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"BEFORE HONOUR IS HUMILITY."

The  
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News-Letter.

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of the Association.



**MOTTO FOR 1911:**

*" A solemn yet joyful thing is life,  
Which, being full of duties, is for this  
Of gladness full, and full of lofty hopes."*

Trench.

## In Memoriam.

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### SIR CHARLES ELLIOTT, K.C.S.I.

It is with the deepest regret that we record the sudden death of Sir Charles Elliott, K.C.S.I., which occurred at St. Paul's Church, Wimbledon Park, while he was attending the Early Communion Service on Sunday, May 28th. He had only recently recovered from the effects of an operation, and the Saturday before his death had entertained a party of County Council school children in the grounds of his house at Wimbledon. The funeral took place at Old Malden Church, at three o'clock, on Thursday, June 1st, and Miss Forrest, Miss Helen Potter, and the two Elliott Scholars (Jessie Batson and Gertrude Ost) had the sad privilege of attending the Service as representatives of the School. At the same hour the Rev. C. H. Griffith took a short Service in School, and gave an Address.

Born in 1835, Sir Charles was educated at Harrow and Trinity College, Cambridge, passing thence to the Bengal Civil Service, which he entered at the age of twenty-one. The year following saw him taking part in the suppression of the Mutiny, and for this he was mentioned in despatches, and awarded the medal. He was Secretary to the Government of the North-West Provinces from 1870 to 1875, and Secretary to the Indian Famine Commission of Assam from 1878 to 1880. After holding other important offices, he was appointed a member of the Governor-General's Council in 1887, and was Lieutenant-Governor of Bengal from 1891 to 1895, when he retired from the Service.

Sir Charles, who was created a Knight Commander of the Order of the Star of India in 1887, was an honorary LL.D. of Edinburgh University, and a Magistrate for Surrey. After his return from India he took a keen and active interest in social and philanthropic work. He was a member of the late London School Board, and continued his connection with the schools, being Chairman of the Local Association of Care Committees for Battersea. He was closely identified with the

various activities of Toynbee Hall, and was also a member of the House of Laymen and of the Representative Church Council.

But among all these varied interests, no cause stood higher in Sir Charles Elliott's affections than that of St. Mary's Hall, and for this he was working, as the Bishop of Kingston said in his funeral address, up to the time of his death. Others can more fitly describe his work as Chairman of the Trustees, but we of St. Mary's Hall love to dwell more especially on his unflagging interest in all that concerned the School, and on his personal kindness, shown in so many thoughtful ways, whether by inviting a party of girls to spend a day at Wimbledon with himself and Lady Elliott, or sending his motor to the Hall for their enjoyment, or lavishing gifts on the School he loved so well. It was his ardent desire to see the completion of the new Gymnasium, and one of his first ventures after his recovery from serious illness this spring was to visit Brighton so that he might see what progress had been made in the building, made possible only by his generosity.

To such a life, of which the memory will always be a source of inspiration, there could not be imagined an end more beautiful; but our hearts go out in sympathy with those who mourn in him a kinsman. Our loss cannot be as theirs, and yet in part ours is a common sorrow, for we also lose in him a friend and counsellor.

### MISS RHODA HUGHES.

Miss Rhoda Hughes was looked upon by the Founder as one of St. Mary's Hall choicest daughters, with talents which perhaps her modesty and shyness obscured, devout, given to good works for home objects and foreign missions. Even in her last year, in failing health, she would not relinquish her weekly attendance at the S.P.G. Women's Committee Meetings. To her initiation the fruitful Pupils' Association is due, begun in 1870, and now known as the St. Mary's Hall Association. To take only the proceeds mentioned in the last seven Reports, the aggregate is £277 13s. 0d.; no small amount, and made up of precious offerings such as the widow's mite. In the present financial need, the great value of this Association cannot be too much emphasized.



## LETTER TO OLD GIRLS.

DEAR OLD GIRLS,

In view of my retirement at the end of this term from the post of Head Mistress, it has been thought well to send out the "News-Letter" somewhat earlier than usual. Others have kindly compiled it for me, but I must add a few personal words.

I had hoped that after a long rest, I should have been able to resume my work at the Hall in September, but medical opinion is so strongly against my living again in the strong air of Brighton, that in spite of the good progress I have lately been making, no other course but resignation was open to me. After further rest and change, I look forward to taking up other work in some place where asthma, a troublesome companion in Brighton, will leave me alone.

I have been spending the summer in the midst of the beautiful pine-wood country above Farnham, and am looking forward to going to St. Mary's Hall at the end of this term.

My sister, in consequence of my illness, did not leave us, as she at first intended, at Easter, and she and I will together bid good-bye to the Hall.

This sudden break with the School with which I have been associated for more than twenty years, brings with it much pain, and in addition to the sorrow which such a step would at any time cause, there is the regret that I cannot see the completion and equipment of our new buildings, and more especially that my leaving must come at a time when we are in grief for the death of our revered Chairman, Sir Charles Elliott.

