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The St. Mary's Hall News-Letter.

In Memoriam.

MISS NORAH WAUGH.

In the night before Good Friday, 1927, death came to Miss Waugh in the most peaceful and beautiful way. She had been her usual self all the day before, bright and happy, and apparently well; she was found in the morning by her sister, sleeping in utter peace. It seemed as though no more than a whisper had been needed to call her into the perfect joy of the life in which, while we had her with us, she already so transparently lived.

There can have been few such lives; for all who knew her have the same beautiful words to say, "She never thought of herself." Cheery under all visitations of painful illness, patient and gallant always, interested in every lovely thing, devoted to the Hall with the plain-speaking devotion of rarest friendship, she leaps to the mind as one of the most heavenly people earth has known. I knew her first as teacher here, and marvelled at the breadth and depth and height of a teaching that could embrace Life itself in the work of an hour; I knew her also as friend and counsellor, and of late as a member of two of our House Committees, where her sagacity and sure judgment were very precious. "There was never anyone in the least like Miss Waugh," is the echo, again and again, of the impression her life made on old and young—as of a life fed from higher, clearer springs than those which water the world of every day, and so able to be itself a fountain of living water to the passers-by.

F.L.G.

Members of the Association will shortly be asked if they would like to join in giving to the Hall some permanent memorial of Miss Waugh's life and work.

All Mistresses who worked with Miss Waugh, as well as her pupils, must feel that the Hall has lost a faithful and tried friend. Every aspect of its welfare, every step forward taken by the School was of interest to her. It was this lively interest that made her presence so welcome at every School

function; her appreciation was so friendly and real.

As an Art Mistress she brought much to bear on her subject; not only love of beauty, but discernment, sincerity, and love of truth in dealing with their subject were instilled, and not lost on her pupils. She insisted on a good foundation, on good drawing, and to be a member of her Painting Class was a coveted privilege. Her enthusiasm was caught and reflected by many, and she often showed us pieces of work that had particularly pleased her in her pupils. Her interest in them, and in her old colleagues too, was sincere and lasting; she kept in touch with many, and with her deep feeling for continuity always tried to bring older and younger members together at gatherings. She remembered them personally, their high spirits, originality, good looks, kindliness, skill, patience.

She loved colour and life, and enjoyed whole-heartedly all that came in her way, meeting life bravely, and sparing sympathy with the joys, and

sorrows, and problems of others to the end.

Her outside interests were many: Politics, Social Problems, Movements connected with Art—to these she brought sound sense, courage in opinion and action and never-failing interest; her power of subordirating body to mind was a lesson to us.

Such cannot be replaced, but their influence is lasting.

NORAH WAUGH-SOME IMPRESSIONS, 1899-1927.

I have been asked to contribute something to Miss Waugh's memory for the *News-Letter*. Indeed it is a privilege to comply with such a request, at the same time it is not an easy matter. As I look back over nearly 28 years (the first nine of which I was her pupil), so much comes to memory

that it is difficult to choose what may be of interest to others.

The first impression I had as a small and frightened new child in the Dining Hall was of a most severe and imposing 'Olympian,' of venerable age, who seemed to have a most strange liking for rice pudding and cabbage, as wee-betide the unfortunate who sat next to her if a single scrap were left on the plate! Miss Waugh had only just "entered the forties," but grey hair suggests immense age to a member of the Lower School; she used to love to tell the story of how a small child in the previous 'generation' to my own had asked her in all seriousness if she remembered Queen Victoria's Coronation, and had been quite indignant when her question was met by another, since her "Granny could remember it!"

The next impression, received in the classroom, was that this 'Olympian' was, after all, distinctly human and understanding. If one had really tried hard to do the six 'over and under curves,' which in those days made a marvellous drawing of a bird's head, one was rewarded with the joy of making an enlargement of a Vere Foster Copy, or even on rare occasions allowed to do an original 'imagination drawing'! How the evolution of the teaching

of Art developed during Miss Waugh's time at S.M.H.!

The third impression was in the setting of her own home, when this 'Olympian' revealed herself further as motherly and possessing an unexpected sense of fun and "joie de vivre"! Miss Waugh had just taken the little house in Abbey Road, and Miss Amy and Miss Mary had come to live with her. I was included among six small folk who were invited to a house-warming party on a Wednesday afternoon. We were somewhat overawed at the prospect, but our fear soon melted when we found ourselves

making toast round the sitting-room fire.

That same sitting room became to me in after years a veritable "Holy of Holies," where an atmosphere of love and sympathy always seemed to prevail, and I know other 'Old Girls' have felt the same. Some years after I had left S.M.H. I happened to refer to some incident when, as a small child, I had failed to own up to some misdemeanour through fear of her. It caused her real grief and she said, "But, dear, are the little ones really frightened of me? I don't want them to be, for I do love them!" And even then she set herself to overcome whatever it might be which prevented small children from understanding her. She certainly succeeded, for after her retirement she came to stay at my own school. The children all fell in love with her immediately, and it was a glad sight to see her on the drawing room sofa surrounded by a group of eager little folk listening in rapt attention as she read to them before bedtime. It gave her real pleasure when she was asked to serve on the St. Nicholas House Committee.

Probably only those of us who belonged to the 'Extra Drawing Class' really knew and appreciated Miss Waugh in the old days, for in the freedom possible in those classes she gave us of her very best, and she not only taught us how "to put on flat washes" and "dig the colour out," but seemed our chief link with the outside world. One occasion stands out vividly. In Miss Waugh's absence two Sixth-formers had started a discussion on lady doctors, giving expression to their strong disgust that women should take up such a revolting profession. (The Doctors on the S.M.H.A. register, and those who think we have progressed little in the 20th Century, take note!) In the heat of the argument none of us heard the Library door shut and the Study door open, and suddenly a familiar voice broke in with, "Girls, whatever is all this about?" On learning the subject under discussion she forgot all about the lesson in hand, and beginning with, "My dear girls, you don't know what you are talking about," she sketched the history of

the emancipation of women, telling us of Elizabeth Garrett Anderson and other pioneers who had braved public opinion and opened the door of the medical profession to women, showing us how helpful women doctors could be in lessening the suffering of humanity, especially in the mission field and in a few never-to-be-forgotter words she set before us the ideal of service.

We had our lighter moments in the Extra Drawing Classes. Who that was there will ever forget the day when Joey, the Sanatorium parrot, was imported as a model, and Miss Waugh's delighted amusement when, hearing her describe the "prismatic colouring of the feathers round his eye softening off into blue and pink," he ejaculated "Great Scott!"

Perhaps Miss Waugh's greatest characteristic was amazing courage and self-forgetfulness, helping her to surmount difficulties and troubles of which only the few who knew her best had the slightest idea.

I was assisting her as a student-teacher when the first attack of neuritis crippled her so that she could not hold a pencil or brush, and when she was nursing her sister, Miss Amy, at the beginning of her long illness, and so was given glimpses of that courage which enabled her to leave outside the classroom all thought of personal pain and anxiety. Those who knew her well in later years realized more how her Spirit triumphed over her Body, as accidents and failing health crippled her still further.

The other characteristics most noticeable were her loyalty and her breadth of vision and wide sympathies. Three Head Mistresses in succession proved the worth of her loyalty as a Staff member and friend. To the end she continued to learn and to grow in mind. She welcomed the leisure which her retirement from teaching gave her for reading and thought. The last time I saw her was about two months before she passed onward: her friendship had extended to all my family. My brother took her for a motor drive, and she revelled in the beauty of light and shade on the Downs. went to see Somptings Abbey, where with reverent enthusiasm she gave us a spontaneous lecture on architecture. She several times said. dears, you must remember I am an old woman now!" We found it hard to believe, for her mind was as vigorous as ever. She was full of eager interest in his parish and his children, and discussed such movements as the League of Nations, the Industrial Christian Fellowship and the World Call. was just reading Dr. Streeter's 'Reality' and was full of the ideas of Truth as seen by the Artist, the Scientist and the Theologian. She said, "We English people have misunderstood Truth, we are so truth-loving in one sense that in our anxiety for exactness in verbal and written expression we have often hidden the real Truth." It was strange that Miss Ghey in writing to me after her death said, "If you have read Canon Streeter's book. Reality,' the last chapter on Immortality will surely be in your mind as you think of her.'

