heroes. To watch the kaleidoscopic erraticism of a ball on the school cricket pitch is enough to make a strong man dizzy. Like the Sahara it stretches bare and brown and dusty till in the far distance it merges with a jungle of stiff grass, where moulders many a skeleton of a lost ball and horses of robust physique derive a scanty nurture. This miniature desert is not level. Here and there yawn hollows, or broken bricks project, and these assist a vigorous bowler, so that the foolish batsman reaching out to punish a wide to leg, finds his off stump out of the ground, or saves his head at the expense of his wicket. In fact it is only by a stretch of courtesy that the term "cricket field" can be used at all in this connection. More creditable is it, then, that the school has a very fair cricket eleven, that can give and has given a good account of itself against more favoured teams. With better opportunities for practice it might become as good as any eleven in the district. It possesses several promising batsmen and more than one good bowler. If criticism is allowable, ours would be this:—The fielding, though now and then brilliant, on the whole lacks smartness: the ball is not fielded cleanly: throws-in are too often half-volleys. Bowlers should be more careful to keep a good length and show variety—one good ball in six may get a wicket, but the other five add to the score of the other side. Fast bowling in schools is usually destructive to itself, and is generally a bar to embryo wicket-keepers, who cannot be got to stand up to it.

The same remarks, *mutatis mutandis*, may be made as in the case of football in reference to the absence of support from the school—only more so. At the Ashbrooke match about 4 boys put in an appearance; at Hendon, against the Modern School, 3. This is not creditable to the school, and affords a great contrast to the en-

thusiastic crowds of boys who turn up to watch the game when we visit opposing schools. Surely the whole school cannot be playing tip-cat on match mornings, or peradventure nursing the kitten. We trust that next season will show a great improvement in this respect. Perhaps the fault is ours, for not having rubbed it in hard enough. After this we shall certainly plead not guilty.

H. B. W.

District Matches.

District.	Played.	Won.	Lost.	Pts.
(S.E.) Hendon	3	2	0	4
(N.W.) Chester Road	3	2	0	4
(S.W.) Durham Road	2	1	1	2
(N.E.) Roker	3	0	3	0

School Matches.

Westoe (home)—School 41, Westoe 27. [Thurlbeck 18.]
 Sunderland IV (away)—School 87 for 7; IV 110 for 9.
 Hartlepool (away)—School 57, Hartlepool 7.
 Seaham III (home)—III 105 for 6, School 62.
 Sunderland IV (away)—IV 89 for 6, School 133 for 7. [Kerr 28, Hogg 25.]
 Newcastle Modern School (home)—Modern School 68, School 87 for 8. [Hogg 38 not out, Haswell 13.]

Bowling Averages.

Kerr,	12 for 42.
Heys,	4 for 17.
Eggleston,	6 for 28.
Hogg,	3 for 23.
Dobson,	1 for 12.

School Captain: W. Heys.

School Vice-Captain: A. Ferguson.

T. H. B.

**GIRLS' HOCKEY.**

THE past Hockey season has been the most successful the Bede Girls' XI has had. It was formally opened by the election of a new Captain and Secretary, and the re-election of our other officers. Under the leadership of our new captain, Thelma K. Henderson, practice matches were held with various teams, and before October 8th the XI was finally chosen. Then the matches began, and from beginning to end the Club was full of enthusiasm.

The first match was played at Seaham with the Seaham Ladies, and ended in a victory for Bede School by 4 goals to nil—a thrilling beginning to the most exciting series of matches the XI has had. Then the team settled down to steady

work, and the end of the Christmas term saw an unbeaten XI with seven matches won and one drawn.

During the holidays the team practised hard, for there were many stiff matches arranged for the next term. Again and again, however, the captain led her XI against teams, who in former seasons had proved themselves superior, and she and her players always came back unbeaten. The hardest matches were with local teams, especially the Seaham Ladies, with whom we played a draw, there being no score, and with the Sunderland Training College. In both matches the Bede team, if inferior in weight, proved itself superior in combination and swiftness.

During this season, unlike the previous one, almost all the Saturdays were fine, and only once was the XI obliged to play on a wet, heavy ground. Perhaps the fineness of the weather had something to do with the increased number of spectators. It would be very encouraging if still more Bedans would come to cheer the team again to victory next season, especially those in the lower school who hope some day to be members of the first XI.

This season the XI representing Bede School consisted of:—Forwards—J. Rae, K. Henderson, B. Brearley, J. Humble, T. K. Henderson (Capt.), Half-backs—N. Welch, P. Forster, F. Manners. Backs—M. F. McMillan (Vice-Capt.), K. Clayburn. Goal—N. Williams.

The season ended with:—

MATCHES.				GOALS.	
Played.	Won.	Drawn.	Lost.	For.	Against.
21	.. 18	.. 3	.. 0	.. 80	.. 12

G. A. W.

**FLORENCE.**

[F what I write could truthfully convey to you the worth of Florence, you would none of you believe it. But, though as true as I can make it, it is not going to be any more true than a smudgy, faded, badly-taken photograph. You had just better dream to-night of the fairest city in the world, or out of it, and then wake up quickly, before it has slipped away in mist, and say "Yes, and Florence is like that, only better." My only other plan is a better one still—go there yourself. . . . Will you? . . . Why not?

Try to arrange to miss the train at Milan, as we did, because of the Easter crowds, and see Florence first in the early April morning, instead of not seeing it the night before. You will think for a little, as your tired eyes sight it from afar, that you are trying the first plan by mistake, the

dreaming one. But the common, jolting train is positively taking you there. It is only a matter of minutes now. (Did you think you were going straight to bed, after forty-eight hours of travel? You don't think it now, anyhow. You know already how much too short twelve days are going to be. Besides, you are not tired.)

There are three sorts of days to choose between; or you can mix them up, which is a good plan because it makes them seem a little longer. But for describing I am going to take them solid.

