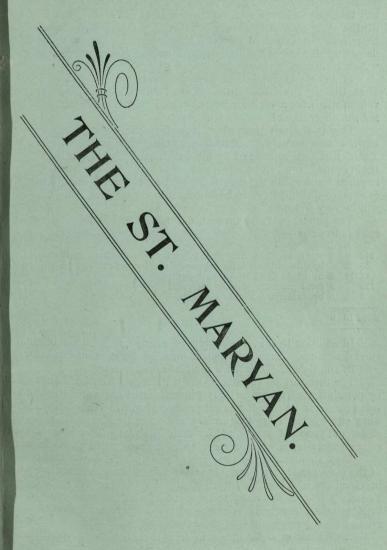


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MOTTO: "AIM HIGH, AND ALWAYS TRY ONCE OFTENER THAN YOU FAIL."

St. Mary's Hall, Kemp Town, Brighton.



Specially Printed for Members of the Pupils' Association.

## THE NEW BUILDING.

THE year 1898 opened for St. Mary's Hall with very fair prospects, which were not belied during its course. Miss Edith Potter, who had left to enjoy a term's rest, returned with the title of Vice-Mistress, to fill the place vacated by Miss Kate Birrell. This position enabled her to relieve the Principal to a considerable extent, thus enabling her to devote much time to the all-important task of collecting funds for the

If any "Old Pupils" escaped the snares laid for them by dear Miss Elliott, the Lady Principal, and her many helpers, may they voluntarily bring their offerings now, and it will be found that they

It was decided that the "New Building" should not be begun until a sum of at least £1000 was collected or promised. In effect £1500 had been subscribed by the date fixed. By the end of the year the required sum of £2000 was obtained, but as about £200 is required to complete the furnishing of the class-rooms, and to meet the expense of turning former class-rooms into dormitories, additional sums

The pupils, past and present, did valiantly. It will interest our

0 was subscribed through the direct efforts of pupils, past and present 6 by subscriptions of former pupils, and by cards filled by former pupils

9 by cards filled by present pupils, 9 from proceeds of Sale of Work,

0 by subscriptions from parents.

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In addition to this, their indirect exertions doubtless brought good deal more. Such a movement must be described as "popular."

Of the Sale of Work more shall be said hereafter.

The first turf on the site of the "Princess Christian Annexe," as by permission of the royal lady who suggested the work, the building will henceforth be called, was cut on Saturday, the 7th of May. Sod were cut by the Rev. Prebendary Snowdon Smith, and also by the eldest and youngest pupils, and by each Mistress. There was a short religious service, in which a special blessing was asked upon the work

That an abundant answer was vouchsafed, the happy termination of the work clearly signifies. It proceeded without the smallest hitch in cloudless and rainless weather, and by October 26th, the date of Founder's Day, it was ready to be opened in an informal manner. A brief religious ceremony consecrated it to future work as a training

ground for the service of God.

Our friends at a distance will like to know where the Princess Christian Annexe is placed, and how many rooms it contains. It covers the space south of the cloisters, formerly occupied by a plot of gras ust too small for tennis or cricket, but framed by lovely lilac trees, which, alas, have perished! The north and east walls are built far nough from the cloisters and garden walls to leave a passage for the ndispensable coal or luggage waggon! The building faces south, and he six class-rooms, three above, and three below, revel in sunshine. one naturally echoes the words of the happy, wondering school-girl, who pronounced emphatically that "there was not a dark corner in it." the end rooms on both floors are larger than the others, as no passage eeds to be cut off to the north, and large windows face both ways. The beautiful room upstairs, with a polished pinewood ceiling, is dorned by a portrait of Lady Elliott, which is almost life-size, and eminds the beholder that this is the "Lady Elliott Room," to the uilding of which Sir Charles Elliott subscribed the munificent sum f £300.

The room below is named after the Rev. Prebendary Snowdon mith, and a good likeness of our beloved Honorary Secretary, resented to the Hall by his daughter, Mrs. Bird Foster, similarly istinguishes it. The other class-rooms are equally nice, and quite arge enough to afford ample space for our average classes of sixteen upils.

They have been called "The Julia Elliott," "The Chichester," The Efie and Blanche," and the "Old Pupils'" rooms.

hese names will adhere to them or not, is still uncertain.