The first thought on hearing of her passing was that I had lost the greatest friend and inspiration of my life. The second that the inspiration and fellowship could not be broken by what we call 'death,' but must go on into the larger life where she surely realizes the consummation of all Truth, Beauty and Goodness. How appropriate was the prayer I heard offered in Church the next Sunday:

"O God the strength of those who suffer and the repose of them that triumph, we rejoice in the Communion of Saints. We remember all who have peacefully passed on into the Unseen. May we have the assurance of their continual Fellowship in Thee, and realize that, though converse be no longer possible according to the flesh, there is no separation in the realm of love. Lift us into that light and love where the Church on Earth is one with the Church in Heaven. Through Jesus Christ our Lord." AMEN.

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT TO ALL MEMBERS OF S.M.H.A.

ST. MARY'S HALL. July 31st, 1927.

MY DEAR FRIENDS,

Here once more is the News-Letter, bringing an affectionate greeting to you all. The Old Girls' Week-End is the happy setting in which I write. and our thoughts are full of friends seen and unseen, and especially of Miss Waugh, who seems to be here with us, even while we miss her at every moment.

We have had an interesting and happy year on the whole, and the House system within the Hall itself has proved very successful and made possible some more capital matches. It has been lovely to have Miss Forrest still here as Second Mistress for the Autumn and Summer terms and to see her

much stronger after her rest in the Spring term.

At the moment we are all full of pride over Dorothy Emmet's First in Greats. I find that my appetite for these distinctions for the School grows by what it feeds on, so will all whose Degrees are yet in front of them please take note!

We have had many cheering visits and letters from Old Girls, and your loyal affection does more than you perhaps guess to help the School forward.

We specially need your thoughts just now, when the news of the appointment of our Chairman, Canon Hicks, to the Bishopric of Gibraltar is making us feel anxious for the future. Canon Hicks has been a very true friend to us and will be sorely missed.

Yours affectionately,

F. L. GHEY.

ST. MARY'S HALL ASSOCIATION.

XXTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

THE Twentieth Annual General Meeting of the St. Mary's Hall Association was held on January 29th, 1927, at Holy Trinity Parish Hall, 4A, Symons Street, Sloane Square, London.

At 2.15 p.m. a short Committee Meeting was held, at which were present :-Miss Ghey (Chair), Mrs. Coad (Secretary), Mrs. Macfarlane (Treasurer), Mrs.

Harwood and J. Blackledge.

Apologies for absence, through illness, were received from L. Raynor (Secretary of the London Branch) and W. Hopley.

The Agenda for the Annual General Meeting was discussed and arranged.

The Annual Meeting was opened with prayer at 3.5 p.m.

Miss Ghey then addressed the meeting, heartily welcoming all present. The Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting were taken as read, and signed.

The Treasurer (Mrs. Macfarlane) then asked the meeting to pass a resolution legalising the action of the Committee in making arrangements for the allocation of the dividends on debentures which have been given to the School by Mrs. Doolan, Mrs. Bucknell and Miss Hillyer.

The allocation was as follows:-

(1) The interest from Mrs. Doolan's debentures to be paid to Miss Ghey as heretofore, to use at her discretion to help cases of special need in the School.

(2) The interest on Mrs. Bucknell's and Miss Hillyer's debentures to be paid to the Hon. Treasurer of S.M.H. Association as heretofore, and be placed with the funds of the Association which are given to help the School.

The following resolution was proposed by the Chair and carried:-That the interest on these Debentures should continue to be paid into the Hall Funds just as they have been paid hitherto.

The Treasurer reported that there were now ten Life Members of the Association.

It is to be arranged that the names of the Life Members be added in a list at the end of the Balance Sheet of the Association in the Report. The names of such members are also to be specially marked in the News-Letter in future.

Miss Chey then read messages from Miss Forrest and Miss Waugh, and others unable to be present. Letters were also read from C. Eacott, Miss Churcher, and "Alice," who wants to see "more old young ladies at the Week-End."

The Secretary reported the resignation of two important officers-I. Sutthery, Editor of the NEWS-LETTER, and L. Raynor, Secretary of the London Branch.

A vote of thanks was passed to the Committee, especially to those officers now retiring, for their past work.

Election of Officers.—The Secretary and Treasurer, Mrs. Coad and Mrs. Macfarlane respectively, having signified their willingness to serve another year, were unanimously re-elected.

D. Lilley was elected Secretary of the London Branch and B. Kane Editor of the News-Letter.

The following were elected to serve on the Committee during 1927 :-

I. Blackledge, proposed by A. Hazledine, seconded by Miss Hodgson. Mrs. Harwood, proposed by Miss Smith, seconded by K. Darby.

W. Hopley, proposed by J. Blackledge, seconded by H. Newman. A. Oliphant, proposed by Mrs. Biven, seconded by G. Batson.

London Branch.—In the absence of L. Raynor the Report of the London Branch was read by the Secretary, as follows:-

"There are now 78 names on the list, but of these, 25 have gone abroad or become defaulters through not replying to three invitations in succession. so for the time being are not active members.

We have lost two members through death (Miss Efie Elliott and Hilda Saunders) during the past year.

Of fifty-two invitations sent out in June, 1926, eighteen were accepted and we had a very nice meeting at 4, Bloomsbury Square, when Mrs. Coad was the kind hostess.

I have a balance in hand of 5/-.

No one has so far offered to be hostess in June, 1927, but we can have the meeting at 4, Bloomsbury Square again (if members so wish).'

Miss Ghey appealed to all present to do their utmost to collect past news and stories of the Hall for the Biography which is being compiled in celebration of its centenary, now approaching.

The next Annual Meeting will be held in the same hall on a Saturday early in January.

Attendance.—Forty-five members, besides those officers and committee already mentioned, were present. There were :- Miss Hodgson, Miss Mace, Miss F. M. Potter, Miss F. E. Smith, Miss Webster, Mrs. Allnutt, Mrs. Biven, Mrs. Christopherson, Mrs. Longsdon, Mrs. Morris, G. & J. Batson, H. Coles, M. Collisson, V. Cribb, K. Darby, F. Dobson, A. Eacott, G. Gaster, V. Hallowes A. Hazledine, R. Harris, F. Hobson, G. Hunt, K. Jennings, I. Laurence, M. & R. Leigh Lye, E. Martin, H. Newman, J. Newton, A. Oliphant, J. Outram, M. Paterson, V. Phillips, N. Standage, M. Seeley, M. Waller, M. Wanstall, A. Walton.

SMHA BALANCE SHEET 1926-1927

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S.M.H.A. (LONDON BRANCH).

THE Twelfth Annual Meeting of the London Branch was held on Saturday. 18th June, 1927, by kind invitation of Miss M. Wanstall at the rooms of the Froebel Society, 4, Bloomsbury Square, again kindly lent by the Council.

There were present, Miss Ghey (President), Mrs. Coad, the Misses Churcher (home from China on furlough), A. Eacott, J. Newton, J. Neil, M. Ostle, F. M. Potter, C. A. Peebles, G. and L. Raynor, M. Waller, A. E.

Webster and D. Lilley.

As usual, there was no formal meeting. A very happy afternoon was spent and a hearty vote of thanks proposed by Mrs. Coad to Miss Wanstall for her kind hospitality, and to Miss Ostle for so kindly procuring the Froebel

Society's rooms for the Meeting.

This opportunity may be taken of drawing the attention of all members of the S.M.H.A., living or working in London, to the existence of the London Branch, which holds a meeting of a purely social character once a year in June. The membership subscription is Is. 0d. Further particulars can be obtained from the Secretary. D. LILLEY. Hon. Sec.

School News.

For lists of Examination successes of past and present members of the School.

our readers are referred to the forthcoming Annual Report.

Miss Emmet was unable, to her very sore disappointment, to remain in India, as her health would not permit it; she has returned to her home in Oxford and hopes later to take up some fresh work.

Miss Sumner left us, to our great regret, at Easter, and is to be married

in August and go out with her husband to Singapore.

Miss Vincent was with us for only two terms; we were very sorry to

say good-bye to her at Easter, when she also left to be married.

