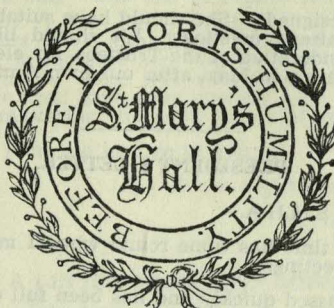


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ST. MARY'S HALL ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE.

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EDITORIAL.

A Happy Christmas and New Year to you all!

Since our last issue Her Majesty the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh have undertaken their wonderfully successful round-the-world tour, being received with joy and well-deserved affection everywhere, one result being the strengthening of the ties of Commonwealth. Incidentally, our general and geographical knowledge will have increased also! With all the unrest in the world, and talk of hydrogen bombs, one is thankful for this great "Comrades' Association." So in a small way our Association helps to bind together young and old of like ideals, and prominence is given in our pages this year to news of those far from the home country.

You will, we hope, be pleased to see your News Letter in a new dress with the familiar old crest as ornament. This coincides, as it happens, with the Hall's new and gay dress. The increase in size is, we trust, a sign of progress in the Association and the School, and now we must see to it that it is an increase in stature, and not only in bulk.

Will members please be considering who we can nominate as our Second Representative on the Governing Body of the School in the place

of Mrs. Broadley (resigned). She should have suitable qualifications and must be ready to attend meetings. We should like to put the name forward for the consideration of the Trustees, for election as a Governor, at their Council Meeting in May, after our own Annual General Meeting on May 1st, 1955.

H. A. B.

PRESIDENT'S LETTER.

October, 1954.

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

Once again the time has come round when I must put pen to paper and send you my greetings.

The year has passed quickly and has been full of activity. A School which is alive cannot stand still but must always be looking forward and ready to move with the times whilst preserving those traditions which have stood the test of time. It is in this light that recommendations and suggestions put forward by H.M. Inspectors last year have been considered by the Governors. The two main developments which will take effect shortly are a revision of the age of entry and the establishment of competitive boarders' scholarships at the age of 13. The present age of entry is a minimum of seven and this is to be raised by gradual degrees to 10. There are to be three open Scholarships, one of £100 and two of £60 and two Scholarships for Clergy daughters only of £100 and £60. Naturally Clergy daughters will be able to compete in both groups. These Scholarships will be advertised shortly and the Examinations will take place in the Spring Term.

The General Certificate results were very good. For the first time since the re-opening there were a few entries at Advanced Level, all of which, with one exception, were successful. At Ordinary Level the successful passes were over 84% of the total entries, compared with 76% in 1953 and 51% in 1952.

This year a large programme of redecoration was carried out in the holidays. Some of you will know that two years ago the whole of the front of the main building was re-rendered. The following year the front stairs, worn by many hundreds of feet for more than a century, and by heavy Army boots during the war, were taken up and replaced by new ones. This was for some of us a little heartbreaking though a necessary change. I have mentioned in my Speech Day report the transformation of the dining room brought about by the new windows on the West side. We all at St. Mary's Hall have a real cause for offering warm thanks to Miss Galton and Miss J. Collard whose generosity made this possible. During the summer holidays the dining room was redecorated in grey with doors in a deep plum colour. The whole effect is truly delightful. Much of the rest of the School was also redecorated and I hope that many of you will come to see your old School in its new party frock. Although I may sometimes be unable to see more than a glimpse of you if you come without warning yet I am always very delighted to welcome you back.

Greetings and good wishes to you all,

Yours affectionately,

DORIS CONRADY.

MISS GHEY'S LETTER.

November, 1954.

My dear Friends,

The Editor again gives me space to send you my greetings and those of Miss Galton, to thank you for all happy news and meetings enjoyed since our last News Letter appeared, and to tell you that there is some good news from the Governors of the School.

You may have seen in "The Times" the notice of three Open and two Closed Scholarships, to be offered in March, 1955, the latter for

Clergy Daughters only (who can of course compete also for the other three).

The Governors have also given their sanction to an Appeal for additional funds, to increase and, we hope, multiply these Scholarships for Clergy Daughters. More will soon be heard about this, and meanwhile, I know, we shall have your liveliest good wishes for an enterprise which aims at answering the good intent of our Founder.

Miss Galton joins me in love to you all.

Yours affectionately,

F. L. GHEY.

A LETTER FROM MISS ROBINSON.

Pietermaritzburg,

November, 1954.

My dear Friends,

All this year I have been leading a very busy scholastic life. Nevertheless you have often been in my thoughts and I have longed to see you all and the school.

The schools in South Africa have four terms, with a short holiday of about ten days at Easter, and at Michaelmas, and a long holiday at the half-year, and at Christmas when school-year ends. During the first term of this year I was teaching at two schools, at St. Anne's Diocesan College, and at the Girls' Collegiate School in Pietermaritzburg. This was hard work. During the second term I was Acting Principal at the Girls' Collegiate while Miss Williams, the Principal, was on holiday in England. I was resident at the school and thoroughly enjoyed the life. It was very interesting to be right in the middle of school-life again.

Just as the second term was ending my sister became very seriously ill with heart-trouble, and she was in bed for two months. I am thankful that she is much better, but she has now to take life very easily. She has a little dog, a young dachshund called Barnabas, the loveliest, and the liveliest and most mischievous little dog you ever saw. He is fully determined that my sister shall have no rest at all!!

At the end of this month, for my sister's sake, we are moving to another house where the garden and the surroundings are perfectly flat. Our present garden is terraced and we are on a hill. We are very sorry to leave this pretty little place. We have worked very hard in the garden, and put in many plants.

Miss Willis's arthritis has been very bad lately, and she is now in hospital for intensive physiotherapy treatment. She is looking much better, and seems to be responding very well to the treatment. I visited her yesterday and she was so pleased that she could walk almost without a limp.

I am at present teaching three Senior Classes at the Collegiate. The girls are working very hard with the prospect of the Matriculation Examination looming ahead.

Last Friday I gave away the Prizes at the Durban Girls' College where I was Headmistress from 1924 to 1932. It was Founders' Day. I was present also at the Thanksgiving Service in the morning. It was delightful to be back in my old haunts, to meet many of my old girls, and to have the pleasure of handing prizes to some of their children.

We are moving to our new home on December 7th (See addresses). Please come and visit me soon. With very best wishes to you all.

Yours always affectionately,

HARRIET ROBINSON.

THE 47th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE ST. MARY'S HALL ASSOCIATION.

The Annual General Meeting was held at the Y.W.C.A., Great Russell Street, W.C.1, on May 1st, 1954, under the Chairmanship of Miss Conrady, the President. The meeting opened with prayer and remembrance of A. Syree, M. Loasby (Walmsley), and the Rev. F. Keeling Scott, who had died during the year.

The Minutes, printed in the News Letter, were taken as read and signed.

Apologies for absence and greetings were numerous, and the great regret of the Secretary at having to be absent owing to friends abroad urgently needing her help, inspired a special message of appreciation from Miss Conrady for her work for the last twelve years, with only one absence due to illness. It was suggested that a letter of thanks be sent to her.

Chairman's Remarks.—Miss Conrady spoke of the happenings of the day, the re-union of Her Majesty the Queen with her children and the Cup Final, and expressed pleasure at the attendance of Miss Ghey, Miss Potter and Miss Hensley among others.

Vice-President's Remarks.—Miss Potter thanked Miss Conrady, and hoped to attend many more meetings.

Head Mistress's Report.—Miss Conrady spoke of 148 boarders and 117 day girls. The Public Schools' Common Entrance Examination was being used to good advantage. There was discrimination, and a low standard of ability was not being accepted, thus ultimately the School's pre-war high reputation for scholarship and all round quality would be regained. . . . Miss Conrady told of the results of the General Certificate of Education (Cambridge), the best since the war, of the progress of Domestic Science under Phyllis Dorman, and of three University entrance successes. We heard of the full scale inspection by the Ministry of Education early in the Autumn Term of 1953, of the good progress in Music and Art, and of the orchestra. Games continued to improve, and Drama flourished. The School had taken part in many activities and had enjoyed many outings and lectures. (Details of these happenings, all so interesting to us, are to be found in the Founder's Day speeches and elsewhere in the School Magazine.—Editor).

Miss Conrady gave May 28th as the date for Prize Day and the 29th for the S.M.H.A. Open Afternoon, when she would be delighted to welcome all old girls, but asked for notification of attendance.

She spoke of losses sustained. Ham, the gardener, to whom the garden would be a living memorial of the love and care he lavished in his work for the Hall. Mr. Jennings was a worthy successor, and, with his delightful wife and boys, had become one of them. Then there was Leila Yateem, from the Persian Gulf, lost in the tragic Comet crash, whom some would remember as a charming VI Form hostess. Also Rev. H. Keeling Scott, at one time Vicar of St. Mark's, and always so interested in the Hall. His yearly prize for poems was to be continued in his memory by his daughter, Mrs. Mary Baker, whose two little girls were in the School. Anyone interested in a small memorial to him in the Church should contact Miss Conrady.

Thanks were due for many gifts, and especially to Miss Galton and Joan Collard who had put a magnificently generous sum at the disposal of the Governors in order to enlarge the west windows of the dining room, thus providing more light and a pleasing outlook. (Great interest here). Everyone would wish to express appreciation, and Miss Conrady hoped many would visit the Hall to see the windows and share the pleasure.

Miss Conrady concluded by thanking all who had furthered the progress of the Hall in so many ways, and pledged herself once again to its service. "The course is arduous, and of course there are times when

I get very disheartened; nevertheless, I can honestly say that it is a source of satisfaction to me. I am more grateful than I can say for the loving and loyal service of the staff, the many understanding and co-operative parents, and, not least, the support of the Old Girls, whose love for the Hall touches me deeply. In going forward I need your prayers daily, that I may have the strength to serve faithfully, the courage to face and the wisdom to overcome difficulties, and above all, the humility to avoid any sense of pride when things appear to go well, but that I may always remember, 'Before honour is humility.'

Representing the Governing Body, Miss Ghey then spoke. She mentioned that Lady Barrett Lennard was the Senior Trustee, and that there were seven Head Masters and Mistresses on the Board. A. Murray had been given an appointment at the new Women's College in Cambridge. £120 made at the Blunt House Auction last November had been put away until a decision could be made on Foundation Scholarships.

Treasurer's Report.—Miss E. M. Smith gave the membership of the Association as 354, including 222 Life Members and 32 new ones. The Bursary Fund had increased. It was agreed that a proposal for increasing the Life Membership fee should be placed on the 1955 Agenda. A letter of thanks from the Y.W.C.A. for the guinea sent to the Central Club's 21st Birthday Appeal was read. The balance in the Bank was £25, and in the Post Office Savings £67. The printing of the News Letter cost £43, and the Secretary's expenses covered the years 1951—53 inclusive, as she had not claimed while S.M.H.A. funds were low.

The Editor, A. Baron, reported the desire of the School to increase their share in news and articles, and to have more photographs. This meant increased space and cost, and to offset the latter the insertion of advertisements was suggested. Miss Conrady thought it would be a pity for the School to produce a separate Magazine as this would break the contact of Past and Present. She suggested an Editor for the School. It was agreed that as an experiment, the next issue should be in two sections, with Miss Dimishky to sub-edit the School part and obtain more material from the girls, and to canvass for local advertisements in the hope that these would save any loss.

Branch Secretary, Home Counties.—Ph. Poyser spoke of a very enjoyable meeting in October, 1953 (reported in last issue), at Mrs. Hart's (R. Harris) at Ashted, when twenty-six members had been present.

Branch Secretary, Sussex.—M. Wanstall reported that nearly forty members had attended a lovely tea party at the Hall in November, 1953 (reported in last issue).

ELECTION OF OFFICERS :

President : Miss Conrady (re-elected).

Vice-President and Vice-Chairman : A. Baron (on the resignation of M. Riddelsdell, who is in U.S.A.).

Hon. Secretary : I. Laurence (on the resignation of E. Moore, after twelve years splendid service in difficult times).

Hon. Treasurer : Miss E. M. Smith (re-elected).

Hon. Editor : A. Baron (re-elected).

Hon. Secretary, Home Counties Branch : Mrs. Lea-Thompson (H. Boswell) (on the resignation of Ph. Poyser).

Hon. Secretary, Sussex Branch : M. Wanstall (re-elected).

New Committee Members : J. Collard (on resignation of L. Coe), V. Phillips (co-opted as a recently left member of S.M.H.).

Dates of Future Meetings, by kind invitation :

St. Mary's Hall Party—May 29th, 1954.

Blunt House Party—July 17th, 1954.

Home Counties Branch—October 2nd, 1954, at Mrs. Lea-Thompson's at Golder's Green.

Sussex Branch—November 6th, 1954, at the School.

Annual General Meeting—April 30th, 1955, at the Y.W.C.A.

(Notice of all the 1954 Meetings were kindly sent out by the School together to save postage).

Those present were: M. Allnutt (Watson), R. Archer (Poyser), C. Ashwin, M. Ashwin, K. Atkins (Kennelly), P. Atkins, Miss Atkinson, A. Baron, Miss Batterbury, M. Bedford (Chippindall), Miss Bolton, K. Chambré, A. Chapman (Sadgrove), J. Collard, Miss Conrady, J. Crispe (Hare-Duke), Miss Davies, Miss Dimishky, I. Denney (?), M. Elliott (Duke), E. Gaunt (Birks), G. Geary, Miss Ghey, E. Goshawk (Farrow), R. Hart (Harris), R. Harvey, D. Heelas, M. Heelas, Miss Hensley, J. James, K. Jennings (Whittington-Ince), I. Laurence, E. Lloyd-Price (Brocklehurst), M. Mack, B. Manwell (Daniell), A. Mead (Law), Miss Morley, M. McWalter (Fuller), C. Orton, V. Oakeley (Strong), M. Pater-son, Miss Peebles, Miss Perry, V. Phillips, V. Ponder (Bonnaire), Miss Pope, Miss Potter, P. Poyser, Ph. Poyser, L. Raynor, G. Raynor, A. Rolls (Mason), M. Rossi (Segall), V. Simpson (Peacock), V. Sly, O. Skene, D. Smith (Lilley), Miss E. M. Smith, H. Lea-Thompson (Boswell), M. Thorne, M. Wanstall, N. Wilkin—making sixty-one.

THANK YOU TO OUR SECRETARY.

St. Mary's Hall Association has always been well served by its Secretaries, but never better. I should venture to say, than during the twelve years that Elizabeth Moore has been Secretary.

She has always extended a friendly welcome to members, known and unknown to her, old or young, and except once when ill-health prevented it, we have always been able to count on her presence at meetings.

So capable and methodical has she been even apart from her secretarial duties, that we have come to expect a vase of blue and gold flowers on the table at the Annual Meeting.

We are going to miss her very much, but I am sure that no one will express more hearty good wishes to her successor than Elizabeth herself. To her we would all like to say "Thank you."

L.A.C.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW SECRETARY.

One is always grateful to those who agree to undertake the running of an organisation, and we of the Association are no exception, and we welcome Irene Laurence, and hope she will enjoy her extra contacts with us all. I always think it is interesting to know something about our honorary officials, and I have discovered that Irene was at S.M.H. from 1919-1924, and was Head Girl and Elliott Scholar in her last year; that she was at the Royal Holloway College, and obtained an Honours Degree in Mathematics, so is a B.A. Hons. London. She taught in various schools before the war; and during it and after did social work on a Land Settlement Association estate in Sussex and in community centres in London, and has been teaching again for the last three and a half years at Francis Holland School, London, S.W.