The windows are very large, and are shaded by sunny curtains of ellow cretonne; the colouring of the walls is most pleasing; the desks, hich had been in use some twelve or fourteen years, have been craped and re-varnished, so that they look like new; while in the nree lower rooms, desks of wondrous construction, known as "Louise" esks, which run on rollers, and move backwards and forwards to afford pace between the seat and front, have been provided.

Choice pictures, most of them engravings of Roman antiquities by

iranesi, glorify the rooms.

Immense care is being taken with our new possessions. A prefect ndertakes to dust the pictures daily, and removes finger-marks from ne shining brass finger-plates!

As yet we do not dare to use ink in these rooms, for fear of poiling our polished desks and floors, and no one seems to be the worse

or the prohibition.

But everyone must come and see the Princess Christian Annexe hen Princess Christian comes to visit us. It was rather a disappointent that she did not come during the Lent Term, but we are promised

visit in the Autumn.

The Princess Christian Annexe communicates with the large shoolroom by a door at the north end, near the organ. This leads to a tasteful little hall, floored with mosaic cement. The whole ilding, passages and rooms alike, is heated with hot water pipes, hich diffuse an equable heat throughout.

It may seem that too much has been said on this subject of our w building, but it is due to those who took such immense trouble to

ovide it, that they should know what has been done.

## FOUNDER'S DAY

Founder's Day was held, as has been stated, on October 26 Special interest was attached to the occasion, as the Sermon preached in St. Mary's Church by the Rev. Henry Venn Ellic grandson of the Founder, and eldest son of Sir C. A. Elliott. The text was St. Luke ii. 49—"Wist ye not that I must be about Father's business?" A rescript of the notes, taken as usual by scholars, will be printed under another heading.

The Concert, which was associated with the Distribution Prizes by Lady Elliott, went off very pleasantly. Our principal solo Marie Barber, was supported by Connie Eacott, Meta Snowdon Sm

and Nellie Woodgate

After the Concert, visitors who had not been present at the she ceremony of consecration, visited the New Building. In the Snowd Smith Room were displayed the articles left over from the Sale Work in July. They were very tasteful and in good condition, and their sale we realized £20 19s. 9d., thus bringing the total amounts.

up to £112 3s. 90

Here we would take the opportunity of thanking very warmly many kind friends, some very distantly connected with the Scho who contributed articles for the Sale. It was most inspiriting, as t 26th of July drew near, to open fascinating parcels of work. We had many dolls we needed a stall from them alone! We had valual gifts of Spanish goods from Mrs. Bird Foster; Indian curios from Mrs. Alfred Elliott, The Rev. C. Ashwin, The Misses Ashwin at Daeuble, and Miss Synge, whose sudden and early death is recorded our obituary; Chinese curios from the Misses Elwin, and West India from Miss L. Eastman. These sold rapidly and well. It was matter for regret that the date fixed for our Sale—the only time wh we could devote two entire days to the project, was a time when fe of the ordinary residents are in Brighton. Nevertheless we realis a good sum, and our tents in the inner garden were cool and well place so that visitors lingered to enjoy the scene. The weather was extreme favourable, and made the work of the stall-holders a pleasure, rath than a source of fatigue.

The following Old Pupils helped greatly by giving their services: Miss H. Bagley, Miss K. Darby, Miss M. Church, Miss C. Church, Miss I. Davies, Miss Edith Snowdon Smith; several others were alto come for the day. The Countess of Chichester kindly opened the proceedings on the 26th, and Mrs. Hannah, wife of the Vicar Brighton, on the 27th. The programme included short Concertate intervals by the School Choir, also May-pole Dances and Calisthem

Practice in the open-air by the younger pupils.

## EDUCATIONAL.

Although we had a busy time getting ready for our Sale, we do not fall short in school work, as will be seen from the results Examinations printed in the Report. An unusual number of our Sale, we do not fall short in school work, as will be seen from the results

lder pupils left at Midsummer, 1897, so we had only three of an age o take the higher University Examinations. These acquitted themelves creditably. Out of the Twelve Seniors and Eight Juniors who ntered as Candidates for the Oxford Local Examinations, there were o failures.

Our Musical Evenings were given up during 1898, but during the Spring term, Dr. Mabel Jones gave a most interesting and instructive

ourse of Lectures on "Health" one evening each week.

During the Autumn term the members of Form Vb. much enjoyed ttending lectures on "Physiography" delivered by Mr. Edmonds at he New Municipal Schools.

On November 16th the Rev. T. Houghton gave an illustrated ecture upon "English Architecture." His hearers showed their deep nterest by the careful notes they wrote out and the excellent

llustrations they sketched on their papers.

