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No. 61

DECEMBER, 1959

ST. MARY'S HALL ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE

President and Chairman	Miss Conrady
Vice-President and Vice-Chairman	A. Baron
Vice-Presidents	Miss Ghey, Miss Stopford, Miss Robinson, Miss Galton and Miss H. R. Potter
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Hon. Secretary	I. Laurence
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Hon. Editor	A. Baron
Hon. Secretary, Home Counties Branch	R. Kettlewell
Hon. Secretary, Sussex Branch	V. Sly
Also Mrs. Cunningham (V. Phillips), P. Eggleton, Mrs. Carter (F. McWalter), R. Methven (Advertisements), Mrs. L. Jones (L. Wolfenden).	

EDITORIAL

A happy Christmas and New Year to you all.

This seems to have been a year of scientific achievement, what with more Sputniks, and rockets shooting at, and round the back of the moon! Whatever our reactions to these things it is good to note that the School is taking its part in the development of facilities for more advanced Science work. But for all that we know that the teaching of more ordinary things remains as important as ever. A good example of all this is shown on page 7. Science and knowledge and happiness met together!

We shall remember this year too for the long fine summer, full of sunshine, reminiscent of those we used to have years ago. May we all feel benefit from it this winter.

H.A.B.

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

October, 1959.

My Dear Friends,

It is amazing how quickly each October seems to come round again and we are asked to send our various contributions to the News Letter.

I think it would be fair to say that this has been an average year for the School with no outstanding successes and just a continuation of the steady progress and development for which we have been working ever since the Hall re-opened in 1946. The latest important change is in the Science department. As I said in my Speech Day report an increase in the size of the Biology Laboratory was long overdue and Mrs. Hora, who has served the Hall since September 1950, has done a magnificent work in teaching large classes in the small laboratory. Now we have a fine Biology Laboratory and a small Physics Laboratory made by dividing the large room above the dining room. The West windows in these Laboratories have been changed in the same way as the Dining Room windows. We owe a debt of gratitude, not only to the Governors for accepting our proposals and bringing them into being with the advice and co-operation of the surveyor and other experts, but also to Mrs. Hora for all the thought and care for detail which she gave together with Miss Parfree's invaluable help in producing the basic plans as outlined by me. I hope very much that we shall be able to expand further on the Science side, whilst at the same time we recognise the all importance of the humanist side and do not allow the developments and educational needs of the world of today to overshadow the culture provided by the Arts subjects, without which no Scientist can be really educated.

Elsewhere in the News Letter you will find an account of my visit to Mrs. Bartrum and Miss Burton which was a most memorable occasion.

I continue to see Miss Ghey at intervals, and it is impossible to express my appreciation of her advice and friendship which are available for me whenever I have need. Even though she is unable to get around as she would wish her love for the Hall and her grasp and understanding of problems is as keen as ever it was, and it is a real joy to me to visit her.

My greetings to all Old Girls,

Yours affectionately,
DORIS CONRADY

MISS GHEY'S LETTER

Eastbourne.

November 3rd, 1959.

Dear Friends,

Miss Galton joins me in sending the best of good wishes to you all, for Christmas and the New Year, and also our thanks for the pleasure that your letters and your visits always bring to us. Like the ever busy birds in our garden here, we pick up every crumb that comes our way, and treasure all the scraps of news that we are so fortunate as to get. One very great pleasure is the generous presence, from time to time, of Miss Conrady, who drives over from the Hall to bring us news whenever she can; how wise we were, to live in Eastbourne!

Always yours affectionately,

F. L. GHEY.

LETTER FROM MISS ROBINSON

My Dear Friends,

It was a great pleasure to me to receive the 1958 News Letter, and also to know that Miss Baron was as usual Hon. Editor. May she continue in her good work for a long time.

I did not know that the Bishop of Chichester, Dr. Bell, had retired. It was indeed very sad news when we saw in our newspaper that he had died. He was so kind and gentle, also so happily bright. He will be very much missed. I felt always that he was the Father of each one of us.

So far this year I have not been able to be very active. An ulcer on my leg has been very tiresome, and mostly I have been indoors. It is better and I am thankful.