Day I. Palaces, Churches, Towers, Libraries, Monasteries, in fact the town itself. Ruskin's "Mornings in Florence" (bought there for 6d.) are glorious mornings. I found him a true teacher and companion, and do not in the least care that some of his statements and criticisms are inaccurate. Anyhow, take his advice and go soon, and early, to Santa Croce and find Giotto's Saint Louis, strong, kingly and gentle, among the Franciscan Saints. Francis, the true founder of that Italian art of which he knew nothing, is the right person to begin with. Go also to the great Church of the Companion Order, the Dominican Church of Santa Maria Novella, with long hours before you to give to the frescoes in the Spanish Chapel there—one of those tremendous, visionary schemes of Education which fill any learner first with despair and then with something better. As you come away, with these two, Francis and Dominic, and their twofold ideal, in your thoughts, turning over again for yourself that old matter of Faith and Works, cross the piazza, dazzling in the sunlight after those cool, dim cloisters, to the opposite side, and there over a doorway see the sculptured answer to it all—Francis and Dominic meeting. (Many of you know it in a picture.)

You will frequently lose yourself in those multitudinous, tiny streets, so narrow and overarched that you can get no clue except by just walking on to the end of them. It doesn't matter. Sooner or later they all conspire to give you their never-failing wonder-shock of joy, as they land you full in the Piazza del Duomo. It cannot happen too often, and you will never get used to it, or be any less pleased. The immediate impression is one of dazzling brightness and lightness—many-tinted marble, white, rosy, and dark green; and the impression is produced by three buildings grouped close together, the great Cathedral whose dome gave Michaelangelo the model for S. Peter's, the low, octagonal Baptistery, and Giotto's tower—somehow they look as fresh as yesterday. In fact, the Duomo had its first stone laid in 1296 and its last in 1378; Giotto began the Shepherd's Tower in 1334, and the Baptistery is too old to have a date at all. Dante's grandfather was christened there, and Dante himself; and people think that in the dim ages this

strange eight-sided building was the temple of Mars, before Florence took St. John the Baptist for her patron.

These three buildings, then, are going to make your centre. There is a second, if you need it, five minutes off—the Piazza Publico, with the strange high tower of the Vecchio (to take only the chief of its glories) as a most unmistakable landmark. In this square Savonarola's bands of children burnt "the vanities" of a city too dazzled by the Renaissance to discern good and evil; and in this square a few years later he himself and two of his Dominicans were burnt.

Another morning, probably your favourite in retrospect, you will sit in the sunny cloisters of San Marco, where Savonarola walked in serene joy discussing with the brethren before the dark days came. You will pass through the doors beneath the delicate lunettes that Fra Angelico's hand had painted fifty years before that, up to the long white corridors with their double rows of cells, every one of which he or his pupils beautified with frescoes. San Marco is holy ground. One shrinks from dealing with it in a few cold sentences, just as one shrinks from joining the hurrying troops of foreigners of all lands in their noisy inspection.

Between the two famous piazzas to which I brought you first runs the also famous street of the stocking-makers, Via Calzaioni. Here you will quickly come to know and love Or San Michele, the church built by the commercial guilds, and enriched by each with a statue of its patron saint wrought by the hands of the greatest sculptors of Florence, and set majestically in niches in the outside walls. This was in the days when Florence was "full of most excellent citizens". Or San Michele reminds one that the splendour of Florence is not due to one or two transcendent spirits, but to the main body of citizens who so lived and worked for beautiful things that painting and sculpture were a trade and common livelihood no less than an art,—who so delighted in them, moreover, that to this day one little narrow street still bears the name of Borgo Allegro, the street of Rejoicing, because through it, one day in the 13th century, was carried Cimabue's picture of the Madonna, heralding the birth of Florentine art.

Of the other things that you must not fail to see on a Class I. day I shall not even attempt a list. It would be too long. Only take care not to arrive just when they are closing, and this is not an easy matter as the hours are queer and variable.

Day II. For the second sort of day I can give you fixed hours, 10 a.m.—4 p.m. This is picture gallery time. When you know that the Uffizzi and Pitti galleries are the best and greatest in the world you will feel that two or three of your

twelve days are only enough just to begin. But it is worth while to begin, provided that you will not try to see everything. Decide on your chief desires, or on two or three rooms, and go to these once, twice and again. The second visit to a great picture is worth so much more than twice the first, especially if you have with you someone who knows it well. (Failing that, books—beforehand, and with you, and afterwards. Julia Cartwright's "Painters of Florence" is a marvellous shilling's worth.)

I can give you no more suggestions about these picture galleries, because anyhow it's a desperate situation. And it's no use beginning on the actual pictures now, is it?

Day III. Even a few hours of picture-seeing leave one tired,—eyes, mind, everything. This is exactly the time to change your kind of day and try the third sort. Get up really early, like the Italians, who make it easy for one by being so very lively at 5 a.m. or sooner. Come right out on to the hills. There are many to choose from, and you cannot choose wrong. The closest one, just an easy, before-breakfast one, is San Miniato, whose church, marble and very dazzling, is older than almost anything in Florence, and is the scene of a lovely legend which some of you know. The hill itself is clothed with flowering trees, cherry and almond, beneath a bluer sky than England knows. On the other side of Florence, away over the silver Arno and the domes and the spires, is set Fiesole, proud and aloof with her now ancient Cathedral and more ancient Roman amphitheatre. But at the highest point of the proud old city is the convent of Francis, meekest saint, where the brown-frocked brothers still tend their garden of blue irises, and give to the children playing round the cloisters the bread that is left from their meal.

These lovely hills, fading away into the more distant Apennines, make for Florence "a setting worthy of the gem which it encloses". From any one of them you may look down upon the shining city, and the river's silver thread, and always that "mirror and model of perfect architecture", Giotto's tower, irresistibly compelling your first glance and your last. Far off, in early morning or in starlight it will shine for you; and when you stand at its base you shall read in twenty seven sculptures, many of them Giotto's own work, the unfolding of our life, from the first man waking from the sod at the summons to splendid primeval labour, through the long training of hand and brain to the later days when the grave artist lives for his art in solemn joy, labouring still. Remember too that Giotto did but see the lowest storey of his tower completed; that the Florentine workmen, who with less vision but not less love hewed and chipped and hammered, never saw the end for which they

laboured. Giotto's tower, whether you stand beneath it, or see it afar from the hills, or only in your thoughts remember it, forbids you for ever to doubt or question—even on a Monday morning—the worth and the beauty of a working life.

