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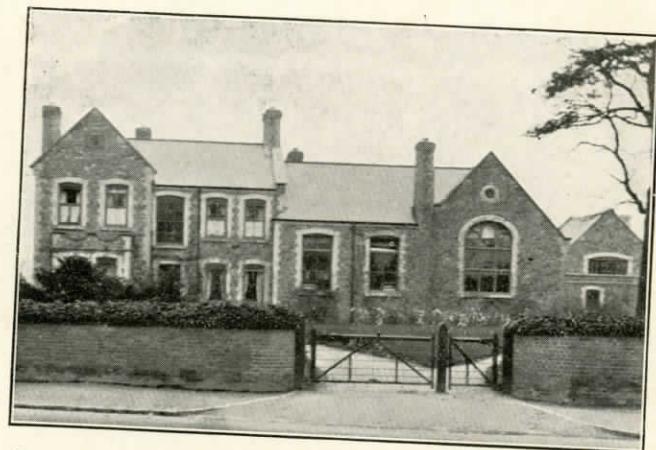


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## SCHOOL NOTES.

THE publication of this issue of "The Quornian" has been long delayed for reasons in the main financial. The School Trustees have, however, guaranteed an annual donation which, together with the subscriptions of Old Quornians and others, should be sufficient to cover the cost of publication of two numbers a year, and to allow one copy of the magazine to be given free of charge to every pupil in the School. Subscribers who have not yet received the copies they have already paid for will be duly notified when their subscriptions are exhausted.

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Owing to the development of serious lung trouble, Miss Anderson was obliged to relinquish her post at Christmas, after only one Term's service. Her friends will be glad to hear that she is now restored to health, and that she hopes to be in full work again in the New Year.

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Miss Newby is happily engaged as French and Drawing Mistress in the Guildford County School for girls ; and Miss Bowser was in September appointed to the post of Fifth Form Mistress in the Duchess of Northumberland's School at Alnwick.

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Mr. Rogers, whom just a few of the older pupils will remember, has given up teaching and is settled in Vancouver, having obtained an appointment under the Dominion Trust Co., Ltd.

At last, after much negotiation and the consideration of various designs, we have succeeded in getting a satisfactory badge of honour for the girls. It takes the form of a brooch bearing the School device encircled by a ribbon bearing the School motto. The ribbon and the shield are in green enamel, whilst the motto and the tortoise, with the decorative ornament, are in gilt relief. All officers or members of the Old Quornians' Committee, and all past or present pupils who have reached the Sixth Form, or who have for two years been recognised members of the hockey or cricket teams, or who have taken the first place in the tennis tournaments, are entitled to wear the badge. Those desirous of securing one should send in their names, and a statement of their qualifications, to the Head Master, together with a Post Office order for three shillings in payment. The brooch is produced by Messrs. Fattorini, the well known Bradford jewellers, and is much admired by all who have seen it.

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We regret that owing to a glut of matter we are compelled to postpone to the next issue an account of this year's Prize Distribution and other news of interest.

E.W.H.

#### THE SCHOOL AND ITS FOUNDER.

The Final Deed of Settlement, dated August 12th. 1691, covers two and a half skins of parchment, and is therefore too long to be given here at length. I will, therefore, summarise its contents, using, when it seems desirable, the words of the Deed itself, or of one of the many abstracts found in the School archives.

In accordance with the usual practice of olden days, the property concerned—namely, one “messuage or tenement now or late in the occupation of Abraham Chambers”; the Pingle, i.e. a close of pasture ground “adjoining the tenement on the West”; the close on the South part “called the Great Close being newly parted”; the close of pasture “called the Clay Peece”; and six closes of meadow and pasture “called Vickers or Vickerdiparts” now or late “in the occupation of

John Smith and Henry ffoster”—were, by a legal fiction, on August 11th. and for the consideration money of ten shillings, leased for a year to Edward Whitworth of Burley by Loughborough and William Patrick of Burley, yeoman. On the next day, August 12th, the property was released “to the said Whitworth and Patrick and their Heirs and Assigns to the use of William Rawlins, junr., Esq., Christopher Smalley, and Thomas Chapman, their Heirs and Assigns for ever upon the Trusts and for the Ends, Intents, and Purposes” described below. That is to say :—

(1) The Trustees are to pay Thomas Rawlins 20s. yearly on June 4th, “if demanded by writings under his hand; and for want of such demand” this sum is to be applied to the other purposes afterwards mentioned.