I thought of May 20th, Speech Day, and would like to have seen you all.

My love to you all,

Yours affectionately,

HARRIET ROBINSON.

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

Minutes of the 52nd meeting of the St. Mary's Hall Association held on Saturday, May 9th, at 2.30 p.m. at Crosby Hall, Chelsea.

Present.—Miss Conrady in the chair and 54 other members.

Miss Conrady opened the meeting with prayers.

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

Miss Conrady welcomed members to the new venue and hoped they would enjoy it. She said it was nice to see so many members and she gave a special welcome to Miss Potter. She said she had a special apology from Miss Ghey, who was not able to get to meetings now and from Miss Galton who had hoped to be present but had been prevented because Miss Ghey had recently had a fall; although she was not seriously hurt she was in bed.

Apologies had been received from about 80 members and Greetings telegrams from Miss Ghey and Miss Galton and E. Moore.

Vice-President's Remarks.—Miss Potter thanked Miss Conrady for her kind welcome and said that she had always been happy in her membership of the Association.

Governing Body.—In the absence of any member of the Governing Body Miss Conrady reported that on Miss Ghey's proposal Mildred Riddlesdell, C.B.E., had been invited to join the Governing Body. A larger Biology Laboratory and a small Physics Laboratory were to be provided shortly.

Head Mistress's Report.—A complete copy of the report is attached to the minutes; the following are extracts from it:

The demand for places, particularly from day girls shows no decrease. Places for September are already overfilled.

External examination results have again been very satisfactory. At Ordinary Level 89% success was achieved compared with a national level of 64% and the school's own average for the past few years of 78%. The Turrell prize for the best result was again awarded to a girl from the Hall, Nicola Bruton. Advanced Level results were also good and several girls were going on to higher education at the universities, hospitals, etc.

The Governors had definite plans for improving the facilities for Science teaching, including the transfer of the Biology teaching to a larger room. Miss Conrady paid a special tribute to the Staff for their wholehearted devotion to the school and their 'wonderful resilience and versatility' in emergencies, such as the influenza epidemic. In spite of the loss of several good friends last July the same spirit remains.

Miss Conrady spoke of the great loss suffered by the school in common with many people all over the world, in the death of 'that great pastor, Dr. Bell.' Dr. Bell's place as President of the school had been taken by Dr. Wilson the new Bishop of Chichester.

Although Miss Ghey is now unable to attend meetings of the Governing Body the Governors have persuaded her to remain a Governor, so that the benefit of her wisdom and experience may still be available. Miss Galton, too, has been a great tower of strength, and has given an extremely generous cheque towards the cost of equipment for the new laboratories.

Several Old Girls had visited Miss Conrady and had written to her. She had received a photograph from our centenarian sisters, Mrs. Bartrum and Miss Burton. She was making tentative plans to visit them after the Head Mistresses' Conference in Scarborough in June. If her plans materialised she would take personal greetings from the meeting.

Miss Conrady ended by saying that it was just nine years since the Association had welcomed her as Head Mistress of the Hall. These years had not been idle nor uninteresting; they had certainly not been easy, and she trusted they had not been wasted. "But, however, much or little has been accomplished has depended upon the willing co-operation and hard work of past and present girls, of the Governors and the Staff. There is still plenty to be done, much of which, I hope, will be achieved before I have to think of handing over the reins."

Hon. Treasurer's Report.—Miss Smith presented her report, a copy of which is attached. She said that our balance was about £20 down on last year. This was mostly due to the cost of and postage of News Letters. She suggested that more money should be invested in the Church Investment Measure by transfer from the Post Office. Miss Conrady and Miss Smith were given authority to proceed with this when occasion arose. It was suggested that the Governors might be asked to subsidise the News Letter, as much that was published in it was of use to them and it was used for publicity purposes. The report was adopted with thanks to Miss Smith for her hard work.

Hon. Secretary's Report.—Irene Laurence reported that M. Saunders was unable to continue the work of Advertisement Manager for the News Letter.

