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RETAIL DEPARTMENT.
Joyfully we have watched the morning sun day by day rising higher in a clear sky. Each day has seemed better than the last; each day from Harvey Road the space between the Narrows has seemed bluer and bluer, until the necessity of writing this editorial has recalled to us the unwelcome fact that before we reach our well-earned Easter rest we must first encounter the slings and arrows of outrageous examinations—when every pupil longs to be a teacher and many a teacher thinks that it is more blessed to be examined than to examine.

This term has seen "the schoolboy creeping like snail" along Harvey Road as well as Long's Hill, but we now look forward to the not-far-distant day when the LeMarchant Road at nine o'clock will be alive from East to West instead of West to East. Saturday afternoons have witnessed figures climbing each week higher and higher above Buckmaster's Field, until they have now reached their summit. Now can one see where next year one will learn—here the Junior Room, there, the large laboratory and lecture room. And just a little way away the rubbish of the city is transforming itself on the Ayre Athletic Field into two new playing pitches.

Due largely to the House System, this term has assumed a quite unwonted bustle. Every evening the sound of battle has risen from the Playroom, strong men and strong women have met in healthy—and not always bloodless—contest. In a season when success in Inter-College games has been a "rare bird" the consolation of House success has been especially sweet. Our failure to gain any trophies this term has been emphasized by the installation of a Trophy Case, the kind gift of Mr. Brehm.

But our out-of-school activities have not been entirely athletic. We were indebted to Dr. Crossley and Mr. Leonard for an edifying visit—a visit made more impressive by its cheery nature. On Friday mornings Mr. Christian has continued not only to delight us but also to tell us the reason for our delight. There is a persistent rumour, too, that we are to have an "end of term" concert.

In this issue "House Notes" for the first time find a place. We would suggest a House Competition in the writing of "House
Notes and contributions generally. We fear that our suggestion will not be accepted, but perhaps the arrival of our House Ties, long overdue, will awaken the Muse, which must lie hidden—deeply hidden—in many breasts, to come forward with song or story for our next number. We are glad to welcome the Scouts back to life under the leadership of Captain Ronald Ayre and we congratulate the Guides on their continued success and their winning of Lady Allardyce’s Shield.

February 3rd, 1928.

Hon. Chas. P. Ayre,
Chairman of the Board of Governors,
Newfoundland College of the United Church.

Dear Mr. Ayre—

We, the undersigned, members of the Board of Governors and the allied Board of Directors, speaking for ourselves and on behalf of the Governors outside St. John’s, having heard of your latest expression of liberality to the cause of education in the munificent gift of ten thousand dollars ($10,000.00) for the founding of the Ayre Memorial Gymnasium in the new College, desire to express formally to you our gratitude on behalf of all those who serve the same cause and our admiration of the spirit which has ever manifested itself in your remarkable service and support to education in this land.

We wish, through you, to express our thanks to the family and executors of the Will of the late Mrs. R. C. Ayre and further, also through you, to Mrs. Andrew Murray for gifts of five thousand dollars ($5,000.00) each to the same object.

Our pupils have enjoyed the benefit of your generous thought in the use of the Ayre Athletic Grounds which you gave to the College some years ago. The gymnasium which is made possible by the gifts which we now acknowledge will be quite as useful and valuable in the same direction. We heartily appreciate and approve your wisdom in directing gifts to facilities for recreation and healthy sport, so effective and often so deplorably insufficient in educational appliances.

These contributions represent large sums which greatly enhance the resources of the Board in the enterprises now in hand and give new life and encouragement to all supporters and workers in the same cause.
The disaster which overtook us in January 1923 in the burning of the old College building turns out to be one of those crises which sometimes mark the growth of a great movement. Since the fire, education has taken on new life and enterprise. The spirit of devotion, generosity, and service, of which you and your family have furnished notable examples, has taken possession of our people and great strides have been made in the progress of buildings and organization. The expenditure of a half million dollars on buildings and equipment which was foreshadowed in the Programme of the United Schools immediately after the fire and which looked to many at the time as visionary and chimerical, shows evidence of being speedily realized to the great development of educational organization and efficiency.