Before I became Head Mistress, twelve years ago, I had the great privilege of working under the enthusiastic and helpful leadership of Miss Birrell, and one of the most cheering experiences during those years has been the way in which her Old Girls, with those of older generations still, have, as she would have wished, rallied round the School, and strengthened the ties of friendship between past and present. My earnest hope is that all Old Girls will continue to rally round it in the same loyal way as in the past. It is an inspiring thing to have belonged to a foundation such as ours; we can but give it our constant love and thought, confident that in "the never-failing Providence which ordereth all things," our *Alma Mater* will in the future make greater progress, and gain fresh possibilities of usefulness.

Many of you have sent me letters which I should like to answer individually, but "rest" is still the order of the day, and I must ask you to let me take this means of thanking you very much for your affectionate sympathy, which has deeply touched me.

It is, to my sister and myself, a great pleasure to know that as members of the St. Mary's Hall Association we may look forward to meeting many of you from time to time.

Believe me,

Yours affectionately,

EDITH L. POTTER.

Short Heath, Farnham,

July 11th, 1911.

P.S.—Letters addressed to Stowe March, Elstree, Herts, will always find us.

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*We, the Staff, cannot let this, the last News-Letter coming from Miss Potter, as Head Mistress of St. Mary's Hall, go out without expressing the great regret felt by us and the past and present pupils at her resignation, and the assurance that she carries with her our deepest sympathy in her sorrow at severing the close connection with a School that owes so much to her personal devotion to it.*

*We would also like to express our regret at the resignation of Miss Helen Potter, after ten years work in the School.*

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## AN APPRECIATION.

It is indeed with profound regret that I have received the news of dear Miss Potter's resignation; regret accentuated by the thought that in her unsparing devotion she has sacrificed health for the welfare of the School.

Words are poor when one longs for some adequate record of work such as hers. For those who had the privilege of intimacy with Miss Birrell, it might almost suffice to say that her noble work has been loyally and fruitfully continued by her successor. I remember that Miss Birrell was deeply touched by finding how scrupulously Miss Potter was avoiding any deviation from the lines already laid down. To follow such a Head Mistress was no slight test of generalship.

In one particular, Miss Potter's excellence seemed to me very marked, viz., in her relations with her Staff; how different from experience elsewhere has been felt and commented upon. No doubt humility, remarkable in one so gifted, was helpful in this connexion, combined with a sense of justice and with sympathy



and consideration for others. I remember one instance of outside difficulties in which her treatment of unreasonableness made a great impression on me, as only possible to one who had learned from Him Who was meek and lowly in heart.

Personally, I have reason to be most grateful for her readiness to accept and continue the links with those whose past, "built up on loves inherited," might have been ignored or set aside.

For the pupils, it was good that they had so true a *lady* as their chief, and that she gave them an example of quiet self-possession, and of a mind so well-balanced as to avoid "the falsehood of extremes," while ever placing before them the highest ideals. Favourite mottoes are often a key to character, and her choice during the last twelve years forms no exception. Perhaps the following are among the most characteristic :—

"We'll keep our aims sublime, our eyes erect,  
Although our woman-hands should shake and fail."

"Self-reverence, self-knowledge, self-control,  
These three alone lead life to sovereign power,  
Yet not for power (power of herself  
Would come uncalled for) but to live by law,  
Acting the law we live by without fear;  
And, because right is right, to follow right  
Were wisdom, in the scorn of consequence."

"A solemn yet a joyful thing is life,  
Which, being full of duties, is for this  
Of gladness full, and full of lofty hopes."

It remains with those who love Miss Potter, and have benefited by her influence, to extend that influence to others, and to follow her example of patient fidelity to God and to man.

E. F. I. ELLIOTT.

## LETTER TO PRESENT GIRLS.

MY DEAR GIRLS,

I have much enjoyed all the letters telling me, first of all, of your plans, and afterwards of your actual doings on Coronation Days. I thank the writers very much for them, and the senders of the flowers for their pretty offering which still decorates my room. I am looking forward to seeing your pageant when I come, as well as to judging the gardens.

I have, however, something sad to tell you in connection with that visit—it will be the last occasion on which I shall be present at St. Mary's Hall as your Head Mistress. I had hoped to return to you next September, and to be able to do many years of strenuous work at the Hall, but the doctors have told me that I ought not to live in the air of Brighton, which has proved bad for my troublesome asthma.



After twenty years of service at the School, twelve of which have been spent in the position of Head Mistress, I need a long rest; after that I hope to undertake fresh work in some more suitable climate.

No work will ever be dearer to me than this has been. St. Mary's Hall has, I think, a peculiar power of attracting affection and devotion, and it will be very hard to give up my official connection with it. But I trust that you will none of you forget the ties that bind us to each other and to the School, and that you will let me keep the place of friend in your hearts, even though I cannot be your Head Mistress.

