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HEAD MISTRESS'S REPORT

Mr. Chairman, Miss Popham, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Before giving a report of the past year it is my privilege and pleasure to welcome, on behalf of the girls and Staff, all our visitors here this afternoon, and especially our guest of Honour, Miss Popham. During the last few years we have had prominent representatives from various sections of our country's life to speak to us on Founder's Day—from the Church, the Navy and our Royal family; and to-day we welcome one who has for many years been a prominent figure in the world of education both in our own country and further afield.

In February we heard with sorrow of the death of Her Highness Princess Marie Louise, who had been Patroness of the Hall since 1926. We naturally hope that the vacancy will be filled by a member of the Royal Family so that the tradition of Royal patronage, begun at the opening of the School in 1836, when Queen Adelaide became its first Patroness, will be preserved.

It has been a year of continued progress and consolidation of foundations laid down in the first ten years of the School's post-war life. We have resisted the temptation to accept girls of inadequate standard, in spite of our slightly lower numbers this year. I am grateful to the Governors for not pressing me to fill the vacant places, but having confidence in my judgment and that of the Staff in this matter. This is not to say that we give no consideration or make no allowance for the girl whose educational background has in some way been hampered, perhaps by illness or by residence abroad. We have accepted a number of such girls, sometimes on a year's probation, who appeared likely to have the ability and the desire to make up the lost ground and to reach General Certificate standard in a minimum of four subjects. In almost all these cases our confidence has proved to be justified.

Results in last year's General Certificate were again very good, not only from the point of view of the number of subjects passed by the girls, but also the general standard achieved. The percentage of subject passes was eighty-four which is well above the national average in the Cambridge Examination. Of these passes at least one quarter were of distinction standard. For the second year in succession I am proud to be able to tell you that the Turrell Memorial Prize, awarded for the best results in the Cambridge Syndicate Examination at Ordinary level, achieved by a Brighton candidate, has been won by St. Mary's Hall. In last July's results Fiona Bird, who gained eight passes with Grade I in four of these, was awarded the prize of four guineas and an engraved medal. Fiona is at present spending a year in France with a French family prior to entering the Middlesex Hospital as a student nurse, and so unfortunately she is not here to-day to receive her prize. The Advanced level results, though few in number, were very satisfactory and covered a variety of subjects. We look forward to a steady increase in our Advanced level entries now that we are over our post-war teething troubles and have both Staff and equipment to fulfil the task.

Once again I record my own thanks and those of the girls for the generous service of all the Staff. I shall be mentioning many of them as I continue my report, but I want particularly to mention one who is no longer able to carry on his work for the School, our maintenance man, Mr. Yelland. Yelland suffered a slipped disc about eighteen months ago and in spite of doctors' efforts the trouble has not yielded to treatment and he had an operation in the Charing Cross Hospital last week. Yelland had been in the School's service for over eight years and I cannot speak too highly of his loyalty and great devotion to the Hall. He was appointed when things were still in very poor shape after the war-time closure, and he set to work rendering first aid to tables, chairs, desks and other equipment damaged during the occupation of the School. He will long be remembered for his ingenuity in improvising all sorts of stage properties, and the interest he showed, and the spare time he gave so willingly to help in dramatic productions. We all wish him a good recovery so that he can use his many talents in a less heavy post.

As usual there have been some changes on the Staff. Last July we said goodbye to Mrs. Braine-Hartnell who was joining her husband in Cambridge, where he had been appointed to an important post in the Bell School of Languages on his return from long service overseas. Mrs. Braine-Hartnell had taught in the Junior School for seven years. We also said goodbye to Miss Hedges who had been Assistant History Mistress for two years. Miss Hopper, a trained teacher from Kenton Lodge Training College, Newcastle, came in September to teach mainly History, English and Mathematics, and we also welcomed Miss J. Parfree, an Honours Science Graduate of Newnham College, to teach Chemistry and Physics, and Miss Waddy as Head Mistress's Secretary to take the place of Mrs. Farr. A greater number of changes, however, was to come the following term. Miss Meades was married in September and returned as Mrs. Shaw for one term, before leaving to take up her new duties as housewife. I paid tribute to Mrs. Shaw last year and I can only reiterate my sincere thanks for the loyal service she gave to the Hall. Her responsibilities as Senior Mistress were taken over in January by Miss K. Farmer, who has already established herself as a trusted Senior colleague in the Staff Room and a wise counsellor and helpmate to me. In addition to Mrs. Shaw we regretfully had to say goodbye to two other Senior members of Staff in December. Miss M. Dimishky, who came to the Hall in 1951, reluctantly decided that she must move nearer her ageing father in Yorkshire, and she was fortunate in being appointed to a post in Hull. Her work in raising the standard of English in the School was a contributory factor in the raising of all-round

academic standards. Mrs. G. Martin left to take on greater home responsibilities, and being one of those increasingly rare specialists—a mathematician—we felt fortunate in being able to make a temporary appointment in Miss E. MacCallum, B.A. (Honours), St. Hugh's College, Oxford. Mrs. V. R. Allen, B.A. (Honours) Girton College, came to take over the English Department and the Reference Library, and Mrs. F. Lawrence, B.A. (Honours), St. Anne's College, Oxford, to teach History. We were faced with another unexpected gap in the teaching staff in January by the sudden illness of Miss Dunn Coleman, but were again fortunate in obtaining the temporary services of Miss O. Fisher, B.A. (Honours), London, who came at short notice to teach French. All these new members of Staff so quickly identified themselves with the traditions and interests of the School that the loss of four Senior members of Staff all at the same time was reduced to a minimum, and the School settled down to normal in a surprisingly short time. Considering the national shortage of teachers the School has been extremely fortunate in remaining fully staffed. Many Schools have been far less fortunate and few Schools can have a more loyal and efficient Staff. I should like to thank them all—teaching Staff, administrative, nursing and House staff and domestic staff.

There was a record entry for the Royal Drawing Society's annual Competition this year and the results were very encouraging, not on account of any particularly brilliant success, but more because of the generally high standard. The weekly Art group claims the interest of a great many girls. Many take Art as an Examination subject, and I think this should be encouraged for both academic and less academic girls as offering a balance on the more aesthetic side. I am glad, too, that more girls are now able to offer one or two Domestic subjects in the General Certificate with success. Although we all realise that the country—indeed, the whole world—is crying out for highly trained men and women, particularly for industrial and scientific research and for teaching, and in numberless other spheres, yet there is also a great need for Domestic Science specialists and many interesting careers are open to women in this field. A small group from the Sixth Form spent a most interesting afternoon at Seaford Training College of Housecraft recently, and came back full of enthusiasm. They followed it up by inviting girls in the Fifth Forms, who are taking Domestic Science, to an informal meeting to give a short account of their visit, and asking also three specialists in Domestic Subjects from different types of posts to tell them about their particular work.

Music is flourishing in many directions. The Associated Board results are good in all subjects, but many girls do not attempt Examinations. The School Choir meets regularly and reaches a high standard. The Orchestra has improved very much during the year though I wish it were larger. I should very much like to have some recruits for next term. It would be a great encouragement for Miss Best who has given so much of her time and energy in training the Orchestra, which competed in the School Orchestras section of the Brighton Musical Festival and was placed second out of four entries. The adjudicator remarked upon the vitality of the performance and the attention given to detail.

Parties of girls have attended Concerts and Recitals in the School, in the town, and further afield. Parties have also been organised to places of educational interest—including a Fire Station, Art and Photographic Exhibition, Wimbledon, a School for Deaf Children and several factories. In addition we have had speakers from many Missionary Societies, speakers on the United States Constitution, the Commonwealth of Nations, Pakistan, Birds and Natural History, the Romance of Fabrics, Youth Organisations in Nigeria, to mention but a few. Drama has

centred mainly on House Competitions this year, but at Christmas Miss Dimishky produced the Coventry Carol which was much appreciated for its simplicity and sincerity.

We have continued to build up the Library, both Reference and Fiction Sections, and it now compares very well with most School libraries in offering a choice of books suitable to all ages and tastes. The Staff responsible, Mrs. Allen, Mrs. Jackson and Miss Gilligan, have put in much time and thought and I regard their work done in conjunction with the rest of the Staff as of vital importance in the life of the girls. It has been said that "reading is to the mind what exercise is to the body." Certainly one of the strongest and most subtle moral influences in the lives of young people lies in reading, from which so much is unconsciously absorbed. As parents and teachers we have a great responsibility in this matter. There is so much second-rate reading to be had which offers nothing but sensation, bad English, crude humour, and even cruder art—if it can be called art at all—books and papers which take for granted that their readers will accept not only the low standard of production, but also many of the low moral standards of life to-day, and which can give only a distorted sense of values. I am sure we have the backing of parents in our ruling that all books and papers brought into School must be passed by the Staff: indeed, parents themselves share our responsibility by guiding their children in the home in this matter of reading which is so important a factor in education.