It is a great thing for the College that it has your wise and generous leadership, which we regard as the outstanding circumstance contributing to present progress. We believe that these large gifts and your continued leadership will stimulate the work of all our auxiliaries and boards and that the enterprises now in hand will proceed to the fullest measure of success aspired to in the aims and ideals of our programme.

It is our wish to present you with something that will serve as a reminder to you of all we say in this address and we can think of nothing more appropriate for the purpose than the pen which, in your hand, becomes so effective and eloquent in the cause of education. May you live long to use it in all good causes.

With high regard and gratitude, we remain,

Yours faithfully,


HOCKEY

Our Hockey team deserves every credit for the showing they put up against St. Bon’s and the Feildians this year. Everybody on the team did his very best and although we did not win a match it was not because we did not try. We had very bad luck in one game against Feild; we led all through the game but they managed to tie up the score in the last period and in the play-off we were beaten. Our team consisted of:—A. Clouston, (Capt.), H. Drover,
GIRLS’ HOCKEY

The girls’ ice hockey for the season has not yet ended but it seems probable that the Memorials will carry off the honours in this sport. So far the Memorials have played one match against us and they won by a score of 4—1. Spencer College has played as twice and in both matches the school was defeated. However we are not yet beaten and before we finish we hope to win one match at least.

This year it cannot be said that we did not have enough practice. We have practiced quite a lot and our failure must be caused by bad luck. In the matches against Spencer we had plenty of chances to shoot but their goal-keeper seemed too good for us and she always saved the shots. However next year if we are able to obtain plenty of practice we are not going to let the school-down again.

E. G. G.

BASKETBALL

We have been playing basketball quite a lot this term, having played House matches and also matches against the Memorial and Spencer Colleges.

The House matches are now finished for this term and they have been very interesting and very keenly contested. In due time, owing to the basketball played among Houses, the standard of basketball will be raised considerably and other schools will have a hard task to beat us.

In the matches played with Spencer College, they proved victorious in two games out of three. We won one game and they won two, beating us in the last match by one point only.

We played only two games against the Memorials. They were the victors in one and ourselves in the other. Of the three teams, Spencer were the best and they carry off the honours and also gain the cup presented by Mrs. Gosling.

TO OUR REJECTED CONTRIBUTORS

An author who recently submitted a manuscript to a firm of Chinese publishers received the following letter covering its return:

“We read your manuscript with boundless delight. By the sacred ashes of our ancestors we swear that we have never dipped into a book of such overwhelming mystery. If we were to publish this book it would be impossible in the future to issue any book of a lower standard.

“As it is unthinkable that within the next ten thousand years we shall find its equal, we are, to our great regret, compelled to return this too divine work and beg you a thousand times to forgive our action.”—Siam Observer (Bangkok).
SIXTH ST. JOHN'S BOY SCOUTS

The Troop resumed its weekly meetings in November. After a period of adjustment we have settled down to regular work, and have started an inner patrol competition, in which the Caribous are leading. We have admitted a few recruits to fill vacancies; but no more can be taken at present as the Troop is up to strength.

We regret that A.S.'s F. W. Burt, and C. F. Horwood are no longer with us. We extend a hearty welcome to Mr. Wilfred Peters, who has taken up work as A.S.M., and whose previous experience of scouting should be of great value. We are also glad to have J. Rooney again with us.

T. L. B. F. Dove has been instructing in ambulance work and the class should produce a number of qualified first-aid men. Six Scouts are attending the signalling classes run by Joe II. on Tuesday evenings. Morse signalling has been taken up also by the remainder of the Troop and each Scout has procured a flag. It is hoped that the general standard of signalling will be higher this year than previously.