I am sure you will show to the one who succeeds me the same loyalty and devotion which you have given to me.

There have been many changes during the twenty years, and the School has taken many steps forward; you can be proud of it, and I am sure that in the future there will be further progress, and I hope that you will all take your share in making the School worthy of the continued love and reverence of its members. With all good wishes,

I am,  
Your affectionate Head Mistress,  
EDITH L. POTTER.

## ANNUAL MEETING OF ST. MARY'S HALL ASSOCIATION.

The winter meeting of the St. Mary's Hall Association was held in London at the Church Missionary House on Saturday, January 14th. A large number of members were present at the short business meeting which was held early in the afternoon, with Miss Potter in the chair. The chief business was the election of L. Coe to assist E. Holland, who is obliged to delegate some of her work as Honorary Secretary, after having carried it out most energetically since the re-organisation of the Association.

It was decided again to have a purely social gathering in 1912, and it was also suggested that the next meeting should be held on a Thursday, in consideration for those people for whom Saturday (the day hitherto chosen for meetings) might be inconvenient.

The new silver brooches of the Association, which consist of a monogram mounted on a safety pin, were produced for inspection at the meeting, and several were purchased by members who had not already ordered them.

About seventy members in all were present, including Miss Potter, Misses A. and K. French, Miss Harwood, Miss Hughes, Miss

Hanham, Miss H. Potter, Miss F. Potter, Miss F. E. Smith, Miss G. Stewart, Miss Thornburgh, H. Bagley, M. Bedale, B. Bedale, E. Clements, M. Coe, L. Coe, L. Coombes, H. Cribb, D. Cross, W. Doubleday, A. Dry, V. Friedlaender, I. Geary, G. Geary, E. Gillett, M. Gillett, E. Hanham, E. Hawes, A. Hazledine, V. Head, A. Head, M. Heany, I. Heany, A. Hobbins, E. Holland, W. Hopley, S. Howard, H. Hunt, F. Innes, M. Isherwood, E. Jacob, K. Jennings, E. Johnson, V. Jones, J. Ostle, M. Ostle, P. Ravenscroft, G. Raynor, L. Raynor, M. Russell, M. Ruston, B. Saunders, A. Saunders, M. Seeley, J. Short, M. Short, E. Short, A. Sibthorp, A. Snell, E. Snowdon-Smith, M. Snowdon-Smith, W. Snowdon-Smith, Evelyn Snowdon-Smith, W. Smith, M. Sturdee, Edith Taylor, M. Whittington-Ince, E. Woodgate.

### FOUNDER'S DAY, 1910.

Founder's Day was celebrated on October 27th. There was a celebration of the Holy Communion at 8 a.m. at St. Mark's Church. The Sermon at the mid-day Service was preached by the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Kingston-on-Thames.

Among those present at the Hall afterwards were Sir Charles Elliott, Mrs. Donne, General Sir William and Lady Seymour, Major, Mrs. and Miss N. Elliott, Lady Rendel, the Rev. Canon Flynn and Miss Flynn, Mrs. and Miss Burrows, the Rev. A. and Mrs. Morgan, the Rev. C. H. and Mrs. Griffith, Miss Louisa Snowdon-Smith, and the Rev. C. E. Gaussen.

After lunch a short concert took place, when the following programme was performed :—

|                    |                        |                                 |                    |                   |
|--------------------|------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| <i>Part Song</i>   | ...                    | "Orpheus with his Lute"         | ..                 | ... German        |
| <i>Piano Solo</i>  | ...                    | "Impromptu"                     | ...                | ... Schubert      |
|                    |                        | AUDREY SADGROVE.                |                    |                   |
| <i>Orchestra</i>   | ...                    | { (a) "Chanson de Nuit"         | ...                | ... Elgar         |
|                    |                        | { (b) "Chanson de Matin"        | ...                | ...               |
| <i>Piano Solo</i>  |                        | "Andante and Rondo Capriccioso" |                    | Mendelssohn       |
|                    |                        | LEILA GRASETT.                  |                    |                   |
| <i>Violin Solo</i> | ...                    | "Scènes de Ballet"              | ...                | De Bériot         |
|                    |                        | GERTRUDE OST.                   |                    |                   |
| <i>Recitation</i>  | ...                    | "Scene from Richard II."        | ...                | Shakespeare       |
|                    | Richard II.            | ...                             | ...                | DOROTHY ASHE.     |
|                    | Bolingbroke            | ...                             | ...                | MARGARET DEWAR.   |
|                    | Duke of York...        | ...                             | ...                | RUTH FARROW.      |
|                    | Duke of Northumberland | ...                             | ...                | ANNIE NORRIS.     |
|                    | Bishop of Carlisle     | ...                             | ...                | MARY LEE.         |
| <i>Part Song</i>   | ...                    | "O Diviner Air"                 |                    | M. Saumarez-Smith |
|                    | <i>Solo</i>            | ...                             | Kathleen Mitchell. |                   |



After this a Report of School progress during the year was read by the Head Mistress, followed by the distribution of prizes by Lady Loder.