(2) In addition to the 20s. a year bequeathed by Thomas Rawlins the elder “out of part of the premises” to raise Stock for apprenticing a poor boy of Woodhouse, another 20s. a year is to be paid for the same purpose “out of all the premises.”

(3) Similarly 40s. a year are to be raised for “apprenticing a poor boy or boys born in Quorndon.”

(4) On June 4th. and December 9th. the Trustees are to pay £24 for the following uses:—£16 per annum are to be employed “in putting to School two and twenty or more poor boys born and dwelling in Woodhouse and Woodhouse Eaves, if so many can be found,” and failing this, the number is to be made up out of Quorndon; £4 per annum are to be employed “in putting to School six poor boys born and dwelling in Quorndon”; and the remaining £4 “in putting to School six poor boys born and dwelling in Barrow upon Soar, all which boys are to be taught and instructed in English, Lattin, Writeing and Arithmetic in the School hereafter mentioned.”

(5) The boys are to be “chosen by the Trustees or the major part of them,” and if “there cannot be so many poor boys as aforesaid found in the respective places aforesaid” then the number is to be made up “by the Trustees or the major part of them out of such adjacent Towns as they shall think fit, and the Trustees, in nomination of such poor boys, are to have respect to those poor people's boys who have not wherewith to give them learning.”

(6) The Trustees are to “elect a fit person to be Schoolmaster, who shall be placed and settled in Wood-

house at the House new built for the purpose," and are to pay him £24 per annum for his services.

(7) They are to "lay out forty shillings per annum in books and paper for the use of such boys whose friends are not able to buy them any, and such books" are to remain in the School "for the use of such Charity boys."

(8) The residue of the profits, after payment of taxes, chief rent, and repairs, "are to be disposed and paid yearly for ever unto some poor Antient people born and dwelling in Woodhouse and Woodhouse Eaves aforesaid, for and towards their support and relief at such times as the Trustees shall think fit."

(9) "If by reason of taxes, or any unforeseen accident, the rents and profits shall not in some year or years be sufficient to answer the several sums aforesaid," then the Trustees are to "make a proportionable abatement" of all the various sums payable, and are to "be accountable for no more than they receive, nor for what loss may happen without their default, but to be reimbursed all charges in execution of the Trusts."

(10) Upon the death of a Trustee, the two survivors are to elect another "out of Woodhouse, Woodhouse Eaves, or Quorndon" in order that the "said Charity man continue in three persons for ever."

(11) "On or before the sixth day of March next" the Trustees are to buy "out of the profits of the premises, a paper book" in which "the Deed of Settlement, or the substance thereof" is to be written "before the 30th. day of September 1692"; and in the same book "shall be likewise yearly for ever entered all the accounts, acts, matters, and things whatsoever belonging to or in anywise concerning the Trusts."

The lease for a year was signed by Thomas Rawlins, and the release by all the parties to it. Both documents were witnessed by William Rawlins Senr., Will Dyer, William Squier, and Jo. Thompson; and the release has the name of Charles Farnham on the back, following some half obliterated and abbreviated words which I have been unable to decipher.

The seals attached to the names of the contracting parties are all but one perfect. The one appended to the name of William Rawlins was evidently impressed with his signet ring, and bears the device of a tortoise on a shield. The other seals are all alike, and bear the impression of a bird — possibly a dove — surrounded by some apparently

meaningless marks. These last impressions may have been made with the Founder's ring, but the device is not heraldic, and it is uncertain to whom the ring belonged. This is why the tortoise has been adopted as the School device.

Upon comparing this Deed with the earlier one of September, 1690, we notice many points of difference. Some are mere verbal improvements designed to give greater clearness or security to the provisions, and others involve matters of principle.

