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



THE ST. MARYAN.



OPENING OF THE NEW ANNEXE BY PRINCESS CHRISTIAN.

AMONG the events of the past year the visit of Her Royal Highness Princess Christian, on Founder's Day, November 7th, 1899, must take the first place.

As recorded in the last News-Letter, the New Building, now known as the Princess Christian Annexe, was informally opened at a short service of dedication, on Founder's Day, 1898, and work was begun in the new class rooms in January, 1899.

It was hoped that the promised visit of H.R.H. Princess Christian for the purpose of formally opening the Annexe might have taken place in the Lent Term of 1899, but it had to be postponed until the autumn. In the meantime changes had taken place which prevented Miss Birrell's presence at the ceremony, and this fact was the one great disappointment on what was, in every other respect, a red-letter day in the history of the Hall.

Dear Miss Birrell shewed her sympathetic interest in the event by sending a telegram of affectionate greetings, which was read by Sir Charles Elliott, when the guests were assembled in the large schoolroom, awaiting the arrival of the Princess.

Under the direction of our resourceful Treasurer, great preparations had been made in the schoolroom to provide room for all the visitors. Every piece of furniture which could not be induced to provide sitting or standing room was cleared out of the way into the Cloisters. A large platform was put up in front of the organ in the inner schoolroom for the Princess, principal guests and Trustees, and by means of other platforms all the visitors were able to have a good view of the proceedings. The girls seemed to require an unusually small amount of space on this occasion, and were all in the inner schoolroom, the chorus class, prize holders and presenters of purses, seated in front of the platform, and the rest grouped behind it on each side of the organ. The room was prettily decorated under the direction of Miss Goode, and the outside of the New Building was gay with flags.

H.R.H. Princess Christian, accompanied by Colonel and Mrs. Gordon, arrived at Brighton Station at 3.20 p.m., and was received there by the Mayor (Alderman Hawkes), Mrs. and Miss Hawkes, and by two Trustees of the School, the Rev. C. H. Griffith and Mr. Gill.

The Princess was received at the entrance to the Annexe by Sir Charles Elliott, the Rev. Prebendary Snowdon Smith and the Lady Principal, and was conducted over the building, while the Bishop of Wakefield's Jubilee Hymn was being sung in the schoolroom. She expressed her great pleasure at seeing the Annexe, and congratulated the School on possessing such bright and airy class rooms.

As the Princess entered the schoolroom, the National Anthem was sung, and a beautiful basket of flowers was presented to her by the baby of the School, Amy Chesshire.

On the platform were the Lord Lieutenant of the County, the Mayor and Mayoress, the Countess of Chichester, Sir Charles and Lady Elliott, Miss Blanche Elliott, Lady Cunningham, Mrs. Wilberforce, Prebendary Snowden Smith, the Rev. J. Barton, the Rev. C. H. and Mrs. Griffith, the Rev. C. and Mrs. Gaussen, Mr. and Mrs. Gill, the Rev. A. and Mrs. Morgan, and others.

The ceremony began with the presentation of an address to the Princess by the senior Elliott Scholar, Constance Eacott. It had been beautifully illuminated by the other Elliott Scholar, Isabel Boulton, and was contained in a mother-of-pearl casket, given by Sir Charles Elliott. It was read in a clear and steady voice which could be heard all over the room, and the reader was rewarded by the Princess with a gracious shake of the hand.

The Address ran as follows :—

“To Her Royal Highness the Princess Christian of Schleswig-Holstein, Princess of Great Britain and Ireland.

“May it please your Royal Highness :—We, the pupils of St. Mary's Hall, approach you with an expression of our profound gratitude for your kindness in graciously consenting to visit the Hall a second time, in order to declare open the Annexe which is to bear your Royal Highness's name. The suggestion made by your Royal Highness at your first visit, pointing to the enlargement and rearrangement of the dormitory space, originated the effort which has resulted in the interior improvements of the old building and the construction of the new class-rooms which you have seen to-day. A sufficient number of bright and airy rooms has been supplied for the instruction of the classes, the Hall has been set free to fulfil its proper purpose as a place of assembly for meetings of the whole school, for music, for entertainments, and for recreation, and four rooms which have been used as class rooms are now occupied as bedrooms, and relieve the pressure on the space of the larger dormitories. The total cost of the new building, and the improvements of the old building, has been £2,200. Of this, through the kindness of many generous friends, all but £160 has been collected, and to-day, as the result of a further effort, stimulated by this memorable occasion, purses will be presented to your Royal Highness, containing amounts which will completely clear off the deficit. We trust that it will be some gratification to your Royal Highness to know that the effect of that suggestion so graciously made by you will have a beneficial effect on the physical and intellectual growth of the pupils of St. Mary's Hall, and will add materially to the prosperity and usefulness of the Institution, and we humbly request that in token of your appreciation you will be pleased to declare the new building open, and to confer on it the name of ‘The Princess Christian Annexe.’ We are, with profound respect, your Royal Highness's most humble servants,

“C. EACOTT,)
“I. M. BOULTBEE,) *Elliott Scholars.*

“November 7th, 1899.”

