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# News



# Letter

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No. 60

DECEMBER, 1958

## ST. MARY'S HALL ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE

<i>President and Chairman</i> .....	<i>Miss Conrady</i>
<i>Vice-President and Vice-Chairman</i> .....	<i>A. Baron</i>
<i>Vice-Presidents</i> .....	<i>Miss Ghey, Miss Stopford, Miss Robinson, Miss Galton and Miss H. R. Potter</i>
<i>Old Girl Governors of the School</i> ..	<i>Mrs. Davidson (J. Wilberforce) and L. Hutchinson; and representing S.M.H.A. L. Gunnery</i>
<i>Hon. Secretary</i> .....	<i>J. Laurence</i>
<i>Hon. Treasurer</i> .....	<i>Miss E. M. Smith</i>
<i>Hon. Editor</i> .....	<i>A. Baron</i>
<i>Hon. Secretary, Home Counties Branch</i> .....	<i>R. Kettlewell</i>
<i>Hon. Secretary, Sussex Branch</i> .....	<i>V. Sly</i>
<i>Also Mrs. Cunningham (V. Phillips), P. Eggleton, F. McWalter, L. Wolfenden.</i>	

## EDITORIAL

A Happy Christmas and New Year to you all!

We regret to record the death of Bishop Bell, President of the School, and a staunch friend thereof. We can be glad to recall that the enthusiasm of the Association, with its leaders, was no mean factor in encouraging his interest and that of others in the revival of St. Mary's Hall.

You will notice that this is the sixtieth number of the News Letter. Last year's recorded the beginnings of the Association and its great desire to help the School. In spite of the changes that have come about in that time, for instance, from bicycles to moon rockets, which have helped to eat up distance so that blissful ignorance of far off happenings can no longer be pleaded, essentials do remain the same, in the world, and in the School where our particular interest lies at the moment. We should sympathize though with the present girls in their attempts to absorb sixty years more of history and other knowledge! No small task for their teachers either!

H.A.B.



## PRESIDENT'S LETTER

My Dear Friends,

October, 1958.

This year my letter will be very brief as space in the News Letter is limited.

It has been another year of continued progress which will be reported elsewhere. G.C.E. results were a record. In the O level examinations 89% of the subject entries were successful and there were 42 distinctions.

The first Founder's Memorial Scholar is Christine Cocks, aged 13, whose grandfather is Vicar of St. John's, Felixstowe, and well-known to Audrey Baron. I know that the generous subscribers to Miss Ghey's wonderful enterprise will be interested and delighted to know that already the Fund is being used and that the first scholar shows good promise.

Again I have had many visits from old girls and it is very pleasing to me to see an increasing number of my own old girls coming back to the October meeting at the Hall.

My greetings to you all,

Yours affectionately,

DORIS CONRADY.

## MISS GHEY'S LETTER

1, Furness Road,  
Eastbourne,

October, 1958.

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

As I write, I find it difficult to free my thoughts from the sadness that has fallen on the Diocese of Chichester, and on innumerable other centres of light and learning, with the death of our very dear friend and Father in God, Dr. G. K. A. Bell, until a few months ago Lord Bishop of Chichester and President of St. Mary's Hall. In a letter to me after his retirement he wrote: "St. Mary's Hall will remain very much among my spheres of care and affection." What that care and affection had meant I can testify, for he was largely responsible for the restoration of the School when its future looked darkest. He called a private meeting of a few friends of the Hall, sponsored a campaign for the raising of funds, and stood by to help and sympathise during all the anxious months and years that followed. When the restoration was complete he shared our rejoicing: and in the next step—the effort to found new Scholarships for daughters of Clergymen, he was one of the first donors and gave me a letter to accompany my appeal, associating himself "whole-heartedly" in this endeavour to further the aim of our Founder.

We shall never forget his wise and gentle friendship.

Miss Galton, who has acted from the first as Honorary Treasurer to the Founder's Memorial Scholarship Fund, is furnishing a report on the progress of the Fund

I am unspeakably grateful for all the support so generously given. My difficulty has been of late, that I have exhausted all the lists of names of possible donors that friends have sent me.

It is delightful that the first "Founder's Memorial Scholar" has just, at the age of 12, begun her life at the Hall.

I have just refreshed myself by reading the 1957 News Letter from cover to cover, and I am proud to congratulate the Hon. Editor and all the contributors on such an excellent production.

You cannot know how thankful I am for the continued happiness of your friendship.

Yours affectionately,

F. L. GHEY.

## MISS GALTON'S REPORT ON THE SCHOLARSHIP FUND

I think that readers of the News Letter and School Magazine may like to have an up-to-date report of Miss Ghey's Appeal for Scholarships for Clergy Daughters, called Founder's Memorial Scholarships, of which Fund I am the Hon. Treasurer. As Treasurer I have had great pleasure in writing 393 receipts.

In addition to the sum of £3,000 which has been given by the Trustees of the late Mr. W. J. Yapp, £3,734 1s. 8d. of Consols 4% Stock has been bought, which, as no Income Tax is paid, will bring in nearly £150 a year for a Second Scholarship. The first of these Scholarships has been awarded this year to Christine Cocks.

We are beginning to collect for a Third Scholarship, and so far have £351 11s. 9d. on the Deposit Account, and £106 13s. 9d. on the Current Account.

The Fund will be kept open as promises are still being received.

A. C. E. GALTON.

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## NEWS OF MISS ROBINSON

Miss Robinson wrote in October to say she felt it was time to cease sending a special letter, but your Editor is sure all will want to have news of the first post-war Headmistress. She says she has retired from her school work and has been doing all sorts of things at home, in the house and in the garden, and enjoying the freedom of no more examination papers to correct. Her sister, who is not very strong, is glad to have her at home, and so is Miss Willis. She does a good deal of "chauffeuring" for them both, shopping, and so on.

She was so pleased with Mary Ann Coate's Scholarship, she being one of her children before she left.

She hoped that S.M.H. Founder's Day was a happy one, and would have loved to have been there.

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## THE FIFTY-FIRST ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE ST. MARY'S HALL ASSOCIATION

The Annual General Meeting of the St. Mary's Hall Association was held at Y.W.C.A. Headquarters, Great Russell Street, London, W.C.1, on Saturday, May 3rd, at 2.30 p.m., with Miss Conrady in the chair.

The meeting opened with prayer and remembrance of members who had died during the year, Rose Elwin and Alice Eacott. Mrs. Howlett (M. Stuart Black) and L. Raynor who were ill were also remembered.

The Minutes of the previous meeting having been printed in the News Letter were taken as read, and were confirmed and signed.

Apologies for absence were received from Miss Ghey, Miss Stopford, L. Gunnery, F. McWalter, P. Eggleton, E. More, Miss Hensley and about 50 other members.

The President, Miss Conrady, welcomed all present and expressed everyone's sorrow at the absence of Miss Ghey especially, and other members.

Vice-Presidents.—Miss Galton brought good wishes from Miss Ghey, who now found it difficult to get to meetings but hoped people would go to see her. She spoke of Miss Ghey's continued successful efforts to raise money for Scholarships for Clergy Daughters. As Hon. Treasurer she reported that two "Founder's Memorial Scholarships" of £150 a year each were already established.



The first scholarship was made up of £3,734 invested in 4% Consols. The second, of £3,000, had been given by the Trustees of the late W. J. Yapp (Margaret Howard helped to interest Canon Hudson, one of the Trustees of the Yapp Trust).

Miss Ghey had had much support from members of the Association. Her personal appeal was greatly helped by the two enclosures, one a letter from the Bishop of Chichester, and the other an article from Punch by Alex Atkinson.

The Fund now had £300 on deposit and nearly £50 in the current account, and gifts and promises were still coming in towards a Third Scholarship. The Fund was to remain open indefinitely.

Miss Potter spoke of Lucy Raynor's illness and of her need for a companion-housekeeper, and asked for the name of anyone suitable.

**Head Mistress's Report.**—Miss Conrady told us of another very satisfactory year at the Hall, with numbers maintained and even increased—160 boarders and 108 day girls. Examination results were again good as can be seen in the News Letter, and she spoke particularly of Mary Ann Coate's successes.

Progress continued in Music, Art, Games, and other activities, and she told us of the special success of Fiona Clark, aged ten, with her picture, "My friend Simone" in the Royal Drawing Society Exhibition, it being reproduced on the cover of their catalogue.

She spoke also of the difficulties of the Autumn term with its Asian 'flu victims, and the splendid co-operation of all concerned in helping to care for them and to carry on the school life.

The Hall had shared the regret of the diocese in the retirement of Bishop Bell, a wonderful friend all through his Episcopate, and especially during the immediate post-war period . . . . .

Another Old Girl, Miss Lilian Burton, had reached her century . . . her sister, Mrs. Bartrum, was now one hundred and one!

She spoke of her staff, and what a tower of strength the whole staff, led by Miss Farmer, was to her. This has been particularly demonstrated during the influenza epidemic.

The School was also fortunate in its Governing Body, with the members of whom she had the happiest relationship. She owed much to them and particularly the House Committee of which Mrs. Julia Davidson was Chairman, and she mentioned the unfailing help and support of our beloved Miss Ghey.

A number of Old Girls of widely different generations had been to see their old School and its present Head Mistress . . . Sometimes Old Girls came when she was very busy and unable to see them, but her secretary, Miss Waddy, was very good and ready to show them round if available.

The present generation of girls and Staff were trying to carry on the old traditions of the Hall. She did not associate herself with the present criticism of young people, at any rate as far as her girls were concerned. Given the right lead, and the understanding they needed, she found them ready to accept responsibility, to value spiritual and moral standards, and eager to serve the community. Their love for their School was no less than was ours, and they would go out into the world not only as worthy ambassadors for their School, but also prepared to uphold the standards passed on to them.

**Hon. Treasurer's Report.**—Miss Smith presented the accounts, a copy of which is printed. She said that she had had to withdraw money from the Post Office to meet the account for the News Letter because of the

time-lag in receiving money from the sale of magazines (this was due to Asian influenza). She explained that donations to the Bursary Fund for 1958 were not complete.

She stated that on the advice of the Governors the S.M.H.A. investment in 3½% Conversion Stock had been transferred to the Church Funds Investment Measure 1958. This was done at the same time as the transfer of the Governors' investment in order to save transfer fees.

The accounts were adopted with a vote of thanks to the Treasurer. Miss Smith said that thanks were due to M. Wanstall and the advertisers she had procured for their help in reducing the cost of the News Letter.

**Hon. Secretary's Report.**—Irene Laurence read extracts from letters she had received from Miss Pope, M. Lloyd and others: the letters were available for interested members to read in full.

A vote of thanks to the Secretary was passed.

**Hon. Editor's Report.**—Audrey Baron made her usual plea for plenty of news for the next News Letter. Although she was retiring from the Editorship she was sure that the new Editor would be grateful for all news and other items as early as possible. She said that much of her Year's News items came from Miss Ghey.

It was agreed that a full address list should be included in the next News Letter. It was suggested that the Editor should write to Mrs. McWalter about taking on the Editorship. Also that M. Wanstall should write to M. Saunders to ask her if she would deal with advertisements.

It was proposed that a gift should be made to A. Baron as a token of thanks for her many years' work as Editor.

**Home Counties Branch Report.**—Rosamund Kettlewell reported a happy meeting at Mrs. Gosnell's home at Walton-on-Thames.

Miss Conrady suggested that after the current year the Home Counties Branch should amalgamate with the Sussex Branch, as the meetings of the former had not been well-attended for some time, though the few who did attend had always greatly enjoyed their afternoons. It was agreed that the matter should be put on the agenda for next year. Mrs. Crispe's kind offer as hostess for the current year was gratefully accepted. R. Kettlewell was thanked for her report.

**Election of Officers.**—The following Officers were re-elected:—Hon. Secretary, Irene Laurence; Hon. Treasurer, Miss E. M. Smith; Vice-Chairman, Audrey Baron; Hon. Secretary, Home Counties Branch, Rosamund Kettlewell; Hon. Secretary, Sussex Branch, Vanessa Sly; Hon. Editor, News Letter, a new one if possible.

**Election of Committee Members.**—F. McWalter, V. Phillips and L. Wolfenden, being eligible, were re-elected; P. Eggleton had another year to serve; J. Collard, having served her full term, was not eligible for re-election.

#### **Dates of Future Meetings.**

- (a) St. Mary's Hall, Thursday, June 12th, 1958. At the Dome for Prize-giving, and after at the Hall.  
Miss Conrady invited any present to take a ticket as now available.
- (b) Miss Ghey and Miss Galton gave a kind invitation for lunch and tea on Saturday, July 19th, at 1, Furness Road, Eastbourne.
- (c) Home Counties—By kind invitation of Mrs. Crispe at her home at Stoke D'Abernon on Saturday, September 20th.
- (d) Sussex Branch—By kind invitation at the Hall on Saturday, October 11th.



- (e) Annual General Meeting, 1959—On a vote for April 25th or May 9th, the date May 9th was chosen. Place of Meeting probably Y.W.C.A. as usual, but watch notice.

**Any other Business.**—Miss Conrady announced that there were for sale Histories of the School and old News Letters.

The question of a nominee to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Professor D. Emmett as an Old Girl Representative on the Governing Body was raised, but no decision was taken.

There being no further business members adjourned for tea and talk.

The following members were present: the Misses Conrady, Potter, Galton, Smith, Bolton, Atkinson, Perry, Batterbury, Davies and Farmer. L. Wolfenden, R. Kettlewell, V. Phillips, V. Sly, J. Strike, S. Chinaloy (Samson), S. Fulford, M. Randall (Fosh), M. Bedford (Chippendall), W. O. Smith, G. Geary, M. Wanstall, A. Cunnew (Oliphant), K. Chambré, M. Paterson, K. Ogden (Powell), M. Ashwin, C. Ashwin, G. Ost, E. Allnutt (Watson), O. Skene, M. Tredennick (Phair), M. Hopkins (Hope Gill), H. Thompson (Boswell), A. Fosbery (Smallpiece), E. Reekie (Vaughan), D. Williams, A. Mead (Law), K. Atkins (Kennelly), D. Adkins, G. Spurrell (Hensley), M. Thorne, J. Baxter (Stuart), G. Batson, J. Batson, J. Dawson, J. Barnwell, S. Reekie, V. Cobbett, Ph. Poyser, M. Bass (Burroughs), D. Wiley, E. Demel (Atkinson), A. Baron, I. Laurence (55)

### HONORARY TREASURER'S REPORT

This year, though we have lost fourteen of our members, we have gained nineteen, of whom five are life members, and also have three annual subscribers who have become life members. We are glad to welcome these new people, and hope to see them often at our meetings.

There is one point I should like to make. Last year several copies of the News Letter were returned—address unknown. Please, if you change your address, do remember to let us know. Even now we have no address for N. Thomson, or P. Atkins (Mrs. Ashley) both life members, or for P. Sheard. May I ask anyone who can supply these addresses to send a card to our secretary, Miss I. Laurence, 4, Edmondsgate, Argyle Road, London, W.13, or to St. Mary's Hall.

Once more we must have the pleasure of thanking our Advertisement Secretary, this year Miss M. Saunders, 5, Aymor Road, Hove 3, for all the work she has done in collecting Advertisements; also the advertisers for their continued support, as well as those who sent donations towards the expense of the News Letter. We do appreciate all that they have done.

Another helper deserves our thanks. Miss Waddy, Miss Conrady's secretary, who has included the list of our meetings when she sent out invitations for Founder's Day. This meant much additional typing and duplicating. Then too, Miss Conrady and Miss Waddy have been most helpful in collecting names and addresses, and in giving changes of address. We thank them both.