These last are, of course, the most important, and may be summed up thus:—(1) Thomas Rawlins's annuity is reduced from 40s. to 20s. a year. (2) The provision for the repair and making of the "Foot Causie" disappears. (3) The sum to be spent on education is raised from £11 per annum to £24, and the number of boys to be taught is increased from 13 to 24. (4) The sum devoted to apprenticeship is reduced from £8 per annum to £4, and Barrow and Loughborough are no longer to benefit. (5) The school is definitely located at Woodhouse. (6) The Trustees are not necessarily to apply the residue to alms-giving every year, but only at such times "as they shall think fit." (7) Lastly, the settlement is made without any power of revocation. Thomas Rawlins had reason afterwards to regret this omission, and in 1709, three years before his death, he vainly tried by an action at law to secure certain modifications that he thought desirable.

E.W.H.

#### THE CHRISTMAS ENTERTAINMENT.

For some years it has been the custom to hold this function at the end of the Michaelmas term. Unfortunately, owing to the indisposition of some members of the staff, it was deemed advisable to postpone this now important entertainment to the beginning of the Lent term.

During the vacation, Miss Anderson, acting upon medical advice, had resigned her position as a mistress at the school, but fortunately she was in Quorn during the first week of the term and so was able to be present and to take the part originally assigned to her.

As usual the proceedings opened with the refreshings of the inner boy and girl, a necessary adjunct to these

functions. The tea was well arranged by the committee and was enjoyed by all, including some members of the staff who highly appreciated the fancy cakes.

Punctually at 5.6½ o'clock, S. G. Baker took the chair amidst tremendous excitement, and after an introductory speech, conspicuous for its brevity, the Misses Anderson and Reynolds opened the programme with a pianoforte duet. Rarely do we have the pleasure of listening to such an excellent performance. Opinions were divided as to the relative excellence of the majestic up and down motion of the one and the artistic horizontal action of the other.

Following this item, songs were given by C. Cotton, E. Collins, I. Veasey, G. Gamble, and H. Lewis; pianoforte solos by D. Glover, L. North, I. Baum, G. Peberdy and D. Jacques, a recitation by I. Hinton, a vocal duet by W. Payne and G. Wesley, and a violin solo by I. Veasey. These were all most interesting, but space forbids us to deal with them in detail.

The last item on the programme, the dramatic sketch, was looked forward to with great eagerness, for everyone had been aware of the great preparations made by Form VI. during the last few weeks of the Michaelmas Term. The piece was entitled "Our Aunt from California." Miss Anderson in the title rôle was very effective, and she was well supported by D. Hayward, D. Lewis, W. Payne, R. Perkins, O. Trautmann and G. Wesley.

The costumes were excellent and undoubtedly contributed largely to the success of the piece.

We think it is rather a pity that, with the exception of the pianoforte solo by L. North, all the items were given by girls. It was, however, very pleasing to note the large proportion contributed by Form II., a feature which augurs well for the future.

We think the programme would have been materially improved if some such items as the following could have been included:—

1. Quartette, "O Unpeaceful Night." S. G. BAKER, H. FACER, R. V. HICKLING & H. MOORE.
2. Song (Humorous), "Geography." ... Miss BUTLER.
3. Highland Reel (in costume), ... F. G. MACVINISH. Bagpipe Accompaniment by A. SHEDDEN.
4. Song and Dance, "Always Merry and Bright." GEARY & GAMBLE. (The Doleful Comedians).
5. Monologue, "How I crossed the Channel." J. FLEWITT.
6. Recitation, "Little Jim." Mr. A. HICKLING. H.W.H. F.W.W.

## THE HOBBIES EXHIBITION.

The Hobbies Exhibition, held on Wednesday, March 22nd, was again a great success. The exhibits both by present and past pupils were rather more numerous than before, and on the whole showed an improvement in quality upon those of former years. A large and interesting collection of curious and artistic objects was loaned by friends of the School, and the Fine Art Exhibition arranged in the Physical Laboratory was productive of much merriment and some puzzlement.

Departing from our usual custom we made a small charge for admission, 3d. each, to non-exhibiting pupils and outsiders, the proceeds being added to the Hobbies prize fund. Prizes were given by Mr. Hensman, Mr. Hale, Mr. Wright, Miss Reynolds and Miss Hallett, and donations were received from Mrs. Geo. White, Mr. H. H. North and Miss H. Scott. There was a small balance of 2s. 10d., which, by the decision of the committee, was carried to the Quornian Fund.