We also lost during the year Miss Turner, whose work as Violin and Junior Pianoforte Mistress had been very greatly valued, and two Assistant Matrons, Hilary Thomas and Margaret Collinson. Our best thanks are given to all these friends and helpers.

We welcomed Miss Goadby, A.R.C.M. and Miss Williams, of Monmouth

High School, as successors to Miss Turner and Miss Sumner.

Miss Notley is heartily congratulated on her Diploma in Geography at Oxford.

In the Summer Term that is just over a twofold and heavy loss had to be faced, for Miss McMaster and Miss Smyth both left us, the former to

teach in London, the latter to take up higher work at Bristol University. The games field, the Elliott Hall and the Science Room will seem very strange without these two friends, and most cordial thanks on behalf of the whole School follow them both, with very best wishes for their new work.

We hope to welcome next term Miss Anson, B.Sc., of Bedford College, as successor to Miss Smyth; Miss Gillett, of Dartford Physical Training College, as successor to Miss McMaster; and as Assistant Matrons, Miss

Arnold and Miss N. Newns.

The Mackworth Young Reading Room has changed its position, and is now in the old "Lower East Outer," the original "Mackworth Young" Dormitory, where a beautiful library is being gradually arranged.

We had a specially happy Prize Day in November, 1926, when we welcomed Miss Major, Mistress of Girton, to the place of honour, and listened

with intense pleasure to her beautiful speech.

Another distinguished guest honoured us on July 26th, 1927, when Mrs. E. W. Barnes gave the Juniors their prizes and made a speech about the adventure of Life and the "fairy wand" of character, which her hearers will not forget. The Juniors' acting of "Pinkie and the Fairies" was delightful. A feature of the day was the first appearance of the new stage, a capital one, for which Miss Austin has toiled nobly in the Tuck-Shop (not without the willing co-operation of the School).

GIFTS TO THE SCHOOL.

THE following gifts are most gratefully acknowledged:-

Prizes for Senior and Junior Essays ...

Standard Mulberry Tree for Terrace ...

Oxford Bookshelves for the

Reading Room Bird Models for the Studio £10 - 0 - 0 for the 1927 Mission-

£5 - 0 - 0 for Books for the Science Library

New Cricket Nets Sub-Prefects' Badges

Two small Plaster Casts House Notice Boards ...

House Swimming Cup

£1 - 1 - 0 for Reading Room

Flaxman's Illustrations to Dante Alice, Countess of Chichester (Member of the Council).

> The Rev. Canon Archdall Hill (Trustee).

A. F. Griffiths, Esq. (Member of the Council).

Miss Irons. Miss Earp.

Miss B. Pope (now in Hong-Kong).

Miss E. S. Smyth.

Miss McMaster.

Miss Vincent. Miss Collcutt.

Mrs. Bowser.

Nonie Howe.

Joan Collard.

FORM AVERAGES.

THE best average for the work of the form during the School year is shown by Lower VA, which has an average of 74.97 for the year. The Upper IVth is second with an average of 74.39.

Lower VA have won the Form Shield twice, when, in the Winter and Summer Terms that Form headed the average list. The Upper IVth were first in the Easter Term.

The picture for the second highest form average was awarded to the Upper IVth in the Winter and Summer Terms of the year. It was won by Form II in the Easter Term.

St. Mary's Hall Diary, 1926-27.

AUTUMN TERM. 1926.

Oct. 28th.—The ceremony of opening the new Netball Courts was held. Several members of the Council were present, amongst whom were Canon Hicks, Canon Bowlby and Lady Barrett-Lennard. An exhibition game of Netball was played by the 1st and 2nd Netball VII's. This was followed by a short speech by the Chairman of the Council, Canon Hicks, in which he declared the New Court to be open. Miss Ghey also said how glad we were to have more ground for games, and expressed her thanks to all those who had so kindly helped us to obtain it.

Oct. 31st.—The School were very kindly invited by Miss Tanner to Roedean School Chapel to their service in connection with the annual service of the U.G.S.M. held in Southwark Cathedral. The sermon was preached

by the Bishop of Kingston.

Nov. 8th.—Our Half Term was unfortunately not favoured by the weather. Several valiant parties started on their expeditions undismayed, but most of the School stayed in and played games in the Elliott Hall. One party managed to reach Seaford, and took refuge in a café there. In the evening we had games and dancing. In spite of the weather we had a very good time.

Nov. 12th.—On Prize Day the School gave a concert, in which Zoë Druitt's recitation of W. W. Gibson's "Ice Cart" deserves special mention. After the Chairman's speech and Miss Ghey's Report for the School year, the prizes were given away by Miss Major, Principal of Girton College, Cambridge, who gave an interesting speech on the work girls can do in the world.

Nov. 19th.—The Annual Sale for Foreign Missions was again combined with that for the U.G.S.M. It was opened by Mrs. Daniell, who had just come home from Uganda, in a pleasant speech in which she told us something of her work there. At intervals throughout the afternoon exhibitions of country-dancing were given. This year the proceeds of the Sale amounted to £84 5s. 6d., and were larger than ever before, owing to a special effort on the part of the School.

Dec. 5th.—Mr. Pears showed us some very interesting lantern slides of Westminster Abbey and of scenes connected with its history. The slides showed us a great deal of beautiful detail, which even those who knew the Abbey well had not noticed before.

Dec. 12th.—A Carol Concert was given by the School in aid of St. Dunstan's and the National Institute for the Blind. The proceeds amounted to £5.

Dec. 18th.—Miss Ghey invited the School to that much-anticipated event, her Christmas Party. After a festive supper we all went to the Elliott Hall and danced for the rest of the evening. The Music Mistresses very kindly played for us, and everyone thoroughly enjoyed the party.

EASTER TERM, 1927.

Feb. 25th.—Miss Ghey's birthday, and Half Term holiday: we went for char-a-banc drives through East Sussex in the morning. In the afternoon the School had an enjoyable time playing games on the hard court and in the Elliott Hall. The evening was cheered by the performance of "Between the Soup and the Savoury," by three members of the Staff (Miss Galton, Miss Bolton and Miss McMaster), Miss Vincent acting as stage-manager. This was followed by dancing.

Feb. 26th.—In the morning the School divided into parties and went for walks on the Downs. The afternoon was wet; but all managed to enjoy themselves in various ways. Progressive games were organised by the Sixth

Form after tea, and in the evening there was dancing.

Feb. 27th.—Miss Sybil Cropper visited the School again and sang a beautiful selection of classical songs. She succeeded admirably in her object of proving that classical songs are neither dull nor difficult to appreciate. We look forward with pleasure to her next visit.

Mar. 6th.—We had the pleasure of welcoming Mr. Pears again for his lantern lecture on Canterbury Cathedral, which was enjoyed by every member

of the School.

Mar. 24th.—" The Old Lady shows her Medals" (see account next page).

Mar. 26th.—The Staff gave a wonderful performance of "The Rising Generation," which caused uproarious laughter throughout. The hearty cheering at the end of the play showed the School's appreciation both of the acting and of the most efficient stage-managing of Miss Vincent. The School greatly enjoyed seeing its own faults brought out in such a humorous way. The stage was set to represent the front hall of a house, which was completed by a wonderfully solid and realistic staircase built by Mr. Walker.

Mar. 28th.—The Old Girls' Match was played in the afternoon. Their team, captained by K. Ives, was complete but for one member who was detained at the last moment. The Country-Dancing Competition took place in the evening and was judged by Miss McMaster. The trophy was won by St. Hilary, and was presented by Miss Ghey. The Snowdon Smith was second, and Hervey third.

SUMMER TERM.

May 4th .- Miss Gane gave a most instructive lecture on 'Tennis,' illustrated by slides of the strokes as played by Mrs. Beamish. At the end of the lecture we had all revised our ideas of tennis play, realizing that our present method was antiquated in the extreme.

May 15th.—In the afternoon we had a most interesting lecture from the Hon. Emily Kinnaird on her work in connection with the Y.W.C.A.

June 1st.—The Junior Drill Competition was held in the Elliott Hall, all Forms up to the Upper IVth competing. It was judged this year by Miss McLachlan, of Brighton & Hove High School. Forms I and II were first and the Lower IIIrd was second.

