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EDITORIAL

Perhaps one of the finest mottoes we ever had at School was this: "We are members one of another." Never was there a greater opportunity for us all to help and cheer our fellow men, than at the present time. While "secret weapons" still fall in our midst, while men still fight and the battle goes on, let us labour in the service of others, with courage and fortitude, patience and hope.

Victory will come one day. Then may we take our share in the re-building of the World, working for a Just Peace as our Founder would have us work, with the traditions of a Great School behind us.

The need for boarding schools just now is great. Soon, maybe, we shall begin to hear whispered plans for the re-opening of the Hall: for this event must take place, as our President has said, there is no question about it, whatever.

May God grant peace in our hearts, and hasten the day of Victory according to His Will.

M.W.

THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Blunt House, Oxted, October, 1944

Dear Members of the S.M.H.A.,

This News-Letter will appear at a moment critical for the whole world, and critical too for the fortunes of St. Mary's Hall. Perhaps, when we hold our next Re-Union, in April, 1945, the European War will be over: and never will there have been greater need, than in the years of re-building, for those qualities of initiative, resolution, courage and steadfastness which are our inheritance and our armour. I am thankfully proud to know that each one of you will undertake her share in that re-building with a wise and willing heart.

I said, "critical too for St. Mary's Hall," because a disturbing rumour reached me, that the Governors were proposing to sell the old buildings in Kemp Town, as "obsolete." On following this up, I was entirely reassured by the Bishop of Chichester, who has allowed me to print a message from him at the end of this letter. All friends of the Hall will be happy to know that the re-opening is now under consideration. Miss Galton and I have given much thought to the future of the School, and the Bishop was good enough to ask for our suggestions, and to lay them before a small committee. There should be a great future for a Church of England Boarding and Day School for East Sussex: and we may reasonably hope that the Diocese will help to support such a School, with special benefits for Clergy Daughters, and that parents will rally round it as soon as the Governors' intentions become known. It may not be easy to summon influential support for a School that has been disbanded; but if we all bend to the task, we shall find ways of helping.

Foremost just now in the minds of us all must be the sorrow caused to all her friends and old pupils by the death of Miss Miles, so dear and loyal a friend, and so wholeheartedly faithful to the Hall. It is hard to believe, that she will not be with us when we celebrate the re-opening. A tribute from Miss Wisdom appears on a later page.

The April meeting in 1944 proved a great success and justified the change of date. Miss Galton and I were grieved that the unwelcome attentions of aerial messengers of hate prevented us from holding our Garden Party, but we herewith invite you all to a Victory Party at Blunt House on a date to be announced later! We were all sorry, too, to miss the Home Counties Branch meeting, so kindly invited by Mrs. Thompson.

Your letters, and photographs of my grandchildren by adoption and grace, have been a constant joy. Last June, owing to the kindness of Dr. and Mrs. Hutchinson and of the Principal of Somerville College, Oxford, and her staff, Blunt House migrated thither for the last three weeks of term. It was a very happy experience: and not the least of the happiness came from meeting with Old Girls not often seen, and with their children.

One more thing I want very much to say. In this searching year I have thought so much of you, and of the sorrows and hardships and terrors that must have been the lot of many of you. For just these hard things the gold chain that binds us all in fellowship was forged; and I can feel at peace about you all, "because I have you in my heart."

I think very often of your delightful children, and of the hope that comes to our sad world through them.

Miss Galton joins me in most affectionate greetings and wishes to you all for Christmas and the New Year.

Your old friend, F. L. GHEY.

STOP-PRESS NEWS

Message from the Bishop of Chichester.

"The Bishop, Lord Bessborough (Chairman of the Chichester Diocesan Finance Committee) and the Rev. A. H. M. Kempe (Secretary) have recently had a conference with Mr. Preston and Mr. Graves, representing the St. Mary's Hall Council, about the future of the Hall, especially in connection with any possibilities arising out of the Report of the Fleming Committee on Public Schools. Further enquiries are being made in the hope of finding some constructive plan for re-opening, though the financial difficulties are considerable.