M.V.H.



BOYS' DEBATING SOCIETY.

153RD MEETING.

THE School Debating Society has had a particularly enjoyable and prosperous year, this being very largely due to the untiring energy of Mr. Joseph, the master in charge, who has devoted much of his time to the Society's business. Mr. Joseph, as Hon. Treasurer, is also responsible for the sound financial standing of the Society, and this despite the fact that the expenses for the year have been unusually great.

The members have taken part in the debates with great energy and enthusiasm, and have often spoken very well indeed. A little variety has been given to the meetings by the occasional substitution of a lecture or a concert for the usual debate, and these have reached a high pitch of excellence. But, in this sort of thing, nothing quite so difficult, so beautiful, and so successful as the Society's performance of "Comus" last year, has been undertaken in the past twelve months.

Very large attendances throughout the year have shown that the Society is still as popular as ever. The membership has this year been increased to meet the increased demand for admission. Masters occasionally come, and are always very welcome.

Four inter-debates took place between this and the St. Gabriel's Debating Society, each society having two wins to its credit. The annual picnic was held at Hexham. It is mentioned elsewhere.

Mr. Ferguson, in his comments on the Founder's Challenge Cup debates, said that he noticed a great improvement in the speeches of the members, and expressed himself as being highly pleased with the work that the Society was doing. Mrs. Ferguson has, at each Cup Contest, handed the Cup to the winner.

The two cup-holders for the year were A. Eggleston and W. Thurlbeck, and the various officers have been:—Autumn Term: W. E. H. Campbell, Pres., G. L. Aitchison, Sec.; Spring Term: G. L. Aitchison, Pres., J. M. Herring, Sec.; Summer Term: J. M. Herring, Pres., A. Eggleston, Sec. The following members have served upon the Committee:—Arnison, Huntley, Roscoe, Eggleston, Herring, and McLoughlin, and all of these have done much towards putting the Society into its present flourishing condition.

The following is a list of the subjects discussed.

1910.
 Sept. 19—"That this House considers that Form Competitions are detrimental to the School *esprit-de-corps*."
 Oct. 4—"That this House deprecates the influence of Modern Entertainments."
 Oct. 11—"That this House deprecates recent events in Portugal."
 Oct. 17—Lecture on "Beethoven", by Mr. Jarman.
 Oct. 25—"That this House believes animals to have reason."
 Nov. 1—"That this House approves of a Censorship."
 Nov. 8—"That this House believes civilized nations to have a moral right to govern uncivilized ones."
 Nov. 15—Cup Debate. "Is Regicide ever justifiable?" Competitors: Arnison, Hardy, Ramsay, Heys, Roscoe, Eggleston, Young, Asher, Huntley. Winner: A. Eggleston.
 Nov. 29—"That this House approves of Capital Punishment."
 Dec. 13—"That this House favours the Referendum."
 Dec. 20—Musical Evening.

1911.
 Jan. 2F—"That the Alien Laws should be more stringent."
 Jan. 31—"That the End justifies the Means."
 Feb. 7—"That Armaments ought to be limited."
 Feb. 22—"That this House deprecates the decline of Ancient Sports."
 Mar. 7—Cup Debate. "The Pen is mightier than the Sword." Competitors: Arnison, Ellis, Share, Boustcad, Thurlbeck, Canney, Huntley. Winner: W. Thurlbeck.
 Mar. 14—"That the School Buildings are inadequate."
 Mar. 28—"That Arbitration is superseding War."
 Apr. 4—"That Examinations are most vulgar tests of knowledge."
 Apr. 11—Literary Evening.
 May 9—"That this House favours Lloyd George's new State Insurance Scheme."
 May 16—Readings from Popular Books. (153rd Meeting.)

Membership of the Debating Society, and eager, active participation in its proceedings, seem to be almost a passport to success at Bede School. Thomas, Crawford, Alder, Armstrong, Rose, Campbell, Moffitt, Hetherington, Herring, Sladden, Bowden, and many other once-prominent members who could be mentioned, have done particularly well as pupils or ex-pupils. Indeed, with very few exceptions, the most distinguished Bedans of the past six years have passed through the Debating Society and been much in evidence there. Ambitious boys should take notice of that fact, and try to get into the Society and reap the advantages of membership.

A. E.



GIRLS' DEBATING SOCIETIES.

(1) UPPER IVTH FORM.

AT the beginning of the Autumn Term in the Girls' School, a proposal (invariably accepted) is laid before all the divisions of the Upper Fourth Form that a Debating Society should be formed. The next step is to choose members of the committee and officials. When this is accomplished to everyone's satisfaction the com-

mittee gets to work, and arranges for the first debate.

At the beginning of the present school year, the usual preliminaries were gone through and the first debate was held on November 23rd, 1910. The subject was not strikingly original, being "Which is the better pastime—Sports or Reading?", but, considering little or no debating had been done before by the girls, it went more smoothly than might have been expected. Unlikely though it may seem in this age of sporting girls, "Reading" gained a decided majority.

Our debates were not always arranged on the same lines: one debate was conducted almost like a tournament, and was a great success. A certain number of girls were chosen and divided up into two sides. One side could be described as "Napoleonites" and the other as the "Wellingtonians." Both sides debated fiercely on the respective merits of their heroes as generals and men, and the remainder of the society listened to their arguments. Like loyal Englishmen, the "Wellingtonians" defended the Iron Duke so well that he was decided to be the better man, and once more Wellington won a victory!

Another interesting debate took the form of a mock trial, and extended over two nights. A foster-mother was accused, on three charges, of cruelty to children. She was acquitted of the first charge, but found guilty of the remaining two, and sentenced to three years' hard labour. The routine of the court could not be strictly observed, and the furniture had to be represented by any available property. The dock was a small clothes-horse, which stood in the accused's way and rendered the expression "Prisoner at the bar" true in some degree. When the jury retired to consider the verdict, it is to be feared the verdict was not the only thing discussed!