Preliminary plans have been made for camp this summer. Owing to the introduction of a new system it is most important that any boy going to camp should have a knowledge of simple cooking. We would ask for the co-operation of parents, especially the mothers, in the carrying-out of our plan to improve the cookery of the Troop, as outlined on the cards issued.
Tuesday, February 21st, was celebrated as the Chief Scout’s birthday by the Troop. Special games were played and during the evening Major Ingpen visited the Troop and gave us a talk on the late Earl Haig at Campfire. We hope to see and hear more of Major Ingpen.

We wish to express our thanks to Mr. D. R. Thistle for his generous gift of message forms for the use of signallers, and Mr. C. F. Horwood for the blackboard presented for use in the competition. Among former members of the Troop still active in Scouting we hear of Selby Parsons, organizing a troop at Lush’s Bight and C. K. Howse who intends to start a troop at Millitown.

The following appointments are made,—

No. 27 R. F. Dove, Troop Leader,
No. 31 J. Angel, Patrol Leader, Caribou,
No. 61 F. G. Thistle, Patrol Leader, Bulldog,
No. 69 A. M. H. Graham, Patrol Leader, Curlew,
No. 107 R. F. Horwood, Patrol Leader, Seal.

Jamboree August 1929. It is proposed to send a Newfoundland representative troop to England to attend the Jamboree. Probably each troop will have an opportunity to send two or three Scouts, paying all or a proportion of their expenses. A fund has already been started by the Council, and several troops have opened savings accounts for this purpose. If we wish to send two or three members of the Troop to represent us, we will have to get busy at once, and make plans for financing our proportion of expense.

GIRL GUIDE NOTES

"A" AND "B" COMPANIES

Although Miss Ayre, our Captain, has been absent, the Company has made favourable progress since we started in September last. The Second Class Guides of “A” and “B” Companies are working hard for their First Class Badge, and those who have not yet won their Second Class are well on the way. By the end of the school year we hope to have all Guides enrolled as Second Class Guides. Many are also busy in working for the various Proficiency Badges.

We are very thankful to Mrs. Harry Mews for giving the Company Cooking Lessons. The class numbers twenty-two. We also appreciate very much the kindness of the Ladies’ College Aid Society in giving us the use of their well equipped kitchen and fitting us out with all the necessary utensils for cooking.

Miss MacDonnald, our new Commissioner, has very kindly arranged to have the “Y” Pool reserved for the Guides for a half hour on Tuesday afternoons, and several of the Guides are availing themselves of the opportunity to practice for their Swimmer’s
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Badge. A fortnight ago ten passed their Swimming Test for the First Class Badge.

Classes have been arranged for Child Nursing: Nurse Squire of the C.W.A. has kindly consented to give the lectures.

We were very pleased to welcome Miss Briggs, an Eagle Owl, to a Company Meeting. She taught us some new games which we enjoyed very much. Under her direction we broadcast a Company Meeting from the Newfoundland Hotel.

We are now the proud possessors of the Lady Allardyce Shield won by us last year in the inter-company competition and presented at the Girl Guide Rally held on January 23rd.

"C" COMPANY

"C" Company consists of eighteen—Nine Guides and Nine Recruits. Since Christmas we have been working hard and most of our Recruits are ready for enrolment. We hope also to have some Second Class Guides shortly. Eight Guides are working for the Cook's Badge.

The Nightingale Patrol (P. L. Mildred Moore) won the inter-patrol competition for last term.

Our Guides are keen on starting a library and the patrols are saving their spare pennies towards starting one.

BROWNIES

Our Pack has been registered at headquarters and we now feel that we do indeed belong to the Brownie Family. We have six Sikes, each containing six Brownies, including the Leader, who is called a Sixer. The names are Elves, Fairies, Imps, Gnomes, Sprites and Little People.

This term has been an eventful one in our Brownie world. Early in January we were honoured by a visit from Miss Briggs. We are grateful to her for new games, stories and handicrafts which she taught us.