THE VICE-PRESIDENT'S LETTER

St. Elphin's Schoól,
Darley Dale, Matlock.
15th October, 1944

Dear Old Girls,

I expect many of you are sharing with me the keen sense of loss that came with the news of the death of Miss Miles. She was one of the most lovable of people and her days were full of little kind and generous actions done for all who knew her. After the closing of the Hall, I shared a house with her for a year and got to know something of her many activities. There are many people at Brighton, quite outside the St. Mary's Hall circle, who will be mourning the loss of a friend. Our deepest sympathy goes to Miss Wisdom, the intimate friend for so many years. I know you will be sorry to hear that Charlie Miles, head gardener at the Hall, has been ill and still has to go to hospital for treatment. He has had to give up his vegetable garden and shop, but I am glad to hear that he is to continue to live in his cottage and act as caretaker for the Hall. glorious herbaceous borders will live in many memories as a wonderful setting for our Summer Founder's Day celebrations, and in the winter his chrysanthemums were worthy of a stand at the Royal Horticultural Shows.

It has been a difficult year for many people and I hope it has not brought personal suffering to many of you. We are in a very peaceful part of the world here, but we had to cancel our arrangements for celebrating the School centenary this summer, owing to travelling restrictions. In January we had a very fine service at Warrington where the School was founded. The special preacher was the Bishop of Chester, and about three hundred parents and friends of the school were present in spite of the fact that the worst fog for many years chose that day to descend upon the neighbourhood.

Patricia Máyne, sister of Pamela, left in July after obtaining a very good School Certificate with matriculation exemption. Susan Hare, Rosemary's sister, is still here and takes the School Certificate examination next summer.

You will all feel very proud to know that Francesca Leeke has gained a brilliant result at the University, coming out top of the list in the London B.Sc. examination. She has been awarded a research scholarship for two years by the University and I think we shall hear of Francesca again.

Let us hope that the next News Letter will be full of accounts of Victory celebrations and that there will be news of the Hall preparing to take its place once more in the world of education!

With love and good wishes to you all,

Yours very affectionately,

E. R. STOPFORD.

NOTE FROM THE TREASURER

N.B.—If you have not already paid your subscription for 1944, will you send it as soon as you can to me at 25 Buckland Avenue, Maidstone.

We still have certain expenses from the Annual Meeting, and the printing and posting of the News Letter, but any balance in hand is being invested in the Post Office. Life Membership subscriptions are also invested. In future, News Letters will only be sent to those whose subscription for the current year is paid.

LUCY COE.

ANNUAL MEETING, 1944

The Annual General Meeting was held at the Y.W.C.A., on 15th April, 1944. The meeting opened with prayers, and the Minutes were then taken as read, and signed.

Miss Ghey read messages of greeting from Miss Stopford, Miss Forrest, Mrs. Broadley and Miss Kingdon Ward. Miss Forrest and Miss Austin sent deep gratitude to members for their cheques in lieu of their pensions.

Apologies for absence were numerous, and so written on a list to be read after the meeting.

Miss Potter, in a report on the Home Counties Branch, stressed the question of expense, as this Branch was self-supporting. Only a quarter of those sent invitations came to the meeting, and no subscriptions could be asked for, as invitations were sent to any Old Girls near London at the time of the meeting. Miss Potter said that if a collection were taken at the meeting it only touched those who came, and did not cover the expense of sending the other invitations. Miss Ghey said there might be different members at each meeting, and that the question of expense would come up later.

The Secretary, in her report, asked members to try and obtain new members, and to send addresses to her and not to Lucy Coe. She also asked that she might be sent the names and addresses of any past S.M.H. members, as this helped to get new members.