With the exception of the Cookery and Needlework Exhibits, which were judged, the former by Messrs. Hensman and Hale, and the latter by Miss Hallett, the prizes were awarded upon the votes of the pupils, two votes being given to the first and one to the second selection made in each class by each voter. This arrangement worked very satisfactorily, except in regard to the Old Quornians' section, of which the premier exhibit was undoubtedly the extremely clever and highly artistic pair of miniatures painted by Miss Dora Fewkes.

Below will be found the detailed criticisms upon each section, and the names of the prize-winners.

**Section A. Things Made.**—There were more entries for this section this year than last, but they were rather less varied in type. This year were shown two fretwork models and a number of drawings, whereas last year there were fretwork designs, paintings, photographs, drawings and other articles.

The two fretwork models shown by S. G. Baker and S. T. North were by far the best exhibits, and it was most difficult to discriminate between them. This is shown by the fact that they each gained the same number of votes. The next place was obtained by two drawings executed by B. J. Shenton. To each of these a prize was awarded.

G.W.

**Section B. Cookery.**—The exhibits included bacon and eggs, bread, butter, cakes of various kinds, and sweets. Most of them were excellent and all were meritorious. In awarding the prizes the judges took into consideration not only the excellence of the product, but the difficulty of the process employed, and the daintiness or otherwise of the arrangement of the exhibit.

After most careful consideration they came to the conclusion that Frances North deserved the first prize for her perfectly cooked bacon and eggs, and excellent cake ; whilst they bracketed as equal for the second prize Grace Wesley's appetising sandwich cake and Constance Barr's beautifully smooth and creamy butter. In one case at least, where two articles were exhibited by the same competitor, a very meritorious exhibit (an excellent loaf of bread), which might by itself have gained a prize, was put out of court by an untidy exhibit of another kind. Ida Veasey's Swiss roll, Ivy Hinton's loaf, Dorothy Jacques's cheese cakes and H. Sturges's toffee were highly commended.

E.W.H.

**Section C. Needlework.**—There were six entries only, and it seems a great pity that the girls did not make an effort to give a larger display, as this art is certainly one of the most useful that they can practise. However, although the exhibits were few in number they were good in quality.

The first prize was awarded to Constance Burrows for a very difficult piece of crochet work, which must have taken her many hours to make. Ida Veasey's side-board cloth received the second prize. It was decidedly simpler than the crochet, but it showed great taste in the blending of the colours.

M.E.H.

**Section D. Collections.**—There were nine exhibits in this class, and the arrangement of them showed that both time and thought had been spent in preparing them for the exhibition. Collections of coins, shells, birds' eggs, fossils, and stamps were shown, and the fossils attracted the attention of all, especially the adults.

The first prize was won by J. Flanders, with his collection of birds' eggs, which must have taken a long time to collect and prepare. K. Bamber's group of shells gained the second prize, and a third was awarded to C. Flewitt for her coins, which were nicely arranged and labelled with great care.

Several of the other exhibits were worthy of praise.

F.N.

**Section E. Music.**—All of the competitors in this section, except one girl, were members of Form II.

Leslie North, who took the first prize with the large total of 99 votes, deserves great credit for the artistic style and easy confidence with which he played Haydn's Third Sonata.

The singing was particularly good, especially that of Clarise Cotton, who has a full rich contralto voice, remarkably powerful for a child of her age. She gained the second prize with thirty-three votes. Ida Veasey and Gertrude Gamble also deserve mention.

B.R.

**Section F. Old Quornians.**—The exhibits in this section showed a decided improvement on those of last year, and there were so many different kinds of good work shown, that it was difficult to decide which deserved the prize. Miss D. Fewkes's beautiful miniatures and Mr. F. Bunney's Coronation designs showed skill in totally different branches of painting, whilst the caged birds of Mr. R. Facer, and the stuffed ones of Mr. Clutsom can hardly be said to belong to the same section as the needle-work of Miss Callis, Miss Drew and Miss A. Fewkes.

Miss D. Fewkes kindly allowed her South Kensington silver and bronze medals to be shown.