The gathering of friends of the School, Old Girls, and parents of prize winners was larger even than usual.

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## CHURCH NEWS.

The following girls were confirmed at St. Mark's Church on April 10th by the Bishop of Chichester:—A. Baron, J. Collins, R. Farrow, W. Kitchin, M. Lee, D. Panter, L. Rouse, D. Sandys, K. Segall, C. Selwyn, F. Shildrick, M. Shildrick, M. Tompkins, C. Wood, V. Wood.

Old pupils will be sorry to hear that Mr. Morgan has been obliged to resign his living; he leaves St. Mark's at the end of this term and goes to a living at Tunbridge Wells.

Everyone connected with the Hall will be interested to hear that his successor is to be the Rev. Henry Venn Elliott, Sir Charles Elliott's second son, whom Old Girls will remember seeing on most Founder's Days at the Hall.

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## MISSIONARY NEWS.

We have had several most interesting circular letters of the Bishop in South Tokyo sent to us during the year, giving vivid pictures of his experiences in Japan.

The *Baranagore Journal* has also been received, giving an account of the carpet industry now flourishing there, through the bequest of a Swedish gentleman. A medal has been gained at the Exhibition, and mats and rugs have been ordered for the King's camp at Delhi.

Miss Moberley, S.P.G., gave an interesting address on December 7th on "Canada and Japan."

The Missionary Readings were continued in the winter terms, and the Working Party were able to make a greater variety of things this year owing to Miss Snowden-Smith's kind gift of two large parcels of materials. We hope that these will be ready for the Sale of Work on July 22nd, the proceeds of which are to be added to what has been collected for our Indian orphan.

A very interesting letter from Miss Hill was sent to us by Annie Hazledine, giving an account of her visit to Babylon.

Miss Churcher in her letter says she was occupied all last winter superintending workmen who were busy transforming a house at Chao-hua into a temporary little church; also repairing "the Back House" and making it a suitable habitation for lady missionaries to live in whilst studying the language. She gives a very interesting account of the opening services in the little church. The land for the site of the church has been purchased, but a Bible School for the country gatherings is needed first. It is hoped this will have two large sleeping rooms, a dining and class-room, kitchen and store-room, so that enquirers from the country can be put up for several days.

The following Old Girls have sent work for the Missionary Sale this year:—M. Barrow, B. Bedale, E. Collins, G. Geary, A. Hazledine, M. Seeley.

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### BIRRELL MEMORIAL.

The first Birrell Memorial Exhibition, being the interest on £100 collected, and invested last year, will be awarded by the Birrell Memorial Committee in September to some girl who has left school to take up a course of study.

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### EDUCATIONAL NOTES.

There are very few examination results to record this year, owing to the "News-Letter" being published this term instead of in the Autumn, so that it can be produced whilst Miss Potter is still Head Mistress of the Hall.

In Music fifteen girls entered for the Associated Board Local Schools Examination, all of them passed, one with distinction. Three also passed the Intermediate Local Centre.

In Drawing, three girls—Evelyn Farrow, Mildred Shildrick and Margaret Smith, obtained bronze stars in the Royal Drawing Society's Exhibition, whilst several were "Highly Commended."

A large number of certificates have also been obtained from the London Institute of Plain Needlework.

The Form Shield was won by Form Va both at Christmas and at Easter.

The Snowdon-Smith Scripture prize has been won by Margaret Boodle; the Rev. J. M. Harris kindly corrected the papers this year.



## NOTES ABOUT FORMER MISTRESSES AND PUPILS.

Dorothy Cross has obtained her Cambridge Teachers' Certificate from Cheltenham, passing in the Practical and obtaining 2nd Class Honours in the Theoretical. She goes to a private school at Petersfield in September as Form Mistress.

Mina Ash has obtained First Class Honours in the Archbishop's Divinity Examination for Elementary Teachers.

Eveline Short has passed the Intermediate Arts, London.

Gladys Head has been appointed Needlework Mistress at the London Orphan Asylum, Watford.

Mina Walde has been made Sister-in-Charge of the Preliminary Training School for Nurses at Bristol.

Hilary Hunt has obtained her B.A., London, and has been taking a course of training for the Teachers' Certificate.

May Hazledine wrote the Senior Prize Poem at Corran, Watford, where she is now a pupil; it was published in the School Magazine.

Miss Stewart has been appointed to the Secondary School for Girls, Putney, as Science Mistress; she goes there in September.

Cicely Dover is a governess in a family at Baslow, Derbyshire, and is extremely happy.

Winnie Smith obtained her B.Sc. from Cheltenham and now has a post at the Ladies' College, Guernsey.

