

Cecily's clear high voice just suited her part, while Elinor took the lower solo, which was originally meant for a tenor voice.

The Special Psalms for the day were sung antiphonally to the beautiful Gregorian tones.

The Processional at Celebration and Matins was Baden-Powell's 'Hail! Festal Day.' The chorus was first played by the orchestra, and then sung unaccompanied by the choir outside the Chapel door, and repeated by both schools while the choir marched up the aisle. The girls just reached their places as the strains of the last chorus died away.

The voluntary was the well known "I know that my Redeemer liveth," from Handel's Messiah. As played by the organ and two violins, it made a most appropriate ending to our Services for the Day.

We learned two new offertory sentences especially for Easter, "While we have time," and "He that soweth little," both by Barnby. Evensong was very beautifully sung and Tours' "Magnificat" and "Nunc Dimittis" sounded well with the full orchestral accompaniment which Sister Althea had been able to procure for us in England. All the hymns were sung with orchestral accompaniment, too. One of the most beautiful pieces of music which we sang was the "Sevenfold Amen." It is known and sung everywhere, so was familiar to us before we came to All Hallows. The grandness and dignity of it are most striking, and unless sung very well it ought not to be attempted. We sang it after the Prayer of Consecration and after the Benediction at each Service.

Our beautiful Easter Music will be sung during the next forty days, until Ascensontide, when we shall pass on to another Festival and leave our Easter Music for another year, hoping that as the "best" we could give, it has been an acceptable offering to Almighty God.

Edith Rich.

The Influence of Books on Character.

This is a question which can only be answered in one way, and that is that books have a decided influence on the character. From the ideal of the boy in his teens (probably one of Henty's heroes) to that of the older man, who still cherishes some historical or fictitious character which has unconsciously formed his own, heroes of fiction have played an important part in man's life. Many a man's life-work has been decided by his becoming interested in some book of science or craft, which seemed to point out to him his true vocation. They sometimes have an evil influence. How many girls' characters have been weakened, the best part of their lives spoiled, by the influence of the "trashy" variety of novels! But still that too evident fact goes to show that books do have an influence on character.