Perhaps in no debate held during the year, was the excellent result of the Society's work better shown than at the last one. It was the most enjoyable and amusing debate ever held by the society, and—satisfactory to relate—it was all impromptu. Twenty-five girls were chosen by ballot to support twenty-five subjects, and the remaining members of the society opposed them. Each proposer spoke for one and a half minutes on her subject, and a similar space of time was allotted to her adversary. The subjects were very dissimilar in character, and ranged from a frivolous declaration "That it is better to be a boy than a girl," to a proposition "That Strikes should be subdued by the Government". Another motion declaring "That Sewing is a waste of time" was very popular among the girls, although the mistresses who were present seemed to be unanimous in believing that it was almost a waste of time to discuss such a fallacy. All the visitors at this debate declared they had seldom

attended a more enjoyable one, and everyone was convinced that they did not say this from mere politeness. The quickness with which the girls grasped the arguments and responded was the noteworthy feature of the meeting.

It was a recognised fact that the Society could not not have been the success it was but for the kindness of the President, Miss Boon, and Misses Drever, Lloyd, and Guthrie, in advising and helping the girls over their difficulties. These mistresses gave a great deal of their valuable time to further the cause of the Society. The Chairman, Secretary, and Treasurer filled their respective positions in a most competent manner, and contributed much to the success of the Society. The Chairman 'chaired' the meetings exceedingly well, the Secretary kept the minutes in a most painstaking way, and the Treasurer kept the accounts with a clearness and accuracy that did her great credit. One must not forget that the girls as a whole helped the cause by the enthusiastic way in which they threw themselves into all that was done, and no one seemed to grudge the time that was expended on the papers which were read from time to time.

Altogether a society could hardly have had a more triumphant career than the Upper IVth Form Debating Society of the Girls' School.

(2) UPPER VTH FORM.

Meetings have been held three times in each of the winter terms. Four have been given to the reading of Hamlet, various favourite portions of R.L.S., Kipling's "Rewards and Fairies", and the gallant record of the "Japanese Artist in London".

At the other two meetings debates were held, the first on the old but ever interesting subject of "Writers versus Soldiers", the second, with Form VI, on "Hero-worship". The former was marked by a readiness and vivacity in the general discussion which was as creditable as it was unexpected in a first venture; the second by admirably prepared papers by the few chiefly responsible. If we could have a third to combine these two qualities, it would be a debate indeed!

(3) VIth FORM.

Five meetings of this society took place during the winter Terms. The first took the form of a mock Municipal Election. Two debates were held,—the motion discussed at the first was "That the present age devotes too much time to amusements", and at the second, a joint debate with the Upper Fifth Form, "That hero-worship is a greater power for good than for evil". Two excellent papers were contributed by G. Wood and B. Brearley, one of whom proposed, and the other opposed, the motion. During the Easter Term we had first a Shakespeare Reading, the

play chosen being "Twelfth Night", and then "Sharp Practice", when several subjects, both interesting and varied, were discussed.



BOYS' CHESS.

DURING the past winter several Forms have started chess clubs—viz.: Upper Fourth, Lower Fifth (H), and Upper Fifth (K), and many boys have had their first introduction to this most seductive game. Many inter-Form club matches have been played with all the solemnity of an international competition. J. M. Herring may be said to have been the pioneer of the game, having set one going in the Upper Fifth about a year ago, but the recent revival is very striking. Without going into details, it may be noted that there are several players of more than average capacity, and that most games display the spectacle of a fight to the finish to the very last pawn. Many attempts have been made to mate with a single bishop or a single knight, so far without success, and on one occasion a king was seen chasing a king about a bare board. We regret to observe that no courtesy is ever shown to the opponent's queen: she is unmercifully captured on the least opportunity, an incident which, however, rarely causes despondency to the player who loses her. Appended are the captains of the various teams.

Upper V: F. Haswell.

Lower V: C. O. Davies.

Upper IV: R. Brearley.

H. B. W.



SWIMMING NOTES.

Two years ago, Bede School severed its connection with the Sunderland Schools' Swimming Association, and held its first independent Gala. Last year further evidence of vigorous growth was furnished when the Girls' Section of the club announced its intention to hold a separate Gala. This took place on a Monday afternoon in October, and was a brilliant success, the various events being keenly contested. It is to be hoped that a Girls' Championship Race will be instituted before the next gala.

At the Boys' Gala, which took place a week or two earlier, chief interest centred in the Quarter Mile Invitation Race, open to Old Bedans. This was won by V. Brown, the retiring school champion, in 8 min. 5 secs.; R. S. Johnson was second, T. A. Dale third, and F. M. Atkins fourth. The Six Lengths Championship was also keenly contested,

the result being A. J. Ferguson, 1st (time 3 min. 8 secs.); G. L. Aitchison, 2nd; T. S. Collin, 3rd; and N. Richardson, 4th.

Bede School has always prided itself on the attention it gives to Life-saving, so that the establishment of a new Bath record in the Two Lengths Life-saving Race was hailed with the enthusiasm which it deserved. The winners, N. Elrick and R. A. Hetherington, swam the two lengths, first and fourth methods of rescue, in 79 secs. The previous record of 87 secs. was also made by Bedans.

R. A. Hetherington won the Three Lengths Junior Championship in 87 secs. O. Atkins was second, N. Elrick third, and D. Hudson fourth.

A most gratifying feature of the gala was the splendid entry of Old Bedans for the "Reunion" race. Over FORTY swimmers of all ages competed, including one who had been admitted to Bede School on the opening day in 1890, and who has long since established his reputation as one of Sunderland's leading swimmers. We trust that his example will be followed by many other swimmers of the early nineties.