I remember a very pleasant S.M.H.A. party at her flat, 4, Edmonscoate, Argyle Road, West Ealing, W.13, a few years back.

H. A. B.

THE BURSARY FUND.

The following letter was received by me from Mr. R. E. Goddard, the Secretary of St. Mary's Hall:—"Thank you so much for your letter of the 25th May with enclosed cheque for £58/7/11. The Trustees of St. Mary's Hall are more than grateful for the help given to them by the Association. The cheque has been credited to the Bursary Fund."

This amount consists of £20/5/- subscribed by various members in the same way as last year, together with £38/2/11, the result of a Savings Stamp Scheme initiated during the War by Mrs. Bell (M. Wade) and M. Smee.

E.M.S.

A NOTE FROM THE GOVERNORS.

The Governors have regretfully found it necessary to raise the fees from the beginning of January, 1955, owing to the increase in the Burnham Scale of Salaries and in the cost of living. The last increase in fees was in 1951. The policy with regard to Clergy daughters has changed as stated in the President's letter, but clergy daughters holding bursaries who are already in the School, will not be subject to the increase in fees. The bursary fund, which receives donations from S.M.H.A. members, will meet this cost, which will continue for some years as several of the girls are still quite young.

NOTES FROM THE EDITOR.

This issue is an experiment. As hinted last year, it was felt that the present girls were longing to try out further their journalistic wings, and so the subject was broached at the Annual General Meeting, with the result that we agreed to finance an expanded number with advertisements to offset the cost of photographs and so on. Obviously, extra "copy" means more space and cost, and if we find this bulky number is too expensive, we shall just have to be more selective in future. We longed for larger print, and other improvements, but they have had to wait. Any members with opinions on the subject, forward, please!

Again, I am grateful to all those who have helped to make this News Letter live, particularly to Miss Dimishky with her beautifully prepared copy for the School Magazine, sent in good time too; and work in procuring the advertisements; and to Miss Ghey for her gift of the block of the crest, which can be used again and again.

I still feel that October 1st, and preferably earlier, is a good date to be in receipt of the bulk of our news.

H. A. B.

FOUNDER'S DAY—1954.

Again I was fortunate in having an invitation for Founder's Day, Friday, May 28th, but could not arrive till the afternoon. I sat next to Miss Hensley, who was in good form. We enjoyed the Head Mistress's Report, and the Distribution of Prizes by Mr. F. J. Nugee, Headmaster of Eastbourne College, who had a kindly word for each recipient.

There were Form Prizes, Subject Prizes, Trophies and Examination Certificates to be collected, and one felt that indeed the School was "coming along," and listened to Mr. Nugee's speech with interest.

After tea, when one met friends of long ago, and a good look at the examples of art and needlework, there was the Gymnastic Display, described elsewhere, which, owing to inclement weather (this is 1954!) had to be in the restricted space of the Elliott Hall; but, despite this, all the exercises and evolutions were carried out with commendable ease, showing keen practice. I was particularly taken with the graceful balancing from hand to hand of the huge balls. When one saw the repeat performance outside next day one realised even more the adaptability of all concerned.

H.A.B.

S.M.H.A. MEETS AT THE HALL.

The weather on Saturday, May 29th, was kind, a blessing in this rather depressing summer, and as usual it was exciting to arrive at the Hall wondering whom we would meet and what we would see.

We assembled in the drawing room, where old friendships were renewed and some new ones made. When we had all arrived and been ticked off on Miss Smith's list we were free to wander round, and saw an exhibition of needlework, which drew loud praises from the unfortunates amongst us who are not so handy with the needle. From this we went on to the Studio, where there were on view a wonderful collection of drawings, paintings, lino cuts, weaving and Art of all sorts. We could happily have spent hours there, admiring, but outside on the hard courts another thrill awaited us—a drill display done to music by quite 150 of the senior girls.

Tea was very kindly served to us by the Prefects in the Dining Hall, where we were able to see the new windows from which there is a lovely view of the Inner Garden. Afterwards we wandered at leisure, some to watch a tennis display, some to see the Domestic Science room, and others where their fancy took them. The afternoon came to an end surprisingly quickly, and we said goodbye to Miss Conrady at about 5 o'clock.

It was most kind of Miss Conrady, the Staff and the girls to have us and make us so very welcome, we all spent an afternoon that will cheer us through the winter and help us on our way to the next meeting.

M. E. ELLIOTT (Duke).

THE BLUNT HOUSE PARTY.

About thirty-six members of S.M.H.A. had accepted Miss Ghey's and Miss Galton's kind invitation to lunch at Blunt House on July 17th, and in spite of the weather, bad even by 1954 standards, they all turned up eventually to enjoy a most delectable luncheon.

It was disappointing that the rain never cleared so that we could not enjoy the garden, which had been so carefully prepared for our delight.

Our hostesses entertained us with competitions, two of which were aptly won by Miss Conrady. It was nice that she and several of her staff had managed to tear themselves away from the end of term busy-ness to be with us.

During the afternoon several more members arrived. It was a great pleasure to see "Alice" looking younger than ever. The afternoon ended with a delicious home-made tea.

I am sure all the members present would like their gratitude for such a lovely day to be recorded in the News Letter.

I.L.L.

S.M.H.A. HOME COUNTIES BRANCH.

A delightful meeting of the above branch was held on October 2nd at 31, Highcroft Gardens, Golder's Green, N.W.11, by kind invitation of Mrs. Lea-Thompson (Helen Boswell), who has taken on the Secretaryship of the Branch. About a dozen members were present, and all seemed lucky and delighted to find at least one of their own contemporaries there; this always makes for each individual's enjoyment. We were fortunate in having a beautiful late summer afternoon. Mrs. Lea-Thompson gave us a lovely tea, over which reminiscences were exchanged, and later her husband most kindly took several of us to the station. Those present were: A. Baron, A. Cunnew (Oliphant), M. Eggington (Baron), R. Hart (Harris), I. Laurence, K. Ogden (Powell), Miss Peebles, Miss Potter, M. Paterson, Miss E. M. Smith.

A. CUNNEW (Oliphant).

THE SUSSEX BRANCH MEETING.

The Sussex Branch Meeting was held at St. Mary's Hall on Nov. 6th, 1954, from 3—5, and more than 30 members were present, and seven Sixth Form were there to help us in every way.

Several unfamiliar faces were very welcome, and Miss Helen Potter came down specially from London.

There was a short business meeting followed by tea in the familiar dining room, which was much appreciated.

Mrs. McCall, on leave from Pakistan, thanked Miss Conrady for her kind hospitality.

Any interval was filled with conversation, and sight-seeing of the old haunts was popular.

Those present were: E. Atkinson, Miss Batterbury, Miss Bolton, J. Ellis, R. Elwin, Miss Hensley, Miss Hitchcock, E. Portas (Howard), Linford (S. Weatherhead), M. Leachman, M. McCall (Jones), McMinn (J. Witcomb), M. Fuller (McWalter), M. R. Methven, Miss Morley, Miss Potter, M. and S. Senior, N. Shelton, O. Skene, M. and D. Short, V. Sly, Miss Smith, N. Weatherhead (Wallace), A. and M. Wanstall, D. Wiley, L. Wolfenden and Miss Conrady.

M. W.

THE QUEEN IN NEW ZEALAND.

The highlight of 1954 in New Zealand, has naturally been the Queen's visit. Although I am a comparatively new New Zealander, having been out here only three and a half years, I too caught the Royal Tour fever. It coloured our lives and made the most everyday chores seem festive. If the average Englishman is interested in the Royal Family, the New Zealander is positively worshipful.

All our friends managed to see the Queen four or five times at least, rushing from one vantage point to another; and then spending the rest of the day rapturously comparing notes on her clothes and expression, worrying themselves silly if she was not smiling. We all felt sure the tour was far too strenuous and consequently felt guilty. The small population ensured the crowds of a share in that personal atmosphere which distinguished this tour.

Our personal view of the Royal couple took place when they visited a factory in Petone—an industrial suburb of Wellington, some five miles from Eastbourne, where we live. The car passed only an arm's length from us, leaving me with an indelible impression of two charmingly human people. The police and troops lining the route held the children out so that they could see right inside the car. I felt nervous in case my three-year-old daughter, Suzanne, should poke her little flag into the Queen's eye! Out here, children are the country's chief asset and are treated as such. New Zealand is an ideal nursery and nothing is spared in promoting their welfare and happiness. This is our main reason for coming to New Zealand to live.

My husband and I travelled out via Cape Town and landed in Adelaide, Australia—a lovely city, but extremely hot even in March. After staying a few days we flew to Sydney over desert and mountains—a really magnificent city, but too humid for our English taste. Then by flying boat across the Tasman to Auckland.

Our first impression of New Zealand in the early morning sunlight was a crystal clear atmosphere revealing the vivid green hills dotted with minute white sheep. A pleasant sight after the parched vegetation of Australia. We toured both North and South Island by car, a pram tied to the roof, the baby asleep on the rear seat, and two-year-old Clinton on my knee, and decided that windy, hilly Wellington suited us ideally—and here we are!

Our children will inherit a wonderful heritage. Mountains which produced Sir Edmund Hillary and wonderful winter sports, wild un-

inhabited hills, bush and beach, all there for the taking. To make our happiness complete, a daughter, our first real New Zealander, was born a month after the Queen's visit.

Incidentally, there is a rather interesting fact concerning the Queen's visit. The Royal Garden Party in Wellington was a truly democratic event. A book was kept for several months in the hall of Government House, and anyone could put their name down for an invitation; then a ballot was taken, and a furniture removal man and his crew were successful, so they and their wives received invitations. You can imagine the flutter over what to wear!

CAROL ALLDEN (Grant), 1932—40.

NEWS FROM NEW ZEALAND.

Mrs. Grant (Carol Alden) when sending her article on the Queen's visit wrote . . . "I did hear from Miss Collison (Mercy) who is living further north for a year or two and forming a singing and violin class. She was visiting Wellington, and we tried to arrange a meeting but failed. Also last year Miss Heelas (Dorothy) 'phoned a neighbour, but owing to delay in delivering the message Miss Heelas had already sailed for Australia . . . But it all goes to show how the influence of S.M.H. travels!"

(She sends the announcement of the birth of their third child, q.v. and speaks of the children recovering from fever).

" . . . Believe it or not writing is my hobby (I'm still an amateur!) and I belong to the New Zealand Women's Writers and Artists Association and meet many of New Zealand's notable scribblers. But I have no time now for writing with my little family on hand! But I like to hear of other's activities. Next month we are having a party and meeting our Patron, Lady Norrie, the Governor-General's wife, rather a thrill for a stay-at-home like me."

AN "EXILE" HOME FROM KENYA.

Mrs. Edyvean (Dorothy Gayer), who is home on leave from Kenya with her husband, writes from Jersey: "Every year when I receive the News Letter in East Africa I 'devour' it from end to end, and mean to contribute to the next . . . I enjoyed the party given by Miss Ghey and Miss Galton at Blunt House enormously. It was a wonderful experience for a long-standing 'exile' to receive such a warm and understanding welcome . . . I visited Margaret Tredennick (Phair), a contemporary of my school-days, and we found that we could talk as though there had been no intervening years . . . I was also very glad to meet at Eastbourne, Monica and Irene Ashwin, Irene Laurence, the Brocklehursts, Viva Peacock and Olive Skene—and dear old 'Alice' . . . I shall try to meet Elaine Fotheringham, Ruth Harris, Joan Blackledge, Miss Fenby (several have married names now!) and Violet Lasbrey . . . I hoped to have a permanent home address for this N.L., for Box 85, Nyeri, Kenya, is at the moment more theoretical than factual. However, Overseas House, St. James's, London, S.W.7, will always re-direct without delay.

Almost as soon as we had finished building our new house in Nyeri the Mau Mau troubles began, and I and my husband, though both 'retired,' found ourselves doing full-time work in the Kenya Police Reserve. We had hoped to 'settle' there near my brother and his young family, but he was killed in an accident, and his family are now in England . . . If we do go back it will be at the end of January, to try and sell our house out there . . ."

MORE NEWS FROM KENYA.

Mrs. Tinto (Joyce Colman) writes from Nairobi: "We have left Uganda, and I send my new address (q.v.). For up-to-date news we had our third baby on October 5th, 1953, a boy (Simon James). We are now blessed with two boys and a girl.

"We like Kenya very much, and consider it a great improvement on Uganda in spite of the Mau Mau. The country is beautiful and we have seen lots of game. The Game Park is only about five miles outside Nairobi; close to the main road the other day we saw a small herd of giraffe—such elegant creatures."

AN IMPRESSION OF NEW YORK.

New York, 10th October, 1954.

My Dear Editor,

It seemed easy to tell you that I would write "something for the News Letter." Now that I have to fulfil the promise what am I to say?

To me the best thing about New York City is its weather. It is, of course, apt to run to violent extremes, but these seem in keeping with the city's character and are, in any case, short-lived. And they are not as uncomfortable as you might suppose. New York keeps its winter weather strictly out of doors, and is coming more and more to do the same with its summer heat and humidity. The United Nations' headquarters is air-conditioned throughout. And apart from these extremes there are many, many lovely days of bright clear sunshine. The increase of light compared with London, particularly the longer hours of daylight in winter, and the smaller amounts of cloud and fog, seem to me a tremendous benefit. I notice the light especially in the office where I have a thirty-sixth floor room, all one side of which is taken up by a window looking over the East River and industrial Long Island to Long Island Sound on the north, and, on very clear days, to a shining strip of the Atlantic to the south.

As to man-made attractions I must put the shops and restaurants very high, not only for the immense range provided but also for the convenience of the much greater spread of opening hours. The extent of the facilities for eating and drinking must, I think, astonish any visitor from the United Kingdom. One wonders how all the people engaged in the business can possibly make a living at it. Yet they must be doing so and, incidentally, they create business opportunities in another quite flourishing line—the business of combatting overweight. There must be a sizable number of people making their living by producing calorie-less drinks, cheap bathroom spring balances, and the mass of literature put out to instruct, and strengthen the resolution of, those who feel that "something must be done about it." So far as my observation goes these appear to include, at some time or other, everyone except the constitutionally skinny.

The less good features of the city are its noise, compounded of the roar of engines, the freest use of horns, and the scream of police and fire brigade sirens; the dirt which still appals me; the public transport which does not compare too well with London's and is mysteriously difficult to find one's way about on; and, above all, the size of the urban and suburban area and, therefore, the time taken to get out of it.

The sprawl of the city and suburbs has effectively prevented me from getting out for a day's walk in the country. But if one is thinking of a holiday, or even of a long week-end, that is a very different thing, and there are attractions within easy reach. For the winter Florida is only a few hours' flight away, and the mountains and lakes of upstate New York and New England provide wonderful holiday country for the rest of the year—and indeed in the winter too for winter sports.

Yolande came over here last autumn and we have had both winter and summer holidays together. Next year we are determined to go to the West together, though how we can see all we want to see from the Canadian Rockies to the Painted Desert, I do not know. Yolande has recently taken a post as Domestic Instructor at Northfield School for Girls in Massachusetts. We visited the school together last spring and found it most attractive. It obviously has a high standard of work and a very wide range of extra curricular activities. The buildings are spaced out over large grounds set in lovely country in the Connecticut River valley. Yolande is in charge of the domestic work of one of the boarding houses. All the cooking and cleaning is done by the girls as part of their school curriculum and they are marked on it.

My own job is that of Secretary to the Board which runs the pension scheme for the employees of the United Nations and six of its specialised agencies. The work itself is full of interest and I am very much enjoying the experience of working for a time in the international civil service, and the wonderful opportunity to see something of the work of the United Nations at close quarters.