Mr. Bunney's work obtained the highest number of votes, and Miss Callis's needlework was placed second. The peculiar merits of each exhibit must be passed by unmentioned, but, as a whole, this section shows that the work with which Old Quornians fill up their spare moments is something of which we present pupils may be proud.

F.W.P.

**Section G. Loan Exhibition.**—The numerous articles lent by many friends defy classification, and we must content ourselves with thanking the exhibitors collectively for the pleasure they gave us. Upon a count of votes it was found that the following items were most admired by the present pupils of the School :—A revolver, which had been used in the American War, lent by Mr. Underhill ; a water colour drawing, executed and lent by our Art Master, Mr. W. R. Burrows ; an elaborately carved sandalwood panel ; and Miss Alice Scott's Hungarian bracelet and peasant's dress.

E.W.H.

### HOCKEY.

We have to record another successful Hockey season. Five matches have been played by the first eleven; three of these were won, one resulted in a tie, and in one we suffered defeat. The weather has not been kind, the wind on several occasions making the game so tiring as to be scarcely enjoyable. Two matches were scratched on account of the weather.

Winifred Payne, as captain, has kept the team enthusiastic and well in hand, besides playing brilliantly herself; her influence will be much missed next season. We shall miss also Ruth Perkins, who has been a useful member of the 1st XI. for some years, and Edith Hollingsworth, who is a quick and reliable player in any position. Lucy Payne is an excellent goalkeeper, and Doris Palmer and Doris Whatnall have filled up gaps in the team in a very satisfactory manner; while we have found valuable additions in Dorothy, Patricia, and Hilda Lewis.

Among the coming players we must specially mention Gertrude Pepper, Ida Veasey, Christabel Flewitt and Mary Sanders. Clarise Cotton and Gertrude Gamble should make exceedingly good players when they have had more practice.

### MATCHES.

	Results	Goals.
Hinckley G.S. ....	win ...	7-3
Barrow G.S. ....	win ...	7-3
Loughborough H.S. ....	loss ...	1-5
Hinckley G.S. ....	win ...	8-1
Barrow G.S. ....	tie ...	4-4

E.B.

### FOOTBALL.

The football season of 1910-11 has been as disastrous as its predecessor from the point of view of matches won, yet in some respects it has been a success. In practically every game our boys have been heavily outweighed, so that, after an even first half, physique has told, and our boys have been overrun towards the finish. No matter how cleverly and scientifically they play, it is an impossibility for small boys to be finally successful against boys nearly twice their weight, and years older. This was most evident in the game against Barrow, played at Quorn on

February 22nd. Our boys, kicking against the wind in the first half, held the bigger Barrow boys well in hand until 10 minutes from half-time, when Barrow scored two somewhat lucky goals. Turning round, our boys monopolised the game, and with about ten minutes to play had drawn level. The effort, however, had told its tale, and the Barrow boys did just what they liked in the last ten minutes, putting on two more goals.

Undoubtedly the finest game of the season was the last one, played against Barrow at Quorn on March 29th, when, for the first time during the last two or three seasons, defeat was avoided, the result being a draw 3 to 3. With the least amount of luck our boys would have won. In this game Moore, Baker and Hack excelled themselves, and for the greater part of the time completely mastered the Barrow attack. Our two games against Hinckley at Victoria Park were most interesting. In the first match we made a draw, 3 to 3, and in the return game we lost by 2 to 0, after having by far the better of the play in mid-field, our boys failing when they got in front of goal. In both these games Hack demonstrated what an exceptionally clever half he is. Throughout the season he has played well, but he quite excelled himself against Hinckley. The Ratcliffe boys, with their usual vigorous but truly sportsman-like play, easily defeated our boys on both occasions. Our solitary victory was achieved against Leicester Middle School, whom we easily defeated at Quorn by 5 to 2.

After this account it will probably be asked why I say this season has been at all successful. The answer is because our boys have realised that practice is necessary, and have accordingly stuck to it, and also because they have consistently shown that true esprit-de-corps and sportsmanship which is so essential in a school eleven. Not once this season have we had a boy "funking" a match because he thought the team would be beaten, but all have been ready to do their best to uphold the honour of the School in the football field.