Last November we organised a Fair in order to raise money for Stage curtains. The existing curtains were, to say the least, very makeshift, having been made after the War of surplus Government parachute material at a time when the School needed to have money spent on more day-to-day necessities, not on the comparative luxury of stage curtains! Miss Gladys Young, of B.B.C. fame, gave the Fair a wonderful send-off by the delightful way in which she opened it, and it was a most happy as well as successful afternoon, producing the sum, quite beyond our expectations, of £417. The girls proposed and unanimously voted that £100 of this sum should be sent to the Mayor of Brighton's appeal for Hungarian refugees. With a large part of the remainder we had stage curtains made and some of you have already seen them in working order. Others may see them later this afternoon. I take this opportunity of thanking many of you here who contributed towards our efforts.

The Old Girls continue to show an active interest in the School. Each year we have an increasing number of Old Girls' children or other relatives in the School. We sent a greetings telegram and a birthday present to an Old Girl, Mrs. Marian Bartrum, on her hundredth birthday on Boxing Day. It is not every School which can boast having a centenarian Old Girl, and moreover one who has a young sister of nearly ninety-nine! The membership of the St. Mary's Hall Association is increasing in post-war Old Girls. Of those pursuing University courses three are Medical students. One of these, Joan Edwards, has just successfully completed her qualifications and will shortly be taking a post as House Surgeon. Girls leaving from the Sixth Form recently, or at the end of this term, are taking up a variety of careers including Medicine, Industrial Science, Froebel Training, General Teacher's Training, Hospital Training, Women's Royal Naval Service, Accountancy, the Graduate Course at the Guildhall School of Music, Domestic Science Training and Secretarial Training.

The Sixth Form has again been small in size but of considerable influence in the School. We have been extremely fortunate in our Head Girls. Each year, as July approaches, we wonder how we shall manage

without the present Head Girl, but each year we find another equally good prefect to fill her place and to carry on the same tradition of service. This year has been no exception, for Margaret Habershon has brought to her high office a quiet dignity and unselfish devotion coupled with a lively sense of humour and a healthy enjoyment of the good things in life. The Sixth Form owes much to its Form Mistress, Mrs. Hora, who gives unsparingly of her time to guide the girls in all sorts of ways, big and small, so that they are ready to take their place as responsible adults on leaving School.

Perhaps the most outstanding change effected during the year has been the creation of all-age Houses in place of the former system of Boarding Houses of limited age-range, and of Guilds for competitive purposes. It has long been the wish of the Governors that we should bring about this change, but it was not practicable when we had considerably younger children as boarders. After much thought, and careful planning, however, we made the change in September. Quite naturally such a major operation could not be carried out without some measure of adjustment and pain in the whole body of the School, and I should like to place on record our appreciation of the willing personal self-sacrifice made by a few girls who were able to see beyond the limits of their own time to the greater and more distant horizons which could be reached only if the foundations of the new system were laid with care and with their help. The School is now divided into five Houses: three Boarders' Houses and two Day Girl Houses. All Inter-House competitions have been organised since September within this new arrangement. I think we should all agree that the plan is succeeding well. The Drama Competition showed a very high standard, not only of acting, but of co-operation between girls of all ages. The Musical Competition showed the same spirit, and enthusiasm for Games has increased with the Inter-House rivalry. Perhaps the Day-girl Houses have required most organisation, and I hope that it will bring about a more lively interest in School affairs outside the actual curriculum by day-girls, too many of whom are too ready to leave House matters in the hands of the few. All Houses owe a great deal to their first House Captains upon whose leadership much has depended, and to their House Wardens and Staff who have helped to guide things in the initial stages.

Our relations with St. Mark's Church continue to be happy, and we are grateful to Mr. James for the time and interest he so willingly gives us. The Sixth Form boarders organise a Stall at Church Sales and attend Church Socials and other activities if they wish. Thirty girls were confirmed by the Bishop of Lewes in St. Mark's Church a week ago. This was an unusually large number, of whom twenty-seven were boarders. Almost half the present boarders are now Communicant members of the Church, and I cannot help reflecting on the potential source of strength these could be both in the School and in the larger world outside the School, if they remain loyal to the promise made at their Confirmation. I am reminded of the words spoken by Her Royal Highness the Princess Royal at last year's memorable prizegiving, to celebrate our one hundred and twentieth birthday, when she compared life with a ship. 'I would urge you,' she said, 'to keep your course through the inner convictions of your religious beliefs.'

Each year when I come to make my report I find myself facing a challenge in trying to see how far the School as a whole has gone forward, and examining the successes and failures which cannot be given any value on paper. I always find myself considering afresh the aims which my colleagues and I have before us in carrying out our task and how far we have achieved those aims. We are fortunate in this School in having a very mixed community of people, with a variety of abilities,

nationalities, home circumstances, and tradition. This variety adds richness to the community and I wonder whether we gain what we might from it. Those of you who come to discuss your daughters or wards with me know that I am not by any means concerned only about their education from the point of view of academic success as represented by an ultimate Certificate. Nevertheless the acquiring of knowledge cannot entirely be divorced from building of character. Indeed we had several outstanding proofs of this in last year's General Certificate in which girls having only limited talent achieved success by reason of their single-minded determination and steadfast application. Character building is surely our primary concern. In this modern world, so full of distractions, talk of space travel, atomic power, pay disputes and strikes, the task of teachers and parents becomes increasingly difficult, and it is essential that we shall give the girls sound ideas on freedom and responsibility and their relationship. Although the girls may sometimes think that the Staff are rather "back numbers" and live in the past, yet in actual fact we live very much in the future, since it is our task to help in moulding the future generation. Discipline is old-fashioned to-day—that being so I am quite unashamedly old-fashioned since I submit that discipline based on sound Christian teaching is an essential part of a good education. Once again I quote the Princess Royal. "If you study the lives of great men and women you will notice one thing in common which they possessed, and which has brought them greatness—self-discipline. It is easier to acquire self-discipline in an orderly life than in an atmosphere of laissez-faire. You will get nothing out of the community if you put nothing in."

This last sentence is the key to living in a community. The principle of noblesse oblige should surely be one which is recognised as a basic unwritten rule to be learnt and observed in School life. I suppose all parents hope that their daughters will gain more than mere academic knowledge at School, but this must depend upon the contribution each makes to the School. Naturally the older girls should be able to give more. They have received much, and when they reach the top of the School they can give back compound interest, in terms of service, on the capital upon which they have drawn in their less responsible years. Only in this way can we balance what we might call our service budget. At present too few girls are giving what they could and too many are satisfied to use the gifts and talents, of which they are stewards, for personal advantage only and not for the common good. I end my report on this note by quoting from a report written by the Society of Friends.

"Life is enlarged in an amazing way as we pour out of our best. We are not expected to give more than we have, but in giving what we have we are surprised to find that we gain and have more to give than we ever dreamed possible."

THE PREACHER AND THE GUEST OF HONOUR

The Preacher at the Commemoration Service held in St. Mark's Church in the morning was the Rev. D. D. B. Berners-Wilson.

In his address Mr. Berners-Wilson spoke of how each of us could prepare to become a useful member of the world of to-day. He gave four suggestions.

We must take every opportunity of becoming well-informed since the world in which we must play our part is becoming more and more complicated with the increase in knowledge.

We must learn to pray better and more often, since prayer is our lifeline. "We perish if we cease from prayer."

We must try always to be sincere in our relationships with other people, and to be honest with them and with ourselves.

Finally we must be prepared to serve our fellow men, not only through our jobs, whatever they may be, but by doing some sort of voluntary work for which there is so much need to-day.

The guest of honour was Miss M. E. Popham, formerly Principal of The Cheltenham Ladies' College.

Miss Popham prefaced her remarks by asking a question. "Why do I go to School?" In suggesting the answer to this question she gave us an easy way of remembering her points which she put under three headings—*L. s. d.*

L for learning and lessons. Miss Popham emphasised the need and the enjoyment of learning something well. It is of little importance whether we like a subject at the beginning or not. The country badly needs people who have learnt how to learn and who have not been content with learning any old way.

S for service. It is easy to do things for people we like, but we must learn to work with people we do not like, and this is where real service comes in. Whatever job any of us may do needs the whole of us to do it well.

D for discipline. Miss Popham said in no uncertain terms that what is the matter with this country is that not enough people are being disciplined. Girls at school may resent discipline, but she had always found that they were grateful after leaving school for the discipline they had been given. Discipline is necessary in each part of our life, in our emotions and our thoughts as well as in our speech and actions.

These are the *£.s.d.* offered at school and which Miss Popham advised us to accept from parents, to accept all we are able to take, for this is the currency which is needed to make this country strong. She ended by saying, "Britain and the Commonwealth are in your hands. What are you doing about it?"

The photograph shows Miss Popham presenting a prize to Margaret Habershon, then Head Girl, assisted by Miss Farmer, the Senior Mistress.

SCHOOL OFFICIALS 1956-7

Head Girl : Margaret Habershon.

Deputy Head Girl : Susan Grey.

Full Prefects : Jane Bayly, Margaret Boyd, Mary Anne Coate, Marion Fardell, Patricia Kwok, Mary Howell-Davies, Elizabeth Viner.