June 13th.—Half Term. The School spent the day in Arundel Park. After a very enjoyable char-a-banc ride we had a picnic lunch and then explored till tea, which we had in front of the 'Black Rabbit' Inn.

June 15th.—The Confirmation was conducted this year by the Suffragan

Bishop of Lewes, and twenty-four candidates from the School were confirmed.

June 29th.—A great many adventurous spirits rose at the early hour of 5.40 a.m. and went out on to the Downs to see the Eclipse. Their vigilance was unrewarded, for not even the most optimistic saw more than clouds of sea-mist.

July 10th.—We had a delightful concert, in which Mercy Collisson gave us a selection of classical, modern and folk songs, and several charming children's pieces. Miss Miles and Miss Goadby also played to us very beautifully on the piano and violin. We were delighted with Mercy's singing. We hope that she will soon come again, and wish her every success in her work.

July 13th.—We were lucky in securing eleven fathers for the Fathers' Match. We all enjoyed it, and regretted that rain stopped play after tea.

July 17th.—Some members of the School went again to Roedean Chapel

for their Anniversary Service for the U.G.S.M.

July 26th.—St. Nicholas House Prize-giving. After Miss Batterbury's report the prizes were given away by Mrs. E. W. Barnes, who spoke to us very beautifully about the great adventure of Life. After tea a charming performance of scenes from "Pinkie and the Fairies," by Graham Robertson, was given by members of St. Nicholas. The very effective dresses of the fairies were designed by Miss Addenbroke.

"THE OLD LADY SHOWS HER MEDALS."

On Thursday, March 24th, the School was entertained by the members of the Lower VIth Form, who gave a sympathetic performance of J. M. Barrie's short play, "The Old Lady shows her Medals."

Miss Ghey acted as stage-manager and the parts were:-

KENNETH DOWEY Molly Leachman.

MRS. DOWEY Margaret Fotheringham.

MRS. TWYMLEY Dorothea McLaughlin.

THE HAGGERTY WOMAN ... Charity Girdlestone.

MRS. MICKLEHAM Lucy Hutchinson.
THE REV. FRANK WILLINGS ... Lysbeth Bisseker.

The play deals with incidents connected with a young soldier spending his leave in London during the Great War. The scene is a simple one—the living-room of Mrs. Dowey, a Scotchwoman living in London and earning her living by charring.

As her friends and acquaintances all had their men on active service and she had neither "mon" nor "bairn," she felt quite out of things and resolved to "adopt" a young Highlander of whose daring she had read in a newspaper and whose surname was the same as her own.

She professed to have received various letters beginning, "My dearest Mother," and signed by Kenneth Dowey, and in the first scene was comparing notes with various cronies who also had letters from sons on active service.

Then a clergyman entered and told Mrs. Dowey he had just met her son at a Church Army shelter and had given him her address and Kenneth was coming on to see her, whereupon the other women withdrew, that Mrs. Dowey might the better enjoy her son's visit.

A fine young Highlander entered, his idea being to see who was posing as his mother and to tell her what he thought of her deceit. Mrs. Dowey, filled with admiration at the handsome figure of the heroic youth, pressed tea and cake upon him and offered him a bed "with real sheets," which the young fellow graciously accepted for the duration of his leave.

He afterwards suggested taking her to a theatre, if she did not disgrace him by looking shabby. Mrs. Dowey produced her best black silk dress and a wonderful bonnet, and they went out.

In the second scene, some of Mrs. Dowey's neighbours were awaiting her return from a later visit to a theatre with her supposed son and commenting on the style of the treats he had been giving her, of which that evening's was the last, as his leave expired the next morning. After the entrance of Mrs. Dowey and Kenneth the others gave little gifts of gold-tipped cigarettes and then left the two for a few minutes alone. Kenneth had arranged with a fellow "Kiltie" to wait outside the house and whistle when the actual moment of parting came.

In J. M. Barrie's inimitable style the young Scot told how he had decided to adopt the "mither," whose homely Scotch accent had touched his heart and whose kindness was such as might have been shown by the parent he had never known. He would see that her name was registered as his next-of-kin. The whistle sounded all too soon and the Highlander departed.

Shortly after Kenneth's return to the Front he was killed, and the last scene was one without words. Mrs. Dowey was turning over her treasures before going out to do a day's work. She took out various relics of Kenneth's visit, including her own best black silk dress, a small box containing the medals awarded to her son, the packet of real letters and his bonnet.

The parts were well sustained and the audience was a very appreciative one.

M.H.H.

MUDDLE-IN-THE-MARSH AGAIN.

Scene: The Village of Muddle-in-the-Marsh.
Characters:

DAME FITZ-WILLOUGHBY-MONTAGUE, O.B.E. ... Miss Ghey. Miss BLINKERS (see Dame Fitz-Willoughby Montague).

THE INHABITANTS OF THE VILLAGE VIth Form.

On Saturday afternoon, December 18th, the Elliott Hall was once again transformed into the Village of Muddle-in-the-Marsh and we were given the privilege of seeing the inhabitants, both young and old, of this charming village. Twice before have we had this pleasure, and those of us who have been fortunate enough to be present on all three occasions must have felt that as the years pass on, the talent in this village grows no less. Before we describe in any detail the items on the programme, it is right that some report should be made of the illuminating speech with which we were welcomed

to the village.

Dame Fitz-Willoughby Montague, O.B.E., who was making her third visit to us, had altered little during the last five years, and we all recognised her at once. Her beautiful fur coat and brown hat became her well, and her voice, though perhaps a little unexpected, fell plasantly on our ears. began by telling us in sad tones of the illness of the Reverend Samuel Plump, M.A., Cantab., Vicar of Muddle-in-the-Marsh, and we were indeed sorry to hear that he was unable to be with us owing to the fact that he was suffering from such a trying complaint as Housemaid's Knee. Dame Fitz-Willoughby Montague welcomed our visitors in gracious tones, offering a specially warm welcome to two members of the audience who had come from far (thanks to an 'Austin Seven') to grace us with their presence. It was nice to hear that the University of Cambridge was represented (by a distinguished Oxford Don) and Dame Montague, as was fitting, spoke a few words in appreciation of "that sweet City with her dreaming spires." We were indeed impressed by the many and apt quotations with which her speech was filled, and we were happy to feel our knowledge of the great poets so well enlarged. But I must pass on and try to describe the admirable entertainment that was given us by the villagers, both young and old contributing with equal success. The entertainment was divided into two parts, the first part being devoted to scenes introducing us to general village activities, and the second part to scenes from life in the village school. I must begin by paying a little tribute to the Vicar's daughter, Miss Plump, for her very satisfactory control of the Guide and Brownie Companies. We could wish to see a few more recruits found in this little village, as a Guide Company of two, and a Brownie Company of one, make the principles of Guiding, especially with regard to the Patrol System, difficult to carry out. The Guide display was a little spoilt by the fact that one of the Guides had unfortunately sent her black stockings to the wash, but, as we know, accidents of this sort may be looked for in most Companies. The Brownie display was most charming, and the response that appeared on the face of the one and only Brownie when asked by the Brown Owl the question: "Do you know your Brownie smile?" must have won all hearts.

Muddle-in-the-Marsh has before won fame on account of its excellent Choral Society. We were sorry to find that the Conductor and the Accompanist that we remembered so well were not to be with us; but this little village can always be relied upon to supply fresh talent, and we felt that in the new Conductor, Mr. Herbert Smug, and in the Accompanist, Miss Pink, worthy successors had been found. It was a pity that Mrs. Pet in her anxiety should have been over-zealous to begin, but in spite of this little mishap a very spirited performance was given of "Young May Moon."

May I be forgiven for taking this opportunity of congratulating the milliner of Muddle-in-the-Marsh for the very beautiful and original hats which she must have taken great pains to make for the members of the Choral Society? It would be helpful to know whether orders would be accepted for millinery if sent to the Secretary of the Choral Society.

At the finish of "Young May Moon," two very talented members of the Choir sang us the charming duet, "The Keys of Heaven." Seldom have we heard such singing, it was masterly. A well known and respected trainer of voices, who sat among the audience, seemed overcome with anxiety. It was wasted anxiety. Higher and higher soared the Soprano, but with each fresh effort she was more and more ably supported, and although we all felt thankfulness at the end of the song, that even the highest note had been happily reached, we realised that we might have had greater faith in the voices of the performers.