The Princess, with a clear voice, then said—"I have to express my pleasure at being here to-day ; I am delighted to see the improvements that have taken place ; and I have much pleasure in declaring this building open."

The dedication prayers were read by the Rev. J. Barton. Then came the presentation of purses, in aid of the New Building Fund, by about twenty of the youngest pupils, each dressed in white and wearing yellow chrysanthemums, and by four little visitors :—Miss Sylvia Donne (granddaughter of Sir C. Elliott), Miss Rosalind Saumarez Smith (daughter of the Archbishop of Sydney), Miss Lucy Gill, and Miss Esther Gervis. The purses were dainty little bags of white satin, tied with gold cord, made for the occasion by Mrs. Griffith, and they contained considerably over £200.

The prizes were afterwards given away by the Princess, and the ceremony in the large schoolroom ended with the singing of the School Hymn, the words of which have been written by the Archbishop of Sydney, and set to music by his daughter, Miss Mabel Saumarez Smith. The hymn will be found at the end of the News-Letter.

After the Rev. Prebendary Snowdon Smith had pronounced the Benediction, the Princess left the schoolroom and visited the newly-arranged dormitories. She most warmly expressed her pleasure at these improvements. After taking tea in the Library, Her Royal Highness left by the main entrance. The members of the staff were drawn up in the front hall and were introduced by name to her.

The guests in the schoolroom were entertained with music while the Princess was having tea, and after she had left, Mrs. Wilberforce very kindly distributed the certificates to the successful candidates in examinations.

Dear Miss Elliott's suggestion to present purses on November 7th proved a most happy one. Old pupils will be interested to know that the sum which they contained, together with various others received late last autumn, amounted in all to £258, and thus the deficit referred to in the address was more than met, and we were enabled to defray a good many subsidiary expenses connected with the opening of the Annexe, including the substantial repair of the drive.

We have indeed reason to be very thankful that the work begun on May 7th, 1898, when the Rev. Prebendary Snowdon Smith cut the first turf on the site of the New Building, and asked God's blessing on the undertaking, has been so happily completed, and that the efforts and the faith of those who worked so hard to collect the needed funds have been so amply rewarded.

FOUNDER'S DAY.

Founder's Day was celebrated, as has been stated, on November 7th. A great many old pupils visited the school, and several spent one or two nights with us.

The Service was held this year at St. Mark's Church, and the sermon was preached by the Right Rev. Bishop Ingham (late of Sierra Leone), from Rom. viii. 12, "Therefore, brethren, we are debtors."

The events of the afternoon have already been described. The Concert was necessarily a somewhat short one. Marie Barber and Kathleen Parr were the solo singers, and Miss F. Potter gave us one of her delightful pianoforte solos.

After the Concert and Distribution of Certificates, most of our friends visited the Princess Christian Annexe, and admired the new class-rooms.

LETTER FROM MISS BIRRELL.

All old girls will be eager to have news of Miss Birrell. From time to time she has cheered us at School with letters of encouragement telling of her doings at her different resting places. We have had "Jottings from Varengeville," "Jottings from Glasgow," and "Jottings from Torquay." The following letter to her "old girls" must have the next place in *The St. Maryan*.

HIGH SCHOOL FOR GIRLS,
GROSVENOR VILLAS, DARTMOUTH ROAD,
PAIGNTON,

28th March, 1900.

MY DEAR "OLD GIRLS,"

I feel as if I ought long ago to have sent to you my grateful and loving thanks for the beautiful gifts which you were so generous as to present to me on the occasion of my leaving St. Mary's Hall, and on my birthday.

When, on July 26th, 1899, by the kindness of the trustees, I had the opportunity of seeing a good many of you, I was quite taken by surprise when dear Agnes Hobbins and Maggie Church stepped forward and presented me with a handsome timepiece. Do not think that I do not value it, because I left it at St. Mary's Hall to adorn the mantelpiece of the drawing-room, and look nice when H.R.H. Princess Christian visited the School. I was going to lead a pilgrim life, and I felt it would be safer there than anywhere else; indeed it looks so well there, I feel I owe an apology to the mantelpiece for taking it away! Now that I have again an abiding place, I am sending for it, and I hope, before this letter reaches you, I shall once more enjoy my much-prized possession. The dear members of the "Committee," Mary Millard, Florence Thornburgh, Agnes Hobbins, Mary Coe, and Violet Friedlaender, must, I fear, have given themselves a great deal of trouble.

I have also warmly to thank you for two volumes of Herbert's "Science of Education," which is a valuable addition to my library. For fifteen years the date of my birthday was kept a profound secret because there is a danger—and a very serious one—that birthday anniversaries in a great school like St. Mary's Hall may become a burdensome tax on purses that have already many claims upon them. It was, therefore, an article of religion with me to discourage birthday gifts, and, in order to do so, I kept the date of my own birthday

mystery. I hardly know how it leaked out—someone must have given evidence—because two beautiful pictures, tastefully framed, greeted my 50th birthday. I had them hung in my little bedroom at home, and often, too often perhaps, thought of the kind donors.