Moore has again been a most energetic and capable captain, and has set a fine example in practice and matches for the other boys to follow. He has been well supported by vice-captain Baker, who has improved wonderfully in his play, and who, with a little more pace, will develop into a really good footballer.

Baum, although not a success as a forward, played very well as back, and in the later matches was brilliant in goal.

L. North kept goal remarkably well during the greater part of the season, and although so young, he has a fine idea of getting into position to receive a shot. In years to come he will undoubtedly be a very strong defender for the School. C. H. Barrs and S. North have both developed into good worrying halves with any amount of pluck. Facer has at times played well, but does not reproduce in matches the form he shows at practice.

H.W.H.

### CRICKET, 1911.

The improvement in the school games which was noticed at the end of the football season has been continued during the cricket season, which has undoubtedly been one of the most successful for some years past. The boys have been most enthusiastic, and their zeal has led them on to victory.

The senior eleven have played six matches, winning four, drawing one, and losing one. Probably the most gratifying victories have been those gained against our neighbours at Barrow, for it is some years since the School has had the honour of twice defeating Barrow G.S. in one season. The team has been most ably led by S. G. Baker, and he has been most loyally backed up by vice-captain A. Shedden, who, on one occasion, also led the team to victory during Baker's absence from the eleven. The results have been as follows :

May 17th. at Quorn v. Barrow G.S.	Won	50-27.
June 14th. at Leicester v. Mill Hill S.	Drawn	129 for 9 wkts—116 for 7 wkts.
June 21st. at Quorn v. Newarke Sec. S.	Won	51-36
July 8th. at Quorn v. Mill Hill S.	Won	75-39.
July 12th. at Leicester v. Newarke Sec. S.	Lost	57-73.
July 19th. at Barrow v. Barrow G.S.	Won	44-24.

As will be seen from this list, the standard of matches played is higher than that of last season, the Newarke School and Mill Hill having been substituted for Ratcliffe 2nd. and the Middle School.

Our most consistent batsman has been A. Shedden, and his innings of 41 against Mill Hill at Quorn was a really fine display, his timing being perfect. The captain

has also batted well occasionally, but has been very unlucky once or twice. The brunt of the attack has been borne by P. C. Botterill, who developed into a very good bowler. He has an easy action and keeps a good length. He has been assisted by Baum, Baker and Shedden, who have all three bowled well when required. A word of praise must be extended to S. T. North for his consistently good display behind the wickets. Whilst by no means showy, he is very safe.

The chief averages are as follows :—

#### BATTING.

		Runs.	Inns.	Average
1. A. Shedden	...	...	6	14.8
2. S. G. Baker	...	...	6	11.3
3. E. E. Baum	...	...	6	7.8

#### BOWLING.

		Runs.	Wkts.	Average
1. S. G. Baker	...	...	17	3.7
2. P. C. Botterill	...	...	31	4.4
3. E. E. Baum	...	...	15	5.6
4. A. Shedden	...	...	7	6.7

The Junior eleven have played four matches this season, two against Barrow G.S. Juniors and two against St. Peter's, Mountsorrel. They won both matches against Barrow, and won one and lost one against St. Peter's. L. North captained the club very well, and a number of its members will undoubtedly develop into very useful members of next season's first eleven.

H.W.H.

### RIFLE CLUB, 1911.

Twenty-one boys took part in the shooting this year, and last year's members have improved their averages considerably. S. G. Baker, C. H. Barrs and A. Shedden have shot well and consistently throughout the term, while A. Branson, S. T. North and R. V. Hickling have made great improvement. Of the beginners, T. Flanders, P. C. Botterill, B. J. Shenton, G. Martin and M. Lewis have done very well indeed. A match was arranged with the No. 1 Troop of the Loughborough Boy Scouts. The first part of the match took place on July 20th. on the Miniature Rifle Range at Loughborough. Although shooting on an open-air range and using heavier rifles than they are

accustomed to, our boys acquitted themselves very creditably. S. G. Baker made 71 out of a possible 100. The total scores were Loughborough 422, Quorn 316. The second part of the match which took place at the beginning of the Winter Term on our range and with our rifles, also resulted in a victory for Loughborough by 462 points against 405, M. Lewis making the top score on our side with 67 points out of 100. A club competition was arranged at the end of the Term, the boys being handicapped according to their weekly averages. M. Lewis won with a score of 67, his handicap allowance being 16. Baker made the highest individual score, viz., 61.