I must now pass on quickly. I can only just mention the clever duet for two pianos, "Boys and Girls come out to play," or again the controlled drilling of the different standards in the Village School under the able but handicapped Miss Blinkers. We all felt that, dressed in a tunic instead of an ample overcoat, Miss Blinkers would have found things much easier.

A word must be said for the Infants, who in a pretty Alphabet Drill showed us how well the little ones are taught. We were slightly surprised when one little one, in answer to a question, suggested the Cow as the animal who sits on the hearthrug, but perhaps she is more familiar with this animal and has a greater affection for it than she has for the more ordinary domestic pet.

Recitations were not forgotten. A sweet little poem called "The Violet," by Jane Taylor, was touchingly rendered. Space forbids my quoting

it here.

The Infants won much applause by their pretty recitation of "Falling

Snow," and "Five Little Pussie Cats."

The Village Organist delighted everyone with both a piano and an organ solo, the well-known and popular "Merry Peasant" being chosen for the former, and a Minuet for the latter. We felt that there were moments when we recognised the latter, but we could not help feeling sympathy for her in her organ work, as the blower quite often forgot to blow. In spite of this drawback it was quite extraordinary to hear the sounds that were produced from the little organ. Only one criticism might be offered; we could not feel that the organist had yet learnt all that is to be known about pedal work, and at present her feet remain rather more a hindrance than a help; but we wish her every success in her work, and hope that next time we hear her play, this little weakness will be remedied.

It is impossible to close this account without some mention of the little action songs, "I'll lead my Lambkin Lovingly," and "Laying the Table," so beautifully sung by the Infants, and so carefully accompanied by Miss Blinkers. The violin solo, "Farewell to the Mouse," which followed these songs would (we feel) have been better if the Accompanist and the Violinist had begun at the same time; also some doubt seemed to exist between them with regard to a time signature, but these things are only details, and

should perhaps hardly be mentioned.

This delightful entertainment ended with a wonderful recitation called "The Reproof," and announced by the reciter as the work of C. Lamb. We could not fail to learn something from the lesson that this poem tried to teach. It is unfortunately too long to quote here, and even if it were quoted it would give the reader no sort of idea of the sweet and modest way in which the words were spoken. We felt that her modesty (a rare virtue in these days!) did her great credit, and we hope that her sweet and halting tones may be heard again in the Hall, where she, as well as the other members of the village of Muddle-in-the-Marsh will always find a welcome.

Miss Walters, the Secretary of the Working Womens' College gave us, in a charming speech, a little account of the work of the College. We were all delighted to hear how this work is growing, and of the splendid new house that they have been able to take at Surbiton. We had a little collection for the College after the entertainment, and were able to send £5 towards their Bursary Fund.

E.G.

Games Report, 1926-27.

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R.W. A. Dathan	L.W.	K. Stewart	R.B.	R. Taylor
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C.F. J. Shelton*(Vice)				D. Kingston*
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		B. Bisseker		The second second
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2 D. Kingston was awarded her colours after this match.

1 J. Shelton and M. Leachman were awarded their colours after this match.

S.M.H.

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S.M.H. won

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S.M.H. (" A" XI) lost

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... S.M.H. ,,

... S.M.H. lost

S.M.H. ,, S.M.H. won

.. ... S.M.H. lost

at home S.M.H. won

" " S.M.H. "

away ... Draw ...

at home S.M.H.

,, ,, S.M.H. won away ... S.M.H. ,,

at home School lost ,, ,, S.M.H. won

(Sat. XI)

v. Kingston and Hove "A" XI

v. Worthing Ladies "A" XI

v. Kingston and Hove

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v. Worthing Ladies 2nd XI

v. St. Michael's, Bognor,

v. Worthing Ladies 1st XI

v. Lewes Ladies 1st XI ...

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v. Steyne School 1st XI...

v. West Hove 1st XI

v. Southlands 1st XI ... v. Worthing High School

v. Kingston and Hove

v. Staff XI

3 v. Old Girls XI

3 M. Stebbing

" A " XI

v. Downs School, Seaford, lst XI 8-4

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v. Municipal Training College	2nd					
XI		,,	away	S.M.H. ,,	 8-0	
v. Steyne School 2nd XI		,,	at home	S.M.H. ,,	 9-2	
v. Lewes Ladies 2nd XI		"	,, ,,	S.M.H. ,,	 3-0	
v. Worthing High School 2nd	XI	,,	away	S.M.H. lost	 2-1	
v. Steyne School 2nd XI		,,	at home	S.M.H. won	 7-0	
v. Municipal Training College	2nd					
XI		,,	,, ,,	S.M.H. ,,	 3-2	
v. Downs School, Seaford, 2nd	IXI	"	away	Draw	 3-3	
v. Kingston and Hove 2nd X		,,	at home	S.M.H. won	 2-1	
v. Crusaders Club 1st XI		,	,, ,,	S.M.H. ,,	 9-0	
GE	VERAL	CRITIC	CISM.			

1st XI.—The forward line was good during the season. The play was quite fast, and shooting and general combination reached quite a good standard. The halves were weak and not very reliable; too slow and style rot good. The backs were very steady; but lacked speed.

2ND XI.—Very promising. The forwards were quick and passed well;

but were rather apt to muddle in the circle. The halves and backs were

quite good; steady and persistent.

IST XI CRITICISMS.

M. Stebbing.—Good. Plays a fast game. Passing and combination

much improved towards the end of the season.

M. Leachman.—A strong and reliable inner. Shooting good and passing careful. Combines well with the centre and wing and has played an energetic game throughout the season, keeping the team well together.

A. Dathan.—Rather disappointing. Sometimes good, but uncertain. Too much running about without much work being done.

J. Drew.—Very much improved. Field-play good. Passing very much better. Circle-play still rather "fussy" and shooting not quick enough.

K. Stewart.—Fair. Must try to pass in harder. Plays quite a quick

game, but handicapped through lack of strength.

M. Holland. -Very fair. An energetic and persevering half, but not much finish about her play. Stick-work not good, and passing not always very accurate.

Avery.-Fair. Still rather slow. Backing-up improved. Not

sufficiently strong in tackling and marking.

E. Podmore.—Not very reliable. Style not good; too much reversed stick-work, and at times rather slow.

R. Green.—A very steady back. With greater speed would be very

good. Passing good and careful, but slow in getting back.

R. Taylor.—Much improved and faster than at the beginning of the season. Careful passing.

D. Kingston.—A most reliable goal. Foot-work and clearing excellent.

HOUSE MATCHES.

The House Cup was won by the Snowdon-Smith with 13 goals.

FORM MATCHES.

The Form Cup was won by Upper VB.

STAFF XI AND OLD GIRLS' XI.

Staff XI:-	Miss Vincent	Miss Thomas	Miss Smyth
	" Reynolds	,, Meyrick	,, McMaster
	" King	" Mahew-Jones	" Wisdom

" Prior " Stevens Old Girls' XI :-I. Stebbing B. Kane

I. Thompson M. Outram M. Paterson F. Fotheringham E. Martin M. Barff (substitute) K. Ives G. Austin

This was a very good game, the teams being evenly matched.

NETBALL.

	lst VII.		2ND VII.
Shooter	H. Davies*(Vice)	7.1.	M. Gardiner
Attack			E. Barff
Attacking C.			F. Fotheringham
Centre			K. Stewart
Defending C.			Z. Druitt
Defence			M. Pechey
Goal Defence			D. Westgate
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J. Shelton left at the end of the Christmas Term. L. Hewetson played defending centre, M. Leachman defence and H. Francis goal

u	derending centre, M. Heachman defence and H. Francis goal.								
MATCH RESULTS.									
	S.M.H. 1st VII v. Diocesan Training Col-								
	lege 1st VII Home S.M.H. lost	17-7							
	S.M.H. ,, v. Brighton and Hove High								
	School 1st VII Away S.M.H. ,,	21-11							
1	S.M.H. ,, v. Hoove Lea 1st VII Home S.M.H. won	21-8							
2	S.M.H. ,, ,, v. Crusaders 1st VII ,, S.M.H. ,,	19-11							
	S.M.H., ,, v. Horsham High School								
	lst VII Away S.M.H. lost	26—8							
	S.M.H. , , v. Staff 1st VII Home School won	21-4							
	S.M.H. 2nd VII v. Diocesan Training Col-								
	lege 2nd VII Home S.M.H. lost	10-6							
	S.M.H. ,, ,, v. Brighton and Hove High								
	School 2nd VII Away S.M.H	11-5							
	S.M.H. ,, v. Horsham High School								
	2nd VII S.M.H	30-3							
	M. Young and H. Davies were awarded their colours after this	match.							
	2 J. Finlayson was awarded her colours after this match.								