Yours sincerely,

MILDRED RIDDELSDELL.

NEWS FROM SOUTH AFRICA.

Mrs. Caswell (Winnie Banks) writes: "We definitely plan to come over to England in the Spring of 1955, and hope to arrive towards the end of April, and I do hope I shall be able to attend some S.M.H. functions. (I have asked leave of your sister, Margaret (Mrs. O'Hara) to have S.M.H. letters sent to her address temporarily.—Ed.).

"My chief news since last we were in touch is that I have now qualified for the grandmother class. My doctor son, Peter, and his ex-staff nurse wife had a baby son last September (Christopher). He is a perfect darling . . . and I am utterly captivated.

"Have you met Maude Hudson during her present visit to England? . . . She wrote of going to Colchester by 'bus. It is a long time since she could travel on a South African 'bus, but then I fear the conductors and passengers here are not usually endowed with the amazing kindness one finds anywhere in England.

"This really lovely country, so richly endowed with climate and mineral wealth, is in a very sad state just now, with racial bitterness between the white races, and worse still, the unjust and un-Christian colour bar. But we just have to go on doing the best we can, and there are bright spots to cheer us, particularly the good stand being made by the Anglican Church, and in particular, the most devoted work of the Community of the Resurrection."

LIFE IN PAKISTAN.

Mrs. McCall (Margaret Jones) writes: "I sailed back from Pakistan this July (1954) complete with all the family. We loved Pakistan so much that Keith, my husband, decided to resign from the R.A.F., and we are going back in January on the 'Batory.' He has got a very interesting job teaching English, and also being housemaster at a boys' college near Murree in the Punjab—Lawrence College. There are about 600 boys, and the headmaster plans to make it an international school with English, American and French masters eventually.

"Unlike one's idea of Pakistan, the school has to close from December to March, as there is some three feet of snow up there on the mountain, and the college is in the pine woods. It is the most beautiful setting imaginable. The boys look forward to the wild monkeys that roam there and the riding, and possibly ski-ing.

"Last year we went on several trips, including a month's visit to India when the shade temperature was 117"! We went to Delhi, Agra, and to Amritsar, to see the Sikhs' Golden Temple, and the Hindu pilgrimage place in Muttra. We drove into very primitive Dir State, and to Bahawalpur of the Princes. But our most interesting experience, I think, was going to a wedding in Swat State where I was the only woman allowed to watch the dancing and celebrations held entirely by the men, while the little bride of thirteen was taken in a covered palanquin of gorgeous colours from her home to the bridegroom's, and there she was placed on a string bed and sat there for three days without eating . . ."

A HOLIDAY WITH AN S.M.H. HOSTESS.

Irene Ashwin writes: "I think a note concerning the holiday that a friend and I spent at South Milton Vicarage, Charity Robins' (Girdlestone) home might be welcome. (She takes holiday P.Gs., Ed.) I certainly should like to make it widely known what a delightful time we had there. It is an attractive village, 1½ miles from the coast, where are unspoiled sandy beaches, rocks, almost ideal bathing, and glorious cliff walks; Dartmouth, Plymouth, Dartmoor, etc., are within motoring distance. Charity's charming congenial home, with all the arrangements she made for our ease and comfort and the delicious food she provided in abundance, was a joy and a refreshment, and, added to the joy of the country, made it the best holiday I have had since before the war. Even the weather was on the whole kind!"

SOME CONTEMPORARIES OF FIFTY YEARS AGO.

Lucy Raynor, who left S.M.H. in 1908 writes that she and her sister, Gertrude, have been seeing Agnes Hobbins lately (staying with her brother at Westgate) and gives her new address. **Eva Kay** has been at St. Monica's, Westbury-on-Trym, for the best part of two years now. She had a stroke, but is very well cared for and content. They say it is a lovely place, and the nurses really kind. The Taylors (Edith, Kathleen and Winner) used to take Eva out, and to tea, but now she cannot leave her room. Lucy went to the Blunt House Party in July for the first time, and says, "What a lovely house! A very nice party, and quite a good proportion of us old 'uns—but alas! An awful day. We couldn't even put a foot into the garden." (The Editor hears, though, that this meant that everyone saw more than usual of their hostesses, which caused general satisfaction!)

THE YEAR'S NEWS.

Mrs. Bartrum (M. Burton) writes wonderfully zestful letters at the age of 98 (I think), and **Miss Burton**, her sister, still gardens at the age of 96!

Mrs. Bass (M. Burroughs) and her two children are now in Calcutta, where her husband is Counsellor in the office of the U.K. Deputy High Commissioner. She writes: "The hottest day in April was 112 degrees . . . We have a fairly heavy social and official programme, and a staff of ten in the house, which sounds restful, but I often wish I could do it myself." See addresses.

Audrey Baron has enjoyed seeing Wing-Commander and **Mrs. Wells (Ann Norris)** and hearing of their three daughters and their families, and also of other O.G.s. She also spent a day with Mrs. Footitt (**Mildred Norris**), whose son, Tony, has won a major scholarship from Lancing to King's College, Cambridge. Mildred keeps busy with her W.I. work and evening class teaching (needlework), besides her home duties.

Miss Bolton wrote in September to say that she and **Miss E. M. Smith**, who still does teaching duty at the Hall, had just had a visit from

Dr. Joyce Goodchild; "Very charming," she says, "and I should think a very capable doctor." **Joyce** and **Muriel** are both working at Kettering. Both **Miss Bolton** and **Miss Smith** often visit **Miss Wisdom** and **Miss Hensley**.

Mrs. Brangwyn (Joan Hobbins) with her husband and three boys, aged ten, eight and four, sailed for New Zealand on November 7th, where **Dr. Brangwyn** is taking up an appointment as radiologist at Cook Hospital, Gisborne. While living in Portsmouth **Joan** met, at the local High School, **Miss Thorn**, who used to teach her maths. at S.M.H. in the 1930's.

Mrs. Byers (Bettina Gill) has, we hear, been broadcasting in Southern Rhodesia.

Lucy Coe, with whom we sympathise on the loss of her sister and companion, **Grace**, writes from their new home at Heathfield, but hopes to return to the Oxted district in early December, so gives her old address.

She has noticed in the "Brighton Herald" that **Wendy McCabe (Mrs. ?)** has a daughter; also that **Anne Pitchford**, a small junior when the School closed in 1940, is married.

Mrs. Coad (Bessie Binns). We rejoice to hear of her recovery from a long illness. Note new address.

Joan Collard is Hon. Secretary to the Cirencester Old People's Welfare Association.

Mrs. Clements (Mary Reeson) has a young daughter of nearly three, and hopes she will go to the Hall when old enough.

Mrs. Christian (Nonie Howe) writes that her daughters, **Hazel** and **Jill**, are getting on very well at the Royal School, Bath, and that she herself is still happily teaching Drama and Speech Training to the whole School at St. Probas, Salisbury (150 boys aged 4—18).

Mary Clarke, who had a lovely holiday in Austria with **Vanessa Sly** in June, is still working at Graylingwell Mental Hospital, near Chichester, as an Occupational Therapist. In July she lost her father, Vicar of Coldwaltham, Sussex, for many years, but retired and living in Chichester.

Mrs. K. Coppel (Jennifer Jill Southam) wrote in June to say that she had just qualified as a physiotherapist (M.C.S.P.) from St. Mary's Hospital, and was leaving for Melbourne to be married on arrival. (See addresses.)

Mrs. Cranmer (Ruth Loasby) has gone to Belfast with her husband, who is a Professor of Music at the University.

Mrs. Cunnew (Ada Oliphant) has been staying with **Marjorie Brocklehurst**, who is a Welfare Worker in the Ashford, Kent, area. **Marjorie's** address is "New Gap," Mersham, Ashford, Kent.

Mrs. Elliott (Marjorie Duke) wrote in September to say that her husband had been posted to Germany. She has been busy selling the house and packing up. She is to join him in November, and will live just outside Essen. She regrets she will not get to any O.G. Meetings for two and a half years.

Mrs. Fletcher (Kathleen Walton) writes that she is coping with three boys of six, four and two. Her husband is off to the Middle East in January, and they hope to join him later. She keeps up her interest in refugees by working on the Foreign Relief Committee of the Save the Children Fund.

Mrs. Garforth (Francesca Leeke) is the wife of a Professor of Classics in the University of Hull.

Mrs. Gilchrist (L. Stalman) has a small daughter of six years old.

Joyce Gosney has been appointed Head of the Junior School of St. Mary's School, Calne.

Mrs. Goodall-Carpenter (Geraldine Walton). Her husband is a very brilliant railway engineer working for North British Locomotives. **Geraldine** qualified as a Health Nurse in Glasgow and is also a Certified Midwife. Their present address is 184, Drymen Road, Bearsden, Glasgow.

Mrs. Hardy (May Howard) writes that she and her husband are deeply interested in the Church work in Sevenoaks, and also enjoy entertaining people from other countries. Her daughter, **Margaret**, who spent a term at Blunt House, is just off for two years in Bangkok, after two years in Baghdad. She works in the Foreign Office. Her son, **James**, is now at Monkton Combe School, near Bath, which was largely started by her grandfather, the Rev. Bryan.

Rosalind Harvey is now a Nurse in training at the West London Hospital, Hammersmith, W.6.

Mrs. Hammerton (Thelma Appleyard), who is now a proud mother, continued her work at Jackson's, the Hove optician (where **Vanessa Sly** also works) till August. They are both very keen on recruiting new members for the Association.

Dorothy Heelas, who served in the A.T.S., met **Audrey Baron**, who served in Q.M.A.A.C., in March, at the Annual Re-union in London of the W.R.A.C. Association, which incorporates both the other Services. **Dorothy** and her sister had the wanderlust again.

Miss Hensley is very happy now in rooms near **Margaret Wanstall**, who is always ready to help her.

Mrs. Howard (Eileen Portas) (1932-1940) wrote in February to give her change of address. Now that her two children have reached school age she has been doing some part-time teaching (Biology—mainly VI Form work).

Mrs. Howlett (Margaret Black) writes to **Vanessa Sly**, who says she is now a widow and lives in Scotland with her parents and two sons, and does not come South very often.

Rosamund Kettlewell wrote in September to say that her family had recently moved to Sittingbourne (see addresses) and she was very busy in house and garden. She spoke of **Mrs. Brisk (Betty Black)**, who had enjoyed an S.M.H.A. Meeting with her, and now lives in Worthing.

Miss King, who succeeded **Miss Pope** as Maths. Mistress, is now Second Mistress at Wellington. **Miss Irons** has been visiting her.

Angela Lenton writes from Corner House, Sutton Courtenay, Abingdon, of her continued affection for and interest in St. Mary's Hall and in the efforts being made to help Clergy Daughters to join the School.

Mrs. Lindars (Rose Chevallier) writes to give news of **Mrs. Metcalfe (Violet Macdonald)**, who at her death was living in one of the Turnor Hospital houses at Wragby. **Rose** also discovered in another, **Hilda Platt**, at S.M.H. 1902-1908, who had gone there with her mother who as a clergyman's widow had been granted one years ago. **Hilda** is a fully-qualified Domestic Science teacher, and has had a successful career, and still does some part-time work in Lincoln. **Rose** recognised her in Wragby—they took the Oxford Junior Local together in 1905—and now they often meet. **Rose** speaks of her son, **Father Barnabas, S.S.F.**

Mrs. Lovis (Valerie Van der Smagt), who entered the Junior House as a little girl of seven, was caught by the War in Ceylon in 1939, and had to finish her School Education in South Africa, where she matriculated at St. Cyprian's School, Cape Town. Returning to England in 1947, she took the Degree of B.Sc. at Queen Mary College, University of London, where she met and married Mr. Lovis, also a botanist. He

is doing research work at the University of Leeds, and **Valerie** is teaching Biology at Allerton High School, Alwoodley, Leeds, where she is very happy and has met **Audrey Wilmott**.

Mrs. MacNair (Joyce Brink) lives on the outskirts of Glasgow.

Mrs. MacEwan (M. Downing) has gone with her husband to live in Australia. Address?

Mrs. Manwell (Barbara Daniell) has been home on leave from South Sudan and will return soon. She came all the way from Northern Ireland to attend the A.G.M.! She went up to the Hall on October 10th, and on to see **Miss Smith** and **Miss Bolton**.

Mrs. McCall (Margaret Jones) called at the Hall with her husband and the two boys early in October, and told **Miss Smith** that she had met **Mrs. Schooling (Barbara Wilberforce)** and had been introduced to her new baby girl. **The McCalls** return to Pakistan about January 7th.

Mrs. Moll (Doreen Read) lives at Thames Ditton, and has now got two girls and a boy.

Miss Morley and her sister sailed at the end of July, 1954, for the United States, to pay a brief visit to **Pamela** and her brother, John, where they made the acquaintance of six great-nieces and nephews.

Sister Nuffield (Norah Shelton) is (we hear) at present at Hydestile, the country branch of St. Thomas's Hospital.

Mrs. Stonley (Maud Mary Pearson). Her step-daughter, writing of her death at 86, says how proud she was of her old School, and of her happy days there. She entered S.M.H. about 1880.

Mrs. Street (Gladys G. Whittington-Ince) writes that Mr. Street hopes shortly to produce a book of photographs of Bristol of his own taking, "chiefly of the most ancient bits still left in a City so marvellously rich at one time (before the last war) in exquisite architectural treasures."

Mrs. Thomson (Katherine Seth) is recuperating after an operation, and is shortly returning to Hong Kong.

Mrs. Duncan Thomson (Elaine Lewis), from whom the Editor hoped to have an article about Ceylon and the Queen's visit, writes her regrets that at the time she was in the Nursing Home having her second son and had not been well. The family was to sail for England on leave early in November, and she was busy packing. They will be "home" for a year, and she hopes to get to an S.M.H.A. meeting. (Can anyone let us have a "home" address for her?—Ed.)

Miss Pope, who was for some years Maths. Mistress at S.M.H., and since then has been teaching at a school at Kowloon, Hong Kong, has been home on furlough, and sails on December 10th, when her actual address will be c/o Bishop's House, Hong Kong. Her nieces are **Mrs. R. Downing (Margaret Pope)**, who is having a bungalow built, and **Heather Pope**, St. Brandon's, Bristol Gate, Brighton 7.

Mildred Riddelsdell writes from Peter Cooper Hotel, 130, East 39th Street, New York 16, U.S.A., and says she may be in England on leave in April or May, 1955, and might manage the A.G.M. She reckons that the Board of her United Nations Pensions Fund will be meeting in Paris in April.

Mrs. Schofield (Edith Matson) has been living at Gillingham since her husband, a Commander (S) was appointed to the R.N. Hospital, Chatham. He has recently retired from the Navy after 35 years' service. Her son, John, a Naval Lieutenant (S), was in H.M.S. Newfoundland when she escorted the Queen from the Cocos Islands to Ceylon, and on to Aden, and he had the honour of being presented. **Bunty (Elizabeth)** is doing a year's secretarial course, and is keen on languages.

Margaret and Stella Senior visited Blunt House in October, 1954, to the great pleasure of **Miss Ghey and Miss Galton**. They said they are both very happy in their work: **Margaret** is still teaching infants, and **Stella** is Secretary to the Director, Public Advisory Service, "News of the World."

Mrs. Sheaves (Ina Disney), writing of her mother's death in September, spoke of going on a visit to **Mrs. Malden (Helen Thwaites)** and on to France. She hopes to get to the A.G.M. next year.

Vanessa Sly writes giving useful news of several friends. She, herself, is still working at the opticians, and also does a certain amount of part-time Civil Defence work in Hove. (She was in it full-time during the War.) She had a lovely holiday near Innsbruck with **Mary Clarke**, fortunately before the floods—a marvellous spot, and the flowers were beautiful.

