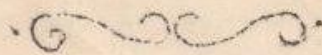


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Local School Managers in this
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The Stratton School Managers have control of the five schools in this parish. The members of this committee are Mr. A. G. Keene (Chairman), Mr. F. E. Smith (Vice Chairman), Mrs. E. A. Usher, Mr. J. Miller, Mr. F. A. Blake, J. P. and Mr. W. E. Franklin; with Mr. J. Cox, Correspondent.

The Blunsdon School Managers are the Rev. L. Knight (Chairman and Correspondent), Mrs. Lonsdale Fell, Mrs. Heigham, Miss A. Hall, Mr. S. L. Cass and Mrs. E. Smith.

Teaching Staffs in this Senior School Area.

The Stratton Senior Mixed School - H. H. W. Brice (Head), E. J. Frowbridge, E. Smith, and L. A. Woodroffe, Mrs. H. G. Bawen, and the Misses L. K. & Cross, S. D. Wright, J. L. Bayliff, E. Rainey, and H. M. Hughes.

Lower Stratton Junior Mixed School - Mr. P.

Bridgewater (Head) Mrs. J. Love and the Misses B. Wiltshire, W. Poyntz, and E. Stip.

Lower Stratton Infants' School - The Misses L. M. Walling (Head) F. M. Gunning, and J. Kealy, and Mrs. H. Wall.

Blunsdon Junior Mixed and Infants School. - The Misses S. Gow (Head), J. Jarvis, U. Lennards, and Mrs. G. Goldstein.

Upper Stratton Junior Mixed School.

Miss R. F. Henry (Head), Mrs. E. Hollick, and the Misses M. M. Watkins, L. E. Lane, and E. E. Harris.

Upper Stratton Infants School. - Miss. M. E. Hartley (Head) Mrs. Franklin, and the Misses E. Axford, and D. Edwards.

The School Conferences.

The Stratton Senior School Area comprises at present the parishes of Stratton and Blunsdon. The Junior Schools at Upper Stratton, Lower Stratton, and Blunsdon are contributory in scholars and effort with this central Senior School. The Infants Departments also have their place in harmony with those in the common task.

Conferences of the teachers of all schools of this Area encouraged and always well supported by the Inspectors of the Board of Education and by the officials of the County Education Committee are regularly convened for the discussion of educational matters and methods.

The Executive Officials associated with the work of our schools are Dr. Sutherland H.M.I. and Miss Fergusson, H.M.I. of the Board of Education; and Keith Struckmeyer, Esq. M.A. our Wiltshire Director of Education. Dr. Tangye, D.P.H. is chief of the County Schools Medical Service.