I mentioned the change in our Investment at the Annual General Meeting, and how that when at the beginning of April last, the Governors of St. Mary's Hall were transferring some of their Conversion Stock Investments to the "Church Funds Investment Measure, 1958," we allowed ours to be transferred, on Mr. Goddard's advice, at the same time and so saved fees.

Finally, will every annual subscriber please note, once more, that if her copy of the News Letter has an X mark at the head of the list of addresses, this means that her subscriptions are in arrears, and that, failing any further subscriptions, her name must be deleted.

E. M. SMITH.

# ST. MARY'S HALL ASSOCIATION

Statement of Accounts 1st April, 1957—31st March, 1958

RECEIPTS		PAYMENTS	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Balance, Barclays Bank 1st April, 1957	.. 8 4 6	Secretary's expenses .. ..	.. 6 17 0
Cash in hand 1st April, 1957	.. 3 4 2½	Editor's Postage .. ..	.. 1 0 0
Subscriptions, 1957	.. 15 4 0	Expenses for Advertisements .. ..	.. 1 12 3
Sale of News Letter .. ..	.. 31 2 6	Printing News Letter, 1957 .. ..	.. 108 5 0
Donations for News Letter .. ..	.. 8 3 0	New Cheque Book .. ..	.. 4 0
Advertisements, 1956 .. ..	.. 5 17 0	Hire of room for A.G.M., 1957 .. ..	.. 4 4 0
Advertisements, 1957 .. ..	.. 37 8 6	Teas at A.G.M. 1957, plus tip .. ..	.. 6 5 0
Payments for teas, A.G.M., 1957 .. ..	.. 6 0 0	Invested in Post Office .. ..	.. 16 0 0
Life Membership Subscriptions .. ..	.. 16 0 0	Repaid to Post Office, March, 1958 .. ..	.. 14 17 6
Withdrawn from Post Office .. ..	.. 54 19 0	Cheque to S.M.H. Bursary Fund, 1957 .. ..	.. 36 0 0
Donations to Bursary Fund, 1957 .. ..	.. 11 0 0	Balance, Barclays Bank, 31st March, 1958 .. ..	.. 24 15 3
Donations to Bursary Fund, 1958 .. ..	.. 20 0 0	Cash in hand, 31st March, 1958 .. ..	.. 18 2½
Dividend, Conversion Stock .. ..	.. 3 15 6		
	£220 18 2½		£220 18 2½

Audited and found correct.  
B. M. W. BOLTON.



## THE BURSARY FUND

This fund still continues to receive subscriptions. It is used for helping Daughters of the Clergy, children who would not be eligible for scholarships to Grammar Schools, so that they may profit by the education at St. Mary's Hall. This year's amount is £30 10s., nearly our average annual contribution.

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## NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

And who's our new Editor? No one seemed to want the job, so —! Fortunately for the News Letter my expected extra pressure of work has been postponed till now, though I have had other set backs, but the kind co-operation of all concerned has got us through, and it helped considerably to have the copy in earlier. October 1st is still a good date at which to aim. My thanks to our President and those of her staff who tackled the School Magazine so well, and to all who have helped me. Personally, I am much indebted to Miss E. M. Smith, who is so thoroughly in touch with old and new, and so ready to aid.

It was kind of someone to suggest a present. I tried a Russian Veto at the Committee before the A.G.M., but only got myself turned out! After the A.G.M. someone, a contemporary, I expect, said "Oh, do carry on with the News Letter. You do amuse us so!" Now, I ask you, what exactly do I make of that?!

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## FOUNDER'S DAY, 1958

Thursday, June 12th, was Prizegiving or Founder's Day. In the old days no Old Girl could hope for an invitation without special reason, if only for lack of space. The building of the Elliott Hall eased matters but later the growth of the School restricted guests. So it was a much appreciated pre-war decision to hold the afternoon ceremony in the Dome.

This was the third year for the new School there, and it is a joy to us to have the privilege of being present. But of course the day could never be really complete without a visit to the Hall itself, and it is most kind of Miss Conrady and all concerned to invite us up to tea afterwards. It must make a long day for them. Tea was indoors this year because of rain. No matter that it was somewhat crowded, though tea on the Lower Lawn can be so delightful.

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## MISS GHEY'S AND MISS GALTON'S PARTY

Saturday, July 19th, the day of the party at Furness Road, Eastbourne, was a day to be remembered. Our gracious and charming hostesses welcomed us all so warmly as we arrived, some for lunch, and more for tea, as usual knowing us all individually and remembering our past and present doings.

The gathering covered a large span of the Hall's life, and included past and present staff (chief among whom was Miss Conrady) and old girls, new and old. The sun shone brilliantly all day and we spent a delightful afternoon under the shade of a fine tree in a serene and charming garden chatting to friends new and old and catching up on news of those present and others remembered in person or by name.

It was a happy and heartening day, and I hope, that our hostesses were as cheered by it as; I am sure, were all these guests.

Those present included: Miss Conrady Dr. D. Adkins, Mrs. Atkins (K. Kennelly), I. Ashwin, M. Ashwin, A. Baron, Miss Bolton, Mrs. Chap-



man (A. Sadgrove), Mrs. Crispe (T. Hare-Duke), M. Church, Miss Davis, Miss Foster, Mrs. Gosnall (D. Moore), Mrs. Hart (R. Harris), E. Hopley, Mrs. Mead (A. Law), E. Moore, Mrs. McWalter (M. Fuller), W. Owen Smith, Miss Peebles, Miss Potter, O. Skene, Miss Smith, Mrs. Spurrell (G. Hensley), A. Wanstall, Mrs. Vedaste (P. Wood).

M.A.

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### HOME COUNTIES MEETING, 1958

The Autumn Meeting was held on September 20th at Stoke D'Abernon, by kind permission of Mrs. J. P. H. Crispe (Joan Hare-Duke).

By this year's standards the weather was good, with only an occasional shower. Some of us enjoyed a visit to the very interesting old Church before joining the rest of the party for a delightful tea, and conversation largely consisting of reminiscences of the Hall. Then Miss Conrady gave us all the latest school news before we dispersed.

Those present were: Miss Conrady, Miss H. Potter, Miss Bolton and Miss E. M. Smith; also Mrs. Cunnew (A. Oliphant), Mrs. Crispe (J. Hare-Duke), W. O. Smith, O. Skene, I. Laurence, K. Chambré, R. Kettlewell.

R.M.K.

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### THE SUSSEX BRANCH MEETING, 1958

This was held on Saturday, October 11th, at St. Mary's Hall once again, by kind invitation of Miss Conrady. We were lucky enough to have a reasonably fine day for it too, which was unusual in this very wet year!

The younger members had an Old Girls' Match with the School during the afternoon, which resulted in a win to the School, while the older members chatted with Miss Conrady and their friends up at the Hall. Afterwards we all met for a most enjoyable tea in the dining room.

While we were at tea Miss Conrady gave us all the scholastic news of the Hall, which was highly creditable. Miss Galton then said how sorry Miss Ghey was not to be with us but that she sent her love to all who remembered her. We were all so sorry to hear that she is not able to get about as much as she used to do.

Mrs. Fosbery (A. Smallpiece) called for a vote of thanks to Miss Conrady for so kindly inviting us to the Hall.

After tea we dispersed round the School to see the latest improvements and we were all most impressed at the size and equipment of the new Domestic Science Room, which is definitely a credit to any school. (For the benefit of those at school before the last war, this is the old science room now enlarged and twice its original size).

We are all looking forward to seeing new wonders again next year.

Those present were:—Miss Conrady, Miss Galton, Miss Batterbury, Miss Bolton, Miss Potter, Miss Waddy, Mrs. Capern (C. Thompson), Mrs. Hardy (E. M. Howard), Mrs. Jennings (M. Whittington-Ince), Mrs. Fosbery (A. Smallpiece), Mrs. MacDonald (A. Cavalier), Mrs. Reekie (E. Vaughan), A. Wanstall, R. Robinson, O. Skene, A. Dunbar, M. Howell-Davies, D. Stranack, S. Field, P. Strachan, S. Oates, S. Grey, R. Pang, C. Heaton, S. Duncan, C. Bartlett, C. Pascoe, P. Toyne, V. Sly.

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## **A U.M.C.A. DOCTOR RETIRES**

By Mr. E. T. W. Mdachi, St. Martin's Middle School, Magila.

It was in the evening of Saturday, 13th October, 1956, in one of the colourful rooms of St. Mary's Girls' Middle School, when a farewell party to Dr. Dulcie S. Adkins was given by the African Christian Community of the Magila Archdeaconry.

Invitation to the party was widely extended to leading Africans and Europeans representing the various aspects of life in the Muheza District. Music from gramophone records, a band of St. Martin's Primary School and a choir under an African teacher, added to the happy atmosphere of the evening.

A farewell address, prepared by the African Christian Community, was read and handed to Dr. Adkins, followed by some parting gifts from the African Christians of Magila and its parishes.

Dr. Adkins, well known in Tanga Province, is retiring after thirty years in the Mission Service. She came to Africa in 1926 and was stationed at Magila, Muheza, in the Zanzibar Diocese. She found the country lacking in Maternity clinics and many other medical facilities. Many deaths occurred due to application of primitive methods and there was a great need for an ante-natal treatment.

Dr. Adkins took the initiative and opened up a Maternity Clinic at Magila where women came in large numbers. This became the first clinic to be opened in the whole of Tanganyika.

With the opening of the Maternity Hospital came the need for trained nurses. Again, Dr. Adkins wholeheartedly started the first Women Nurses Training School in the Territory with only two nurses. Now the school has thirty-eight female nurses.

There are a great many things which Dr. Adkins has done for us. The few I have mentioned should make known the great impression which her services have made in our hearts. She has saved our lives and she has brought to our country a true Christian civilisation. She was regarded by the Africans with affection and esteem and her loyal services were beyond praise.

She will be greatly missed at Magila where the African Community concluded their farewell address in these words:

"We are not Heads of Her Majesty's Government. We should have recommended to Her Majesty the Queen, to award you with an O.B.E. or a C.B.E. for your services. But we know this is not your wish. You have come to serve us in order to show us Christ's Love and Mercy to us. Christ is the Head of the Christian Religion. He will honour you with a higher and a better award in His eternal Kingdom. Amen."

Dr. Adkins goes with our best wishes for happy years of a really deserved rest.

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## **EXTRACT FROM SOUTH AFRICAN LIBRARY NEWS LETTER**

"Miss Frances Gertrude Hudson will retire on 30th June, 1958, from the position of Librarian-Secretary of the East London Public Library.

"After working at the Johannesburg Public Library for 12 years, Miss Hudson was appointed to her present position on 1st March, 1934. She has served the Library there with great devotion for 24 years, interrupted only by four years' active service in the Middle East during World War II.

"Miss Hudson plans to go on holiday overseas and on her return to settle in Johannesburg, where her erstwhile colleagues will be pleased to see her again."



## THOSE GLOBE-TROTTERS AGAIN!

Dorothy Heelas wrote early in November to say that she and Muriel, on holiday from their secretarial jobs with the Snowy Mountains Authority in New South Wales, sailed from Sydney on August 27th on a cargo ship with twelve passengers, calling at Tarakan in Borneo, Manila, two days in Hong Kong, and then on to Japan. While in Hong Kong they saw Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Black (Aileen Waller) who were most kind to them, had them to their house for a meal and took them for a long drive to the New Territories, and showed them Hong Kong Island, etc. They then went on to Yokohama in Japan, where Mrs. Knight and Mrs. Seeborg (Phyllis and Frances Smith) met the boat and took them to the latter's home for two nights. Phyllis was there as her little boy had just arrived back from England to go back to school in Kobe again. Frances took them to Tokyo and other interesting places, and then they went by train to Kobe to stay with Phyllis. She took them to Kyoto, the old capital of Japan, but after one day with her Muriel had to rejoin the ship at Osaka, as she preferred the sea to flying, and was to return to Australia via Shanghai.

Dorothy stayed on, and went on her own for a two-day trip to Beppu, on the Inland Sea, which was beautiful. She stayed in a Japanese inn, wore a kimono, and ate and slept on the floor! She returned to Kobe and then went back to Frances in Yokohama, and from there visited Tokyo again and Nikko. She says she has never met such wonderful kindness and hospitality as they had from Phyllis and Frances, and their husbands.

After two weeks in Japan Dorothy flew to Hong Kong again for a further week there, hoping that Muriel's ship would arrive too. Aileen and her husband again were most kind, and she also saw Joyce Curry, Aileen's sister, who was staying with her. It must have been over twenty-five years since she had seen them all!

On discovering that Muriel's ship had been held up at Shanghai (she was there nearly three weeks and was only allowed ashore twice, and they had security police aboard all the time, but seems to have enjoyed it) Dorothy flew to Bangkok for three days and had a wonderful time, and then on via Singapore, Perth and Melbourne, back to Sydney. They both had colour cameras and took some good pictures. Muriel tried to call on Miss Pope, having got her address from a clergyman in the Cathedral in Hong Kong, but she found her flat empty.

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## OUR CENTENARIANS

Now we have two of them. Mrs. Bartrum, who will be 102 on 26th December next, has a sister, Miss Burton, in the same Nursing Home at Ulverston, and this sister celebrated her 100th birthday on 11th March this year. Letters came from the Matron of the Nursing Home, and also from a cousin, acknowledging the receipt of our Greeting Telegram, and a small present from the Association.

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## THE YEAR'S NEWS

Mrs. Allnutt (May Watson) wrote in June, and mentioned she had heard from Mrs. Roe (Marjorie Barrow) whose son had almost finished his National Service, and then was going up to Cambridge.

Mrs. Ashley (Paula Atkins) wrote in May. She was staying in Brighton while her husband was abroad, and gave news of Elizabeth Waller (Mrs. Jones) and of Rima Finiefs. Rima had just returned from Cyprus and was staying near Elizabeth. They had all three planned to come to the Prize Giving, but Paula had to leave suddenly to join her

husband, and Elizabeth could not leave her baby, while Rima was not well.

**Mrs. Barker (Helen Cope)** writes that her husband was a Regular Officer, R.N. He resigned last year to become a Candidate for Ordination, studying at King's College, London. They are living in an East End Vicarage, gaining extremely useful experience for their future parish life. He is under the auspices of the Bishop of Manchester and they will eventually live in that diocese. **Helen** has been working as secretary, first with a firm of Importers, and since then with the Director of a firm of Registrars and Secretaries to Public Companies. Very interesting work.

**Audrey Baron** as usual met **Mrs. Barlow (Gretel Hunt)** during August Bank Holiday time in Norfolk. First at Blakeney, at the Exhibition of the Guild of Many Crafts, of which Commander Barlow is President this year, then at the Bishop of Norwich's Sunday afternoon service on the Broads at St. Benet's, and then for an afternoon's sailing on Hickling Broad. **Audrey** has also visited **Mrs. Foottit (Mildred Norris)**, as usual busy in parish, W.I., and evening classes.

**Gladys Batson** gives a new address (see List) but says that she will probably be away in Crowborough for the winter months.

**Mrs. Baxter (Jean Stuart)** writes of a delightful journey that she and her husband took, "to Scotland with Mr. Abel Smith, to see the two Scottish estates, on the east and west coasts, from where we get Black-face lambs and cross-bred Highland cattle, which are a great curiosity in the neighbourhood." **Jean** says that her family—Peter, Kate and Alice, keep her "quite busy."

**Rosamund Bedford**, who left S.M.H. in 1951, wrote that she gave up the idea of Reading University, and last December won a scholarship to Lady Margaret Hall, Oxford, and has managed to pull through Maths. in Responsions this September, and in October was going up to L.M.H. to read English. She hoped that Miss Conrady would be pleased.

**Mrs. Biven (Ruth Pelton)** wrote at the end of August from the Royal National Sanatorium, Bournemouth, where she was in for treatment, and had been very ill, but was hoping to start getting up. She had heard from **Mrs. Broadley (Rosamund Elliott)** who was recovering from an operation.