Mrs. Smith (Ruth Webb), of Holton Holgate Rectory, Spilsby, Lincs., was for some months early in the year, in the Orthopædic Hospital at Boston for manipulation to straighten her knees—she has very bad arthritis. By chance, **Audrey Baron** heard of her, and was able to visit her, and give her "Hall" news. She would very much like to hear from friends.

Winnie Owen Smith wrote in June to say that **Mrs. Bedford (Mary Chippindall)** was coming to tea with her. She sent a cutting about **Bridget Montgomery Campbell's** wedding. It must have been delightful. Any of us who know Farnham, or went to that lovely S.M.H.A. party at the Castle in 1951, when **Bridget** was acting as hostess to her father, the Bishop of Guildford, can picture the lovely setting. **Winnie** sent a booklet about some wonderful Motor Yacht Cruises through the inland waterways of Europe organised by her doctor brother.

Miss Ella Thornburgh, when sending the notice of her sister, **Louisa's**, death, reminds us that their family has been connected with the Hall since 1879, when the first sister (of five), **Mary Mooney**, went there. They changed their name in 1885 to **Thornburgh**. They even had a great nephew, **Peter**, at S.M.H. in 1949 in the kindergarten. Many of us, of course, remember **Florence**, who as **Miss Thornburgh** taught us Scripture and Geography, and was a Form and Dormitory Mistress, a prime mover in the formation of the S.M.H. Company of Girl Guides, and also encouraged our interest in astronomy and botany. **Ella** is the fifth sister, and **Eva**, who lives with her, is the third. She writes from 3, Manor Road, Rusthall, Tunbridge Wells, Kent.

Mrs. Tredennick (Margaret Phair) tells us that her son, Christopher, is now a choral scholar at King's College, Cambridge, and is reading music. Her elder daughter, Joy, is studying music in London, and her younger daughter, Mary, is in her third year at Newnham reading Classics, and is specialising in Archaeology.

NEWS OF RECENT OLD GIRLS.

Delia Bell is a student at Beckenham Art School.

Shirley Botting, according to the papers, was winner of the County final of the S.E. Gas Board "Youth in the Kitchen" Competition, held in February, and was to represent Sussex in the National semi-finals. Shirley was then a domestic student at Brighton Technical College. Our latest news is that she has gained a post with the South-Eastern Electricity Board, where she demonstrates cookery.

Daphne Browne is training at King's College Hospital.

Helen Cope has won an open scholarship to St. James's Secretarial College.

Joan Edwards passed her second M.B. in March.

Elisabeth Flint is training at the Beckett Hospital, Barnsley, Yorks.

May Ning, who came three years ago from **Miss Pope's School** in Hong Kong with limited English, had, **Miss Conrady** told us at the A.G.M., been offered a vacancy at the Royal Free Hospital School of Medicine. She competed on an equal footing with English girls, which was particularly notable.

Charmian Orton is assistant secretary to Lord Nathan.

Ruth Powell has successfully completed her course in occupational therapy.

Jean Scatliff was for about eighteen months Sanatorium assistant: she is now spending a few months with a French family before beginning her training as a nurse at St. Bartholomew's Hospital.

Marguerite Seton is training at the Princess Elizabeth Orthopaedic Hospital, Exeter.

Jean Strike is engaged and is continuing her training at Gipsy Hill Training College.

Leueen Wolfenden is working for the Shell Petroleum Company.

ON OLD GIRLS.

Yes, school days do end, and we inevitably become Old Girls, and all too soon older "girls," as our pages show!

Any of us who are inclined to worry lest the Association should not be a hundred per cent. appreciated, must remember their own young days when anyone more than a few years older was considered rather ancient; but then we had the advantage that the process was gradual. Always there was some one leaving who was admired for her prowess in one field or another, or just liked as a good companion. It is due to the misfortunes of war that there is more than five years of school-life missing, and this gap takes some spanning. However, if the young will bear with us and our delight in our old haunts and pride in the present School, and remember that, though we cannot emulate Sir Winston Churchill, who has recently attended his old school reunion, we are most of us doing, or have done, quite interesting and useful things, and have had fun and adventures, all will be well.

And new members, both young and old, will do well to try to come with a companion to their first meeting, some one to laugh with and to ease any strangeness, though always all are welcome.

H.A.B.

BIRTHS.

Anderson.—On October 29th, 1954, at 2140, East Avenue, Rochester, N.Y., U.S.A., to Monica (Luffman), wife of Howard Anderson—a son (James).

Baxter.—On November 9th, 1953, at University College Hospital, London, to Jean (Stuart), wife of John Edgell Baxter—a son.

Cox.—On July 26th, 1953, at Lusways Nursing Home, Sidmouth, to Elizabeth (Hanham) and John Kidman Cox, Colonial Agricultural Service, North Borneo—a daughter.

Dale.—On September 21st, 1954, at Woking Maternity Hospital, to Stella (Portas), wife of Anthony Churchill Dale—a son.

De Sa.—On February 20th, 1954, to Keren (Tyrrell) and Geoffrey De Sa—a second son. P.O. Box 69, Kumasi, Gold Coast.

Grant.—On March 17th, 1954, to Carol (Allden), wife of Thomas Grant, at the Hutt Hospital, N.Z.—a daughter (Prudence Carol), sister for Clinton and Suzanne.

Goodall-Copestake.—On May 7th, 1954, to Geraldine (Walton) and Lester Goodall-Copestake—a daughter (Anne Felicity).

Harris.—On May 6th, 1954, to Vivien (Claudet), wife of Lt.-Col. D. C. Harris, R. Signals—a daughter (Clare Cecile.)

Holdstock.—On February 14th, 1954, at Redhill County Hospital, Surrey, to Beryl (Day) and Peter Holdstock—a daughter.

Hammerton.—In October, 1954, to Thelma (Appleyard), wife of Roy Hammerton—a daughter (Veronica Lesley).

Humpherson.—On September 3rd, 1954, to Joan (Beall) and Richard Humpherson—a son.

Lees.—On July 30th at Worme Ash, Bromsgrove, to Mary (Montgomery Campbell), wife of George D. Lees—a daughter.

Oakeley.—On July 31st, 1954, at Hereford, to Jean Valerie (Strong), wife of David Oakeley—a third son.

Thomson.—In September (?), 1954, in Ceylon, to Mr. and Mrs. Duncan Thomson (Elaine Lewis)—a second son.

Woodgate-Jones.—On July 14th, 1954, at Musgrove Park Hospital, Taunton, to Esme (Stewart), wife of Dr. N. P. Woodgate-Jones—a daughter.

MARRIAGES.

Curry—Jones.—On May 8th, at St. Cuthbert's Church, Hove, Desmond Ronald Curry, B.Sc., of 8, Clifton Road, Brighton, to Margaret Doreen Jones, of 31, Selbourne Road, Hove, 3.

Goodall-Copestake—Walton.—On May 30th, 1953, at Bromley Parish Church by Canon W. N. Murray Walton, assisted by Bishop J. C. Mann, Geraldine, younger daughter of Canon and Mrs. Murray Walton to Lester Goodall-Copestake, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. Goodall-Copestake, of St. Andrews.

Dale—Portas.—In August, 1953, Stella Portas to Anthony C. Dale, son of the Archdeacon of Salisbury. Now living at Addlestone, Surrey.

GOLDEN WEDDING.

Overman—Heaven.—On November 10th, 1904, at St. Mary's Church, Handsworth Wood, Charles Tolme Overman to Mary Beatrice Heaven (at S.M.H. 1889—1896). Address: 9, Hillcrest Drive, Greasby, Upton, Wirral, Cheshire.

DEATHS.

Ashwin.—On 29th December, 1953, Robert Forster Ashwin, Priest, of Res Augusta, Mayo Lane, Bexhill, aged 86, Headmaster of Magdalen College School, Brackley, 1910-30, Rector of Ashurst, Sussex, 1930-47. (Son of Mary Anne Stammers, brother of Mary, Anne and Emily, and father of Irene and Monica, all pupils of S.M.H.)

Bardsley.—On March 21st, 1954, peacefully, at Garstang, Lancs., Lizzie Christine, widow of the Rev. H. J. Bardsley, of Barton, Preston, and daughter of the late Judge Samuel Prentice, Q.C., aged 90 years.

Coe.—On July 16th, 1954, at a Nursing Home, after a long illness, Grace Edith Coe, second daughter of the late Rev. J. W. and Mrs. Coe.

Davis.—On May 11th, 1954, after a long illness, Theodora (Bell-house), widow of James Roncroft Davis, who died in September, 1952, and cousin of Mrs. Kidd (Daisy Panter). At S.M.H. 1905-11.

Disney.—On June 13th, 1954, at Henstridge, Somerset, Selina Grace, widow of the Rev. William Disney, late of Skegness, in her 93rd year. Dear mother of Cecil and of Ina Sheaves.

Earp.—On December 22nd, at Dresden House, Hove, Edith Mary, the very dearly loved auntie of Peter, Peggy and Pamela.

Loasby.—On February 8th, 1954, in hospital, Winifred Mary, beloved wife of the Rev. Harold Loasby, dear mother of Veronica, Helen, Justin and Mark, and most beloved only daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. A. M. Walmsley.

Metcalfe.—In November, 1953, Violet Metcalfe (Macdonald) after a long period of ill-health, aged 80 years. At S.M.H. in Miss Birrell's time.

Phair.—On January 2nd, 1954, Lovella Henty Phair, widow of the Rev. E. E. M. Phair, late Canon of St. John's Cathedral, Winnipeg, and mother of Margaret Tredennick, in her 84th year.

Shoosmith.—On September 12th, Capt. W. M. Shoosmith, of Kingston Blount, Oxford, late Port Officer, Basra, beloved husband of Dolly and dear father of Faith.

Stanham.—On December 29th, at Nith Hill, Dumfries, Katharine Elizabeth, aged 80, widow of the Rev. A. E. H. Stanham, formerly Vicar of Ilam, Staffs.

Stonley.—On October 21st, 1953, Maud Mary Stonley (Pearson) in her 86th year. At S.M.H. about 1880.

Thornburgh.—On May 20th, 1954, peacefully, Louise Percival Thornburgh, aged 81, the fourth daughter of the late Rev. Thomas Thornburgh, Vicar of Heywood Westbury, Wilts., and one of five sisters educated at S.M.H. Her period being 1885-1890.

IN MEMORIAM.

Amy Syree, born February 20th, 1861, was one of our oldest Old Girls, and interested in the Hall to the last.

She enjoyed fair health till May, 1953, when she had a fall and smashed one of her thigh bones.

For nearly six months she was in a nursing home, and during her long suffering she was brave and cheerful, sustained by her strong faith.

She died on November 21st, 1953, and was buried in the family grave, and the service was taken by my brother. Miss Ghey and Mrs. Owen were there, and I sent flowers from her old School.

M. WANSTALL.

Miss Elsie F. Wright (Madame Emil Masson) may be remembered by some old girls, whose French Mistress she was at the Hall for about two years. She was widely read, and inspiring as a teacher, but left in 1902 (being succeeded by Miss Hensley) to be married to a Breton professor who continued to collaborate with her in writing and publishing many works on Ruskin and Carlyle.

Madame Masson died a few days before Christmas, 1953, happy in the possession of two sons and three grandchildren, whom she delighted to introduce to some of the glories of English literature.

H.R.P.

GRACE COE.

Grace was the second of a family of four who were educated at St. Mary's Hall. She went there in 1891 when only just nine years old, and for some time had the distinction of being the youngest girl in the School. Her contemporaries will remember her as small, and rather shy, with a very curly head.

As soon as she was old enough, she chose Nursing as her profession and she only retired in 1939, after having been Matron of the Ophthalmic Hospital, Maidstone, for 19 years. In 1920 she was awarded the R.R.C. "in recognition of her valuable services."

The last years of her life were spent quietly, as she had bad health, but she was always interested in news of St. Mary's Hall, and of the friends she made there.

THEODORA DAVIS (Bellhouse)—AN APPRECIATION.

My first memory of Theodora is of a very tall girl, with long plaits, in a cornflower blue dress, standing up to take part in the Sunday Hymn singing after tea in the old schoolroom at the Hall. That was in September, 1911—my first term and her last—at St. Mary's Hall. She was a prefect then and in the sixth form—I was in the first. Feeling very small and very shy I was impressed by her vivid personality, her swinging strides, her deep voice, her rather loud and infectious laugh, but above all, by her extraordinary zest for life.

It was twenty years or more before I was to see her again after that term. Then it was in London at the Annual General Meeting. Quite amazingly she recognised me, and rushing across the room she swooped down on me with outstretched arms calling my name with obvious delight. None of her earlier exuberance or joy in living seemed to have abated—nor her keen sense of humour. We found that our homes were now only about twenty miles apart, and so, from then onwards, we were to see each other often, and each other's families. Her generous hospitality and impulsive kindness were like warm sunshine embracing everyone—but especially she treasured the friendship of old St. Mary's Hall mistresses and girls, and was always full of plans and ideas (not always practicable) for re-unions and meetings. She was perpetually recounting tales of the good old days at the Hall, and speaking with affection of her contemporaries there—Ada Oliphant, Polly Watson, Audrey Baron, Ruth Farrow, Helen and Olive Thwaites, Winnie Banks, her cousin, Daisy Panter, and many another, not forgetting dear Miss Forrest.

But hardly was the Summer of her life over, and scarcely had Autumn begun, than the dark still Winter was upon her. Like an icy blast of wind, a sudden illness struck her. For several months she lay confined to bed, completely paralysed down one side of her body. But even then her radiant spirit shone brightly. And when I visited her in hospital she continued to recall amusing episodes from her school days; she still laughed at pranks played on other sixth form girls. Her great interest in all current St. Mary's Hall news never flagged.

Then, surprisingly, she made a partial recovery. But only for a while—and then Winter returned with added severity. For two long years she lay still, suffering with amazing courage and fortitude. Now she was living two hundred miles away at her cousin's country Rectory at Brinscombe, through the great kindness of him and his wife, surrounded by an atmosphere of true Christian love and faith.

Before the next Annual Meeting I visited her there. It was to be the last time we met. "Would you like me to take a message from you?" I asked. "Shall I give them all your love?" "Yes, of course," she said, "Miss Ghey, Miss Hensley, and everyone. And tell them how I have loved the fellowship!"

And that is what I believe she would wish me to do now—to say once again how very much she personally loved the bond of fellowship which seems to unite all St. Mary's Hall old girls: the tie that binds them together wherever they are in the world, and which finds expression in an unrestrained joyful friendliness whenever they meet.

One word more. As we think of Theodora—of her active, vivid, personality—of her courageous spirit—we can better realise that, for the soul that puts its trust in God, the cold dread winter of the death of the body is but a prelude to a glorious Springtime in the fuller, richer, life in Eternity.

M. O'HARA (Banks).

MARY LOASBY (WALMSLEY).

It is hard to realise that 25 years have passed since I first met Mary at the Hall when we both arrived as new girls in 1929. I can remember my first glimpse of her so well as she sat in the Library with the rest of us, dark, vivacious and so very young. And yet she passed into the school higher than anyone else and though the youngest in the form by two years she was top her first week, a place she then occupied more or less continuously.

