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# News



# Letter

BRIGHTON

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## ST. MARY'S HALL ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE

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## EDITORIAL

A happy Christmas and New Year to you all.

Another unsettled and unsettling year! In these days we are less and less able to live unto ourselves, even if we want to do so. Modern means of communication have brought happenings all over the world so close, and we and ours are so scattered abroad that we soon become involved, personally, or through our work, or nationally. Local floods this wet autumn have made us realize a little the much worse disasters elsewhere, and we can be thankful not to be in the areas of earthquakes and civil unrest.

From its earliest days the idea of work and service has been instilled at S.M.H. and we only need to look at the pages of this News Letter to see the process and its results in action from the youngest girl at school to our wonderful Old Girl of 103½ years old, who has just finished her course.

How few of us know at school what we want our future to be, how many are able to carry out any plans, and how many would be astonished to know their eventual role in life!

H.A.B.

## PRESIDENT'S LETTER

My Dear Friends,

Once again it is time to send a letter as President of your Association.

It is now ten years since I met the first Old Girls of the Hall and I do so much appreciate the great loyalty and devotion which you show for your old School. My ten years, following the hard spadework of my predecessor Miss Robinson, have not been easy, but they have been very worthwhile and I am grateful to many people who have made it possible to make some of my dreams for the Hall to come true. I am grateful to the Governors for their confidence in so many of my proposals. Without that confidence and faith that the spending of money on improvements would pay dividends in every way, the Hall could not have gone forward since its rebirth in 1946. I am grateful to the Staff, some of whom have shared the vicissitudes of the Hall with me since I first came in 1950. There are still a few who came before 1950 in Miss Robinson's time — Sister Brown, Mrs. Eggleton (whose daughter Mrs. Scott James is now working with Mrs. Eggleton on the Staff) and Miss Wyn. Mrs. Hora, who joined only a term after I came, is also still with us. Then, too, I am grateful to a succession of good Head Girls and Prefects whose service is such a vital part of the School's well-being. And you, Old Girls, are the link between the wonderful traditions of the past and the emancipated School of to-day.

I hope many of you will be able to visit the Hall in the near future to see the further developments — the freshly redecorated exterior of the front of the Hall, the gay redecoration of some of the Form Rooms, the Dining Room, and the Elliott Hall, and the enlarged Chemistry Laboratory.

I was able to visit Mrs. Bartrum again in August. Now 103½, she is very frail but gets in the garden of the Home in a wheel-chair sometimes, and still retains a quite remarkable memory. I also visited Miss Stopford at her delightful house in Windermere where she lives with a friend whom I also know, having been on the teaching staff of the same School for a short time. I visit Miss Ghey as often as I can and I think we find our meetings mutually profitable. I gain much by discussing School affairs with her, and she is able to keep in closer touch with the School which has been her main interest for nearly fifty years.

In sending my usual warm greetings to you all I should like to express the hope that more of you members of all ages, will try to attend the Annual General Meeting next year.

I always enjoy that meeting now that I feel that I know so many of you, but it would be good to see more, and especially of the younger generation whose support is too small. I know that the older members will agree with me.

Yours affectionately,

DORIS CONRADY.

Since writing this letter we have had the Sussex Branch meeting and it was really wonderful to see such a large number of you there. It was a most happy occasion for me.

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## MISS GHEY'S LETTER

Dear Friends,

This letter will bring you my very thankful thoughts and greetings. All through the year your visits, and your letters and cards, have been



a constant refreshment. Among our Major Blessings have been Miss Conrady's delightful visits, keeping Miss Galton and myself, in the most generous way, in touch with Hall doings: the kind unselfishness of Audrey Baron, in carrying on her work as Editor beyond any time that we have the right to expect: the so welcome return to England, and to our Committee, of Mildred Riddelsdell: the recovery of Lois Gunnery from her serious operation: the reminiscences of our visitors, such fun to listen to: these, and countless other grounds of thankfulness, are in my mind as I write: "Through all the changing scenes of life" our Association stands firm in its precious fellowship.

One voice that now is stilled, after a long lifetime and faithful friendship, is that of Mrs. Sturdy (Jessie Cribb), called home a few weeks ago after a very long time of patient weakness, during which she always received with eager interest whatever news of the Hall she could hear.

She was the eldest of a large family and joined the School in 1878. I had the honour of her friendship; and I shall always treasure the memory of her smile and see her in her last years, sitting up in her bed surrounded by silks and muslins and little dolls, making gifts for the Mission she befriended. Some of these tiny garments were so small that they might have been knitted on darning-needles!

With my always thankful thoughts,

Yours affectionately,

F. L. GHEY.

I must add the joyful news that Miss Harriet Robinson is shortly returning to England.

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

**Minutes** of the 53rd. Annual General Meeting of the St. Mary's Hall Association which was held at 2.30 p.m. on Saturday, May 7th, 1960, at Crosby Hall, S.W.3.

**Present.**—Miss Conrady in the chair and 43 other members.

Miss Conrady opened the meeting with prayers, remembering those who had died since the last meeting: Miss Allen, Miss Mace, C. Church, Mrs. Owen (M. Hopley), Lady Barrett-Lennard and Lilian Burton.

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

**Apologies** and good wishes had been received from 73 members.

**Miss Conrady** welcomed everyone and in particular she welcomed Miss Potter, whose sister, she reminded members, had been Head Mistress before Miss Ghey. She also gave a special welcome to Miss Galton, both for herself and for the fact that she came as representing Miss Ghey, who was not now able to come to Meetings.

**Vice-President's Remarks.**—Miss Galton said that she brought love from Miss Ghey, and an invitation to all who could come to Blunt House on July 9th. The first scholar to be elected under Miss Ghey's scholarship scheme was now at the Hall, her name was Christine Cocks. The money was chiefly provided by the Yapp Trust.

Miss Potter thanked everyone for the welcome they had given her and said how glad she was to be present.

**Head Mistress's Report.**—A complete copy is attached to the Minutes; here are a few extracts: This is my tenth report to the Association—this year has for the most part been a very encouraging one. We have the largest Sixth Form since the School re-opened—there are twenty-five girls in it, fifteen of whom are doing an Advanced Level course, seven doing Arts and eight Science subjects. Next year the Sixth Form will total over thirty girls. Last year there were no failures in Advanced Level subjects, and though the Ordinary Level results had not been so good as the record in 1958 a 79 per cent. success had been achieved and this is far above the national average. The large room above the dining room had been made into a roomy Biology Laboratory and a small Advanced Physics Laboratory. The School has not lacked in its response to Charitable demands. £459 was raised at the Christmas Fair—£150 was repaid to the Governors on their loan for stage lighting, £150 was voted towards World Refugee Year and smaller sums to a number of national and local charities. £50 was allocated from the Charities Fund for relief for the victims of the Agadir earthquake, in addition £32 was given at a voluntary collection after prayers—this had been made up to £50 by the Staff. In addition squares were knitted to make blankets.

In December a very old and valued friend of the School passed on, Lepel, the Dowager Lady Barrett Lennard. I was very glad to be able to attend her funeral and so represent the School which she has served so well and for so long.

Amongst other deaths in 1959 was that of Miss Ellen Burton, in July, at the age of 101. I was so pleased to have been able to carry out my plan of seeing her and her sister Mrs. Bartrum, on my return from a Conference not long before she died. When last I heard from Miss Lomax of the Nursing Home where Mrs. Bartrum lives she was quite well, and is now 103.

We have had remarkably few changes in the Staff this year, I am glad to say. Once again I place on record my thanks to my Staff with Miss Farmer as Senior Mistress. We are losing one of our three Wardens this July, Miss Dolphin, Warden of St. Hilary, who has been with us seven years. I shall miss the competent work she has given the Hall and especially St. Hilary House; such devoted and unselfish service—it is not easy to replace people like this. We are also losing a young member of the staff, Miss Cowley, who has been a very valuable member of the Staff. I attended the passing-out parade of officer cadets at Hindhead, one of the cadets being an old girl, Anne Payne. The greatest thrill I had was when I heard that the best Cadet of the course, who was awarded the Ceremonial Sash of Honour, was our old girl.

Once again I want sincerely to thank Old Girls for their continued interest and encouragement which mean so much to me personally and to their Old School. No Head Mistress and no teacher finds her task easy to-day. With the distractions forced upon children by modern life and the earlier maturing of girls in some directions, we are faced with a great challenge, and many of us realise that much serious thinking is needed on the part of the teaching profession if we are to meet this challenge and to help these girls. So much sheer nonsense is talked about the group of young people loosely called teenagers, and often the criticism is made by ill-informed people whose contact is only with the minority of this group who stand out because of their exhibitionist tendencies. They forget that the majority of young people, though naturally they contrast in some ways from their counterpart of previous generations, are very much the same as they were throughout the ages. In the time which remains for me in the world of teaching I shall continue to uphold the interests of the young people of today and to try to understand their outlook and peculiar difficulties.

In conclusion may I repeat my grateful thanks to Old Girls for the continued love and service they show for their Old School. May I say how much I regret that when some of you come to see me I am not available and ask you to let me know beforehand if you are planning a visit as I have many commitments and cannot promise to be in when you call. I continue to visit Miss Ghey whenever I can, and the joy and comfort these visits give me are, I know, in some measure matched by the pleasure which Miss Ghey seems to derive from them. She was a wonderful Head Mistress and her influence still remains giving inspiration not only to Old Girls who visit her but to its present Head Mistress who so often needs the wisdom and serenity gained by contact with someone like Miss Ghey.

**Governing Body.**—M. Riddlesdell said that owing to illness she had been unable to attend a meeting of the Governing Body so that she was unable to give a report.

It was reported that the money for the Founder's Memorial Scholarship had been invested in Consols and that Elizabeth Strong had been elected to hold the Scholarship of £150. £800 had been subscribed towards the Third Scholarship and in addition there were promises of more money to come.

**Hon. Treasurer.**—Miss Smith presented her report, a copy of which is attached.

She called attention to the fact that the amount received from advertisements had been doubled, for which the advertisement-manager deserved high praise and many thanks.

She reported that she had received £65 extra towards the expenses of the News Letter and it was proposed that this amount should be invested in the Church Investment Measure.

The Report was adopted and a hearty vote of thanks to Miss Smith was passed.

**Hon. Secretary.**—The Hon. Secretary expressed her grateful thanks to Miss Potter for the great help she had given in sending out the News Letter, and for the continual help given by Miss Smith.

She said that copies of the History of the School, price 2s. and old News Letters price 2s. 6d. and current News Letters, price 3s., were on sale. She said that the price of tea would remain at 2s., but if anyone wished to give more it would be acceptable, since the cost of having the meeting at Crosby Hall was more than at the Y.W.C.A.

She then read the list of special messages along with many apologies. These included a telegram from Constance Shallard and a cutting from the Brighton and Hove Herald about Miss Pope's work in Hong Kong.

**Hon. Editor.**—A. Baron first thanked everyone for the present she had received last year, saying that she had bought a portable wireless and a handbag, for which she was most grateful. The Headquarters of her Blind Society had moved to new premises that week, hence the change of address.

She said that it was fifty years since the Guide Company had been formed at the Hall. She would like to include photographs and an article about it in the next News Letter. She appealed for as much news as possible as early as possible, and particularly asked younger members of the Committee to send in items about their contemporaries.

A vote of thanks to A. Baron was warmly agreed.

**Home Counties.**—R. Kettlewell reported on the very happy meeting held at Mrs. Tredennick's home at Windsor. It was decided that the Home Counties Branch should continue for the present. An offer of

hospitality for the current year had already been made by Mrs. Eggington (M. Baron). R. Kettlewell was thanked for her report.

**Sussex Branch.**—In the absence of V. Sly M. Wanstall made a brief report on the Sussex Branch Meeting. She said that it was a joy to see so many young members at the meeting. There had been a Lacrosse match, a film and a wonderful tea. Miss Pope had proposed the vote of thanks to Miss Conrady which she (M. Wanstall) heartily endorsed.

Thanks to V. Sly and to M. Wanstall for their work for the Sussex Branch were endorsed by the meeting.

**Election of Officers.**—All the existing officers were willing to continue but Miss Galton proposed that assistants to the Treasurer, Secretary and Editor should be appointed. This was agreed and the following were elected: Assistant Hon. Editor, Mrs. Tinto; Assistant Hon. Secretary, M. Riddlesdell; Assistant Hon. Treasurer, R. Methven.

**Committee Members.**—The following were elected to fill the vacant places on the Committee: Mrs. Tinto, E. Everritt, Mrs. Randall.

**Dates of future meetings. Speech Day, June 9th.**—All Members of the Association would be welcomed at the Dome and any who wished to go to the Hall for tea would be welcomed if they said so when applying for tickets.

**Home Counties Saturday, September 24th,** at St. Mark's Vicarage, New Barnet.

**Blunt House, July 9th.**—Miss Ghey and Miss Galton would welcome members from noon.

**Sussex Branch, October 8th.**—2.30 p.m. at the Hall.

**A.G.M. 1961, Saturday, May 6th.**—Time and place to be given in the News Letter.

**Members Present.**—Miss Conrady, Miss Potter, Miss Galton, Miss Smith, Miss Atkinson, Miss Bolton, Miss Perry, A. Baron, R. Methven, M. Riddlesdell, R. Kettlewell, N. Christian (Howe), M. Smee, M. Tredennick (Phair), I. Ashwin, J. Baxter, Ph. Poyser, M. Lloyd, K. Chambré, M. Paterson, K. Ogden (Powell), M. Eggington (Baron), E. Schofield (Matson), D. Adkins, K. Atkins (Kennelly), A. Mead (Law), G. Batson, O. Skene, D. Green (Corder), S. Chinaloy (Samson), M. Randall (Fosh), M. Wanstall, L. Raynor, M. Bedford, K. Cheshire, K. Stanley, M. Allnutt, (Watson), G. Ost, C. Hamilton, E. Everritt, A. Chapman (Sadgrove), J. Tinto (Colman), G. Collis, I. Laurence.

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## HON. TREASURER'S REPORT

Our membership now numbers four hundred in spite of eleven deletions; perhaps some of them will yet remember and rejoin. I hope so.

Now for the money matters. At the Annual General Meeting last May, it was decided that some very generous subscriptions towards the expense of posting News Letters should be invested and added to our holding in the Church Investment measure. This has been done and we now hold 119 shares. As these receive a higher interest than the Post Office Savings, we hope that this will go far towards paying our News Letter Postage charge of £6. You will see the result in next year's balance sheet.