I had, as you may have heard, a most enjoyable stay in Normandy. I was driven home, partly by the approach of winter, and partly by an anxiety about the war in South Africa. I was so long in getting news, and the French newspapers which came into my hands were sometimes so very unpleasant to read, that I preferred to be near the sources of information. I could, however, have enjoyed a much longer stay with my charming hostess. In Normandy I felt quite near you all, with nothing but the blue waters of the channel between myself and Brighton. I always knew what kind of weather you were having, because we were on the coast and shared the same experience. What a glorious summer and autumn we had ! I did enjoy having no duties, no responsibilities, and devoting my time to my new hobby. It was a very great pleasure to develop my acquaintance with my own family circle, who, during the 25 years of absorbing work which had elapsed since I left home, had not had much of my society.

But, when the turn of the year came, I began to get very tired of doing nothing in particular, and I must have accumulated a certain amount of energy, because I greatly wanted to do something with it. I made up my mind that Glasgow was too far away from my "Old Girls," and the many dear friends I had left in England.

It was, therefore, with alacrity and satisfaction that I accepted the invitation of an old and dear friend to come and visit her, and see if I should like to be associated with her in the arrangement of a day school.

So here I am again at work, enjoying greatly the sight of young people around me.

I hope to keep Sunday as a "remembering" day for you all, to think of, and write to, my old St. Mary's Hall circle. I have been kindly provided with a list of the birthdays of the pupils and mistresses now at the Hall.

May I suggest, if such a plan should fall in with the views of any of you, that those who have been in the habit of subscribing through me should send the subscription about a week before their birthday, and thus remind me of the date, giving me at the same time their actual address. I could thus keep in touch with the many dear old pupils whose affection was my great support during the years of toil and responsibility which I was, I fear, too anxious-minded to bear gracefully. May I also remind any who happen not to be aware of it, that there is a Prayer Union in connection with the Old Pupils' Association, which all members are earnestly invited to join. Either Miss Potter or myself will be happy to supply the card. Personally, I have found it a great help.

Believe me to be, with unalterable affection,

Your loving old school-mistress,

C. M. BIRRELL.

THE REV. PREBENDARY SNOWDON SMITH'S NINETIETH BIRTHDAY.

On December 1st our beloved Honorary Secretary celebrated his ninetieth birthday, and in commemoration of the event, he planted a laburnum tree in the grounds, at the bottom of the front lawn. The tree is flourishing bravely, and shows promise of much blossom. The girls presented Mr. Snowdon Smith with a framed photograph of the school group, taken in July.

On Monday, December 4th, the School had a half holiday in honour of the event, and through the kindness of Miss Margaret Snowdon Smith all enjoyed a birthday tea. We wished that Mr. Snowdon Smith himself could have been present, and we were very glad to have Mr. and Mrs. Griffith with us.

Forms I. and II., the members of which had been in a state of mysterious and suppressed excitement for some time beforehand, gave us a most delightful evening, with scenes from "Alice in Wonderland".

TRUSTEES' GARDEN PARTY, JULY 26TH, 1899.

By the kindness of the resident Trustees, a Garden Party was held on July 26th, and many old pupils and friends took this opportunity of seeing Miss Birrell again before she left the Hall. Those who came from a distance joined the School at lunch in the dining hall, and before we separated our beloved Secretary, the Rev. Prebendary Snowdon Smith, spoke a few words on behalf of the Trustees, in grateful recognition of Miss Birrell's fifteen years of work in the School, and he made the announcement that they had asked him to present Miss Birrell a cheque for 100 guineas as a token of their appreciation. This he handed to her amid much applause, and when this had ceased Miss Birrell spoke a few touching words.

The senior scholar, Eleanor Woodgate, then presented Miss Birrell with a prettily illuminated album, to which each member of the Sixth Form had contributed one or more pages, each containing a little sketch in black and white or colours, and a well-chosen poem or prose extract from some of Miss Birrell's favourite authors.

The weather was delightfully bright and warm, and while some of our visitors were tempted indoors to a Concert in the schoolroom, others preferred to stay in the shady garden and watch the Stool-ball Match between the Trustees' Eleven and the School Eleven, which resulted in the victory of the latter, in spite of the superior catching powers of their opponents.

Two photographs were taken, one of the school, teachers and domestic staff, and another of old pupils and friends.

After the singing of the School Hymn, which was arranged as a surprise for Mr. Snowdon Smith, Agnes Hobbins and Maggie Church on behalf of Miss Birrell's old pupils, presented her with a handsome clock in an oak case, bearing the following inscription:—"Presented to Miss Birrell by the old pupils of the School, July 26th, 1899."

to Miss C. M. Birrell by the Old Girls of St. Mary's Hall, as a token of their love and of their deep gratitude for all that she has done for the School—July, 1899."

There was a Calisthenic Display in the cloisters, and then the prizes for the best kept gardens were presented by Mrs. Griffith to Ella Davies, Julia Sweet, and Daisy Phelps (1st prize); Nellie Ash, Louise Barrett, and Ethel Archer (2nd prize).