The most striking feature of this season's swimming is the great progress made by the Lower Forms. In the Junior Shield Competition no fewer than three Forms had over 90% of the maximum marks. The following is the list of results:—

1. *Juniors* (Forms I, II, III). 77 boys in the division. 23 swimmers, 12 swimming certificates, 8 life-saving certificates, 1 quarter-mile speed certificate. Winners of written examination in life-saving, and of diving competition. Total marks 97.
2. *Upper Fourth F.* 25 boys in the division. 16 swimmers, 8 swimming certificates, 2 quarter-mile speed certificates, 4 life-saving certificates. Winners of the first life-saving competition. Total marks 95.6.
3. *Upper Fourth D.* 27 boys in the division. 15 swimmers, 9 swimming certificates, 7 life-saving certificates, 2 quarter-mile speed certificates. Winners of first squadron race, and second life-saving competition. Total marks 93.0.
4. *Upper Fourth E.* 23 boys in the division. 8 swimmers, 5 swimming certificates, 4 life-saving certificates, 1 quarter-mile speed certificate. Winners of second squadron race. Total marks 71.9.
5. *Lower Fourth B.* 30 boys in the division. 9 swimmers, 3 swimming certificates, 3 life-saving certificates. Total marks 60.9.
6. *Lower Fourth C.* 30 boys in the division. 8 swimmers, 4 swimming certificates, 2 life-saving certificates, 1 quarter-mile speed certificate. Total marks 51.1.
7. *Lower Fourth A.* 28 boys in the division. 6 swimmers, 2 swimming certificates, 1 life-saving certificate. Total marks 33.7.

C. K. W.

BOYS' SWIMMING CLUB.

Junior Shield Competition.

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| 1. Junior Forms (22 swimmers) | ... 97.0 % |
| 2. Upper Fourth F (16 swimmers) | ... 95.6 .. |
| 3. Upper Fourth D (15 swimmers) | ... 93.0 .. |
| 4. Upper Fourth E (8 swimmers) | ... 71.9 .. |
| 5. Lower Fourth B (9 swimmers) | ... 52.3 .. |
| 6. Lower Fourth C (8 swimmers) | ... 39.2 .. |
| 7. Lower Fourth A (6 swimmers) | ... 26.1 .. |

Distinctions.

- A. Brearley, F, Racing 31 secs., Life-saving 95%
 L. Duncanson, F, Racing 30 secs.
 O. Atkins, E, Racing 25 secs., Life-saving 92½ %
 W. Colling, D, Racing 28 secs.
 G. Smith, D, Racing 26 secs., Life-saving 95%
 O. Topel, D, Racing 26 secs., Life-saving 97½ %
 J. Joseph, C, Diving 100%
 T. Richardson, III, Racing 29 secs., Diving 93.3%
 Life-saving 97½ %
 A. Hoggett, II, Diving 93.3 %

Senior Competition.

- Quarter-Mile Speed Certificate (3 marks): Joseph Peebles, Upper Fifth K, 8 min. 33 secs.



THE SCHOOL ORCHESTRAL SOCIETY'S ANNUAL OUTING.

THE members of the Society had their annual outing this year on Saturday, June 17th. The place chosen was Brampton, from which Lanercost Priory and Talkin Tarn were to be visited. A large percentage of members took part in the picnic, and a few non-member friends who had been invited in accordance with the principle "The more the merrier". Included in the party were Mr. Jarman, conductor; Mr. Gale; R. S. Hipwood, secretary and librarian; J. Wright, leader; and A. H. Dobbing, pianist. The absence of the treasurer, W. E. H. Campbell, was much deplored, everyone avowing that after his hard year's work of extorting pennies from reluctant subscribers he should have been present to take his share in the jollification.

We started rather early in the day—at a time when most people are enjoying the final quarter of their night's rest, a much-prized thing. Perhaps Shakespeare had this in mind when he wrote "The last taste of sweets is sweetest last." Everybody was in high spirits, though many boys showed by involuntary yawns that they had spent a rather wakeful night in order to avoid oversleeping themselves and missing the train.



The railway journey we will pass over. My recollections of it are extremely vague, being almost entirely blotted out by subsequent greater happenings. What I do remember is a sort of confused roar, out of which rises ever and anon certain nonsensical verses about the doings of the animals in the ark. We all felt, too, a great hoarseness in the throat at the end of the journey. On leaving the train at Brampton Junction, speculations were rife with regard to the line of action the Clerk of the Weather was going to adopt. Optimists predicted a fine day; pessimists, a downpour. Non-partisan persons who thought hardest on the subject came to the conclusion that appearances were rather against the optimists. And so the question remained until the Clerk settled the matter by revealing his intentions himself.

Meanwhile we put ourselves *en route* for Lanercost. Our road ran for two miles through the prettiest country imaginable, a range of purple heather-clad fells forming a grand background to a land of meadow and woodland, "flowing with milk and honey". On we strolled, enjoying ourselves to our hearts' content, drinking in the pure fresh air, and devouring with our eyes the whole landscape.

At Naworth Castle we called a halt. It is the seat of the Earl of Carlisle, and has had a very eventful history. Its ancient owners, the Howards and the Dacres, were foremost in the fierce Border warfare, and many the tales its old walls could tell you of midnight raid and fierce assault. And to-day it is one of England's stately homes. In the inner courtyard we feel ourselves back in mediæval times. There is nothing to remind us of the twentieth century—everything is old-fashioned, quaint, and beautiful, except the dark dungeons, which have a dreadful fascination for us, and fill our imaginations with thumb-screws, racks, torturings, executions. Ugh!

Up to the present we had all been too happy to notice that the weather-clerk was becoming jealous and spiteful. But now he indicated rather abruptly that he meant to spoil the nice time we were having. We told him, perhaps unwisely, that he could not if he tried. He did try. It rained. It poured. But our high spirits were invincible, and we marched sturdily on to Lanercost Priory, which we reached rather wet and bedraggled, but still not in the least down-hearted.