Expenses have, of course, increased, but if only the defaulting Annual Subscribers would pay regularly, I think that we could meet our expenses. We have to budget not only for the cost of producing and



posting the News Letter, but also for the printing and posting of Notices for the Annual General Meeting (this comes to well over £5), stationery, the hire of the room for our Annual General Meeting; all of which cannot be covered by our income unless the Annual Subscribers pay their share.

We are again very grateful to Miss Conrady and Miss Waddy who have included our list of meetings in their Prize Giving invitations and so have saved us three sets of notices. A very little arithmetic will suffice to tell how much that is.

I was asked, at the last Annual General Meeting, how much we had invested in the Post Office Savings. This varies, because we have to draw on it to supplement what we have for paying for the News Letter Printing. At present it is £162, and, as it has been collected by the Life Membership payments, only the interest should be used, as the Life Membership is a permanent subscription giving interest instead of an annual subscription.

Our thanks are due too, to the Assistant Treasurer, Miss Robina Methwin, through whose hard work all our Advertisements were ready, and paid for, before she went for her summer holiday.

E. M. SMITH.

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### **THE ST. MARY'S HALL BURSARY FUND FOR DAUGHTERS OF THE CLERGY**

The donations of our regular subscribers have brought our this year's contribution to £31, and a cheque for that amount has been sent to the Governors of St. Mary's Hall.

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### **NOTE FROM THE EDITOR**

Still the same Editor! At the A.G.M. you tried to lighten the work of us three senior "officials" by appointing assistants, and three very capable people let themselves be nominated. That I have not used my assistant, Mrs. Tinto, more than I have is no reflection on her willingness or ability but rather that I have been too otherwise occupied to delegate the jobs! My moves always seem to come at News Letter time, and this year it was my complete uprooting at the end of October from Boston to my mother's home at Felixstowe. However, I have hopes that you will receive your News Letter to time, and I do thank all who have helped me with it, and Miss Conrady and her staff for seeing to the School part, and indeed, all contributors.

Again, may I remind you that we need copy in before October 1st in order that it can be dealt with before the Christmas rush.

H.A.B.

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### **FOUNDER'S DAY, 1960**

Yesterday I went to my first Founder's Day since 1934. In the years between many changes have come to St. Mary's Hall and not least amongst them the order and the very setting of Founder's Day. As I sat in the cool spacious comfort of The Dome, I recalled the Elliott Hall of long ago, with its rows of tightly packed wooden chairs, the careful rationing of two visitors per family (and no "extras" in the way of friends, grandmothers, brothers, sisters, old staff and old girls!), the heat

and the crush of late-comers by the door. Above all, I remembered that we had been dressed like angels in white silk, though, I fear, that the hearts which beat excitedly beneath the snowy purity of our frocks were far from angelic!

Back in the present, when I looked along the curved rows of padded velvet seats in the Dome, I saw that the gathering for this Special Day was truly representative, far more so than had been possible in the past. Apart from the parents themselves, many of the old Staff were there (how glad I was to see them and moreover to be recognised) and there were friends, too, and many, many old girls, some of whom came in a double capacity as proud parents. And then I looked at the row upon row of young, intelligent faces, the present generation of the Hall, and I envied them for their smart white blouses and navy blue skirts, for their fashionable hair styles, their poise and quite a lot for their youth. What a wonderful future they had before them and how eagerly and confidently did they look forward to it.

But it seemed to me, as I recalled the tense atmosphere and subdued excitement of long ago, when we surreptitiously turned in our seats to catch a glimpse of Father and Mother in the body of Elliott Hall, that the changes which had come were merely superficial. Now, as we stood in the Dome to sing "Jerusalem," as we had always done on Founder's Day, I realised that the past and present had merged into one. Time had not altered the spirit of the Day, nor dimmed our faith and pride in our School. St. Mary's Hall had become a part of us and we a part of it.

J.T.

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#### MISS GHEY'S AND MISS GALTON'S PARTY 1960

On July 9th, Miss Ghey and Miss Galton very kindly invited the Association for the day to their flat.

As it was not fine enough to have meals outside, Miss Galton had arranged her invariably excellent lunch and tea in the house.

They had planned a delightful competition, which gave us the welcome opportunity of studying their beautiful pictures.

It has always been the greatest joy to have had the privilege of being at so many of these happy gatherings, both at beautiful Oxted and Eastbourne, and words fail me to thank our perfect hostesses enough for their ever unfailing kindness and understanding for us all.

Those present were: Miss Conrady, Mrs. Baxter (J. Stuart), W. and G. Batson, Mrs. Atkins (K. Kennelly), Mrs. Bell (M. Wade), K. Chambré, Miss Bolton, Mrs. Dobbs (E. Mason), Mrs. Forrer (R. Farrow), Mrs. Hipkin (L. Morton), E. and W. Hop ey, Mrs. Jennings (M. Whittington-Ince), Mrs. Nicklin (M. Meakin), Miss Peebles, M. Riddelsdell, O. Skene, Miss E. M. Smith, M. Thorne, A. and W. Wanstall.

S.O.N.S.

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#### THE HOME COUNTIES MEETING, 1960

By kind invitation of Mrs. Eggington (Margaret Baron) the Autumn Meeting was held at St. Mark's Vicarage, New Barnet, on September 24th.

It was a pity that numbers were smaller. Our hostess, assisted by husband, daughter, and two very socially minded cats, gave us a lovely



tea with a real family atmosphere. In fact we spent most of the time enjoying it and a great deal of gossip on many subjects. Finally Miss Conrady gave us the latest School news. It was specially interesting to hear of alterations and improvements to the Hall.

Those present were: Miss Conrady, Miss E. M. Smith, Miss Bolton, Mrs. Smith (D. Lilley), Mrs. Allnut (E. M. Watson), Mrs. Ogden (K. Powell), Mrs. Eggington (M. Baron), O. Skene, M. Lloyd, A. Baron, R. Kettlewell.

R.K.

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### SUSSEX BRANCH MEETING

Once again the Sussex Branch was kindly invited to the Hall by Miss Conrady, and on Saturday, October 8th 59 Old Girls — quite a record number — assembled there. It was a very representative gathering, although the majority were the younger Old Girls. (Taking the eighty years between 1880—1960 in periods of ten years the proportion of those present were one, three, two, two, five, five, four, and thirty-seven!).

Fortunately the afternoon was fine, although very windy, and the Lacrosse Match was able to be played in the dry. This resulted in a win of 7—1 for the School.

As usual we had a delightful tea in the dining room. At the end of this Miss Conrady told us all the interesting news of the Hall, which we so enjoy. Vanessa Sly called for a vote of thanks to Miss Conrady and this was seconded by Miss E. M. H. Hopley, our oldest Old Girl present (at the Hall 1886 to 1892).

Afterwards we went round the School admiring all the new improvements, the most striking of which was that so many rooms had been redecorated during the holidays in bright cheerful colours, making all very attractive.

We are all looking forward to coming again next year.

Those present were: G. Batson, W. Barber, M. Barrett, J. Bayly, Mrs. Bell (M. Wade), C. Beeby, D. Bennett, A. Bethell, S. Broadley, Miss Bolton, Mrs. Clements (M. Reeson), L. Cannon, P. Chapman, E. Cockburn, J. Craig, K. Chambré, R. Cook, M. Cunliffe, P. Doswell, S. East, A. Easter, Mrs. Elliott (M. Duke), J. Elliott, E. Everritt, M. Fardell, A. Farris, A. Fitzpatrick, Mrs. Fosbery (A. Smallpiece), C. Hamilton, H. Heald, Mrs. Howard (E. Portas), E. M. H. Hopley, M. Howell-Davies, E. Howell-Davies, Mrs. Jennings (M. Whittington-Ince), Mrs. Kennedy (P. Stoner), C. Kimmins, B. Kuvanonda, A. Liddell, R. Methven, S. Nicholls, R. Nolda, J. Phillips, J. Pigg, Mrs. Reekie (F. Vaughn), Mrs. Schooling (B. Wilberforce), O. Skene, V. Sly, G. Smart, Miss E. M. Smith, J. Steiner, D. Stranach, P. Strachan, R. Tharby, M. P. Thorne, P. Toyne, R. Tyoran, A. Wanstall, M. Wanstall.

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### HISTORICAL MEMORIES

#### The Siege of Ladysmith, 1900

On the 28th February the siege had lasted 120 days. Anxious prayers went up throughout the country. At that time I was a young mistress on the staff at the Hall. One of my duties was the charge of Lower West Outer dormitory.

It was 8.30 p.m. When I went to my bedroom (facing South) I heard shouting and excitement in the town. I put on hat and coat and

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Mrs. Charles Scott Malden, Commissioner for Girl Guides, Sussex,  
addressing the St. Mary's Hall Troop in the Old Cloisters—1909



went out to discover the cause. For some reason I went through the Box Room that led to S. Mark's churchyard. There I had to climb the wall into Eastern Road. No-one was about so I made my inquiries at the pub at the corner of Rock Street, which was full of noisy men. This was all a great adventure to me. Previous to going on the Staff I had been a pupil for nine years. I ran back to the School with the good news. Miss Birrell sent word round that the girls should put on their dressing gowns and leave their dormitories to come to the Schoolroom for a Thanksgiving. We were all immensely relieved to hear Sir Redvers Buller had raised the siege and that Sir George White and his army and the citizens of the town could have food.

"Now thank we all our God" was, I believe, the hymn sung that night.

AGNES HOBBINS.

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Louie Coombes remembers coming in from Church one Sunday evening in the summer of 1902, and then assembling in the hall where Miss Potter told them that Peace had been declared, following the end of the Boer War, and they all sang the Te Deum.

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### THE BEGINNINGS OF GIRL GUIDING AT ST. MARY'S HALL

In the News Letter of 1908 a letter from an Old Girl, Janet Smith, mentioned that she had organised a body of Scouts among the village boys, and found Scouting a fine thing for them. She had even taken them camping . . . .

Then after Easter, 1909, Janet came back to the School as a Student-Mistress, and during the term certain youngsters were to be seen dashing about with poles, uttering animal cries, and painstakingly learning to tie knots and to track by signs, and, I imagine, were secretly lighting camp-fires! So enthusiastic did they become that the authorities realised that the matter must be taken in hand, and by the time the Baden-Powell Girl Guide movement came into being in 1910 a number of us were formed into Patrols as Peewits, Kingfishers, etc., and we were not at all pleased when we had later to turn into Cornflowers, Acorns, Thistles, Fuchias, etc., as being more womanly!

Miss F. P. Thornburgh was appointed Girl Guide Mistress, and her article in the News Letter of 1911 gives all the rules for becoming a Guide, and speaks of the visits of Mrs. Scott Malden, of Windlesham School, the Head Commissioner of the movement in Sussex (and a keen promoter of Scouting for boys) and by the next year there were eight patrols averaging ten apiece, and some good work was done.

Here follow extracts from a true to life article by Winifred Batson, always a very keen Guide then and later:

"I suppose one of the greatest things we (of our decade) got out of our school life was the opportunity of being in at the very beginning of 'Girl Guiding.'

"Yet none of us wanted to be Girl Guides; we wanted desperately to go on being Scouts, to continue being 'animals,' and to punctuate our activities with strange jungle war-cries. We did not see any advantage in learning to be ladylike, and no inspiration at all in having a flower emblem!

"One of the first things we had to learn was improved deportment, so we had to march round the hall with our dormitory baskets on our heads; if we dropped them we had to practise in the passage before returning. Later we did complicated mazes and curtseying easily and efficiently.

"However, we had two things of great value left to us from our Scout days—we went straight to Baden-Powell's 'Scouting for Boys' for our inspiration, and we kept our Scout poles—that meant rope-craft without tears, and putting up patrol bivouacs and slinging billycans on a tripod over a gipsy fire, and lashing the Patrol Flag (attached to the Leader's pole) on to a gate or a tree . . .

"We were pretty perfect in those days with stretcher drill—two coats inside out and buttoned, with the poles through the sleeves . . . It was often carried made-up and used instead of a trek-cart to carry equipment, including our greatest treasure, the axe, which we thought we had to carry to 'Be Prepared' properly.

"We were always commended for our First Aid (here follows a wonderful description!) . . .

"The first brass Tenderfoot Badges, lettered B.P.G.G., were not available for three or four years, and we were enrolled with brassards, a khaki shield embroidered with blue, worn on our left arm . . . I believe my original faded Guide Badge is still in the Foxlease Museum (I still have mine!—Ed.).

"It is something to realise that the Guides have to-day that which we were striving to grasp in those early days, and to know that the Fun, Friendliness and Service in Girl Guiding is still being built up on 'Scouting for Boys,' and nobody has ever been able to improve upon or remove anything from that masterpiece and loved book."

Your Editor contacted Mrs. Forrer (Ruth Farrow) who was Patrol Leader of the Kangaroos before having to become a Rose, and she confirms, what Winifred Batson and I reckon, that the photo of the Guide Parade was taken in 1909 when the Guide movement was very young, before brassards were issued and exact regulations were drawn up, and when our training was still based on "Scouting for Boys." Do any of you recognise yourselves?

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## NIGERIAN INDEPENDENCE DAY

(Olubunmi Williams writes from Yaba, Nigeria)

"Everything went on all right, but the only snag was that it rained most of the time, but nevertheless we all enjoyed it.

The decoration was marvellous. All the streets, bridges, parks were floodlit, and all the big shops too. It reminded me of Christmas in London, only this was on a bigger scale.

Nigeria has changed a lot, and I even find it very difficult to recognise places that I was familiar with before I left for the United Kingdom.

In a way I think it was a good idea to become Independent, but if one looks at it the other way it is very sad, because all these years we have been taught and guided by the British, who led us to where we are to-day, and for us to leave them, I think is sad.

On the Eve of Independence I was given a ticket to watch the Tattoo which took place at the Race Course. It was a grand affair. Policemen on motor-bicycles, soldiers on horses, all gave us a wonderful display, then later on at twelve midnight, when the Union Jack was lowered, and our flag hoisted in its place, it was then that I felt what we are in for.

After the flag-raising, fireworks went on for an hour all in different colours and in our National Flag colours of white and green."