Yet I think it was not for her intellectual achievements that she will be remembered and loved. She was so different from other people. Brought up till she was twelve in the freedom of Ceylon she somehow never really bowed her head automatically to the tradition and discipline of school life. In this she was at once the despair and joy of her friends who moved perhaps in more conventional grooves. And yet unlike so many unconventional people she was somehow a person everyone loved. "Shrimp" she was christened in her first term and "Shrimp" she remained for many of us to the end of her life. She was a very affectionate and loyal friend, very humble about her own gifts, and always genuinely admiring the lesser talents of her friends. Her marked ability in games was met with surprise instead of the all too common superiority. She was always a wonderful companion as she always had such joy in life and so remained enthusiastic and interested. Looking back over the years I know that my memories of her are among the most vivid I have of those far off days. After I left we met I think only six times, but the years made no difference and we linked up where we had left off.

Her friends must often have wondered where her unusual combination of brains and youth would lead her. Those of us who knew her in her married life with her four children, know now that in that she found the happiness and completion we all wanted for her.

K. M. F.

Extract from S.M.H.A. Rules

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3. All Old Girls and all past teaching staff of the Hall shall be eligible for membership. Present teaching staff and members of the VI Form shall be invited to attend Annual General Meetings without becoming members of the Association, but shall not be entitled to vote.

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4. From 1st January, 1952, each member shall pay an annual subscription of at least 5/-, or a Life Membership subscription of at least £3; except that existing members at that date may have the option of continuing to pay an annual subscription of 4/-. The name of any member (not being a Life Member) who fails to pay her subscription for two consecutive years shall be removed from the membership list. After forty years' continuous membership, a member may apply for Honorary Life Membership.

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ST. MARY'S HALL ASSOCIATION.

Balance Sheet 1st January—31st December, 1953.

RECEIPTS.

	£	s.	d.
Balance in Barclay's Bank, January 1st, 1953 ..	42	5	10
Cash in Hand, 1st January, 1953 ..	2	12	10½
Subscriptions Arrears ..	1	10	0
" 1953 ..	13	8	0
" Advance ..	2	15	0
Donations for News Letter ..	3	10	0
Sale of News Letters of 1952 ..	9	0	0
" " 1953 ..	18	18	0
13 Life Members ..	39	12	0
Donations to Bursary Fund ..	17	0	0
Withdrawn from Post Office ..	25	0	0
Dividend—Conversion Stock ..	3	15	6
	£170	16	2½

PAYMENTS.

	£	s.	d.
Secretary's Expenses:—			
1951 Printing Proposed New Constitution ..	4	0	0
Annual Meeting, Printing, Etc. ..	2	16	11
1952 Annual Meeting, Y.W.C.A. Room ..	2	10	0
" " Printing & Postage ..	4	18	3
1953 Annual Meeting, Y.W.C.A. Room ..	2	2	0
" " Printing & Postage ..	5	6	4
Coronation Pencils ..	15	0	0
Invested in Post Office ..	39	12	0
Cheque to S.M.H. Bursary Fund ..	17	0	0
News Letter, 1952, Printing & Envelopes & Constitution ..	44	16	0
News Letter, 1952, Postage ..	1	16	7
Editor's Postage (Part Payment) ..	1	6	0
Cash in Hand, 31st December, 1953 ..	1	2	8½
Balance in Barclay's Bank ..	43	18	11
	£170	16	2½

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

"Will all Members whose subscriptions are in arrears **please pay up.**"—E. M. Smith.
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HEAD MISTRESS'S REPORT.

Mr. Chairman Mr. Nugee, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting my fifth report as Head Mistress of St. Mary's Hall, but before doing so I should like to welcome all parents and friends in this packed hall and to say to those girls who are listening upstairs to the relayed proceedings that I am talking to you as well, and I hope you will be able to hear all that goes on. We extend to Mr. Nugee a most warm welcome as our guest of honour—even warmer because he has so generously come to speak at short notice on account of the illness of Dame Mary Lloyd who was to have been present. I, personally, offer Mr. Nugee a special welcome as a colleague from Sussex, Headmaster of a well known Public School, Eastbourne College.

There has been little change in numbers during the year. It would have been easy to increase both boarders and day girls had we been less demanding in the minimum standard we are prepared to accept. I feel confident that we shall ultimately regain the high reputation for Scholarship and real all-round quality which the School held before the War if we persist in our demand for an adequate standard of achievement or good promise on entry.

During the year we have welcomed Miss J. Dunn-Coleman, B.A. (Reading) in charge of French, Mrs. G. E. Martin, B.Sc. (London), in charge of Mathematics, Miss R. Southgate, M.A. (St. Andrew's), an additional member of staff to teach History and English. Mrs. M. Kugelman, B.Sc. (Melbourne), also joined us in September to teach Chemistry and Mathematics and we were all genuinely sorry that she was able to stay only one term as her husband was called back to his parish in Australia earlier than he had expected to be. In her one term with us her unselfishness, her serenity and her vitality and freshness, so typical of many Australian people, won a secure place in the hearts of Staff and girls alike.

We had a visit from Her Majesty's Inspectors in October and for four days a team of ten made St. Mary's Hall their home during working hours. The School had not been honoured—if that word can be used here—by a full inspection for nearly twenty years, and we were glad to have the opportunity of discussing the progress and problems of the School since its re-opening as well as the encouragement of friendly advice and the expression of hope for its continued healthy growth. It was an opportune moment for such an inspection which was such a help after the first seven years of pioneer work with all its struggles and growing pains.

It is usual in a Head Mistress's report to mention Examination results near the beginning but I intend to leave the General Certificate results until near the end in conjunction with some reflections which appear to be relevant to those results in the light of the future of the School and of education generally.

Art and Music continue to flourish. In the Royal Drawing Society's Competition this year there were 370 entries and although there was no outstanding success each piece of work was classed. 285 were first class or highly commended and 17 of book-prize standard. Two pieces of work were exhibited at the Guildhall. Linda Phillips had a piece of work shown at Delhi in the International Exhibition of Children's Art. In recognition of the high standard of entries submitted by Miss Davies over a number of years from girls in St. Mary's Hall Miss Davies was made a member of the R.D.S.

In Music, too, there has been a record number of entries in various grades in piano, violin and Theory of Music, and the results have been good. Josephine Chan obtained full marks in Grade V Theory. The Orchestra, now nearly two years old, is becoming more venturesome in its repertoire, and this branch of musical work being done by Miss Agnes Best won very special praise from the Inspectors.

In Games there has been notable progress with much more team spirit in evidence. The lacrosse team was much stronger last season and many of the girls put in regular stickwork practice before breakfast. The Junior Tennis Team had an exceptionally good season reaching the finals of the Sussex Junior Inter-Schools tennis tournament and being beaten by only a small margin by Battle Abbey.

Domestic Science is becoming firmly established. A number of girls entered the "Youth in the Kitchen" competition organised by the Gas Board. Although they were eliminated in the second round they made a good showing and were commended by the judges. Four girls are taking Cookery as one of their G.C.E. subjects in July. Apart from a three-year course as part of the School curriculum up to Form Upper V for the less academic stream, Domestic Science is included in the General Sixth Form course and has proved to be very popular as well as very useful.

Girls who left the School last year are pursuing a variety of careers including librarianship, physical education, teachers' training, secretarial training, nursing, domestic science and pharmacy. Joan Edwards, who was the first girl of the post war St. Mary's Hall to enter upon a medical career, gained her 2nd M.B. in March.

The Old Girls' Association continues to be a great moral and spiritual support to the School and the membership is increasing and becoming generally more active. The old girls have again given us many presents and one in particular must have special reference in this report. For some time two members of the St. Mary's Hall Association have wanted to improve the light and the outlook from the dining hall. A girl once said of some of the windows in St. Mary's Hall, "Basevi (the Architect) designed them high above eye level in order, presumably, to enable wayward pupils to give their undivided attention to the lesson." She went on to say, "Although some may condemn such a limitation, yet in this age of multiple distraction, which is provided no less by pictures than by jet aeroplanes, Basevi's plan is advantageous to both pupils and teachers of St. Mary's Hall!" However that may be, there is no possible brief for applying the same restrictions in window planning for the dining room! Our two good friends evidently agreed with this, and they put a most generous sum of money at the disposal of the Governors, who, after much deliberation and consultation with the Regency Society, decided to enlarge the two west windows of the dining room. This was done in the Christmas holidays and now we look out on the lovely stretches of grass of our own sloping garden and games field. We do thank these two generous friends who remained for a long time anonymous (but who we now know to be Miss Galton, who was on the staff for many years, and Miss Joan Collard, a pupil from 1921-1927).

The girls have again taken part in many activities outside the normal School curriculum. The Sixth Form organised a Stall at the St. Mark's Missionary Sale and succeeded in raising over £10 for the Church Missionary Society. Some of the girls sing regularly during term time in St. Mark's Church Choir at morning and evening services on Sunday. Parties of girls went to the Everest film, the All England Tennis Championship at Wimbledon, the Brighton College and Training College plays, a talk given by Robert Speight at Varndean Girls' School, the Borough Waterworks, Green's Works, Art Exhibitions in London, a meeting of the Borough Council, local Concerts given by well known Orchestras and artists as well as to places of special interest in the neighbourhood. We have also had talks and recitals in the School. On United Nations' Day the School had a party to which students from the International School in Brighton were invited and at which as many people as possible wore national costume. Our own overseas girls gave short talks about their own countries from different aspects and we felt it was a most happy, as well as a profitable, occasion for us all. Unhappily one of our girls who took a very prominent part in this event, Leila Yateem, from the Persian Gulf, was a victim, only about two months later, in the Comet crash in January.

The first school visit abroad was organised during the Easter holidays by Miss Dunn-Coleman, who accompanied the girls, together with Miss Meades, on a seven-day visit to Paris. The party included girls from overseas and though we had many anxious moments during the weeks beforehand in dealing with numberless difficulties and yards of seemingly necessary red tape, we managed to obtain the last visa with only a week to spare. The visit was obviously a great success and I hope that this will be the first of many School visits abroad. Several girls spent a large part of the holidays in French families on the exchange scheme organised by the Modern Language Association in conjunction with the Joint Committee of the Four Secondary Associations.

One event which deserves special mention is the Christmas Fair organised in December to raise money for School Funds and in particular to buy a film projector, which would be used largely for showing films at week-ends for pleasure, but which also could be used sometimes as a visual aid in teaching to show some of the excellent educational films available, most of which cost little to hire. We set ourselves a high target, £300, and publicised the Fair widely among friends of the School. The financial result of £400 was quite beyond our wildest hopes but the corporate happiness of the afternoon was something upon which all present commented. Mr. Terence Morgan, father of our youngest boarder, gave us a good send-off by opening the Sale, and apart from some congestion, caused by the wonderful and unexpectedly large numbers of people who came, the fair went without a hitch. We bought a projector during the Christmas holidays and it made its debut by a showing of that magnificent film, "Where No Vultures Fly." Since then it has more than proved its value at week-ends, and for the showing of scientific and geographical films. I take this opportunity of thanking many of you here this afternoon for all your help so unstintingly given, and without which the bazaar would have been a very different affair. It was typical of the response I often receive from parents in so many ways. It means a good deal to a Head Mistress to have understanding and co-operative parents and I am fortunate in having many such parents who are prepared to discuss with me and the Staff the welfare of their daughters. It is important that parents and staff should meet as often as possible so that we can mutually do the best possible thing for the girls, and I am grateful to the staff for their willing co-operation in this way, and to all teaching, house, sanatorium and secretarial staff for all the service they give both in and out of school hours. I want specially to record my thanks to Miss Meades, Senior Mistress, for her conscientiousness and loyalty to me, and to Mrs. Hora who has done so much to make the Sixth Form so strong in spite of its small size. In my report last year I gave special praise to Pat Eggleton who had been Head Girl for nearly two years. It seemed at that time quite impossible to find a successor who would lead the school as splendidly as Pat, but our choice of Leueen Wolfenden has proved that we were wrong for Leueen has brought to her high office the same integrity of purpose, the same thorough and untiring effort; and the same gracious-

ness and forgetfulness of self which were so characteristic of our last year's Head Girl. Her leadership has been of the finest. We thank also the domestic staff and caretakers, and very specially our gardener and our maintenance man, both of whom have served the school with such devotion, especially during the very cold spell when the School caretaker was ill.

The General Certificate results last year were the best so far since the School reopened. It was a small entry but the girls were certainly not above average apart from the few who achieved outstanding results. They were, however, a very hard working group of girls and they deserved to succeed. Three girls gained seven passes of a very high standard, and we felt it was nothing short of tragedy that not one of these girls entered upon advanced studies since each one had the ability to go on to a University and to do well. The urge to leave School at sixteen is very strong throughout the country and St. Mary's Hall is no exception. It is a matter of great concern to me, as it is to others in charge of young people, that so few girls remain at School after taking their General Certificate at "O" Level. Our function as a Public School is to train girls to take their place in the world as responsible citizens with trained minds and bodies and with spirits enriched and enlivened by the opportunities for service. We cannot make a good job of this task unless the girls have at least a year in the Sixth Form where there is more opportunity of serving the community and of making a real contribution towards the going-forward of the School. What the girls are able to get from the School increases as they get higher up the School because they are able to give so much more. Apart from the two-year Sixth Form courses for advanced level work there is a general Sixth Form course of one year planned to give as much scope as possible and unhampered by examinations.

There is a sore need in the world to-day of trained minds to cope with the manifold problems which face us. Too many people are satisfied with the bare minimum, and lack any ambition to take responsibility or to stretch their God-given talents to their limit. Some of you will probably have heard in this morning's news that the Archbishop of York, in his diocesan message, said, "The fear of responsibility is one of the weaknesses of this age." Not only is the trained mind needed to supply the graduates for industry, for research of all kinds both scientific and humanistic, for the professions and in numberless other fields, but it is needed also in the ordinary everyday man and woman in order to bring into life sound judgment, integrity of purpose, wide sympathies, the ability to understand something of the world in which they live and to see how the individual fits into the somewhat complicated jigsaw puzzle. Education is no narrow thing synonymous with information, but concerned with the growth of the complete man or woman. To this end there must be a twofold means. First from our study of various subjects we can learn not only the facts but also some deeper truths. From the study of mathematics, science and geography we can get a clearer perception of exact truth and a reverence for the wonders of the universe. From the study of history and scripture, inspiration of great lives and more understanding of the strength of unity and sincerity of aim, and of the inevitable disaster of self-seeking, thus showing us the value of striving after unselfishness, charity, co-operation, citizenship: from the study of languages, as well as the value of accuracy in thought, we can learn something of the making of men's minds and of the way of life of other peoples: from literature, art and music a thirst and a love for beauty and for much that brings happiness and grace to man.

It is only in so far as we can see beyond the bare bones of any subject to what lies behind that we can find the deeper aims of education in our school life. This brings me to the second means I had in mind. No man can be complete without a deep and true conception of happiness which is a vital part of education. By happiness I do not mean pleasure which is often but a fleeting thing. Real happiness means first and foremost service: it means a sense of freedom and therefore cannot be gained without self control: it involves charity: it results in courage and infectious gaiety: it is possible to the least of us as well as to the

greatest and it is one of the most valuable gifts we can bring to others. The grievous troubles and anxieties of the world to-day are largely due to fear and unhappiness, and the only antidote is a conscious turning to God, Who is the only source of real happiness and satisfaction and Whose purpose it is that men should carry on the work of the world in fellowship with one another and in fellowship with Him. This I consider to be the ultimate aim of education.

EXTRACTS FROM THE HEAD MISTRESS'S REPORT ON JUNIOR SPEECH DAY.