On November 30th Miss Verrall gave an address upon Elementary School Teaching as a career for ladies, and especially for the daughters of the Clergy. This subject, which is now engaging much attention, has caused searching of heart among some of our elder pupils, and it s more than probable that recruits will be obtained from St. Mary's It should be mentioned that Miss Beale has organised at the Ladies' College, Cheltenham, a Branch of the Training Department to neet the requirements of this work. Candidates desirous of entering St. Helen's, the Home of Residence provided, should apply to Miss Bolam, Training Department, Ladies' College, Cheltenham.

#### EXCURSIONS.

The weather last Summer was particularly favourable for Excursions. Our first party visited Falmer on May 25th, when the

norse chestnuts were in full bloom.

On June 13th, when a fortunate party went with the Lady Principal and Miss Hobbins to visit Sir Charles and Lady Elliott at Wressil Lodge, was kept as the half-term holiday, and a detachment of the younger ones, accompanied by Miss Neilson and Miss Hanham, went to Falmer and were very happy.

On July 6th, Forms IV. and III. went to Falmer and found

wenty-four different kinds of flowers in bloom.

On July 13th our last party, consisting of Forms Va. and Vb.,

nad their outing with Miss E. Potter and Miss Thornburgh.

The special fares offered on Wednesdays as an inducement to schools, made these excursions possible at a very moderate cost. If ny "Old Pupil" would like to give a treat to the present inmates of he Hall, a small donation can by this means be made to give exquisite and healthful pleasure to a large number.

## GENERAL NEWS.

A Tournament was held on Wednesday, September 21st, in honou of the success of Candidates in the Locals. Particulars of this and

the Hockey Club will be given below.

No chronicle would be complete which omitted to name tw important ballots which mark the School year. The first, for the Good Conduct Medal, ended in the choice of Mabel Keane. No mor worthy medallist has ever been selected. The medal was presented of July 26th, the first day of the Sale of Work, and was fastened on b the Countess of Chichester.

As this is the eleventh time the medal has been bestowed, it was felt that the time had come to present a photograph of the medallis to the kind donor, Mrs. Comyns Woodman. Cabinet photos well procured and framed in three shelved frames, and Mrs. Woodma expressed great satisfaction with the gift. It is intended to put up duplicate set in the Hall when the twelfth election has been mad

The other ballot was for the post of Birthday Mother, to which

Ella Davies was elected by a considerable majority.

#### CHURCH NOTES.

On Sunday, October 16th, the Bishop of Chichester preached St. Mark's Church on behalf of St. Mary's Hall, taking as his subject the miracle of the healing of the man afflicted with palsy. In the course of his sermon he said he need hardly speak at any length with much detail about St. Mary's Hall, the work of which is know It is helping to do a great work for God in educating t children of the class as deserving as any in the whole world.

In 1898 the Bishop held his Annual Confirmation, not

St. Mark's as usual, but in St. George's (June 8th).

The following Pupils were Confirmed:-Nellie Ash, Vi Kathleen Britton, IIIa.; Charlotte Bates, IIIa.; Maud Bicknell, III Ethel Collins, Vb.; Hilda Fothergill, Vb.; Ruth Gordon, III Gwen Hall, IIIa.; Maude Keane, IV.; Grace Malpas, Vb.; Edi Shirt, Vb.: Dora Sneyd, IIIb.; Gladys St. John, IIIa.; Dai

Young, IV.; Margie Young, IIIa.; Bessie Smyth, Vb.

On July 4th the Rev. T. Houghton was made a Trustee St. Mary's Hall, but somewhat later in the year it became known the he was leaving Brighton to hold the living of Ecclesall, near Sheffiel the scene of his former work. It was with sad hearts that we ball farewell to him and to his dear wife on the evening of Monda January 30th, when Mr. Houghton said a few parting words to the School after evening prayers. His successor, the Rev. A. Morgal took up his residence early in February, and has already taught us look upon him as a friend. Mrs. Morgan has also shown much kind interest in the School.

SERMON AT ST. MARY'S CHURCH BY REV. H. VENN ELLIOTT.

(THEN CURATE OF ST JAMES'S, WEYBRIDGE, NOW VICAR OF SEND.)

"Wist ye not that I must be about My Father's business?"-St. Luke ii. 49.