She paid an additional tribute to Miss Smith for her constant help, especially this year in sending out the News Letter, with the help of Miss Bolton. This had been the greatest relief at a difficult time.

The Secretary then read various extracts from letters of apology she had received from members.

Hon. Editor's Report.—Audrey Baron said that she was surprised to find herself still Editor, but if no one was willing to take it on she

would continue for the present. She again asked for news of old girls, at present nearly all her information came from Miss Ghey. She particularly asked the younger members of the Committee to make a point of collecting news from girls of the post-war period. She thought that even if their work prevented them attending meetings they could give valuable service by doing this. She said that M. Saunders had done a very good job collecting advertisements; she thought the Advertisement Manager should be co-opted to the Committee. She said that it was an increasingly costly business to produce and deliver the News Letter.

Audrey Baron was thanked for her excellent work. Miss Potter very kindly offered to send out some of the News Letters and to pay for their postage. It was suggested that day-girls should be asked to deliver some of them and also A.G.M. notices to save postage. Various names were put forward as successors to M. Saunders as Advertisement Manager. It was left to Miss Conrady and Miss Smith to approach them. It was agreed that whoever accepted the job should be co-opted to the Committee.

The Hon. Editor was then presented with a cheque as a token of appreciation.

Home Counties Branch.—R. Kettlewell reported on a very happy meeting at Mrs. Crispe's house.

The question as to whether the Home Counties' Branch should be amalgamated with the Sussex Branch was again discussed, but no final decision was made as there had been two kind offers of hospitality—Mrs. Cunnew and Mrs. Tredennick.

Sussex Branch.—V. Sly reported on a very good meeting at the Hall in October.

Election of Officers.—As A. Baron was willing to continue as Editor she was re-elected with rejoicing.

Election of Committee Members.—P. Eggleton was re-elected. If she were unwilling it was proposed to ask D. Wiley.

Dates and Places of Future Meetings.

Blunt House—Miss Ghey and Miss Galton offered hospitality for any Saturday after the first in June. July 25th, 1959, was agreed.

Speech Day, 1959, May 20th, at Dome—all welcome.

Mrs. Tredennick's kind offer of hospitality at Windsor was accepted and the date fixed for September 26th, 1959.

Sussex Branch—Saturday, October 17th, 1959, at the Hall.

A.G.M.—May 7th, 1960, at Crosby Hall.

Any Other Business.—There being no other business the meeting closed and members adjourned for tea.

The following members were present: Miss Potter, Miss Smith, Miss Bolton, Miss Atkinson, Miss Perry, Mrs. Shaw (Miss Meades), Mrs. Jennings (M. Whittington Ince), V. Sly, R. Kettlewell, M. Riddlesdell, L. Raynor, G. Geary, M. Wanstall, M. Allnut (Watson), M. G. Ost, M. Collinson, M. Tredennick (Phair), R. Hart (Harris), Ph. Poyser, M. Paterson, M. Elliott (Duke), P. Vedast (Wood), O. Skene, L. Hipkin (Morton), K. Ogden (Powell), M. Rossi (Segall), D. Smith (Lilley), J. Tinto (Colman), G. Spurrell (Hensley), G. Batson, J. Batson, N. Christian (Howe), U. Young, R. Chevalier (Mrs. Lindars), A. Cunnew (Oliphant), R. Methven, R. Pang, F. Gill, Miss Farmer, Miss Davies, G. Collis, M. Smee, M. McWalter (Fuller), H. Thompson (Boswell), M. Eggington (Baron), E. Gaunt (Birks), H. Francis, D. Adkins, K. Stanley, A. Baron, V. Cunningham (Philipps), L. Lewis-Jones (Wolfenden), I. Laurence, M. Lloyd.



Our two Centenarian Old Girls enjoying a visit
from the Head Mistress, June 21st, 1959

FOUNDERS' MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIPS

Miss Ghey would like me to bring a report on these up-to-date. As our readers already know two Scholarships, each worth £150 a year, have already been established. A third is slowly being built up by promises and gifts. At the moment £680 4s. 7d. has been contributed towards this, and the Fund is remaining open.