## **A MISSIONARY TEACHER IN HONG KONG**

Miss Beatrice M. Pope, who has given nearly thirty-five years to teaching in Hong Kong and who, when interned by the Japanese, taught in Stanley Camp, has been awarded the M.B.E. Miss Pope was educated at Roedean School, and is a B.Sc. London, and, before going to Hong Kong in 1924 to join the staff of St. Stephen's Girls' College, taught at St. Mary's Hall, Brighton. She subsequently joined the Church Missionary Society as one of their educational missionaries and latterly held the post of C.M.S. Local Secretary in Hong Kong.

With her Chinese headmistress, Miss Pope founded the vernacular school, "Heep Yunn," at Kowloon.

Through her initiative, in conjunction with two friends, an up-to-date school and training college for the education of deaf children was founded, and she has helped to organise several other schools and hostels for fisher-folk children and other under-privileged children.

We did mention in last year's News Letter that Miss Pope was home on leave, but was going out again in July, 1960, for two years to enable others to have overseas leave.

Several of her students are continuing their education in England. "It is wonderful to see them becoming nurses and teachers," says Miss Pope. "Some of the older pupils of our Secondary Schools give some time each week to teaching children who have no hope of entry into a Primary School. Since I returned home I have heard that these children are now receiving a meal before they return home. This has been made possible through money received in World Refugee Year . . ."

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## **A PSYCHOLOGIST COMPLETES HER TURN OF DUTY**

Rose Unmack wrote to Miss Ghey in May after a visit to say that the month would bring to an end her work as Senior Psychologist in the Department of Child Psychiatry at St. George's Hospital, Hyde Park Corner. The Department was opened in November, 1946, by Dr. Emanuel Miller, who was Director till August, 1958. She joined the staff in January, 1947. It is a Child Guidance Clinic with a wide "catchment" area and a wide social range. Her work there has been the testing of intelligence and remedial tuition chiefly in reading and arithmetic; but also occasionally in spelling and composition where these subjects were distressing the children.

At the end of June she was retiring from her work as Educational Psychologist to the National Children's Home after eighteen years visiting round the Branches. There are forty, as far apart as Cornwall and Northumberland, Wales, Scotland and the Isle of Man.

Now she is going to garden and walk on the North Downs

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## **IN THE SERVICES**

Ann Payne won the ceremonial sash for the best cadet in the course at the W.R.A.C. School of Instruction, Hurrion Camp, Hindhead, Surrey, which finished in January, 1960. The passing-out commissioning parade took place on Wednesday, 27th January, and the address and presentation were made by Major-General R. A. Bramwell-Davis, C.B., D.S.O.,



General Officer Commanding Aldershot District. Miss Conrady watched the parade.

Robina Methven has heard from Ann, who is stationed at Chester. She is enjoying herself although she finds Chester quiet in the evenings. She says her work could be described as "Administrative," and says although it is difficult to describe exactly what it is she is usually busy. Anyway, Ann, who was once employed in a Brighton bank, is very happy and very pleased she joined the W.R.A.C.

Ann Waterhouse did her general nursing training at the Royal Free Hospital, London, and her midwifery at the Royal Infirmary, Edinburgh. In January, 1960, she joined Princess Mary's Royal Air Force Nursing Service as a Flying Officer. She was stationed for a short time at Aylesbury before being sent to the R.A.F. Hospital, Ely, Cambs.

Robina Methven has seen her twice since she joined the P.M.R.A.F.N.S., and she is extremely happy in her work. She is doing midwifery only.

Ann says there is a good social life at the Ely station and she is enjoying herself and not regretting joining at all. She hopes to go abroad shortly. They have this opportunity after serving one year at home.

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### "DO BE CAREFUL WITH THAT LION"

Some years ago, when we were living in a remote part of Uganda, in a beautiful spot high up on the edge of the most romantically named mountains in the world, "The Mountains of the Moon", we were asked to look after a pair of motherless lion cubs. The owners were going away for a short holiday and we were delighted at the prospect of entertaining two such unusual visitors.

The cubs, a male and a female, had been born in the jungle. They weighed about three pounds each and were roughly 15" in length. They were approximately six weeks old and had to be fed on diluted milk from a bottle. Just like babies, they were fed every four hours from 6 a.m. till 10 p.m. The feeding times were great fun; the cubs were always ravenous and gulped their milk with disgusting speed, although, unlike their human counterparts, they did bring up their own wind in no uncertain manner!

They were soft and sweet and warm to the touch like any other young animals; and yet, despite their dependance on us for nourishment, their sharp claws and miniature lion roars reminded us constantly that the jungle was their true home and their natures unalterable. As yet, however, they could do us no real damage beyond sharp digs with their claws and abortive attempts to sever our fingers with their bared teeth to test their strength, and, far from being afraid of them, we feared for their safety. No harm must befall them in their owners' absence.

For instance, on a hot, lazy Sunday afternoon, my husband and I were roused from our siesta by the appearance of our small son, aged two and a half. He had emerged from his rest stark naked and carried one of the cubs insecurely in his chubby arms. Horrified, I foresaw the danger, the uncarpeted polished cement floor, and the cub crashing down on it to fracture a bone or dislocate a shoulder. Instinctively, I cried out, "Alastair, be careful, oh, do be careful with that lion!" As a matter of fact the cubs were remarkably tough and

those words of warning were unnecessary and indeed sounded ridiculous; my husband, who has a long memory, has not allowed the incident to be forgotten!

One day, two American strangers called. Our township was 200 miles from Kampala over a rough road, passable only in good weather, and had no railway, telephone or electricity, yet its very remoteness seemed to attract a surprising number of visitors from the world over. We were always pleased to welcome travellers, and in this particular case, more pleased than usual; at least, at first.

One of the visitors was a lady photographer in search of wild animal life; her companion's object was less obvious; perhaps he helped to carry the camera and its accompanying paraphernalia. Anyhow, they arrived at teatime with a request to be allowed to photograph the cubs.

Now, I had been longing for some time to have our two children professionally photographed, but there were no suitable local people to do it, so the arrival of Miss K. seemed heaven-sent. Immediately I jumped to the conclusion that a small boy and girl, scantily dressed in sunsuits, romping with a pair of baby lions, would be a perfect subject for the most fastidious photographer. So, while the boy friend stuffed tea and cakes, I watched Miss K. on the lawn trying out various positions with the cubs, the children in their midst. It appeared that she was writing a book about African wild life, which was to be published in America. She wandered round with her camera, encouraged by an occasional comment from the boy friend, and taking dummy shots. Presently it became clear that she had no intention of including children in her animal studies. In fact, she requested their removal! Disappointed, I called the ayah.

Meanwhile, the cubs continued to scrap, pulling each other by the neck and emitting very small lion-like roars. Then, Miss K. asked if I would assist her by holding the cubs while she "shot". Brightening at this unexpected honour, smoothing my dress and supposing that at least a picture of me would be better than nothing, I grabbed a cub and held it up to the best advantage.

However, once again I had underestimated Miss K. for she only said, "Please, no, not like that. I don't want you to show, just your hands!"

Somewhere, I have heard, there is a book about wild animals and in it there is a full page photograph of an African lion cub, cupped in someone's hands. Mine, no doubt!

J.T.

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## THE YEAR'S NEWS

**Miss Atkinson**, when writing about **Miss Mace**, whom I am sure many of us will remember with pleasure as so cheery and friendly, mentioned that her own mother was nearly 97, and very well and active!

**Elizabeth Bardsley** is happy at Rosemead School, Littlehampton, though she longs in vain for some Greek.

**Mrs. Barlow (Gretel Hunt)** and her husband and **Audrey Baron's** cousin had a delightful trip with their car to Denmark in September. **Audrey** saw them all as usual in August.

**Audrey Baron** visited **Mrs. Wells (Anne Norris)** and exchanged family news, also **Mrs. Footitt (Mildred Norris)** who later came over to Boston to see the delightful new premises to which the Boston and



Holland Blind Society (of which **Audrey** has been Secretary and Blind Welfare Visitor for over 21 years) moved their Home for Blind Women and their Headquarters early in May. The residents were interested to meet such an old friend of their **Miss Baron**! We have known each other since we were eight years old! **Audrey** gave up her post at the end of October in order to live at home at Felixstowe with her mother, now aged 86, but well and active.

**Winifred Batson** tells us she was taken by her District Commissioner, Wiltshire Girl Guides, to a Jubilee Camp Fire at Longleat, and it was great! She was presented with a Jubilee Badge before they set out, which made her very proud and happy.

**Miss Bolton** sends us sad news of **Miss Wright**, who has been blind for some months. She has had an operation for removal of cataract, and we hope for a good report.

**Mrs. Berrage-Moulton (Mrs. Sharp)** who is sister to **Mrs. Hakim (Evelyn Capern)**, and was Classical Mistress at S.M.H. for some years, is very happy and busy helping her husband with his petrol station and garage, open air work taken up for his health's sake. He is very handy and mechanically minded and designs cars (and boats) as a hobby.

**Nicola Bruton** is at Bristol University where she has been fortunate enough to have a room in one of the Halls of Residence, and has begun to enjoy University life.

**Linda Cannon.** Her mother wrote that Linda was studying in Paris.

**Mary Ann Coate** wrote to **Miss Smith** from St. Hilda's College, Oxford, some time ago, and was very busy and happy in her work. **Judy** was doing a large variety of subjects at Leeds, but she herself was quite content with her Theology.

**Helen and Alison Coles** are joint Headmistresses of St. John's School, The Hornet, Chichester.

**Louie Coombes** has sent almost a complete set of News Letters to your Editor, which will be useful for reference to her and future editors.

**Mrs. Crispe (Joan Hare-Duke)** sailed on June 3rd for New Zealand via Panama. Her temporary address is c/o P. R. Crispe, Esq., 67, Cornwall Road, Papatoetoe, Auckland, N.Z.

**P. Crowley** was at the time of the A.G.M. in Budapest (neither address nor details given).

**Mrs. Cunnew (Ada Oliphant)**, when giving her new address in March, told us that her daughter, Stella, had a baby son in January. Also that she and **Marjorie Brocklehurst** were going to Oberammergau together in June.

**Patricia Dahl** is spending a year as an exchange student at St. Mary's Hall, Burlington, New Jersey. (See article in the School Section). Their school publication, *Ivy Leaves*, is most interesting, and includes an article about **Tisha** and a picture of her with the Principal and her hostesses.

**Mme. Deschamps (Marion Bucke)** was over from France with her delightful husband and three boys during the holidays and they and the **Tintos** all picnicked together in the rain, and despite the damp and an aggregate of six children managed a marvellous gossip.

**Mrs. Edyvean (Dorothy Gayer)** with her apology re the A.G.M. gave a pressing invitation to all Old Girls to visit her when East Devon way.

**Mrs. M. E. E. Elliott** (Marjorie Duke) wrote that at last they were back in England, and she gives an address to find her till they can settle permanently. She and her daughter, **Jill**, hoped to get to the October meeting at the Hall.

**Miss Featherstone** (Miss Forrester's niece) writing in August to **Miss Ghey** from 12, The Ridgeway, Swanbourne, Bletchley, says, "On Sunday the Bishop of Buckingham, an old friend of Uncle's, dedicated a Children's Corner in the Church. It has been given in memory of Canon Forrester and his sisters. It was a beautiful service, and I am sure it was just what they would have liked. When I am in church I always feel they are very close to me—it was the centre of all their lives."

**Miss Featherstone** adds: "You will be interested to hear that our new Vicar's wife is a sister of **Ethel** and **Alice Brownlow**. **Mr. and Mrs. Mathers** are very nice and much liked. They are doing a splendid work amongst the young people and the young marrieds."

**Mrs. Fletcher** (**Kathleen Walton**) has been very busy with work connected with the World Refugee Year, but has greatly enjoyed it. Two of her boys are now at boarding school, and the third will be joining them next year. **Geraldine** has two little girls as well as Paul. **Kathleen** gives news of **Mrs. Bayly** (**Audrey Richardson**), of 23, Beauchamp Avenue, Leamington Spa, whose husband is Chief Engineer at Armstrong Whitworth and her husband's boss. She has two children. Also of **Mrs. Harrison** (**Stephanie Sharp**), Newton House, near Rugby, whose husband is trials department head. They have three children

**Kathleen** finds it exciting to be near Coventry and the new Cathedral. The Bishop has known her father for many years, and they slip over there quite often on Sundays.

**Mrs. Freeman** (**Jane Ellis**) and her sister **Tessa** met **Robina Methven** for lunch a few months ago, and seemed well and happy.

**Mrs. Forrer** (**Ruth Farrow**) tells us that she is now a Divisional Officer, British Red Cross Society, and does a lot of lecturing and demonstrating in First Aid. Her son David (now a Police Supt. in Brunei State, N. Borneo) was married in August, the last of her five to do so, and her sixth grandson also arrived that month. Her eldest son is in Rio, and her second has settled in New Zealand with his family. Her son, Michael, has taken an Honours B.A. at Oxford, and is to be ordained in Coventry Cathedral on December 18th.

**Ruth** recently met **Phyllis Poyser** who lives near her, and still sees **Mrs. Fry** (**Joy Macdonald**) quite often.

**Mrs. Hakim** (**Evelyn Capern**) writing to give her address, mentions that her mother, **Mrs. Capern** (**C. Thompson**) has now come to live with her.

**Mrs. Hazledine** (**Violet Head**) wrote early in the year and mentioned that her eldest son, who is Vicar of Sayers Common, took the Three Hours Service at St. Mark's on Good Friday, 1959. She little dreamed as a school-girl that this would happen!

**Miss Hensley** wrote to **Audrey Baron** in August, and seemed well. She was enjoying the beautiful clumps of hydrangeas of all colours outside the window, and before that the rhododendrons. She says how kind the other members are in helping her in small ways.

**Muriel Heelas**, who must miss **Dorothy** sadly, returned from Australia in August, 1959, and after staying at the boys' prep. school where she formerly had taught music and done secretarial work for thirteen years, she was asked to return there next term. Meanwhile,

with the wanderlust still on her, she set off on a German cargo boat to Istanbul to visit a friend! Last Christmas Day she spent among the ruins of Ephesus! Now she is busy fixing up cargo ship trips for her school holidays.

**Mrs. Holdstock (B. Day)** when sending her new address, mentioned the arrival of her fifth child, which was keeping her too busy to attend the A.G.M.