House Captains : Elliott : Margaret Habershon.
Babington : Margaret Boyd, Elizabeth Viner.
St. Hilary : Susan Grey.
Bristol : Mary Howell-Davies.
Chichester : Mary Anne Coate.

DIARY OF EVENTS, 1956-1957

1956

- September** Beginning of Term.
Lecture by Frank A. Lowe, "A Naturalist's Calendar."
- October** Lecture by J. Biggs-Davidson, "Can the Commonwealth Survive."
Film: "Doctor in the House."
Lecture by Donald Grant, "The Presidential Election and the Constitution of the U.S.A."
Film: "Never Take No For An Answer."
Church Social, attended by Sixth Form.
United Nations' Day. U.N.I.C.E.F. Film and Collection.
Film: "The Dam Busters."
- November** Film: "An American in Paris."
Talk: Church of England Zenana Missionary Society.
Christmas Fair.
- December** French play: "Les Fourberies de Scapin."
Film: "The Great Adventure."
Piano Recital by Ruth Barrington.
Carol Service at St. Mark's Church.
Music Competition.
Miracle Play.
Film: "Ivanhoe."
End of Term.
Mrs. Bartram's 100th Birthday. Telegram and bulbs sent by School.

1957

- January** Beginning of Term.
S.P.C.K. Film: "St. Paul."
Film: "Christopher Columbus."
- February** Film: "On The Riviera."
Film: "Snow White."
Sixth Form visit to Gubbin's Box Factory.
- March** Film: "The Overlanders."
Visit of Mr. Hanks.
Lecture on West Indies, and Exhibition, at Hove Museum.
Missionary Meeting in the Chapel Royal. Film: "The Orange Tree."
Gym. Competition.
Visit to Opera: "Tales of Hoffman."
Drama Competition.
- April** End of Term.
- May** Beginning of Term.
Talk by Mr. and Mrs. Sandford, "Youth Organisations in Nigeria."
- June** Confirmation by Bishop of Lewes in St. Mark's Church.
Prizegiving.
Visit of Mrs. Flounders from St. Mary's Hall, Burlington, New Jersey, U.S.A.
Sixth Form visit to Rottingdean Fire Station Display.
Expedition to Houses of Parliament and Greenwich.
Visit to the Royal Sussex County Hospital.
Outing to Bignor and Chichester Cathedral.
- July** Music Pupils' Concert.
Sixth Form Party.
End of Term.

CONFIRMATION

The following girls were confirmed by the Bishop of Lewes in St. Mark's Church on 6th June, 1957:—

R. Baker, C. Beeby, D. Bennett, S. Boyd, N. Bruton, J. Burwell, L. Cannon, R. Cawkell, P. Doswell, S. Duncan, S. East, M. Fardell, J. Elliott, A. Farris, C. Hayes, A. Jarvis, J. Negus, S. Nicholls, J. Pigg, C. Pink, L. Pike, M. Radford, P. Read-Jahn, V. Reid, S. Reynolds, J. Roberts, E. Scatliff, G. Smart, F. Thomas, R. Woodward.

Janet Phillips was unfortunately ill but is to be confirmed on December 5th.

GIFTS TO THE SCHOOL

The School is grateful for many gifts received during the year including the following:—

Books: Mr. Grove, Mrs. Phillips, Mlle. Bauer, Miss Dimishky, Patricia Marshall, Jenny Cownen.

Records and Music: Mrs. Ponder.

Dinner Service (Domestic Science): Upper Fifth.

Cheque: Upper Fifth N.

Acting Cupboard: Lady Baddeley, Miss Hensley, Miss Titcombe.

Electric Clock: Celia Tassell.

Pictures: Miss Ghey.

Furniture (book cupboard and books): Miss Hensley.

Film Loop: Sussex Lawn Tennis Association.

NEW STAFF

January, 1957: Miss E. MacCallum, B.A.(Oxon), Mathematics; Mrs. V. R. Allen, B.A.(Cantab), English; Mrs. F. Lawrence, M.A.(Oxon), History.

September, 1957: Miss A. M. Veasey, B.A.(London), Modern Languages; Miss R. K. James, B.Sc.(London), Mathematics; Miss Y. Jenkin, B.A.(Nottingham), General Subjects.

We welcomed Mrs. Bridges on to the House Staff in January, Miss Miller in May, and Miss Muncey and Miss Paul in September, as junior matrons.

Mr. Yelland

It was with real regret that we had to say goodbye to Yelland during the year. He injured his back over a year ago and suffered a slipped disc which did not yield to treatment. Ultimately the surgeon decided to operate, and although the operation was successful it was not possible for Yelland to undertake the work which his post of Maintenance man involved. I have paid tribute to him in my Speech Day report printed in the News-Letter, but should like to say here how pleased we are that he is well and hoping to find some suitable work, and also to express our thanks for all he did for the Hall. Tokens of appreciation were given to him from the Governors and School.

D.C.

RELATIVES OF OLD GIRLS

- Anne Bearne—sister of Jill Bearne.
 Nicola Bruton—daughter of Diana Harris, cousin of Toni Webber.
 Jill Burwell—daughter of Margaret Stanham and niece of Peace Beavers.
 Miriam Coleman—daughter of Margaret, niece of Frances Young.
 Rowena Cook—sister of Helen Cook.
 Susan East—sister of Judy East.
 Jill Elliott—daughter of Marjorie Duke.
 Gay Gosnell—daughter of Diana, niece of Elizabeth Moore.
 Biruta Hulanicki—sister of Beatrice Hulanicki.
 Claire Leaphard—daughter of Cécile Cooper.
 Serena and Simone Liddell—sisters of Anita Liddell.
 Rosemary Nolda—daughter of Joan Drury.
 Hilary and Sally Macdonald—twin grand-daughters of Amy Cavalier.
 Angela Phillips—daughter of Betty Neale.
 Carol Pink—sister of Ann Pink.
 Susan Ponder—daughter of Vivienne Bonnaire.
 Mary Radford—sister of Jill Radford.
 Susan Reynolds—a great grand-daughter of Caroline Eliza Sanderson.
 Sarina Saunders—sister of Marylou Saunders, cousin of Patricia, Phyllis and Rosemary Poyser.
 Elizabeth Scatliff—daughter of Alma Gordon, sister of Jean and Margaret Scatliff.
 Brita and Karin Seeberg—daughters of Frances and nieces of Phyllis Smith.
 Marilyn Shelley—a great grand-daughter of Lilian Wyatt and a distant relative of Henry Venn Elliott, the Founder of St. Mary's Hall.
 Alison Vaughan—niece of Ina Disney.

SCHOLARS, 1956-1957

Elliott Scholars	..	..	..	Margaret Habershon, Elizabeth Viner
Snowdon Smith Scholars	..	..	..	Jane Bayly, Marion Fardell
Babington Scholar	..	..	..	Mary Howell-Davies
Major Clergy Scholarship	..	..	..	Mary Theobald
Major Open Scholarship	..	..	..	Nicola Bruton
Minor Open Scholarship	..	..	..	Carol Hayes

College Entrances

- Queen's University, Belfast—Josephine Chan
 Guildhall School of Music—Rosemary Cashel

PRIZE LIST

June 14th, 1957

Form Prizes

Lower III	F. Moojen, S. Symons
Upper IIIB	J. Boryer, J. Brooking, M. Shelley
Upper IIIA	E. Baker, P. Benn, J. Gimblett, J. Harvey
Lower IV	V. Burge, J. Froggatt, J. Gooding, J. Riley
Upper IVD	A. Jarvis, J. Snell
Upper IVE	P. Bennett, M. Theobald
Remove F	R. Baker, C. Hayes, E. Scatlift
Lower V	G. Corker, P. Doswell, G. Smart, F. Thomas
Upper VN	M. Barrett, J. Coate, S. Lee
Upper VI	P. Kwok

Subject Prizes

Divinity (Snowdon Smith)	M. Shelley, M. Theobald, E. Viner
Poetry (Keeling-Scott)	J. Symonds, E. Viner
Essay	F. Gill
English	S. Lee
Latin	S. Lee
French	J. Coate, S. Lee
History	J. Coate
Geography	V. Hardy
Mathematics	J. Coate, S. Oates, M. A. Coate
Chemistry	M. A. Coate
Art	J. Booth, E. Viner
Music	J. Ferguson, R. Cashel, E. Viner
Elocution	L. Robinson, R. Wilton
Needlework	S. Grey
Dressmaking	S. Broadley, V. Mileman
Gardening	J. Bayly, S. Grey
Crafts	D. Heather
General Knowledge ..	J. Riley, M. A. Coate

Special Prizes

Head Girl	M. Habershon
Good Service	M. Habershon
Steady work and progress throughout the year	H. Heald
Steady work throughout her school career ..	A. Liddell, P. Strachan
Turrell Memorial ..	F. Bird
G.C.E. Results	J. Bayly, J. Bell, M. Fardell, E. Viner, F. Bird, A. Brew, M. Emmott, P. Oliver, J. Chan