**Mrs. Buffet (Molly Harper)**, Kirton Vicarage, Boston, has had contacts with your Editor since the latter discovered in 1957 that **Molly** was working, part time, for our Printer, and was responsible for making the photograph blocks. So **Audrey's** old Newsletters were in request, and school snaps were produced.

**Frances Boughton** works for Cambridge University in the Department of Biochemistry, where she has an administrative job and does all the accounts. She is very happy, both in this work and in her small country cottage in the "very lively village" of Ot, Shelford, where (as one would expect!) she has been roped in to manage the finances of the Women's Institute and the new Memorial Hall, and to be Secretary of the University Assistants' Club in Cambridge. In her spare time (when not engaged in Church affairs and in the charge of house, garden, car, and cat) she studies German and practices embroidery!

**Mrs. Bowesman (Joy Barton)** has sent us news of **Molly Darroll Smith** (now **Mrs. Francis Barton**), as she married **Joy's** youngest brother, **Lt. Col. F. Barton, R.M.**. Their two daughters are, or were, at the Royal School for Officers' Daughters, Bath. Some Hilarians may remember **Colonel Barton** as a little boy in a long white sailor suit when he came to St. Hilary after being a page at a wedding! **Joy** writes that her two daughters, **Hilary** and **Alison**, are or will be at St. Monica's Clacton: and her elder brother, **Ray**, is Rector of Nettleslead, near Maidstone.



**Olivia Nedeham Browne** sends news of her engagement to **Jonathan Audley Hughes**, younger son of Lt. Col. A. C. Hewitt, O.B.E., and Mrs. Hewitt, of Chertsey. She is working as a secretary in London and has been sharing a flat with **Jennifer Booth**. She also sees **Delia Bell** and **Ann Thompson** quite often—they are both in London, the former working in an advertising agency on the visualising side, and the latter is a secretary to a Solicitor.

**Mrs. R. T. V. Clarke (Sybil Barff)** has discovered that **Joy Emery** is living in the Isle of Wight and has enjoyed meeting her. **Sybil's** son, **David**, is now at St. Lawrence College, Ramsgate, where **Eileen Martin's** husband is Headmaster. **David** likes the school and is growing very tall. Also **Mrs. Clarke (Joy Stebbing)** wrote to **Sybil** telling her she had married again and that her daughter was having the time of her life at Bristol University. **Sybil** says she saw a photograph of **Joy's** daughter and she looks just like **Monica** at that age.

**Sheila Clarke** is now working as housekeeper in a charming Hotel in Surrey. Before that she had two and a half months' training at the Strand Palace Hotel in London. At her hotel they have people from all parts of the world, air crews and passengers from the London Airport.

**Evelyn Cooper** is Curator of the Pitt-Rivers Museum, Farnham, Blandford, Dorset. We have now heard that her married name is **Mrs. Joyce**.

**Tena Dawson** is working in London but is free every other Saturday, so she hopes to be able to come to some of the meetings of the Association.

**Constance Eacott**, who was at the Hall from 1892-1900, and was an Elliott Scholar, mentioned when writing about her sister, that she had edited the Old Girls' News-Sheet of the Queen Victoria High School at Stockton-on-Tees for fifteen years, and had much enjoyed an O.G.A. dinner there.

**Jane Ellis** is still working in London, in a model "Boutique" in Piccadilly, where she finds the work very interesting.

**Phoebe Exham** (married name unknown) is living in Prince Edward Island. Canon Exham wrote last December to Miss Ghey: "Phoebe married a Canadian during the war and has a family of seven children, five boys and two girls. She is a wonderful wife and mother and is very happy." Both Canon and Mrs. Exham have died within the last two years. They had both recently travelled to see **Phoebe**.

**Mrs. Ferguson (Ruth Powell)** wrote in January on receipt of her News Letter to say how she had enjoyed bringing herself up to date with news of girls she knew at School. **Zoe Harris** at Dorset House, Oxford, where she herself trained as an Occupational Therapist. Her thanks to Miss Conrady for suggesting this career to her. On her last practice at the Middlesex she met **Celia Minns**, who had started nursing. Then there were **Mary Fosh** and **Shirley Smart**, **Ruth Raven** and **Toni Webber**. She was writing from Manchester where her husband was taking his Ph.D. in Engineering, but they got over to their own house in Wiltshire once a month. She spoke of a baby in April (see Births).

**Mrs. Forrest (Doreen Hamilton)** lives in British Columbia. She has a married daughter and two grand-children. At present she is very keen on sailing.

**Miss Hanham**, one of our oldest members, tells how her niece **Monica (Mrs. Kidman Cox)** had been enjoying hunting orchids in the wilds of Borneo. **Miss Hanham** is very comfortable in her new home, though it is not so roomy as her flat.

**Christine Heaton** wrote saying how she had enjoyed a visit to Paris, and had a most interesting time sight-seeing.



**Mrs. Herdon (Elizabeth Ryan)** writes to give her new address (q.v.). She is now running a holiday home in Walmer for children whose parents are abroad. Her two sons are still at Dover College.

**Agnes Hobbins**, when writing in appreciation of the News Letter, mentioned that there have been three generations of **Hobbins** at the Hall. The first one, her aunt, **M. A. Hobbins**, was the first Elliott Scholar.

**Catherine Holdsworth** is employed by the Essex Education Committee as Youth Employment Officer and Youth Organiser.

**Evelyn Hopley**, when writing in January to sort out addresses, said that she and her sisters were "all right now after a very bad year." We hope they still are.

**Mrs. Howlett (Margaret Stuart-Black)** wrote in October. This was a very pleasant surprise, for in February we heard that she had had a stroke and was in hospital. She is now at home again and is beginning to regain power in her left leg, though the left arm has not recovered. She says she "can hobble about with a stick." Her two large sons, and her Mother, have been helping her. Andrew is beginning his second year at Edinburgh University while Duncan "is working for his Scottish Leaving Certificate and she hopes he will follow his brother in two years' time." She hopes one day to meet her Brighton friends again. They will certainly look forward to that!

**Maude Hudson**, writing from 41, Darragh House, Plein Street, Johannesburg, S.A., sent news of her sister **Gertrude's** retirement, and we are pleased to print an appreciation of her work. Your Editor wrote to **Gertrude** in August to the address given near Colchester, hoping to meet her, and reminding her of many games together as backs in the School Hockey XIs. Unfortunately, she was just off on a European Tour, on her return from which she hoped to stay with friends, and expected to return to Johannesburg on December 19th.

**Margaret Lloyd** wrote in April re the A.G.M. and said, "Since I arrived back in dear old England after my most thrilling tour round the world, I have been asked to do deputation work for the Ruanda Mission, which means quite a bit of travelling. I would love to tell you about Ruanda, New Zealand, and my journey back through the Panama Canal . . . The world seems so much smaller now . . . **Esther** and her family are getting used to the fact that I have left them again, and I am sure she would want to join in greetings to you all."

**Patricia Marshall** passed her first M.B. this summer and is beginning her medical course at the Royal Free Hospital.

**Mrs. McWalter (Marjorie Fuller)** wrote, when your Editor was looking for a successor, mentioning some of her activities—her art work, entailing classes at the Brighton College of Art, and membership of several Charity organisations. She later wrote to mention her daughter's, **Fiona McWalter**, engagement to Peter, twin son of the Rev. J. F. and Mrs. Carter, of Ramsay Hall, Worthing.

**Mrs. Mead (Amy Law)** is now well-established in her new home on the outskirts of Braintree. **Audrey Baron** had a happy time there after Whitsun, and they drove over to lunch with **Mrs. Chapman (Audrey Sadgrove)** at her delightful home near Colchester, when many familiar names were banded about. In July she and her husband stayed with **Mr. and Mrs. Atkin (Kathleen Kennelly)** so that they could go to the Blunt House Party together. In August **Amy** and **Dan** celebrated the 35th Anniversary of their wedding, and planned to have all their family with them—four sons, three daughters-in-law, and eight grandchildren!

**Robina Methven** has given news of **Celia Minns'** engagement, and that of **Jane Ellis**. **Anne Waterhouse** was soon going to Edinburgh to continue

her hospital work. **Celia** showed **Robina** over the Middlesex Hospital and met **Susan Sainsbury**. **Susan** was keeping well, both she and **Celia** had gained their S.R.N. certificate.

**Mrs. Monkton (Barbara Burton)** tells us that her sister **Joan (Mrs. Herbert)** has two sons at Dean Close School, Cheltenham, and a little girl at a Preparatory School; **Barbara's** two girls are at a Convent School in Highgate and her Paul, aged 15, also at Dean Close.

**Mrs. Moyle (Margot Facer)** now has five grandchildren, the last being born soon after she lost her husband, the Rev. F. W. Moyle, in a road accident in April. There was a warm tribute to him as a priest and writer in the "Times," from the Provost of Coventry, who ended with, "His home was a very happy one and those who were privileged to enter it will look back to it with great happiness." We offer **Margot** our sympathy.

**Muriel Paterson** recently gave up her factory clinic after sixteen years there, and is now at the St. John and St. Elizabeth Hospital, "where the work is interesting but a little less strenuous than an industrial clinic. It is a non-N.H.S. Hospital, under the care of R.C. Sisters of Mercy, and very well run . . . My department is at the top of the building, and I have a pleasant view of the Convent gardens and tree tops, all very quiet and peaceful after the bustle, and hurry, and frightful noise, of a factory. I quite miss the factory patients nevertheless; they were a cheerful, humorous, rough-and-ready, but very appreciative crowd of men and women. I had a wonderful send-off when I left, laden with gifts of all sorts—they were overwhelmingly generous."

**Miss Peebles** will not be at next year's A.G.M. She sailed for Australia on October 21st and will not be back in time.

**Miss Beatrice Pope** has had a very serious illness but is making a good recovery. Her courage and faith are an inspiration, and so is the sense of fun which shines through all her description. (Please note her new address). She wrote in March, 1958, "I am sorry I have not written for such a long time. I should have written at Chinese New Year but I have had a longish spell in hospital and am still on sick-leave though I am nearly myself again now. The treatment was rest, rest, rest, and also diet to get off excess weight. I must say I have enjoyed both treatments! When I first got into hospital I was not allowed to lift a finger—not even to cut up my own food! Whenever the doctors found me reading or writing they said, 'We frown upon that.' However, their strictness gradually relaxed and I managed to read quite a lot. It is a lovely hospital and everyone was most kind, from doctors and sisters right down to amahs and coolies. I also enjoyed my fellow-patients, both English and Chinese."

"We have a very happy piece of Leprosy Work here in Hong Kong—the Isle of Happy Healing. I have visited it a number of times. It is a lovely place and they are getting good results there too but I have not yet persuaded a group from St. Mark's School to go and visit it!" (We now hear that **Miss Pope** is to come home to England, where **Miss Batterbury's** address will find her).

**Phyllis Poyser** is Headmistress of King's House Junior School, Richmond. She was asked over three years ago, by King's House Prep. School, to start a Preprep. They can take about fifty boys. We regret to note the death of her father, Sir Ronald Poyser, in June, 1957.

**Miss P. M. Robinson**, who came to the Hall as Classical Mistress in 1933, has been appointed to succeed **Miss Stopford** as Head Mistress of St. Elphin's, Darley Dale, and writes very happily about the prospect of her new work. We wish **Miss Stopford** all good things in her new life.



**Mrs. Rossi (Marjorie Segall)** kindly entertained **Audrey Baron** for a long week-end in July, and together they fulfilled a long standing desire for a trip down the Thames to Greenwich, and greatly enjoyed it.

**Mrs. Rowan (Joyce Dawes)** lives at 21, Somerset Road, Tunbridge Wells. One of her twin daughters is a Froebel teacher and the other took a London Degree in History, and a further course at Oxford in Social Administration, with a view to a post as Children's Officer.

**Mrs. Rowe (Dorothy Menzies)** was to visit England this summer with her two little children.

**Marylou Saunders**, to whom we are indebted for the procuring of our advertisers this year, tells us that in 1957 she was working for Sir Henry Lunn's Travel Agency in Hove, and that October stayed with friends in Switzerland. She left her post in May, and is doing a part-time secretarial job for a friend, and also for her father, and with the work for us, finds herself very busy. Her sister, **Sarina**, likes being at the Hall very much. They are cousins to the **Poysers**.

**Nellie and Constance Shallard** drove over to Felixstowe in August for tea with **Audrey Baron** at her mother's house. Mrs. Baron, aged 84, thoroughly enjoyed the S.M.H. talk and showing them her garden. The **Shallards** have just moved to a new address.

**Mrs. Schneider-Green (Dorothy Green)** writes of two kinds of work that she is doing—for the Save the Children Fund, and "trying to rouse the lay public to the facts of the very inadequate stipends of the clergy." Her daughter Ann "sings at most of the resorts on the S.E. corner of England," and Josephine, her younger daughter, after three and a half years in the War Office, is now private secretary to Lord Brabourne.

**Mrs. Spurrell (Gwen Hensley)** sends us happy news of her daughters, Jenny has a second little daughter; Elizabeth is very happy indeed in her post at King's College, Cambridge, Choir Preparatory School, and plays in various orchestras. Penny has made her mark at the R.C.M., and after a successful rendering of the Beethoven Emperor Concerto was asked to play a Schuman one and a Mozart one, conducted by Sir Adrian Boult. In October **Gwen** hoped to get over to St. Albans where Penny was to be a soloist at a Concert. She hoped to meet **Gertrude Ost**, who lives there. **Joyce Spurrell** had the pleasure of coming up from Dorset to hear Penny play.

**Miss Eva Thornburgh** wrote to say that her friend, **Mary Constance Edwards** (1883-1890) died in February. She was one of four sisters at the Hall—**Ethel**, a missionary in India, **Mabel** and **Jessie**. **Mary** was very musical and played the organ at St. Matthew's, St. Leonards-on-Sea.

**Mrs. Vedast (Patricia Wood)**, who left the Hall in 1925, tells us that after ten years of work on the land she trained as a Nurse at the London Hospital and there met **Jean Menzies** and formed a close friendship with that delightful family. During the war years she worked in large general hospitals at Isleworth and at Edmonton, and in 1944 married a Hospital Engineer and has "led a very full and happy life since then." She works for the W.V.S. and other voluntary organisations.

**Clare Waddell** writes from Johannesburg saying she looks forward to receiving the News Letter with its news of St. Mary's Hall.

**Mrs. Weston (Jean Scatliff)**, at her wedding in September, had as four of her five bridesmaids former S.M.H. girls, **Margaret, Elizabeth and Catherine Scatliff**, and **Mary Weston**.

**Audrey Wilmott** is now House Mistress at Christ's Hospital High School, Lincoln, "right on the doorstep of the Cathedral."

**Mrs. Wisdom (Pat Jacob)** writes from Kenya, where she is married to a farmer, and now has two children, a boy and a girl.



**Ursula Young** and her mother were preparing for the Bromley Musical Festival, for which Mrs. Young had been joint secretary since 1934. **Ursula** has always helped her mother in this, finding the work very interesting.

**Viola Cobbett** now has a post as Home Teacher to the Blind at Colchester, where she has met **Mrs. Chapman (Audrey Sadgrove)**.

**Irene Laurence**, our Secretary, had another unusual holiday in August, this time Yugoslavia. We would like to hear about it. We are sorry to have recent news of her anxiety over her brother's illness.

**Audrey Baron**, in explanation of her expected extra busyness, reports that the Boston and Holland Blind Society, of which she is Secretary, has been looking for and has now purchased a delightful new property as a Home for Blind Women to replace "Sunniholme," 25, Pen Street, Boston, which is also the centre for all the Blind Welfare in the County. What with alterations, building, and refurnishing, the move to the new Sunnihilme will not be until April.