On January 20th the "Brownie Revels" took place at Spencer College. Each Pack contributed one item to the programme. We did a few songs from a Cantata founded on the nursery rhyme "A Song of Sixpence."

Miss MacDonald was our next visitor. She gave us our Registration Certificate which we now have framed.

We must take this opportunity of thanking Miss Macpherson for the lovely picture which she gave us and we hope soon to have a place in which to hang it.

On February 9th Lady Allardyce visited us, when seven Brownies were enrolled, six received their Second Class Badge, and eight Service Stars were awarded. Lady Allardyce thought of a game while watching the Brownies play. This she explained to
us and told us to keep it for our Pack Game. It is another way to play "The Church Clock," which very likely you will see if you visit our Pack Meeting.

Lately we have been carrying on our regular work and trying to put into practice the handicrafts which Miss Briggs taught us. Great interest is taken in the raffia work and some Brownies are hoping to have their baskets finished for the Exhibition.

At Easter we will be losing some of our Brownies, who are going to become Guides.

At present we are handicapped by the fact that we have to use the Gym for our meetings and we can get only an hour a week so as not to interfere with the Basket Ball games. We are hoping for better things next year. Our Pack as it stands is too large and as so many little girls are keen to be Brownies we do not think it fair to turn them away, so next year we hope that this difficulty will be solved by dividing the Brownies into two Packs. We are also hoping that we will have a room in which we can hang our pictures and put our other Brownie things so that it will look like a place where real Imps, Sprites, Fairies and all the other little people would play.

"IF WALLS COULD TALK"

Yes, if walls could talk, what would the walls of our Junior Room say to-day? True, they are not such very old walls, scarcely two years old, in fact, but they could hear a good deal in that time—a many a secret, I warrant, and many a funny story. But perhaps it is just as well that they cannot give up their secrets, for they might display the ignorance of the present generation in—let us say—the English language. But even though it may have been said that we know less of this extremely difficult language than of Latin and French, who could accuse of ignorance those who can write triumphantly of Gray's 'hairy-headed swine?' Also; they might speak rather too freely of our brilliant answers (or non-answers) in history period, but they could not possibly censure our Maths., brain-work, or our wondrous translations of Ovid! Those walls, at least, must be thankful that now no talking is allowed within their precincts, and that the frivolity of the Juniors is checked. Before long they may be able to tell of a sudden studiousness doomed to fall on the class, for Easter exams. are not so many weeks distant! Then they may have a short period of calm!

M. F. (Junior)
OUR WORK

Our English lessons are a freak.
We stumble through them week by week.
When oft by many a long, hard word
Our hard-worked brains are undeterred.

In French, by some mysterious stroke,
We always seem to find a joke.
Though why, no mortal man can tell,
For seldom do we learn it well.

Our Latin class, though quite select,
Is with our greatest genius decked,
For R———, and S———, and C. B., too,
The sweets of Ovid love to woo.

Of Maths and Science we could tell
How hard we try to do them well!
Even though our master can’t believe
How ev’ry failure makes us grieve!

But history period is our pet,
We long for it to come, you bet!
Oh how we love those frequent tests—
We merely treat them all as jests!

And so we find each livelong day
So occupied with work and play
That time goes by on swiftest wing.
While we expect the bell to ring.

M. F. (Junior).

The other day we were much interested and amused in reading of the fashionable affectations of early Eighteenth Century days, and we found ourselves considering those of the present day. Is there a great scarcity of buttons in the city stores, or are we slowly but surely reverting to the wrap-around blanket that graced the forms of the early inhabitants of this island? Is it quite natural that certain heads can become “waved” over night? It is also very remarkable that nature (?) has seen fit to adorn certain fair brows with tiny curls that are always perfected early in the morning, but become rather straggled-looking about one o’clock. We wonder if these curls are the result of brain waves or of heat waves which appear to take place elsewhere than in the classroom.