Royal Drawing Society Book Prizes

R. Pascoe, M. Grove, A. Phillips, J. Booth, P. Chapman, S. Grey, E. Viner.

Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music

Grade I Piano	J. Allen, S. Allen
Grade II Piano	S. Dodd, S. Allen, S. Coe, P. Martin
Grade III Piano	E. Baker (merit)
Grade IV Piano	J. Gooding, M. Ayling, M. Warner, H. Cowan, E. Howell-Davies (distinction)
Violin	S. Duncan
Singing	R. Cashel
Grade V Piano	A. Bethel, G. Hassock (merit), A. Farris
Theory	G. Smart, E. Thomas, A. Farris
Singing	R. Cashel (distinction)
Grade VI Piano	J. Ferguson

Guildhall School of Music and Drama

Grade I Elocution ..	E. des Forges, J. A. Ellis
Grade III Elocution ..	S. Lawrence (merit), P. Carew
Grade IV Elocution ..	J. Craig, C. Pink, M. Grove, J. Negus R. Cawkell (merit)
Grade V Elocution ..	E. Everitt, R. Wilton

New Era Academy of Drama and Music

Grade V Elocution ..	P. Doswell
Bronze Medal Elocution	L. Robinson (distinction), H. Heald
Silver Medal Elocution	J. Windsor-Aubrey, L. Robinson

TROPHIES

Senior Tennis Championship	J. Green
Keizer Tennis Cup	R. Cook
Hay Doubles Tennis Cup	V. Hardy and S. W. Aubrey
Loadsmen Table Tennis Cup	J. Green
Carr Sports Cup	J. Symonds
Solo Singing Cup	R. Cashel
Fosh House Shield	St. Hilary House
Gymnastics Cup	Elliott House
Drama Cup	Elliott House
Music Trophy	Babington House
Tennis Cup	Bristol House
Lacrosse Cup	Elliott House
Netball Cup	St. Hilary House
Hope-Gill Efficiency Shield	Chichester House
Courtesy Cup	Bristol House

GENERAL CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION, 1956-1957

December, 1956

"O" Level

L. Arayed	..	..	..	..	Arabic.
J. Bell	..	..	..	..	G.
R. Cashel	..	..	..	..	Lit, F.
S. Fingland	..	..	..	..	EL.
S. Grey	..	..	..	..	EL.
C. Heaton	..	..	..	..	G.
R. Pang	..	..	..	..	Chinese, M.
E. Thomas	..	..	..	..	F.

July, 1957

"O" Level

L. Arayed	..	..	..	..	M.
R. Cashel	..	..	..	..	A.
S. Field	..	..	..	..	G.
J. Green	..	..	..	..	F.
M. Howell-Davies	..	..	..	..	Music
R. Pang	..	..	..	..	L.
E. Viner	..	..	..	..	Additional M.
M. Barrett	..	..	..	..	EL, Lit, L, F, H, M, Bi.
J. Booth	..	..	..	..	EL, Lit, G, RI, A, Bi.
R. Bradbrooke	..	..	..	..	EL, Lit, F, Bi.
P. Chapman	..	..	..	..	Lit, RI, A.
J. Coate	..	..	..	..	EL, Lit, L, F, H, G, M, Bi.
E. Cockburn	..	..	..	..	Lit, G, RI, M, Bi.
A. Davidson	..	..	..	..	Lit, F, H, G, M.
J. Ferguson	..	..	..	..	EL, Lit, F, H, RI.
S. Fingland	..	..	..	..	Lit, G.
F. Gill	..	..	..	..	EL, Lit, F, RI, A, Bi.
V. Hardy	..	..	..	..	EL, Lit, H, G, RI, M.
A. Jones	..	..	..	..	H, Bi.
S. Lee	..	..	..	..	EL, Lit, L, F, H, G, RI, M.
A. Martin	..	..	..	..	EL, Lit, F.
S. Oates	..	..	..	..	EL, Lit, F, G, M, Bi.
C. Pascoe	..	..	..	..	EL, Lit, F, H, A, M, Bi.
J. Radford	..	..	..	..	EL, Lit, H, RI, Bi.
L. Robinson	..	..	..	..	EL, Lit, F, RI, A, Bi.
P. Strachan	..	..	..	..	EL, Lit, F, G, M, Bi.
R. Wilton	..	..	..	..	EL, Lit, H, RI, A, Bi.
S. Windsor-Aubrey	..	..	..	..	Lit, G, RI, Bi.
F. Aderele	..	..	..	..	CK, Lower Certificate in English
C. Bean	..	..	..	..	EL, Lit, H, G, RI, CK.
S. Broadley	..	..	..	..	CK, Ndwk.
D. Chalmers	..	..	..	..	EL, Lit, F, RI, A, Ndwk.
H. Heald	..	..	..	..	EL, H, G, CK.
A. Liddell	..	..	..	..	Lit, H, CK.
V. Mileman	..	..	..	..	G, CK.
S. Riley	..	..	..	..	EL, Lit, F, G, Bi, CK.
O. Williams	..	..	..	..	CK, Lower Certificate in English

EL—English Language; Lit—Literature; F—French; L—Latin; H—History; G—Geography; M—Mathematics; Bi—Biology; RI—Religious Instruction; A—Art; CK—Cookery; Ndwk—Needlework.

July, 1957

"A" Level

Mary Anne Coate	..	..	..	Pure and Applied Mathematics (distinction in both) taken at Scholarship level; also Chemistry. Awarded a State Scholarship.
Patricia Kwok	..	..	..	Mathematics, Chemistry, Classical Chinese.

THE TURRELL MEMORIAL PRIZE

This Prize, which was won in 1955 by Mary Anne Coate, was won by Fiona Bird for St. Mary's Hall in 1956. We congratulate Fiona on her outstanding results.

As most of you will know, this Prize is awarded to the Brighton candidate achieving the best results in the Cambridge Syndicate G.C.E. examination at "O" Level, and consists of an engraved medal and a cheque for 4 guineas.

HOUSE REPORTS

Babington House

In many ways the past year has been one of successful experiment and valuable experience. In September, 1956, Babington became the largest of the three mixed boarding houses, with Mrs. Saunders as House Warden and Mrs. Dibdin as Matron. We owe much to these two for working so hard during the pioneering stages, and to Margaret Boyd who was Head Girl for the first term. The new arrangement enabled many of the senior girls to undertake more responsibility than they had done previously; as a result the younger girls have responded well on the whole to the nine House Prefects who have been willing to give such loyal support.

In the Autumn girls of all ages knitted scarves, mittens and helmets for the Hungarian refugees. At the end of the term generous Christmas parties were given in the houses. This occasion, coupled with that of singing carols together whilst Christmas cards were delivered from the "post-box" afford a very happy memory.

The following term saw the formation of a Drama Club under the leadership of Tessa Jackson and a Photography Club organised by Miss Deeley, both of which Clubs have been meeting once a week. One evening Miss Hopper visited the Photography Club and showed some beautiful photographs but meetings were suspended during the summer. Joanna Ferguson also ran a Music Group which in turn sang and played skiffle or band instruments. Throughout the term the House saved up tin foil and lead tubes and eventually sent seven shillings to the Church Missionary Society. April Fool's Day was celebrated by a Rag Concert in which all took part and which proved a great success.

In the Summer we chose a very hot day for our picnic at Hove Lagoon. At the end of term seven seniors were leaving so Mrs. Saunders and the House Prefects held a barbecue on the beach. During the holidays the front of Babington was repainted and now looks very smart.

Throughout the year regular house meetings and prayer meetings have been held on some Saturdays and Sundays. The girls have contributed towards a collection of gramophone records and each term our games captain, Susan Fingland, has organised a table tennis tournament. Miss Conrady has been to tea with the prefects once every term which has been most enjoyable.

At the beginning of the new school year our number increased considerably for we had fifteen new girls. With them we welcomed Miss Muncey as Junior Matron. We still try to live up to the motto depicted on our House crest—"Hold fast that which is good."

E. VINER

Bristol House

At the beginning of the school year, 1956, Bristol House was formed with Mrs. Webb as House Mistress. A committee was elected which was composed of a head and deputy, secretary, and representatives from the senior and middle school. Mary Howell-Davies was elected head, and Julia Green her deputy, whose position was filled by Felicity Gil this term when additional prefects were also appointed.

It was decided that every fortnight fruit and sweets should be collected to send to the Brighton Girls' Orphanage. These are taken by different girls each time, thus giving everyone a chance to visit the Orphanage. In addition to this, milk bottle tops are collected which we send to the Guide Dog Association and the National Spastics Society.

From time to time during each term we hold House meetings when we discuss further improvements and plan House activities such as a table tennis tournament.

MARY HOWELL-DAVIES.

Chichester House

In September, 1956, the day girls were divided into two groups, and Mrs. Hora became House Mistress of Chichester House. A committee was elected consisting of the house captain and deputy, Mary Anne Coate and Jennifer Bell, a secretary, captains for lacrosse, tennis, netball and rounders, together with representatives from the junior forms. Since then there have been appointed as house prefects: C. Pascoe, S. Lee, J. Coate, E. Colin-Jones, P. Doswell, J. Strachan and S. Boyd.