The Treasurer said there were 297 members of whom 132 were Life Members. 72 subscriptions were still unpaid for 1942. There was £60 balance in the bank, and a proposal by Lucy Coe that £25 be invested, leaving £35 for running expenses, was carried by the meeting. Miss Ghey proposed that a donation of £5 be given to the Home Counties Branch: this was seconded and carried. Lucy Coe said that £25 was invested in National Savings Certificates, the money to be given to the School when it re-opened. It was proposed that a Banker's Order be included in the News Letter for the use of those who wished, and Lucy Coe suggested members might remember to pay their subscriptions by paying them on their birthday, or on the first day of the year. The minimum subscription had been 2s. 6d. per annum, which was very low with regard to war prices, and the fact that the printing of the News Letter cost 16 guineas. In future the News Letter would only be sent to those who paid their sub-

scriptions for the current year. Mildred Riddelsdell asked how many less News Letters need be printed if they were only sent to those who had paid current subscriptions. Miss Ghey answered that the number would be reduced, but not as much as might be expected. The Association had been generous in the past with regard to sending News Letters to those with unpaid subscriptions. There were suggestions from members that reminders might be sent; that arrears should be paid when defaulters eventually paid their subscriptions; and that it was possible that defaulters on receiving a second News Letter generally paid up. It was suggested, but not carried, that a Red Cross be put on the back of a defaulter's News Letter. Lucy Coe then proposed that the minimum subscription for members should be 4s, per annum, as so many people were now earning, but said if anyone really could not afford this, would she let her know. This proposal was duly seconded and carried. Miss Ghey proposed that a News Letter be sent to any member living abroad and unable to send money home. This was also carried. Lucy Coe reported that two cheques in lieu of Pensions had been sent to Miss Forrest and Miss Austin. They were for £45 and £26 respectively. There was already £11 in the bank towards next year's Pension Fund. Lucy Coe read letters of extreme gratitude and appreciation from Miss Forrest and Miss Austin. Miss Ghey here paid tribute to Lucy Coe's very hard work in the last two years, in achieving this wonderful Pension report. She suggested that a telegram be sent to Miss Forrest from the meeting. Miss Ghey also stressed the importance of the News Letter in keeping members in touch with each other, and said that names and addresses would always be printed, for this reason.

In a report on the Sussex Branch, Peggy Smee said that Mrs. Capern had kindly given a tea-party to the members.

The Editor, who was, unfortunately, unable to be present owing to ill-health, sent a message resigning the Editorship, as she felt she could not do justice to this position, owing to health reasons. This resignation was accepted with regret, and Miss Ghey paid tribute to all the Editor's hard work, and also that of the Treasurer and Secretary.

Mrs. Hopkins next proposed that Miss Galton be elected a committee member. This was duly seconded and carried. Miss Ghey said she had received resignations from three committee members who felt they should resign, as they were seldom able to attend meetings. These resignations were not accepted, as the members were keen and unavoidably not able to attend.

It was proposed by Mrs. Macfarlane, and duly seconded and carried, that the committee and officers be re-elected *en bloc*. Mrs. Hopkins proposed that Mary Wall be elected Editor of the News Letter, which proposal was duly carried. Miss Ghey hoped that material for the News Letter might be sent to the Editor by the end of August.

A report followed by M. Riddelsdell, one of the Association Representatives on the Governing Body. She said that Lois Gunnery had attended the last meeting in July, 1943. There was no report of this meeting, as Lois was at that moment in hospital. M. Riddelsdell added that in the 1942-1943 Report, it was stated that Mr. Stanbury, Chairman of the Fianance Committee had died. Much was owed to his wisdom in difficult times; and Mr. Jenner, the bank manager, had taken his place. A very welcome legacy of £200 had been left to the school by Mrs. Ottaway. K. Hewitt, the second holder of the Governor's Leaving Exhibition, had obtained a degree. Mrs. Cunnew asked if it would be possible to appoint a deputy to attend the Governors' meeting if our representatives were unable to be present. Miss Ghey said this was impossible, but hoped the Secretary to the Governors would send an account of the meeting, should this situation arise.