But to crown all she had, in October, to move her abode, after twelve years, because of illness at her lodgings.

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## BIRTHS

**Ferguson**.—On April 7th, 1958, to Ruth (Powell), a daughter, Elizabeth, Ruth.

**Hammerton**.—On June 26th, 1958, at Southlands Hospital, Shoreham-by-Sea, to Thelma (Appleyard) and Rolf Hammerton, a sister for Veronica and Andrea.

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## MARRIAGES

**Barker—Cope**.—On April 12th, 1958, at St. Mary's Church, Hampton, Helen Mary Cope to Frank Barker, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Barker, of Rochdale.

**Campbell—Keizer**.—On August 23rd, 1958, Wendy Keizer to John M. Campbell.

**Cunningham—Phillips**.—On August 30th, 1958, at St. John's Wood Church, Norman Cunningham to Vanessa Phillips.

**Weston—Scatliff**.—On September 6th, 1958, at St. John's Church, Hove, Dr. John Weston, elder son of Mr. H. Weston, proprietor of the Nevill House Hotel, and Mrs. Weston, to Jean Brenda Scatliff, eldest daughter of Mr. G. H. M. Scatliff, the well-known Brighton Solicitor, and step-daughter of Mrs. Scatliff, Dyke Road Avenue, Hove.

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## DEATHS

**Andrew**.—On July 11th, in hospital at Shoreham, Phyllis Clunie Andrew, sister of Gwynyth Andrew, of Wellington, New Zealand.

**Barton**.—On July 30th, 1958, at Grenfell, Billericay, Essex, Susan Theresa, aged 83 years, widow of the Rev. J. B. Barton, formerly Missions to Seamen Chaplain. (Mother of Joy (Mrs. Bowesman).

**Burton**.—On December 15th, 1957, at Cheltenham, Humphrey Phillips Walcot Burton, M.A. (Cantab.), Canon Emeritus of Lincoln, youngest son of the late Prebendary and Mrs. J. R. Burton, of Bitterley, Salop., dearly loved husband of Jane and father of Joan, Barbara and Peggy.

**Exham.**—On 9th April, 1958, at Birmingham, Sheffield Grace Betham Exham, Canon Residentiary and Precentor of Lichfield Cathedral, adored husband of Mary and beloved father of Phoebe and Michael.

**Moyle.**—On April 24th, 1958, after a road accident, Francis Walter Moyle, Priest, Rector of Somerton, Oxfordshire, and husband of Margot (Facer).

**Ogle.**—On 5th July, 1958, suddenly, at Radcott Bridge Cottage, Clancott, Oxon., the Reverend Arthur Ogle, M.A., in his 88th year. Father of Mary.

**Ridsdale.**—On October 2nd, 1958, after a very brief illness, at 7, Lewes Crescent, Brighton, Mary, widow of Julian Ridsdale, beloved mother of Molly and Julian, in the 78th year.

**Snowdon Smith.**—On May 10th, 1958, at Formby, Liverpool, after a long illness, Winifred, aged 74 years, fourth daughter of the late Rev. E. and Mrs. Snowdon Smith.

**White.**—In February, 1958, Monica (Stebbing) in a motor accident (Pelham's Mead, Lammas Lane, Esher, Surrey).

## In Memoriam

### **RACHEL EVELYN HARTLEY BERWICK (1888—1893)**

Rachel was an Elliott scholar when I first went to S.M.H. in 1892. Her home was in Cambridge; her mother was French; she had no sisters, and her two brothers and her invalid father and all the numerous University friends of these three, made an unusual background for her home life. At school she inspired awe in many of the younger girls but she had a kind heart and won the devotion of many. She was essentially a leader, had decided opinions, was original and independent, and always interesting. Rachel was my "school-mother" and later on she invited me to stay with her at Cambridge and took me to King's on Easter Sunday afternoon: a rare treat for a child. She studied at Newnham, taught for a time, kept house for her brother who became Head of the Junior School at Rossall, and later on she was Head of a Y.W.C.A. Hostel in London. It was there in the house in Bedford Square that I met her again and we corresponded at regular intervals, though she had moved about — Manchester, Exeter, Cornwall and other parts — and finally went to live with the Sisters of Bethany at Bourne-mouth, where she died at the age of 83 on March 26th, 1958. In a letter to me five days before, she wrote, "I hope you feel Paradise as real and close as I do." Rachel made her mark wherever she lived and was fearless, frank, and faithful to the end. May she rest in Peace!

CONSTANCE EACOTT.

### **WINIFRED SNOWDON SMITH (1896—1901)**

When I first joined the staff of St. Mary's Hall in 1898 the name of Snowdon Smith was held in great honour. The venerable Prebendary still acted as our Honorary Secretary, his grand-daughter Edith had left quite recently, after a very successful school career, Meta was at the time one of the Elliott scholars, and Winifred had just been welcomed as the third sister, who was, in her turn to maintain worthily the family traditions of high principled conduct and unselfish service.

Winifred's name was an expression of herself. She was beautiful in outward appearance, gracious and charming in speech and manner, with a dignity which betokened inward peace.



She left School in 1901, before I did, and as far as I can remember, I saw her only once afterwards, at one of our Tottenham Court Road reunions, to which she had come with her sister Edith. We happened to come across each other in the building before the Meeting began and we were both thrilled that we recognised each other after so many years. I think it must have been quite forty

It was good to meet again and be remembered, but the most pleasing and abiding recollection of Winnie is of a happy and winsome girl, radiating happiness to others and always ready for unselfish service. She was deservedly loved by us who taught her and by her school-fellows.

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## PRIZEGIVING DAY

12th JUNE, 1958

### HEAD MISTRESS'S REPORT

Mr. Chairman, Mr. Waddy, Ladies and Gentlemen,

As always I begin by offering my own welcome and that of the School to all parents and friends here to-day, with a special welcome to our guest of honour, Mr. Waddy, headmaster of Tonbridge School. Mr. Waddy is one of the great Public School Headmasters of our time, and we are delighted to have him on this platform and we look forward to his share in the afternoon's programme.

I should like to take this opportunity of adding to the Chairman's expression of regret in the resignation of Bishop Bell, Miss Ghey and Lady Barrett-Leonard from the Governing Body. Although the Bishop attended few of our functions, because of his heavy commitments in the diocese where he was so well-loved, yet we all know that his interest in the Hall has always been deep and sincere. Many of us here will remember vividly the happy and gracious manner in which he presided at Speech Day two years ago when Her Royal Highness the Princess Royal was with us. His humour, his typical fatherly touch and his genuine interest in the day's celebrations were unmistakable and contributed in no small way to the happiness of the occasion for us all. The School shared the regret of the diocese when he resigned his See, and now shares in the prayerful good wishes for his continued recovery. At the same time we greet our new Bishop at whose Inthronement I was privileged to be present, and we hope that we shall have the opportunity of welcoming him at the School when the heavy calls upon his time make it possible. I was, personally, very sad when Miss Ghey wrote to tell me that she no longer felt able to remain an active member of the Governing Body. Ever since I came to take on my work at the Hall, now over eight years ago, Miss Ghey has been to me a most generous friend and wise counsellor having an understanding of young people such as one rarely finds even in a much younger adult. It is good to know that she will remain a Trustee, and also that I am still able to visit her and to draw upon her experience and wisdom. Then Lady Barrett-Lennard. What a good friend and regular visitor she has been to the Hall, unspar-



ing of her time and thought for us. I hope that I may still continue to see her sometimes as she is most anxious to keep in touch with us, and to hear of the progress of the School.

Numbers in the School have been at their maximum—in fact this term we are almost too full as we agreed to accept one or two girls a term before we had budgetted. This healthy state of affairs means that we can be more selective and that entry is at present largely competitive. This does not mean that we give no consideration to the barely average girl who may be a late developer or whose opportunities for scholastic progress have been limited by circumstances outside her control. In any case we bear in mind the fact that we offer a less academic programme from the age of thirteen to those girls who do not desire or who are not able to continue the study of Latin and possibly Examination Mathematics. The fact that we are extending our Cookery room to accommodate larger classes is evidence of the success of the Domestic Science course. Further evidence is provided in that all Cookery candidates passed in the General Certificate of Education at Ordinary level last year. In fact Domestic Science plays a not insignificant part in the School curriculum. This year we have, for the first time, had students from Seaford College of Domestic Science to do part of their teaching practice. Students from the Chelsea College of Physical Education and from the Brighton College of Arts and Crafts have done teaching practice at this School for some years now, and we are glad to be of service to local Colleges in this way.

If we want to examine the progress of the School there are several factors to be considered. Naturally external examination results hold a prominent place in the minds of some people, though, as many parents know, I do not myself place these first in my aims for the School. But if such examination results are the criterion then we can record a good year. At Ordinary level the number of passes was well up to our own average and well above the average for girls in the country as a whole for the Cambridge Syndicate's Examination. There was, too, a good percentage of distinction grades. Unhappily, a number of those girls capable of Advanced level work left in July for careers which would not make full use of the talents they had been given. Last year only three girls sat at Advanced level. Of these three girls Margaret Habershon is now training at the Froebel Training College at Roehampton; Patricia Kwok has begun her Physiotherapy training at St. Thomas's Hospital; and Mary Anne Coate has remained in the Sixth Form for a third year. Mary Anne achieved high honours at Advanced Level in Pure and Applied Mathematics and passed in Chemistry. On her results she was awarded a State Scholarship, the first to be awarded to a St. Mary's Hall girl. She has accepted a vacancy at St. Hilda's College, Oxford, to read Mathematics, her intention being to teach the subject after qualifying. In partnership with Jane Bayly, Mary Anne has been Head Girl this year, and both she and Jane have served the School well.

The Upper Sixth has increased this year to seven in the second year and one in the third. This may appear small to some of you, but it is a sign to me and the Governors that our increased graduate Staff is bearing fruit. The subjects covered in the Sixth Form for Advanced Level study this year—English, French, History, Geography, Latin, Mathematics, Biology, Chemistry and Art—are further earnest of our desire to play our part in producing material for University and professional training. Apart from Mary Anne Coate, Elizabeth Vine has a vacancy at Leeds University to read Social Science; Christine Heaton a vacancy at King's College Hospital to train in Dental surgery; Mary Howell-Davies a vacancy at the Maria Grey Training College. In addition Jennifer Bell is on the reserve list for the Royal Free Hospital Medical School and Ruth Pang for Cardiff University.



It is our constant aim to offer increasingly more opportunity to the Sixth Form for general education so that they are better fitted to take their place confidently as adults on leaving School. They have rejoined the Six Form Club which brings them in contact with Sixth Form girls and boys of other Schools. They have recently attended a Conference on the problem of refugees when Mr. David Ennals and Colonel J. R. C. Christopher, both experts in practical ways of dealing with the problem, spoke. They also attended an all-day Conference, with talks and discussion organised by the Student Christian Movement. By kind permission of Miss Horobin some of the Six Form went to a lecture at Roedean on Atomic Energy given by Major-General Joslin. Amongst other activities is a discussion group for Bible Study which I hold on Sunday mornings for any Sixth Form or Upper Fifth boarders who wish to join. The Sixth Form have continued to organise a Stall at St. Mark's Church bazaars and to attend Church Social functions.

It would take too long to enumerate all the activities of the Sixth Form and of the School as a whole. House Competitions in Games, Music and Drama have again been keen, and the new House System has undoubtedly brought about an improvement in the standard, especially in Games. The School Junior Netball Team did not lose a single match last season. A party of girls went to the All England Tennis Championships at Wimbledon in June. Parties have also been arranged for Concerts, Shakespeare production, Art Exhibitions and films of special interest and value. In addition we have had visiting lecturers and concert artistes, and have seen many good films on our own projector on Saturday evenings in the winter.

Art and Music continue to flourish although once again I must say how much I wish that we could recruit more members for the Orchestra. We are very sorry that Miss Best has been ill during the year and has been obliged to give up her work at the Hall. Miss Palmer has, however, taken it over and is most anxious that it shall grow to become a more worthy part of the musical life of the School. The Royal Drawing Society's Competition again provided good results. Three girls gained book prizes, forty-nine Highly Commended, two hundred 1st Class and eighty-six 2nd class Certificates. Two entries were exhibited at the Guildhall and will be on show when the Exhibition comes to the Hove Art Gallery on July 19th for a month. One of these, the work of Fiona Clark, was one of twelve entries selected for inspection by the Queen Mother and also chosen for the frontispiece of the Exhibition Catalogue on account of which it received some local and national publicity.

Only fourteen girls were presented for Confirmation this year, but I think there are two reasons for this small number. First—in view of the modern tendency to make Confirmation a mere fashion, to be put on at a certain age, or because one's friends are to be what is often called "done," I have tried to emphasise even more the solemn nature of the step taken at Confirmation and the responsibility which is involved. Second—I feel it is not advisable for day girls to be confirmed with the School candidates unless they are in St. Mark's parish, since it is obviously the privilege of the parish priest. In taking this view point I hope we can make some small contribution towards strengthening the practising membership of the Church.

As usual the girls have contributed to a variety of charities and organisations including U.N.I.C.E.F., the Royal National Institute for the Blind, the Oxford Committee for Famine Relief, the Church Army, a number of Missionary Societies, the National Spastics Society and the Turner Home. Two Houses have taken an active interest in the Brighton and Hove Girls' Orphanage during the year.

Our Old Girls continue to be a source of help to the School. Another Old Girl, Miss Lilian Burton, reached her century in April and we sent



her greetings. She is the younger sister of Mrs. Bartrum who is now over one hundred and one, and still reads and even does needlework.

There have been comparatively few changes in Staff during the year. In September we welcomed Miss R. James, B.Sc. in the Mathematics department and Miss A. Veasey, B.A., for Modern Languages. Miss Y. Jenkin, B.A., spent two terms with us while waiting to go to a teaching post in Canada. We began the School year, as did many other Schools, with an outbreak of influenza of unprecedented magnitude which taxed our resources and ingenuity to their limit. Normally we expect to have an Autumn Term unhampered by illness, in which an appreciable part of the year's syllabus of work can be well tackled after the long Summer holiday. However, this year our expectations were thoroughly frustrated, for virtually three weeks of the Autumn Term were interrupted. At one time only one-quarter of the girls were present, but we carried on. Some of the Staff fell victims, but those who escaped proved their versatility by turning their hand to whatever task needed doing, whether it was teaching, nursing, transporting food or patients, or preparing food in the Houses. They were magnificent. Nor can I recall this time without thanking Dr. Beynon and his colleagues for their unfailing attention and care. Many parents have also reason to be grateful to Sister Brown for her dogged and unselfish devotion to duty not only during the epidemic but at all times, and to the House Wardens who had to re-organise their Houses completely dealing with the sick and the well at the same time. In addition the Housekeeper, Miss Brown Douglas, together with Miss Hill and Miss Orme and the domestic staff uncomplainingly shouldered the heavy burden of feeding everyone in the most difficult circumstances, while my Secretary, Miss Waddy, dealt with extra correspondence and telephone calls. Several parents, too, volunteered to help us in the Houses and I take this opportunity of thanking them and others of you who wrote letters of appreciation and thanks during that time.