The activities of the house have included the collecting of milk-bottle tops, which we hope to send to the Guide Dogs for the Blind Association, and the knitting of squares for the relief of the Hungarian refugees. In addition we organised a table tennis tournament in which each junior was partnered by a senior; this helped to promote a sense of unity which is especially valuable in view of our large number of younger members.

Now that the first year has passed and the House has become established, we hope to widen the scope of our activities so as to knit the day girls closer together as an integral part of the school.

MARY ANNE COATE

Elliott House

This last year in Elliott House has been, in spite of many doubts at first, most successful and encouraging. Under the excellent guidance of the Warden and Matron, Miss Selbie and Miss Morris, and the leadership of Margaret Habershon, the House made great advances.

The House prefects were nominated by Miss Conrady from girls in the Vth and VIth Forms, and when Miss Farmer left the House on her appointment as Senior Mistress her room was changed into a prayer-room so that they could have the old prayer-room as a prefects' sitting-room. Here they entertained Miss Conrady each term on a Sunday evening.

At Christmas there was a party held in the House, to which many members of Staff came and which was very much enjoyed by all. It ended with carol singing round the lighted Christmas tree.

A table-tennis tournament was organised in which juniors played with seniors as partners, but it was not finished owing to the end of term rush.

A Drama Club was started and organised by Rosemary Wilton, but after a few meetings of discussion and play reading it concerned itself mainly with producing the play for the Competition. It resumed its activities afterwards in the summer term. Apart from the play for the Competition the juniors entertained the rest of the House by doing short sketches on Sunday evenings.

Towards the end of the summer term the House went for two picnics, the second of which was to celebrate Miss Selbie's birthday. They took place on the beach at Hove and we all enjoyed ourselves very much, whether swimming with Mrs. Eggleston's inflatable dinghy or sailing and rowing in the lagoon behind the promenade.

This is a very good opportunity to render thanks to Miss Tomsett who came several times a week to help and also Miss Paul who has been coming recently from St. Hilary. Above all we thank Miss Selbie and Miss Morris for all they have done for the House and especially for their unselfish and untiring work in the recent 'flu epidemic.

MARION FARDELL

St. Hilary House

There have been several changes during the past year in the staff and matrons of St. Hilary. Miss Turner, who had been a matron for about one year, left at the end of the Christmas term, and with her went Miss Dimishky who had been a resident at St. Hilary for several years. In the spring term we welcomed Miss Hopper in her place, and also Mrs. Bridges who came as a matron, but who, unfortunately, had to leave at the end of the term to rejoin her husband in Ceylon. Miss Tomsett took over as assistant matron for the summer term, and then exchanged places with Miss Miller to go into the San..

At the end of the Christmas term, the girls from the VI and Upper V Forms went carol singing, and raised enough money to buy a small Christmas present for the old men who live in a home in Sussex Square. The whole house also sang carols one evening at the end of term. Several staff were invited to the Christmas party which everyone enjoyed immensely.

Apart from the drama competition, there was a very amusing interpretation of "Rumplestiltskin" given to the house by the Lover IV Form. There was also a small party in the Summer term to celebrate Miss Dolphin's birthday.

Fortunately, the day chosen for the house picnic was a fine one. Everybody went by bus to the downs near Patcham and spent a wonderful day.

At the beginning of each term Miss Conrady was invited to tea with the prefects and matrons and we had some amusing times.

At the beginning of the year, Mrs. Braine-Hartnell's vacated room was converted into a very comfortable prefects' room, while a prayer room was made in the basement. During the last summer holidays, the common-room was redecorated in a very attractive shade of mushroom pink.

Unfortunately, at the end of the summer term, we had to say a sad farewell to Susan Grey, who, besides having been the head of St. Hilary, was the School's deputy head girl. Together with Miss Dolphin and the matrons, she helped to make this first year of St. Hilary, in the new House system, a very happy and successful one.

JANE BAYLY

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

MUSIC NOTES

Progress and interest in Music have been maintained during the year. There has been a growing interest in woodwind instruments. Three girls are having clarinet lessons with Mr. Austing and are doing well. It is a cause for anxiety, however, that so few girls learn stringed instruments since without more recruits the Orchestra cannot continue its progress and fulfil the function which it rightly should in a Public School.

The Choirs have worked well during the year and gave a good account of themselves on Founder's Day, both at The Dome and in the Commemoration Service. The Junior Choir is most promising and should ensure the continued standard of excellence in the Senior Choir.

One of the most outstanding events in the field of music in the School was the Inter-House Music Competition. As this was the first competition for the newly-formed Houses interest and enthusiasm was particularly keen. The last Monday morning of the Christmas Term was set aside for the competition, and Miss E. Galton, one-time Senior Mistress and Music Mistress at the Hall, kindly accepted an invitation to adjudicate. Considering it was the first time the competition had been held within the new system things went fairly smoothly and it was a pleasant morning at any rate for those who were not soloists. The House Choirs, trained by a Senior girl in each House, worked enthusiastically and achieved quite a good standard, though we hope they will benefit by this experience and the advice offered, and produce even better results next year. The Music Trophy was won by Babington House and the Solo Singing Cup by Rosemary Cashel of St. Hilary House.

We were happy to welcome Ruth Barrington, an Old Girl of the Hall, and sister to Judith at present in Form Lower V, when she came to give a lecture recital. She gave us a most enjoyable afternoon with her delightful playing with a short and very interesting preface before each item.

As usual parties of girls attended Concerts in the town. In addition, by courtesy of the Brighton Education Committee, a number of Seniors attended a dress rehearsal at Glyndebourne.

THE ORCHESTRA

The past year has been, I think, one of the most successful years in the life of the School orchestra. Under Miss Best's patient supervision the standard steadily improved as each section of the orchestra gained experience in working together. At the beginning of the year the number of strings had diminished but there were some new clarinet and recorder players. This provided the group with a more even balance between strings and wind. We owe much to those members of staff who give the orchestra such loyal support.

At the end of the Christmas Term the orchestra played its usual part in the School Carol Service. In May we entered for the Brighton Festival, which was held in The Dome, and came second. The criticism given by the adjudicator on that occasion was most helpful. Later on in the Summer Term the orchestra tackled, among other pieces, the first movement of a Haydn Piano Concerto with Rosemary Cashel as

the soloist, and it also played with great success in the Junior and Senior Concerts given for parents.

I sincerely hope that the School orchestra may maintain this standard and become even more ambitious, but this can only be done with the aid of more recruits to play the violin and the 'cello. Perhaps at some future date we may even have a double bass!

E. VINER, Form Upper VI.

We are extremely sorry to hear that Miss Best is ill, and unable to carry on with her full-time work, and it is a great blow to us that our orchestra must be one of the things to go. Miss Best has been over-working for a long time and can only continue with pupils living close to her home at Chailey. We thank her for all she has done for us, and wish her a good recovery. Needless to say, we hope one day she may find it possible to come back.

ART NOTES

The horizon is so bounded by desert islands at the time of going to press that I find it difficult to think of other things. Everyone, from fifteen downwards, embarked gaily on Fry's treasure chest hunt and painted their islands, but adverse winds and gales in the shape of the prevailing epidemic, an earlier half-term, and Fry's writing to say they wanted the islands in a week earlier, taxed the seamanship of the explorers to the utmost! However, most of them have landed and I hope may discover the treasure.

Apart from this project we have jogged along on our normal course. Results in the Royal Drawing Society's competition were slightly up on last year's. This year the Children's Royal Academy came to Hove and so we made a pilgrimage to see it, thus enabling Melanie Grove, Rosemary Pascoe and Angela Phillips to see their entries hanging amongst the others chosen for exhibit. It was a pity that the second 'bus arrived late and that half the party, therefore, had barely time even to look round, though the first 'bus load had plenty of time to gather a good impression of the standard of work which is expected by the Society. Mrs. Drake, of the R.D.S. Headquarters, was in attendance and it was a pleasure to meet her. She accepted an invitation to visit us on Founders' Day when she thoroughly inspected the exhibition in the Art Room and praised many of the pieces of work on show.

We joined forces with Mrs. Lawrence's History Group this year for our expedition, and had a most enjoyable trip from Westminster to Greenwich. The return trip was rather a wet one—in fact we wondered at one time whether we were in the water or on top of it! I only wished that I had a cine-camera to have recorded our party wringing out their skirts and petticoats which were absolutely soaked by the downpour.

We have again had a student from the Brighton College of Art to do practice teaching. We found Miss Browning a most stimulating colleague and teacher. Several of our own Old Girls have been students of the College. One of them, Delia Bell, was a contemporary of Miss Browning's, and another, Jean Thomson, had some outstanding work displayed in the Art Teachers' Diploma Section of the College last year.

A new School year has begun, and may we all be in better brush than ever.