GENERAL CRITICISM.

The 1st VII improved very much during the season, and by the end played a fast game. Passing was not always careful enough, which was partly due to players not getting free or dodging quickly enough.

IST VII CRITICISMS.

 H. Davies.—Good. Shooting generally good, dodging quick.
 M. Young.—Good. Court play excellent. Very nice style and good at jumping; combined well with the centre. Shooting not always good.

- J. Drew.—Passing careless at times, must try to jump more. Quite quick. J. Finlayson. Good. A reliable centre. Quick and good style. Combined well with the attack.
- L. Hewetson.—Sometimes good, but as a rule, not sufficiently energetic.
- M. Leachman.-Much improved. Quick at marking and passing careful.
- H. Francis.—Not quick enough at marking, but improved towards end of season.

HOUSE MATCHES.

The House Cup was won by the Snowdon-Smith with 167 goals.

STAFF MATCH.

It was a very hot day and everyone enjoyed the match. Staff VII:—Miss Vincent Miss King Miss Thomas " Stephens " McMaster " Prior " Sumner

CRICKET SEASON, 1927.

	1st XI.		
M. Gibbons	M. Young**(Vice.)	R. Green	A. Dathan
B. Bisseker	J. Bowes	E. Barff	H. Francis
M. Leachman**(Capt.)	B. Gibson (Wkts.)	S. Cummins	

** Old Colours. * Colours.

Bowlers :- M. Leachman, M. Young, J. Bowes, B. Bisseker. 2ND XI.

D. Collinson	D. Kin	gston		F. Young	E. Birks		
Z. Druitt	K. Stev	vart		N. Weatherhead	H. Shack	leton	(Wkts.)
J. Drew (Capt.)	F. Foth	ering	ham	H. Green			
Bowl	evs :-H.	Gree	n, F.	Young, N. Weath	ierhead.		
1st XI. Battin	g Averag	es.		Bow	ling Averag	ges.	
M. Leachma	in		51.0	M. Leachm	an		4
M. Young			11.3	M. Young			5
S. Cummins			7.5	B. Bisseker			15
B. Gibson	Bar		6.8	J. Bowes .			24

MATCH RESULTS.	
S.M.H. 1st XI v. Belvedere Prep. 1st XI Played	away S.M.H. lost 93-91
S.M.H. 1st XI v , ., ., at 1	home S.M.H. won 73 for 5-70
S.M.H. 1st XI v. Horsham High School ,, ,,	" S.M.H. won 102 for4-49
S.M.H. 1st XI v. St. Michael's, Bognor ,,	away S.M.H. won 73-30
S.M.H. 1st XI v. ,, ,, at 1	home S.M.H. won 106 for 7-19
S.M.H. 1st XI v. Fathers' XI ,,	, ,, Draw, S. M. H. 32 for 7-

Colours were awarded to B. Bisseker and J. Bowes for their good play

Fathers' XI:—Mr.		Mr.	Stredder	Mr. Weatherhead
,,	Vernon	,,,	Heelas	Dr. Gibbons
,,	Leachman (Ca	ipt.),,	Boxley	Capt. Hancock
	Gee		Bisseker	

The match was a draw in favour of the Fathers. Rain stopped play. GENERAL CRITICISM.

1st XI.—The 1st XI played well throughout the season. The bowling and fielding were good, but the batting was, in some cases, rather weak.

2ND XI.—The fielding was good, but the batting not very reliable. In a few cases the style was good, but on the whole the batting was too slow. The bowling was weak.

1ST XI CRITICISMS.

M. Leachman.—An excellent captain. Has played very well all the season. Batting very steady, reliable and good style. Bowling very good indeed. Her play has reached a very high standard.

M. Young.—Very good. Fielding and bowling excellent. Batting-style very good; but inclined to mistime balls and send catches. Altogether a very useful member of the team; her bowling and fielding are of a very high standard.

 J. Bowes.—Good fielding, batting sometimes good, inclined to be rather slow. Bowling—straight, but not a very good length.
 B. Bisseker.—Bowling and fielding good. Batting careful; but style rather cramped. Has improved very much this season.

A. Dathan.—Fielding good. Batting rather uncertain, does not watch the ball carefully enough."

R. Green.—Fielding sometimes careless. Batting unreliable. Bowling good at times.

M. Gibbons.—Good fielding. Batting careful; but rather jerky style.

E. Barff.—Good fielding. Batting style not very good, inclined to pull ball to the leg.

H. Francis.-Fielding very good indeed. Batting careful; but needs a great deal of practice to get an easy and confident style.

B. Gibson.—Good. A fair wicket-keeper and generally very much on the spot. Batting, good style, has much improved this season.

S. Cummins.—Weak. Batting rather careless and uncertain fielding.

HOUSE MATCHES.

The House Cup was won by the Snowdon Smith. FORM MATCHES (Knock-out).

The Form Cup was won by the VIth Form.

TENNIS

1ST VI.

1st couple f M. Leachman (Capt.) 2nd couple f J. Drew A. Dathan (Vice.) M. Ogle 3rd couple (R. Green

P. Deane

MATCH RESULTS. S.M.H. 1st VI.

v. St. Michael's, Bognor 1st VI ... Played away ... S.M.H. lost 69-66 games v. Brighton and Hove High School

,, S.M.H. won 66-33 Ist VI

v. Roedean 2nd VI ... ,, ,, ,, S.M.H. lost 52–47 ,, v. Horsham High School 1st VI... ,, ,, ,, S.M.H. won 62–37 ,, Colours were awarded to R. Green and P. Deane on their good play

throughout the season.

GENERAL CRITICISM.

None of the couples were reliable except the 3rd, who played very well together.

1ST VI CRITICISMS.

M. Leachman.—Erratic. Good at times, but had very little practice towards the end of term, consequently her tennis went off rather badly. M. Ogle.—Service very good indeed; but the rest of her play slow, uncertain

and not nearly energetic enough.

J. Drew.—Net-play good sometimes. Gets some very good drives. Altogether very energetic and quick; but service inclined to be erratic.

A. Dathan.—Very erratic. Quite nice style and service usually good; but

not dependable.

R. Green.-Net-play very good. Very good all round, but service not very

P. Deane.—Net-play good. A very steady and dependable player.

HOUSE MATCHES.

The House Cup was won by St. Hilary with 210 games.

FORM MATCHES (Knock-out).

The Form Cup was won by Upper VA.

SWIMMING SPORTS.

THE Swimming Sports were held at the Corporation Baths, North Road, on July 7th :-

Upper School Cup won by Lower VB ... with 14 points. " Upper IV … " Bristol House Lower School Cup ,, ,, 16

House Cup In the Upper School, J. Finlayson, D. Stredder and F. Smith deserve special mention and in the Lower School, M. Black.

SPORTS.

THE Sports were held on Saturday, May 7th, and were organised by Miss McMaster and the Sports Committee.

THE HOUSE CUP: - Won by the Babington.

The Form Cup:—Won by Lower IV with 30 points. (Upper V had $29\frac{1}{2}$ points).

There were four STAFF RACES :-

(a) Flower-pot Race; (b) Slow Bicycle ...

(c) Three-legged ...

(d) Potato ,,

M. Young and B. Massey won many events. It was a glorious day and both competitors and spectators thoroughly enjoyed the Sports.

DRILL RESULTS.

Christmas. Easter. Summer.

Upper School Drill Brooch J. Shelton M. Young M. Young Middle School , ,, D. Collinson P. Davies Junior School ,, ,, D. Johnston D. Johnston E. Gee

LINES ADDRESSED TO JAMES BOSWELL AFTER READING HIS 'TOUR TO THE HEBRIDES (Set Book, 1927).