Later in the day Miss Birrell received from the mistresses, past and present, a revolving oak bookcase and a red morocco easy chair; and from Mrs. Thompson and the household staff an inkstand.

EDUCATIONAL.

Eight members of the Sixth Form entered for either the Oxford or Cambridge Higher Local Examinations, and were very successful. Eleanor Woodgate, who took a first class in Divinity in the Cambridge Higher Local, entered Newnham College in October last, and is studying for the Mathematical Tripos. Eight seniors and eight juniors passed the Oxford Local Examinations.

Marie Barber, who left us in December, passed the Examination for the Licentiate of the Royal Academy of Music and also the Senior Local Examination of the Associated Board, R.A.M. and R.C.M. in singing, and is now studying singing and pianoforte at the Royal Academy.

During the autumn the members of the Sixth Form attended an interesting course of lectures on French History, given in French by Professor Marmery, at the Municipal Schools, and gained a great deal of benefit from them.

Additional interest was given to their French study by the preparation, under Miss Fleming Wright's direction, of some scenes from "*Les Précieuses Ridicules*," which the members of the Sixth Form performed on the last Saturday of the Autumn Term.

Sir Charles and Lady Elliott have added yet another kindness to the many which they have shewn the Hall, by establishing experimentally for five years two Scholarships, to be called the Lady Elliott Scholarships, for the purpose of enabling St. Mary's Hall girls, after they leave school, to receive the training to fit them for teaching in Elementary Schools.

A quotation from the paper explaining the scheme may be of interest. Sir Charles Elliott (who, as Chairman of the Finance Committee of the London School Board, has an intimate knowledge of the facts connected with elementary teaching) says:—"A certificated teacher, who is properly qualified, can command a good income for her working life, with a pension at the age of 65, either in Voluntary Schools or under a School Board. If, for instance, she takes service under the London School Board, she will begin on a salary of £80, rising by yearly increments to £140. If employed in a Higher Grade

School or a Pupil Teachers' Centre, she will receive an addition to this salary, and if promoted to be a head mistress she may rise to £300. Similarly, under the Brighton School Board, she would receive £75, rising to £90, with higher salary for higher posts. The pecuniary prospects for women are, therefore, distinctly good, and though the work is hard, it is pleasant and useful."

CHANGES IN THE STAFF.

It was with much sorrow that we bade farewell to Miss Neilson, Miss Goode, and Miss Frances Potter at the end of the Christmas Term, and with a deep sense of gratitude to them for their teaching and their help during so many years.

Past and present pupils and friends united in giving each a parting present. Miss Neilson received a cheque and a Russia leather hand-bag; Miss Goode a gold watch and a muff; Miss F. Potter a walnut-wood bureau.

Miss Neilson has been resting and visiting friends since leaving Brighton. Miss Goode paid a flying visit to the Hall on May 12th, and Miss Frances Potter was with us before Easter, when we were in the thick of an epidemic of a light form of measles.

CHURCH NOTES.

The Bishop of Chichester held the Annual Confirmation in St. Mark's, on June 16th. The following pupils were confirmed last year:—Isabel Boulton, VIb.; Kathleen Williams, IIIa.; Ruth Smith, IIIa.; Evelyn Laycock, Preparatory; Hilda Cribb, IIIb.

On Sunday, November 26th, the Bishop of Islington preached at St. Mark's Church in behalf of the East London Church Fund, and on the following morning he visited the Hall with Mr. Morgan, and after going over the building he spoke to those girls whose fathers are at work in his diocese.

The Bishop of Stepney, who was also in Brighton for the same purpose on November 26th, most kindly visited the Hall on that Sunday afternoon, and gave us a deeply interesting address on the needs of the East End children.

The Rev. A. Morgan has shewn much kind interest in the School, and in September began a weekly Bible Class on Tuesday mornings. He has also come on one evening at the beginning of each Term to take prayers and welcome us back to work.

GENERAL NEWS.

A Tennis Tournament and the School Sports were held on the Half-Term holiday, June 22nd. Particulars of these and of the Games Club will be found below.

The twelfth election for the Good Conduct Medal resulted in the choice of Ella Davies. The medal was presented by the kind donor,

Mrs. Comyns Woodman, at the Garden Party on July 26th. Duplicates of the sets of photographs of the twelve holders which were presented in three shelved frames to Mrs. Woodman last year, now hang in the dining hall.

The ballot for the post of Birthday Mother resulted in the election of Hilda Fothergill.

A Working Party was started in the Lent Term on Tuesday evenings, and a good many things were made. Some are to be sent to poor children in the East End of London, others are articles suitable to send to missionaries abroad. We hope to resume these gatherings next winter.

Early in the Autumn Term we had a visit from Miss E. P. Hughes, late Principal of the Cambridge Training College. She stayed with us for four days, visiting different classes, and delighted the Sixth Form with a lesson on a comparison between Browning's "Patriot" and Rudyard Kipling's "Dedication of the Barrack Room Ballads."