F. G. DAVIES.

THE LITERARY AND DEBATING SOCIETY

Early in the new school year, at Miss Dimishky's suggestion, some of the senior girls decided to renew the Literary and Debating Society which had been in abeyance since 1952. About twenty members joined from the Sixth Form and the Upper Fifth, and the Head Girl acted as chairman.

Our activities were to be varied, providing for both literary appreciation and the art of debating. Nine open meetings were held during the year which included poetry readings, the playing of records of Shakespearian speeches, and several lively debates. Play readings were chosen from the works of Sheridan and Shaw. At the end of the Christmas Term Miss Dimishky helped the Society to produce the Coventry Nativity Play, which was performed successfully before the School. In January Mrs. Allen took over leadership, thus enabling the Society to continue in the same way to occupy the interest of many girls in an ever-widening sphere.

I hope that in the years to come the Literary and Debating Society may still continue because of the valuable part it plays in the life of a Public School.

E. VINER (Secretary), Form Upper VI.

THE COVENTRY NATIVITY PLAY

It was decided at the end of the Christmas Term that the Literary and Debating Society would perform the Nativity Play from the Coventry cycle.

Although there was only one week in which to prepare the play, the intensive rehearsals which took place under the patient guidance of Miss Dimishky, produced a performance that was appreciated by the whole School. As the Coventry Nativity Play was written in mediaeval times, the Society acted it as if on one of the travelling stages used in those days. The action took place both on the stage and amongst the audience. Screens were used in the place of curtains and the scenery was kept as simple as possible. The actors were dressed in the traditional Biblical costumes, some of the clothes that were worn by the kings having come from Arabia.

The play was most reverently performed and provided an appropriate prelude to the Christmas festival.

J. BAYLY, Upper VI.

THE INTER-HOUSE DRAMA COMPETITION

In the Spring Term of this year the first Inter-House Drama Competition since the Houses were re-organised took place. The five plays were adjudicated by Miss Constance Cox, the well-known author, many of whose plays have been adapted for radio and television. The first play, "The Nightingale," based on Hans Anderson's fairy tale, was presented by Elliott House and produced by Rosemary Wilton, who also played the leading part. The setting was Ancient China and the very real portrayal which the actresses gave of their different characters was greatly enhanced by their costumes and the backcloth.

Then Bristol House presented Act I from Oliver Goldsmith's "She Stoops to Conquer," produced by Mary Howell-Davies. The acting of this play fully made up for its unfortunate start, when the stage was too dimly lit owing to the fact that half the lights had been switched off.

After an interval, "A Lonely Little Girl," adapted from Charlotte Bronte's "Jane Eyre" was performed by members of Babington House, and produced by Elizabeth Viner. A life-like picture was given of the pathos of Jane and the ugly, domineering manner of Mrs. Reid and Mr. Brocklehurst.

Next, Hilary House presented "The Perfect Holiday" from Louisa M. Alcott's "Little Women," produced by Jane Bayly. The diction and costumes in this production were particularly good.

Lastly, Chichester House presented several scenes from Sheridan's "The Rivals." These were produced by Susan Lee, who also played a leading part. The period costumes and scenery were authentic and added much to the general enjoyment of the play.

In her comments upon the morning's entertainment Miss Cox remarked upon the high standard attained by the producers, and commended the general diction and also the hard work which had obviously been put in behind the scenes. She stressed the importance of grouping on the stage. She especially mentioned the backcloth used in "The Nightingale," and also the carefully designed costumes of the orphans in "Jane Eyre," after which she gave an amusing portrayal of the character of Tony Lumpkin in "She Stoops to Conquer" as she herself would have played it. Then after giving us more helpful advice for next year's productions, Miss Cox announced the result. Elliott House came first, Babington House second, Chichester House third, St. Hilary and Bristol Houses tied fourth.

C. PASCOE, F. GILL,
Lower VI.

CLASSICAL ASSOCIATION

The Annual Reading Competition in Latin and Greek was held this year at the end of the Spring Term at Lancing College, and it was a great disappointment to those girls here who had been rehearsing the set pieces for many weeks, to find themselves in quarantine for mumps. Moreover a lecture on "Julius Caesar" which was to have been given at Worthing High School at the beginning of October had to be cancelled owing to the 'flu epidemic, so once again we were disappointed.

Let us hope we may be luckier in 1958 and able to join in some of the inter-school activities.

C. E. J. SHARPE.

DOMESTIC SCIENCE NEWS

This year we have been fortunate in receiving visits from people connected with home-making, who have given us interesting and stimulating insights into their work.

Mr. Bleach from Hannington's called his talk, "The Romance of Fabrics." His three "treasure boxes" contained lovely fabrics which were handed round. We saw samples of velvet similar to that used in the Coronation robes and a length of material that had to be withdrawn from sale as the Queen had chosen some of the same cloth for one of her own dresses.

In the summer term we welcomed Miss Morley from Green's Sponge Mixture Factory; Miss Phillips, a home advisor from the Gas Board; and Miss Corscadon, an Old Girl of the School, now teaching at Roedean. They spoke about their work and the training required, to give us ideas of the careers open to girls trained in domestic science. Miss Grey, who

is known as "Mary Baker" from "Nabasco" food manufacturers spoke of her work in industry, stressing the importance of gaining qualifications in any career.

We received various invitations to factories and other institutions. The Lower V spent an interesting afternoon at Green's factory. They saw the preparation of some of the firm's products, the laboratory and the experimental kitchen. The girls greatly enjoyed the demonstration and the tea afterwards.

An invitation to an Open Day at Seaford College of Housecraft was eagerly accepted by the Sixth Form girls. They enjoyed seeing the students at work and an exhibition depicting the wide range of activities carried out in the College.

Hannington's invited a group of girls to a Dress Show sponsored by the Vogue Pattern Company and the Wenco fabric manufacturers. The girls admired the lovely fabrics and at least one garment, made under Miss Orme's guidance, was inspired by the visit.

At Christmas, the Sixth Form gave a dinner party for five of the staff who were leaving, who had been with us for several years. Among the guests were Mr. Shaw, Mr. Martin and the Vicar. There were many anxious moments as the carefully prepared food was carried through wind and rain to the main building. There was confusion over the coffee and gravy which was fortunately rectified in time.

The now traditional leaving party given by the Sixth Form for the staff and the girls in Upper V took place as usual, with the addition of a beetle drive after supper. This innovation was a great success and provided a happy ending to the year's work in the Domestic Science Department.

V. MILEMAN, Lower VI.

GAMES AND GYM ACTIVITIES

Most of the lacrosse and netball fixtures were cancelled during the winter terms, because epidemics had reached many schools in Sussex, and others were played by diminished teams. Only three of the twelve lacrosse matches were won, but the netball team won three of its five matches. During the Summer Term the tennis team won its only match.

In June, a party went to watch the third day's play at Wimbledon, and as well as having a most enjoyable time, learnt a great deal about tennis.

Swimmers benefited from life-saving classes during the summer but were prevented from taking the examination by another epidemic.

This year Sports Day was held for the whole School and everyone certainly enjoyed themselves. The two day-girl houses, Bristol and Chichester, had the highest number of points. Judith Symonds won the Carr Cup for the best individual performance.

An Inter-House Gym Competition was held at the end of the Spring Term for the cup which had previously been presented to the form giving the best performance. Each House had to present a team of ten girls with a leader to give instructions. The teams each gave a display lasting ten minutes which included vaulting and various activities with balls and ropes. The competition was judged by Miss Langridge, a lecturer from the Chelsea College of Physical Education. She gave the teams much helpful advice and finally awarded the cup to Elliott House. The competition was very successful indeed.

M. FARDELL, Upper VI.

HOUSE COMPETITIONS

Lacrosse	Elliott
Netball	St. Hilary
Tennis	Bristol
Rounders	St. Hilary
Gymnastics	Elliott
Sports	Bristol and Chichester

COLOURS

Lacrosse : M. Habershon, S. Grey, M. A. Coate, V. Hardy, M. Fardell, J. Bayly.

Netball: P. Bennett, B. Kuvanonda.

THE KEELING-SCOTT POETRY AWARD

Senior Prize

"CITY IMPRESSIONS"

The droning summer air was hot and still ;
A dusty tramp sat dozing by the mill,
The doors that lined the streets stood open wide,
And under hot-tiled roofs the city workers sighed.

But autumn nights came chilly after day ;
At dusk the roofs were veiled in blue and grey.
The hub of life was in the city home,
And on the smoke-stained bridge the children ceased to roam.

And soon the glow of Christmas-time was felt ;
Red warmth had made the frosted patterns melt
Upon the panes : the sounds of life were hushed,
And steel-grey hung the sky o'er snow new-crushed.

The gusts of March had swung the weathervane,
Then came the scent of steaming April rain :
Serenely smiled the sun through clouded smoke,
And with the touch of spring a busy hum awoke.

E. VINER, Form Lower VI.

Junior Prize

MOONLIGHT

In the clear night sky the bright stars gleam,
The moon sends down its silvery beam ;
And all below is silent, still,
When the church bell chimes on yonder hill.