It is at times of emergency like that that we learn much about people and I know that girls and parents realise what we owe to the Staff as a whole, whatever their sphere of work, whether teaching, administrative, or House Staff. This year, in addition to thanking them all as a body in public, with a special expression of my own gratitude to an understanding Senior Mistress, Miss Farmer, I want to mention in particular three of my colleagues who will be leaving in July after more than ten years' full time teaching service at the Hall. Only those who have been in close contact can know the uphill struggle of this School since its re-opening in 1946, and can realise something of the debt we owe to those early pioneers who have borne the heat of the battle in the effort to re-establish the prestige and tradition of this old School. To three of these we must bid farewell at the end of the term and many of you will, I know, wish to echo the thanks which I want to give personally and on behalf of my colleagues and the girls. I refer to Miss Westcombe and Miss Davies who are retiring, and to Miss Foster who is to be married in September. Miss Westcombe and Miss Foster have been in charge of the Junior School Forms, and many girls will realise what a sound foundation was laid in the Third Forms by them for more advanced work: the firm but kindly discipline exerted: the sincere religious faith which shone through all they did: and the desire to foster high ideals before all else. Then Miss Davies has done a magnificent work for the development of Art in the School. It is hard to imagine the Studio without her familiar figure. She has spent so many of her waking hours there. Often when I have gone past in the late evening I have seen her quietly preparing for the next day's work. She is no lover of orthodoxy and any artistic ability has been given full scope for individual development under her guidance.



As well as these three members of teaching Staff Miss Salmon, who has been on the Music Staff for over ten years, is retiring from full time work. Many girls will be grateful for the help she has given them, not only in gaining proficiency in playing the piano, but even more for the real appreciation of music she has given them, including an insight into modern music.

There is one other person I feel I must mention here while expressing in public my own and the School's thanks for special service—the School Caretaker, Mr. Stepney. We have all been very concerned since Monday when he became ill and was taken to hospital. Mr. Stepney has been in the service of the School for over seven years and I feel sure that few Schools can have had so loyal and generous an employee. In these days of strikes, and go-slow tactics it is a privilege to have a man like Stepney working with us, ungrudging of time, or trouble. In thanking him we also send him our good wishes for his recovery.

All of these have given more than good measure in service for the School and have helped many in their search for truth which is surely the primary aim of education.

Above all else a School is a training ground for character, which is the most valuable, and indeed, the only currency in the last analysis. Strength of character enables us to achieve the seemingly impossible, while weakness of character may bring failure where success seemed assured. It is only character which can accept the discipline of the drudgery and thoroughness needed in sheer learning of facts without which there can be no depth of knowledge. Some girls are too easy with themselves, and do not set themselves a high enough standard, but are satisfied with the last instead of striving for the best. As a Staff it is our responsibility to set free those powers as yet imprisoned and those capabilities as yet undiscovered in the girls. But the success we achieve can only be in proportion to the willing co-operation of the girls who must realise that both teacher and learner have a part to play in the business of education.

We want the School to be a place where the girls learn a true sense of values: where they learn to live together in a spirit of loving service: where they learn tolerance coupled with integrity and sound judgment: compassion with practical wisdom: learning with real humility. We are living in an age which is said to have no standards. How far that is true I cannot discuss here, but naturally I am concerned, as all parents are, that the girls will not be lacking in their standards when they go into the world outside the school. All through life they will continually be faced with the choice between good and bad, between right and wrong, between true and false. It is the joint responsibility of home and School to see that the girls have adequate mental and spiritual equipment to make the right choices, and it is my hope that they will often call to mind the words of St. Paul which we use so often in our School prayer that "whatsoever things are true, pure, lovely and of good report, may here for ever flourish and abound."

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### SCHOLARS, 1957-58

Elliott Scholars	.. .. .	Mary Anne Coate, Elizabeth Viner
Snowdon Smith Scholars	.. .. .	Jane Bayly, Marion Fardell
Babington Scholar	.. .. .	Mary Howell-Davies
Major Open Scholar	.. .. .	Jill Gooding
Minor Open Scholar	.. .. .	Angela Phillips
Day-girl Scholar	.. .. .	Jenefer Riley

## COLLEGE ENTRANCES

Jennifer Bell—Royal Free Hospital Medical School.  
 Mary Anne Coate—St. Hilda's College, Oxford.  
 Christine Heaton—King's College Hospital Dental School.  
 Mary Howell-Davies—Maria Grey Training College.  
 Ruth Pang—Brighton Technical College.  
 Elizabeth Viner—Leeds University.

### PRIZE LIST

June 12th, 1958

#### Form Prizes

Lower III	..	..	..	J. Eadie
Upper III	..	..	..	A. Allsworth, J. Chase, P. Cohen, G. Gosnell V. Horton-Stephens, S. Merrett.
Lower IV	..	..	..	H. Gray, J. Harvey, A. McNeil, J. Pascoe, J. Pearson.
Upper IV	..	..	..	J. Allen, J. Benoit, V. Burge, A. M. Crowley, S. Read-Jahn, J. Riley.
Remove	..	..	..	P. Bennett, M. Warner.
Lower V	..	..	..	R. Baker, J. Burwell, A. Farris.
Upper V	..	..	..	N. Bruton, G. Corker, L. Crawford, P. Doswell, F. Thomas.
Lower VI	..	..	..	M. Barrett, C. Bean, J. Coate, R. Douse, C. Pascoe.
Upper VI	..	..	..	J. Bell, C. Heaton.

#### Subject Prizes

Divinity	(Snowdon Smith)	A. Allsworth, M. A. Coate, J. Riley, M Theobald.
Poetry	(Keeling-Scott)	C. Pascoe.
Essay	..	M. Fardell.
English	..	N. Bruton.
French	..	G. Corker.
Geography	..	F. Thomas.
Latin	..	R. Douse (Miss Ghey's Prize), G. Smart.
History	..	N. Bruton, G. Corker, L. Crawford.
Mathematics	..	M. A. Coate.
Chemistry	..	R. Pang.
Biology	..	J. Bayly.
Art	..	S. Reynolds, E. Viner.
Music	..	R. Pang, R. Baker.
Dressmaking	..	S. Reynolds.
Cookery	..	M. Cunliffe.
Elocution	..	G. Corker.
Gardening	..	J. Allen, S. Foulsham.
General Knowledge	..	M. Howell-Davies, J. Riley.

#### Special Prizes

G.C.E. Results	..	M. Barrett, J. Coate, M. A. Coate, P. Kwok S. Lee, C. Pascoe.
Good Service	..	M. A. Coate.
Head Girls	..	J. Bayly, M. A. Coate.

### TROPHIES

Senior Tennis Championship	..	P. Windle
Keizer Tennis Cup	..	J. Benoit
Hay Doubles Tennis Cup	..	P. Windle and J. Snell
Loadsmen Table Tennis Cup	..	P. Doswell
Carr Sports Cup	..	K. Champion
Solo Singing Cup	..	G. Bowden



## House Trophies

Gymnastics Cup	.. .. .	Elliott
Music Trophy	.. .. .	Elliott
Fosh House Shield	.. .. .	Elliott
Tennis Cup	.. .. .	Bristol
Netball Cup	.. .. .	Bristol
Hope-Gill Shield	.. .. .	Bristol
Drama Cup	.. .. .	St. Hilary
Lacrosse Cup	.. .. .	St. Hilary
Courtesy Cup	.. .. .	Chichester

## GENERAL CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION, 1958

### Advanced Level

J. Bayly	.. .. .	E, Bi, with "O" level P.
J. Bell	.. .. .	L, Bi, with "O" level C.
M. Fardell	.. .. .	L, F, E, with "O" German.
C. Heaton	.. .. .	G, Bi, with "O" level C.
R. Pang	.. .. .	C, Bi, with "O" level P.
E. Viner	.. .. .	E, M, A, with "O" level RK.

### Ordinary Level

M. Barrett	.. .. .	P, C.
C. Bartlett	.. .. .	Lit, G, Ck.
C. Beeby	.. .. .	F, EL, Lit, RK, G, M.
D. Bennett	.. .. .	Lit, Bi, Ck.
A. Bethell	.. .. .	EL, Lit, RK, G, M, Bi, Ck.
A. Braid	.. .. .	F, EL, Lit, RK, H, Bi.
N. Bruton	.. .. .	L, F, EL, Lit, RK, H, M, Bi.
P. Carlton-Scott	.. .. .	F.
J. Coate	.. .. .	P, C.
E. Cockburn	.. .. .	C.
E. Colin-Jones	.. .. .	EL, Lit, RK, H, Nwk, Ck.
G. Corker	.. .. .	L, F, EL, Lit, RK, H, G, M.
L. Crawford	.. .. .	EL, Lit, RK, H, G, Ck.
M. Cunliffe	.. .. .	EL, RK, G, Bi, Ck.
P. Doswell	.. .. .	L, F, EL, Lit, RK, H, G, M.
S. Duncan	.. .. .	F, EL, Lit, H, G, Bi.
S. East	.. .. .	EL, Lit, RK, H, M, Bi, A.
E. Everitt	.. .. .	EL, Lit, RK, H, M, Bi, Ck.
M. Fardell	.. .. .	L, F, EL, Lit, RK, G, M, Bi
T. Jackson	.. .. .	L, F, EL, Lit, RK, Bi, A.
A. Martin	.. .. .	EL, G, Bi, Nwk, Ck.
V. Mileman	.. .. .	A, Nwk.
H. Newenham	.. .. .	F.
S. Oates	.. .. .	P, C, Additional Maths.
J. Patten	.. .. .	F, EL, Lit, RK, G, M, Bi.
J. Phillips	.. .. .	EL, Lit, G, M, Bi.
L. Pike	.. .. .	EL, Lit, RK, M, Bi, Ck.
S. Reynolds	.. .. .	G, Bi, A, Nwk, Ck.
G. Smart	.. .. .	L, F, EL, Lit, H, G, M, Bi.
J. Steiner	.. .. .	F, EL, Lit, RK, H, G, Bi
J. Strachan	.. .. .	F, Lit, H, G, Bi.
F. Thomas	.. .. .	L, F, EL, Lit, RK, G, M, Bi.
R. Tyoran	.. .. .	F, Lit, Bi, A.

EL—English Language; Lit—English Literature; L—Latin; F—French;  
H—History; G—Geography; Bi—Biology; RK—Religious Knowledge;  
M—Mathematics; P—Physics; C—Chemistry; Nwk—Needlework;  
Ck—Cookery; E—English; A—Art.

## NEW STAFF

Miss L. Bristol, B.A. (London) Latin; Mrs. M. Cattermole, B.A. (Cardiff), French; Mrs. R. Capildeo, B.A. (Bangor), English and History; Miss R. West, St. Martin's School of Art and Brighton College of Art; Miss J. Cowley, Dartford College of Physical Education; Miss J. Armstrong, N.F.F.; Miss L. Hauser, Zurich Conservatoire of Music; Miss S. Collett, Warden of Babington House; Miss J. Aitken, Miss Skinner, Junior Matrons; Miss D. Stafford, Sanatorium Assistant.

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## RELATIVES OF OLD GIRLS

Christine Bean—niece of Joan Bateman.  
Anne Bearne—sister of Jill Bearne.  
Nicola Bouton—daughter of Diana Harris, cousin of Toni Webber.  
Jill Burwell—daughter of Margaret Stanham, niece of Peace Beavers.  
Rachel Clarke—cousin of Anne Davidson.  
Margaret and Rowena Cook—sisters of Helen Cook.  
Jill Elliott—daughter of Marjorie Duke.  
Gay Gosnell—daughter of Diana and niece of Elizabeth Moore.  
Biruta Hulanicki—sister of Beatrice Hulanicki.  
Claire Leapard—daughter of Cécile Cooper.  
Serina and Simone Liddell—sisters of Anita Liddell.  
Hilary and Sally Macdonald—twin grand-daughters of Amy Cavalier.  
Rosemary Nolda—daughter of Joan Drury.  
Alison Oates—sister of Sarah Oates.  
Carol Pink—sister of Ann Pink.  
Angela Phillips—daughter of Betty Neale.  
Susan Ponder—daughter of Vivienne Bonnaire.  
Mary Radford—sister of Jill Radford.  
Sarina Saunders—sister of Marylou, cousin of Patricia, Phyllis and Rosemary Poyser.  
Elizabeth Scatliff—daughter of Alma Gordon; sister of Jean Weston and Margaret Scatliff.  
Karin and Brita Seeberg—twin daughters of Francis Smith and nieces of Phyllis Smith.  
Marilyn Shelley—great grand-daughter of Lilian Wyatt.  
Alison Vaughan—niece of Ina Disney.

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## GIFTS TO THE SCHOOL, 1957-58

We are grateful to many friends for gifts received during the year, including the following:

Books: J. Cownern, Miss Salmon.  
Junior Dormitory Cup for Elliott: Miss Morris.  
House Captains' Badges: M. A. Coate.  
Electric Iron for St. Hilary: A. Davidson.  
Cheques: C. Heaton, Mr. and Mrs. Gill and Felicity.  
Prizes for Speech Day—Miss Ghey, Miss Galton and Mrs. Baker.

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## CONFIRMATION

The following girls were confirmed by the Bishop of Lewes in St. Mark's Church on May 27th, 1958:

Veronica Alsop, Patricia Carlton-Scott, Anne-Marie Crowley, Amy Easter, Shirley Foulsham, Rosalind Green, Catherine Hamilton, Christine Heaton, Jacqueline Henderson, Mary Jefferyes, Heather Newenham, Rosemary Nolda, Mary Steiner, Megan Warner.



## MARRIAGE

On September 10th, 1958: Miss M. Foster to Mr. R. Peckham.

## DEATH

The Rt. Rev. G. K. A. Bell, former Bishop of Chichester, on October 3rd, 1958.

## IN MEMORIAM

Bishop Bell was a very good friend to St. Mary's Hall. Indeed, were it not for his ready response to the appeal made to him by Miss Ghey and Miss Galton in 1945 the Hall might never have re-opened.

The Bishop rarely came to the Hall, but when he did he was a most welcome visitor. So many will remember his significant part on May 30th, 1956, when we celebrated our 120th birthday and were honoured by the presence of the Princess Royal. I remember so well his comforting words to the Head Girl who was to propose the vote of thanks in the Dome in the afternoon, and to be presented to the Princess on her arrival. "Don't worry, my dear," he said, "the Princess herself will be just as frightened as you are."

Girls who were confirmed by Bishop Bell will remember him more I think for the saintliness of his presence, which helped them to realise the solemn step they were taking, than for the words he spoke, which were sometimes outside the grasp of the less intellectual young person.

It is rare to find the qualities of intellect, humility, a sense of humour, the love of simple things, the respect for the individual, and the understanding of his problems and allowance for his failings, which were combined in our Bishop and which made him so much loved by his diocese. Personally I shall always count it a privilege to have known Dr. Bell whose unwavering faith in the future of St. Mary's Hall and his support in our strivings towards recovery and progress were a constant source of strength in our up-hill task.

## HOUSE REPORTS

### Babington House

This year has seen many changes in Babington. Both the House Warden, Mrs. Saunders, and the Head of the House, Elizabeth Viner, left at the end of this Summer. They both devoted a great part of their time and energy to Babington in her early stages, and this is a good opportunity to thank them for all that they did for the House.

At the beginning of this term we welcomed Miss Collett as the new House Warden. In place of Miss Smith who was with us for just over a term, we have Miss Skinner. We hope both Miss Collett and Miss Skinner will be very happy in Babington.

In several ways this past year has been one of constant activity in the House, for apart from Inter-House competitions, there have been many events in Babington's calendar. One day in July the House Picnic was held on the beach in front of King Alfred's, Hove. It was a great success for apart from swimming, we were able to go on a pleasure boat trip.

During the year some of the younger members of the House have given us several entertaining sketches and plays. Also we have held a Rag Concert practically every term. On one Sunday in each term the Matrons and Prefects have entertained Miss Conrady to tea.

Although Babington did not win any of the House competitions this year, we were only narrowly beaten in both the Play Reading competition and the Singing competition. Both of these were under the excellent guidance of Elizabeth Viner.

In the Autumn and Easter terms, the Babington Lacrosse team under the leadership of Mary Cunliffe, played well coming second in the first term. The Netball and Rounders teams, largely composed of junior members of the House, showed a keen and determined spirit.