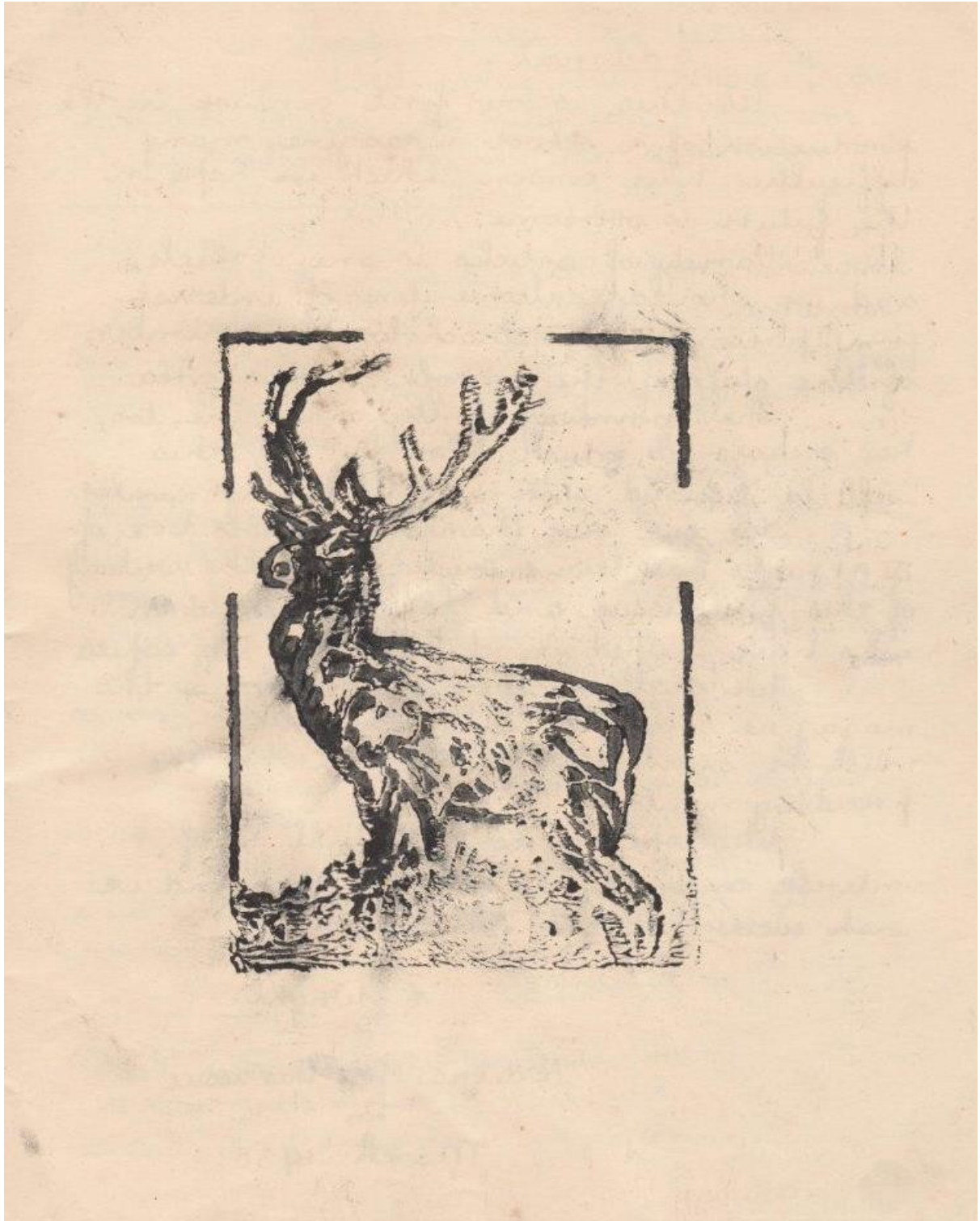
Forward.

Greetings to all our readers!
In launching this venture - our school magazine - we heartily wish the little craft may prove seaworthy: that she may breast all gales bravely and well through many many moons.

She will be repainted and refitted from time to time, and many times, no doubt; but we hope to keep her profitable and pleasurable, and ever fresh to all who may be interested in her. May she always be "At Lloyd's".



"Build me straight, oh worthy master,
Staunch and strong a goodly vessel
That shall laugh at all disaster!
And with wave and whirlwind wrestle!"



Editorial.

As this is our first venture in the production of a school magazine, many difficulties have arisen, which we hope in the future to overcome.

Variety of articles is one obstacle, and we should welcome items of interest from present or past scholars, or members of the staff of the schools in this area.

The printing of the magazine, too, has occasioned much trouble, but this will be lessened with each succeeding number.

We owe our thanks to Mavis Cox, of III A1, who has been entrusted with the writing of this first issue, and to other children who have helped in duplicating the copies.

We shall endeavour to produce the magazine monthly. All contributions must be submitted before the 21st of the preceding month.

We hope the contents will be of interest and value to all readers, and we wish success to the future editions.

E. Wright.

Editor for this issue.

March 1935.

A Visit to the Museum

On Wednesday, February 13th, our class I B visited the Swindon Museum. We left school early in the afternoon, some walked, some rode in the bus, and others cycled.