THE GAMES CLUB.

The Annual Sports were held on June 22nd, the Half-Term Holiday.

The prize winners were as follows :—

Running (15 and over)—E. Davies.

„ (over 13)—(1) A. Sweet, (2) E. Evans.

„ (under 13)—D. Cross.

Egg and Ladle Race (15 and over)—E. Davies.

„ (13 and 14)—G. Rainbow.

„ (under 13)—L. Raynor.

Potato Race (over 13)—(1) L. Parr, (2) H. Edwards.

„ (under 13)—D. Senior.

Three-Legged Race (over 13)—I. Geary, A. Tugwell.

„ (under 13)—M. Fothergill, D. Senior.

Sewing Race (over 13)—R. Smith.

„ (under 13)—A. Downes-Shaw.

Skipping—E. Snowdon Smith.

Tug-of-War—M. Pilter's Team.

The Tennis Tournament was won by Miss Berridge and E. Davies, and the Fives Tournament by W. Snowdon Smith.

Two Cricket Matches were played during the Summer Term by the First Eleven.

S. M. H. v. Roodean Roodean, by an innings.

S. M. H. v. "25 Square" Eleven ... S. M. H., 67-46 runs.

At the beginning of the Autumn Term the First Hockey Eleven voted for their Captain, and Constance Eacott was elected.

Several matches were played during the Term by the First and Second Elevens.

First Eleven v. Kemp Town Ladies' Hockey Club	...	S. M. H., 6-1.
First Eleven v. Roedean Second Eleven	Draw, 1-1.
Second Eleven v. Lewes Crescent Eleven	S. M. H., 8-1.
First Eleven v. Roedean Second Eleven	Draw, 2-2.
First Eleven v. Roedean Second Eleven	Roedean, 2-1.

Ella Davies was elected Hockey Captain for the Easter Term, but no matches were played owing to an epidemic of measles. As this was the first time that the First Eleven had worn pads, they were much disappointed at being unable to make use of them in any Hockey matches.

EXCURSIONS.

On May 24th a party of forty went with Mrs. Greenwood and Miss Thornburgh to Falmer, and on June 7th another party, numbering forty-six, went with Miss Birrell and her two sisters, Mrs. Scott and Miss Joanna Birrell.

Through the kindness of Mrs. Greenwood, a third party of elder pupils spent a pleasant afternoon in the Falmer Woods with Miss Evans and Miss E. Potter.

On July 21st four members of the Sixth Form, with Miss Ellaby and Miss Potter, visited Miss Elliott in her new house, Newholme, Addlestone, Surrey, and very much enjoyed the delightful hours spent with her.

NOTES AND EXTRACTS FROM LETTERS FROM OLD PUPILS AND OTHERS.

MISS CHURCHER continues to send us an interesting journal from time to time. She is still engaged in school work at the C. I. M. Home for the Children of Missionaries at Chefoo, China. In her last letter she writes:—"This term has, as usual, been a very busy one, with a new experience to me, viz., that of teaching boys! (Can you imagine me?) The boys' school staff has been very short of workers this year. Three of us have been helping there, going down (one or the other of us) for two hours every morning; I went twice a week and taught them History and Grammar (of course!) and Dictation. Imagine me with twenty-five boys, varying in age from ten to fifteen, not very well disciplined to begin with, owing to change of masters. It was not unmitigated bliss, and I came to the conclusion that my forte was not teaching boys. However, it is over, I hope, for the present, for next term we shall not be able to spare the time: so they

will have to do without us. . . . I am trying to do a little Chinese these holidays. I have had to set it aside since Easter, and have done nothing beyond preparing for my Sunday class."

MAUD ASTON, who left us in 1891, went out as a Missionary to China, under the C. E. Z. M. S. last autumn. She is at Dang Seng, and has sent us a photograph of the school in which she is helping. In the letter which accompanied it, she said, "I am sending you a photo of our school for the girls. . . . I thought the photo would interest them. As I heard through Mr. Stewart, when at the Hall, the need of China, some now at school may one day be missionaries, and so might like to hear about the work. I am of course busy with the language all day. This term I teach for half-an-hour a day, Romanized reading and dictation, and also each morning have prayers with the servants and teachers. . . . Will you please give my love to any who remember me, and I am sure you do often remember us in prayer; we do need so much, Satan is so very real in China."

MARGARET BAKER is now at the Pension Boos-Jegher, in Zürich, where Mary Coe was for some time.

MAGGIE CHURCH hopes (D.V.) to begin her training at The Olives, under the C. E. Z. M. S., next October.

ELSIE STRINGER took Edith Holland's place at Fraûlein Bechtel's, in Kreuznach, and has been equally happy there. Violet Boulton hopes to succeed her in August next.

CONSTANCE EACOTT is also in Germany with Miss Harcourt, at Haus Sesam, Wiesbaden. She writes:—"May 20th, 1900. I go to a Kindergarten for poor children once a week to help with the teaching and supervision. Next week I am to have two hours-and-a-half teaching and two hours play with the children on Friday; the head mistress says I shall learn all the Froebel Method by going regularly to the classes, and the play in the afternoon is really in return for the benefit I get."