Aileen Sweetnam has taken a 2nd Class in the History group of the Cambridge Higher Local, with distinction in one paper.

Nora Sweetnam has passed the London Matriculation.

Muriel Woollatt is teaching in a private school at Westcliff,

Edith Taylor gave up her post as Nurse at the Hall in December in order to have further training at the Royal Military Hospital, Woolwich, previous to going out to Australia.

Louise Thornburgh helped with the Lower Forms at the Hall during the Easter Term.

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GENERAL NEWS.

The following girls have left since last Summer, Marjorie Spicer, Gwendolen Knott and Leila Grasett; the latter is at home working at music and she hopes later on to study at the Royal College of Music.

The Christmas Party was held on December 19th, when the Sixth Form, with Miss Whittingham's help, gave some excellent scenes from "The Abbott."

A few girls went to a recital given by Kubelik and Backhaus on November 12th; two of them also heard Rosenthal during the Easter Term.

Several lectures were given during the year, amongst them being, Miss Moberley's address for the S.P.G. on Canada and Japan; a lantern lecture by the Rev. C. White for the Bible Society; and a lantern lecture for the Church Pastoral Aid by the Rev. D. Proctor on "Some common objects and how we get them and the people who make them."

On February 10th, the Bishop of Lewes very kindly took prayers and gave a most helpful address to the girls.

On February 1st a most interesting lecture on "Wordsworth," was given by the Rev. F. Asher at the Y.M.C.A. room in aid of the funds of the Hall; the lecture was well attended.

Four of the Sixth Form girls went to an organ recital at All Saints' Church, Hove, on February 25th, by the kind invitation of the Bishop of Lewes and Mrs. Burrows, and had tea afterwards at the Vicarage.

The following girls have been elected as prefects since last Summer:—Form VI., A. Fry, M. Platts, K. Stanley; VA., T. Bellhouse, M. Boodle, L. Grasett, M. Shildrick, H. Thwaites.

The Dormitory Shield was won by the Lower West Outer at Christmas, and by the North East at Easter.

The Drill Brooches were awarded to Gretel Hunt in the Upper School and to Angela Garforth in the Lower School at Christmas, and they won them again at Easter.

Annie Horn was chosen as Birthday Mother in September and was followed in January by Gertrude Ost.

Mr. Hind Smith has paid us another visit, and the girls still continue to show great interest in the work of Dr. Barnardo's Homes.

The Christmas Concert took place on December 15th and passed off most successfully; we had a large audience of Old Girls and friends. The following was the programme:—

|                        |                  |     |                              |              |     |                  |
|------------------------|------------------|-----|------------------------------|--------------|-----|------------------|
| <i>Part Song</i>       | ...              | ... | "Like as a Father"           | ...          | ... | <i>Cherubini</i> |
| <i>Piano Quartette</i> | ...              | ... | Gavotte                      | ...          | ... | <i>Gurlitt</i>   |
|                        | JOYCE SPURRELL.  |     | PEGGIE SMITH.                |              |     |                  |
|                        | RUTH ANDREWS.    |     | MAGGIE STANLEY               |              |     |                  |
| <i>Orchestra</i>       | ...              | ... | Sonata                       | ...          | ... | <i>Corelli</i>   |
|                        | <i>Preludio.</i> |     | <i>Allemande.</i>            | <i>Giga.</i> |     |                  |
| <i>Piano Solo</i>      | ...              | ... | ...Consolation...            | ...          | ... | <i>Lizst</i>     |
|                        | AUDREY SADGROVE. |     |                              |              |     |                  |
| <i>Song</i>            | ...              | ... | ...Shepherd's Cradle Song... | ...          | ... | <i>Somervell</i> |
|                        | LEILA GRASETT.   |     |                              |              |     |                  |



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|------------------------|---|---|--------------------|
| <i>Carol</i>           | ...   | "When the Word, the Sole-Begotten"            | F. M. Potter       |
| <i>Piano Quartette</i> | ...   | "In der Halle des Bergkönigs"                 | ... Grieg          |
|                        |   | (from the <i>Peer Gynt Suite</i> ).           |                    |
|                        |   | AUDREY SADGROVE.                              | KATHLEEN MITCHELL. |
|                        |   | DAISY REES.                                   | GRETTEL HUNT.      |
| <i>Violin Solo</i>     | ...   | ... Serenata                                  | ... Von Carse      |
|                        |   | ANGELA GARFORTH.                              |                    |
| <i>Piano Solo</i>      | ...   | ... Capriccio Brillante                       | ... Mendelssohn    |
|                        |   | GERTUDE OST.                                  |                    |
|                        |   | (Orchestral Parts arranged for Second Piano). |                    |
| <i>Orchestra</i>       | ...   | { (a) Andantino                               | ... Lemare         |
|                        |   | { (b) Gavotte                                 | ... Rameau         |
| <i>Song</i>            | ...   | "Orpheus with his Lute"                       | ... Sullivan       |
|                        |   | KATHLEEN MITCHELL.                            |                    |
| <i>Piano Solo</i>      | Allegretto and Presto from the 'Moonlight' Sonata | Beethoven                                     |                    |
|                        |   | LEILA GRASETT.                                |                    |
| <i>Part Song</i>       | ...   | The Fairy Cobbler                             | ... Horrocks       |
| <i>Violin Solo</i>     | ...   | ... Romance                                   | ... Svendsen       |
|                        |   | GERTRUDE OST.                                 |                    |
| <i>Song</i>            | ...   | ... L'Été                                     | ... Chaminade      |
|                        |   | MISS WHITTINGHAM.                             |                    |
| <i>Piano Solo</i>      | ...   | Ballade in G minor                            | ... Chopin         |
|                        |   | MISS WRIGHT.                                  |                    |
| <i>Part Song</i>       | ...   | "It comes from the Misty Ages"                | ... Elgar          |