Miss James, Miss Cowley and three new girls came to Babington at the beginning of the new School year. The House has made great progress in the past year. We hope it will continue.

CHRISTINE BEAN, ROSEMARY DOUSE.

### Bristol House

At the beginning of the year, Felicity Gill was elected deputy head of the House to help Mary Howell-Davies, and a committee was formed consisting of a representative from each form. It was decided that fruit and eggs should again be collected and taken to the Girls' Orphanage. Also milk bottle tops and silver paper would be collected in aid of Guide Dogs for the Blind or Spastic Children. In both Lacrosse and Netball matches Bristol came fourth.

During the Spring Term a tea party was given by the committee members, on behalf of the House, for Miss Conrady and Miss Farmer. The girls made the food and prepared the tea themselves and the afternoon was a success. During the latter part of the term House Prefects were elected. Besides the usual competitions, a play-reading competition was held. Bristol chose two scenes from "Twelfth Night" and came a gallant third, having the misfortune to lose one of the characters who went down with German measles at the last moment. In the Netball matches we excelled ourselves by coming first.

During the Summer term we again supported the Orphanage sale of work by having a flower stall, and raised £5 16s. 0d. which helped towards their biggest ever total. Bristol was placed favourably in the end of term results, carrying off the Hope Gill Efficiency Shield, narrowly coming second in the House points and Courtesy cup, and the House was placed second and third in the Tennis and Rounders competitions respectively.

In July we said goodbye to Mary Howell-Davies who left us to begin her studies at the Maria Grey Training College. We all thank her for the good work that she put into Bristol House during its first two years.

ELIZABETH COCKBURN.

### Chichester House

At the beginning of the year, we welcomed several new girls to the House, and hoped that they would be very happy with us.

During the year, members of the House began to show more interest in House activities, and we were able to make quite a large collection of milk bottle tops to send to the People's Dispensary for Sick Animals. Also, at Christmas, the House made a collection of toys for the Round Table.

Shortly after this, Mrs. Horn asked the House members whether they would like to do something to help Spastics, and she managed to borrow a film about them. This was primarily for Chichester House, but anyone else who was interested was invited to come, and, eventually,



most of the School watched. The House decided to take a special interest in Spastics in the future, and hoped to do something for them before very long.

The House has now begun to take more interest in games. The netball team did very well in the matches at the end of the Spring term and, in the Summer term, the Rounders team put up a very good performance indeed, finally finishing first. The Lacrosse team, though not at the top, showed a spirit of keenness. Also, at the end of the Summer term, Chichester House gained second place in sports.

In other fields, enthusiasm was also shown by members of the House, and several practices were held after school for the drama and music competitions. Chichester House won the Courtesy Cup, and gained second place in House points.

Now, at the end of the year, we have said goodbye with regret to Mary Anne Coate, who has captained the House during its first two years; and to Jennifer Bell, who has ably supported her as Vice-Captain. Chichester House owes them both its grateful thanks for all their hard work, and wishes them success in their chosen careers.

JUDY COATE.

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### Elliott House

The success of Elliott House during the past year has been achieved mainly with the untiring help and assistance of the House Warden, Miss Selbie, and Mrs. Godwin. Although only joining us in the summer term, Mrs. Godwin has already given us her undivided support and encouragement.

Under the leadership of Marion Fardell, and the willing support of all her prefects, the united feeling among the members of the House has become increasingly obvious, enabling us to raise the standard of our work and games.

The success of Elliott House in the Music competition was due to the valuable work of Anne Bethell, assisted by Nora Chan who played the piano. We were also very fortunate in winning the Gym cup again being ably guided by Phillida Bennett and Biruta Hulanicki.

In spite of wet weather, we had a House picnic at the Lagoon in Hove, where we spent a very enjoyable day sailing and swimming.

The younger members of the House have entertained the seniors on Sunday evenings by acting amusing sketches.

In the junior part of the House there is keen competition this year, as Miss Morris our previous matron kindly presented a cup for "the best junior dormitory." The picture for tidiness, which is competed for by everyone, went to the juniors last term, and they hope to win the cup also and prove their merit.

Owing to home circumstances Miss Morris had to leave us in the middle of the Spring term. We were very sorry to say goodbye to her, and we would like to take this opportunity of thanking her for all she has done for Elliott House in the past three years.

We were also sorry to say goodbye to Miss Foster who left us to get married after being a resident in Elliott House for many years. We would like to wish her every happiness in her future life.

As Elliott House enters a new School year I have every confidence that we shall rise to even greater heights and achieve even better results.

DEANNE BENNETT.

## St. Hilary House

At the beginning of the year we welcomed Miss Paul to St. Hilary in place of Miss Turner and also two new resident staff, Miss James and Miss Veasey.

Towards the end of the Christmas term the Upper Vth and Vith forms went carol-singing and raised £2 for the Girls' Orphanage. We have also supported the Orphanage by each giving one penny a week throughout the year. Miss Parsons, the Warden there, very kindly allowed Miss Dolphin and a party of girls to visit the orphanage, and to spend some time with the girls.

This year the junior Christmas party was held at St. Hilary and was a great success.

At the beginning of each term Miss Conrady came to tea with the Matrons and House Prefects. On one of these occasions the Lower IV performed a little play which was entirely their own work, and which proved very entertaining.

The Spring term was full of inter-House activities. The Drama competition was in the form of a play-reading competition, each house choosing a Shakespearian scene. We chose a scene from "A Midsummer Night's Dream." It was cast and produced by Elizabeth Everitt and to the delight of the House was placed first. We came second in the music, Gillian Bowden winning the solo-singing cup. On the athletic side we won the lacrosse but lost the netball to Chichester. In the gym competition, which this year was organised by the Removes, we were placed second. In the Summer we won the House tennis by a very narrow margin from Bristol.

The greatest highlight of the Summer term was the House picnic. Miss Dolphin had arranged to hire a 'bus, and leaving School at 11.30 a.m. we arrived at Lancing beach about three-quarters of an hour later. Nearly everybody went swimming before lunch and a few after lunch as well. Everybody enjoyed a game of rounders on the sands, and the nearby swing-boats also proved a great attraction and were in constant use throughout the day. We eventually returned about 6 p.m., all thoroughly worn out after an extremely enjoyable day.

At the end of term we were very sorry to say goodbye to Miss Paul and also to Jane Bayly who had been Head of the School and of the House for the past year. We wish her every success in her career and our thanks must go to her, Miss Dolphin and the Matrons for all the help and encouragement they have given the House.

MARGARET BARRETT.

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## SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

### ART

Last year was one of good solid work. Everyone from the eldest to the youngest doing their best and the Royal Drawing Society results spurred people on to renewed efforts. The R.D.S. results were not spectacular from the point of view of individual brilliance but there was a very large entry and the overall results were good. The prizewinners are mentioned elsewhere. Fiona Clark managed to produce the picture of the year with her portrait of Simone Liddell. "My Friend Simone" found its way to Clarence House to visit the Queen Mother, was hung in the place of honour at the Children's Royal Academy at the Guildhall, was the picture reproduced on the catalogue, and found its way into many papers from the Children's Newspaper to the Sunday Times. Well



done, Fiona, and everyone else, for the general standard was so much better than usual. The G.C.E. results were very good, too, and everyone passed.

I should like to take this opportunity to thank you one and all for "Three Legs." I just love that stool and I could write pages about what I've seen and done sitting on him already, for Three Legs and I went on a most delightful trip to Bellagio on Lake Como this Summer and painted madly, and though the poor dear was most precariously perched on several occasions never once did he let me down! Bless him, and you, too, for such a delightful present, and I've ordered a heavenly book on History of Art with the rest of my present.

I envy you having lessons with Miss West. I should love to be a little girl again, once a week, and come and study with her.

I expect I shall come and haunt you on occasions. At present I am blissfully painting away with no tiresome bells to say stop, but I never forget my overall.

May you be in good brush!

Love,

F. GWENDOLEN DAVIES

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### MUSIC NOTES

The standard of music in the School has been well maintained during the year. There have been some changes on the Music Staff. At the beginning of the Summer Term Miss Palmer took on the direction of the orchestra in place of Miss Best, who was unable to continue owing to illness. Miss Hauser has replaced Miss Salmon who left at the end of the Summer Term. Our grateful thanks are due to both Miss Best and Miss Salmon for the excellent work they have done for the music of the School.

Pupils were entered for the examinations of the R.S.M. and the results, for the most part, have been very satisfactory. The competition for the House Music Trophy was held in the Spring Term. Miss Best very kindly came to adjudicate and gave detailed and helpful criticisms. The Trophy was won by Elliott House and the Isobel Rowland Solo Singing Cup by Gillian Bowden of St. Hilary House. The Senior Choir has done good work and the vacant places have been adequately filled. A successful concert was given by music pupils at the end of the Summer Term.

We have been to several concerts at the Dome. One that was particularly enjoyed was given by the Juilliard Orchestra of New York, which consists of young students of the Juilliard School of Music. Some music by the American composer, Aaron Copland, was much appreciated.

A group of girls from the VIth Form went to Glyndebourne to a rehearsal of the "Marriage of Figaro," and we are much indebted to the Director of Education for including us in this party. The lovely singing and the wonderful atmosphere and beauty of Glyndebourne made it an unforgettable experience. We hope there will be many such visits in the future.

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### THE LITERARY AND DEBATING SOCIETY

The Literary and Debating Society, which is open to the Upper Fifth and Sixth Forms, met regularly throughout the Spring and Summer Terms under the guidance of Mrs. Allen, with J. Bayly as President and E. Viner as Secretary.

We had some interesting and spirited debates, particularly those on "Class Distinctions are Inevitable" and "The Study of Science is

more important than the Pursuit of the Humanities in the Modern World." On several occasions there was good discussion from the floor of the House and we hope that those people who took part will be prevailed upon, in the near future, to use their Ciceronian abilities to the full.

Apart from debates, we read scenes from some of Shaw's plays, among which those from "Pygmalion" were, perhaps, the most popular.

This term, as the rehearsals for the School Play are in full swing, our energies have been directed to the stage rather than to the Senior Common Room, and we have temporarily suspended the society's activities, but we hope to arrange a full programme for next term.

R. DOUSE.

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### DOMESTIC SCIENCE NOTES

During the past year there have been many interesting visits and events connected with the Domestic Science department.

On October 8th, 1957, a group of girls was taken by Miss de Baugh to the opening of the Kayser Bondor factory at Portslade. This visit included a tour of the factory under working conditions, a mannequin parade and a buffet tea.

In the Summer Term part of Form Lower Five were taken to Holes and Davigdor's Dairies, where they were given a most interesting lecture, followed by a tour of the dairy.

Earlier in the year Forms Remove upwards were given a talk on fabrics by a representative from the Lux Washability Bureau. These Forms also entered for a cake competition which was sponsored by the Gas Board. Pamela Read-Jahn and Susan Fawcett each gained forty-nine and a half marks out of fifty and therefore qualified for the second round.

In the past we have not found it easy to accommodate all the girls wishing to do Domestic Science owing to the limited space in the kitchen, and even with classes of twelve, the room was very cramped and overcrowded. Now classes of twenty-four girls can enjoy using the light, airy, enlarged kitchen with its fresh-looking blue-tiled floor, blue formica working surfaces, and cream walls.

The room is equipped with cookers incorporating the latest developments designed to help the busy housewife, and giving opportunities for comparing the advantages of the different types. We must thank the South Eastern Gas Board, and South Eastern Electricity Board for their generosity in offering us these choice models for our use.

All the classes appreciate the spaciousness of the room with the facilities it offers to enjoy learning to use mind and hand in the art of home-making.

J. STEINER, N. CUNLIFFE,

Lower VI.

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### GAMES REPORT

Owing to the influenza epidemic in the Autumn term we were only able to play five out of the eight lacrosse fixtures, and only won one out of the five. The netball teams were more successful, winning the three matches that they played.

The next term, however, was worse, only two lacrosse matches being played and these with diminished teams. Of these two, one was won and the other lost. All the netball matches were cancelled.



The Summer Term was better, no tennis matches having to be cancelled. Out of nine matches, we won four and lost five. In the Abedare Cup tournament the team won their first round but lost to Roedean and Brighton and Hove High School in the second. In the Sussex Junior Schools tournament the team also won their first round but lost to Roedean in the second. However we were very pleased to hear that Roedean eventually won both these tournaments.

Eight girls were fortunate enough to be able to take their Bronze Medallion Life Saving Certificate and were all successful in their final examination. In addition four girls passed their land drill and are waiting to take their practical test.

In June a party of Lower Vth and VIth went to Wimbledon, and spent an extremely enjoyable day there, seeing some very good matches.

Sports Day was another enjoyable occasion, Bristol House winning the most points and Katherine Campion winning the Carr Sports cup. Of the other sports trophies, Elliott won the gym., Chichester the rounders, Bristol the netball and St. Hilary the lacrosse and tennis.

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### THE FRENCH PLAY

On December 6th, 1957, girls from the Fifth and Sixth Forms went to see a performance of Molière's play, "Le Bourgeois Gentilhomme," which was presented at the Dome by the Comédie Française.

The main plot concerns a rich, middle-class, uneducated man who wishes to learn the manners and behaviour of the aristocracy; and so he has a procession of different sorts of teachers to show him how to speak, write and dance correctly. Unfortunately he is not very successful. The whole play ridicules his attempts to become a "Gentleman," and the result is very amusing. Several minor plots also add flavour to the play.

It was very well acted, all the characters being rather exaggerated in performance, which is generally necessary with Molière's plays. This helped everyone to understand what was happening, in spite of the fact that it was sometimes difficult to hear what the actors were saying, owing to the size of the Dome.

Everyone enjoyed the afternoon's entertainment very much, and everybody is looking forward to this year's production.

P. DOSWELL, Lower VI.

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### THE PENGUIN BOOK EXHIBITION

The School was very fortunate in being given the opportunity to see over a thousand Penguin books in the drawing room from January 26th—29th.

Large piles of every conceivable book, including novels, dictionaries, books on hobbies, scientific works and reproductions of famous pictures were on view. Every Form was able to look at the collection and to place orders. It was astonishing to many of us to realise how fine a selection of the best publications may be obtained in the Penguin Library, at a comparatively low cost.

Particularly interesting were those novels by Tolstoy and Dostoevsky, most of which ran into several volumes. There was a wide selection of the works of modern writers, such as Evelyn Waugh and D. H. Lawrence. The exhibition also included several anthologies of poetry in English, Spanish, Italian and French. We greatly enjoyed looking at the many books and browsing through them in our spare time.

VI FORM.

## SIXTH FORM CONFERENCE AT BRIGHTON COLLEGE

On Thursday, February 6th, 1958, representatives from the Sixth Form accompanied, in the morning, by Mrs. Jackson, and later by Miss Conrady, attended a one-day conference at Brighton College. The subject under discussion was "The Christian in the World To-day," and the conference was organised by "The Student Christian Movement in Schools."

At ten o'clock, about five hundred of us, drawn from the Sixth Forms of most of the schools in and around Brighton, gathered in the hall of Brighton College where we were welcomed by the Headmaster, Mr. Stewart. He then introduced Mr. C. J. Whitfield, a well-known headmaster, and broadcaster, in the series "Religion and Philosophy for Sixth Forms," and sometime chairman of the General Council of the Student Christian Movement in Schools, who gave a talk entitled "Is Humanism Enough?"

Mr. Whitfield stressed the inability of atheism and of belief in the infallibility of man to deal with the horror and strife in the world to-day, and this point was followed up in the group discussions afterwards. These discussion groups consisted of about a dozen Sixth Formers from different schools, and were presided over by the local clergy and the members of staff who were present. The topics discussed ranged from the contemporary political situation and the conflict between the Western World and Communism, to the question whether it is possible to live according to Christian morals and yet to believe in Man, not in Christ, or whether all right judgements are to be attributed to the power of the invisible Holy Spirit. This suggestion of the overall supremacy of mankind was echoed during the period set aside for posing questions to the speaker, when, among others, the subject of whether man really is such a "miserable sinner" was discussed.