The church bell chimes on yonder hill,
Two silent figures linger still ;
Silence is sweet in that soft glow,
Which bathes the quiet world below.

Bathes the quiet world below.
Gently the darkling shadows go ;
Moonlight serene with silver sheen
Reigns over all the calm night scene.

J. SYMONDS, Upper IV.

CHRISTMAS FAIR

On November 24th, 1956, we held a Fair with the primary objective of raising money to buy stage curtains. After the School was re-opened in 1946 curtains were improvised from Government surplus parachute fabric and we felt the time had come to replace them. The chief organiser was Miss Dimishky supported by a Committee of Staff and girls, and her enthusiasm quickly inspired us all to do our share. Each Form concentrated its efforts on producing something different, and the whole effect of the varied stalls, each decorated in blue and gold according to the design chosen by the Form, was really magnificent—fit to whet the appetite of any customer!

The Sale was opened by Miss Gladys Young, of B.B.C. fame, who was a most charming and generous visitor, and no doubt stimulated everyone with a desire to spend money, especially knowing that part of the proceeds was to be sent towards Hungarian relief. In addition to the Stalls in the Elliott Hall and the Common Rooms, there were Side-shows in Room G, an Art Exhibition in the Art Room, an Exhibition of dolls of all nationalities in the Needlework Room, and cafeteria teas served in the dining room and the Geography Room.

The Fair was certainly a triumph of co-operation and hard work. Apart from the takings from Stalls, etc., donations totalling £34 were received from friends, and after the deduction of expenses the sum of £417 was realised. Of this £100 was sent by common vote to the Mayor's Fund for Hungarian Relief and £270 was spent on some splendid new curtains with machinery for operating them.

We thank all our friends for their wonderful generosity and help in this effort.

THE FRENCH PLAY

On December 5th, 1956, members of the Fifth and Sixth forms went to see a French play, "Les Fourberies de Scapin," produced by the Comédie Française at the Dome.

Having stepped eagerly out of the coaches we entered the Dome and waited impatiently with numbers of other schools for several minutes for the curtain to rise. We spent two most enjoyable hours following the ingenious devices and cunning tricks of the knavish Scapin. For although at first he professes himself to be finished with deceits and strategies, he shows himself to be all too ready for such things when his help is asked for by two young gentlemen who, being hopelessly entangled in their love affairs, wish him to pacify their angry fathers.

The production was excellent. Even those who did not understand every word of the French could at least guess the humorous import of the speeches from the expressions and actions of the characters. Scapin himself acted extremely well and so did the two old men, though some people were of the opinion that they were made to appear too ridiculous.

At the end we went home laughing, certainly having gained an insight into the character of the French people. We look forward to the next visit of the Comédie Française this year.

M. FARDELL Upper VI

ST. MARY'S HALL GUIDE COMPANY CAMP

The Guide Camp this year was again a great success, and was held at Coombes Farm, near Shoreham. We went to Coombes in a removal van from School. When we arrived, we saw to our amazement that a large number of chickens were also "camping" in our field. There were also three horses who were very interested in our belongings. One had the audacity to steal an apple from a crate which Miss Brown Douglas had kindly given us.

After a hasty lunch, we pitched our tents and collected firewood. We also set the store tent in order, as food is very vital at camp.

On the Sunday we had a Special Guide Service, taken by a Guider who visited us. In the morning most of us had gone to Holy Communion at the quaint Saxon Church at Coombes. Afterwards Miss Conrady came to breakfast with us. It was a great pleasure to have her.

The only really wet day was, unfortunately, Visitor's Day. But everything went off smoothly and as we had planned.

On the Monday we all went for a day's hike. It was perfect weather and our party sang songs and had a wonderful time. When we got safely back to camp, the field was infested by baa-ing sheep!

At the two camp fires we held we sang many songs and stayed up quite late. At the second one we were given the spooky company of a skeleton, Ebenezer by name!

We were all very sorry to strike camp as we had had such a wonderful time. We are sure everyone has some special memory to cherish after the very happy week spent together and we do sincerely thank those who took us.

SARAH BOYD and CELIA KIMMINS.

A VISIT TO LONDON

Towards the end of the summer term the Sixth Form spent a day sightseeing in London. Mrs. Lawrence and Miss Davies, who were in charge of the party, made all the necessary arrangements.

When the Saturday arrived we all set out for Brighton Station full of high hopes. On arriving at Victoria we went by bus to Westminster, and as we approached Parliament Square we saw the statue of General Smuts. We alighted outside the Houses of Parliament and at eleven o'clock joined a large party which was to be shown round that building, more accurately known as Westminster Palace. We had an excellent guide who related to the party the history connected with the erection and use of the Palace. There are beautiful ceilings in the various halls and good examples of Gothic vaulting, especially in the Norman Porch. The walls are covered with carvings in varying styles.

In the passages are large murals in oils, which are of historic significance. We were conducted through the magnificent and elaborately decorated House of Lords, with its splendid throne, towards the plainer House of Commons with its green plush, furnished with gifts from many parts of the British Commonwealth. From there we passed on downstairs to the older part of the Houses of Parliament, Westminster Hall. This vast hall, with its hammer-beam roof, dates back to the time of William Rufus. It is famous for its stories of later Kings of England and it has witnessed the lying-in-state of many a well-loved sovereign. Last of all we were shown St. Stephen's chapel in the crypt, where there is a lovely old font.

When we came out into the daylight, Big Ben, in all the glory of its new gilt, was chiming twelve noon. Our party then boarded a river launch which took us down the Thames to Greenwich. As

we ate our picnic lunch and glided under Westminster Bridge and Tower Bridge, our attention was drawn to the important buildings on each bank, including St. Paul's Cathedral and the Tower of London.

At Greenwich we first saw over the Cutty Sark which is in dry dock there. We spent some time in the Painted Hall, the Queen's House and the Chapel at Greenwich Hospital. Each of these portray the magnificence of Renaissance architecture and painting. We then moved on to the National Maritime Museum where the party dispersed to look round the numerous paintings, models, uniforms and instruments of navigation and astronomy.

After we had had tea we returned to the pier where we caught the boat back to Westminster. Unfortunately, soon after we had set off, a large black cloud appeared and there was a heavy downpour, which soaked most of the party, and we returned to Victoria as quickly as possible. However the day was not spoilt. Indeed, it was a success in every way—a day which I, for one, shall certainly not forget.

E. VINER Upper VI

VISIT TO THE SUSSEX COUNTY HOSPITAL

On Tuesday, 11th July, the Sixth Form, accompanied by Mrs. Lawrence, were conducted on a tour of the Royal Sussex County Hospital. We were met in the entrance hall by the Matron, who, after welcoming us, took us first of all to see the chapel. She explained that this was situated in the very centre of the hospital in order to emphasise it as the focus of everyday hospital life. She then went on to describe a service that had been held on the preceding Saturday to commemorate the Hospital prizegiving.

At this juncture we were introduced to one of the Sister Tutors who was to be our guide for the rest of the afternoon. On hearing that we were eager to learn a little about nursing as a career, she conducted us through the hospital to the nurses' home, which stands high on the Downs overlooking the sea. There we sat down in one of the lecture rooms while she explained the stages in a nurse's career. She began by telling us of the three months' preliminary training and the subsequent three years general training that are necessary for the qualification of State Registered Nurse, and then went on to outline the prospects for promotion, either to the post of Ward Sister, or, for those with a flair for teaching, to that of Sister Tutor. She ended her short talk by giving us some idea of the salaries that one earned in various posts, together with a résumé of the full and varied life that is led by the nurses in this hospital, both in their studies and in their various sporting activities. Before leaving the Nurses' home we were shown their two communal sitting rooms. These were cosily furnished and were also provided with reading matter, wireless and television. Altogether there was an extremely homely atmosphere about them.

Then we returned to the hospital itself, and spent a little while in the board room admiring the old prints of the building as it was during Regency times, before seeing some of the wards. Here we thoroughly enjoyed ourselves, although an emergency operation prevented us from seeing the theatres. But perhaps the greatest enjoyment came from watching the children in their wards, where, although some looked very uncomfortable because their limbs were strapped in unnatural positions, all seemed bright and smiling.

We concluded our visit with a tour of the huge kitchens where over seven hundred meals are prepared every day. We then returned to the entrance hall and, having taken leave of our guide, returned to school after an extremely interesting and enjoyable afternoon.

M. A. COATE, Upper VI.

ST. MARY'S HALL, BURLINGTON, NEW JERSEY, U.S.A.

We are making an interesting contact with this School following a visit by its Head Mistress, Mrs. F. R. Flounders, during the Summer Term to St. Mary's Hall, Brighton.

This School was founded in 1837 by Bishop George Washington Doane, being the first Episcopal School for girls in New Jersey and one of the oldest in the U.S.

A number of our girls are writing to girls in the "sister" School, and I hope we shall establish a happy relationship in this way with a School which not only has the same name but also very similar aims to ours in St. Mary's Hall, Brighton.