**Mrs Evan Hopkins (Muriel Hope Gill).** Those who remember Muriel will like to hear this news. Of her three daughters, the eldest, Sheila, is teaching at Pate's School, Cheltenham, after reaching Grade VIII with Distinction (Piano and Oboe). The next, Monica, who has the A.R.C.M. Diploma for 'cello, is training for Occupational Therapy. The youngest, Rachel, Grade VIII (Violin) is soon leaving Berkhamsted School. **Miss Ghey** thinks this must be a record! **Muriel's** husband is Vicar and R.D. of Wycombe, and now is Proctor in Convocation for the Diocese of Oxford.

**Mrs. Malden (Helen Thwaites)** says she left Windlesham two years ago, and the address near Saffron Walden will always find her.

**Mrs. McWalter (Marjorie Fuller)** is much enjoying being a grandmother. **Fiona's** baby, Sarah, is now seven months old, and as they live quite near, at Haywards Heath, she sees them frequently.

**Mrs. Mead (Amy Law)** and her husband and Andrew had a lovely holiday in Switzerland in August. In July **Audrey Baron** had a happy few days with them.

**Robina Methven**, our capable Advertisement Manager, has had a wonderful holiday staying with cousins outside Perth. The countryside at that time of year (September) is beautiful. The purple heather and bronze bracken lie on the hills and the leaves are turning gold.

**Mrs. Milns (Nancy Milburn)** wrote in January that unfortunately she does not get as far South as Brighton, but greatly enjoys reading the news of us all. Her two children are growing up rapidly; David being thirteen, and Jane ten.

**Mrs. Neligan (Joan Cockell)** writing to Miss Ghey from their new address near Ringwood after their retirement from Broadwater Manor, spoke of its lovely situation near the river and New Forest. She was contacting **Mrs. Hart (Ruth Harris)**, her friend of 45 years re coming to the July party.

**Cecilia Ococks** (who lost her mother in May, 1960) is working at the B.B.C. She is in touch with **Mrs. Christian (Nonie Howe)** and is happy to say that Nonie has just been presented with a grand-daughter, first child of her daughter, Hazel.

**Cecilia** works in the T.V. news, reading in the reports, and once or twice has "actually had to appear." She writes: "It is quite interesting work, though the hours are long and irregular, arranged in rotas all round the year from 9 a.m. to 11.30 p.m. There are only two women in the News Room; indeed for the first two years I was the only woman at all."

**Evelyn Odell** wrote recently to pay tribute to **Miss Mace** from whose teaching she had derived much help, and whose friendship she valued. **Mrs. Benson-Cooke (Nina Standage)**, who lives in Ferring, discovered **Evelyn** through a News Letter lent to her.

We hear that **Evelyn** is now doing some teaching at S.M.H. (Her subject is Geography).

**Mrs. Ogden (Kathleen Powell)** told us at the September meeting that her son, Brian, who is a Captain in the Church Army has been asked to be the Birmingham Diocesan Evangelist. We wish him well.

**Muriel Paterson** has had a very sad experience. Her mother lost her life in a car accident while they were on holiday, and **Muriel** has been in hospital with an injury to her spine. We hear she is making a good recovery, and hoping to be back at work before long.

**Mrs. Panton (Pat Reeve)** wrote from Chesham Bois that she has four children ranging from a son of nineteen at Sandhurst to a girl of ten. **Pat** had polio in 1947 but manages everything from a wheelchair, though she can walk a very little with help when necessary. She tells us that **Mrs. Wonham (Margaret Briggs)**, now **Mrs. Lauritz**, is a qualified doctor and lives in Teddington. Her son is also a doctor.

Also that **Mrs. Bach (Effie Podmore)** is now **Mrs. Cooke**. Her husband has a prep. school in Purley, Surrey, and her daughter has recently married.

**Judith Patten** is at the Eastbourne School of Domestic Economy, and finds that her first term there has simply flown.

**Susan Reynolds** wrote in February to **Miss Smith** from the Somerset Farm Institute near Bridgwater that she was enjoying life there though the work was becoming more difficult. She was expecting to leave in the summer, and to get a job nearer London.

**Mrs. A. Robinson (Celia Minns)** and her husband and little Stephen, now over a year old, have moved from Cheltenham to Ramsgate, Kent.

**Miss Harriet Robinson**. Both **Miss Ghey** and **Miss Conrady** tell us of **Miss Robinson's** return to Bewdley from South Africa with her sister. We shall welcome her and know she will be interested in the progress made by the school.

**Mrs. Rossi (Marjorie Segall)** had a surprise phone call early in October from **Mrs. Caswell (Winnie Banks)** who was over from South Africa on a short visit, and they enjoyed a theatre together.

**Dorothy Sandys** (at S.M.H. 1909—1913) sent a nostalgic letter to the Editor, just too late for the last issue, full of a summer W.I. trip to Brighton in 1959, and her first visit to the Hall since leaving. She told how she was allowed to wander all over the place reviving old memories, noting the improvements and rejoicing that the old place still stands and serves the girls of to-day. She was interested to hear of the pottery classes as she has her own wheel and kiln. Her address is Little Graythwaite, West Charlton Mackrill, near Somerton, Somerset.

**Margaret Schurr**, who as reported last year, is now Matron at Fulham Hospital, sent a very interesting brochure to your Editor. She is very busy building up the Training School, and there are many other developments. She manages to get home to Haywards Heath every other week-end.

**Olive Skene** has enjoyed all the Association parties and was most interested in the new colour scheme at the Hall.

**Vanessa Sly** went on holiday to Scotland this year to stay with **Mrs. Howlett (Margaret Stuart-Black)** and they had a happy time together. **Margaret's** eldest son has now got his M.A. and her younger boy started at Edinburgh University this term. **Vanessa** says that about February last **Mary Clarke** (Chichester) had a nasty skid on her motor scooter, and injured herself, but all has healed up wonderfully.

**Mrs. Smith (Dorothy Lilley)** is now on the Governing Body of three local schools, and still does psychiatric social work at the Royal Free Hospital.

**Mrs. Tinto (Joyce Coleman)** travelled to Founder's Day with **Mrs. Spurrell (Gwen Hensley)** driven by another Old Girl, **Mrs. Boag (Barbara March)** who has two sons (and is a pretty as ever!). She renewed acquaintance, among many others, with **Mrs. Bruton (Diana**

**Harris**) whose daughter, **Nicole**, as Head Girl, had made a short speech with perfect poise and diction.

**Mrs. Bell (Mary Wade)** wrote that her daughter Catherine was starting her nursing training at the London Hospital, and that her son David is now in the Upper School at Worth Priory.

**Mary Wall**, with her mother, has visited No. 1, Furness Road. She is very happy indeed in the School of which she has been Head Mistress for twenty-two years.

**Olubunmi Williams** wrote a nice letter to Miss Smith from Nigeria, telling her that **Florence Aderele** was married and now had a lovely baby girl. It would be interesting to have an account of Nigeria's Independence Day. (Thank you! Editor.)

**Olu** also told us that she was to be married on November 27th, when she would become **Mrs. Akinyele**. We wish her every happiness. **Olu** says her sister is in London reading Law at Lincoln's Inn.

**Jane Windsor Aubrey**. Her mother writes that **Jane** is in Canada, but gives no details.

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## BIRTHS

**Carter**.—On April 22nd, 1960, at Uckfield, to Fiona (McWalter) and Peter Carter, a daughter (Sarah).

**Cooke**.—On July 10th, 1960, to Ruth (Poole) and Percival Arthur Cooke, a daughter (Rosamund Lois).

**Corder**.—On February 11th, 1960, to Robert and Daphne (Green), a son (Simon).

**Hammerton**. — On November 3rd, 1960, at Southlands Hospital, Shoreham-by-Sea, to Thelma (Appleyard) and Rolf Hammerton — a brother for Veronica, Andrea and Lorraine.

**Holdstock**.—In 1960, to Mr. and Mrs. Holdstock (B. Day), a fifth child.

**Martin**.—In 1960, to Mr. and Mrs. H. Martin (A. Broughton-Thompson) a daughter.

**Weston**.—On June 24th, 1960, at Billericay, to Jean (Scatliff), wife of Dr. John Weston, a daughter (Anne Louise).

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## MARRIAGES

**Hughes Hewitt—Nedeham Browne**.—On April 4th, 1959, at St. Mary's Church, Thorpe, Surrey, Jonathan Audley Hughes Hewitt to Olivia Isabel Nedeham Browne.

**Mary Boyd and Margaret Scatliff**.—We were told at the A.G.M. on May 7th, that this was the day of their weddings.



## DEATHS

**Adkins.**—On February 6th, 1960, at the Royal Naval Hospital Haslar, Eirene Stapleton Adkins, A.R.R.C., Superintending Sister, Q.A.R.N.N.S., daughter of the late Rev. Dr. S. Stapleton Adkins, Vicar of Underriver, from 1900—1936, and sister of Dr. Dulcie Adkins.

**Bartrum.**—On October 23rd, 1960, at Hollow Oak, Hatherthwaite, near Ulverston, Lancs., Marian Bartrum, M.B.E., aged 103.

**Baxter.**—At the end of February, 1960, suddenly, at her home, 25, Buckingham Place, Brighton, E. Margaret J. Baxter, on the staff of Roedean where she taught classics and Scripture. Before the war she taught at St. Mary's Hall.

**Heelas.**—On October 11th, 1960, at Broomfield Cottage, Great Missenden, Bucks., Dorothy May, younger daughter of the late Rev. and Mrs. N. Heelas (formerly of Norbiton, Surrey), sister of Muriel.

**Hitchcock.**—On June 22nd, 1960, at Black Notley Hospital, near Braintree, Essex, Ida M. E. Hitchcock, daughter of Charles Garrard Hitchcock, in her 85th year.

**Hudson.**—On January 27th, 1960, Canon C. E. Hudson, M.A., Proctor in Convocation for the Dean and Chapter of St. Albans. Largely to his kindly interest we owe the generous help granted by the Yapp Trust to the Founder's Scholarship Memorial Fund.

**Kitching.**—On October 24th, 1960, Arthur Leonard Kitching, formerly Bishop on the Upper Nile, and latterly Honorary Assistant Bishop of Portsmouth.

**Pechey.**—In January, 1960, at the Gordon Hospital, London, Mary Pechey, daughter of Canon R. F. Pechey.

**Prichard.**—On January 9th, 1960, peacefully in hospital, Frances Katharine Lucy, beloved wife of the Rev. R. E. V. Prichard, The White House, Ridlington, Norwich, and mother of Joan and Evelyn.

**Mace.**—On January 1st, at Two Views, Fleck Lane, West Kirby, Ellenor Mary, eldest daughter of the late Edward and Elizabeth Mace, of Liverpool. Teaching at S.M.H. 1913—16.

**Sturdy.**—On September 1st, 1960, at an Eastbourne nursing home, Jessie Josephine Sturdy, widow of the Rev. H. C. Sturdy, late Rector of Wath Ripon, and eldest daughter of the late Rev. A. W. Cribb, formerly C.M.S. Missionary in Foochow, China.

**Wade.**—In June, 1959, at Henfield; Mrs. Wade, mother of Mary Bell (Wade).

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## In Memoriam

### MISS E. M. MACE

Ellenor Mace died suddenly and peacefully on New Year's Day, 1960. For the last few years she had suffered one handicap after another, but met each with unflinching courage and cheerfulness, hardly admitting their existence.

Those who knew her at the Hall (she was there as Science Mistress from Summer, 1913-1916), will remember a vital personality, brimming over with fun and good fellowship, utterly sincere and extraordinarily kind and helpful to anyone in need, whether friend or stranger.

She left the Hall to go to Putney County School, where she stayed till her retirement.

While there she did wonderful work for the Association of Assistant Mistresses, being on the Executive Committee for years. She was in turn President and Secretary, member of the "Joint Four," and later of the Burnham Committee, to which teachers owe so much.

The A.A.M. news sheet pays her a great tribute. I quote briefly from it: "It would be impossible to find anyone amongst us who gave greater service to the Association . . . of all those we recalled in honour and gratitude at this year's Conference she was surely one of the most outstanding . . . her memory is most highly honoured among us."

A service was held in her memory on January 5th.

E. D. C. ATKINSON.

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### EIRENE ADKINS

Extracts from the "Times" and local papers sent by her sister, Dr. Dulcie Adkins:—

"The death occurred of Miss Eirene Stapleton Adkins, after a short illness, in the Royal Naval Hospital, Haslar on February 6th, 1960. . . . She was born at Underriver Vicarage in 1912, and was educated at Fosse Bank School, Tonbridge, and at St. Mary's Hall, Brighton.

"After completing her training as a nurse at St. Bartholomew's Hospital she joined the Queen Alexandra's Royal Naval Nursing Service in 1939 at the outbreak of War and spent the remainder of her life in the service of the Royal Navy.

"She served in many hospitals at home and abroad, including Bombay and Hong Kong, and in 1942 she was honoured by the award of Associate of the Royal Red Cross for special work in the training of Sick Berth Attendants at Barrow Gurney near Bristol, presented by the late King George VI. Some years later she rose to the rank of Superintending Sister in the Service."

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### MARY PECHEY (At S.M.H., 1925-30)

"A vital and inspiring personality" is the heading of an article in the Hampshire Chronicle on Mary Pechey, daughter of Canon R. F. Pechey, who died at the end of January, 1960. Coming of a family for generations deeply interested in medical and social work, Mary was Almoner for the nine hospitals of the Farnham group, whose staff she joined in 1951 after a post with the Royal Surrey County Hospital at Guildford, having gained her A.M.I.A. Diploma after training at St. Thomas' Hospital.

During the war she helped to establish and run an R.A.F. Canteen at Yateley, and on her father's retirement went to live with him. She had lived in South Africa for three years, and had many friends there and at home, and many other interests largely in connection with the rehabilitation of convalescents, and the Infantile Paralysis Fellowship, and was in demand as a speaker on medico-social work. Another great interest was music and the arts, and with her enthusiasm in all she undertook she will be sadly missed.

## MISS IDA M. E. HITCHCOCK

Miss Hitchcock was at S.M.H. from 1923-1926 teaching German and French. She left to take up private coaching, but always retained her interest in the Hall. She died as the result of an accident.

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## MARION BARTRUM (née Burton), 1856-1960

With the death of Mrs. Marion Bartrum on October 23rd one feels somehow that another chapter of the School's history has drawn to a close. We have become so accustomed to speaking of "our centenarian Old Girl" that it will seem strange without her.