In the library of Keble College, Oxford, there is a beautiful picture which some of you no doubt have seen, by Holman Hunt, representing Christ as a young man at work in the carpenter's shop at Nazareth. The day is far spent, our Saviour stands, tired with work, His knees bent, His arms outstretched, His head thrown back; about Him are strewn the traces of hard work, the carpenter's tools; His shadow, on the wall behind Him, represents the figure of a man crucified. pathos of the picture lies in the fact that His mother, kneeling to examine, with a mother's pride, the regal gifts of the Magi, turns to see the shadow of the Cross, "umbra mortis," behind Him, the sword which should pierce her own bosom. Every day of studied obedience was part and parcel of the life which ended in the Cross. The happy young life of daily toil had a deeper meaning behind it, vitally connected with it, that which was the essence of life, the sacrifice of death. The Saviour, from the moment of His Birth, had embarked on that slow descent of more than thirty years down into the valley of the shadow of death. So too, my friends, with us, as in the life of the Boy Christ, there is "the trivial round, the common task" leading to maturity. But life has for us also a deep reality, that which Christ's life, with its fatal issue, had for Him—the doing of the Father's business. We talk of preparation for the future, we choose a career, but life is not measured by tangible success in the world, but by how much or how little we are engaged in the Father's business, the task of uplifting our fellow-men, a Christ-like work, man's self-sacrifice for man. I speak as a young man to young scholars. You students of St. Mary's Hall are preparing for a wider life, you are qualifying to become the fit and equal companions of the lives of men, you are cultivating the tender graces of sweet womanhood to prepare yourselves to share men's work. Is there some secret motive or truth which enables you the better to ensure full devotion of heart and head? We all feel that our primary need is to be strengthened. It is so easy to make excuses, to blind ourselves to truth, to be idle or careless because we are dispirited, to be half-hearted because our powers are under-valued, to despair because we are beaten by a rival, to be discouraged because we think we have no talents, to trifle, to scamp work with a notion that time lost can be made up. The great thing is to rid ourselves now of such excuses, then we shall surely find the full rich development of all our needs. We must rid ourselves of the thought that work is for personal benefit and glory. The words of the text are a true stimulus, a high measure of energy satisfies the deeper needs of the spirit. Those who make the most of life, and who gain their life in allegiance to God, are those who make personal success give way to duty and active service in the Father's business. impress this upon your minds let us compare two great generals,

Wellington and Napoleon. Napoleon was covetous of glory, Wellington was impressed with duty. There is not a proclamation of Napoleon's in which glory is not mentioned and duty not omitted. Wellington makes no mention of personal glory. The Iron Duke learnt his lesson from Christ. There must be consecrated devotion to the Father's business.

You, my young friends who find school dull and laborious, and you who love it, treat your work as part of your Father's business. Away with day dreams! Steady and nerve yourselves by higher exercise of your powers for the privilege of doing God's work. "Wist ye not that I must be about My Father's business?" These are the first recorded words of our Lord, let us make them our motto and guide through life for so, and so only, living with an eye to God's service, shall we pass hopefully and peacefully before our Father's throne with our Lord's last words "It is finished."

In conclusion—First, there is the need of daily quiet communion with God. In this busy bustling age, we cannot do without this, if would save our souls from the peril of absorption in work. All need the drink deep draughts from the Fountain-Head. Centuries age St. Bernard, addressing the newly-elected Pope, struck the note of warning. He pointed out the four dangers resulting from hard work

- 1. Harassed feelings.
- 2. The hardening of our sensibilities when we have grown accustomed to sights and sounds of suffering.
- 3. The emptying of the mind in the press of work, when there no time to form fresh ideas.
- 4. The withdrawal of grace.

Those who know what hard work is, will know the value of the remedy he gave: "Get time to think; set apart time for communion with God—the habit of meditation must be begun early."

"There are in this loud stunning tide
Of human care and crime,
With whom the melodies abide
Of the everlasting chime;
Who carry music in their heart,
Through dusky lane and wrangling mart,
Plying their daily task with busier feet
Because their secret souls a holy strain repeat."

Secondly, begin now to-day the constant and steady pursuit of the Father's business. One of the most beautiful characteristics of youth Hopefulness, one of the most fatal is Procrastination. An opportunity which is lost to-day may never return. To talk of to-morrow is to talk of never. Matthew Arnold says: "The energy of life may be kept of after the grave, but not begun."

Let us begin to-day. Quicken your resolutions, and be earnest

the Father's business.