At this point, the conference adjourned for an hour during which we ate our picnic lunch, and browsed through the volumes on the book-stall which the Student Christian Movement had provided. Then we re-assembled in the Hall for the afternoon's programme. This was to consist of a talk given by the Archdeacon of Lewes, the Venerable J. H. L. Morrell, entitled "Are Christians Effective?" and so, in preparation for this, we returned to our groups to discuss various aspects of the Christian Faith. These included "What is a Christian?" the reason why Christianity was introduced first to the Hebrews, the practices of the Early Church, and the problem of Church unity. This last provoked a lively and interesting discussion in our group which consisted of members of the Church of England, the Methodist and the Baptist Churches, and the Unitarian church which does not accept the divinity of Christ.

Having attempted to thrash out these problems we returned to the Hall to listen to the Archdeacon's talk. He began by saying that, in his opinion, the best definition of a Christian could be found in the exhortation to God-parents at the end of the Baptismal service; in the words "to follow the example of our Saviour, Christ, and to be made like unto Him." This end, said the Archdeacon, could be attained only through baptism and the acceptance of the doctrine of the Church. He went on to emphasise that the sacred should not be segregated from the secular; people were inclined to believe that a clergyman's collar was a "slipped halo," to be avoided at all costs. Christians could become effective only when others could learn and profit by their example, both in worship and in their way of life.

The Archdeacon then answered questions from the floor, among which was that of the Anglican Church's attitude to Church unity. The Archdeacon replied that religious toleration should always be preserved on trivial issues, but where points of doctrine were involved then the Church should stand firm.



The programme concluded with a short service in the College Chapel after which we returned to school having had a chance both to learn something of the problems confronting the Church to-day, and to listen to the different opinions of many other young people.

M. A. COATE, Upper VI.

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### VISIT TO WHITTINGHAM COLLEGE

On March 20th, most of the Sixth Form attended a Conference at Whittingham College arranged by the Brighton Sixth Form Club. The theme of this Conference was the problem of refugees in the world to-day. We were extremely fortunate in having two speakers who are authorities of world repute on the subject, Mr. David Ennals and Colonel J. Christopher.

After giving us some idea of the magnitude of the problems of refugee camps in Europe and Asia the speakers answered questions put by members of the Conference and then showed a film taken of a Camp in Germany. The purpose of the film was not only to give us an idea of the organisation of the camps, and the lives of those who have made their homes there, but also to indicate the many opportunities of service there are for students in the vacation. It was a most interesting and instructive afternoon and we felt we had learnt something of one of the great human problems of our time.

After thanking the speakers on behalf of all attending the Conference, at which he had taken the chair, Mr. Halévy invited the Schools which were present to see the play "The Italian Straw Hat" which the boys and staff and some of their friends were performing in the evening. Miss Conrady agreed to let us go and we enjoyed it tremendously. The play, a highly amusing burlesque adapted from the French, was spontaneous and light and the production exceptionally brilliant. The scenery, made in the School workshop, was most effective. It provided a very amusing and entertaining evening for us and we much appreciated Mr. Halévy's kind invitation.

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### OUR RUSSIAN VISITORS

Last March the School had the unusual privilege of entertaining two Russian visitors, Madame Kuruoshora and Mr. Popoff. They were both lecturers in Russian Universities, one in English and the other in History, and were very much interested in English education.

Miss Conrady showed them over the school, taking them into various lessons. They showed a keen interest in all they saw and stopped to chat for several minutes with some Forms.

At lunchtime they both came into the dining-room and had lunch at the top table with Miss Farmer and the VIth Form. It proved to be a very entertaining and instructive meal. Our visitors spoke very freely about the Russian schools and their educational system. They told us that English schoolchildren have more freedom than those in Russia, and do not have to work such long hours, both of them feeling that in Russia the hours of study were too long.

They spoke, too, of travel in Russia, saying that before the days of air-travel it had been extremely difficult and slow. Conversation also turned to sport, theatres, music, films and fashions in Russia, and when our visitors left to spend the afternoon in and around Brighton, we all hoped that they had enjoyed their visit, and learned as much from it as we had.

M. BARRETT, Upper VI.

## A VISIT TO A PERFORMANCE OF "MACBETH"

On March 23rd most of the Senior School went to see "Macbeth," acted by the boys of Christ's Hospital, Horsham.

The performance was excellent and from the outset held the audience's attention. The curtains opened to reveal the witches on the wild heathland, with dark curving briars standing out against a stormy, rainswept sky. The storm was very effective: crashes of thunder mingled with the weird shrieks of the three sisters, while, by a clever trick of lighting, it appeared that rain poured constantly down in the background. The witches were convincingly played, and even after the storm had subsided, struck the sinister, fatal note which was to underlie the action of the rest of the play.

Macbeth was played very sensitively and with much feeling, conveying to the audience the tumult which existed in his own mind, as it became more inevitable that he should strive to fulfil his ambition to become king.

First the king, then Banguo, fell to Macbeth's ambition. The return of Banquo's Ghost to haunt the already terrified Macbeth was effectively played. The climax of the horror of the situation mounted, and it became obvious that, as the witches had decreed, Macbeth too would have to bow to the evil which he had himself set in motion, and perish. This whole situation was conveyed to the audience by the very excellent acting of the main character.

The whole production was very impressive. The scenery, consisting mainly of arches, was simple but imaginative, and the apron stage gave the necessary idea of depth to the stage for the castle scenes.

Altogether it was a very enjoyable evening and we were all very grateful for the opportunity of seeing this famous Shakespearian tragedy.

R. DOUSE, Upper VI.

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## MY SKI-ING HOLIDAY IN GEILO

The School party arrived in Geilo about five o'clock on April 6th, after a breath-taking journey through a fairyland of snow. We stepped off the train, tired but very happy, and were met by Arno, the chief instructor, who showed us to our hotel, which was small but clean. My three friends and I were given a room on the ground floor, from which we could see nothing, for the snow was piled high above our window, and we felt as though we were buried, which was perfectly true! We went up to a well-deserved meal and ate everything possible as we were all very hungry. Then Mrs. Eggleton hustled us to bed early as we had nearly fallen asleep during our meal.

The next day we were awakened at nine o'clock and after dressing in our ski-ing costumes went in to breakfast. All the food was arranged on a huge table in the middle of the dining room, and each person fetched her own. On the table were jugs of milk and coffee, cereals, boiled eggs, all kinds of cheese, brown, light and white bread, and a variety of meat and sausage. So we could eat plenty.

Arno arrived later and showed us the way to the Bardola Hotel, where we could obtain our skis and boots. The four of us were in a great state of excitement as our boots were fitted, and we felt like Charlie Chaplin as we plodded about with the hefty snow boots on. Then came our skis, which were taller than ourselves. Then we climbed up a smaller slope which was very difficult as I kept slipping backwards, and when I skied down, first of all I fell over and could not get up, and then I could not stop and went straight into the fence and collapsed on the ground with laughter. All that day we were taught



by another instructor named Leive, who was tall, with a dark tan, very handsome, and an excellent teacher. He showed us how to hold our ski sticks, and to ski down a slope; he also showed us how to do the "snow plough," which is to stop, and by the end of the day we were extremely pleased with ourselves. We finished our skiing at about five o'clock and decided to look around Geilo.

We found it was not a very large town, in fact it was like a village situated between ranges of mountains in a wide valley. There were trees all over the hills and glistening snow everywhere; there was a ski-lift running up one side of the mountain and the noise of it could be heard through the keen, still, sharp air of the evening. There was one main street with one large general store, and many small shops that sold mostly postcards and souvenirs. We bought little seals and penguins as presents for home, and I bought a hand-knitted sweater. Soon we all found a little café which sold delicious chocolate and coffee, with bowls of real whipped cream and cakes. We went there between skiing runs and lessons, and in the evening when English records were played.

As we progressed in our skiing lessons we went up on the ski-lift and the view was marvellous. We could see for mile after mile the rugged beauty of all the snow-covered mountains and down below was the village. Once on the top, we trekked for a while, climbing and skiing, and having several falls, while the sun beat down in all its golden glory on us, and we soon took off our sweaters and just wore shirts. We all wore sun glasses as the sun was so bright, and we smothered our faces with sun lotion to get the Norwegian colouring which we did achieve by the end. We practised skiing every day and were quite expert by the last day, when there was the "Slalom Race," which was bending between sticks. Then, in a howling gale, we took our one star test, and the last night we had a party amongst ourselves. We danced, played some games, and had refreshments supplied by the "elders" of the party.

We had our last ski, our last shop, and did our last minute packing, and at two-thirty sharp the train chugged into the station and we waved a frantic farewell to all our friends.

R. COOK (Remove G).

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### THE GAY TYROLESE

On May 1st, 1958, the Fifth and Sixth Forms were taken to the Dome to see the "Gay Tyrolean." This was a display of Tyrolean songs and dances given by a group of Austrians who were touring the country. Besides the folk songs and dances there were several unusual acts. One dance, "The Miners' Dance," was performed in darkness, each dancer carrying a lantern, and creating an unusual effect with the sound of his pick-axe. This was followed by a dance peculiar to their native country, called the schulplatter dance, in which thigh and foot slapping were prominent movements. In contrast to the more vigorous dances, was a saw-playing act by the leader of the company. The finale to the versatile performance was a dance on stilts, symbolising the changing seasons.

The friendly atmosphere which these performers had immediately created, grew, when, during the interval, they mingled with the audience and signed numerous photographs. Their sparkling vivacity inspired us all and we could not fail to enjoy the unusual informality of their performance.

N. BRUTON, J. STEINER,  
Lower VI.

## **A VISIT TO THE ROYAL SUSSEX COUNTY HOSPITAL**

During the afternoon of June 3rd Mrs. Lawrence took a party of girls from the Sixth Form for a visit to the near-by Royal Sussex County Hospital, primarily in order to indicate some of the many varied careers that are available to the conscientious girl in busy hospital life.

First of all we were taken to the out-patients' department and shown some of the equipment used for minor operations. Then we went on a conducted tour of the wards, saw some blood transfusions in progress, were told how oxygen apparatus is worked, and chatted to the patients. The staff nurses answered our numerous questions and showed us some X-ray plates of the patients' fractured limbs in the orthopædic ward. We were not permitted to see round the operating theatre as work was in progress, but we were delighted to see the children's ward, where the nine patients were obviously pleased to see us.

The Sister told us that the Hospital should have been demolished fifty years ago, but this will probably not be done for another fifty years. Hence the structure itself is not very modern, as many of the wards can be approached only by passing through several others, which is a great disadvantage.

After visiting a few of the rooms where such things as radiography are carried out, we were taken to a deserted classroom, and told how one could become a nurse. The speaker emphasised that qualities of character, such as patience, determination and cheerfulness are of even greater importance than paper qualifications in this profession. As we were leaving we met, among others, an old girl who had just finished one of the many examinations which have to be taken, and who told us what a worthwhile career she feels nursing to be.

We were very grateful to Mrs. Lawrence for taking us on this most interesting visit.

E. COCKBURN, Upper VI.

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## **VISIT OF THE OVERSEAS BISHOPS TO THE DIOCESE OF CHICHESTER**

Immediately before the Bishops from all parts of the Anglican Communion assembled in London for the Lambeth Conference, four of the overseas delegates visited this diocese to speak about their missionary work, and some of us were privileged to hear them when they came to the Dome on June 23rd.

In the afternoon there was a meeting of the Diocesan Council to which the public were admitted as visitors and at which the Bishop of Chichester, Dr. Wilson, introduced the visiting Bishops who were to speak on "Burning problems in the world-wide Church."

The Bishop of Zanzibar, the Rt. Rev. W. S. Baker, spoke of the language difficulty he encountered, and also of the state of unrest that existed in Zanzibar as a result of racial tension in South Africa. He was followed by the Bishop of East Bengal, the Rt. Rev. J. D. Blair, who stressed the necessity of allowing native peoples to incorporate their own customs into the practice of Christianity rather than forcing Western ritual upon them; for example hymns were sung to the old native chants rather than to the recognised tunes.

The Bishop of Kootenay, the Rt. Rev. P. R. Beattie, spoke of the difficulty of carrying on a ministry in the "wide open spaces" of Canada where the population was so scattered. This problem, and the subsequent need for more missionaries, was shared by the Bishop of North Queensland, the Rt. Rev. I. Shevill.



This afternoon session was followed, in the evening, by a public meeting, at which the Bishop of Lewes, Dr. Warde, presided, and the Bishops of East Bengal and North Queensland were welcomed as speakers.

These meetings in the Dome were followed, on Tuesday, 24th June, by a Sung Eucharist at All Saints' Church, Hove, which some of us were able to attend. The sermon was preached by the Bishop of Kootenay who stressed the need for a firm faith in these times of tension under the shadow of Communism; Christianity, alone, he said, could awaken people to a sense of responsibility for, and horror at, the atrocities committed in the contemporary world.

This service concluded the visit to Brighton, which, I am sure, fulfilled its purpose of bringing to the people of England a knowledge of the work of the Church overseas and an insight into, and therefore a sympathy with, its great problems.

M. A. COATE, Upper VI.

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### SIR VIVIAN FUCHS'S LECTURE

On Wednesday, 8th October, Sir Vivian Fuchs came to Brighton to give two illustrated lectures on the subject of the Trans-Antarctic Expedition. The lectures were held in the Dome, one in the afternoon, especially for schools, and another in the evening. A party from St. Mary's Hall was very fortunate in being able to attend the afternoon lecture.

Sir Vivian, who hardly needed an introduction, was introduced to the audience by Professor Buchanan, the President of the Geographical Association. After this Sir Vivian said a few words to outline the talk, then we settled down to a very enjoyable and, at times, breathtaking, two hours.

Sir Vivian showed many coloured slides of his journey, from Shackleton, the first base on the Weddell Sea, to the South Pole and finally to the other side of the Continent. He explained that the aim of the expedition was to learn more about the geology and physical conditions of this great area.

One point was definitely fixed in everybody's mind: old explorers never die, they just spade away! This is quite possible, for a great deal of the explorers' time seemed to have been spent in clearing away snow and digging out supplies.

We came away feeling that we had learnt a great deal about the purpose of the expedition, which was held in the Geophysical Year. We felt, too, that we had enjoyed every moment of Sir Vivian's extremely interesting lecture.

J. PATTEN and A. HOBSON,

Lower VI.

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### A LECTURE ON GREAT BRITAIN, THE COMMONWEALTH AND THE FREE TRADE AREA

20th October, 1958.

Mr. Holloway introduced his lecture by stating that Great Britain was among the four countries with the highest average income; she has obtained this position by industrialisation, and in order to retain it, prosperous trading is necessary. America is a complete unit where dollars are used as a domestic currency, whereas sterling is not only the British currency, but also used for trading throughout the Common-

wealth and Empire, and much of Western Europe. Canada called a Commonwealth conference at Montreal to discuss trade because she was in debt to the United States. Investment in undeveloped Commonwealth countries, as well as an economic council to be set up in London, were among the decisions reached at this conference. West European countries are forming an economic unit in which Great Britain will not participate because of her Commonwealth ties. If, however, Britain can retain her economic ties with the Commonwealth and also join in the West European unit, she can create a link between Western Europe and the Commonwealth. We were left with many new ideas to think about, including Sir Winston Churchill's famous words "Mankind is faced with two alternatives, measureless reward, or supreme disaster."

E. EVERITT (General VI).

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### THE KEELING SCOTT POETRY AWARD. Senior Prize.