Mrs. Bartrum came to St. Mary's Hall at the age of 11 in January, 1868, and remained until 1877. She had two sisters at the Hall—Ellen, who was only sixteen months younger and who died in July, 1959, at the age of 101, and Lucy, who was three years younger, of whose death I can find no record. Ellen and Lucy were both "Private Governesses", a career which many of the early S.M.H. girls took up—indeed it was the Founder's aim that they should. Lucy achieved considerable success as an artist, especially in flower painting.

Mrs. Bartrum's main lifework was nursing and she had a long and devoted service in the St. John Ambulance Brigade. For 22 years she was Commandant of the 36th West Lancs. V.A.D., which office she relinquished in 1936 when she was 80. From 1914 to 1919 she had her own Hospital at Grange-over-Sands and 400 soldiers passed through the Hospital. She published a booklet for the V.A.D. entitled "Eggerslade Auxiliary Military Hospital" as the result of her experience in this work, for which she was awarded the M.B.E.

I shall always count it a privilege to have met the two eldest of these three sisters. Mrs. Bartrum was interested in her old School to the end. It was on August 23rd that I visited her at Hollow Oak Nursing Home this Summer, just two months before she died. Though obviously very frail she was even then happy to hear news of the present Hall.

I am sure you will be very pleased to know that Miss Stopford, to whom I wrote as soon as I heard news of Mrs. Bartrum's death, represented St. Mary's Hall at the funeral of this distinguished Old Girl on October 27th, and flowers were sent by the School. I am sending an abstract from Miss Stopford's letter to me which will interest members.

D. CONRADY.

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### Extract from a letter from Miss Stopford

"There were 40 to 50 people there—nice, quiet people, mostly, I should think, living in the neighbourhood—and at least three clergy, one of whom came on a motor bicycle. There was a Guard of Honour from the Women's St. John Ambulance unit. First there was the service in the church and then, outside, The Last Post was most beautifully played by an ex-service man whom one of the St. John Ambulance women asked to come, as Mrs. Bartrum had wanted to have the Last

Post. I was so glad to be there. One of the St. John people said she and her sister often used to talk about the School."

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(In the News Letter of 1912 Mrs. Bartrum wrote that she had had a most enjoyable time abroad, in Ceylon, botanising in South Australia, and also visiting the South Sea Islands, Fiji, Samoa and Tonga, and the hot springs, etc., near Rotorua, N.Z. — Her husband, the late Rev. Dr. E. Bartrum, who died many years ago, was once headmaster of Berkhamsted School.—Editor).

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### **DOROTHY HEELAS (at S.M.H. 1924—30)**

Her sister, Muriel, has given us some details of Dorothy's career.

She served from 1939-47 with the A.T.S. in the Army Welfare Branch, rising from private to the rank of Major, seeing service in Singapore and Italy.

Then after two years and more as Secretary to Oliver Messel, the theatrical designer, she and Muriel started their travels together in 1952. First a year in New Zealand, seeing all over, and making ends meet by taking jobs as housekeepers and waitresses. They returned home to settle, but Dorothy started severe attacks of bronchitis and asthma, so they decided to go somewhere warm, and in 1954 they went to Australia.

Within five days of landing they had resident jobs with the Snowy Mountains Hydro Electric Authority in the country some 270 miles from Sydney. Some of their wonderful holidays to the Great Barrier Reef and to Hong Kong and Japan are described in earlier issues of this News Letter. Dorothy stayed in this job for six years, only leaving in June. Although, as Muriel says, they were only shorthand typists amongst a thousand engineers and "high-ups," Dorothy, with her great personality and friendliness, had a Dinner given in her honour on leaving, which the head of the Authority, Sir William Hudson attended and paid tribute to her in a speech.

A School friend of hers, Mrs. Pantou (Pat Reeve), remembers that she played the piano beautifully, and danced well, but always had to take the "man's" part because of her height.

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## HEAD MISTRESS'S REPORT

Mr. Chairman, Mr. and Mrs. Fulton, Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is a pleasure once again to welcome our parents and friends to this Annual Prizegiving, the one great opportunity during the year that I have of speaking to the large majority of parents and guardians. I welcome very specially our guest of honour, Mr. John Fulton, Principal of the University College of Sussex, and Mrs. Fulton. Though the University is, as yet, without its student population it is certainly not without a very active Principal! Mr. and Mrs. Fulton have already identified themselves with the wide interests of education in Brighton and Sussex, and also with the common life of the people. We are delighted to have them both with us here this afternoon.

During the year the School has lost one of its most devoted and dearly loved Governors, the late Dowager Lady Barrett-Lennard, whose association with the Hall spread over more than half a century. Lady Barrett-Lennard was well known to most of us here, and we will long remember her warmth of friendship, her complete integrity and her unflinching interest in the Hall to the end. Nor shall we forget her wonderfully erect and stately deportment even when almost ninety. I am very pleased that our connection with the name of Barrett-Lennard is not severed as the present Baronet, Sir Richard, and his sister, Lady Belgrave, are on the Governing Body. I take this opportunity of giving my personal thanks to our Governors for all they do for us, and for their ever ready help and understanding of the many problems which I present to them at frequent intervals. The fact that many of them are not here today is because another of their many wide activities has a prior claim upon their time. I know that many of you, and Old Girls in particular, will share my regret that Miss Ghey is unable to join us on this day. Her interest in everything connected with the Hall is as keen as ever it was. I am glad that she lives near enough to Brighton for me to visit her occasionally and I know that she appreciates the letters and visits she has from Old Girls. The Old Girls' Association

continues to be a source of strength to the present-day School. Our oldest member, Mrs. Marian Bartrum, is now 103½. I had the great joy and unique experience of visiting Mrs. Bartrum and her young sister, then 101, last summer when I was in the North for a Conference. Sad to say the younger sister died in July.

As I present this report I consciously look back over the ten years since I came in 1950 and I feel that I can say that this past year has seen the continuation of the growth and development which have been so important since the School re-opened in 1946. Once again the Governors have carried out, within the available financial limits, such structural alterations which have been proposed by me and the Staff in conjunction with the advice of the surveyor, Mr. Lavender. Needless to say there is much more we should like done, but a School like ours, which has practically no endowments, is dependent upon the careful husbanding of resources for keeping up its all round standards. The programme for the summer holidays last year of making a larger Biology laboratory, a project which was long overdue, was successfully carried out, and a small advanced Physics laboratory was created at the same time. The Chemistry laboratory is to receive attention this summer. It will be enlarged by the removal of some internal walls, its light will be improved by putting in larger windows, and there will be some modernisation of equipment. I should not wish parents to gain the impression that we are in any way overemphasising the place of Science teaching in the curriculum. On the contrary, whilst I cannot overlook the need for giving some sound elementary scientific instruction in order that our girls may have a more intelligent understanding of present day life, yet I am strongly of the opinion that a foundation liberally proportioned in the humanities, and especially English writing and speaking, is essential to all really educated people whatever their career.

Examination results have been very satisfactory. All Advanced level entries were successful except one which was given an O level pass. At Ordinary level there was a 79 per cent. subject pass, and, as you will see from the programme, the subjects were very widely spread. Many very misleading and derogatory statements appear in the Press at intervals concerning the General Certificate of Education, about which much of the general public seems ill-informed. In this School, as in all Schools of similar academic standing, the girls are expected to sit in at least 4 subjects and most candidates sit in 6 or more. Moreover, they cannot collect their subject passes one by one as we organise no centre at School for December. The results in Religious Knowledge were outstandingly good, there being not a single failure. This is a particularly happy state of affairs for a Church School, and reflects great credit upon Mrs. Jackson who has charge of all Scripture teaching, and whose love of her subject is matched by her uncompromising example and her understanding of the girls she teaches. In other subjects, which perhaps require greater academic ability on the part of the girls, the results were good, but undoubtedly could be better if girls realised that no amount of last minute revision or demand for individual coaching can ever make up for the waste of time and the sheer lack of personal grinding at a subject in earlier years.

The standard in Art and Music has been good. The Royal Drawing Society results were pleasing there being nine Book Prize entries, twenty-four Highly Commended and a hundred-and-three 1st Class and Very Good entries. Four girls had their pictures exhibited at the Guildhall. We began Pottery classes as an out of school activity last September. The class is small but still in its infancy. I hope that at some future date it may be possible to see our way to incorporating the subject into the curriculum for certain Forms. In the field of Music I still have hopes that we shall develop more enthusiasm for taking up



stringed instruments so that we can form and sustain a sizeable orchestra. Those who heard the Concert given by the National Youth Orchestra which we were glad to be able to accommodate in our buildings in an emergency during the Easter holidays, must have been thrilled by their performance and realised the inspiration which is gained by playing together.

Our Games have improved considerably this year. We played 11 tennis matches and won nine. We did not lose a single netball match and we won six out of the seven lacrosse matches played. The lacrosse team undoubtedly profited by its regular practice, including practice in all but the worst weather before breakfast. The coaching by Mrs. Eggleton and Miss Cowley has not proved fruitless. We have been proud of Miss Cowley's outstanding performance in the Welsh National Lacrosse team for which she was selected again this season. Twenty-one girls were awarded the Bronze Medallion of the Life Saving Society, having successfully passed tests held by an examiner from the Hove police.

As usual, we have had lectures, talks and films on a great variety of subjects in School, and attended concerts, plays, and other events in the town and neighbouring schools. The opportunities offered to school children to-day are extremely numerous and we have to limit our participation in these out of school activities so that the advantages may not be outweighed by the loss of time and attention to the normal and essential school work. We cannot, of course, evade our responsibility of co-operating with the Health Service authorities. Many girls have had polio and B.C.G. vaccinations and we have arranged the yearly Mass X-ray parties with as little disturbance to school work as possible. The health record during the year has been good, and we have had no interruption on account of unwelcome viruses! I would, however, while mentioning the subject of health, like to take this opportunity of stressing the need for greater attention to posture which is so important a factor in a growing girl, not only from the point of view of her general attractiveness, but even more for the healthy development of mind and body.

The Sixth Form continues to increase in numbers and in stature. The Head Girl, Nicola Bruton, daughter of an Old Girl, and the Deputy Head, Susan East, have led the Sixth and the School with dignity and sound commonsense coupled with a pleasant manner at all times. There seems to be a growing realisation of the advantages of spending at least a year in the Sixth Form, entry to which is still basically dependent upon gaining four O level passes. But we do occasionally make an exception, where we feel a girl will, though not of academic ability, profit by the General Sixth Form course, and who, by her steadiness of character, her loyalty and potential leadership, which we have watched developing will be just as valuable to the School as the more scholarly Sixth Former. It is, after all, in the Sixth Form that the girls begin to see the demands which will be made upon them in adult life and they appreciate the opportunities offered to cultivate an enquiring mind on the tremendous issues facing us in the world to-day. In Advanced Level work the numbers are still too low to be economic, either financially for the School or in terms of manpower in the present acute shortage of teachers throughout the country. There must, obviously, be a minimum number of girls in any subject before arranging for a class for the two-year course. For this reason it is not always possible for us to agree to the combination of subjects proposed, and whilst bearing in mind the University requirements for the degree or similar course a girl has in view, some adjustment of her choice of subjects may have mutually to be decided.

We naturally do all we can to enable girls with adequate ability to reach Advanced level standard as the doors open for these girls are far greater in number and offer far more scope than those open to girls with Ordinary level qualifications.

In a smaller School, such as ours, the wastage of able girls who leave after taking O level, or who spend only one year in the Sixth is felt more keenly than in a large School where there will always be an adequate number in the more popular Advanced level subjects. In this year's Sixth Form, girls are working toward a variety of careers including medicine, social science, teaching, architecture, physiotherapy, domestic economy, advertising, secretarial training and the Women's Forces. Apart from day to day classes the girls have joined in the activities of the Sixth Form Club which has provided the usual eminent and interesting speakers. The last Conference was addressed by Sir Basil Henriques and the girls derived inspiration as well as knowledge from that great master of understanding of human problems. Recently a group of Sixth Form boarders heard the Bishop of Johannesburg speak on the South African situation. The biennial Conference in Brighton of the S.C.M. for Schools held at Brighton College in March took the form of a talk by the Reverend D. Carpenter, of Eastbourne, on 'What should we believe?' followed by short talks by a research physicist, a Social Service expert and a television religious adviser on 'What should we do?' The question time afterwards showed that Sixth Formers of to-day are really interested in the part which religion plays in everyday affairs.

On the more social side the girls entertained boys from Lancing College at an informal tennis party. They have again been responsible for a Stall at St. Mark's Church fête and Missionary Sale. In December they went in pairs with a member of Staff to distribute Christmas parcels to parishioners nominated by the Vicar. This they found a most worthwhile piece of service, and it was made possible by allocating some money from the results of the Christmas Fair held in November. This Sale was held primarily to repay a loan from the Governors for new stage lighting. The sum of £459 was realised by the Fair. After repayment of the loan £150 was sent to World Refugee Year and various sums were given to other National and Local charities and organisations. Last term we drew upon our reserve for the Agadir disaster, and in addition to sending money the girls and staff knitted squares to make four blankets to send out. These are practical ways in which girls may find a means of expressing their compassion and understanding in human tragedies. If a School is to fulfil its function it must not only provide a balanced curriculum and a variety of interests which will give opportunity for the development of mind and body, but it must set all this within good fertile, moral and spiritual soil. Some of this important background can be provided, especially for the boarders, by the local Parish Church and we are grateful to Mr. James and Mr. Simpson for their help during the year. The Mission held last Autumn by a missionary from the Society of St. John the Evangelist undoubtedly helped to deepen the religious faith of a number of our girls. But however much help comes from the Church its effectiveness is determined largely by the three-fold co-operation of parents, staff and girls. I take this opportunity of thanking parents for their confidence in our judgment and their readiness to discuss the all-important mutual problems and interest concerned with the welfare of their daughters with me and the Staff—often a three-cornered discussion between parents, Form or Subject mistress, and me will smooth out a difficulty or anxiety. I am very indebted to the Staff for their co-operation in this and in so many other ways. We have had a few changes in Staff. Last September we welcomed Mrs. J. Grundy, B.Sc., to teach Physics and Mathematics; Mrs. D. Steer, B.A., for French and Spanish; Mrs. McMullen, B.A., for Middle School subjects and Miss M. Gordon as Senior Matron of St. Hilary. This

term we have welcomed Miss J. Froom. A.R.C.M. in place of Mrs. Escreet who has moved from the district, and who taught Music for over ten years at the Hall. This term the work of Senior Mistress has been divided and Mrs. Lawrence has taken over the duties concerned with the 9-4 working day, while Miss Farmer acts as my deputy in the very important and demanding Boarding side of School life. Mrs. Hora continues the valuable work of Careers Mistress and many girls and parents have reason to be grateful for the time and thought she gives the Senior girls.