A. C. E. GALTON.

OLD GIRLS' MEETINGS

Notices of all meetings for the year are sent out together in May following the A.G.M. Will Old Girls kindly note that no further invitation is sent for any meeting, and also that the Head Mistress or hostess concerned will be grateful if those intending to come will let her know in writing by the date indicated on the circular notice.

HONORARY TREASURER'S REPORT

Including a few names of former members who have rejoined the Association, we have now thirty new ones for this year, and I hope that all the addresses are up to date. Most people have been very good in telling us of any change.

But there is still one address missing. Can anyone supply Lyn Whitlock's married name and present address? If so, please write to Miss I. Laurence, 4, Edmonscote, Argyle Road, London, W.13.

We are glad to welcome Robina Methven, who has succeeded Mary Lou Saunders as Advertisement Secretary, and thank both of them, and all our Advertisers for their help and support.

Once more let me remind Annual Subscribers that an X at the head of the Membership List is a warning that the subscriptions of that member are two years unpaid and that her name must be removed unless payment be brought up to date.

E. M. SMITH.

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

An unexpected and generous cheque from someone describing herself as "an ancient old girl," has increased our regular donations, so that this year we send £51 4s. 0d. to the Governors for this Fund. We now have a larger number of these children as pupils of St. Mary's Hall.

ST. MARY'S HALL ASSOCIATION

Statement of Accounts 1st April, 1958—31st March, 1959

PAYMENTS		RECEIPTS	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Secretary's Expenses	...	Balance, Barclays Bank, 1st April, 1958	...
Treasurer's	...	Cash in hand, 1st April, 1958	...
Editor's	...	Subscriptions	...
News Letter Printing	...	News Letter Donations	...
Postage	...	" " Sales	...
Envelopes	...	Advertisements 1957	...
Advertisement Expenses	...	" " 1958	...
A.G.M. Room, Teas, Gratuity	...	Teas, A.G.M. 1958	...
Invested in Post Office Savings	...	12 Life Members' Subscriptions	...
Cheque to Bursary Fund, 1958	...	Withdrawn from Post Office Account	...
Balance, Barclays Bank, 31st March, 1959	...	Bursary Fund, 1958	...
Cash in hand, 31st March, 1959	...	" " 1959	...
		Dividend, Conversion Stock ($\frac{1}{2}$ -year)	...
		Interest, Church Investment Measure	...
			£253 19 8½

Audited and found correct,

B. M. W. BOLTON.

NOTES FROM THE EDITOR

First, I want to say thank you very much indeed to all of you who contributed to my lovely cheque (it was £23 plus a pound box of chocs., in case you don't know!). It was most kind. I was too taken aback to make a pretty speech at the Meeting, and was only able to say and write a few representative thank yous afterwards. I much enjoyed "spending" it over and over again in mind, but came back to the idea of a new portable wireless in the end.

You see that you have no new Editor! I think all those under fifty will have to draw lots at the next Meeting! Anyhow, my thanks to all who have helped me with the News Letter, and to Miss Conrady and her staff and all the contributors to both sections.

Again I do ask you to send in copy before October 1st, otherwise the printer gets busy with Christmas work and we cannot get published early enough in December for you to have your Magazine in good time.

FOUNDER'S DAY, 1959

Wednesday, May 20th, 1959. I have spent so very much of my time abroad 'following the drum' since my marriage that it is always with great pleasure that I come to St. Mary's Hall for Founder's Day, the only School function during the year that I am able to attend, as we plan our leave to coincide with it.

Founder's Day is a busy day for the School and a very pleasant one for Parents and Old Girls. From the Commemoration Service at St. Mark's Church to the point of farewell in the evening we are made so welcome, and kept so interested that the time flies and the day is over in what seems a very short space of time.

The Prizegiving was once more held in the Dome, which of course meant that, like last year, Old Girls were able to be present as there was plenty of room. Miss A. R. Murray, Tutor of New Hall, Cambridge, presented the prizes and gave an interesting talk, with messages of encouragement to girls staying on in the school, and good wishes to those leaving and starting a new life.