Here a great treat awaited us, for we were to make the acquaintance of this historic building under expert guidance. The vicar kindly volunteered to show us round and talk to us concerning the historical objects to be seen. He first gave us a brief and very interesting history of the church. It was founded 700 years ago by a

number of monks of the Augustinian order. The land was given them by Lord Robert de Vaux, who had then the lordship of the soil. Those were rough times when nobody could be quite safe from the fierce raids of the Scots; but, with Christian patience, these monks set to work to erect a Priory. It was 80 years in building (1169-1250), during which time men's ideas upon architecture changed considerably, so that in different parts of the Priory we have different styles. Beginning at the East end we find it was built in the Norman style with rounded arches, and, as we go West, the architecture shows a transition to Early English, which has pointed arches and lancet-shaped windows. The older half of the Priory is remarkable for its simplicity and freedom from ornament. The later part was evidently the work of men who had learned something about decorative sculpture.

At the dissolution of the monasteries by Henry VIII the monastic buildings and lands of Lanercost were given by that monarch to Sir Thomas Dacre, whose brother William held the lands and castle of Naworth. Sir Thomas altered the buildings considerably to suit his convenience, and put up an inscription recording the change. This is now let into the window behind the Communion Table. By-and-by the fabric fell into decay, but part of it was restored in 1740, and has been used as a Parish Church ever since.

After the Vicar's enjoyable little lecture, we made a tour of the whole place, seeing the ruins and the monastic buildings, and listening to an organ recital on the large organ by Mr. Jarman. The tombs of the Howards, Dacres, and De Vauxes were examined with much interest, the Latinists among us attempting to decipher the half-illegible inscriptions which appeared on many of them. We entered the ghostly, weird Crypt, made the echoes ring with our voices and footsteps, and found much to admire in the beautiful groined roof and stately pillars. At the far end there are preserved some relics of Roman civilization in the form of two altars. Despite their great age we can decipher the inscriptions with little trouble. The first is:—

DEO SANCTO
SILVANO VE
NATORIS
BANÆ S S

"To the holy god Silvanus
the hunters of Banna
dedicate this altar."

The other says:—

D E O
CO CID IO
MILITES
LEGXXXX
V.S.L.M
A PRT B FG

The Rev. J. Collingwood Bruce, in his hand-book to the Roman Wall, gives the following translation:—
"To the god Cocidius, the soldiers of the 20th Legion, styled the Valerian and the Victorians, dedicated this altar in discharge of a willing vow to a deserving object, in the consulship of Aper and Rufinus."

After taking leave of the Vicar, to whom our

best thanks are due for his great kindness, we set off for Brampton, where tea awaited us. The weather, which had been so threatening or so unkind earlier in the day, now became fine, and it was in glorious sunshine that, after tea, we took boats off on Talkin Tarn. There was hardly a ripple on the water, and rowing, racing, "catching crabs", or bathing, we made the hours "fleet pleasantly". When it was just about time to make our way to the station, the rain again signified its intention of wetting us, right through to the skin this time. Many of us were still on the lake, some right on the farther side, when the downpour came. These got a thorough soaking, there and then. One boy was still bathing: he went under water for shelter, but, not being a fish, had at length to emerge, and take his half-drowning on land. Some boys happened to be under cover when the deluge began. They had to wait for the twenty minutes' rush to the station, through the very worst of the storm, for their drenching. It is no use my attempting to describe how fast the rain came down, or how wet we were;—because I should not be believed. After the first five minutes (or less) we could not have become wetter if we had all jumped into the Tarn. We had reached saturation point. But we all thought it highly exciting and laughable, and took it in great good humour. It had come too late to spoil our picnic.

What more is there to say? Only that we arrived home wet, tired, and ready—quite ready—for supper and bed; but each with the vivid impression that he had spent one of the most memorable days of his life. A. H. D.



THE O. B. G. A.

© B.G.A. ! What mean those mysterious letters? To the uninitiated they stand merely for "some society or other", but not in this light do they appear to the members. To these more favoured mortals they stand for a mine of good things, pleasant meetings with old school friends and mistresses within the familiar walls of the School, long talks of the "good old (school) days", and happy evenings when the hours pass only too swiftly, charmed away by the spirit of merriment and light-hearted gaiety, and when the supreme moment, the moment when all join hands for the singing of "Auld Lang Syne", comes only too soon.

To another set of people, namely, the "committee", the O.B.G.A. appears in the form of a by no means small amount of work and anxiety, and of precious moments spent in planning meetings, drawing up programmes, and sending out post cards, while exercises are crying out to be

marked, and numberless other duties are waiting to be performed. Sometimes, even, it appears in the form of a disappointment; but all these "worries" are borne cheerfully and patiently by the hard-worked committee members, who know that, by giving to the O.B.G.A. some of their time and thought, they are bringing pleasure to some hundred or so of Old Bedans.

It was in November, 1909, that a meeting of mistresses and old Bedans was held for the purpose of forming a society which should bind together girls who had left school and gone out into the world, and keep them in touch with the school. The Old Bedan Girls' Association was the outcome of this meeting. Girls who had once been Bedans were eligible as members, while the school staff and the Sixth Form girls were also permitted to join the association. Miss Boon was elected president, and Misses Coburn, Birchall, and MacNair were nominated vice-presidents; the posts of treasurer and secretary were filled by Miss J. Smith and Miss Daisy Revis respectively. A committee also was formed, three of its members being girls who had left school during the last two years.

It was decided that the association should hold two or three social meetings in the year, and that these meetings should take the place of the old Reunion. This was thought a most desirable plan, as only members were to be allowed to attend the meetings, and so there would be no chance of some Old Bedans being neglected on account of their being unknown to the others.

Up to the present date, the O.B.G.A. has been very successful. Last year, social meetings were held in the school on January 18th and on May 20th. In each case the programme comprised dancing and games, while entertainments were arranged by various members of the committee.

On December 16th, a most enjoyable party was held in Mr. Wetherell's rooms, at which over a hundred members were present.

There are at present a hundred and twenty names on the roll of the O.B.G.A., and we extend a hearty welcome to any old Bedan girl who may wish to join, for "The more, the merrier" is our motto.

Present Bedans on leaving school are eligible for membership.

Names of intending members should be sent to the secretary early in September, when the yearly subscription, one shilling and sixpence, is due H. W. DAVISON.