O why do you worship an uncouth man In a rusty suit of clothes? With a blinded eye and shrunken wig, And disorderly shoes and hose?

O why do you follow this man in brown? Why do you note down his talk?

O why do you haunt his tavern in town And companion his country walk?

O why do you wince when he snubs you so?

And thrill when he scintillates wit?

O why do you travel through storm and snow At the feet of this sage to sit?

O why do you mark his orange drinks And his furtively pocketed peels?

O why do you puzzle about what he thinks, And surmise on all that he feels?

Is it because he is sound and true
As a skilfully founded bell?
For his mind is virile through and through
And clear without fog to dispel.

He loves a joust in the lists of thought,
A skirmish with war of words.
He worsts his opponents with weapons well-wrought,
Be they Kelts or Saxons or Kurds.

There are mary to say he's a kindly soul Compassionate to the undone, Sharing his pension's exiguous dole With the derelict indigent one.

Do you love the words of a man of truth? The heart of a man passing kind?

O Boswell, at any rate there in good sooth You show a discerning mind!

R. WISDOM.

ADVICE TO GIRLS (with apologies to R.K.).

From the farthest Asiatic
To the shores of Adriatic,
There are thrills to be encountered by the hoard;
But there's really nothing like it
From Sebastopol to Reigate,
As the fierce and frightful frisking of a Ford.

Now reputed as a kicker
Is the donkey—nothing slicker—
But the entrance of our Henry rang his doom;
While the sprightly syncopations,
And top-gear intimidations
Of the Ford, have greatly deepened Eeyore's gloom.

At grunting and at squeaking
And at shrill staccato shricking,
Few things to hungry piglets could come near;
But before the roads were ravished
By tin wheels, and black oil lavished,
No nightmare held a sound like Henry's gear.

So if you are deciding,
—And you're sane and law-abiding—
To buy a car, against these dangers ward.
Choose a Jewett or a Jowett,
If your income will allow it;
But never, never, NEVER buy a Ford.
(Upper Vb).

THE FIRE ESCAPE.

Setting her teeth and controlling her will, She stands alone on the window sill, While the rope is fastened. Then comes the word "Go!" And the terrified victim gives vent to an "Oh!"

"Cheer up!" says a voice from the floor behind; But, poor creature, she hears neither voice nor wind, As, with agonised face, and dishevelled hair, She leaves the ledge and hangs in mid-air.

Slowly she falls with eyes down-cast, Expecting each second to be her last; Asking herself, "Can it bear my weight? O woe is me, that I'm ten stone eight!"

But at last she stands on level ground,
And faces the crowd which gathers round.
"Oh it's gorgeous!" she says with sarcastic smile,
"But I won't go again for a very long while."
(Upper Vb).

THE WIND'S SONG.

Ye may build stone walls to stop the sea, But never a man can hinder me! Over the land and over the sea, I go where I will, for I am free!

I scatter the leaves, and I toss the spray; There is none so wild, so bold, so gay! I howl o'er the land and I shriek o'er the sea; I do what I will, for I am free!

(IVa)

SEA SPRITES.

By the shores of the sea in a lonely bay Stands a tiny house (as I've heard say), And when the sea's stormy, blue or green, There's an old man there, who may be seen Pacing the sand by his cottage door, While the great waves break with a deaf ning roar. For the sprites of the sea (as I've heard say) Have stolen the old man's soul away.

The sprites of the sea, who haunt that bay Where the cool waves lap and the waters sway, Live in the pools and in the caves; Dance with the spray and with the waves. Each one is made of a flake of foam, And their home is the sea in calm and storm. But the sprites of the sea (as I've heard say) Have power to steal mortals' wits away.

(Lower IV).

A HARVEST MORN.

'Twas on a lovely harvest morn, The fields were full of golden corn, And here and there a poppy red Held up its lovely scarlet head.

The reapers went with scythe in hand, Ready to reap corn from the land; A bird was singing in a tree, A soft wind blew the song to me.

And this the song that all things sang,
And all the trees with melody rang;
"Away with sorrow! Away with care!
And look on the joys of this world so fair."
(IVb).

(IVb).

CHRISTMAS.

At Christmastide the snow comes down And covers hedgerow, field and town. The cold white mantle makes all gay, For in it everyone can play.

On Christmas night the merry tree Is lighted, bright with candles wee, The snow falls soft, the wind blows strong; Both are forgot in mirth and song. When sounds of song and laughter cease, And all is hushed in silent peace, Then Merry Christmas Day is o'er: Its pleasures soon return once more.

(IIIa).

ST. NICHOLAS HOUSE.

HOW MANY PEOPLE?

How many people have watched the sky, Black with the threat of rain? How many people have seen the sun die, And lift up his head again?

How many people have seen the sea, Dashing himself on the rocks?
How many people have watched his glee,
As the cliffs he gently mocks?
Z. Z. SHELL-HOLE (aged 12).

BEFORE THE BANQUET.

The fairies are singing,
The bells are ringing,
Now the Queen's coming,
And the Bumble Bee's humming.

The stars are bright, The moon is white, And everyone's dancing, And the sprites are prancing.

The trees are swaying,
The horse is baying,
Everyone's happy and gay,
For it's the morn of to-day.

SEA-SHELL (aged 9).

POEM.

Little fairies tripping light, Dancing round the toad-stools white;

Picking all the dainty flowers, Making happy all the hours.

Tumbling up the autumn leaves Climbing up the farmers' sheaves.

Working with their tiny tools, Bathing in the crystal pools.

Oh so happy! Oh so bright!
Singing loud a gay "good-night!"
HAREBELL (aged 12).

MY FRIENDS.

In the woods and in the garden Are my little friends, the elves. I am always on the look-out, And they look for me themselves.

Their names, Catkin, Brownie, Sunbeam, And they're just as wee as wee. If you looked you might not see them; They just show themselves to me.

If the grown-ups hear them talking, They remark: "Hark to the stream" But of course I know far better, And so funny it does seem.

Once they took me to a party, And it really was such fun, And I danced and played with fairies Till the rising of the sun.

Then of course I scuttled homeward;
Just in time I was in bed;
For just after, Nurse came in and
Cried: "Wake up, you sleepy head!"
WILL-'O-THE-WISP (aged 11).

News of Old Girls.

OLD GIRLS' WEEK-END, 1927.

THOUGH a small party this year, it was a very happy one; and for most it was a long one, extending from Friday evening to Tuesday morning. Owing to the small number, to the presence of only one "present" member of the School, and to the bad weather, tennis and cricket could not play their usual part in the programme.

Saturday evening brought back memories of Christmas parties of old, of dancing and games in the Elliott Hall. On this occasion games were most successfully and strenuously conducted by Dorothy Cross and Mrs.

Coad.

Sunday will be memorable to many for visits to St. Nicholas and St. Hilary in the morning, and in the afternoon for the delight of a visit from two "grandchildren" of the Hall, the son and baby daughter of Mrs. Scott Malden. In the evening we assembled in the "Head's" room for a reading of verse. On Monday evening there was a dramatic entertainment, which

was enjoyed by all.

I would write something of our gratitude to Miss Ghey, to the House-keeper, to "Alice" and to all whose thoughtful preparations at the end of a hard term of work gave us such delight. I think our Association should be grateful to its Secretary for her energy, patience and thoughtfulness. It is to be regretted that any Old Girl should stay away for fear she should know no one. The Week-end is an unrivalled opportunity for renewing old, and for making new friendships, and the Hall sends one back to "grown-up" days with fresh youth.

NEWS OF OLD GIRLS.

D. M. EMMET is the first S.M.H. girl to take a First in Classical Greats at Oxford (July, 1927).

JOAN BLACKLEDGE and HELEN NEWMAN have both taken the Degree of M.B., B.S., and have posts at the Royal Free Hospital. Joan has won the Hospital Pathology Prize. In January, 1927, she gained the Second Prize for a Paper on Public Health at the Royal Free Hospital. Helen has won the Intercollegiate Essay Prize of £10 for an Essay on Goitre.

GWEN AUSTIN passed the 1st M.B. Examination at King's College in

July, 1926.