MARGARET MAYNARD is continuing her course at the Gloucestershire School of Domestic Economy, where she is studying cookery, dressmaking, housewifery, and laundry work, and having practice in teaching classes of children.

GRACE ROCK and CONNIE CHANCELLOR are both working at St. Mary's Children's Hospital, Plaistow, where Alice Eacott has been for some years.

WINIFRED CRIBB sends interesting accounts of her life at Boufarik, in Algiers, where she is teaching in an English family.

KATIE ANDERSON writes in October last from Dunmurry, co. Antrim:—"I am carrying out my original intention of working by the day in suburban gardens. As I only commenced in June, this summer is not a fair test; yet I was fully occupied all the season, partly in getting my own quarter of an acre into proper cultivation from a field, and partly in doing jobs. I feel fairly confident for my future now, and intend making window boxes my speciality, growing the plants for them myself." Katie's Swanley training has thus proved most useful to her.

OUR ORPHAN IN INDIA.

Mary Elliott Hall, the little Indian Orphan adopted by the pupils of St. Mary's Hall, has written twice during the past year. As she was very anxious to have a photograph of her "mamma," a copy of the school group was sent to her in the autumn, together with a Hindi Prayer Book, for a Christmas present. In her pretty letter of thanks, of which Miss Daeuble kindly sent a translation, Mary said:—"I am well, and I hope you too are well by the Grace of God our Father. May God give His blessing to all the work of the Miss Sahibs. And mamma, Christmas is near. The Prayer Book which you sent me, the Miss Sahib gave me on Sunday. I send you many Salaams and love, and many, many thank-you's for it." The signature was written in English characters.

LIST OF MEMBERS OF THE PRAYER UNION.

- Miss Elliott, Newholme, Addlestone, Surrey.
 Miss R. Hughes, The Shrubby, St. Peter's Road, Croydon.
 Miss H. Bagley, Pattiswick Rectory, Braintree, Essex.
 Miss D. Brown, Maitlands, Colchester.
 Miss L. Eastman, 8 Gains Road, Southsea.
 Miss Hanham, c/o the Rev. C. Thornton, Northwold Rectory, Norfolk.
 Miss F. Hornbuckle, 3 Alexander Villas, Brighton.
 Miss Daeuble, Bhagalpur, India.
 Miss Hobson, Uppington Vicarage, Wellington, Salop.
 Miss D. Donne, 9 The Close, Lichfield.
 Miss F. Kyle, 5 Beverley Road, Annerley, S.E.
 Mrs. Roper, Langmere, Brigstock Road, Haywards Heath.
 Mrs. Sharpe, Elmley Lovett Rectory, Droitwich.
 Mrs. Chancellor, { 99 West Cliff Road, Ramsgate.
 Miss Chancellor, {
 Miss F. Brewer, Powys Court, Eastbourne.
 Miss E. Turncliffe, Prospect House, Earlsheaton, Dewsbury.
 Miss E. Snowdon Smith, 19 Marmion Road, Sefton Park, Liverpool.
 Miss L. Coombes, St. Hugh's Hall, Oxford.
 Miss Gledhill, Ripponden Vicarage.
 Miss E. Lovelock, Emneth Vicarage, Wisbech.
 Miss M. Church, { The Dell, Bonchurch, Isle of Wight.
 Miss C. Church, {
 Miss L. Stringer, Portodown Vicarage, Purbrook.
 Miss K. Anderson.
 Miss K. Darby, Marklye, Warbleton, Heathfield.
 Miss R. Warren, Steeple Bumpstead Vicarage, Haverhill.
 Miss A. Pearson, Spring Hill, St. Philip's, Barbadoes.
 Miss Churcher, China Inland Mission, Chefoo, China.
 Miss F. Thornburgh, {
 Miss A. Hobbins, { St. Mary's Hall, Kemp Town, Brighton.
 Miss Webster, {
 Miss A. Dry, Rushall Rectory, Pewsey, Wilts.
 Miss L. Adamson, The Vicarage, Old Ford, London.
 Mrs. Doolan, Corscombe Rectory, Dorchester.
 Mrs. Lewis, Violet Cottage, Llandoverly.
 Miss E. Taylor, The Parsonage, Polegate, Sussex.
 Miss A. Hunt, Church High School for Girls, Tewkesbury.
 Miss E. Sibthorp, c/o the Rev. Canon Bernard, The Close, Salisbury.
 Miss M. Coe, c/o the Rev. E. C. Nightingale, Escot Vicarage, Ottery
 St. Mary.
 Miss C. Hughes, Llancarfan Vicarage, Cowbridge, Wales.
 Mrs. Clement Aitkens, Orpington, near Chiselhurst.
 Mrs. Annie Ashwin, Training Home for Missionaries, Baranagore, Calcutta.