The wisdom of having the Annual General Meeting again in April of next year was discussed. A proposal that this date was better than the usual January date was carried by 29—2 votes, the reason being the lighter evenings. The next meeting will be on Saturday, April 14th, 1945.

Hospitality for the Home Counties Branch was very kindly offered by Mrs. Lea Thompson and accepted for 9th September, 1944.

Miss Potter suggested that if the Annual General Meeting reverted to its original date, the Home Counties Meeting might revert to its summer date. Miss Ghey suggested that in addition to the donation voted by the meeting for this Branch, a collection be made at the meeting, as non-members were often present. Miss Ghey and Miss Galton issued a most welcome invitation to Blunt House on 29th July, 1944.

Local Brighton news was provided by Miss Hanham, who said that the Lodge and No. 2 Hervey had been bombed, but the Hall itself was all right. There was some damage to the playing fields and shops. M. Smee told of a funny incident of St. Mark's Church being full of feathers blown out of the pillows stored in Hervey Terrace.

Miss Ghey closed the meeting by saying how proud she was of all past members of S.M.H. and their varied jobs. She paid special tribute to the grand work, worthy of our heritage, of those in the teaching profession. Miss Ghey said it was too soon to plan any future policy for St. Mary's Hall, but it was to an alive and vigorous Association that the Governors would turn. We would benefit by listening to reconstruction plans of other schools and must always take the re-opening of our school for granted. The Divine Will would thus be fulfilled. Miss Ghey added that St. Mark's Church had a new Vicar in the Rev. B. F. F. Crane.

Mary Wall told Miss Ghey of the inspiration she always was to all of us, and Miss Ghey in her thanks, added what an inspiration St. Mary's Hall had been to her.

There were 50 members present.

S.M.H.A. HOME COUNTIES BRANCH

At the postponed S.M.H.A. Annual Meeting it was decided to put forward the Home Counties Branch Meeting till the early autumn. Mrs Lea-Thompson (Helen Boswell) kindly offered hospitality to the Branch at her Golders Green House, for Saturday, 9th September, but unfortunately by that time travelling and other conditions made any collecting together in London inadvisable, and the meeting was indefinitely postponed. We all hope for a real Victory celebration before long.

A generous grant of £5 towards postal and printing expenses of the Branch was agreed to by vote at the Annual S.M.H.A. Meeting. Members of the Association are reminded that the Branch Meetings are open to all former pupils and staff living or working in the Home Counties, and that such are entitled to ask for an invitation.

H. R. POTTER, (Hon. Secretary Home Counties Branch).

THE PENSIONS FUND.

It is a pleasure to record that the Governors and some members of the S.M.H.A. again made possible the sending of the Pension cheques to the two beneficiaries in 1944. We will continue these efforts while the bad times last. It is a great joy to defeat the Powers of Evil in one small way.

A "MEMBERSHIP DRIVE"

It occurs to some of us that in order fittingly to celebrate the re-opening of St. Mary's Hall when it comes, we might well try to enrol all the Old Mistresses and Girls we know who are not members of the Association, so that a huge gathering may be present on the joyful day. Those willing to help should put pen to paper at once, telling their friends to write to Lucy Coe, who will be delighted to gather them in as ordinary or as Life members. Please will EVERYBODY go in search of at least one lost sheep?

IN MEMORIAM FLORA MADELINE MILES

Flora Miles was one who never forgot that "she would pass through this world but once"; therefore that it behoved her to "show any possible kindness to any fellow-creature," and to do that NOW, without deferring till to-morrow.

Flora Miles counted all creatures her "fellow-creatures," from the confused blackbird who witlessly found himself in her area, to the most opulent passer-by. And she reckoned "showing kindness" to be much more than behaving with a facile good nature and courtesy.

She was a gifted woman; moreover some of the services she was able to render to others were the result of arduous training and stern application. For example: the playing on the piano which delighted a classical audience, or exhilarated a throng of useful dancers: playing an accompaniment to a song, which perhaps she saw for the first time, but which she would give in perfect accord with the singer: or the sympathetic rendering on the organ of church music.