JOAN BARDSLEY has passed Part I of the Froebel Higher Certificate.

MARJORIE BARFF has passed the Cambridge Senior Local Examination by private study.

PHYLLIS BATSON is teaching History at Boston House School, Eastbourne. HELEN COLES has passed Part I of the Froebel Higher Certificate Examination, with First Class in two subjects.

MERCY COLLISSON gave a beautiful concert at St. Mary's Hall in July,

1927.

MARGARET COOK has passed the Second M.B. Examination and has gone into the wards of the Royal Free Hospital.

EVELYN COOPER is now teaching Mathematics at the Birkenhead

Secondary School.

DOREEN COOPER is helping in a Private School at Guildford with the Kindergarten, and hopes to go to Manchester University next year.

SYLVIA FARNSWORTH has passed the London Intermediate B.Sc. Exam-

ination.

DOROTHY FRYER has taken the L.R.A.M. and A.R.C.M. diplomas for Pianoforte teaching and the L.R.A.M. diploma for Aural Training and Sight Singing. She has a post at St. Mary's School, Wantage.

MADELINE FRYER has taken the N.F.U. Certificate and is teaching at

St. Katherine's, Taunton.

K. W. Gill has been awarded a Scholarship of £30 towards her Froebel Training at Clapham High School, by the Council of the Girls' Public Day School Trust.

M. C. GOODCHILD has been awarded the Fanny Butler Scholarship towards her training at the London (Royal Free Hospital) School of Medicine

for Women, and a grant of £100 for five years from the S.P.C.K.

Lois Gunnery is Second Mistress at Bermondsey Secondary School,

and District Commissioner of Guides for Walworth.

JEAN HARRIS has a private post in Germany.

DELPTINE HART has just finished her Secretarial Training at Mrs. Hoster's School.

NONIE Howe has passed in the Advanced Grade (Pianoforte) at the Brighton School of Music.

GRETEL HUNT has a shop for silk goods and arts and crafts, toys, etc.,

at 23, Crawford Street, Baker Street, W.

GWEN LAKE has passed Part II of the Froebel Higher Certificate Examination with First Class in three subjects out of four.

VIOLET LASBREY took B.Sc. Honours in Botany (Cl. III) in 1925.

IRENE LAWRENCE has obtained her Degree (Mathematical Hons, Cl.

III) at Royal Holloway College, and has a post at Ravenscroft, Eastbourne.
VIOLET MURRAY is District Nurse for Pevensey and West Ham, Sussex.
PHYLLIS PEARCE has passed the Entrance Examination for Bedford

College, and goes up in October, 1927.

MARY PLATER is Assistant Mistress at Ryall's Court, Seaton, Devon.

where JOYCE SPURRELL is a visiting teacher of the Violin.

KATHARINE POWELL, is taking the Housekeeper's Course at the Training College, Buckirgham Palace Road.

ELIZABETH POWELL is taking the Librarians' Training Course at University College, London.

MONICA REYNOLDS is training in Domestic Economy at Battersea.

MARJORIE RICHARDSON has been travelling in Palestine with her father CYNTHIA ROWLAND passed the London Intermediate Arts Examination in November, 1926, and is now a student at Strasbourg University.

KATHLEEN RUSHBY SMITH is a student in training at Wilberforce Hall,

Hull.

NORAH SHELTON is a Nurse in training at St. Thomas' Hospital.

JOV STEBBING has passed the London Intermediate B.Sc. Examination.

W. C. Thwaites is partner in Hayward's Scholastic Agency, 25, White-ladies Road, Clifton.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS.

BIRTHS.

- EVERNDEN.—On Friday, December 17th, 1926, to Florence (née Tansey) and Ivan Evernden, of The Hive, Itchinor Green, Chichester, a daughter (Carol Babette).
- FINCH.—On November 16th, 1925, to Mr. and Mrs. Noel Finch (née M. Harrison), a son (Henry John).
- FORRER.—On Sunday, March 20th, 1927, at The Rest House, Hornchurch, Essex, to Leonard and Ruth Forrer (née R. Farrow), a daughter (Rosemary Dorothea).
- Manning.—On February 28th, 1926, at Laxham Rectory, Alton, Hants, to Joy (née Hutt), wife of Rev. W. W. Manning, a son (Michael John).
- Mead.—On December 5th, 1926, at Sker House, Pyle, Glam., to Mr. and Mrs. W. Mead (née A. Law), a son (John).
- ROBERT.—On February 2nd, 1927, at L'Abbaye, Swiss Jura, to Pasteur and Madame Adolphe Robert (née A. Fleury), a son (Jean Victor).
- Shallow.—On June 4th, 1927, at 13, College Terrace, Brighton, to Phyllis (née Dawson), wife of G. Shallow, a son.
- SMITH.—On July 21st, 1926, to Ruth (née Webb) and the Rev. Smith, of Metheringham Vicarage, Lincoln, a daughter (Lorna Mary).

MARRIAGES.

- CUNNEW—OLIPHANT.—On Saturday, June 25th, 1927, at St. Michael and All Angels, South Beddington, Mr. George Cunnew to Ada Winifred Tanner Oliphant, only daughter of the Rev. C. J. and the late Mrs. Oliphant.
- BOURNE—HOMFRAY.—On Monday, July 25th, 1927, at St. Jude's, Collingham Road, S.W.5, Mr. John Fourdrinier Bourne to Jean Margaret Hope elder daughter of Lt.-Col. and Mrs. J. R. H. Homfray, 93, Freshfield Road, Brighton.
- WARD NEEDHAM—VINCENT.—On April 20th 1927, at St. Margaret's, Oxford.
 Mr. Ward Needham to Miss Lorna Vincent.
- BIVEN—PELTON.—On September 2nd, 1926.—Mr. H. J. Biven to Ruth Ollis, elder daughter of the Rev. W. F. and Mrs. Pelton of Ullenhall Vicarage, Henley-in-Arden.

- ROBERTS—STANDAGE.—On October 5th, 1926, at West Tarring Church, Worthing, the Rev. Charles Roberts to Margaret, elder daughter of the Rev. S. R. and Mrs. Standage, of Wayside, Highfield Road, Worthing.
- DOVI.E—MARTIN.—On November 17th, 1926, at Emmanuel Church, South Croydon, by the Right Rev. Bishop Taylor-Smith, K.C.B., C.V.O., D.D., Dr. J. L. C. Doyle to Gladys Theodora, elder daughter of the Rev. W. W. and Mrs. Martin, of Emmanuel Vicarage, South Croydon.
- Scobell, Armstrong—Hamilton.—On October 23rd, 1926, at the Church of the Annunciation, Bryanston Street, by the Rev. Canon Paynter (uncle of the bride), J. W. Scobell Armstrong, C.B.E., to Winifred Amy, younger daughter of the Rev. Douglas and Mrs. Hamilton, of Renhold, near Bedford.
- NELIGAN—COCKELL.—On December 21st, 1926, at St. Mary's Church, Horsell, Woking, Moore Dermot Macrory Neligan to Margaret Joan, elder daughter of the late Rev. T. Cockell and Mrs. Cockell.
- Forrest—Hamilton.—In the Autumn of 1926, in British Columbia, Thomas Forrest to Doreen, elder daughter of the Rev. Douglas and Mrs. Hamilton, of Renhold, near Bedford.
- HAKIM—CAPERN.—On September 23rd, 1927, Mr. Raymond Hakim to Miss Evelyn Capern at St. Mark's Church, Kemp Town, Brighton.

DEATHS.

- MADDEN.—On September 19th, 1926, in the Adelaide Hospital, Dublin Emilie Mary Adelaide, darling only daughter of the Rev. H. H. and Mrs. Madden (née Louise Barrett), Ballymaeley Rectory, Nenagh, Co. Tipp., aged 9 years.
- SANCTUARY.—On December 9th, 1926, in Wiltshire, Mrs. Sanctuary, an Old Girl of St. Mary's Hall.
- KAV.—On January 10th, 1927, Agnes Ellen Kay (née Jones), born February 19th, 1856. She entered St. Mary's Hall in 1868 and left in 1873.

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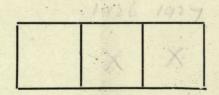
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