Below are some of the practice scores:—

		No. of shoots.	Average points.
Baker	...	12	28.2
Barrs	...	12	22
Shedden	...	10	20.7
Hickling	...	10	19.7
Flanders	...	12	19.6
Botterill	...	12	19.5
North, S.	...	11	19.1
Shenton	...	12	18.3
Martin	...	9	17
Graves	...	10	16.8
Lewis	...	12	14.5
Branson	...	12	13.3

#### RESULT OF COMPETITION.

	Yards 200	Yards 500	Yards 600	H'cap points.	Totals. (70)
	(25)	(25)	(20)		
Lewis	...	20	20	11 16	67
Shedden	...	22	23	10 9	64
Baker	...	22	19	20 0	61
Barrs	...	22	19	12 8	61
Hack	...	13	11	10 22	56
Disney	...	18	7	12 17	54
Shenton	...	16	12	13 12	53
Hickling	...	18	10	11 10	49
				F.W.W.	

#### GIRLS' GAMES, SUMMER TERM.

The girls have had a good season of Cricket and Tennis, showing such enthusiasm for the latter game as to suggest the need for another court.

One Tennis match and two Cricket matches have been contested, our most successful players being Winifred and Dorothy Payne, Grace Wesley and Constance Burrows.

#### RESULTS.

Hinckley G.S. Girls. Cricket. Lost by 43 runs to 90.

Barrow G.S. Girls. Cricket. Won by 116 runs to 62.

Barrow G.S. Girls. Tennis. Won by 39 games to 17.

#### MY FIRST YEAR AT COLLEGE.

It was with feelings partly joyous, partly sorrowful, but nevertheless anxious, that I travelled from Leicester to Cheltenham on Sept. 15th, 1910. What I expected to find when I arrived at College I hardly knew, for the "Priory" was to me merely a name. I felt a little less strange perhaps when on my entry I was confronted and welcomed by a group of girls, whom I soon discovered to be our all important Seniors. After various introductions to dorm-mothers and mistresses, I was conveyed up stairs and passages innumerable, till I thought I should never find my way out again, to my own 8 sq. yds. of territory, boasting a chair, wash stand, bed and dressing chest.

For about a week I lived in a whirl of excitement, but after that I soon settled down to the ordinary College routine. Some people seem to think that College life is mere drudgery—work, work, from morning till night; such, however, is not the case. I will just give a brief outline of a day's doings. The rising bell rings at 6.30 a.m., in vain for many weary slumberers who roll out of bed at 7.15 and get down to prayers by 7.27 in time to hear the stern command "Shut the door, please." We attend College for lectures from 9—1 o'clock every morning, and return to the "Priory" for dinner.

The morning lectures over, studies are put aside till the evening, nearly every afternoon being free. In winter hockey is the game, while in summer we have tennis, cricket, croquet and swimming—cycling and walking existing for all times. The country around Cheltenham is

glorious, especially in Spring. The Cleeve hills are within easy walking distance, and there are numbers of woods where the loveliest wild flowers grow. Here we are allowed to gather as many flowers as we wish, and are not confronted by the notice "Trespassers will be prosecuted" everywhere we go, as we are at home. Primroses, violets, bluebells, cowslips and wild orchis grow in abundance in the fields and woods, and of course we make good use of them in decorating our cubes. In winter, socials are the order of the day, and never a week passes but something exciting occurs, such as sports, bazaars, debates, socials, concerts and literary meetings.

At half term we are allowed to go out for the day, unless of course we go home for the week end. At the first half term I went to Tewkesbury and saw the Abbey, the Battle Field, and a few other places of interest, whilst at the second half a party of us went to Gloucester, and during our short stay there we were conducted all over the fine Cathedral and told its history.

I do not wish to give the idea that College life is all play and no work. There are things of course that we do not all like; for instance, the time we spend in the practising schools (where the children are not exactly angels) is not quite what we might call a time of pleasure. Then again, each term ends with exams., but even that dreadful ending is modified by the excitement of packing trunks for the home-going.

