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EDITORIAL

It is to be lamented that the close of a school year does not coincide with the close of a calendar year, for the changing of an hour glass on the momentous evening is symbolic of the changing scenes in a school such as ours. We are as those grains of sand, apparently so insignificant on their own, and yet so vital in the grand total. Our smallest actions, our slightest words, even our unheard thoughts build up our individual personality, grow into the atmosphere of our presence and become the outlook of the school. So we are, each one of us, the makers and breakers of traditions. Though we are here today and gone tomorrow, we leave an imprint on the lives of these around us which the passage of the years can never wipe out.

It is, therefore, understandable that the absence of those teachers and friends whose presence we took for granted should leave us vaguely wondering what is different about our school, and why so many strange and new faces should surprise and even startle us. First we missed Miss Allison. We are sorry that she is ill and we shall be pleased to see her back again. We hope that Miss Thornton, who temporarily has taken over the duties of Senior Mistrees, is happy in her new post. We are very pleased that Mr. Gee, who has now recovered from his illness, is expected to return before Christmas. Miss Jeffrey announced her retirement at the end of the Summer term. We hope, Miss Jeffrey, that you will enjoy many happy years of retirement and that we shall see you from time to time when you revisit the school. The next vacancy in the staff occurred when Miss

Speed departed for Canada. We are happy to find that she is enjoying the life which she describes in the article that she has so kindly submitted to the magazine. We were all very sorry that Miss Swancott, whom we had already accepted as one of us, left us at this time, but jubilation followed our sorrow when we learned that she was going to be married in America during the holidays. May we offer you and your husband our congratulations, and we hope that you will be very happy together. There is one further domestic change to note; during the holidays Miss Rose and Mr. Jolly were married. Congratulations to you both.

To those pupils who, by choice, or by force of circumstance, left us at the end of last year, may I say that whoever you are and wherever you are, we offer you good wishes for health, happiness and success.

We extend a glad welcome to Mrs. Ratcliffe; she is teaching Physics and Maths., Mrs. Johnson, who teaches French, Miss Humble who takes over from Mrs. Jolly in the gymnasium and Miss Charlton, who replaces Miss Speed in the mysterious caverns of the cookery room. We also welcome Brian Punton, Robert Hodgson, Iris Laycock, Barbara Roe and Mary Holden, who came from Annfield Plain Modern School to continue their studies here. And, of course, last but not least in number, the many shining faces of the First Years.

We offer our congratulations to Anne Wilson and George Morton, who have taken up the responsibilities of Head Girl and Head Boy respectively. We are glad to note that we have an unusually large Sixth form this year and consequently several new prefects have taken up office. We sincerely hope that their authority will always be respected and that they may never be given cause to impose the punishments which are in their power.

We offer our congratulations to the Dramatic Society for their overwhelming success in their production "I Have Five Daughters" by Margaret Macnamara. We are now looking forward to their choice of programme for Speech Day and wish them every success in all their undertakings. May