Madam Chairman, Miss Ghey, Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is with pleasure that I welcome parents this afternoon, and our guest of honour, Miss Ghey, who needs no introduction to many of you. Miss Ghey has the welfare of St. Mary's Hall very much at heart. Her contact with the School goes back over 40 years, but this does not make her approach to School life, with its present-day problems, out-of-date, since Miss Ghey is essentially an enthusiastic adventure loving person with a spirit in harmony with youth. We are delighted to have her again to speak at our Junior prizegiving. I should also like to take this opportunity of welcoming Miss Broadwood, the Vice-Chairman of Governors

Our Junior School will gradually become smaller in numbers in pursuance of the Governors' policy and with the strong support of Her Majesty's Inspectors. As many parents know, the Kindergarten department was closed two years ago in theory, although it was not possible to effect this immediately in practice, as we had at that time in the School a number of very young children whose parents did not wish to move them to other Schools. In September, 1955, no pupils will be admitted under Form Lower III and children under nine will be retained only if above average. In this way we shall be able to offer wider scope for the older girls by having two forms at each stage. We have insufficient form-room space to do this if we have so wide an age range as at present.

You will see from the list of prizes and certificates something of the standard of work achieved. However, you will realise that the girls who win form prizes are not an indication of the standard of the form as a whole, but only that the prizewinners have reached an average standard over the year which we consider at that stage is above average and worthy of recognition. As you know the School had a full inspection by the Ministry of Education last October, the first since 1934. Although Her Majesty's Inspectors did not express dissatisfaction, I feel that the work of the Juniors on the whole leaves much to be desired, and before ending my report I want to make a few general reflections on the work and attitude in the Junior School. In my report two years ago I spoke of the need for greater accuracy and finish in our work. This is still one of our greatest weaknesses, and one which is being felt throughout the country. As teachers and parents we must realise and take very seriously the responsibility which is ours in stimulating and encouraging our children to give only the best they can offer. It is easy to blame present-day conditions—wireless, television, the cinema, and all kinds of other counter attractions: but that does not get to the root of the matter which lies in the girls themselves, in the lack of determination to tackle a job, to put all they have into it, to take a pride in doing it well, to get fun in doing it and to see it through to its completion. I often use a prayer in our School Services which expresses far better than I can the thought in my mind. It was written by a great man, Sir Francis Drake, and runs like this: "O Lord God, when Thou givest to Thy servants to endeavour any great matter, grant us also to know that it is not the beginning, but the continuing of the same until it be thoroughly finished, which yieldeth the true glory."

Many of us start off on a new piece of work with tremendous zeal, but our enthusiasm wanes after a short time, and the job is either never completed or it is badly finished. The reason for this slackness, this inaccuracy, this lack of desire to finish a task is not hard to find. It is

my belief that the answer lies in the first sentence of Sir Francis Drake's prayer which acknowledges that the effort required and the desire to work is God-given. If we work only to please ourselves—without remembering that we are God's workmen and that all we do is to His Glory—we can never gain that deep sense of satisfaction which should be ours when work is well done. There is a story of a traveller who came to a stone quarry and saw three labourers working. He asked them what they were doing. The first said, "I am hewing stone"; the second said, "I am earning five dollars a day"; but the third said, "I am building a cathedral." Well, we cannot say we are building a cathedral, but it is certain that each of us has the talent to do something equally fine. Our job is to find our talent, to stretch it to its limit and so to have the joy of having done our best in however small a way, and of glorifying God, which is surely our great and only true purpose in life.

OBITUARY.

KEELING SCOTT.—On February 5th, 1954, at Raylands Nursing Home, Brighton, Frederick Keeling Scott in his 81st year; Vicar of St. Marks, 1928-1943, and Governor of St. Mary's Hall from 1930-1940.

YATEEM.—On January 10th, 1954, in the Mediterranean Comet crash, Leila Yateem; born December 9th, 1936; pupil September, 1950, to December, 1953.

THE REV F. KEELING SCOTT.

By the death last February of the Rev. F. Keeling Scott, we have lost an old and valued friend. As Vicar of St. Mark's from 1928-1943, his relationship with St. Mary's Hall was a happy one, and after his retirement, in spite of ill-health, his interest in and affection for the school, of which he was a Governor from 1930-1940, never flagged. Even if the present generation know him only as the giver of a Poetry Prize, there are countless Old Girls who will deem it a privilege to have known him—indeed even to have heard his wonderful reading of the Bible—and who will remember him as a man who, in the words of Noel Coward, was able to "stay on the side of the angels, but keep a compassionate heart."

C. E. J. S.

LEILA YATEEM, 1950-1953.

A year ago we were horrified to see in the papers that Leila Yateem was one of the victims in the first of the ill-starred Comets. It seemed incredible that that lovely girl with her beauty, her dignity and her air of some princess of the Arabian Knights masquerading in a modern "gym" tunic, would no more come laughing back to see us. She herself might have said, "It was the will of Allah and His ways are inexplicable to us." That was one of the things I admired about her, her quiet but determined pursuit of her own faith in a strange land. Of course she was homesick at times for her sunbathed island in the Persian Gulf or a cooler summer resort in the Lebanon. Our way of life must have been so very different from anything to which she had been accustomed; but she soon settled down to be one of us, and worked away, anxious to learn anything that would enable her to become a really useful person in the world, and in her shy way she made many warm friends. She never lived to become that great and useful person, but if during her three years sojourn in our little world of St. Mary's, she made some of us a little more kindly and more considerate to strangers in our midst, then she did not live in vain, and will long remain a happy and gracious memory to all who knew and loved her.

G. F. D.

SCHOOL OFFICIALS, 1953-1954.

HEAD GIRL: Leueen Wolfenden

Deputy Head Girl: Sofi Efstratiyadis — Christmas Term
Daphne Grimston — Easter Term
Sheila Powell — Summer Term

Prefects :	E. Waring, F. McWalter, M. Ning, J. Booth, S. Higham, C. Waddell, H. Cook, V. Lambert, B. Hahndel, M. Saunders, D. Bell, S. Snelling, B. Bashford, G. Weston, A. Thompson, V. Carter.
Guild Captains :	Evelyn Waring — St. George Fiona McWalter — St. Patrick Leueen Wolfenden — St. Andrew Marylou Saunders — St. David Barbara Hahndel
House Captains :	Leueen Wolfenden — Babington House Angela Hutchinson — St. Hilary House Carol Hayes — Elliott House

DIARY OF OUTSTANDING EVENTS, 1953-1954.

CHRISTMAS TERM, 1953

September	Bishop of Chichester's meeting for Youth at Varndean. Lantern Lecture on "The Ascent of Everest" by Mr. T. Bourdillon, at the Dome.
October	Full Ministry of Education Inspection. United Nations Party.
November	Sussex Branch Meeting of S.M.H.A. at the Hall.
December	Christmas Fair to raise money for a film projector. Carol Service in School. Choir sing Carols at Old Men's Home. "Le Bourgeois Gentilhomme" and "Le Voyage de Monsieur Perrichon" at the Dome.

EASTER TERM, 1954

February	National Book Exhibition. Talk on Careers by Mrs. Finch. Gas Board Cookery Contest.
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SUMMER TERM

May	Sale in Hall for Deaf-Blind. Founder's Day and Senior Prizegiving.
June	Confirmation by the Bishop of Chichester in St. Mark's. Advanced Level General Certificate of Education. Visit to the Brighton Telephone Exchange. School sees "The Flight of the White Heron."
July	Sixth and Upper Fifth party to Eastbourne College Dance. Ordinary Level General Certificate of Education. Visit to Ovingdean Hall. Seniors visit Ministry of Labour Employment Exchange. Regency Exhibition in the Royal Pavilion. Glyndebourne, "The Rake's Progress" by Stravinsky.

CONFIRMATION.

The following girls were confirmed in St. Mark's Church by the Bishop of Chichester on June 4th:—

Anne Ballard; Fiona Bird; Margaret Boyd; Anne Dickson; Judith East; Judith Edlin; Mary Emmott; Ann Francis; Rosalind Fujah (baptised May 29th); Susan Grey; Angela Hutchinson; Valerie Karve; Renate Kraus; Susan Lea; Angela Marshall; Josephine Paine; Ann Pink; Margaret Scatlift; Rosamund Willoughby; Jane Windsor-Aubrey.

SENIOR PRIZE LIST, 1953-1954.

Scholarships, 1953-54.

Elliott Scholarship	Helen Cope (till Dec., 1953) Evelyn Waring
Babington Scholarship	Olivia Nedeham-Browne

College Entrances.

King's College, London	Evelyn Waring
Dartford College of Physical Education	Fiona McWalter
Guildhall School of Music	Ruth Smalley

Form Prizes.

Upper IV	J. Coate	S. Lee
Remove	M. Emmott	E. Viner
		F. Bird, for hard work and progress.	
Lower V	M. A. Coate	A. Payne
Upper V	O. Nedeham-Browne	A. Thompson
		V. Woollcombe	
		S. Spencer, for progress under difficulties.	

Subject Prizes.

Snowden-Smith	M. A. Coate	A. Payne
Divinity Prizes		J. Coate	
Runners-up	M. Emmott	D. Stranack
		W. Tredennick	S. Lee
		E. Colin-Jones	V. Hardy
Keeling Scott Poetry Prizes		E. Viner
Runners-up	F. McWalter	G. Carolin
French		E. Waring
Latin, awarded by Miss Ghey		O. Nedeham-Browne
English		V. Woollcombe
Science, awarded by Mrs. Hemming		M. Ning
Mathematics		C. Li
Music			
Piano		L. Phillips
Singing		R. Smalley
Violin		E. Thomas
Music, awarded by Miss Galton		A. Ballard
Art		D. Bell
Needlework		M. Saunders
Cookery		L. Wolfenden
General Knowledge	E. Waring	S. Lee
Reading		W. Tredennick
Gardening	R. Kraus	S. Burton
Elocution	N. Trendennick	
Writing	J. Edlin	R. Tyoran

Special Prizes.

Head Girl		L. Wolfenden
Good Service Prizes	F. McWalter	S. Powell

Music.

Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music.

PIANOFORTE

Grade IV	J. Chan, M. Habershon, P. Marshall, N. Tredennick
Grade V	J. Ayerst, B. Bashford, S. Burton, P. Byerley, V. Carter, M. Emmott, J. Munzing (distinction), A. Payne, L. Phillips (merit), G. Weston.
Grades VI and VII ..	A. Ballard (with merit in VI)

SINGING

Grade IV	J. Barnwell, W. Clapperton (merit)
Grades IV and V ..	R. Smalley (merit)

THEORY

Grade IV	J. Ayerst, M. Coate, J. Green, M. Howell- Davies, E. Thomas.
Grade V	B. Bashford, J. Chan, A. Payne, L. Phillips, G. Weston.

31 girls passed in Grades I, II and III: 25 in piano, 3 in Violin,
3 in Theory.

Speechwork.

New Era Academy of Drama and Music.

ELOCUTION

Grade IV	A. Davidson
Grade V	H. Heald
Grade VI	N. Tredennick
Grades V and VI ..	J. Windsor-Aubrey
Bronze Medal	W. Tredennick

READING

Junior	A. Brew (distinction)
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STAGE TECHNIQUE. Intermediate II, Advanced I, A. Ritchie
(distinction)

4 girls passed in Grades II and III.

Poetry Society.

VERSE SPEAKING, Junior Certificate L. Berk (special distinction)
Junior Bronze Medal D. Ritchie

Art.

Royal Drawing Society.

BOOK PRIZES	D. Bell (2 sheets)	J. Kenilworth (2 sheets)
	J. Booth (3 sheets)	R. Kraus (3 sheets)
	V. Carter (3 sheets)	A. Perry (4 sheets)

In addition 49 Highly Commended, 236 1st Class, 70 2nd Class
and 8 3rd Class Sheets.

CAMBRIDGE GENERAL CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION.

DECEMBER, 1953.

"O" Level.

Daphne Anthonisz	F.
Josephine Chan	Chinese.
Sofi Efstratiyadis	Turkish.
Catherine Li	Chinese.
Fiona McWalter	Bi.
May Ning	EL.
Sheila Powell	G. M.
Leueen Wolfenden	EL.
Leila Yateem	Arabic.

JULY, 1954.

Barbara Hahndel
May Ning
Evelyn Waring

"A" level Bi. "O" level Ger., M, P. C.
"A" level Bi. "O" level P, C.
Scholarship Level F. "A" level H, L.

Passes at "O" Level.

Barbara Bashford	EL, Lit, L, F, G, M, Bi.
Delia Bell	EL, Lit, H, G, A, Bi.
Loretta Berk	EL, Lit, F, H.
Jennifer Booth	EL, Lit, F, H, G, Bi.
Penelope Byerley	EL, Lit, H, G, Bi.
Valerie Carter	EL, Lit, L, F, G, M.
Josephine Chan	G, M, Bi, Lower Certificate in English.
Helen Cook	Lit, L, F, H, G.
Jenefer Eley	EL, Lit, L, F, H, RI.
Rosalind Fujah	RI.
Sally Garland	Bi.
Gillian Hay	G.
Sheila Higham	EL, Lit, H, RI.
Renate Kraus	Ger.
Valda Lambert	EL, Lit, F, G, A, M.
Catherine Li	M, Bi, Lower Certificate in English.
Fiona McWalter	Lit.
Patricia Marshall	EL, L, F, H, M, Bi.
Martyne Morse	EL, Lit, H, G, RI, A.
Olivia Nedeham-Browne	EL, Lit, L, F, H, RI.
Marguerite Seton	EL, Lit, A, Bi.
Ruth Smalley	Lit, RI, A.
Susan Snelling	EL, Lit, F, Ger, H.
Sally Spencer	EL.
Janet Summerscale	H.
Mary Tennant	H, RI, Ck.
Ann Thompson	EL, Lit, L, F, H, M, Bi.
Clare Waddell	EL, Lit, G, Bi.
Leueen Wolfenden	RI.
Valerie Woolcombe	EL, Lit, L, F, H, RI.
Catherine Zan	M, P, C.
C—Chemistry.	

EL—English Language; F—French; H—History; A—Art; Lit—English Literature; Ger—German; G—Geography; P—Physics; L—Latin; RI—Religious Instruction; M—Mathematics; Bi—Biology;

EXAMINATION RESULTS—JUNIORS.

Pianoforte.

ASSOCIATED BOARD OF THE ROYAL SCHOOLS OF MUSIC.

Grade I	J. Elliott	C. Hayes
		O. Williams
Grade II	C. Millward	J. Symonds

Speechwork.

GUILDHALL SCHOOL OF MUSIC AND DRAMA.

Preliminary	G. Lenz (merit)
Grade I	H. Cowan

NEW ERA ACADEMY OF DRAMA AND MUSIC.

Grade II	A. Jarvis
Grades I and II	B. Stewart
Grade III	E. Scatlift
Grades II and III	P. Dahl
(distinction in Grade II)	

STAGE TECHNIQUE.

Grade I	H. Cowan (distinction) G. Lenz (honours)
Grade II	J. Beechey (distinction)

Art.

ROYAL DRAWING SOCIETY.

Highly Commended and shown in the Exhibition at the Guildhall	A. Dillistone
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GIFTS TO THE HALL.

Miss Galton and Miss P Collard—Large windows to replace the small ones on the west wall of the dining-room.

Leueen Wolfenden (Head Girl, 1953-1954)—An electric clock for the Elliott Hall.

Gillian Hay—Two silver cups for winners of Senior Tennis Doubles.

Fiona McWalter—Badges for Lacrosse and Tennis Captains.

Miss Orme—Clock for Prefects' Room.

Miss Hensley, Miss Bolton, Miss Cardwell—Clothes for Acting Cupboard.

Books :—

Miss H. Potter—The Ascent of Everest by Sir John Hunt.