D.C.

U.N.E.S.C.O.

We observed United Nations Day on October 24th with special prayers, followed by a film showing some of the work of U.N.E.S.C.O., which aroused the interest of many of the girls. The official magazine 'Courier' is taken regularly and last year Christmas cards were sold. Half of the proceeds from the sale of these U.N.E.S.C.O. cards helps financially with the tremendous task of the organisation and we have hopes of our contribution increasing this year.

VISIT TO ST. MARY de HAURA CHURCH, SHOREHAM

Form Lower IV. visited this church on November 9th to see the architecture. The interior is Norman and Early English. The carved pillars at the north end are shaped differently from those at the south. The former are decorated with queer faces because the men and women of the past believed that all the evil and wicked spirits came from the north, as it is the darkest and coldest place on earth. The faces were said to frighten away these evil spirits

The font is made of Sussex marble and is very old indeed. The lid is of smooth, brown wood, and has a handle attached to it. A copy of the old font can be found in Chichester museum, but the colour is not as good as the original. The pulpit is much too large for its surroundings and looks rather odd. It is white and stands to the left of the organ.

The view from the roof of St. Mary's is very good, Lancing College can be seen in the distance, and on a clear day one can see St. Mary's Hall. Twice a week a man has to go up to the tower and wind the clock, because its pendulums cannot swing down into the nave itself.

We all enjoyed our visit very much, and were very grateful to Mr. Froggatt for inviting us.

S. READ-JOHN, Upper IV.

Leisure

What is this life if, full of care,
We have no time to stand and stare?
To stand and watch the crashing waves,
That pound the rock and form the caves.
To stare at rugged rocks, where cling
Small jelly fish with hidden sting.
To gaze at cliffs both bleak and grey,
Whose rugged forms are spurned by spray
To turn your head to shining sand,
And seagulls crying o'er the land.

VICTORIA BURGE, Upper IV. E

EXTRACTS FROM THE DIARY OF A VISIT TO MECCA

My diary is about the most fantastic week I have ever had in all my life. It was when I was at Mecca with my parents.

We arrived at Mecca Airport at exactly a minute past twelve o'clock in the night. I was very tired, to the extent of walking and sleeping at the same time. The first thing I heard in the morning was the cry of one of the malams summoning all Moslems to prayers in the Mosque. This was at half-past five in the morning. I went to sleep immediately afterwards. In the afternoon we went to the Mosque again to pray.

After that my parents took me to a shop for measurement, because neither English nor my own native style was allowed. The only style allowed was a long garment with long sleeves, a veil, a pair of sandals and a head gear. Everything one wears must be light because of the heat. There are no buses or trains in Mecca and very few cars. At seven o'clock in the evening we had our supper after which I went straight to bed.

The next morning my mother told me that we would go to the barber to have our hair shaven off. I tried to hide so that I wouldn't have mine shaven off, but it was no good. My trick was found out and I had my hair shaven off. My father told me that it is to cleanse away our sin. . .

The next day was a great day when Moslems believe that Mohammed was born on that day—it is exactly like the Christians' Christmas. I got up at half-past four and after dressing I took my parents a cup of tea. We then went to the Mosque.

That night I found a big surprise awaiting me. A big parcel was on my bed. I was so excited that I lost patience and tore a little bit off the lovely veil. In one word, a set of Arabian garments was in the parcel. I do not know how I went to sleep! The next morning we said goodbye to all our friends. About half-way over the Sahara desert the plane went so fast that I fell off my seat. My parents told me that it was because of a sandstorm. I got so tired that I went to sleep. The noise I first heard was the cry of a baby. I got up and gave it some water because everybody was asleep. At last we arrived at Lagos Airport and there our neighbours and friends came to welcome us. I was so glad to be back home. We told our friends all about our adventure in Mecca and I told my mother "I am glad I went with you because I met new people and places and above all I have seen altogether another way of living."

SHAREEFAH SALAWU

ON GOING SWIMMING ON A COLD MORNING

As I sat in the warm kitchen sipping hot tea, my glance fell on the clock. Within half-an-hour my friend would visit me. The previous day she had persuaded me to go with her for an early morning swim and I had eventually agreed.

I looked out of the steamy windows. Outside it was damp with a slight mist. The sea would be freezing cold and uninvitingly grey. We would walk to the beach, the keen air whipping our faces as we strode to our hut. I hurried back to the cheery glow of the fire. Why had I said I would go for a swim on a day like this?

The beach hut would be warm, but getting into a wet bathing costume—ugh! Then the thought of opening the door and the biting wind blowing the dry, stinging sand on to my legs. Mentally I divided

that nightmare journey to the water into five stages. The first would be walking through the dry windswept sand which would whip our legs. Next would come the uncomfortable task of crossing a broad expanse of shingle. Knowing Margaret, she would be away and into the water long before this part of my journey was finished. Those awful stones, how I hated them! Then there would be a stretch of soggy, wet sand, making my feet shiver; but the worst would be still to come. A mass of slimy seaweed would still lie between me and the cold, grey merciless sea. I shuddered and my toes curled up in my warm slippers as I thought of that slimy, slippery mass.

Then at last would come the sea. By now Margaret would be almost hoarse from shouting to me, and would be wading out to drag me in. Gingerly I would place my toe in the freezing water, but my foot would recoil instantly from the icy foam. Then Margaret would pull me by the arm and I would feel myself being gradually engulfed by the surging waves. The water would begin to seep through my damp costume. Then suddenly I would find myself breathing salt water, and the weight of Margaret's hand on my head. There was nothing I loathed more than being ducked!

I glanced once more at the clock. Margaret would be here in just over five minutes. As I changed from my slippers into thick, warm socks and plimsolls, I wondered what it would be like putting them on to wet feet, sticky with salt. I would first have to get out of a cold, wet, clammy bathing costume, spattered with stringy seaweed. Trying to dry with a cold towel, I would probably find that Margaret had dropped her towel on top of my socks and made them damp, and then I would have to walk home in cold uncomfortable socks.

There were still two minutes to go before Margaret came. As I bent down to do up my second shoelace the doorbell rang. How like Margaret to be early! Impatiently she rang again, so, bracing myself, I picked up my bundle, threw my cloak round my shoulders, and with one last effort left the warm, cosy kitchen behind me.

C. KIMMINS.

THE MOST BEAUTIFUL PLACE ON MY IMAGINARY ISLAND

The most beautiful place on my island is Lake Vin. I first saw it when I was out for an evening walk. The lake was lapping gently on the shore and there was a golden path set across its waters. The hills were in a dewy mist with the mountains rising majestically above. Here and there a piece of sunlit snow formed fantastic shapes. Everywhere was so peaceful.

Suddenly in the sunset the mountains looked as though they were on fire. The outline of the highest peaks was a burning rose in colour. The crags below looked eerie as their shadows danced. The dew on the hills was a delicate pink and the lake had a crimson path set across its waters. After a few minutes it all faded away and dusk fell. Lake Vin had gone to sleep.

A. McNEIL, Lower IV.

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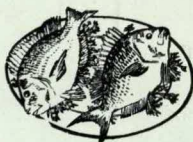
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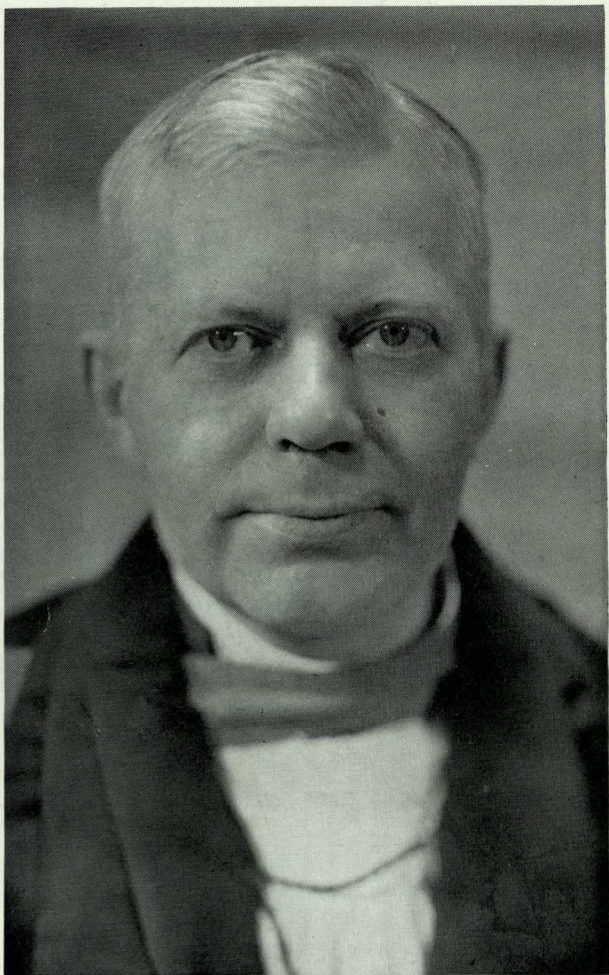
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