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EDITORIAL

The year 1953-54 has been a very successful one in the annals of Stanley Grammar School in both the sporting and scholastic worlds. We offer our sincere congratulations to Margaret Greener who won a State Scholarship. We hope Margaret will be very successful and happy at King's College, where she is studying to become an almoner.

As can be seen from the Sports' reports in *The Grammarian* the boys have won a number of athletic laurels and even the girls have won sporting fame. Ethel Graven represented our school in the discus event in the Inter-County Sports at Ashington. The intermediate football team triumphantly carried all before them.

We were sorry to lose Miss Mortimer and Mrs. Donnison who have been well-loved members of the staff for so many years. Miss Mortimer came to the school in 1920 and although she had arranged to leave last Christmas, kindly consented to stay until a new teacher of mathematics was appointed.

We welcome Miss Swancott and Mr. Clark and hope they will be very happy among us. We are pleased to hear that Mr. Gee is recovering from his illness and hope that before long he will be back at school.

The prefects have been presented with new insignia of office and it is hoped that these attractive badges, designed by Doctor Sharp, will add to their prestige.

The numerous activities of the school continue to flourish. The dancing class for 5th and 6th forms held after school on Wednesday, has been converted into a club with its own committee. School socials and parties are more enjoyable when the dances are properly known. Rehearsals are now under way for the Dramatic Society's new production "I Have Five Daughters," by Margaret Macnamara, which will be presented early in the New Year.

Throughout the year various excursions have been very popular, especially the history excursion to the beautiful Abbey country of the Scottish borders. School parties have visited the Observatory, Durham, the new town of Newton Aycliffe, the films "Julius Caesar" and "Romeo and Juliet" and the presentation of "Hamlet" at the Theatre Royal. It is hoped that in further issues of *The Grammarian* more material will be submitted. Articles ranging from the sublime to the ridiculous are always appreciated. This is your magazine and should be representative of all sections of the school.

HILARY ATKINSON, VI,
Editor.

"WE'RE NOT GRUMBLING, BUT..."

We nearly had no Magazine.
That would have been a shame.
Then Doctor Sharp went on to say
That we'd have been to blame.

We nearly had no Magazine.
Oh, come now, play the game.
It really isn't us, you know.
But homework that's to blame.

We get so much of it you see,
Our brains begin to fag,
And even if they didn't,
We've no time to write our Mag.

But here it is, it's written now,
And please take it to heart.
Then on our next year's contributions
MAKE AN EARLY START.

ELIZA MORGAN, 3A.

PAR AUTOSTOP

Day : July 7th, 1954. Place : Chester-le-Street. Object : Europe. Means : Hitchhiking.

After an all-out effort we hitched 260 miles, arriving at Whitwell Village Youth Hostel at 10 p.m., only to find it was closing night. Not having a tent we were in the process of donning oilskin coats and trousers in a field when the warden, on returning from the cinema, allowed us to spend the night in the Y.H.