There is an epigram written on a certain Greek statue which runs :—

"What is thy name, O Statue?" I am called Opportunity."

"Who made thee?"
"Lysippus."

"Why art thou represented on thy toes?"
"To shew that I stay but a moment."

"Why hast thou wings?"
"Because I quickly pass by."

"Why hangs thy hair so long on thy forehead?"

"That men may seize me as I come. "Why is thy head bald behind?"

"To show that when I have passed, I cannot be caught again."

In the name of my Master, I ask you to seize the opportunity now, before it is gone for ever, and consecrate it to God.

## NOTES AND EXTRACTS FROM LETTERS FROM OLD PUPILS.

EDITH HOLLAND has spent the past year at Kreuznach, at Fräulein Bechtel's, 17 Kurhausstrasse. She writes:—"I have to give English, Reading, Dictation, Literature and Conversation lessons. The Conversation Classes are the only ones I do not like." She has written happily throughout the year, and was asked to find an S. M. H. ex-pupil to succeed her in the post. Elsie Stringer hopes to succeed her shortly.

Mary Coe has left the Boos-Jegher Institution, where she was very happy, and received fair remuneration. Every effort was made to find an ex- St. Maryan to fill the post, which was a very desirable one, but without success. Mary Coe writes happily from her new situation in England, where she succeeded Lillie Barker (sister of Florrie and

May), who is now married.

[Would it not be well if pupils who have left, would keep the Lady Principal fully informed of their movements, so that excellent

chances of posts abroad should not be lost?]

Annie Pearson writes from Spring Hill, St. Philip's, Barbadoes, on December 9th, 1898:—"We did have a terrible time during the hurricane. Part of our house blew down in the early part of the storm, and the rest seemed so very much as if it was going too, that we were afraid to stay, and so had to seek shelter elsewhere. We wrapped ourselves in blankets, and went out. It was very dark, the wind was terrible; one could hardly stand, even though it was early in the storm, and the wind then was nothing to what it was later. The rain beat in our faces like hail. We all managed to get shelter. Luckily it was lightening, or we should not have been able to find our way along in the darkness. Next morning it was heart-breaking to look around. Houses (labourers') flat to the ground, or roofless; trees fallen in all directions; the lovely palm-trees fallen, and many of them

without any heads! They will have to be cut down, as the whole heart has been broken off. Many of the houses are put up now. Several sacks of clothing have been distributed in all the parishes. The little children seem to have suffered the worst. We are all well, I am glad to say, and none the worse for our experiences."

KATIE ANDERSON has completed her course of training at the Swanley Horticultural College. As family ties require her to live at her old home in Ireland, she does not know how far the training may

prove useful to her.

MINNA GILDEA spent her Summer holiday in England, returning in the Autumn to New Windsor, Nova Scotia. She spent a day or two at her old School, and gave an animated account of her work, and of the exciting experiences which followed the partial ruin of the town

by fire

MRS. HANSARD YOCKNEY HANSARD (née Amy Sparks) writes on September 14th:—" We have recently changed our name to Hansard in accordance with the will of my husband's father." She left a few days later to join her husband in China. Her present address is:—Mrs. Hansard, V. H. Hansard, Esq., A.M.I.C.E., Imperial Chinese Railway Administration, Tientsin, North China. A letter some months later told the experiences of the voyage, and mentioned that the Elwins had kindly met her at Shanghai, and that she might possibly see Miss Churcher in a few days as she touched at Chefoo. I am sure we shall all feel a special interest in the Railway enterprise with which her husband is associated.

MAY HUTCHINSON has set up a studio in connection with her friend, Miss E. M. Steadman, at 13 Chenies Street Chambers Gower Street, W.C. She undertakes Wood Carving, Gesso, Flat Ornament, Stencilled Wall Decoration, Modelling in Low Relief, and Designs for Embroidery. She also designs frames for pictures appropriate in construction and ornament. She writes:—"I believe it is a comparatively new idea to consider them in relation to the pictures I have not much to show at present, as I am exhibiting at Bristo

some work which took some time to do."

EMMA HOERNLÉ writes:—"October 16th. Katie Johnson come here from Gloucester every week to take the Cooking Classes. I was so surprised to see her." In a letter forwarded to me by Emily Sibthorp, Katie herself writes:—"I have trained in Cookery and Laundry, and have obtained First Class Diplomas for each, and was assessed 'Excellent.'. . Perhaps you may have seen in some educational paper that I was successful in getting the Bronze Meda for all England for the Domestic Economy Examination. It was sucla pleasant shock to me, I never dreamt of it. Our students go in for it every year, though until I broke the record, no one has got the medal."