When we arrived there we went into each room in turn and examined the exhibits. Among the most interesting were Ancient Britons' remains found in the Swindon districts.

These consisted of chiefly, British skeletons, objects of use, and ornaments. We also were interested in the fossil bones of prehistoric animals, such as the Stegosaurus, and Plesiosaurus. In one case were the feet of some horses, showing their development from the five fingers, or toes, to the present day hoof.

Among numerous things we saw birds, snakes, reptiles, and insects.

After having a jolly good time and seeing nearly everything, we returned home.

[Lyeta Warren I B.]

Uncle (to Moses aged 8) - "Moses, for a birthday present I will buy you a new book. What kind would you like?"
Moses: "Well if I may choose, get me a savings bank book."

Our Register.

New "Year Og I" is a funny class
I think you'll all agree,
For we have Jelly all day long
And so are Gay you see.
From Mundy morn till Friday night
Behind a woadgate steady,
The Staples hold and so you see
The Carrer's always ready.
When Knox we hear upon the doot,
It is a Hott that's knocking:
The Clarke himself is sometimes late,
The Truman varies shocking,
And though a Cooper we have found,
No tub or barrel's ready
To hold the "batch" our Fisher gets
Or says so!! - But go steady.
We have a Bridgeman too, to take
The toll from travellers weary,
But I shall cross the Ford my friend,
Though it be cold and dreary,
So "Year Og I" is a funny class
I think you'll all agree,
For we have Knox we cannot hear
And a Pearl we cannot see.

MOTHER - "If you don't be good, I'll call the police."
TOMMY - "If you do, I'll tell him you have 'nt a
woreless licence."

The Adventures of Private Detective Roy Heene.

Roy Heene was busily writing a few notes with his assistant Jimmy when the telephone bell rang loudly. He answered the call.

"Hallo! Hallo! Is this Roy Heene? Come at once to Boston Hall."

"Jimmy," called Roy "get the car, the saloon, quick."

"Whats up?" asked Jimmy.

"Lady Boston's diamonds have been stolen," said Roy. "Their worth about ten thousand pounds."

Soon Jimmy and Roy were speeding down the lonely road to Boston Hall on the outskirts of Devon.

After about half an hour they sighted Lady Boston's manor.

The gates were shut.

"Jimmy that the gates are shut" remarked Roy. Jimmy jumped out to open them, but they were locked. He called but no one came.

"We'd better climb over" said Roy. "Lady Boston might be ill. Look! the lights are out."

Just then there was a loud crack and big flames were seen coming out of the house. Then another crack, the roof had fallen in. Roy stood gazing at the fire. [To be continued]

[R. FURCHER. II A.]

My Visit to the Gas Works.

On Friday February 15th III A boys and girls with Mr. Bacon paid a visit to the Horse Hill Gas Works. When we arrived there we were separated into two parties, and were all given a leaflet about the Gas Works.

First we were taken to see the retorts, where the coal is heated. We then went to see the men take out all the coke, and spray it with water.

After looking at many different kinds of machines, we went on a lift. We stopped several times to see different things. When we reached the bottom we were shown how the gas is washed, then purified, and put into gas holders.

Some boys went up a ladder to see some benzole oil, which was made by distilling tar. We saw some iron-oxide, and Sulphate of Ammonia which is used for manuring gardens. Later we visited the laboratory to see how much gas was being used over Swindon and Stratton.

After having an interesting time, we returned to school. We appreciate the kindness of the Manager of the Gas Company for his permission for this visit.

[Dorothy Lawrence.]

A Visit to a Bakery.

On Tuesday February 12th our class III B went to Henry Street Bakery, which is near the station. Some cycled and others went by bus from the Stratton Cross Roads.

When we arrived the foreman showed us round, and explained the machine to us. A batch of dough was left for us to see how the loaves were made. We were shown how the dough was weighed, and rolled to shape. The large ovens we found most interesting. The manager told us it took forty eight minutes for the bread to bake.