The memory of her friends will always connect Flora Miles with music; but they know she had many other gifts which she repeatedly shared with them. What about the tasty dish she marvellously made from an exiguously furnished war-time store?—perhaps for a stranger, perhaps for a sick friend. The diligent weeding and watering in order that she might have blooms of lilies, roses, or carnations, to pass on to those who had no gardens. The clever manipulation of her sewing-machine so that it helped someone through a 'Make-and-Mend' crisis: the sparkling fun which lighted up a cosy chat; or the silent listening-to a long tale of perplexity and bother. This might quite well end by a glance at the clock, and an ejaculation—which would never be, "For pity's sake leave me, and let me get on with my own jobs." It would probably be a cheerful, "Now you must stay to supper, I have some beautiful soup, and I am going to make a new dish as an experiment."

Was this-

"The shine from the traffic of Jacob's ladder,

"Pitched betwixt Heaven" and Eastern Road, Kemp Town?

And did I see it? Did I repeatedly see it before September 11th, 1944?

And shall I never see it again?

Old S.M.H. Girls will remember the pleasure it gave Miss Miles when they were able to call upon her in her Brighton flat. It was so obviously a delight to her to hear about the fullness of their grown-up lives, to sympathise with the anxieties or successes that were theirs, or to recall with them old days, old songs, old plays. On those red-letter days, when the Elliott Hall was crowded with an expectant throng, and hundreds of hands were waiting eagerly the signal to applaud, some will have been aware of how much of the success was due to the musician, who had patiently rehearsed beforehand and was then giving such spirit to the whole show. Some will not have been aware, because the help was given so unostentatiously, without any blare of trumpets.

All these things are pathetically remembered now.

What wonder that many came to St. Mark's Church on Wednesday, 11th October, to say the last solemn, 'Thank you,' and that many more wished they had been able to have been there.

(That Wednesday was a wild rough day: at times the rain poured down

in sheets)

Nevertheless they came from as far afield as Oxted, East Grinstead and Rural Sussex; from Burgess Hill, Falmer and Lewes; they came from

distant parts of Brighton and Hove.

Representatives were present from: Her Old School, St. Mary's Hall, Miss F. L. Ghey (former Head Mistress), ten former colleagues, and eight Old Girls; The Brighton Education Department; the Brighton Technical College; the Brighton Girls' Club; the Brighton, Hove & Worthing Gas Company, Women's Council; the Council of the East Brighton Day Nurseries; the Whitehawk Community Centre, Women's Section; The Salvation Army House; St. Mark's Sunday School; St. Mark's Mothers' Union; the Girls' Recreational Club, St. Matthias; various Working Parties for the Forces; Mrs. H. M. Scatliff, M.B., was there at the cost of considerable effort; and as many as possible from the number of her relatives and private friends.

At this Service, Mrs. Pendleton, Monica Ashwin and Mrs. McMinn (Joyce Witcombe) led the singing; The Rev. Bryant F. F. Crane, C.F., (present Vicar) played the organ; The Rev. T. F. Cooke, O.B.E., read

the Lesson; The Rev. Hanbury Ashdown, Rector of Falmer, assisted; The Rev. F. Keeling Scott, C.F., gave the address.

Mr. Scott had already put a notice in the Parish Magazine appreciating Miss Miles' "devotion to duty," her "hard work for others," and her genius for friendship. All this he underlined sympathetically in his address.

We who knew her know that her readiness to work hard was not due to exuberance of physical vigour, but to a grand exuberance of loving goodwill. Very often she had to carry through what she did despite much weariness, often it was deeply deplored by her friends that she did not rest more.

An anonymous writer has left a tribute to one whom he wished to honour for "magic power," inasmuch as he was "so human:" the lines conclude:

"Where'er he met a stranger, there he left a friend."