MARGARET MAYNARD is going through the same course of training

at Gloucester now.

LILIAN CROSSLEY writes from The Royal Schools for the Deaf Old Trafford, Manchester:—"Teaching the Deaf is a work which requires great patience and perseverance, and to anyone who has mean particular interest in it, it cannot help being most trying and

monotonous. I think it is only fair to tell anyone this before she decides definitely about her future work. Speaking for myself, I could not be happier than I am here amongst all these deaf children. I find them, as a class, very affectionate and easily influenced, and they look so bright and happy that there is no reason why one should feel morbid by being with them constantly. What they want is some one to love them, and have sympathy with them in their terrible affliction."

MAUDE CROSSLEY writes from The Royal Eye Hospital, Southwark, S.E.:- "I am so pleased to enclose my small subscription to S. M. H. 'Pupils' Association Fund.' I only wish it were £5 instead. I have been so very busy, and am yet, that I have written to nobody. I took a week's duty, sole charge, with the doctors in Out-Patient Department, in the absence of the nurse there, and was at work from morning till night. Then, since that, I am now in charge of the Women's floor for an indefinite period, with a new probationer to train. I like it immensely, but we have had so many operations lately, and are still having, and the little children take up so much time. . . I have just been reading some of my favourite parts of the Rev. H. V. Elliott's life, and it revives my memory of the dear Hall, and all the friends connected with it, . . . we were so happy there, and I think nobody will ever forget the blessings received within its walls, and the pleasures indulged in. I think often and often, and wonder if all is well with you. Please think of me sometimes, and think of me at my best, and not at my worst."

## OUR ORPHAN IN INDIA.

As the result of a very touching appeal made in St. Mark's Church in the month of June, it was resolved by the pupils of St. Mary's Hall, that they should adopt one of the numerous orphans saved from death during the recent famine, by the exertions of Miss Branch, at the Church of England Zenana Mission House, Jubbulpore. a letter was written by Miss Branch in reply. She writes :- "I am so very glad that the pupils of St. Mary's Hall will support one of our orphan girls. They are all now in our 'Children's Home,' Katni-Morwara, under Miss Louise Daueble's care. Louise, and her sister Mary, were both for some years pupils at St. Mary's Hall, therefore Louise is especially delighted that one child is adopted by that School. I was with her yesterday, and helped her to choose 'Mary Elliott Hall.' We have decided on a bright, studious, pretty-looking girl, whose present name is 'Heriya;' she is between eleven and twelve years old, as nearly as we can guess. Your child is one of the small farmer caste; she will be baptized as soon as Mr. Warren, our C. M. S. Missionary, can go to Morwara for a Sunday. Miss L. Daueble will for the future correspond with you about 'Mary Elliott Hall.' She will try to give you tidings twice a year regularly." The School sent some Christmas Cards, and Nellie Woodgate, as Senior Elliott Scholar, wrote a letter to her. In reply, early in February, a very interesting letter was received from Miss Louise Daueble. It stated that Heriya had been an intelligent, but very silent child, who never laughed and smiled like other children. When, however, she heard that we had adopted her, a

radiant expression came over her face; she ceased to feel herself a "waif," and was as bright and happy as possible. She gave a touching proof of her gratitude, of which one can hardly read without emotion. A kind friend had given to every child in the Mission Home a small coin, in value about a farthing. This sum purchases a post-card for circulation in India. The child, without consulting anyone, went and bought a post-card, and wrote in pencil, in her own language, a pretty little letter of thanks to her "Mamma"—St. Mary's Hall. Miss Daueble translated it for us. We felt that it was worth a little effort to render "our child" so happy. The annual sum needed for the support of an

orphan is between £4 and £5. MISS CHURCHER from time to time sends an interesting journal. We have now a series of five. If anyone interested in China would like to read them through, she can have them one by one on loan. Her address is "C. I. M., Chefoo, China." She is engaged in School work at the Home for the Children of Missionaries. After describing the success of pupils sent in for the College of Preceptors' Examinations she mentions the unexpected but peaceful death of a colleague, and contrasts the hope of a joyful resurrection with the despair of the heathen Chinese in the presence of death. "A bowl of incense is broken on the ground before the funeral procession starts. The chief mourner goes first, and crawls along on his hands and knees, and at intervals along the road he falls down as if overcome with grief. The whole company wail and weep at the top of their voices, till the sound rises to a perfect howl of despair. . . . China truly is the 'Land of the Shadow of Death.' The thought of death seems to pervade their worship, and their daily life. The dread of it is sad to see, and no wonder, when they are taught that there are several hundred hells each with its own special torture to be gone through after death, even for the so-called 'Good.' One of the things one notices most in the Christian Chinese, is the way in which this burden of dread is removed when the light shines in."