Miss Dunn-Coleman—Harrap's French-English Dictionary—2 vols.

Charmian Orton—Bernard Shaw's Plays, Standard Edition—3 vols.

RELATIONS OF FORMER GIRLS AT THE HALL.

Janina Benoit—daughter of Sylvia Parsons.

Valda Lambert—daughter of Rachel Stoner.

Rosemary Nolda—daughter of Joan Drury.

Jill Elliott—daughter of Marjorie Duke.

Jean Reekie—daughter of Eileen Vaughan.

Ann Thompson—daughter of Dorothy Lake.

Helen Blair—daughter of Muriel MacDonald.

Margaret, Elizabeth and Catherine Scatlift—daughters of Alma Gordon and sisters of Jean Scatlift.

Rosamund Willoughby—daughter of Vivien Phillips.

Susan Reynolds—great grand-daughter of Caroline Sanderson.

Linda Phillips—sister of Vanessa Phillips.

Wendy and Nicolette Tredennick—nieces of Margaret Phair.

Josephine Paine—niece of Margaret Woolgar.

Marion and Mariota Fardell—cousins of Evelyn Waring.

Christine Bean—niece of Joan Bateman.

HOWLERS.

A spinet is a weaving machine.

C.H. : Chamber of Horrors.

Pasteur was a priest.

George Eliot was the founder of St. Mary's Hall.

Gulliver's Travels was written by Mr. Swallow.

Bunion wrote "The Pilgrim's Progress."

Henry VIII said "Off with his head."

A plague of the 14th Century was the blue bonic plague.

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

MUSIC.

Some of us were fortunate to hear two symphony concerts given by the London Symphony Orchestra at the Dome this year, and a few of us were even more privileged to be taken to Glyndebourne in the Summer Term for a performance of "The Rake's Progress" by Stravinsky, an event no less enjoyable as it was rare.

THE ORCHESTRA.

The orchestra is established as one of the School's activities and is progressing under Miss Best's excellent leadership. It has twice performed to the school and the pleasure experienced leads one to hope that it will continue to flourish.

THE SCHOOL CONCERT.

On Tuesday, 20th July, a concert was held in the Elliott Hall. This was an enjoyable and noteworthy event as it was the first time in which the programme included items by individual soloists, by the choirs, both Junior and Senior, and by the orchestra.

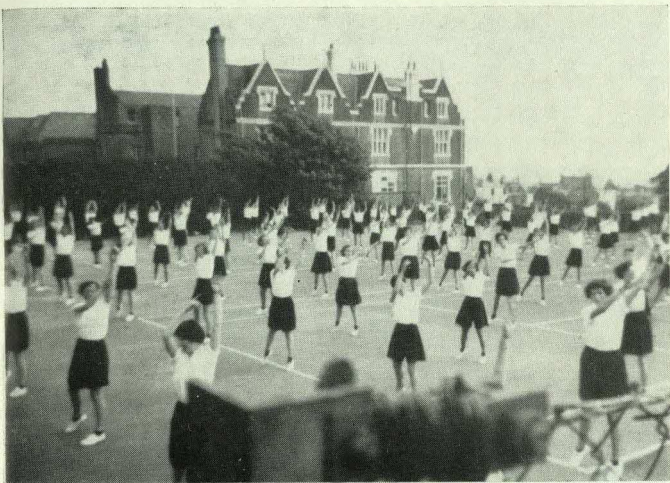
The first, most outstanding item was an imaginative and beautiful rendering of "The Lady of Shalott" by the Senior Choir in which the solos were excellently sung by Elona Thomas, Ruth Smalley and Delia Bell. Elizabeth Baker played delightfully on the violin and Linda Phillips gave a sensitive interpretation of "Lotus Land" by Scott. Wendy Clapperton and Isobel also contributed solos. Two duets were played; Anne Thompson and Linda Phillips gave us Bach's "Sheep may safely graze"; Elona Thomas and Julia Green played "Sicilians" also by Bach. The orchestral pieces included a minuet from "Le Bourgeois Gentilhomme," Handel's "Occasional March" and two movements from "La Petite Suite Française." Under Miss Best's conductorship, the orchestra came through the Concertino by Walter Leigh successfully. Anne Ballard was at the piano. Finally, "Art thou troubled?" by Mozart and "The Happy Wanderer" by Möller were sung by the Junior Choir. The last item was the most popular and was encored.

It was all most enjoyable and we look back with gratitude to those who helped to make it so, especially to Miss Wyn and the music staff.

JUDY COATE, SUSAN LEE—Upper Fourth.

ART.

Prizes were won at the Royal Drawing Society by Delia Bell, Jennifer Booth, Valerie Carter, Jean Kenilworth, Renate Kraus and Anthea Perry. Adèle Dillistone and Angela Marshall had pictures in



The Gymnastic Display—
Founder's Day 1954





The Sixth Form in "As You Like It."
Winners of the Drama Cup, 1954.

the Children's Royal Academy held in Guildhall, London, and Linda Phillips added further distinction to the school by gaining a prize in the World International Competition held in New Delhi.

The Art Room has been redecorated and now contains a cupboard of noble proportions. We hope the change will be an inspiration to greater efforts.

G. F. D.

THE DRAMA COMPETITION.

The Drama Competition, the first in which forms competed, took place on March 26th. Each of the five senior forms presented scenes from Shakespeare. These were selected from "A Midsummer Night's Dream," "As You Like It," "Julius Caesar," and "Macbeth." The adjudicator was Miss Evans of Hove County Grammar School.

In her report Miss Evans commented on the clear diction. She told us of the necessity for team work when presenting a play and also warned us of some faults common to amateurs, such as making small gestures and shuffling across the stage, and she emphasised the need for good deportment.

The competition was won by the Sixth Form, who were awarded the Drama Cup; but all the marks were close. The Lower Fifth, who were bold enough to attempt the murder and funeral scenes in "Julius Caesar," were only three marks behind, while the Domestic Lower Fifth, who performed the rehearsal scene in "A Midsummer Night's Dream," were complimented on their team work.

The event was altogether very enjoyable and it is hoped that forms will feel encouraged to produce more plays.

ANN THOMPSON, Upper Fifth.

THE CHRISTMAS PLAY.

We hope to present, "The Boy with a Cart" by Christopher Fry in the Elliott Hall on December 9th, 10th and 11th. Performances on the 10th and 11th will be for parents and friends. Tickets will be 2/6d.

GAMES REPORT.

The School's enthusiasm for games continues to increase and progress has been made during the past year.

Although results were not outstanding in Lacrosse, some exciting matches have been played. The first team practised consistently and on frequent occasions before breakfast.

The Junior Netball Teams have continued to play well and special mention must be made of the Fourteen-and-under Team which was again unbeaten.

Gymnastics have played a prominent part throughout the winter, both in class and in the Senior "Gym" Club. Much time was given for the preparation of the great display on Founder's Day.

Other events have included a visit to Wimbledon. Perhaps, encouraged by this, our tennis team has done quite well this year and there has been a considerable improvement in play.

Nineteen girls took a course in life-saving and each succeeded in gaining the Bronze Medallion.

THE GYMNASTIC DISPLAY.

The gymnastic display was opened by marching, every girl from the Lower Fourth taking part. This was followed by a short French dance, the Polka Piqué, and a series of effective exercises to music. The

Lower Fifth then gave a graceful and rhythmical display of Medau ball work in a circular formation, after which a few girls vaulted on the horse and the box, concluding with a pyramid. The display was brought to a close by a gay and colourful scarf dance in waltz time.

Unfortunately bad weather on Founder's Day prevented the display from taking place on the tennis courts as had been planned; but, in spite of lack of space in the gymnasium, parents and visitors obviously enjoyed it.

RESULTS OF GUILD MATCHES.

Lacrosse Cup won by St. George.

Netball Cup won by St. David.

Tennis Cup won by St. George.

Rounders Cup won by St. George.

Sports Day.

The Guild Sports Cup was won by St. Patrick.

The Car Cup for the best individual performance was won by Patricia Dahl.

Tennis Tournaments.

Senior Tennis Tournament won by Jean Kenilworth.

Junior Tennis Tournament won by Vivienne Hardy.

Team Colours.

Lacrosse: F. McWalter, R. Kraus, S. Higham, L. Wolfenden, S. Powell.

Netball: J. Paine.

Tennis: J. Kenilworth, F. McWalter.

THE FICTION LIBRARY.

The school is greatly indebted to Mrs. Jackson, who has generously given up much of her time to a re-organisation of the Fiction Library. A method of recording, similar to that in use in Public Libraries, has been adopted and is working well. A committee of form representatives is chosen each term and these girls take it in turn to run the library each day under the supervision of a member of Staff. Each member of the Senior School contributes a small termly subscription towards the buying of additional books to supplement those already on the shelves. Suggestions for new books are always welcome as they enable Mrs. Jackson to purchase books suggested by the girls with the money subscribed. Much time and thought is being given to make this venture a success and it is hoped that all forms will make good use of the opportunity offered them.

A. PAYNE and N. TREDENNICK, Upper Fifth.

THE CHRISTMAS FAIR.

When we were first informed that there was to be a Christmas fair to raise funds for a film projector, I had mixed feelings. My first thought was how pleasant it would be, and what excitement and fun we would have on the day; then I wondered if it was really possible to achieve the three hundred pounds necessary for the projector. I also wondered if we could ever produce enough goods to fill all the tables we had planned.

Our form had chosen the sweet stall and, at first, gifts came few and far between. As the time drew nearer parcels arrived from home

with gay boxes full of delicious home-made sweets. One afternoon we were allowed to cook sweets in the Domestic Science room; a large amount was made and more than a little tasting was done! Next came the packing and pricing. The day before the fair, lessons lapsed as different groups of girls were called away to help. Down in the basement a large table was laden with sweets, and while some priced, others sorted, packed and covered pretty boxes.

The next afternoon we stood expectant and excited behind a stall which was groaning under the weight of sweets. The stall was decorated with the school colours, blue and gold, and after the opening by Mr. Terence Morgan, visitors crowded round and the buying began. Within a short time the jostling crowds had almost cleared the table and we had to bring out more stock from underneath. By tea-time we had completely sold out, the first stall to have done so, and we had seventeen pounds in cash.

Every stall did a brisk trade: bumper teas were being served in the dining-room and the fun fair was enjoyed by everyone. As the crowds at last thinned out and the stalls were emptied, we felt we had had a thoroughly enjoyable day. When on the following day, we were told that we had achieved our aim and more, we knew that the effort had been well worth while.

F. BIRD and G. CAROLIN, Form Remove.

FILMS.

The New Year saw the introduction of the school's film projector which is one of the results of the Christmas Fair. It has already enabled us to see "Where No Vultures Fly," "Tom Brown's Schooldays," and "Appointment with Venus," as well as a number of short films on geographic and scientific subjects. A few films selected for the Junior School have included "Three Bears in a Canoe." We are grateful to Mrs. Martin for all the time she gives to the selection of films and to the working of the projector. Now that the Elliott Hall has been blacked-out and fitted with a drop-screen, we shall look forward with even more pleasure to future presentations.

A VISIT TO THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.

Last February I had the good fortune to visit the House of Commons with my father. The House was in session, and viewing it from the crowded public gallery, I was particularly struck by its lively atmosphere. Not many members were present, but among those who were, I noted Mr. Gaitskell and Mr. Noel-Baker on the Opposition benches, while Mr. Butler and Mr. Boyd-Carpenter could be distinguished on the Government benches. The Press reporters sat in the gallery opposite us.

We heard the end of the debate on take-over bids in which Mr. Gaitskell and Mr. Butler had a quick-witted exchange. Mr. Butler caused much amusement by a reference to the whale swallowing Noah, which was quickly corrected by both sides of the House. A division took place after the Speaker's call for "Ayes" and "Noes," and the Opposition motion criticising take-over bids was defeated by twenty-eight votes.

After discussing a bill concerning Civil Defence regulations, during which the effect of atomic explosion in water was graphically described by Mr. Noel-Baker, Sir Ian Fraser, that truly "honourable and gallant member," opened an adjournment debate, referring to the development of a caravan site near the lovely Lake Windermere, and asked for intervention from the Minister. After other members had spoken on the subject, the House adjourned.

I noted with interest the lowering of the Mace to denote that the House was in Committee, a ceremony performed with dignity by the Usher, and the prevalence of the traditional manner of address. It was

an extremely interesting and instructive evening. There was only one feature missing and that was the presence of Sir Winston Churchill himself.

EVELYN WARING, Sixth Form.

GIBRALTAR.

During the Easter holidays I spent a few days with my family in Gibraltar where everyone was busily preparing for the Queen's visit. All the shops displayed portraits of the Queen, some large and some small; flags fluttered from the houses and banners inscribed with the words "Long May She Reign" were strung across the streets. On the highest point of the rock was a gigantic EIIR, which was at night lit up into an expanse of glorious colour which seemed to fill the whole sky.

Gibraltar possesses an extremely beautiful park full of exquisite, delicate flowers. In the centre of this demi-paradise, worked in small red stones on a white background of the same material, was an enormous crown with the letters E.R. on either side. Here it was that the Queen was to walk with the Governor, Sir John MacMillan, when she arrived, and where she and the Duke were each to plant a tree.

I was very sad when I had to leave Gibraltar after this most interesting and enjoyable visit.

A. BREW, Form Remove.

MY VISIT TO FRANCE.

When I stepped down from the train on to the platform several feet below me at the Gare St. Lazare, I was feeling terrified. The next moment my fears were set at rest; a laughing young woman, her daughter and a friend rushed up to me and I found myself being kissed on both cheeks. A few seconds later I was being driven through Paris to the flat where I was to stay.

During this drive I thought how magnificent Paris is with its wide, straight roads, flanked by great trees, its immense grey buildings and, above all, its spaciousness. Never have I seen so many beautiful places—Notre Dame with its fine buttresses, the neat gardens of the Tuileries leading up to the Louvre and, perhaps most impressive of all, the Champs Elysées which is best seen at night when the tall street lamps shine on the roofs of the cars, making the road seem a stream of glowing, molten light all the way from l'Arc de Triomphe to the two tall illuminated columns in the Place de la Concorde.

Although Paris is so imposing, I preferred the country, even though I had no bath for a fortnight owing to the lack of water. It was a change to see a few old houses clustered about a church and scraggy chickens scratching in the road, and, outside the village, the harvesting in the colourful fields which covered the slopes.

The people, too, are happy and seem to have no cares. They get up late and, before dressing, they have a light breakfast. Tea hardly exists, but lunch, of course, is a large meal and so is supper. By the time supper was finished, the youngest children were half asleep.

Three weeks soon passed, and although I was often lonely and longed for home, when the time came for me to leave, I was really sorry to say "good-bye" to France.

J. WINDSOR-AUBREY, Lower Fifth.

PARIS.

During the Easter holidays I was fortunate enough to be one of the twenty girls who, accompanied by Miss Dunn-Coleman and Miss Meades, went from school on a week's visit to Paris.

We took the Newhaven-Dieppe crossing and arrived in Paris in the early evening. I remember how strange it was to be in French surroundings; but our hotel was very comfortable.

Though our visit was short, it was crowded with visits to places of interest, including the top of the Eiffel Tower and the Opera House, where we saw the opera, "Les Indes Galantes." One day was devoted to Versailles where we had a picnic-lunch, and were able to view the palace, as well as Le Petit Trianon of Marie Antoinette with its quaint cottages and beautiful surroundings.

We returned to England on 7th April with many happy memories, and with much gratitude to all who were responsible for organising this visit.

J. BIDDLE, Lower Fifth.

VERSAILLES.