When the ceremony was over we returned to the Hall for tea, which owing to poor weather was held indoors. I think we owe Miss Conrady and all her helpers a very big thank you for a lovely tea, for allowing us to wander at will round the School and also for a very fine entertainment put on for visitors after tea.

Altogether a very pleasant and happy day which we all enjoyed very much.

M.E.E. (M. Duke).

MISS GHEY'S AND MISS GALTON'S PARTY

On July 25th, Miss Ghey and Miss Galton invited members of the S.M.H.A. to lunch and tea in their delightful Eastbourne flat. We had a memorable day with ideal hostesses and perfect weather.

How the years roll away when one resurrects the past! What really mystifies me though, is the fact that every time one sees Miss Ghey, Miss Galton or other members of the staff who taught us in our youth, they always seem to be getting younger while every day we collect more grey hairs and wrinkles!

A very clever and entertaining competition had been thought out for us by our hostesses and this we did after a wonderful lunch (con-

sisting of C.C. and H.S. and N.P., followed by R. and C., C. and B. and C.!). Then followed talk, tea and more talk before we reluctantly tore ourselves away.

I hope that Miss Ghey and Miss Galton enjoyed the completely happy day as much as we did.

Members present were: Miss Conrady, Miss Smith, Miss Atkinson, Miss Peebles, Miss Bolton, K. M. Jennings, W. Hopley, G. Batson, Miss Morley, P. Johnston, R. Forrer (Farrow), M. O'Hara (Banks), A. Capern (Thompson), E. Hopley, O. Skene, M. Wanstall, I. Laurence, W. Owen Smith, N. Christian (Howe), U. Young, G. Dobbs (Mason), A. Baron, D. Adkins, W. Caswell (Banks), L. Hipkin (Morton), A. Wanstall, M. Lloyd, K. Atkins (Kennelly), R. Harvey, N. Wilkin.

N.C.

HOME COUNTIES MEETING, 1959

The Autumn meeting was held on September 26th at Brookside, Bolton Avenue, Windsor, by kind invitation of Mrs. Tredennick (M. Phair).

We had a lovely afternoon, though not as hot as many days this summer—which was perhaps rather a relief. Seventeen members were present, the senior being Miss Hensley, whose attendance at the age of 93 made it a very special meeting.

We enjoyed a wonderful home-made tea and were glad to exchange news of all kinds. It was specially interesting to hear of Miss Conrady's visit to the two centenarians, Mrs. Bartrum and Miss Burton.

Those present were: Miss Conrady, Miss Hensley, Miss Helen Potter, Miss Peebles, Miss Bolton, Miss E. M. Smith, Mrs. Ogden (K. Powell), Mrs. Hipkin (L. Morton), Mrs. Meadows (M. Ives), Mrs. Tredennick, M. Wanstall, O. Skene, I. Laurence, M. Smee, M. Lloyd, K. Chabre, R. Kettlewell.

R.M.K.

THE SUSSEX BRANCH MEETING

The Sussex Branch Meeting was held at St. Mary's Hall on Saturday, October 17th, 1959, at 2.30. There was a wonderful attendance, including several generations of Old Girls and past members of the Staff, the younger Old Girls being well represented.

The older members met for talk in the drawing room, while others played the School in a Lacrosse Match, which resulted in a win for the School by ten goals to one.

We then had a most delightful tea in the dining room with present members of the Staff and Sixth Form. Miss Conrady told us of the latest achievements and activities of the girls during the past year, and Miss Galton gave us news and messages from Miss Ghey. We were all so very sorry to hear she is so little able to get about these days. Miss Pope very ably called for a vote of thanks to Miss Conrady for her kindness in having us.

After tea most of us went round the School to see the wonderful improvements continually being made these days. While some of us were on the staircase one Old Girl said to another, "Do you remember how we stood at the top of the stairs and shouted ourselves hoarse on Mafeking Night?" A remark which somehow brought the past and present together in a rather delightful way.

We all look forward to coming again next year.