#### THE STORM

Beneath the threat of yellow-tinged clouds,  
The water peaceful seemed; but suddenly  
A clap of thunder broke the silence deep;  
A silver streak illumined the foam-crests  
Of sudden waves—all was confusion.  
A vicious wind lashed at the lanky pines,  
That swayed upon the cliffs above the shore;  
Grey, heavy clouds, that overcast the sky,  
Burst open, and let fall bright spears of rain  
Like cruel warriors, on destruction bent,  
Tearing the delicate blossoms rudely down,  
Piercing the fragile shoots, and ravaging  
All life that lay in their relentless paths.  
The tranquil lake was shaken to its depths  
Beneath the strength of these exultant foes.  
Then, all at once, the storm's rude force was still'd,  
The vicious wind was banished from his throne,  
And pines stood upright, as the raindrops ceased  
The thunder died, the lightning was no more;  
And flowers lifted bowed heads from the pools  
Of muddy water; sunshine bathed the lake,  
Now calm once more, and silence reigned over all.

C. PASCOE, Lower VI.

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### THE ESSAY COMPETITION AWARD. 1st Prize

#### AMBITION

Bacon, in his essay on ambition, affirms that "ambition is like choler which is an humour that maketh men active, earnest, full of alacrity and stirring, if it be not stopped: but if it be stopped and cannot have his way, it becometh adust and thereby malign and venomous." He goes on to advise those in power to be wary of delegating authority to ambitious men, for although at times and in certain professions they may be indispensable—"to take a soldier without ambition is to pull off his spurs"—they are liable to be a source of trouble if employed in others. But at the same time, one must not ignore the fact that some ambitious men are more dangerous than others.

Yet Bacon does not attempt to ascertain the source of ambition or to distinguish between its various forms.

Ambition, surely, is a quality latent in most human beings. It may not be a very important element in many characters; for most people it is just enough to the fore to make them want to improve either their



position in society, or their knowledge, or, finally, themselves; but when ambition coincides with a certain genius in the character of one person, then great results may be effected. In the Oxford Dictionary ambition is defined as the "desire for distinction," a fact which gives some clue as to its supremely selfish sources. If at the same time one is reminded that "men that are great lovers of themselves waste the public," it would seem that ambition is a vice rather than a virtue. Yet, if there had never been any men seeking to better themselves and their conditions, then mankind would probably never have evolved from savagery, for we are assured that, "he whose face gives no light, shall never become a star."

The greatest ambition of the men of the ancient world was prompted by the desire for glory and fame. The Pharaohs of Egypt thought to immortalise their names by building the pyramids which, as well as providing monuments to the glory of the dead, were to bear witness also of the advanced state of culture to which they had attained. Alexander the Great, with his high physical courage, impulsive energy and fervent imagination, aimed first at freeing his country from the terror of a foreign power; then as he succeeded in one after another of his objects, began to consider conquering the whole world, and finally demanded to be worshipped as a god. The epics of Greece and Rome bear witness to the passionate, ambitious desire for glory of the ancient heroes. Likewise, the legends and epics of northern Europe are concerned with the tremendous struggles of the chiefs and leaders of the tribes with terrible monsters which threatened their people. They reached for glory not only through these brave deeds but also through their noble treatment of inferiors.

"Thus the people, sharers of his hearth,  
Mourned their chief's fall, praised him, of kings, of men  
The mildest and the kindest, and to all  
His people gentlest, yearning for their praise."

What better expression of the result of ambition turned to honourable ends, could there be? Yet the ambition which seeks glory is not always such selfless devotion to duty, for it is prompted at the beginning by pride which is apt to get out of control when it meets with success. Many great people, too, have been ruined by lesser men wishing to arrive at fame. Thus has been destroyed many a source of potential benefit towards mankind.

The ambition for wealth is of a much lower order than that for glory. It begins in a desire to have just that much more money than one's neighbours. It may result in generous aid to improve the conditions of the poor. It is much more likely to lead to a love of money for its own sake, and arouse jealousy and hatred, which in their turn may be the source of crime, as was seen in the gold-rush in America. Money often carries power with it but only on a false and unstable basis which may collapse and drag many into its ruin.

The strongest of all ambitions, in fact the ambition from which all others spring, is the striving for power. Whether or not it is beneficial to others depends on the character of the man who is striving. The fact remains that many of the most powerful men the world has produced have fallen on account of a weakness in their characters or of some flaw in their ideas. Ambition for power is also prompted, more often than not, by selfish motives. Where it is instigated by a real desire to help the nation, the movement it starts gets out of control; the man of ambition cannot visualise at the beginning of his career the vast consequences of his ambition and often cannot face up to them when finally called upon to do so. The supreme confidence that has helped him

throughout his career deserts him at the vital moment. He has failed in some respect to "comprehend his trust, and to the same keep faithful with a singleness of aim." Napoleon I said once, "to be a successful conqueror one must be fierce. If I had been fierce I should have conquered the world." He had read the lives of many other great men who had changed the history of the world and thought his methods infallible; he did not realise that when power is concentrated in one man his agents are helpless in the great one's absence so that his work is bound to fail. Robespierre, one of the leaders of the reign of terror in France, fell as a result of totally different causes. He cared nothing for the welfare of individuals or even the state but merely for the triumph of his opinions. He had no imagination and this made him weak. He did not desire evil yet he accepted it. His weakness made him cruel. His ambition aroused a jealousy, suspicion and hatred that led him finally to the guillotine.

Ambition must always have enemies. However good its motives may be they are either mistrusted or frankly condemned. Those who have worked for the good of their nation or of mankind in the study of science have often been hated for the upheaval of traditional thought they caused. It is only afterwards that their efforts have been appreciated. In its extremes ambition may raise or crush whole empires but in lesser degrees it is essential for progress, and it is by progressing that human beings live. To the ambitious anything is possible for "When one wills constantly and strongly one succeeds."

M. FARDELL, Upper VI.

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### ALDERNEY

Oh island of my daydreams, set in an azure sea,  
With ruined forts and jagged rocks,  
Whose rugged forms are washed by waves which set the sea  
    spume free,  
    Your drifting thrift in spring,  
    Your heather and your ling,  
And earthly smell of blooming gorse lies sweet in memory.  
And through your pampas grasses, your tall green pampas grasses,  
    I watch the sun depart,  
    And the red glow of her heart  
Is left to bid farewell to the Isle of Alderney.

C. WRIGHT, Remove G

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### AUTUMN — A SONNET

When autumn leaves lie thick upon the ground,  
Into the sky the trees spread branches bare.  
A cold wind lifts the leaves and whirls them round;  
They dance and twirl like children without care.  
Out in the woods the happy squirrels play,  
Leaping from branch to branch with tails held high.  
In secret stores the nuts, gathered by day,  
They hide, till sunny spring again is nigh.  
Under the chestnut trees the children shout,  
Gathering conkers smooth and shiny brown.  
The beechnuts and the acorns lie about,  
Ripe fruits from orchard trees come tumbling down.  
The air grows colder, birds fly far away,  
And darkness falls more quickly day by day.

M. SMITH, Lower V.



## CLOUDS

Oh, you white fluffy clouds,  
You have come far,  
But you will never wait,  
Always afar.

You float over countries,  
See many a sight;  
In India you glimpse  
The Taj Mahal bright.

The Great Wall of China  
You frequently see,  
And the Leaning Tower  
In bright Italy.

You've floated o'er Kings  
In royal array,  
In chariots of gold,  
But you never stay.

You pass great men  
From the East and West,  
Fighting their battles  
And never at rest.

Oh, you white fluffy clouds,  
You have come far,  
But you will never wait  
Always afar.

A. PRESCOTT, Upper IV.

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## NUTTING

I went to Hazel Wood to-day  
To gather nuts for market;  
I searched and searched, but could not find  
Enough to fill my basket.  
I walked along a little path  
To see what I could muster  
I looked and looked, and then I found  
Another little cluster.

J. GERRETT, Upper IIIB.

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## THREE GHOSTS

One night I woke at half-past-one  
For I thought I heard a sigh,  
I went outside, under the moon,  
And saw three ghosts come by.

I stood beside the cherry tree  
Too scared to call aloud;  
Three ghosts in black came from the sea,  
Their horses strong and proud.

Three ghosts went riding down the road,  
Their silver shadows too;  
And I crept back to my abode,  
Before the morning dew.

C. PECKHAM, Upper III.

## IMPRESSIONS OF A VISIT TO MALAYA

Seen from the air, Malaya looks like a series of large puddles, interspersed by hills and trees. We live in the Kinta valley which is surrounded by a fine range of hills, thickly covered in forest. It is here that some of the few remaining bandits live. The country itself is vast, impressive and green. Unlike the English countryside, there are few wild flowers to be seen growing by the wayside. Around the branches of many of the rubber trees grow white pigeon orchids, which always flower simultaneously throughout the country. Large, gaudy, red blossoms on some of the trees look magnificent from a distance. All kinds of orchids grow on marshy ground.

Once we walked a short way through a forest area where a path had been newly cleared, through masses of different varieties of trees and fern. There is in the jungle a kind of listening silence, and the air is hot and stifling. I was glad when we walked into the sunshine out of this oppressive atmosphere.

One day we visited the State apartments in the Sultan of Perak's palace where we were shown the throne room, with its long rows of embroidered, stiff backed chairs. The two large thrones, which looked like divans, were upholstered in vivid colours, much favoured by the Malays.

While staying in Penang we went to the Ayer Ham Buddhist temple. The many steps leading up to the temple were thronged with beggars and hawkers. Inside, where large grotesque figures of gods of thunder lightning and other elements sat, there was an all pervading smell of joss sticks. In the Pagoda many hundreds of twisting steps led, periodically, to small rooms, each with a Buddha in it.

The Malay people and the Chinese are very pleasant, friendly and easy-going. The country people, in particular, are hospitable and always show a great curiosity about, and interest in, all Europeans. Many of the country folk live in small houses standing on stilts, made of wood and atap, which is a kind of palm leaf. These appear flimsy but seem to withstand the storms successfully.

At the present time there is much unemployment because of the close down of many of the company and private Chinese owned mines. On account of this, begging is on the increase. Many of the regular beggars are physically handicapped but for some, begging is a vocation. We were told about one beggar woman who arrived on her daily beat by taxi!

Naturally Malaya has been affected by Western ideas and not only by films and "pop" songs from America and Great Britain. Malaya is making rapid strides in trying to provide schools to educate the large numbers of children. Also cheap Health services are being provided for the poorer classes. Many of the more promising students are sent to continue their studies in Australia, America and Great Britain.

Altogether Malaya has settled down well with her own internal government. Active Communism is fast disappearing although those holding Communist views are trying to gain a voice in Local Government. But the people, on the whole, appear happy and contented.

C. BEAN, Upper VI.



## SINGAPORE

It was early dawn when our ship came into Singapore Harbour; and the sun was just rising with a thin halo of light stretching over the sea. The magnificent lighthouse at the entrance is made of white stone and stands on a little island with palm trees circling it. As the ship moved along, I could see all sorts of craft dotted over the harbour and the pale sun shining on the sails of the junks turned them to a light red. Various launches were lying still around the quays and then two tugs came out to take the ship in.

Once off the ship we took a large taxi and drove through the streets of the city to our hotel. The hotel stood in a little suburb of the city and the next morning I decided to explore. As I strolled down the hot, narrow streets I noticed how many different races and costumes there were. The Chinese, in their pyjama-like costume, or cheongsam, wandered along the streets. One or two Chinese men were selling various fruits which they carried on a stick and others just lay on the pavement, fast asleep. The Indian women were dressed in brilliantly coloured saris and the Malaysians wore sarongs, or pieces of cloth swept round them. As I wandered along, taking note of all the interesting things, I noticed many old beggar-men, dressed in rags, with haggard faces and thin, bent bodies. They leant on sticks and looked at me with pitiful faces which nearly brought tears to my eyes, but I knew that if I gave one person something I should have to give to all the others.

A few days later my mother and I took a trip to the furthestmost part of the island. As the car sped along the road, I noticed all sorts of little villages, called Kampongs, the houses of which are made of palm leaves, dried and sewn together and standing on poles off the ground. Then suddenly the car stopped with a jerk. I got out and saw to my astonishment, that we were behind a long procession moving very slowly. I asked the driver of the car what it was and he told me we were behind a very large Chinese funeral procession. It stretched for about half a mile and was led by truck loads of people blowing trumpets and clashing cymbals, which were to scare the devils away, I was later told. Next came a few lorry loads of relatives and friends and then, in front of the funeral hearse, were many people wearing sackcloth and ashes, obviously close relatives of the deceased. A few yards after came the hearse itself; it was on a lorry covered with wreaths and garlands of flowers and moved slowly down the road surrounded by car loads of tourists. Then I noticed several trucks full of food and clothing, which I discovered were to be burnt with the dead man as he might need them in his later life in heaven. At last the procession turned down a small road and we were able to drive off again.

On the way back we came through Singapore city, and to my delight we went through the famous Chinese town. Parts of this, to my disgust, were filthy, with all the beggars lying or sitting on the pavements. Driving a car down this street was like attempting suicide, so after a few yards we had to turn back. It is so over populated that ten people may have to sleep in one small room.

Next morning, mummy and I went shopping in the bazaars and stalls which we found down the very narrow streets. Here the Indians, Chinese and Malaysians alike, all bargain for goods, chattering, laughing. They tried to sell us brightly coloured materials and we eventually bought a lovely Indian scarf. Then we visited the fish markets, the smell of which was terrible; but the women visit it daily for their food. Then we had to leave and return to the hotel. I left Singapore three years later but I shall always remember it as the city of laughing, chattering and happy people.

C. COCKS, Remove G.

## THE KITTEN MYSTERY

When I was living in the country, I had a beautiful, grey, pedigree person cat called Prue, who was expecting kittens. I was very excited and I had prepared a warm basket for her. One day she disappeared and we were very worried for she had never done this before, and we had always tried to keep an eye on her. That evening she was still not back, so I had very little sleep thinking of her that night.

Next morning, when I was setting the table for breakfast, I heard a scratching at the door. I went to open it and there was Prue looking very much thinner and a self-satisfied expression on her face. Very much relieved, I went and told the rest of my family.

"But where are her kittens?" asked my sister. That was a thing we all wanted to know. But try as we would we could not find them, nor would Prue let us follow her. I was longing to see the kittens. Besides it was becoming chilly and I dreaded the thought of her losing them. The outhouse had been searched through and through, and yet there was no other place where she could keep her kittens in safety and the nights were becoming colder and colder.

A few days later I looked out of my window to see that the whole world was transformed by a white mantle of snow. The orchard looked like a fairy kingdom, for every tree was adorned with glistening icicles. I sat viewing the scene blissfully, but the sudden thought of the kittens brought me back to reality. Could they have survived the snow? What if they were buried beneath it? I quickly dressed and went downstairs. From then on I was so busy that I forgot about the kittens, until I ventured out into the crunchy snow to collect wood from the outhouse. It was then that I noticed some small footprints, leading off into the nearby wood. I followed them wonderingly.

They led me to an old hollow oak tree, and then, excited and interested, I peeped inside. There, to my surprise and joy, was Prue with her three adorable grey balls of fluff, their eyes not yet open to the world. Prue was a little reluctant to let me hold them at first, but seeing I meant no harm, she soon relented.

Afterwards, she brought them into the house where it was warmer, and everyone agreed that she had found an excellent place to hide her kittens. But if it had not been for the snow, we should never have solved the mystery.

C. WRIGHT, Remove.

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## CHRISTMAS PLAY

### "COUNTESS CATHLEEN"

This play by W. B. Yeats, is being produced in December. There will be two performances for parents and old girls—on Friday, December 12th at 7.30 p.m. and Saturday, December 13th at 2.30 p.m.

Admission will be by programme and a collection will be taken in aid of School Charities.