Miss R. Elwin, 50 Hamlet Road, Upper Norwood, S.E.
 Miss G. Raynor, Welling, Kent.
 Miss Hobbins, Newlands, Middlesborough.
 Miss Margaret Baker, Matlock Bath.
 Mrs. Milne, Norwood, Mudford Road Christchurch, Hants.
 Miss M. Maynard, Belsize House, Gloucester.
 Miss S. Evans, St. Faith's, Seaford, Sussex.
 Mrs. Stewart, Parknook, Kenilworth Avenue, Wimbledon.
 Miss Mary Ashwin, Quadring Vicarage, Spalding, Lincolnshire.
 Miss R. Taylor, The Priory, Blakeney, Norfolk.
 Miss C. Eacott, Roslyn House, Thornton, Yorkshire.
 Miss C. J. B. Birrell, Eildonville, Peebles, N.B.
 Miss C. M. Birrell, 1 Grosvenor Villas, Dartmouth Road, Paignton, Devon.
 Miss Potter, St. Mary's Hall, Kemp Town, Brighton.

NAMES OF OLD PUPILS WHO ARE MISSIONARIES ABROAD.

Miss A. Ashwin, Training Home, Baranagore.
 Miss Daeuble, Bhagulpur.
 Miss L. Daeuble, Katin-Morwara, Central Provinces.
 Miss Reuther, Narowal, India.
 Miss Churcher (C. I. M.), Chefoo, China.
 Miss Maud Aston, Dang-Seng, China.
 Miss Rose Elwin, Shanghai, China.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS.

BIRTH.

HARWOOD, MARION (*née* HALL) the wife of John Edward Harwood, of a daughter, May 30th, 1899, at 50 Crownhill Road, Harlesden, N.W.

MARRIAGES.

ELLIOTT—MURRAY.—On July 17th, 1899, at the Parish Church, Wimbledon, by the Rev. Charles Gaussen, Vicar of St. Mary's, Brighton, assisted by the Rev. Henry Venn Elliott, brother of the bridegroom, and the Rev. J. E. Murray, Curate of St. Paul's, Leicester, Frank Louise Dumbell, son of Sir Charles A. Elliott, K.C.S.I., LL.D., to Mabel Edith, eldest daughter of the late T. J. Murray, I.C.S.

BARKER, FLORENCE EDITH, daughter of the Rev. J. C. Barker, Vicar of Havering, to

BRAINE-HARTNELL, G.M.P., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., Superintendent of the Worcester County and City Asylum, at Havering Parish Church, on July 7th, 1899.

HEWITT, ELINOR MARY, second daughter of the Rev. G. and Mrs. Hewitt, St. Luke's Vicarage, Prestonville, to

HAYES, THOMAS JOHN, of Doneraile, co. Cork, at St. Luke's Parish Church, Prestonville, on June 8th, 1899.

BROOKE-WEBB, WINIFRED HOPE, third daughter of the Rev. A. Brooke-Webb, Rector of Dallinghoo, to

CHANDLER, HUBERT G. W., Lieutenant Indian Staff Corps, at Jullunder, Punjab, India, by the Rev. Cecil Barton, on January 8th, 1900.

ROSS, MAGGIE AITCHISON GORDON, eldest daughter of the Rev. Robert and Mrs. Ross, St. Mark's Vicarage, Manningham, to

JOHNSTON, JAMES, M.B., of White's Terrace, Bradford, at St. Mark's Church, Manningham, on June 14th, 1899.

ROBERTSON, JESSIE, daughter of the Rev. J. Robertson, Rector of Newmarket-on-Fergus, Limerick, to

HAMILTON, THE REV. DONALD Mc W., of Galway, on June 1st, 1900.

HALL, AMABEL, daughter of the late Rev. E. D. Hall, of Coln S. Denys, Gloucestershire, to

BECK, FRANK HARVEY, son of J. Beck, Esq., of South Norwood Park, at All Souls', Harlesden, by the Rev. G. H. Newton, on June 13th, 1900.

DEATHS

BARKER.—On August 20th, 1899, at Havering Vicarage, Romford, Essex, suddenly, the Rev. J. C. Barker.

BERWICK.—On Thursday, October 19th, 1899, at the Châlet, Kearsney, Dover, of heart disease, the Rev. Joseph Thomas Berwick, M.A.

HALL.—On October 8th, 1899, at South Cerney, Sophia Elisabeth, widow of the late Rev. Edward Duncan Hall, Rector of Coln St. Denys, aged 67 years.

HUTCHINSON.—On March 17th, at the Vicarage, the Rev. Samuel Hutchinson, M.A., for fifteen years Vicar of Christ Church, Penge.

IRVINE.—On Good Friday, 1899, the Rev. William H. Irvine, for 25 years Vicar of St. Mary's, Walberton, Arundel, Sussex, aged 67 years.

NORMAN.—On April 28th, 1899, the Rev. Edward James Norman, Vicar of St. Mark's, Ocker Hill, Tipton, Staffordshire, aged 52 years.

WARD.—On January 2nd, 1900, the Rev. William Ward, Vicar of Hauxton, Cambridge.

WHITAKER.—On December 31st, at Woolley Rectory, Huntingdon, the Rev. John Whitaker, for thirty-one years Rector of Woolley, aged 69 years.