The Coronation was celebrated by holidays on Thursday and Friday, and although the weather was not all that could be desired the days were much enjoyed. All meals were to have been in the garden on Thursday, but this could not be as it was too cold and wet. All the girls went to St. Nicholas Church in the morning where they stood in the Churchyard and heard the third part of the Coronation Service which was held on the top of the tower. In the afternoon the Pageant representing our Empire, which the girls would have performed in the garden, had to take place in the schoolroom, but in spite of this it was most effective and successful. It is to be performed again on July 22nd, when we hope Miss Potter will be here and when we are to have a small Sale of Work in aid of our Indian Orphan. Friday was even a worse day than Thursday, and the girls had to amuse themselves indoors, which they managed to do very well, and in the evening the different Forms entertained the rest of the school in turns with charades.

Mr. Morgan's garden prizes have been awarded to A. Baron, O. Thwaites and J. Macdonald; the School prizes for the other gardens have not yet been decided.

Old pupils will be glad to hear that the building of the new rooms progresses fast, and it is hoped that they will be formally opened next Founder's Day. Sir Charles Elliott generously gave us in the Autumn the amount needed for the completion and equipment of the Gymnasium, but later on it was found that it would be an advantage in every way to carry out the whole scheme together, instead of waiting till all the necessary funds came in. A generous anonymous loan without interest made this possible, and now the Art Room, new Music Rooms, and the Cloak Room are growing up round the Gymnasium. Apart from Sir Charles Elliott's gift there had been collected upwards of £500, and now the task before us is to raise the sum required—upwards of £600—to repay the loan.

Are there any old girls who can help us in raising this sum for an object which was so dear to the heart of Sir Charles Elliott? The smallest contribution would be welcome.

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## GIFTS.

Lady Elliott has again kindly sent a large number of books for the School Libraries.

Gretel Hunt gave a very good specimen of black shale with fossil ferns to the Museum. It was found in a coal mine in Derbyshire at a depth of 1320 feet.

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## THE GIRL GUIDES.

I have been asked to write a few words about the Baden Powell Girl Guides movement, a branch of which was formed in the School about a year ago.

Guides correspond to Scouts, and just as Scouts are being taught to be manly and independent, so "Guides" are being trained to be womanly and self-reliant.

In our case we find "Guiding" especially useful in providing occupation for leisure time.

To become a Guide at St. Mary's Hall

1. Each member must have a month's probation.
2. Know the Guide's Law and obey it.
3. Tie three knots.
4. Answer questions on the Union Jack.

Then the Initial Badge is given.



*A Second Class Guide must*

1. Be able to make a fire indoors and out.
2. Be able to make a bed properly.
3. Tie four knots.
4. Know the Morse Alphabet.
5. Know the composition of the Union Jack, and make one in paper.
6. Keep a Nature Diary for a month.
7. Pass some tests in observation and quick sight.
8. Know Patrol signs.
9. Be able to name the common trees of the neighbourhood (summer).
10. Knit or crochet something useful (winter).

*A First Class Guide must*

1. Have 1s. in the Savings Bank.
2. Be able to cook a simple dish.
3. Know something of First Aid.
4. Know the history of the place and be able to act as guides to visitors, and know the whereabouts of ambulance, police, fire, telephone stations, etc.
5. Name twenty wild flowers or six constellations.
6. Send messages in Morse, sixteen letters per minute.
7. Make one useful garment.

After the Second Class Badge has been obtained, Efficiency Badges may be worked for.

We have at present three patrols—The Cornflowers, Acorns, and Thistles—with an average number of fourteen girls in each. Each Patrol is divided into two divisions with an A and B Leader and a Corporal in each.

Mrs. Scott Malden, the Head Commissioner of the movement in Sussex, has paid us two visits; one to give Badges, and another, this Term, to present her beautiful gift of a silver cup to the winning patrol of the Easter Term—the Cornflowers (R. Farrow, A leader; A. Baron, B leader). Each time she gave most helpful addresses to the Guides.

