

OUR SCHOOL.

Up in the heights of Warwick town,
There is a school of great renown,
In sport the girls show great prowess
I'll tell you the name—'tis C.E.G.S.

In lessons, too, they do excel,
And on the whole they get on well,
They have plenty of fun and many a joke,
These happy, young C.E.G.S. folk.

For the end of the year each group doth try,
To gain the place that is most high,
But which will reach it, and do so well,
I do not know yet how to tell.

—H. BLAXLAND.

THE GROUP SYSTEM

It is now nearly four years since Self-government was introduced into the School. During that time we have gradually learnt by experience to appreciate its deeper meaning. Of course, we have much more to learn, and we know that there is much more to get from Self-government than we have yet discovered. Self-government in a School insists that every girl is responsible for her own conduct, and it is one of the few institutions by means of which every girl of the School is made to feel that she, as an individual, matters.

Now that the School has accepted the spirit of Self-government, another step in its development has been introduced, which we call the Group System. At the beginning of this year, the School was divided into three groups, each under two Prefects. These groups have been named after three people who have been interested in the School and have done much for it at various times, namely, Mrs. J. H. S. Barnes, Mrs. Crothers, and Mr. W. B. Slade.

With the Group System there are no forms in the School. The class in which a girl has her lessons is decided by the standard of her work. In the subjects in which she is more advanced she attends a higher class, and thus she does not waste her time doing work that is too easy for her. For preparation, each girl works, without supervision, in the room which belongs to her group. If she misbehaves she brings disgrace not only upon herself, but upon the whole group. In this way those girls who are really keen about their group, have a great influence on those who are inclined not to care. The rebukes of other school girls will often influence a certain type of girl, more than those of a mistress.

The Group System has improved the standard of every branch of sport in the School. Each girl plays her sport, not in order to