This is epigrammatic, and we shall miss the significance of it if we do not stop to think. It is certain that we do not know many people who spill a gracious friendliness as they pass along their beaten paths; who leave behind them in the kiosk, at the counter, on the road, someone who is warmed and refreshed because there has been an exchange of words. This sort of thing can only be done by those who are exceptionally sensitive and full of human sympathy. Such was Flora Miles.

It follows that now that she has gone, the blank is very great, the miss irreparable, and the pain very poignant.

But we must not wish her back. If it be true that she will go "from strength to strength. that there has come to her a more sacred friendship, a deeper worship, a vaster thought, a more abundant delight" we must dwell on these things.

RITA WISDOM.

45 Sussex Square, Brighton, 7.

BIRTHS

- Bamford—On August 10th, at Crewkerne Hospital, to Mary, wife of Pay-Master Peter Bamford, R.N.V.R., a son (Anthony Roger).
- Le Mesurier—On December 24th, 1943, at Royal Salop Infirmary, to Joyce (née Headlam) twin daughters (still-born).
- Payne—On May 30th, 1944, at Petersfield Hospital, to Ann (née Woodbridge) a son (Christopher William).
- Buxton—On September 8th, 1944, to Katherine (née Hargreaves) a daughter.
- Dawson—On April 3rd, 1944 (Sara's second birthday) to Sheila (née Mayne) a son.
- Storey—In June, 1944, at the B.M.H., Kasauli, India, to Patricia (née Ryan) a son, (Martin Gerard).
- Deschamps—On January 25th, 1944, at the Woking Maternity House, to Marian (née Bucke) a son.
- Brangwin—On March 21st, 1944, at Guy's Hospital, to Joan (née Hobbins) a son, (Anthony Charles).

- Leyland—On January 14th, 1944, at Dunhill, Stewart Avenue, Portadown, to Mercia (née Thorman) a sister for Jubilee.
- Priestnall—On June 29th, 1944, at Tiverton Hospital, to Nora (née Burden) a sister for Roger.
- Sturton—On August 23rd, 1944, at Thorpe Hall, Peterborough, to Dorothy (née Lethbridge) a son, who survived only one day.
- Robinson—On October 4th, 1944, at "Weathervanes," Dyke Road Avenue, Brighton, to Roma (née Parker) a son.
- Conlon—In Australia, to Helen (née Seth) a son (Arthur).
- Boag—On August 9th, 1944, at 16 Arlington Drive, Nottingham, to Barbara (née March) wife of K. J. T. Boag, a son (Peter Anthony).
- Turner—On October 1st, 1943, to Ruth (née Leachman) and Geoffrey Turner, twin sons (Julian and Nicholas).
- Robins—At Faith House, Hope Cove, S. Devon, to Charity (née Girdlestone), wife of the Rev. H. T. Robins, of South Milton, Kingsbridge, Devonshire, a daughter (Judith Stella).
- Barrington—On January 31st, 1944 at Bolton's Farm, Lenham Heath, Kent, to David and Barbara Barrington, (née Cox), the gift of a son, (John David) and a grandson to Bertram and Muriel Cox (nee Davidson).

MARRIAGES

- Jackson: Dobson—On September 4th, 1943, at St. John's Church, Sparkhill, Birmingham, the Rev. John Wilson-Jackson, to Monica Joan Dobson.
- Riley: Whybray—On June 10th, 1944, at Holy Trinity Church, Brompton, Sub.-Lt. John Mieville Riley, R.N.V.R., to Sheila Mary Whybray, W.R.N.S.
- Sturton: Lethbridge—On November 18th, 1943, at Paston Church, Peterborough, Mr. Charles Walter Sturton, to Dorothy Louise Lethbridge.
- Parker: Felton—On July 25th, 1944, at St. Nicholas, Bramber, Major R. M. Parker, R.E., to Jane M. Felton.
- Milns: Milburn—On January 15th, 1944, at St. Mary's Church, Brighton, Captain T. A. Milns, R.A., to Nancy Milburn.
- Redwood: Hale—On August 19th, 1944, at York, Major Sir Thomas Boverton Redwood, Bt., R.E., to Ursula Hale.
- Kwasniewski: Parsons—On March 14th, 1944, at the Catholic Church, Berkhamstead, Flt.-Sgt. Pilot Alec Kwasniewski, 303 Polish Squadron, to Sylvia Parsons.
- Macturk: Merrett-Stock—On July 15th, 1944, at Christ Church, Clifton, Hugh M. Macturk to Helene Merrett-Stock.
- Meredith: Watson—On September 26th, 1944, at Holy Trinity Church, Meole Brace, Lieut. (A) Mervyn H. Meredith, D.S.C., R.N.V.R., to Elizabeth Mary Watson.