In publicly acknowledging the service of these three members of Staff I want also to thank the whole Staff in all spheres of the School's activities, for the share each has contributed to the pattern of School life—a pattern which we want to be a good pattern for living the good life. I said earlier in this Report that a good school must provide not only the means of educating the body and mind but also the fertile soil of moral and spiritual values. We hear so much of the hackneyed expressions, 'You've never had it so good,' and 'I'm all right, Jack': nevertheless we know that these are just two of the products of the sterile soil in which the young people of to-day must somehow take root. We are living in a world where money talks: where a high salary or wage is expected with the minimum of working hours and the maximum of comfort and holiday: where privileges are looked for, but without the duties which must accompany them: where freedom is sought after, but without the responsibilities which freedom must surely bring: a world of political intrigues, colour prejudices, nuclear weapons, space research. Is it any wonder that some of us fear that children of to-day will launch out in a rudderless ship on a stormy sea unless they are given spiritual preparation to guide them? The greatest task of parents and teachers has always been the building of character, and to-day that task is greater than ever before because of all these forces of materialism which are ranged against us. But the challenge is not for parents and teachers only. It is for the young people themselves, so often criticised and compared unfavourably with young people of previous generations, to join battle too. It is important that they should gain a General Certificate of Education. This is forcibly impressed upon them on every side, but it is far more important that they should develop strength of character in order to live well in the face of tremendous moral and spiritual issues which confront us all to-day.

Yesterday, twenty-four of our boarders were confirmed and so, of their own freewill, they chose to make their own the promises which their god-parents had made on their behalf at their baptism. It has been well said that by repeated choices we form our character. It is largely the responsibility of the home and the school to see that young people learn to choose the good, and to reject the bad: to discriminate between right and wrong, between the true and the false. The ability to make a right choice involves not only discipline of the mind but also a spiritual ingredient, a sense of God and of His purpose in the world. Many of us must feel that while the world is advancing so rapidly in material civilisation there is no corresponding spiritual advance which is necessary if the fresh knowledge and new forces being discovered can be used rightly. A good education must be built on a sound spiritual foundation, not on the shifting sands of changing ideas and new discoveries. It must have its roots in eternal values which will provide nourishment and stability in a spiritually under-nourished and insecure world. As teachers we must be concerned not only in giving a broad academic education suited to the ability and aspirations of each girl, but, much more important, woven into this everyday work of teaching and learning there must be the strong, unbroken thread of God's purpose and His eternal destiny for each child. This is a tremendous thought, as indeed the task of the teacher and all those concerned in the training of young

people is a tremendous task. Nevertheless, if education is a preparation for living the good life it can do no less, for, as Plato says, 'those who are rightly educated generally become good men.'

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#### REPORT ON CANON L. G. M. SHELDON'S SERMON GIVEN AT THE COMMEMORATION SERVICE ON 9th JUNE, 1960

We who live in the free world are not at the mercy of an uncertain master; instead we are able to work out our own lives. We have freedom to act selfishly or evasively or we may feel a sense of compulsion to carry out something worthwhile.

As a child, Jesus Christ said, 'I must be about my Father's business.' Although then neither old nor experienced He had a great urge in His heart to understand His Father's will. In His manhood the same theme is repeated as Jesus said, 'I must do the will of Him who sent me.'

Our duty is to know and see Jesus Christ about us so that we may know that His pattern of life is worth copying. We must seek out God's will and plan for us; without this knowledge we are, rich or poor, pathetically without purpose. For Christ the purpose of life was His Father's business; we also should be about God's work whether it be standing up for the Right or helping those who have gone astray.

Each of us will be called to do something in God's name; it may be a humble task such as that of the slaves of the water pots during the wedding at Cana; or it may be a simple gesture is required such as providing the loaves and fishes—a gesture which proved to be the basis of a wonderful miracle when Jesus blessed it. However humble the task, if it is done for Christ's sake, it will be worth doing.

The Commemoration Service provides the opportunity, not only to affirm our corporate loyalty to the School, but, more important, to dedicate ourselves afresh to God's service.

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#### SOME POINTS MADE BY MR. JOHN S. FULTON IN HIS PRIZE- GIVING ADDRESS AT THE DOME

"These are exciting days" Mr. Fulton said, "for people concerned with the work of education." He went on to say that the task of education is the making of the future and giving quality to the future. There is no better job than this. The work of the Universities and of the Schools is interdependent. We cannot have good Universities without good Schools, and good Schools depend on good Universities. Moreover, both a good Sixth Form and a good First Form are necessary in a good School.

Young people of to-day will have many problems to face in the future, and there is one in particular which concerns girls. For the first time for many years boys will outnumber girls and this will mean not only that more girls will become wives and mothers, but also that more teachers will be needed in order that children may be educated. The problem of combining career with family responsibilities will, therefore, become more acute. It is important that girls should prepare themselves for meeting this need: that they should become equipped for a career so that after they are married and have a family they may return to that career again. Although this would be an interesting and exciting life for them, it would also present many problems.

There has been a rapid expansion of interest in higher education and the Universities must make provision for more places. In 1939 there were 58,000 students. To-day there are 110,000. By the end of this decade the demand would be nearer 180,000. The awakened interest in higher education is a good augury for the future and concerns Training and Technical Colleges as well as Universities. A number of new Universities are envisaged, and one of them, the University College of Sussex, is already well on the way to coming into being.

Mr. Fulton then spoke at some length on the great advantages of the tutorial system in Universities. It forces the student to be active. It forces him to do something regularly, and it brings him into touch with a senior person against whom to pit his mind and from whom inspiration may be gained. The actual teaching of a subject in Universities, as in Schools, is simple. The difficult part is the developing of the character and the teaching of self-control and a true sense of values. Mr. Fulton said he had been impressed by what was happening in this School. A good School has to do well in G.C.E. but in a more profound sense a good school is educating the character and the sense of values of its pupils. As Miss Conrady had said in her report "a good School must provide not only a balanced curriculum and a variety of interests, but must set all this within a fertile moral and spiritual soil."

The responsibility for instilling a sense of values is one which must be shouldered by society as a whole, and devolves upon the home as well as the School, both of which must share the task of seeing that the right young people enter our Universities in the right spirit and with the right sense of values.

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## UNIVERSITY AND TRAINING COLLEGE ENTRANCES

Nicola Bruton—Bristol University.

Susan East—Architectural Association School of Architecture.

Gloria Smart—Brighton Technical College.

Rosemary Douse—King's College, London.

Sarah Boyd—Salisbury Training College.

Elizabeth Cockburn—Chelsea College of Physical Education.

Mary Cunliffe—Dartford College of Physical Education.

Catherine Hamilton—Roehampton Froebel Institute.

Elisabeth Flint—St. Bartholomew's Hospital Medical School.

(left 1952). Is already a State Registered Nurse.

Maya Kleinecke—Reading University.

(left 1953)

Amy Easter—St. Godric's Secretarial College. Scholarship of £40 per annum.

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## GENERAL CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION, 1960

### Advanced Level

Nicola Bruton .. .. .	English, History.
Patricia Doswell .. .. .	Latin, French
Susan East .. .. .	English, Art.
Judith Patten .. .. .	Geography, Biology.
Janet Phillips .. .. .	Art.
Gloria Smart .. .. .	Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry.



### Ordinary Level

Only those with 4 or more subjects are listed. Twenty-three candidates had less than four passes or added subjects to previous certificates.

S. Andrew	..	..	..	..	EL, Lit*, RK*, G. Bi. Art.
M. Ayling	..	..	..	..	EL, RK, H, G, F*, M.
W. Barber	..	..	..	..	EL, RK, H, G*.
P. Bennett	..	..	..	..	EL, RK*, H, L, F*, M, Bi, PC*.
J. Cohen	..	..	..	..	EL, Lit, RK, Art, Ck.
R. Cook	..	..	..	..	EL, Lit, RK, H, G.
H. Cowan	..	..	..	..	EL*, RK, H, L, F*, M, Bi, PC.
A. Crawley	..	..	..	..	EL, Lit, RK, G, Bi, Ck.
H. Denison	..	..	..	..	EL, RK*, F, M, Bi*, PC.
A. Dillistone	..	..	..	..	EL, RK, H, G, F, Bi.
S. Giovetti	..	..	..	..	EL, RK, H, G, F.
M. Grove	..	..	..	..	EL, RK, H, L, F, Bi.
G. Harland	..	..	..	..	EL, RK, G, M, Bi.
F. Hine	..	..	..	..	Lit, RK, H, Ck.
B. Hulanicki	..	..	..	..	Lit, RK, Art, Ck.
V. Jarman	..	..	..	..	EL*, RK, H, G, L, F*, M, Art.
A. Jarvis	..	..	..	..	EL, RK, H, M, Bi, PC.
V. King	..	..	..	..	EL, Lit*, RK, H, G.
B. Kuvanonda	..	..	..	..	Lit, H, G, Ck.
P. Linekar	..	..	..	..	EL, RK, H, G, F, M, Bi.
J. Luckly	..	..	..	..	EL, RK, H, F, M, Bi.
A. Oates	..	..	..	..	EL, Lit, RK, H, M, Bi, Ck.
R. Pascoe	..	..	..	..	EL, RK, G, F, M, Bi, Art.
D. Paterson	..	..	..	..	EL, Lit, RK*, H, G, F, M.
A. Phillips	..	..	..	..	EL, Lit*, RK, H, F, Bi, Art.
M. Radford	..	..	..	..	EL, RK*, H, M, Bi, PC.
C. Roberts	..	..	..	..	EL, RK, H, L, F, Bi, PC.
S. Saunders	..	..	..	..	EL, H, G, F.
K. Seeberg	..	..	..	..	RK, G, Bi, Art.
J. Snell	..	..	..	..	EL*, RK, H, L, F*, PC.
M. Steiner	..	..	..	..	Lit, RK, H, Ck.
J. Symonds	..	..	..	..	Lit*, RK*, H, G, Art, Ck.
M. Theobald	..	..	..	..	EL, RK*, H, F, M, Bi, PC.
P. Wallis-Jones	..	..	..	..	EL, RK, H, G, F, M, Bi.
M. Warner	..	..	..	..	EL, Lit, RK, G, M, Bi.
R. Woodward	..	..	..	..	EL, H, G, F, Bi.
C. Wright	..	..	..	..	EL, Lit, RK*, F, Art.

EL—English Language; Lit—English Literature; H—History; RK—Religious Knowledge; G—Geography; Bi—Biology; F—French; M—Mathematics; L—Latin; Ck—Cookery; PC—Physics-with-Chemistry.

### NEW STAFF

Miss W. Rogers, B.Sc. (London) Mathematics; Mrs. J. Scott James (Dartford C.P.E.) Physical Education; Miss E. Odell, M.Sc. (London) F.L.S., F.R.G.S., Geography; Miss J. Froom, A.R.C.M., Music; Miss K. Barr, Warden of St. Hilary House; Miss S. Humphries, Junior Matron, St. Hilary; Miss F. Saberton, Junior Matron, Babington.

## RELATIVES OF OLD GIRLS

In addition to those mentioned in previous News Letters:

Clare Barnes, cousin of Caroline Barnes.

Ann Howard, daughter of Eileen Portas.

Margaret Outram, niece of Marjorie Newbery and of Nell Outram.

Margaret Powell, daughter of Jean Walker.

Rosemary Sculby, daughter of Mary Chalmers and cousin of  
Diana Chalmers.

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## GIFTS TO THE SCHOOL, 1959-60

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

Cheques: Miss Ghey and Miss Galton, £12 10s. 0d.; Mrs. Bell (M. Wade), £25; Miss H. B. Boyd and Sarah, £5 5s. 0d.; A. Hobson, £5; Mrs. Smart and Gloria, £10 0s. 0d.

Mr. W. S. Dingwall: A Platypus in a glass case.

N. Bruton: Transistor radio set.

Mrs. P. G. Roberts: Large glass vase.

Mrs. Jennings (née M. Whittington-Ince): Three bound volumes of S.M.H. News Letters, 1903-1958.

R. Douse, S. Nicholls and J. Phillips: Books.

Miss K. M. Farrell (Head Mistress of Milton Mount College): A Picture.

J. Burwell: Painting of the Hall by M. E. Jones, 1860.

Mrs. Graham: Records.

Mr. and Mrs. Myers: Set of History of the War.

A. Easter: Set of Arthur Mee's Children's Encyclopædia with book-case.

Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Phillips and Janet: Three Radial Easels.

Mrs. E. Chanty Robins: Lacrosse Stick.

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## CONFIRMATION, 1960

By the Bishop of Lewes in St. Mark's Church on June 8th, 1960:

S. Abrams, J. Allen, W. Barber, L. Belasco, D. Chan, R. Clarke, M. Coleman, S. Collins, J. Cornwall-Walker, R. Crowley, J. Eggleston, G. Hassock, C. Johnson, C. Kimmins, A. Lenegan, P. Linekar, J. Pearson, M. Rand, R. Reid, J. Reason, E. Salmon, S. Symons, A. Vaughan, O. Williams.

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## BIRTH

Escreet.—On August 29th, 1960, to Mrs. P. K. Escreet (née Young), a daughter, Anne Margaret.

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## HOUSE REPORT

This year saw few changes among the House Staff. In the Spring Term Miss Gordon replaced Miss Lewis as Senior Matron of St. Hilary. At the end of the Summer Term it was with great regret that this House bade farewell to Miss Dolphin who had been House Warden for the past seven years. St. Hilary House wishes to express its thanks for her unfailing loyalty and devotion. In September they welcomed Miss Barr

who came to take her place. This year we also welcomed Miss Humphries and Miss Saberton as Junior Matrons of St. Hilary and Babington respectively.

Bristol continued to help the nearby Girls' Orphanage by regular gifts of fruit and eggs and also by raising almost £10 at the Orphanage Summer Sale. St. Hilary, too, helped with their termly contribution. Last Christmas Chichester collected toys for the Round Table and throughout the year girls visited patients at the Royal Sussex County Hospital.

On the last Monday of the Summer Term, Miss Conrady gave the School a half holiday on which the boarding houses went for their annual picnics. Despite the windy weather everyone enjoyed the day's outing. St. Hilary went to Birling Gap, Elliott to Rustington and Babington to a beach in Hove.