Speaking of the heat reminds us of the torture we suffer on sunny days during the morning sessions. Even the most hardened heads are becoming softened on the left side, while those of us whose avoirdupois has been greater than we would wish, are
slowly “rendering out.” We cannot order the sun round to the back of the building, so suppose we must endure to the end.

The Easter exams are upon us again, and books are our constant companions. Why should we have examinations? The teacher says—“that I may find out what you know.” We say—“we are told so often that our knowledge is of a negligible quantity, that we cannot see the value of emphasizing the point.” But our opinion is seldom asked, so here’s luck to us all!

AN INTERMEDIATE GIRL.

RIDDLE-ME-REE
The first is in deer but not in stag,
The second’s in prefect but not in flag,
The third is in teacher but not in scholar,
The fourth’s in cent but not in dollar,
The fifth’s in many but not in much,
The sixth’s in Italian and also in Dutch,
The seventh’s in ink but not in pen,
The eighth’s in women but not in men,
The ninth’s in “grand” but not in tall,
My whole is very much feared by all.

F. I. (Inter. Girls II).

L’APRES MIDI D’UN ASSOCIAT.

I wonder if he’ll forget that test. I expect he will; he always does when I’ve looked at it! Still it didn’t take long. Good! It’s translation! I wonder if he’ll put me on. No, he put me on yesterday. But he won’t remember that! No! he’s caught Jiggs! He must have had his finger in his vocabulary! Silly fool, Jiggs! Still, he’ll waste a bit of time while I look up a word or two. Oh! I thought he’d got me! No, it’s Swallow looking out of the window. I wonder what’s on—I’d like to have a look. There may be a fire somewhere. I think I’ll ask if I can go for a drink. Oh, it’s too much trouble! I don’t think I’ll bother to prepare it—I’ll tell him I thought the sentences were for to-day and I’ve left them at home. I wonder whom I can get to go to a show to-night. Oh! of course there’s hockey! I’ll try and get a cheap ticket for that—I might get in for nothing; then I can go to the Nickel to-morrow night! Oh, Smith, the swot! He goes too fast—doesn’t give me a chance to look up the words. Over a page! Good! I’m glad he’s put a girl on. Where’s the place? I’ll ask Thrush. Fine! That’s a page and a half. If he puts me on now, I’ll say I didn’t prepare as far as that! The other excuse’ll come in to-morrow. I wonder if I’ll get on the House team. Let’s see! Who is there in the Intermediate? Hallo! Five after four! I wonder if Bloggs would ring the bell if I woke him up. I’ll ask him. No! I’ll kick
him instead... "Er... or... I didn’t prepare as far as this, Sir."—Well! Detention at this time! That’s bad luck! I didn’t know he was only asking me my verbs.—A JUNIOR ASSOCIATE.

RECOLLECTIONS

Aliens—the word gives one a curious feeling of loneliness even when, as in our case, we went ashore at Zeebrugge, a party one hundred and thirty-five strong. It was a peaceful Sunday morning when we walked along the Mole to the entrance where a monument has been erected in remembrance of the heroic attack made by the British Navy on St. George’s Day, 1918. The huge column is surmounted by a bronze figure of St. George slaying the Dragon, and the names of the ships whose men played their parts so heroically are recorded thereon. Before leaving for Bruges our party placed a wreath of immortelles before the shrine of those whose names are immortal.