Rose Elwin, C. M. S., has written several most interesting letters about her life and work in China, regretting that at Shanghai the hospitalities of a home where all out-going and in-coming Missionaries pause for a night or two, and need help in the way of shopping, prevent her from doing much work among the natives. She is, however, member of the Executive Committee of the Tien Tsu Hui (Heaven) or Natural Foot Society). Another old St. Maryan, Mrs. Thorne, who recently sent us a generous donation, is also a member of this Committee. The Report of the work done by this Society in the way of influencing public opinion by distributing pamphlets, leaflets and pictures among the Chinese, and by creating a strong sentiment among the Christian Chinese, is most interesting. The Special Correspondent of the Daily Telegraph, in the issue of July 4th, 1898, writes of this Society:-"Never has there been a reform attempted in China that has proceeded so hopefully. It is uniting the best philanthropy, nativ and foreign; and fashion, the origin of the mischief, is ranging itsel on the side of progress. The English, American, and other foreign ladies who form the Committee at Shanghai, will deserve a perpetus monument with their names inscribed in eternal brass, for starting their movement at the precise moment when China was ready for it, and for the skill with which they have carried it on."

## THE GAMES' CLUB, 1898-99.

The Hockey has improved during the last year, but from various causes it was impossible to play any matches with other schools during the Lent Term. The same causes prevented any cricket matches in the Summer Term, and in consequence of this, more attention was given to the Tennis.

The Tennis Tournanment and Sports were held in September, the prize winners were as follows:—

Tennis (20 setts)-M. Barber and A. Cornah.

Cricket (Lower School)-E. Chapman.

Stoolball-L. Parr.

Running (Upper School)—D. Phelps.

" (Lower School)—D. Hall.

Sewing Race-(1) D. Young, (2) E. Davies.

Potato Race (Upper School)-M. Barber.

" " (Lower School)—D. Robinson.

Egg and Spoon Race (Upper School)-M. Barber.

" (Lower School)-K. Williams.

In the Christmas Term the Second Hockey Eleven played a match with Miss L'Estrange's School, and were beaten, five goals to one. Other matches were arranged, but had to be postponed on account of the weather.

The following hockey matches were played in the Lent Term, 1899.

March 4th—S. M. H. First Eleven v. Brighton High School ... S. M. H., 6-0.

8th—S. M. H. First Eleven v. Roedean First Eleven ... Roedean, 6-0.

... 10th—S. M. H. Third Eleven v. Roedean Fourth Eleven ... Draw, 2-2.

18th—S. M. H. First Eleven v. Kemp Town Ladies' Hockey

llub ... ... ... S. M. H., 3-0.

, 25th—S. M. H. First Eleven v. Roedean First Eleven ... Roedean, 10-0. 27th—Oxford and Cambridge Match ... ... Draw, 0-0.

Both the First and Second Elevens now use the Regulation Hockey Sticks, which make a great difference to the play.

E. WOODGATE, Captain of the First Eleven.

## STATEMENT BY THE LADY PRINCIPAL.

It was stated in the last issue af the St. Maryan that the publication of the News-Letter would be deferred, so that it might be sent out to subscribers with the Annual Report. As the printing of the Report has been delayed, owing to various causes, the News-Letter would hardly be up-to-date if it contained no allusion to my approaching

retirement from the post of Lady Principal.