The results of the inter-house competitions and matches were as follows:—Babington won the Netball and the Gym Cups and at the end of the Summer Term was leading in House Points with Bristol, who were again first in the Sports and also won the Tennis, the Solo Singing and the Hope Gill Efficiency Shield. Chichester retained the Courtesy Cup and won the Music and Drama Competitions. Elliott won the Fosh House Shield and St. Hilary retained the Lacrosse Cup and won the Rounders Cup.

Carol Hayes is now head of Babington House, Heather Newenham of Elliott, Patricia Carlton-Scott of St. Hilary, Rosemary Baker of Chichester and Susan Bannister of Bristol.

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## GAMES REPORT

In the Autumn Term of 1959 the 1st Lacrosse Team had eight fixtures and the 2nd Team had three. The first played four of these, winning three and losing one to Roedean. The 2nd XII played only one of their matches, which they won. The success of the 1st XII was largely due to new tactics.

The 1st Team continued to play with a strong team spirit in the Spring Term and this enabled them to win all three of the matches they played; while the 2nd Team continued their regular matches and won both of those played.

Many of last year's 2nd XII are now in the 1st Team, and we hope that they will suffer less from match nerves.

The Netball Teams continued their last year's successes, winning all their matches in some exciting and skilful games.

The tennis standard in the School improved throughout the summer term, and as many juniors showed great promise, we have high hopes for next year. The first team entered for the Aberdare Cup and after winning the first round they unfortunately played the second with a weakened team owing to quarantine. Out of the other fixtures, the first team won two, lost one, and one was cancelled. The second team won two and lost one. Many players had match experience this year as the 3rd, 4th and Junior teams all played matches, the Junior results being very encouraging.

We were very sorry to lose Miss Cowley in July when she left to be married and we thank her for all her help. We are, however, delighted to welcome Mrs. Scott James, an Old Girl of S.M.H. and daughter of Mrs. Eggleton, in her place.

## THE AUTUMN FAIR, 1959

The Autumn Fair, to raise money for charity and the new stage lighting equipment, was held on November 14th. The Governors had generously offered to pay a large sum towards the cost of the lights if we could raise £150 by the end of the year.

The first half of the term was spent in an atmosphere of excited preparation. A Committee was set up under Mrs. Webb's guidance and each Form was allotted a different stall. The boxes for the goods soon overflowed and the whole of one room became filled with things for the Sale.

Each Form was busy sewing, cooking and making things to sell, while some of us never tired of counting and re-counting the finished articles. The week before was spent pricing the goods and eventually we had the exciting task of arranging the stalls.

By Friday evening the School was looking very different. The framework of the stalls was up in the Common Room and the Gym, while other Form Rooms had been cleared for the Fun Fair and the Doll Exhibition. The Art Room held the Art Exhibition while the Senior Common Room was turned into a "Juke box corner." The dining room and the Reference Library were used as tea rooms.

The Fair was set off to a delightful start by Mrs. Marguerite Patten and, immediately she had opened it, the stalls were doing a roaring trade.

The sum of £450 was raised altogether. £150 was used for the lighting equipment and, as had been decided beforehand, £150 was sent to the World Refugee Year Fund. The remainder was divided amongst charities, one of which was Christmas presents for some of the old people in the parish. These were distributed by the VIth Form.

We thank all those who, both by arranging the Fair and buying the goods, helped to raise this splendid sum.

N. BRUTON, VIth Form.

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## THE SIXTH FORM CLUB CONFERENCE ON THE COMMONWEALTH

On Friday, February 12th, 1960, all the members of the VIth Form went to a VIth Form Club Conference at Hove County Girls' School.

The first speaker was Sir James Harford, K.B.E. His subject was, "From Empire to Commonwealth." He illustrated how, from the beginning of the twentieth century, the British Empire had slowly developed into the Commonwealth, a free association of equals, united for practical ends. He also described how the Commonwealth works, and what are the necessary qualifications to become a member.

The second Lecture, about East and Central Africa, was given by Miss C. Elizabeth Owen. She first gave a short resumé of the state of the different countries in Central and East Africa, and then she described some of the difficulties, in politics, in economy and in education, besides the obvious social problems. She ended by saying that she felt the basic cause of friction between white people and black was fear.

When Miss Owen had finished speaking, the various discussion groups went into a different room to discuss the Lecture and formulate questions about some of the points. Indeed there were some very interesting questions asked in the second half although, unfortunately, the lecturers seemed to avoid the more controversial points. This was a cause of disappointment since many of us would have welcomed a really heated discussion about the moral issues involved in Africa,

and the best way to deal with the problems. For this reason, this Lecture seemed in some ways rather an anti-climax after all the careful preparations which had been made. Yet, in spite of this, the Conference taught us a great deal more about the Commonwealth and its many difficulties, especially those of Africa, than we knew before.

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P. DOSWELL, Up. VI.

### **LONDON'S FESTIVAL BALLET**

We were delighted to hear that a large number of the Senior School was to attend a performance given by London's Festival Ballet, here in Brighton, on February 17th, 1960.

The programme proved to be varied. The first ballet to be performed was Act II of "Swan Lake." The music of this is a delight in itself and the dancing was enjoyable, but uninspiring.

However, the second ballet made up for any disappointment felt in the first. It was a modern, provocative fantasy entitled "The Witch-Boy." The outstanding performer was, without doubt, Ronald Emblen, who was in the title role. His dancing was superb.

A light-hearted "pas de deux romantique" followed, called "Harlequinade." It came as light relief after the tension of the previous ballet.

Finally we saw the Polotsvian Dances from "Prince Igor" — an exhilarating, colourful collection of dances set to the exciting music of Borodin.

I am sure we should all like to thank the members of Staff who so kindly accompanied us, and we hope that this will not be our last visit to this wonderful ballet company.

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### **THE STUDENT CHRISTIAN MOVEMENT CONFERENCE**

On March 3rd, 1960, the Sixth Form spent a memorable day at Brighton College, with the Sixth Forms of nine other East Sussex Schools, attending the Student Christian Movement's biennial Conference.

We were welcomed by the S.C.M. secretary, the Reverend John Miller. He introduced the first speaker, the Reverend Donald Carpenter, who gave an enthusiastic and compelling talk on "What should we believe?" He posed the problems of our own generation in the world today and took, as the basis of his own faith, the Creed.

In the discussion groups which followed we had our chance to bring our individual contribution to the fundamental issues raised by Mr. Carpenter's talk. We felt very grateful to the College authorities through whose kindness we owed the free and happy atmosphere of our lunch break.

The three different points of view of the industrialist, the social worker and the scientist were developed by the afternoon speakers, Mr. Penry Jones, Miss Eileen Richards and Mr. Claude Curling, who spoke on "What should we do?" Again we were given the opportunity of forming and posing questions from the floor, after which a short service was held in the College Chapel, ending a most inspiring and enjoyable day.

FORM VI.

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### **SIXTH FORM CONFERENCE ON JUVENILE DELINQUENCY** by **SIR BASIL HENRIQUES**

Sir Basil Henriques' address to the Sixth Form Club was one of the most interesting and inspiring that we have ever had. He put the



facts before us with absolute frankness and discussed the situation with deep sincerity.

Although he deplored the present crime situation, Sir Basil was quick to recognise the admirable spirit of adventure which lies behind many crimes, and he stressed the necessity for this spirit to be directed in the right way to healthy and constructive ends.

When he surveyed the situation and the methods of improving it, Sir Basil emphasised in particular the importance of the home in combating delinquency and the psychological influence it has on a child. He was strongly against removing a child from his home unless conditions are really bad for he explained that however bad the homes and however good the attention children in welfare homes receive, most children still crave for their own home and parents, and very often build up a picture of an ideal home in their minds. He also deplored the "latchkey children," who come home after school to an empty house and have no-one to whom they can tell the day's experiences. He pointed out that with nothing to do, and no-one to look after them, it is easy for such children to get into trouble.

Sir Basil commented on the immorality to-day even against young children. He stressed the fact that these girls in particular should have an opportunity to see and appreciate the beauty and dignity of motherhood.

Sir Basil ended by emphasising above all the need for young people to learn to love and reverence that which is good and hate that which is evil.

N. BRUTON, Form Upper VI.

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### THE FRENCH PLAYS

Once again "La Troupe Française" paid its annual visit to the Dome, and the senior school enjoyed the productions of "L'Avare" and "Le Voyage de Monsieur Perrichon". Because of many requests for a classical tragedy, the company gave a performance of "Le Cid" at the Paris Theatre. This was intended for those studying French to Advanced level and the Lower and Upper VIth Arts enjoyed it.

In the Spring Term, Mrs. Webb and Mrs. Steer very kindly took a party of girls to London to see "Britannicus" played by the Marie Bell company at the Savoy Theatre. This excellent production was not only very enjoyable, but also very helpful to the Advanced level Sixth Form.

UPPER VIa.

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### ESSAY COMPETITION

#### Prize Winning Essay

#### WINGS

Wings, of an infinity of shapes and sizes, functions and implications, have long been of great interest to man. Although he himself has no wings, he has studied those of other creatures and experimented and invented artificial wings. He is aware at once of their delicacy and their power, and has compared them with the wind, silent, but swift or gentle as it pleases. The wings of creatures are delicately designed in relation to their function. The white, elegant limb of the swan is powerful and strong; the gauzy, translucent wing of the dragonfly is fine and beautiful. Wings used for flight are long and slender while those for other purposes are more rounded. The ostrich, which never flies, has no long, streamlined wing, and the mighty eagle has no rounded, club-like appendage.

Man has always wondered at the flight of birds and insects and longed to fly himself. In the days of Ancient Greece, every Greek boy knew the myth of Dædalus and his son, Icarus; how, virtually imprisoned by the king under a guise of friendship, they wished to escape; how they fashioned wings for themselves from the feathers of the eagle, and glued them with wax; and how the disobedient Icarus, flying too near the Sun, melted the wax in his wings, fell into the sea, and perished. Many years later, Leonardo da Vinci, the greatest genius and artist of his time, built a flying machine, "that the great bird might fly on the back of the swan." He tested his winged machine over the hill of Cecci; what happened no-one can tell. The great master, left-handed, not only wrote his notes in code, but also wrote, as is natural for left-handed people, from right to left. His favourite pupil managed to interpret some of his notes, but the rest have never been deciphered. The secret of "the man with wings" died with him. Since then great strides have been made in the development of wings, artificially, that man may fly. Just over fifty years ago Bleriot made his historic crossing of the Channel in his flying machine. From these early experiments of Bleriot and the Wright brothers came progress, leading to our most modern delta-winged jet-bombers. From escape by means of making wings from eagle feathers, man has evolved what may perhaps be another means of escape, whereby he can wing his way to other worlds.

Wings have always represented power and speed. Metaphorically, the wind had wings. Like a bird it can scream across the skies, beating its wings and lashing the waves with them; like a bird it can fly noiselessly and slowly through the air, resting on a roof-top and then flying on its course once more, gently eddying across the sky. Mercury, the messenger of the Gods, had winged heels that his flight might be swift. Pegasus, the winged horse, flew with speed and power across the heavens. To-day, as much as ever before, wings are a symbol of speed and power. In churches the lectern is in the form of an eagle whose outstretched wings bear the Holy Bible, as though, borne on the wings of the mighty bird, our prayers and devotions would ascend swiftly to our God.

And what of the Creator of wings? The Author of life, who has potentially given the world so much in the creation of wings. Where is He? As the Psalmist said: "If I take the wings of the morning and remain in the uttermost parts of the sea, even there will thy hand lead me, and thy right hand will guide me."

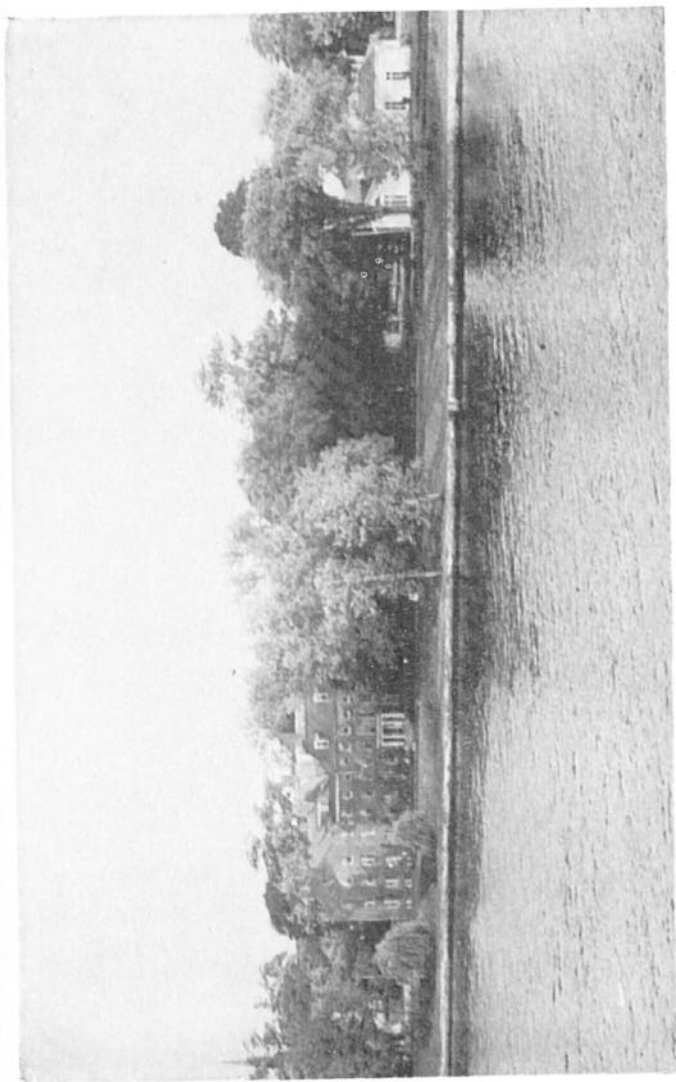
C. KIMMINS, L.VI.

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### A DREAM OF SUMMER

The snow lay deep within the glade  
Where birds and beasts their footprints made.  
My hands were cold, my heart was sad;  
Nought but the sun could make me glad.  
I dreamed of beaches, warm in June,  
Sunshine, warmth, dear Summer's tune.  
The waves splashed over the yellow beach,  
My sandy toes they tried to reach.  
I called to friends to play with me.  
We ran, all four, into the sea.  
The cool clear water round me lapped—  
T'was snow between my hands I clapped.  
T'was snow that covered my frozen feet  
In the cold and darkness of the street.