Our way lay through a level country, past sleepy canals, sentinel windmills, and well-cultivated farms. At 10 a.m. we reached Bruges, a quaint old town, its many canals and bridges giving to it the name, "The Venice of the North." During the morning we wandered round the city, visiting the Cathedral of St. Sauveur, the Church of Notre Dame, and the Halles with its belfry. After lunch, led by a Belgian teacher, we visited the Palace of Justice, and the Church of the Holy Blood. The latter is a piece of Sixteenth Century work, and contains, amongst other things of antiquity, a silver-gilt casket, adorned with solid gold statuettes and precious stones. As we entered the crypt, our eyes were drawn towards a figure of the Christ, lit up by a dim light filtering through a narrow blue-glass window. All else was in gloom, except where, in another niche, "The Descent from the Cross" stood out amid its dark surroundings in the same realistic way. A spin along the canals completed our day at Bruges, and a very fitting finish to a day in that medieval town it was. Houses, gabled roofs, cobbled streets, canals, all lent the feeling that one could be easily carried back to the Middle Ages.

At five o’clock we were at Brussels, and our introduction to the city was lively at least. The porters were determined to mix our luggage, and our manager, M. S——— was determined they would not. Then began the argument. The porters shouted at one another and at M. S———, until we began to think that shouting did help one to understand French better. Nevertheless we never had enough confidence in our pronunciation to do more than stammer a few words, the fewer the better, and those only when English would serve no longer.

The next afternoon we visited the Town Hall, the Palace of Justice, the Cathedral, the spot where Edith Cavell was shot and a
lace-maker's shop. The Town Hall dates from 1402, and is considered one of the most perfect specimens of Gothic art. The ceiling of the Room of Common Council is most exquisitely painted, and one of the figures, a cherub blowing a trumpet, seems to follow the gazeur round the room, even the trumpet seems to turn. The Staircase of Honour, which leads to the Gothic Chamber, is of white marble; the ceiling and walls are painted in most beautiful shades of blue, representing War, Famine, Pestilence, and the Arts of Civic Peace, and white marble busts of famous Burgomasters adorn the hall. In the Cathedral there is a remarkable pulpit of carved oak, the base of which represents Adam and Eve being driven from the Garden by Death, while the Angel stands over them. Certain figures represent worldly sins, the fruits of the ground are carved into the balustrade, and over the canopy stands the Virgin and Child.

The next afternoon we left by char-a-bancs for Waterloo. The drive was through a perfectly beautiful country, sometimes through a wood, sometimes past farm lands, and always along tree-lined roads. Not far from Brussels on the road to Waterloo is a famous copper-beech drive, perfectly straight for about a mile and a half and lined on either side by tall, straight copper-beeches. We visited the British monument, a four-sided pyramid, one hundred and sixty-five feet high, and surmounted by the British Lion, stands out like a sentinel on that flat country. We reached the top by a climb of two hundred and twenty-six steps, and our guide, a Belgian who spoke English with a cockney accent, pointed out the places where the battle raged most fiercely, Hougoumont, and La Belle Alliance. His sympathies were with the French, but he did his best to point out to us how brave our soldiers were and how proud of them we should be. He was most proud of the fact that his grandfather had been in the Battle of Waterloo. "My grandfather," said he, "was in the Battle of Waterloo. My grandfather was not a fighting man, and when he heard the guns he ran away and stayed in the woods until the battle was over; then he came out and helped bury the dead. So my grandfather, he was in the Battle of Waterloo."

On our way back to Brussels we visited the Belgian Congo Museum, which contains exhibits of practically all the animal life of the Congo, as well as statuary of the different tribes. Their huts, fetishes, tom-toms, potteries, weapons, boats, cloth and everything they use were shown, and the exhibits gave a splendid idea of life in that part of Africa.
A BEAR STORY

An old hunter asked me one day if I would go on a bear hunt with him. I was only too glad of the chance, and accepted his invitation with alacrity. His plan was to go to an old lumber camp where the bear had been seen, and wait there till the bear visited it in the night, which is his time for visiting.

We arrived at the camp about an hour before dark, and settled down for a long “wait”. We were both armed with repeating rifles, and would give Mr. Bruin a very hot reception.

All was quiet in the camp, and I began to wonder if the bear would come. To tell the truth, I was not quite sure that I did want it to appear, as things began to look different in the dark. The bear was supposed to enter by the window, and we would be able to see him outlined against it. By this time I was well scared; and trembling with excitement. Indeed, I had all the symptoms of an acute attack of “buck-fever”.