During the Easter Term she invited us to Windlesham House to tea and to see a gymnastic display given by her boys.

We are all grateful to her for all the kind interest she has taken in us and for the help she has given us.

The competition for the cup is very keen, and marks can be gained by the Guides in the following ways:—

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| 1. No reports in Form                      | } weekly { | ... | ...  | 5     |
| 2. No reports in Dormitory                 |            | ... | ...  | 5     |
| 3. First Class                             |            | ... | ...  | 5     |
| 4. A piece of finished needlework          | ...        | ... | from | 5—20  |
| 5. A piece of finished crochet or knitting | ...        | ... | „    | 5—20  |
| 6. Basket work or any handicraft           | ...        | ... | „    | 5—20  |
| 7. Musical competition                     | ...        | ... | „    | 10—20 |

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| 8.  | Winner of any competitive game       | ...  | ... | ... | 5      |     |     |     |      |
| 9.  | A Nature Diary kept daily for a Term | ...  | ... | ... | 20     |     |     |     |      |
| 10. | Efficiency Badges                    | ...  | ... | ... | 30     |     |     |     |      |
| 11. | Correct measurements                 | ...  | ... | ... | each 2 |     |     |     |      |
| 12. | First Aid—for every correct bandage  | ...  | ... | ... | 1—5    |     |     |     |      |
| 13. | Morsing                              | When every member in Division A of any patrol can read and send a Morse message that patrol may have |     |     |        | ... | ... | ... | 10   |
|     |                                      | When every member of Division B of that patrol can do the same another 10 will be added              |     |     |        | ... | ... | ... | ...  |
| 14. | Athletic Tests                       |  |     |     |        |     |     |     |      |
|     | a Throwing the cricket ball          | ...  | ... | ... | ...    | ... | ... | ... | 5    |
|     | b Swift Running...                   | ...  | ... | ... | ...    | ... | ... | ... | 5    |
|     | c Jumping (long and high)            | ...  | ... | ... | ...    | ... | ... | ... | 5    |
|     | d Skipping                           | ...  | ... | ... | ...    | ... | ... | ... | 5    |
| 15. | Gardens...                           | ...  | ... | ... | ...    | ... | ... | ... | 1—10 |

We have had several delightful expeditions over the Downs—tracking, wool gathering, or carrying despatches.

On May 31st, the Rev. G. Moor kindly allowed the girls to pay a visit to his beautiful gardens near Preston Park, and on June 21st he paid a visit to the St. Mary's Hall gardens and brought enough seedlings from his garden for every girl in the School to have one.

The Debating Society, which was started on February 1st, owes much of its success to the kind help given by Miss Helen Potter (Vice-President).

We are very grateful to all Mistresses for the interest they have shown in this movement and also for the help they have often given in excursions and other ways.

I am glad to say that one of our Guides, D. Henning, who left us last summer, has successfully started a Patrol in her father's parish. She has our best wishes and we hope that many of our present Guides will follow her example.

I cannot close this account without expressing in the name of the "Guides" our sorrow that after this Term Miss Potter will no longer be our Head Mistress. We thank her warmly for all the help and encouragement she has given to us in this movement, and we feel that it is hardly necessary to assure her of the loving sympathy and best wishes of all the "Guides" for her complete restoration to health.

We are much looking forward to her short visit at the end of this Term and hope that she will then give the cup to the winning patrol of this Term.

F. P. THORNBURGH, *G.G. Mistress.*



## GAMES, 1910-11.

## HOCKEY.

We had a good season and the same interest and keenness were still shown in the game. The field remained in good condition throughout the year. We were unfortunate in only having two First Eleven matches this season, as the others were scratched.

*Matches.*

*October 28th.*—"Past" v. "Present." Victory to "Present," 6—0 goals. The "Present" played a good game; the shooting was good as the forwards were well "marked." The attack of the "Past" was weak, but the defence better. E. Sealy played a good game for the "Past."

*November 9th.*—Second Eleven v. St. Michael's Hall (home). Victory to Second Eleven, 6—0 goals. The game was rather slow the first half. The shooting was very weak, although six goals were scored; the score with better and quicker shooting ought to have been much higher.

*November 22nd.*—First Eleven v. Danny Ladies, Hassocks (home). Victory to St. Mary's Hall, 9—0 goals. The visitors played with several substitutes; it was not a hard game for the Eleven, but they played well and the shooting was good.

First Eleven.—G. Ost, M. Shildrick, G. Collis,\* K. Mitchell, Miss Taylor, O. Thwaites,† L. Grasett\* (capt.), M. Dewar,\* G. Hudson, A. Baron, M. Watson.

\* Colours. † Substitute.

Although M. Dewar was not able to win her colours in a First Eleven match as so many were scratched, she was awarded them on her general good play throughout the season in Form Cup Matches and practices. She captained the Second Eleven in their first match.