- Atkin Swan: Stoner—On September 2nd, 1944, at the Church of the Sacred Heart, Hove, John Atkin Swan (John Kennedy), son of Mrs. Atkin Swan and the late Dr. Atkin Swan, of 3 Chester Place, Hyde Park Square, and 47 Hamilton Terrace, N.W.8, to Priscilla Ruth, daughter of Mrs. Stoner and the late Patrick Stoner, of 18 Regency Square, Brighton.
- Paine: Woolgar—On August 23rd, 1944, at St. John's Church, Crowthorne, Charles Roger Paine to Margaret Frances Woolgar.
- Barrington: Cox—On December 22nd, 1941, at Holy Trinity, Paddington, David Barrington, only son of Mr. and Mrs. Barrington of Tenterden, Kent, to Eileen Barbara Alice, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bertram Cox (née Davidson), by the Rev. P. A. Gibson, B.D., Army Chaplain, assisted by the Rev. Percival Pott, M.A., R.N.
- Shell: Cox—On April 5th, 1943, at Macon, Georgia, U.S.A., Kurt Leo Shell, youngest son of Dr. and Mrs. Shell, of Long Island, New York, U.S.A., to Enid Violette Muriel Cox, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bertram Cox (né@ Davidson).

DEATHS

- Leigh-Lye—On May 2nd, 1944, Madeline Mary, second daughter of the late Rev. Arthur, and of Mrs. Leigh-Lye.
- Short—At Southend, Katherine Jessie, eldest daughter of the late Rev. S. G. Short, of Maxey.
- Baron-Suckling—On January 6th, 1944, the Rev. Charles William Baron-Suckling, Rector of Barsham, Beccles, since 1921, and Canon Emeritus of Lincoln Cathedral.
- Boughton—On December 30th, 1943, the Rev. Charles H. K. Boughton, Vicar of St. John the Baptist, Leicester since 1928, and Canon of Leicester Cathedral.
- Watson—On October 2nd, 1944, the Rev. E. W. Watson, formerly Vicar of Chapel St. Leonards.
 - Brownlow In January, 1944, the Rev. Malby Crofton Brownlow, formerly Vicar of St. Paul's Bournemouth.
 - Bentley—On December 12th, 1943, at St. Cuthbert's Vicarage, Birmingham, the Rev. Thomas Jackson Bentley, B.A., formerly Rector of St. Peter's, Forncett, Norfolk.
 - Boak—On December 31st, 1943, after a long illness, Major C. B. Boak, R.A.S.C. (formerly Artists' Rifles and King's (Liverpool) Regiment), husband of Muriel, and father of Betty, Denis and Jean.
 - Lafford—On December 16th, 1943, suddenly, H. G. Lafford, 272 Leigham Court Road, S.W.16.
 - Miles—On September 11th, 1944, at Bournemouth, Flora Madeline Miles.
 - Morley—On August 8th, 1944, at Elm Cottage, Hurstpierpoint, Sussex, Charles Reginald Morley, in his 79th year.
 - Wells—On November 23rd, 1943, at 22 Studland Road, Bournemouth, Ursula Hilda Mary Wells, S.Th. and L.T., aged 53 years.