BOYS' ARTS & CRAFTS SOCIETY.

THIS society has prospered abundantly in the current year, more, indeed, than ever before.

At a committee meeting at the beginning of the Autumn Term, the following officers were elected:—President, Mr. J. W. Hawkins; Vice-President, Mr. J. H. Smithwhite; Committee, Mr. J. T. Wills, the Secretary, and one representative from each Form.

At the beginning of the present (Summer) Term an Exhibition was held, which proved a great success. The exhibits, which filled to overflowing both parts of the Chemical Laboratory, included *Boys' Homework Drawings*, *Outdoor Sketches*, *Imaginative Work*, and *Drawings from Life*.

The Prizes offered for the best outdoor sketches were gained by R. M. Neill [Upper and Lower Fifth Form Prize], L. W. Sargent, and A. H. Jones [Upper and Lower Fourth], and S. Potts [Preparatory].

The prize winners at the preceding exhibition were Wm. Liley [Art], T. S. Collin [Photography], and A. Thatcher [Craft].

The outdoor work was a special feature of the Exhibition. Several sketching excursions had been made to Coxgreen, along the sea banks towards Ryhope, to Lumley Castle, and to various other places; and the results were very satisfactory, the walks being greatly enjoyed by all those who took part in them, and some of the artistic products having real merit.

During the past winter a *Life Class* has been held in Room 4 on Monday evenings, when Mr. Hawkins gave a course of lectures on "Figure Drawing". Afterwards a model was engaged, and the members present practised drawing from life. The class was extremely successful, and the members unanimously agreed to continue it during the next winter, when further progress and further enjoyment are hoped for.

The Photography in connection with the Society has not been so good as in former years. In the year of Bubb's secretaryship it was capital. Doubtless many members now prefer to make pictures by hand.

The "Craft" section has been in many cases very good, especially the work of the smaller boys of the School. Little Dodds's model of a marine engine represented much skill and labour.

It is worth mentioning that Sutcliffe and Wood got prizes for Drawing from Natural Objects at the last Sunderland Arts and Crafts Society's Exhibition.

The advent of the Midsummer Holidays will afford many boys the opportunity of sketching and "snapping", and a good collection of work should be shown up next term.

I have given this hint or admonition in English. Now let me, like one of my predecessors, give it in Cicero's language:

Quam quisque norit artem, in hac se exercent.

R.M.N., Hon. Sec.

GIRLS' ARTS AND CRAFTS SOCIETY.

The First Annual Exhibition took place in October, 1910. The best work shown at the Term exhibitions held during the previous year was on view, and a large number of visitors remarked on its excellent quality. The exhibits showed what we can do by applying our knowledge of art principles to Craftsmanship, and bringing the beauty of nature to bear on the things of every day.

Among the best exhibits were some cushion covers, one designed and embroidered by Sybil Smart, another in appliqué by May Robson, and a third stencilled by Gladys Gibbons. There was a large number of water colour drawings of plant form, butterflies, etc., also landscape and figure sketches, illustrations for stories, and designs for many kinds of embroidery, the stitchery being carried out by the designer.

The younger girls sent in some good work, tray-cloths, pinafores, dolls' beds, etc. Margaret Hutton's cosy cover in white linen is specially worthy of note.

A number of exhibits were sent to the Sunderland Arts and Crafts Society's Exhibition to compete for prizes offered to pupils of Secondary Schools in the County of Durham, and several prizes were obtained.

E. S.



BOYS' GEOGRAPHICAL EXHIBITION.

THE Geographical Exhibition which took place at the beginning of the present term was in almost every respect a success. The only weakness of the Exhibitions in principle is that they must involve the ransacking of the houses from which the specimens are derived, and give a good deal of anxiety as to the safe return of many of the objects exhibited. These included many things of great value, and often of great beauty, and nearly always of considerable interest. There were vases and ornamental work in wood and metal from the East, shells from the Southern seas, swords and spears from savage lands, embroidery, skins, fruits, minerals from all parts of the world. Perched on the top of a case was the stuffed body of a queer animal which boasted of being neither lion nor tiger, but just half way, and what is still more curious had actually been brought alive to Sunderland. There was a case containing various kinds of tea, some of which was valued at a fabulous price, and gave the lie to that story which says

that the Chinaman never sends the best tea out of his own country. Each Form confined itself to a special continent, and the exhibits were judged by Miss Boon and Miss Newton. The first prize was awarded to the Lower Fifth (G), and the second to the Upper Fifth (K) and Lower Fourth (C). Unfortunately the winners had to content themselves with the honour and glory of their achievement, as a more material reward could hardly be awarded to each contributor.

If we may offer any criticism on an altogether excellent exhibition, it would be this—that on a future occasion it would be advisable to take rather smaller areas, and to make a point of trying to collect really representative products. This perhaps would not provide quite so interesting a show, but it would be more valuable to the collectors than an exhibit of curios, which often give quite an artificial attractiveness to an otherwise unrepresentative collection, and put a premium on "window-dressing." The difficulty is to get the specimens. Will all Old Bedans whose avocations take them to distant lands please note that we hope they will bring us back all the mineral and vegetable products they can lay their hands on without being brought within the clutches of the law. Thus we may lay the foundations of a School Museum, for which we hope to find accommodation in the palatial buildings that we sometimes dream about.

H. B. W.



GEOGRAPHY IN THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

WHEN you chance to see a large party of girls with eyes fixed on the clouds, or suddenly rushing together and minutely examining a spot on the ground, do not be alarmed: it is only a party of Bede girls out for a geography walk.

In the Lower IVth Forms we have disturbed the weather for a fortnight in every term, by declaring that we intended to make sun observations. Henceforth let everyone beware of making plans for picnics or games or any other frivolity when Lower IVth Forms are observing the sun, for the weather is sure to be dull or wet. We intend next year to keep our plans quite secret, and to try to take the sun unawares. However, we managed to catch some glimpses of the 'monarch', and we stood gazing with one eye shut and mouth open, so that passers-by thought we must be performing some mysterious rites. Great was our wonder that a little girl could cast so long a shadow, and that her shadow could grow so short between Christmas and mid-summer. We in Form Lower IVth are really

convinced that we do not live in the tropics, for we always seem to have a shadow all the year round.