After having been shown round the bakery, we went up to the Confectionery Department which is in Henry Street. Here the cakes are made and iced.

After an interesting ^{time} we were each given two cakes. Then we went to where the cakes were sold, and were taken in a lift to the top of the store. We returned about 12.20 p.m. after spending a very enjoyable time.

[Hessie Luck III. B.]

WANTED. The words of a school song of three verses and a rickling chorus, with or without music. Efforts to be in before "All Fools" Day.

Nature Notes for the Month.

This is a difficult month for which to write Nature Notes, as only the very early users in the realm of nature have left their slumbers. Its migratory birds are still away, while most of the hibernating animals and insects are still asleep. However, owing to the mildness of the past winter, there is much more life about now than is usual at this time of the year.

The chief awakening is connected with flower life. Around us in the gardens can be seen the modest snowdrop, the tall upright daffodil, and the more delicate crocus. In the fields, violets are peeping through, and upon the Poplar trees, the catkins are beginning to lengthen. The leaves of the ash-wood, which have remained throughout the winter are now falling.

The toad is now leaving its winter resting place, behind a stone, and looking around at the world. In the pond, the eel and the older fly larvae are now becoming active. Within the next month frogs' and newts' spawn will be found in ponds and ditches.

During the coming month signs of Spring will be seen all around us. Let us go out and look about at Nature with an understanding mind. As Wordsworth says:-

Come forth into the light of things,
Let Nature be your teacher.

Sweet is the love which Nature brings:
O'er meddling intellect
Mis-shapes the beautiful forms of things:
We murder to dissect.

Come forth and bring with you a heart
That watches and receives.

Spring

With the approach of Spring, we shall see the flowers again in all their beauty and the butterflies amongst them making the scene lovelier still.

The early spring will bring the butterfly from its hiding place in the sheltered nooks, where it has been during the winter months.

We shall see them in the flowery meadows, fluttering along the banks and on the marshland.

They are very pretty to look at and on closer view of one admires the various colours of their wings. One of the finest Butterflies is the Purple Emperor which is generally seen round the oak tree.

[Joan Hobbs, III 11.]

A Beggar's Beggar

A beggar called at the house of my parents in Dorset, to collect old clothes and gun plants in return. My mother gave him a parcel which he took away and did not open till he arrived home.

A few days later my mother saw the beggar in the town. He came up to her and said, "Missie! Missie! one suit no good; no man wantee. Spose twenty cents, no man wantee. Front side no got, - back side too muchee long. Spose no can change?"

Later we learned why he was so fussy. An evening suit had been put in the parcel and he thought the front of the coat had been cut away and attached to the back, hence his saying,

Front side no got; back side too muchee long.

[A. W. Soidlaw. III A]

A Brooklyn boy, in a composition on Quakers, described them as a sect who never fought, never quarrelled and never "jawed back". He concluded with the words "Ma's a Quaker but Pa isn't."

Why did the man call his rooster Robinson?
Because it crowed so

Milk:

We have joined in the National Milk Scheme for Schools. Under this scheme any boy or girl can receive a third of a pint of milk for a half-penny. This is worked in connection with the Milk Marketing Board and the Government pays the extra cost of the milk: for the scholars pay only about half the value of it. We get our supply from the Swindon East Street Co-op.

Each of us has a separate bottle and a straw, and the milk is drunk during the play-time in the morning. About half the scholars take advantage of this splendid cheap and nourishing pick-me-up.

It is my job to collect all money and to pay the Milk Manager, to receive all supplies of milk and return all empty bottles. In fact I am the whole management of this daily dairy business, and all Mr. Bruce does is to collect the Marketing Board's check each Friday. He says all things are easy when you know how to do them.

[Jas. Pickering. - II. A.]

"Mud not the fountain that gave drink to thee." - Shakespeare.

Our Sports Fund

The cost of our sports is not provided for in the ordinary way of school life. We receive no outside help, so we have to try to make sports possible by running a fund of our own.