*February 22nd.*—Second Eleven v. Roedean Fourth Eleven (away). Victory to Roedean Fourth Eleven, 3—0 goals. The Second Eleven played well, but unfortunately it was necessary to have several substitutes, and the captain, F. Shildrick, was unable to play. O. Thwaites was Vice-Captain.

FORM CUP MATCHES.—Cup won by Va again.

- Va. (Captain, L. Grasett), 27 goals.
- Vb. (Captain, A. Oliphant), 12 goals.
- VI. (Captain, G. Ost), 9 goals.
- IV. (Captain, K. Bedale), 0 goals.

Although the IV. Form XI. did not score any goals, they played a very "plucky" game in each match. The defence was the strongest part of the team, the forward line being very poor.

### NET BALL.

Great improvement was made in the play this season, owing to the enthusiasm of the players. The game is played by Forms I., II., and III. We played our first outside match last Term against Hoove Lea. We hope to be able to arrange more matches, and also that some of the players will win their "colours."

The match was played on March 17th, the Half-Term holiday, it was a victory to Hoove Lea, 4—1 goals. The VII. played well and the passing was good. The Hoove Lea VII. had a great advantage as the girls were much older and bigger than our Team.

First VII.—A Stanley, B. Woodin, G. Hensley, G. Kerby, J. Bedale, V. Evans, I. Disney (captain).

### CRICKET.

Seven girls of last year's First Eleven left us at the end of the School year, and with so many changes it was very difficult to get a good team. On the whole the Eleven is not very much weaker than last year, but of course it is not good. The fielding is decidedly better this year. We had ideal cricket weather, but as in the Hockey we have been unfortunate in having matches scratched.

The Rev. C. H. Griffith kindly helped with the coaching.

*July 1st.*—First Eleven v. Roedean Second Eleven. Victory to Roedean Second Eleven, 104 runs for 6 wickets. St. Mary's Hall, 52 runs. The fielding was good, but most of the batsmen lacked confidence and so did not do themselves justice. O. Thwaites made top score, 21 runs.

First Eleven.—G. Ost (captain), K. Mitchell,\* R. Farrow, M. Dewar, H. Thwaites, O. Thwaites, A. Sadgrove, M. Watson, F. Shildrick, A. Oliphant, A. Baron.

\* Colours.

### TENNIS.

It has been a very good season and play was seldom prevented by the weather. We had two Tournaments. First Tournament won by (a) Miss Wright and D. Shillito; (b) Miss Whittingham and J. Batson, M. Shildrick and O. Thwaites. Second Tournament won by (a) Miss Wright and M. Platts; (b) Miss Edwards and H. Thwaites. Both Tournaments were very much enjoyed.



## BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS.

## BIRTHS.

- BECK, AMABEL (*née* Hall), on January 26th, 1911, at 271b Willesden Lane, N.W., the wife of Frank H. Beck, of a daughter.
- OVERMANN, BEATRICE (*née* Heaven), on November 12th, 1910, at 22 All Saints' Road, S. Annes-on-Sea, to Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Overmann, a son.

## MARRIAGES.

- BLOOMER, DOROTHY, elder daughter of the late Rev. H. Bloomer and of Mrs. Bloomer, of Highbury, N., to
- GUTTRIDGE, ARCHIBALD GEORGE, of Leyton, Essex, at Christ Church, Highbury, on February 15th, 1911.
- PEARSON, ANNIE JANE, eldest daughter of the Rev. J. G. PEARSON, 119 Mayow Road, Sydenham, to
- GROSE, SYDNEY WILLIAM, of Sydenham, at Holy Trinity Church, Sydenham, on January 7th, 1911.
- KEANE, MABEL SOPHIA WALTON, daughter of the Rev. T. Keane, Bryansford House, Cheltenham, to
- STONEY-SMITH, Major HERRERT, the Leicestershire Regiment, Glen Parva Barracks, Leicester, at the Church of SS. Philip and James, Leckhampton, on Friday, February 17th, 1911.

## DEATHS.

- BROMLEY, SARAH, in the Spring.
- CLARK.—On July 14th, at St. Stephen's Rectory, Ipswich, the Rev. William Frederick Clark, for thirty years Rector of St. Stephen's, Ipswich, and Chaplain of the Ipswich Borough Asylum, aged 76.
- ELLIOTT.—On the 28th May, Sir Charles Alfred Elliott, K.C.S.I., LL.D., late Lieutenant-Governor of Bengal, aged 75.
- HUGHES, RHODA, on June 10th, 1911, after three days' illness of pneumonia.
- HUNT.—The Rev. H. W. Hunt, for thirty-nine years Rector of Shermanbury, Sussex, aged 76.
- PATEY, MISS, former Mistress at St. Mary's Hall, in the Spring.

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*The financial year now closes on March 31st, and it is requested that subscriptions should be sent in as soon as possible after that date, and not later than July 31st.*