At the beginning of the year most of the Forms went into Mowbray Park to study the rocks of which this district is composed, and we wandered about looking for fossils so that we even aroused the suspicions of the park-keeper, but when he discovered that we were really quite sane and harmless, he at once became our friend and showed us one of the largest 'cannon-ball' formations in the limestone.

In the Spring Term we launched a great undertaking. We decided to have a Geographical Exhibition. Each Form illustrated the country studied during the year, by bringing pictures or products, and a committee of four members was chosen to arrange the articles brought. When everything was arranged the Forms came in turn to visit the exhibition. There was a great number of very interesting objects, and by the end of the afternoon some of us felt that we had travelled far and seen much. Our only regret was that, owing to lack of space, we could not keep the exhibition open for another day. Mr. Ferguson, after consulting Mr. Widdows and Mr. Blyth, kindly judged the order of merit for the different Forms. Lower IV B came first with their South American exhibits, and Forms VI and Upper V K were bracketed 2nd. Form VI had a very varied collection of European and North American products, and the Upper Vth showed a carefully arranged collection of European products. We hope that this may be the first of many exhibitions.

At present Form VI are studying the geography of their own district, and we intend to make several excursions; but we shall have to leave to another time an account of our wanderings.

M. W. N.



HERO-WORSHIP.

"HERO-WORSHIP", Carlyle says, "is transcendent admiration of a great man", but this is only one side, and he shows us the other when he calls it "that old reverent feeling of discipleship". Thus the worshipper is not to stand aside and wonder at his hero; he must both wonder and follow. Therefore, in the abstract, Hero-worship is a pure, noble passion, but a passion it is: and as such, its effects must sometimes be evil.

Carlyle has said that Hero-worship is for ever changing, or rather that it is man who changes, and therefore sees different aspects of it. A passionate, enthusiastic nature may be absolutely

possessed by hero-worship in a form utterly impossible to a more placid nature. To the intense person hero-worship is a mighty power, a force that makes all his thoughts, wishes, and hopes centre in his hero; all the intensity and all the enthusiasm of which he is capable revolve around Him; all his powers are bent to follow and to obey his master's slightest wish, and, by and by, his whole life itself may become hedged in by that hero. Thus the hero becomes the one person in the world, and the worshipper is in danger of losing his own personality. As there can be no duplicates in the world, the worshipper is likely to become but a cheap reprint of his hero. Again, in weak or unhealthy natures hero-worship is inclined to descend into sentimentality or even worse. Even to a man of strong nature, whose passions are under control, there is danger of narrowness creeping in, and of a horizon limited by another's ideals and ambitions.

These are some of the dangers of hero-worship, and because of them it has been urged that hero-worship is a greater power for evil than for good in the world. These dangers, however, follow in the wake of all passions, especially when indulged to excess.

There is a very close parallel between the ancient legend of the pursuit of the Grail and the worshipping of some hero. Both are the pursuit of an ideal, for the hero-worshipper idealises his hero, and follows him as he sees him, and the Grail itself is a type of the ideal in the world. King Arthur, however, and therefore Tennyson, spoke gravely against a wrongful following the Grail. The knights, Arthur says, while seeking "wandering fires", would allow the "chance of noble deeds to go unchallenged". The power spent in following the Grail ought, he says, to be spent in seizing this 'chance', and the force and intensity put forth in hero-worship ought, it is urged, to be used for better purposes, and so, instead of the worshipper becoming merely a copy of his hero, becoming himself a hero. This is possible, but yet there was a knight even among Arthur's chosen few, to whom it was given to pursue the Grail and still to do his work. Galahad "clashed with pagan hordes and shattered all evil customs everywhere", and he, the noblest, strongest, and purest of the knights, was a follower of the Grail.

But there was only one Galahad among Arthur's knights; the rest, in following the Grail, mistook their powers and pursued "wandering fires", thus ruining their Order. The influence of Galahad, and such as Galahad, has, however, never been estimated. The power of the true hero-worshipper, too, is inestimable, for the personality of the hero in its best and grandest form becomes, when the hero-worship is true and real, merged into the personality of the hero-worship-

per, so that they are one, and thus the hero-worshipper is enabled to live a purer, nobler, and more powerful life, than would be possible in any other way.

It is therefore untrue that real hero-worship is a power for evil in the world. It is the counterfeit hero-worship that does the evil; the people who mistake their powers, as the knights did, are those who come to harm. No knight, however, would have been justified in ignoring the Grail. Where Arthur's knights went wrong was in leaving their appointed duties for a path to which they were not called, and no person is justified in not pursuing the ideal, even if he is not called to hero-worship some one mighty hero. To few is it given to hero-worship wholeheartedly, to be ennobled and strengthened by some one ideal hero, while still retaining their own personality;—to all it is given to "Follow the Gleam."

G. A. W.



RECENT BEDAN EXAMINATION PAPER "HOWLERS".

"A *watershed* is a shed for keeping the water dry".

"*Heir-loom*. A machine for making wigs."

"A *Proclamation* is a day on which all the impotent men of the town go round in carriages."

"*Take away that bauble*". "Henry VIII. might have said this when he saw the portrait of Anne of Cleves."

"Lucy Gray was a very quiet child for she had no playmates except wild beasts."

[*"No mate, no comrade Lucy knew;*

She dwelt on a wide moor"].

"Shylock said he wanted a lb. of Antonio's liver. He did not get it."

Question. What is the Latin for "A quantity of corn"? Answer. "*Sors frumenti*". (!!)

Question. What is the feminine of "Jack-ass"? Answer. "Jack-ess."

The following answer, given by a little boy candidate at the recent Examination for Exhibitions tenable at Bede School, is not a "howler", in the ordinary sense; but is naïve and amusing. Being asked to name which one of six kings he admired most, and to write a short account of him, he wrote

"Alfred. He burnt candles to know the time. He was a good king."

J. F.