I stood it till one o’clock, when suddenly there was an awful noise. The hunter started up: “The bear!” he whispered. We waited for some time, and I, for one, wished I was anywhere but where I was. Then the “old-timer” stood up, and said we would go out and see if the bear was there. That was the last thing I wanted to do, but I was too terrified to stay in the camp alone. We crept out, and soon found that the noise came from a storehouse, a little distance from the camp. “The bear is inside”, the hunter whispered. “Now’s our chance to get him.”

As we approached the door, the noise suddenly stopped; and all was quiet. With rifles ready, we waited for the bear to come out, but nothing happened. Then the hunter ventured inside the shed. It was empty.

The noise had been caused by rats scurrying about on the tin-covered floor. I breathed a sigh of relief, and we gave up as a bad job and returned home.—P. S. (Junior).

A SPARE PERIOD

Ah, There’s the bell at last. Now for an hour of freedom. It is decidedly comfortable up in the kitchen where the sun beats in while one makes oneself comfortable. Sounds of music (?) come from next door and tend to make one drowsy as one gazes at the harbour glistening in the sun. It is a great relief to be out of range of that awful voice downstairs. While we muse a dreadful thought occurs: “O mercy, I forgot my Latin, and its next period!” Two sentences are “done” in record time. Then the Janitor arrives and a short debate on Bolshevism takes place. This is followed by the explanation of why the Creseents won, or why the Guards lost.
We then inquire as to the time, and find there are two minutes before bell time and eight more simple sentences to be done. We work overtime and the bell does not go. We then remember that C. also takes Latin and is probably now doing his own. It then rings and we saunter back to the place where we are not appreciated and where we are habitually insulted and chastised.—T.A. (Junior)

PITTS HOUSE

(Prefects—MARY JOHNSTON and T. ANDERSON)

We have been very unlucky this term. Two of our bright hopes have departed from us, one of them taking with him about fifty of our expected points. It is rumoured that the fates are against us. We don't know if this is the reason we were unrepresented on the hockey team, or whether it is the fact that the officials concerned were in the House.

The boys still managed to hold their own in basketball. We again obtained first place in the League. We had hoped to be able to retire undefeated champions, but Harrington House vanquished us while we were without our star centre. Harrington certainly has lots of weight—both male and female!

Our girls managed to win one game. In one of the others they had hard luck, but in the rest they were overwhelmed by their heavyweight opponents. We hope that our Junior Basketball team will turn out a few Lushes and Thistles. Two of the leading Juniors are brothers of our rival prefects. We are glad to say that threats and bribes have no effect!

Sad to say we have to record a defeat in hockey. Holloway beat us 2—1. Thistle scored our only goal. We have no excuse save the fact that Holloway has four members of the school team. We had several practices in St. Bon's rink which were very enthusiastic. There is no trouble in getting full teams for hockey. Unfortunately for us Holloway was defeated in the final. Farewell 0 points!

MACPHERSON HOUSE

(Prefects—MURIEL RABBITTS and M. WHALEN

It is difficult to show, without bringing discredit upon ourselves, just why we of the famous Macpherson House lost our matches both in basketball and hockey; for the Macphersons are clearly superior to the other clans. Probably we are too gentle. Gentle though the "pastoral" leaders of the other houses may be (a statement which may not go entirely unquestioned), we must
submit that their flocks are not all lambs. We feel too that other houses derive advantages of leadership which we have not; the bracing air of the kitchen has doubtless cooked many plans in the mind of one leader; bell-ringing has unquestionably added much to the physique of another.

The ladies of Ayre certainly live up to their name, for they seem to float like the gentle breezes above you when they leap for a basketball. The Pitts, on the other hand, keep as near to their lowly element as possible and throw the ball along the ground.

