MODERN MANNERS.

A V-BLOUSE BAN.

The Rev. William Gerrish, M.A. for 42 years Headmaster of Magdalen College School at Wainfleet, Lincolnshire, has taken a firm stand on the dress of girl pupils. V-shaped blouses are taboo. Girls have been ordered during school hours to fasten up blousenecks with a pin.

In a lecture at the school, Mr. Gerrish declared that the way in which schoolgirls dressed nowadays was disgraceful. They went in flimsy white dresses, with white shoes and stockings, as if they were off to a party. If girls were to continue as pupils at his school they would have to adopt dress of a sensible and becoming pattern. and they must not have their hair cut into idiotic shapes. Otherwise, their parents would be informed that their attendance was no longer desired.

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