J. BROOKING, Form IIIG.



St. Mary's Hall, Burlington, New Jersey



## A YEAR AT ST. MARY'S HALL, BURLINGTON, AMERICA

On September 2nd, 1959, the liner "Nieuw Amsterdam" cruised slowly up the Hudson River and into New York Harbour. What an awe-inspiring and breath-taking sight it was—the Manhattan skyline against a slowly lightening dawn sky! "This is New York!" I said to myself over and over again, "and I am really here!" Even at that point, I found it hard to realise where I was!

After standing in long queues for three tedious hours (and the terrible New York humidity did not ease matters!), I eventually passed through the Immigration and Customs enclosures and met the Headmistress, Mrs. Slater, Mrs. Collins and Alice, with whom I was first staying, and Hedl Decker, my second host. After lunch we drove to my new "home" along the New Jersey turnpike—one of the many wonderful fast and straight American roads.

There was just over a week before school started, and I settled down quickly, finding the Collins charming people, as were Colonel and Mrs. Decker and Hedl, with whom I lived for the last four months of the year. On the first day at School, I found the Burlington St. Mary's Hall very similar to our St Mary's Hall. Burlington was founded one year after ours, in 1837, with the style of the buildings very alike.

Let me describe to you a typical school day. Unlike most English schools, American schools have school buses (for those who do not drive to school as a good many do), and one of the three St. Mary's buses picked up Alice and me at 7.45. The school has its own Episcopal Chapel—the Episcopal Church being the daughter church of the Church of England, and every morning we would have a shortened service of Morning Prayer, conducted by the school Chaplain, Father Conklin, or by Mrs. Slater, or by Miss Taylor, the Dean of Girls, or, as on Fridays, by one of the Senior girls, and I myself conducted the service on one occasion.

Three lessons were held in the morning, each being fifty minutes long. My first was English, which included American Literature, the second, U.S. History, then Games, Scripture or Health, according to which day of the week it was. Lunch was much less formal than it is here. Americans eat their main meal in the evening, so have just a snack at midday. One could either have school lunches or bring them from home, and lunch was usually a sandwich—and not a dainty tea-sandwich by any means—or a famous American hamburger with ice-cream to follow.

Afternoon school for me began with Study Hall (a free period). Then I had French and History of Art, and school finished at 3.30 and, on Fridays, at 2.45. This time-table was the same every day, and that is a big difference between English and American schools. American children take four or five subjects and have them every day for the whole year. No wonder they were so shocked when I told them English children sometimes take as many as nine subjects!

The entire system in American schools is much more informal than in English schools. There appears to be a different and more intimate relationship between girls and staff, which, of course, has its advantages and disadvantages. St. Mary's Hall is a Private School (they are in the minority in America) with the majority of girls intending to go to College. Therefore, there is a considerable amount of homework, as all American students with this aim have to work very hard.

The Form system was, at first, a little confusing to me. The Classes run from 1st Grade (5-year-old) to 12th Grade, at which students graduate from High School. The four top Forms are: Freshmen, Sophomores, Juniors and Seniors, 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th grades respectively. I was a Junior for the first 'semester' (half year) living

with Alice Collins, who was a Junior; and from January, a Senior, living with Hedl Decker who was Student Council President, or head girl.

As in all American schools, there were many activities apart from the academic side. There were Basketball, Hockey, Volley-ball, Archery, Tennis and Softball—the girls' version of baseball, to play; there was the Choir, known as the Glee Club which gave popular Concerts with boys' schools, followed by Dances; the Drama Club which produced the play, "Letters to Lucerne," in which I was chosen—very appropriately—to act the part of an English girl; there were numerous dances or 'Proms' organised by the various Forms of the Upper School, the biggest dance of all being the 'Senior Prom' which is a carefully planned and splendid occasion with evening dress and orchestra. There were also Form outings, such as a day trip to Philadelphia, and a Junior/Senior New York trip one week-end, in which we visited the New York Stock Exchange, the United Nations Building, the Metropolitan Museum and a Broadway musical. Colour Day (or should I say 'Color' Day) was another occasion on which the Blue and White teams compete in races as at our Sports Day. Then there was the never-to-be-forgotten 'Christmas Mystery.' There the Nativity Story is acted in the Chapel, followed by a splendid Christmas dinner in the beautifully decorated, English-style, dining room.

The major differences between the English and American St. Mary's Halls are, I should say: the wearing of make-up in American; the timetable difference; the driving of cars to school; the social life and activities; the absence of Christmas and Easter holidays as we have them: (American schools have a week or so at both, but break up for the Summer Vacation at the beginning of June); and an altogether less strict and disciplined atmosphere.

I consider myself very fortunate to have experienced such an unforgettable year, with its overwhelming friendliness, hospitality and kindness, which has given me a deep affection for, and understanding of, Americans and their country. I was conscious of my responsibility and the honour of representing our School and, in a small way, our country, and hope that I have left the same warm feeling for England as I now feel for America.

PATRICIA DAHL, General VI

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### OBERAMMERGAU, 1960

During the summer holidays Miss Conrady took a party of girls to see the Passion Play at Oberammergau, after spending 10 days in Austria.

We arrived at Oberammergau on the afternoon of Saturday, 13th August, and were taken by taxi to the various private houses in which we were to stay. Some of us went that evening to a service of preparation for the Play at the small Lutheran Church near the Theatre taken by the Bishop of Blackburn, who was the resident Anglican Chaplain while we were there. We then went on to have dinner, and afterwards spent some time in looking round the town. Realising that it would be very cold while we were watching the play, several of us bought some gay, knee-length woollen socks to wear. As the following day was to be a long and rather tiring one, we had to be back at our houses reasonably early on the first night.

The next morning (Sunday), we had to be up by 6 a.m. and after a quick breakfast of rolls and butter, jam and coffee, we left the house and met the rest of the party at the bus stop. It was very cold, and we were well armed with coats, rugs, macs, and, of course, our socks, of which we were very glad. As we went along in the bus we could



see the high mountains and forests all around, which looked very beautiful in the early morning. We arrived at the theatre in good time and were able to sit for a while and look around us.

The theatre is very curiously designed, and seats several thousand people. All the audience is under the cover of a convex shaped roof, which reminded me of a hangar. Most of the stage is open to the sky, but there is a portion, centre back, which is covered. This is like a room, and is used for such scenes as "Before the Sanhedrin", "The Agony in the Garden", "Judas's suicide", and for all the tableaux. These tableaux are scenes from the Old Testament and are performed between the acts. At first I wondered if the people in them were real as they were so perfectly motionless; but of course they were.

The play started at 8.15 a.m. and the opening scene was of the entry into Jerusalem. Although the theatre is very large the acoustics are very good and sound carries to every part of it, so that we were able to hear quite clearly what the actors were saying, and to follow them in our English translations of the script. The costumes were very colourful, and many of them were very old, having been handed down from actor to actor throughout the years. The last scene before lunch was of the Agony in the Garden. This finished about 12.15 p.m. and we went out into the sunshine to look around the town and have our lunch. It was very hot then, which made a pleasant change after the cold theatre. Most of the souvenirs, wood carvings in particular, were much too expensive to buy, but many of us were able to buy books, postcards and coloured slides of the Play and of the picturesque town. Several people went to the shop owned by the man who played the part of Joseph of Arimathea, and some more of us went to the hotel owned by Anton Preisinger, who played the part of Christ, and they very kindly signed postcards for us. The following day we discovered that the shops were closed until about 11 a.m. because nearly all the people are in the crowd scenes in the play. As soon as the crowd scenes are over they come away from the theatre and open their shops.

Anton Preisinger played the part of Christ in 1950, and Melchior Breitsamter has played Pontius Pilate for the last thirty years, and before that he played the part of John, the beloved disciple. The actors prepare for the play during the ten years' interval and when the time comes for casting the play several names are put forward for the major parts which are then allotted by vote. When all the parts are allotted the main actors appear before the town and are cheered. About a year before the play the men begin to grow their hair, and at the time of the play many young men and nearly all the little boys might easily be mistaken for girls if they did not wear trousers.

We had to be back at the theatre by 2 p.m. for the second half of the play. Suddenly it started to rain, and soon a heavy storm broke. This happened during the Trial scenes, the greater part of which were on the open stage. Of course it looked very realistic, but must have been very uncomfortable for the actors as they continued to act right through the storm. The play ended at 5.30 p.m. with a wonderful tableau of the Glorification, which was a most dazzling spectacle.

I was very impressed with the play and thought that it was a magnificent production. I thought that Christ was very well played though Judas Iscariot, who had a rather more difficult part in my opinion, was by far the best actor. I should like to return to Oberammergau to see the play again in 1970. We were very glad indeed to have had the opportunity to see it this year and are very grateful to Miss Conrady for arranging the visit for us.

H. DENISON, L.VI.

## A RIDE IN SPACE

I saw the ponies on the moor,  
Fat, thick-coated, gay and sure.  
Each with an eye of velvety brown,  
And a shaggy forelock for a crown.  
If only one would come up to me,  
And invite me to go with him and see  
The wonders of the heavens ahead,  
Where fluffy clouds do make their bed.  
I would jump on his furry back and—away,  
Together we'd visit the Milky Way  
Where starlets light their little lamps  
At night, to guide the way of tramps.  
We'd have a peep at the Man in the Moon,  
Then, when it drew towards the noon,  
We'd gallop down to Earth again;  
Back to the sunshine and the rain.  
Suddenly, when a pony gave a neigh,  
I wasn't at the Milky Way.  
And as another shook his mane,  
I was back upon the moors again.

S. DAVIES, Form IA.

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## TRAFFIC JAM

On the occasion of an epic walk from Birmingham to London,  
September/October, 1959.

Along the dusty road for many a mile  
The cars crawl slowly in a single file;  
While Dr. B—M—, with lively ,springy tread,  
In Dunlop shoes walks sprightly on ahead.  
The boiling seconds tediously tick by,  
In engines, distilled water soon runs dry:  
The drivers sweat and fume at this delay,  
That such catastrophe should come to-day!  
Important luncheon with the boss at noon,  
A conference with the board all afternoon:  
Before this, sales reports must be made out,  
Figures and graphs, to leave no room for doubt,  
"Ice cream," a raucous voice yells in the ear,  
"Ice cream and peanuts, come and buy 'em 'ere."  
The heat increases; outriders drive by  
Protecting Doctor M — from crowds that pry.  
The valiant woman onwards marches through  
The mobs that shout and cheer, and some that boo.  
"What is the point of this?" the sceptics cry.  
"In modern times it's easier to fly!"  
But staunchly she continues, spite all foes,  
And traffic jams and crowds where'er she goes;  
Maintaining that for health 'tis better far  
To walk the road, than sit and drive a car.  
And women have the strength as much as men;  
What should prevent their marching to the Wen?

C. KIMMINS, Lower VI.

## THE CHAPEL

I pushed open the creaking garden gate and found myself on a narrow overgrown path. All was very still and silent except for the lonely call of a bird and the squeak of wet rubber as my shoes trod the saturated grass. I gave a small jump as the gate swung behind me, while my head throbbed and my hands trembled in the excitement of visiting an unknown place.

I could feel thousands of little eyes on me and once or twice a courageous hare or squirrel darted out from under my feet. But gradually the tension inside me died down and I caught the infectious gaiety of the woodland creatures. I ran, laughing, along the uneven path and dodged beneath the overhanging branches. The joy of being alive on a Spring morning filled me with a longing to shout, so I did and the echo rebounded and filled the air with its mysterious calling.

Suddenly I became quieter and I walked softly for some unknown reason. I pushed aside a swaying branch and stood there amazed. I had walked into a small clearing. It was dark and gloomy and my old fear was possessing me again. Then, in one corner of the clearing I saw a ray of light shining down from between the dense branches of the trees. It came from a brilliant patch of blue sky which gave me courage, and before long my curiosity conquered my fear and I walked cautiously over to the far side of the clearing. The pool of light flooded on to the top of a low, ivy-covered building and I could see the grey stone in patches beneath the creeping tentacles.

I fingered the ivy and rough stone, wondering what I should do and how I could get in, when my trembling fingers touched a small bump. Tearing the ivy away with my mind racing and my heart thumping was a slow business, but after about ten minutes of hard work all the ivy was removed, disclosing a tiny, exquisitely formed cross, hewn out of stone, with delicately carved birds and other animals on it. I stepped back to admire my work and then glanced at my bruised and bleeding knuckles and smiled.

I went on feeling along the wall, hoping to find a door or entrance, when suddenly my hand fell through the ivy. I lifted the ivy away like a curtain and revealed a small archway. Bending down, I scrambled through and then sat down on my heels in silent wonder. As my eyes grew accustomed to the semi-darkness, I could discern a tiny altar with a minute cross, exactly identical with the one on the outside of the building, but in silver, glinting and gleaming at me through the darkness.

It was probably a chapel, a tiny, overgrown chapel, probably long forgotten. I swore to myself as I sat there in the darkness, with the tiny silver cross in my hands, that I would never tell anyone about my secret and I prayed an earnest prayer as I clasped it lovingly.

I pulled back the ivy curtain carefully and crept outside. I fingered the stone cross thoughtfully and then walked slowly away across the clearing. I pulled aside the branch and then looked back. The streak of sunlight was there, making a pool of light shimmer on the tiny patch of uncovered stone, on the tiny stone cross.

J. ELLIS, 111G.

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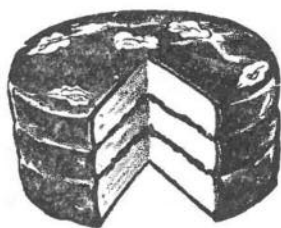
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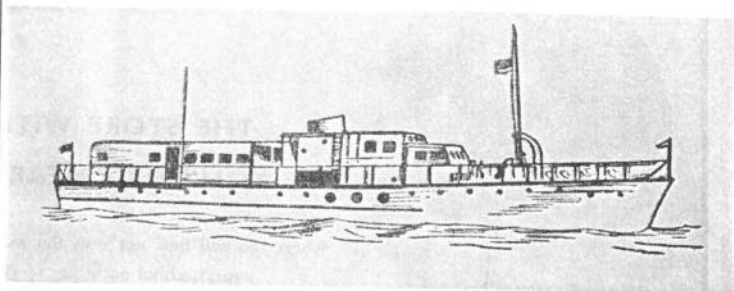
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