As everyone shares in the pleasures we have in our weekly games, most of us try to support the funds by each giving the halfpenny per week, which the headmaster wishes us to bring.

If each child did this, the cost of our sports would be no trouble at all, but I am sorry to say some children are very indifferent, and use the money, given to them by their parents for sports, to buy sweets. We shall be pleased to show the payments back to any parent, who wishes to know if their children do their part by the fund.

From this fund we buy, footballs, netballs, hockey sticks, and sports costumes, whilst further grants are made towards travelling expenses of our teams and refreshments. In this way also, among other things we pay for our "wireless" expense and buy crockery.

[Naomi Carter IIIA1]
[Sports Fund collector]

Sports.

Up to the present both the football and netball teams are doing well. We hope they will continue to do so, and hold the League Shields for yet another year.

NETBALL

At Christmas we lost two of our players, and it has been very difficult to fill their places. Beryl Russel has moved to centre, and is proving capable in this position. Margaret Jegg and Joan Hobbs although little ones, are doing remarkably well as centre defence, and centre attack. Our defence is good but wants to "stick it" more. Our shooting is the weakest aspect of the team at present.

School v. Marlborough. - Result 15-13.

This was the first match since Xmas. The team played well, but several goals were rather tired during the second half so we did not win by as great a margin as we might have done.

School v. Purton. - Result 6-3.

This match was played in a gale, which upset the shooting badly, but in spite of this the school played well.

HOCKEY

We lost about half the team at Xmas, and so at present the team is not a

settled one. The halves and most of forwards are playing well but the backs must hit harder. When Barbara Watkins holds her stick correctly she will certainly do better.

School v. Wills. - Result. 0-5.

Although the school lost they played remarkably well especially as the opposing team was composed of much older girls.

We have several other matches to play and we hope to do better.

Football Notes.

As we lost four of our first team at Christmas, the present team is very different from that of last term and has not had time to settle down.

John Painter and Stanley Tuck have filled the vacancies at back and promise to be better than the old pair.

Raymond Smith who moved to centre-half will do well well when he overcomes his tendency to wander amongst his own forwards.

At present the forward line is the weakest part of the team. Eric Ponting is a good leader but does not receive enough support from the inside forwards.

School v. Marlborough G. S. - Result. 5-0.

This was our first home match.

the season. Marlborough played clever football, but the School had a big advantage in height and weight and won easily.

School v. Purton - Result 3-1.

Helped by the slope and a gale the School had nearly all the play in the first half and led 3-0 at the change-over.

In the second half Purton did the attacking, but our defence played well and only conceded one goal.

Ponting and Black played well for the School, whilst Miles was the most prominent Purton player.

Handicraft

The recent epidemic closure of the School paralysed the progress of work in general, and this was especially apparent though none the less real, in handicraft work. Things that we were busy with had to stand till our return after Christmas. The senior boys in particular were working on interesting and useful models in the Woodwork shop, and were pushing ahead to reach the finishing stage. Then came the sudden "strike",

and where the Christmas leavers were concerned, the job ended. Others however, more fortunate, were able to continue in the New Year.

Of good work recently done, especial mention is due to Edward Whitehead for the book stand he made in American white wood, stained mahogany, and nicely French polished; to Ronald Hacker for a wall bracket in Oak; to Albert Gault for a tray and book stand (not quite finished); to Raymond Smith and Denis Kendrick for fire-screens; and to Rundle Whale - a Trojan for work! - for a well made tray.

These herald the joy of good effort; and now the lasting pleasure of pride in something well done.

News from New Zealand (contd.)

toffee shop, and many others. "How many, I wonder, have passed over?" Then he adds "I will promise definitely to answer any who care to drop me a line" -

Now you boys of the "naughty nineties" Ernest has a warm heart in the memory of you all. Please do not disappoint him and write, if only a card: and **DO IT NOW.**

Old Scholars News (contd.)

to the Swindon College; where he made good use of the "Day Studentship"; and finally won the much coveted W. R. Timmon's Prize. He is now in the Training Office of the G. W. R. and all wish him most heartily continued success. -

Old Scholars. News from New Zealand.