Those who knew and loved Louise Wyatt ("Louie"), will read with tearful eyes the following extracts from letters received from her sorrowing sister, Mrs. Barton (Lilian Wyatt) and her mother.

Egerton Hall, Quetta, Sept. 4th.—"Our darling little Louie passed away on August 7th, after three weeks' illness, of enteric fever. She had come in from Koralai, where Pauline's husband's regiment is, to stay with friends for the Assault-at-Arms in Quetta. She was taken ill on July 10th, with what the doctors thought was sun fever, but it rapidly turned to typhoid, and, in spite of all medical skill could do, she succumbed to the awful disease. I telegraphed at the beginning to know if I could come up, but every one said 'No,' they would send for me if there were any danger. It was only at the very end they thought she could not pull through, and sent for me, and though my husband and I travelled night and day (48 hours through the hottest part of India) we arrived too late and were only in time for the funeral.

"Darling Louie was so immensely popular here, and everyone loved her so much. She was so sweet and good. She used to take such a fresh, keen interest in everything, but more than half her thoughts were in Heaven. Many a man has said to Pauline, 'It is not because she is so pretty that we all like Miss Wyatt so, but because she makes a man feel better for talking to him.' She *always* upheld the right wherever she went, and yet always so sweetly and gently."

Her mother writes: "She was so sweet, so loving, and so bright, but our comfort is the thought of her blessedness, for we *know* her life was hid with Christ in God here, and that now her sweet eyes have seen 'the King in His beauty,' and that her lovely voice is perfected in praise."

Dear Louise had the gift of versification, and many of her School friends possess little poems in which she expressed her parting wishes when they left School. She entered St. Mary's Hall at the age of 11½ years. In her first letter to her mother she enclosed some touching

verses which she composed and said to herself when entering. They were these :—

“Hear my prayer, oh Lord, I pray Thee,
As I cross the threshold door ;
Keep me from all harm and danger,
That for me may be in store.

Give me faithful friends who fear Thee,
Loving Thee, and who work well.
Keep me safe from all temptations,
That around my path may dwell.”

Her early death gives a touching interest to the following verses written at the age of 13½.

“Sleep, binder up of all our cares and sorrows,
Rest while the angels round us watches keep,
The gift of God, sweet balm of all our troubles,
For so He giveth His beloved sleep.

Silence o’er all, for all the earth lies sleeping,
Rest over land, and rest o’er all the deep,
Still lies the land, while night sweeps gently onward,
For so He giveth His beloved sleep.

But there’s another sleep—a far more quiet,
A sweeter sleep for us, though friends may weep,
Ere Heaven’s joy we need a little resting,
And so He giveth His beloved sleep.

Oh Lord our God, the Giver of all goodness,
Oh make us sow as we would wish to reap ;
And when we rest after life’s fitful turmoil,
Oh, give to us Thine own beloved—Sleep.”

Extract from letter from Mrs. Chandler, *née* Winifred Brooke-Webb:—“I left England the end of November, 1899, and after spending three days in Bombay, went up to Jullundur to stay with Lilian Barton and her husband, Captain Barton. They took me to spend Christmas week at Government House, Lahore, and when we returned to Jullundur my (then !) fiancé came on ten days’ leave and we were married the 8th January. You can imagine how very, very kind Lilian has been to me, and it was so nice being married from a friend’s house. She was goodness itself, and insisted on my having a proper wedding, with guests, cake (which she made), and all. . . . Ellen Becker lives in Jullundur with her brother, the Chaplain, and she kindly decorated the Chancel and played the hymns and wedding march for us.”

NOTICE TO OLD PUPILS.

The News-Letter is this year being sent to all the Old Pupils whose addresses we have, as it is felt that all will like to know of the completion and opening of the Princess Christian Annexe, towards the funds for which so many Old Pupils contributed so nobly. In future it will be sent only to Members of the Pupils' Association, on the payment of sixpence, which should be sent with their annual subscriptions to the Association. Subscribers of ten shillings and upwards will receive a copy without any extra payment.

May the present Lady Principal repeat Miss Birrell's appeal in the last *St. Maryan*, and urge them to rally round their Alma Mater? There is no better way of doing this and keeping in touch with the old School, than by joining the Pupils' Association.

 SCHOOL HYMN.

1. Lord, look kindly on our School,
Let it shine for Thee ;
Give us wisdom, give us light,
Give us constancy.
2. Give us grace to make us wise,
Guard from careless ways ;
May we render, watchfully,
Work, and prayer, and praise !
3. Give us grace that we may shine,
Keep our lamps in trim,
Servants waiting for their Lord,
Fain to welcome Him.
4. Lest our vessels empty be,
Fail for want of oil,
Give us grace, O loving Lord,
Help us in our toil.
5. Give us fellowship of love,
Guide us in our ways ;
May we render, watchfully,
Work, and prayer, and praise !
6. Praise the Lord for grace supplied
From his wondrous store ;
Praise our Father, Saviour, Guide,
Praise Him evermore !