Two and a half terms have come and gone, and I can look back and say that the year that I have spent here has been one of the happiest in my life, and I sincerely hope that a few more of the present Quornians who are taking up the teaching profession will avail themselves of the privileges and joys which only College life can afford.

M. M. BAILEY.

#### OLD QUORNIANS' ASSOCIATION.

It was with much regret that in January last we received the resignation of Miss Hack, the first secretary of the Association, upon her leaving Quorn to take up an appointment at Pulloxhill, near Ampthill. A unanimous vote of thanks to her from the Committee, for her valuable services in the pioneer work of the Association, has been recorded in the Minute Book, and we are sure that every member will supplement it with the best of wishes for Miss Hack's success and prosperity.

A capable successor to her was found in Mr. T. W. Shenton, who has until recently carried on the business in a genial and efficient manner. He also has now been compelled to relinquish the office on account of pressure of other work, and his successor is not yet appointed.

The first social meeting of the year was held at the Village Hall on February 5th, and took the form of a Whist Drive and Dance. A very enjoyable evening was spent, there being about a hundred and twenty players. Mr. Hensman acted as M.C., and Mrs. Hensman presented the prizes, the winners being:—Men: 1st, Mr. Wakelin; 2nd, Mr. W. Lovett; 3rd, Mr. W. H. Sturges. Ladies: 1st, Mrs. Johnstone; 2nd, Mrs. R. Lovett; 3rd, Miss White.

The thanks of the members are due to Mr. and Mrs. Hensman and Mr. Geo. White for their gifts of prizes; to the large number of friends, who, at the last moment, came forward with offerings of dainty viands; to the Committee and their active coadjutors, who, with well organised despatch, dispensed the good things provided; to the M.C.'s, who controlled the dancing after the Drive; and to Mr. Oswin, of Barrow, whose pleasing and well played selections of dance music kept us merrily tripping to a late hour.

A Tennis Club in connection with the Association was formed in June, and the small band of players had many pleasant Wednesday evening games on the School Court. It is to be hoped that the membership will be larger next year, and that funds may be raised to increase the accommodation by the laying of a second court.

#### THINGS SAID AND READ.

At the urgent request of some of our younger readers, and, we hope, for the amusement of their elders as well, we give a short selection of "Howlers" that have come under our notice in School and elsewhere, and for the genuineness of which, in nearly every case, we can vouch.

From a parent:—"Sir, I beg to give notice for my son, Tom, to expire at the end of the ensuing Term."

In the restaurant:—"Will you kindly bring me a cup of tea, and a scuttled bone."

"What sweet will you take, madam?"—"Some stewed pigs, please, and a little ground mice rolled."

In the girls' cloak room.—"Look here, I can't understand this silly history. It says, 'Palmerston introduced a Conspiracy to Murder Bill.' But who was Bill?"

From an essay on the Census :—"From the figures furnished by the Census returns many useful facts may be learned. For instance, if it is found that in a certain town or district the number of women tends greatly to exceed that of the men, the government will at once take steps to prevent this."

In the History lesson :—"Nelson fought the battle of Trafalgar, and gained a large victory. We have kept it till now."

"Titus Oates invented a plot to murder the Catholics and behead the King for his own advantage."

"The Salic Law provided that no woman or descendant of a woman should sit on the crown of France."

In the Latin lesson.—"Ad Jovis aed̄m se contulit." "He collected coppers for Jupiter."

"Vere novo gelidus canis in montibus humor liquitur." "Truly news, the cool boy is left on the mountains by way of a joke."

In the Scripture lesson.—"The Pharisees were a sect of the Jews who did not believe in angles of spirits."

"God rested on the seventh day and preached."

"Now a telegram came from Tiberius Caeser that they were to pay tribute."

In the English lesson.—"Pres., do; past, does; past, part., don't." "Trek is a Cornish word meaning a hill or rising ground, and Cornwall is known as the county of 'trek, pol, and pen.'

"Grammar is the subject what learns you to speak properly."

"A Passive Verb is when the subject is the sufferer, as 'I am loved!'"

Geometry.—"A circle is a round straight line with a hole in the middle."

Geography.—"The highest peak in the Alps is Blanc Mange."

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