KIA-ORA-KOTOU! - This message comes from Mr. Ernest A. Eyns, 8, Siffey Crescent, Island Bay, Wellington, New Zealand. It was great pleasure to broadcast it in this first number of our magazine.

All who remember him may read his very interesting letter if they will simply ask for it at the School. He left Upper Stratton as far back as 1897, in the good old days of the solid work of "Gaffer Hill," and he sailed to New Zealand in the following year. His life has been varied and full; and for the past eighteen years he has been in the staff of the Wellington City Corporation and has taken prominent part in public affairs. "I remember" he says "the following - Ford (bakers shop), Fan, Cockhead, Kilminster, Staples, Pearce, Down, Ponting, Furby, Aplin, Kilminster, Usher, Hollick, How well, too, I remember Cole the Baker, Arthur Cook also a Baker, Tommy Jackson who played the organ at the Wesleyan Chapel, Wheeler who kept the "Shepherd's Arms" (Baker's Arms) and Ingram of the "Wheatheaf Inn." Ash who was a grocer and the local postman. Jethro Hook Colewing, farmer and considered almost as the squire, Daddy Reynold and his
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Miss Cross who has not been well for some time, hopes to return to school shortly. We wish her speedy recovery and will welcome her return. Mr. W. E. Deacon has undertaken her duties temporarily; and we are very fortunate in finding one who can fill her particular programme so well.

Mr. L. A. Woodroffe our handicraft instructor has accepted an appointment at Southend; and will leave us at Easter. All will be sorry to lose him.

The sudden death of our good-hearted caretaker Mr. Wheeler was a blow to us all. He was buried on the 9th of February. A bombarded tribute of our esteem of him was shown by a wreath from our three Upper Stratton schools and by a representation of teachers and children at the funeral. We sympathise deeply with Mrs. Wheeler.

Old Scholars.

Mr. E. R. Radway, F. I. M. E., prepared and read a paper on 21/2/1935 to the Swindon Engineering Society on "Hydraulic Pressure Valves for machinery and mains". Ernest was the centre half of the school football team about 1924, and a jolly good kick! He attended our Evening School regularly, passed the test, and proceeded
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The Evening - School Social.

The Annual Social was held in the Upper Stratton Senior School on Saturday, January 26th 1935. This was well attended and fully eighty guests had a most enjoyable evening.

Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. Brice; a few friends including Mr. Bavin, and the staff, who organised a delightful programme and prepared the refreshments.

At 7 o'clock the fun started. We had a variety of games, all of which caused great amusement. During the interval while waiting for refreshments, we had a very exciting moment, when everyone was anxiously wondering who were to receive the medals for having been the best girl and best boy of 1934. These medals are given each year by Mrs. Brice, and Mr. W. Harris, and are awarded on the voting of the teaching staff.

Edward Whitehead and I were the two fortunate ones; and you can imagine my surprise and pleasure when I heard my name called. After the presentation all previous winners were asked to stand. About ten were present, all wearing their medals.

The refreshments were handed round, and then we continued our programme, and (Mr) Edward & Miss, medallist of 1927, entertained us with

piano-accordion. Finally a glorious evening was ended, with the singing of "Auld Lang Syne"

Edith Heist.

Orange Marmalade.

7 Seville oranges; 2 sweet oranges; 1 Lemon;
8 lbs preserving sugar; 7 pints water

Wipe the fruit with a damp cloth, quarter and remove the skin; cut up the pulp and remove pips.

Skred the rind finely and put in a basin. Pour water over the pips in a separate basin, and soak for 2 hours.

Put into a preserving pan, and boil slowly for 2 hours.

Remove from the fire, add the sugar, and boil quickly till ready, usually from 45 to 60 minutes.

Skim and turn into jars.

[Dom. Sc. Instructress.]