During our school trip to Paris, we visited Versailles. To me it was the happiest day of all.

Versailles is similar to other French towns with its tall houses and wide, dusty pavements; but, standing on a hill, dominating the town, is the royal château. It is a magnificent structure, classical in style, with an imposing façade and a spacious courtyard.

We spent the morning pacing its numerous galleries, and everything we saw had an air of royalty and grandeur about it; heavy, gilt doors connected the rooms and the ceilings were exquisitely painted with mythical and historical scenes. Our necks began to tire as we did not like to miss any of the wonderful paintings.

One of the most beautiful rooms we visited was le Galerie des Glaces. Along one side are large windows which overlook the gardens and avenues and ornamental fountains, while the three remaining walls are panelled with mirrors. We stood in silence for a moment taking in its beauty and imagining the ladies of Marie Antoinette's court dancing in their rich flowing gowns, which the golden mirrors round about reflected in all their beauty.

After we had toured the interior, we entered the garden and wandered through the woods to Le Petit Trianon which was built for Marie Antoinette's relaxation. Although the house is small compared with the château, it still has the dignity and grandeur befitting a queen.

In the grounds of the house, Marie Antoinette had a model village built where she and her friends, wearing peasant dress, would pretend to be villagers. All the houses were designed as exact replicas of village houses and were made for habitation. The village is built on the banks of a woodland stream and once possessed its own herd of cows and its own water-mill.

When we visited it, we could at once sense the peace that Marie Antoinette and her friends must have enjoyed after the noise and bustle of the court.

It was with reluctance that at last we made our way back to Paris, taking with us happy memories.

L. WOLFENDEN, Sixth Form.

A VISIT TO DUBARRY'S FACTORY.

In the Easter Term the Domestic Lower Fifth had the pleasure of being shown round the Dubarry Perfumery in Hove. It was an interesting experience for we saw the processes in the making of talcum powder, soap, bath salts and hand cream; we were taken to the laboratories where perfume is made with such rare things as musk and ambergris; we saw the printing and box-making sections, and, finally, the packing room where boxes were stacked ready for despatch to such distant cities as Dublin and Bombay.

Before we left we were each given a box of soap and a box of bath salts and our thanks are due, not only to the manager of Dubarry's, but also to Miss Wadie for having arranged this enjoyable visit.

J. REEKIE, S. HEYDORN, Domestic Lower Fifth.

THE DEAF-BLIND SALE.

On May 22nd Form Remove B was privileged to help the Deaf-Blind League with their sale which was held in school. The aim was to raise funds for the printing of the "Rainbow," the Braille magazine for the deaf-blind. Our first task was to learn the alphabet for the deaf with which Miss Conrady gave us help.

On Saturday morning some of us unpacked books and pictures, while others made sandwiches and prepared the tables ready for the tea which we later helped to serve in the Common Room.

The sale was opened by a well-known member of the Deaf-Blind League, who had recently received his M.B.E. from Her Majesty the Queen. After having been introduced by Miss Conrady, he made an excellent speech in which he told us how the Deaf-Blind League and the "Rainbow" had grown up. He said it was difficult to teach the Deaf-Blind any job because they cannot be told how to do it, or be shown the way to work. After the speeches, our form captain, Susan Burton, presented him with a white carnation and, using the symbols understood by the deaf-blind, she welcomed him to the sale which was a success.

We hope many more copies of the "Rainbow" will be produced as a result.

E. COURTNEY-KING, Remove B.

MY LAST FOUNDER'S DAY.

Founder's Day was attended as usual by many parents, old girls and friends of the school. The traditional service of commemoration was held in St. Mark's in the morning; this was followed in the afternoon by the prize-giving ceremony at which the guest speaker was Mr. Nugee, the Headmaster of Eastbourne College, who, in an amusing and interesting speech, encouraged girls to continue their studies by taking the General Sixth Form Course.

For many of us this was our last Founder's Day and we were saddened to think that we should soon be stepping out into the world, perhaps never again to see many of the faces we had been with for so long, and never again to take part in the routine of Founder's Day. I could not help thinking, as I saw the staff sitting on the platform, what a debt of appreciation we owe them for all the time they have given, and the trouble they have taken on our behalf. This thought was well summed up by Leueen Wolfenden, the Head Girl, who seconded the vote of thanks.

In spite of sad thoughts there was a happy atmosphere throughout the school. I think most of us who are leaving will take the opportunity of returning, at least once a year, to see the progress of the school which we hope will continue to uphold its splendid tradition.

S. POWELL, Sixth Form.

THE ECLIPSE OF THE SUN.

On June 29th we were told at Prayers that we should see, if clouds permitted, a partial eclipse of the sun the following day. We learned how, why and when the moon passed across the sun and that night we made preparations for the great event by smoking glass and hunting out old negatives.

It was about mid-day on June 30th that, through the negatives, we saw the shining ball of the sun slowly being eaten away. We rushed through lunch just in time to see the eclipse at its fullest after which the sun gradually reappeared as the moon's shadow slowly passed away.

The next day we were able to read, see and hear other people's accounts of this remarkable event. In Norway there was a total eclipse and the lucky people were able to view the shining corona fringing the sun's edge. Photographs taken of this event were impressive. These and the accounts we kept of what we saw will be our only memento.

G. CAROLIN, Form Remove.

THE MERCHANT OF VENICE.

By way of celebrating the end of the Summer examinations as well as the end of term, the Senior forms, accompanied by Miss Conrady and a few of the Staff, saw the London Mask Players in "The Merchant of Venice" at Her Majesty's Theatre.

The performance was notable for its freshness and liveliness and, of the characters, Shylock was excellent throughout. The last scene was, perhaps, the one which the audience enjoyed most. Here the real humour of the play was brought forward to ease our minds after the long and difficult trial scene, and with the fall of the curtain at the end, we were happy to share in the tumultuous applause the company deserved.

ISOBEL ROWLAND, Lower Fifth.

RETURNING TO SCHOOL.

The summer holidays passed like a flash, and all too soon I was faced with the prospect of returning to school. This year is to be my last and I am following the General Sixth Form Course which is specially designed for one-year students. A great deal of consideration and forethought has been devoted to this course in order to make it attractive, interesting and instructive. It includes a wide variety of fascinating subjects and two notable additions to the well-planned time-table are Spanish and German. Economics and Civics are also a feature on the time-table, and History seems to take on a new light when expeditions to local places of interest are included. Most people believe one year in the Sixth Form to be of great benefit, and we look forward to it not as a conclusion, but as a widening of our interests.

O. NEDEHAM BROWNE, Sixth Form.

OUR 'NEW' SCHOOL

The first day of the Autumn Term held many surprises for those of us who returned after the summer holidays. The smell of new paint as one entered carried with it a sense of excitement and expectation. The old dreary brown of the Common Room had changed to a light nursery blue and cream; but this was only an earnest of greater changes elsewhere, the most outstanding of which is the new Common Room for the Seniors. Situated on the east side of the school, this room has undergone a complete transformation. Gone are the dowdy cream walls, the bare boards, the large table and the few scattered chairs; instead we now have a green carpet, wine-coloured easy chairs, two chintz-covered sofas with gay cushions against grey walls, the whole looking attractive and comfortable. Form rooms have been re-painted and a Geography Room installed in the old Lecture Room. The Elliott Hall has been re-decorated and equipped with black-out curtains and a screen for the presentation of films; and the dining-room which, thanks to the imagination and generosity of Miss Galton and Miss Collard, last year had its two west windows lowered and widened so as to give us a pleasant view of the garden, is now decorated in maroon and grey. The whole school looks light and very attractive, and we are grateful to all, especially to Miss Conrady, Miss Gilligan and the Governors, who gave a great deal of time and thought to achieve this satisfactory and happy result.

V. CARTER, Sixth Form.

THE PREFECTS' ROOM

When we first entered the Prefects' Room at the beginning of term we were delighted at the improvements which had taken place. The partition between the History Stock Room and the former Prefects' Room has been removed to make more space and our thanks are due to Miss Conrady and to Miss Gilligan for the welcome change. We should also like to thank Miss Orme for her generous contribution of a clock which will now ensure our punctuality on all occasions.

C. WADDELL, Sixth Form.

VERSE-SPEAKING

On September 25th the Central School of Speech Training and Drama gave a verse-speaking recital at Eastbourne High School to which some of us were privileged to go.

The poems were varied; "Congo" and "Daniel Jazz," both by Vachel Lindsey, were much enjoyed because of their marked ragtime rhythm; while "Polka" from Edith Sitwell's "Façade" presented us with something more familiar. Other items included "Still falls the rain" also by Edith Sitwell, and a prose passage from Conrad's "Nigger of the Narcissus." Some items, notably "The Office" and "Victoria Station," were based on a variety of rhythms drawn from everyday speech which were very effective and in one of which the audience joined with enthusiasm.

LINDA PHILLIPS, Upper Fifth.

THE KEELING SCOTT POETRY AWARDS

First Prize.

A SUMMER SUNSET

Amidst a tranquil heat the long day closed;
A soothing breeze awoke o'er vale and hill,
And wafted scents of flow'rs long since reposed
To two hushed forms who stood beside the rill—
A man and dog.

The shrouding veil of dusk now seemed transformed;
The fiery firmament all nature blessed,
And wonders wrought which heart of mortal warmed,
So, as these powers of light the sky caressed,
The sun sank low.

The crimson shot against the azure blue
Revealed to shad'wy watchers as it burned,
An intricate design of richest hue,
And, as the man and dog now homeward turned,
The last ray sank.

ELIZABETH VINER,
Form Remove (13 years).

Second Prize

TO A VENUS SHELL

O silvery, glistening Venus shell,
How many tales have you heard tell?
Of shipwrecks on the high seas wrought
Of battles fierce and tragic fought,
Of catch of fishes homeward brought.
How many tales have you heard tell?

O silvery, glistening Venus shell,
Say have you heard the galleon bell?
The waves wash on to gleaming sand
From tropics to our motherland,
All wrought by one eternal hand.
Say have you heard the galleon bell?

FIONA McWALTER,
Sixth Form (17 years 10 months).

Second Prize

SPRING

Now the earth is blithe and gay
for old man winter's passed away;
From every dead and lifeless tree
sprouts new green leaves for all to see.
The lambkins skip o'er all the hills,
through sparkling streams and mountain rills.
The flowers do poke their golden heads
to herald Spring from mossy beds.
The woodland folk and birds so small
have families within their call.
Lads and lasses wander through
the meadows filled with cups of dew.
The whole wide world is glad to-day
for Spring is here all thronged with May.

GILLIAN R. CAROLIN,
Form Remove (14 years, 4 months).

TIME GOES BY

The old clock chimed in the village square,
No one listened, no one seemed to care.
Birds sang gaily in the summer sky,
No one saw, but Time was passing by.
The gypsies sang to music they played;
The sun shone bright, the chestnut tree swayed.
Old women talked as they darned their socks;
What did they care for Time and for clocks?
Some children played on the village green;
Time was moving forward still unseen.
There was no one wise enough to see
Time's stealthy feet march on silently.

ANN FRANCIS, Lower Fifth.

THE SEA

As I wander down to the beach on a summer's day a glorious spectacle meets my eye. The halcyon sea lies like a dazzling mirror reflecting the azure sky, the sky which is as blue as a sapphire. Far out on the horizon there is a faint purple haze as though a veil of gossamer, a misty film, had been drawn across the sky, across the face of the sun. At my feet the tiny ripples gently lip the silver sands, whispering among the scattered pebbles which, catching the sun on their saltened surfaces, gleam like so many jewels. High, soaring in the air above, contented seagulls hover and float on the faint, refreshing sea breeze. The noise of their soft mewing and the quiet wash of sea waves on the shore are the only sounds.

But creeping across the calm countenance of the horizon comes a cloud, a black, threatening, ominous cloud. Then the storm breaks. Could those furious foam-crested breakers, lashed into fury by the cruel, goading wind, have ever been mere ripples, shadows on the water's serene surface? Could those mountainous waves that crash on the beach, on the rocks, grim and sinister, as if trying to tear them asunder, be the same water that gently lapped the shore? A flash of lightning streaks through the air like a vivid white scar blemishing the heavens. The roar and clamour of thunder, the clashing, crashing billows, the shrieking howling wind together sound like a mob of screaming demons. It grows darker still and darker; the tempest rages; it is a battle of elements, a warning of some pending great disaster. Yet magnificent, majestic, awe-inspiring in its cruel power and fierce onslaught, the mighty ocean fights relentlessly with the lowering heavens.

FIONA BIRD, Form Remove.

NIGHT FANTASIES

The moon shines down on a desolate garden,
And beneath the trees lie sinister shadows
Created by the moon, dark and mysterious.
A shadow detaches itself from the trees
And moves silently across the moonlit lawn.
A cry arises; a stoat has caught a mouse.
The cry dies away; all is silent again;
The shadowed lawn sleeps beneath the silver moon.

PATRICIA CHAPMAN,
Upper Fourth

EVENING

The far hills dressed in a mantle of green,
The grey slate roofs of the town
Turn to a misty mysterious blue,
As the orange sun goes down.

The yacht with sails like the wings of a swan,
Which sails on the calm, blue sea,
Turns to a phoenix with flame-coloured wings—
A sunset's fire is set free.

A rose-tinted mist drifts over the downs
And spreads a thin veil over all.
No sound is heard from its ghostly embrace,
Save the lonely sea-gull's call.

SUSAN LEE, Upper Fourth

THE NIGHTINGALE

The nightingale's sweet song comes forth,
Low and soft, then high and bold,
He brings his southern message north
As did sweet Philomel of old;
His glorious songs the night regale,
The nightingale, the nightingale.

PAULA TOYNE. Form Remove.

LINES TO TEDDY

O charming and most happy pet,
Without a sign of old age yet,
For every hair doth gleam and shine,
And gently waves with smoothest line,
Your eyes do glisten in the light,
And glow like fire in darkest night,
Your feet so softly tread the floor,
As you do walk from door to door;
Your nose is pink, your teeth are white
And glow with lovely pearly light.
I love you, Teddy, yes, I do,
And I am one of many too.

ROSEMARY EVANS,
Form Upper Fourth.

THE SEAGULLS

The seagulls are soaring round my head,
Wheeling, swooping, gliding and flying.
They know they are going to be fed,
So they all start shrieking and crying.

They swoop all round me eager for bread;
They are so tame I'd like some to land
And rest upon my shoulders and head,
And some, perhaps, to perch on my hand.

PATRICIA CHAPMAN,
Upper Fourth.

THE NORTH WIND

The rushing North Wind brushes past,
And whistles through the trees;
Away he goes, away so fast,
Rushing down to the seas.

Ships are tossing about in fright;
The North Wind thinks it's fun.
Away he goes far through the night,
And now his work is done.

CANDIDA WRIGHT,
Lower III

THE MATCH

The thunder of clapping now rends the air.
The players run by, not a minute to spare.
"Pass!" cries the captain,
"Go on, shoot again!"
The breathless spectators stand still and stare.

The little black ball goes from 'crosse to 'crosse;
The players are eager; it can't be a loss.
Two minutes, not more,
The answer — a draw?
"Oh!" they all cry as it rolls on the moss!

The 'centre' has claimed it and runs for the net,
The 'third-man' comes off and there's hope for them yet;
The 'goalie' stands firm—
Her match of the term—
The fast-flying ball glides into the net.

Three cheers for the teams as the 'crosses are raised;
The losers look doleful; the winners, amazed.
The spectators surge out,
With one final shout,
"Well done, the Hall! your glory's still praised!"

FIONA McWALTER,

(with the help of L. Wolfenden and S. Powell),
Sixth Form.

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