But it is in learning that we shine. To judge from the large number of detentions in our house, we shall surely do well in the exams. Our people are just crazy to learn, and in spite of the outside attractions they never grumble, but day after day religiously stay in after 4.10 and study hard. Brilliancy must be the inherent quality of the Macpherson House.

HOLLOWAY HOUSE

(Prefects—Marjorie Strong and C. R. Baggs.)

We in the Holloway House no longer believe that a boy or girl who goes to school with a smile on his, or her, face is a hypocrite, since as the saying goes:

"Ours is a nice house, ours is."

The matches this term were interesting and played with enthusiasm. Out of the four matches the girls played they won two:

Holloway vs. Harrington, 9—40.
Holloway vs. Ayre, 5—11.
Holloway vs. Macpherson, 21—7.
Holloway vs. Pitts, 13—10.

All the girls are anxiously waiting a chance to show their merit and we know when the chance comes everybody will be surprised. The male members of Holloway House, who are, of course, the pick of the whole College, have shown themselves to be superior to the other Houses in countless ways. We have a basketball team of the cleanest sort, and as for our hockey team, well it cannot be touched! We have three members of the College team, including the captain. We really can’t help pitying our unworthy contemporaries when they clash with us. Our detentions are kept within bounds but now and then a black sheep breaks loose. It would be a good idea if the detentions were brought down to a quarter of a mark per man, instead of a half mark per man, for
when we do make points they are not enough to take us out of the hole!

We are waiting patiently for our house ties, and since our colour is white and combined with red and blue it will give us a good motto: "loyalty, purity and victory", but they do not seem to have the good point of the bad penny!

AYRE HOUSE

(Prefects—Margaret Butt and J. Soper.)

Before our respective houses were named, we often wondered what ours would be called, but our minds were soon set at rest, when the name of "Ayre" was given to it. Since then we have tried to live up to and uphold that fair name. For a while Ayre House headed the list of detentions, but... one day, we received an awful scare. On looking at the notice board, it was seen that our powerful ascendency had sunk to third place. We then went over our detention list, and found to our surprise and delight that the total had been misrepresented, and at present we are still holding, with Pitts, the coveted position of first place.

The basketball teams have been fairly successful, having gained second place in the girls' and third in the boys'. The points gained were 30 and 20 respectively. For the hockey we have had hard luck, especially in the match against Harrington, in which the latter won, 3-2. We hope to start the junior basketball very soon, and as it is their first appearance we look forward hopefully. It is hard to say how they will turn out, as nobody has seen the other Houses play.

We congratulate Pitts House upon winning the boys' basketball championship. Our team lost to Harrington and Pitts before they got into their stride. Then, however, the tide turned and by good forward combination we defeated Holloway and MacPherson.

HARRINGTON HOUSE

(Prefects—Evelyn Grimes and P. Sheppard)

Again we have had a very successful term, and are in a fair way to retain our place in the lead. Our girls have won the basketball championship and our boys won the hockey championship and came second in the Basketball League.

In the Easter examinations, which are now approaching, we expect to cover ourselves with glory again. Our detention list is very long, but we hope to reduce it and keep it down. All mem-
bers of the House must make a special effort during the last few weeks of the term and keep the old House going strong.

We do not always get first place but come second in so many things that our second is as valuable as other people's first. So, Harringtonians, keep this record up and look—not backward—BUT FORWARD!

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THE GREATEST THING

Flowers are the perfume of the earth,
The beauty of the soil,
The sweetest things God gave to birth,
To ease man’s burdened soul.
He gave them velvet petals soft,
And colours of the dawn,
And scattered them in different lands,
In meadow, field and lawn.

They speak of pure and holy things,
Of God’s great love for all,
Who sees all things on earth to die,
And each sweet petal fall.
He covers them with sparkling dew,
Each flow’r from pole to pole,
But God forgot the greatest thing,
For He forgot the Soul!

—R. B. (Inter. Girls II.)

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