Longsdon—In February, 1944, at the Manor House, Limpsfield, Elizabeth, elder daughter of Commander and Mrs. Longsdon (Elaine Fotheringham) aged 17 years.

Gillett—On November 10th, 1944, Maud Elizabeth, third daughter of the Rev. I. Gillett, Vicar of Alderly, Norfolk.

*Farr—On November 27th, 1944, at Tunbridge Wells, Sister Farr.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

A. Cripps—Goldsmiths Club, Park Village East; Regents Park, N.W.1., and The Vicarage, Burwell, Cambs.

NEWS OF OLD GIRLS

Miss Andrew is Caterer at King's College, Taunton.

Irene Ashwin is Senior House Mistress at Worcester High School.

Eleanor Birks is working at a Secretarial College in Leeds.

Mary Broughton is in the W.R.N.S., and at the time of writing was waiting to go overseas.

Kathleen Chambré is a Leading Wren, and in charge of her own boat and a crew of four for training welfare and discipline.

Joyce Colman is serving abroad in the W.R.N.S.

Dorothy Cross has been appointed Head Mistress of Surbiton High School for Girls.

Diana Burton (née Harris) is living in the North of England with her small daughter. Her husband is in the Navy.

Kathleen Cooper is a Junior Commander in the A.T.S. and is serving overseas.

Margaret Child (née Bond) is living at St. Anne's with her son, while her husband is serving in the R.A.M.C. in India.

Margaret Chetham-Strode is an officer in the A.T.S.

Miss Alice Dry writes that she is nearly 90 but still very interested in S.M.H. activities.

Mary Downing is finishing her Nursing Training at the Royal Sussex County Hospital, Brighton.

Sheila Day is a F.A.N.Y. and at the time of writing was waiting to go abroad.

Marjorie Elliott (née Duke) is in Karachi with her two children, Michael aged 4, and Jill 2; she is a member of the W.A.C. (India) and does part time secretarial work at H.Q.

Miss Gillett is Commandant of Kingston Hill Place Convalescent Home for Women Service Patients.

Miss Hodgson is working with Mrs. Wise at the Women's Employment Federation, Cromwell Road.

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Joy Hughes is in the A.T.S.

Lucy Hutchinson is working for the British Council and is housed in Oriel College, Oxford.

Keena Jones is Lady Almoner at the Metropolitan Hospital, Hackney, in charge of the department, with two clerical assistants.

Joan Lafford is still in the Land Army in Essex.

Pamela Mayne is a Cipher Officer in the W.R.N.S.

Elizabeth Leir (née Ryan) is still in India with her two sons, but her husband, Lt.-Col. Leir, was in England on a course in the Spring.

Anne Lockhart is in the F.A.N.Y.

Dorothy Menzies is doing the same as Rosamund Wickham. Her sister Jean is still abroad, but hopes to come home with her husband next year

Mary Menzies is a doctor and a Captain in the R.A.M.C., and stationed in Aldershot.

Diana Moore has just left for overseas service in the A.T.S.

Christine Phillips lives in London and is teaching music.

Miss Rigby is in the F.A.N.Y. W.T.S., and on a special job in India.

Erica Sarel is engaged, and is still working at the Cranbrook Food Office.

Daisy Short has been awarded the Kaiser-i-Hind Medal in the 1944 New Year Honours, and it was presented to her by the Viceroy at Nagpur, in February.

Valerie Strong has a post at Westonbirt Junior School.

Peggy Smee has been a secretary at Royal Holloway College.

Ruth Smith is the County Secretary for the East Suffolk County Federation of Women's Institutes.

Katherine Thomson (née Seth) is able to send infrequent news from her internment in Hong Kong and has been ill for some time, but is still cheerful.

Rosamund Wickham is in training as a nurse at Leeds General Infirmary, and is hoping to take her Finals next year.

Mary Whorlow has completed her Froebel Training and has a temporary post at Pate's Grammar School, Cheltenham.

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