I shall have completed a fifteen years' tenure of office in July, and it was the opinion of the great Arnold that no one should hold an office of such responsibility for a longer time. My friends may possibly suppose that I resign owing to a break-down in health, but such is not the case. I was far from well last term, but it only needed a rather longer Easter holiday to restore me. Nevertheless, at fifty one has not the recuperative power of thirty-five, and I saw clearly that the strain was telling upon me so severely that, to avoid a catastrophe, it was better to withdraw in time. I also felt that to a great extent my work at St. Mary's Hall was done, and the future of the School would probably be brighter if at this stage of its history it passed into new hands. Affectionate letters reach me from old girls which touch me One sentence which they sometimes contain, does not, however, please me. Some write that when I leave they will not care to come back and visit the Hall, and that a close link will be broken. To any who say, or think, thus, may I state that it is no real loyalty to me that prompts the remark. If it has pleased God to place me here for fifteen years, that is only a brief incident in the history of a noble foundation. The past and the future alike appeal to all old pupils to rally round their Alma Mater, and that they will rally round it is my assured hope and conviction as I write "Farewell."

C. M. BIRRELL

All members of the Pupils' Association are earnestly invited to join the Prayer Union, for which cards will be sent on application.

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#### BIRTHS, MARRIAGES DEATHS. AND

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CROPPER, FLORENCE (née BARTON JONES) the wife of the Rev. F. W. Cropper, of a daughter, November 20th, at Golden Valley, Alfreton.

Pearson, Ethel (née Pelton) the wife of Charles Pearson, of a daughter, April 22nd, 1899, at Chilwell House, Notts.

WARDALE, MAUDE (née WARDALE) the wife of Frank Wardale, of a daughter, September 20th, 1898, at Balfour Cottage, Knebworth, Stevenage.

#### MARRIAGES.

Evans, Beatrice, third daughter of the Rev. J. D. and Mrs. Evans, of Cilyew Llandovery, South Wales, to LLOYD, REV. HENRY, Vicar of the Parish of Caio with Llansawel, at the Par

Church, Cilycwm, September 6th, 1898.

HALL, SOPHIA MARION, youngest daughter of the late Rev. Edward Dune Hall, M.A., Rector of Coln, St. Denys, Gloucester, and of Mrs. Hall, to Harwood, John Edward, of Waverley, Crownhill Road, Harlesden, N.,

St. Jude's Church, Mildmay Park, on June 22nd, 1898.

NEIL, FLORENCE ALBINIA, eldest daughter of the Rev. C. and Mrs. Neil, St. Matthew's Vicarage, Poplar, E., to

TRIMMING, WILLIAM JAMES, at St. Matthew's Church, Poplar, on December 27 1898.

PARR, Louisa, second daughter of the Rev. E. K. and Mrs. Parr, to LOMBARD, REV. GRAVES, M.A., Vicar of Farnborough, Kent, at Chertsey Par Church, on January 9th, 1899.

SNEYD, LUCY, eldest daughter of the Rev. C. B. and Mrs. Sneyd, of Dunb

House, Ramsgate, to

WHEATCROFT, JOSEPH ALBERT, eldest son of G. Hanson Wheatcroft, Esq., J of Winksworth, Derbyshire, at St. Luke's Church, Ramsgate, October 11 1898.

STRINGER, NORA L., third daughter of the Rev. T. and Mrs. Stringer, Portsdown Vicarage, Purbrook, Hants, to

Moore, Henry, E., eldest son of the late H. Moore, Esq., of Glasgow, Christ Church, Portsdown, on Tuesday, November 8th, 1898.

#### DEATHS.

- BARKER.—At Havering Vicarage, Romford, Essex, the wife of the Rev. J. Barker.
- Currois.—On Monday, February 13th, 1899, suddenly, by an accident on railway line, the Rev. P. E. Curtois, Vicar of Hemingford Grey, aged 61.
- Elliott.—On Wednesday morning, March 8th, 1899, at 11 Lewes Cresco Brighton, Mrs. Edward Elliott, widow of the late Rev. E. Elliott, former Vicar of St. Mark's, Kemp Town, aged 93.
- OLLIER.—On March 11th, at 2 Victoria Grove, Fulham Road, Clare Oll aged 80. Formerly teacher of Pianoforte at St. Mary's Hall.
- Shaw.—On Thursday, May 26th, 1898, at South Cockerington Vicarage, Rev. S. Shaw, Vicar of the Parish.
- SYNGE.—On September 18th, at Dharmsala, Punjaub, Eugenia Elliott Syl eldest daughter of the late Rev. Alex. Synge, fell asleep in Jesus a three days' illness.
- Tugwell.—On June 10th, 1898, at Stapleford, Abbott Rectory, the Rev. Let Tugwell, Honorary Canon of Rochester Cathedral, and Rector of the Par
- COOKE.—On April 29th, 1899, at the Close, Salisbury, A. L. M. Cooke, forme pupil at St. Mary's Hall.