Those present were : Miss Batterbury, Mrs. M. Bedford, Miss Bolton, D. Bennett, M. Barrett, A. Bearne, R. Cashel, Miss Conrady, M. Collisson, M. Cunliffe, L. Crawford, M. Clarke, E. Cockburn, E. H. Dobbs, A. Davidson, E. Everritt, A. Farris, Miss Farmer, Miss Galton, R. Green, Mrs. Howard, Mrs. Hora, C. Hamilton, Miss Hitchcock, V. Hardy, Mrs. Jackson, Mrs. Lawrence, R. Methven, Miss Morley, Miss Potter, C. Pink, Miss B. M. Pope, L. Raynor, J. Roberts, D. Stranack, Miss E. M. Smith, W. Owen-Smith, J. Steiner, V. Sly, Miss D. Salmon, O. Skene, M. P. Thorne, R. Tyoran, P. Toyne, E. Ward, A. Wanstall, M. Wanstall, S. Windsor-Aubrey.

V.M.S.

A VISIT TO TWO CENTENARIANS

(Mrs. Bartrum and her sister, Miss Ellen Burton, who came as pupils to S.M.H. in January, 1868, aged 11 and 9 respectively).

Ever since Mrs. Bartrum reached her hundredth birthday on December 26th, 1956, I had hoped I might somehow manage to visit her and her 'young' sister, Miss Ellen Burton, who was only about a year younger. I achieved my ambition last June when I made a detour of some 150 miles after leaving the Annual Conference of The Headmistresses' Association in Scarborough. The drive across the Yorkshire moors on a hot summer afternoon was in itself a great joy and I spent the night at Newby Bridge, only five miles from Haverthwaite.

I had made an appointment to be at Hollow Oak Nursing Home at 10 o'clock on the Sunday morning and it was with a strange feeling of thrill that I arrived at the Home, which is a lovely old house beautifully kept and in the charge of one of the most delightful and kindly nurses I have ever met. Miss W. M. Lomas. I was given a very warm welcome and taken round the grounds before being ushered into the presence of the two old ladies, who, though clad in dressing gowns, sat regally in their chairs, snugly tucked in with eider-downs, waiting to receive me. The greeting of the younger one I shall always remember. "We are sorry we are unable to rise to greet our Head Mistress as we would wish."

I had wondered whether I should be able to make contact with these two old ladies whose world must be so different from ours, but I need have had no fear. Time seemed to roll away as soon as we met. We all three shared a common interest and a love for the Hall. Question followed question in quick succession. Was the rose garden still there? Was it kept for the use of the Head Mistress and teachers only? What did the girls do on Sundays? Were they allowed to read? Did I have the same study as Miss Newport had? And so the flow of conversation went on until after about an hour, although they were reluctant to let me go, I felt it was time to say goodbye so that they were not overtired.

I suppose it is a very rare experience for a Head Mistress to visit two centenarian Old Girls and certainly I shall remember it for many years. The wonderful love and enthusiasm for their old School and their amazing memory of their School days well over eighty years ago, were quite astounding, and it almost seemed as if I was talking to two youngsters still at School.

Miss Burton, the younger of the two, died only a month after I had seen her and that made me all the more pleased that I had seen them when I did. I recently had a letter from a friend of Miss Burton's who used to read to her sometimes after she became blind. She told me that Miss Burton was always small and delicate and was called

'the shrimp' by her friends. She sent me a letter which had been written to Miss Burton on her birthday while she was at School. Part of the letter was as follows :

My dear Shrimp,

I wish you very many happy returns of the day and hope it will be a very happy birthday for you, and that you will be a very good little girl and learn your lessons diligently I am thinking I had better turn over a new leaf at the same time as you, so if you will try not to talk after the bell, not to be late, not to speak in the dormitory, and to try hard in lessons, I will too, so you will won't you? Now, Shrimp, darling, I suppose I must leave off.

I remain ever,

Your loving friend,

Mariel.

This bears out what I have often said about the modern schoolgirl. Schoolgirls of all generations have their failings and shortcomings as well as their strong points!

Mrs. Bartrum is keeping remarkably well. Unfortunately she is very deaf and her eyesight, which up till a short time ago enabled her to do embroidery, is now failing. I am sure she must miss her 'young' sister sadly. When I last heard, Mrs. Bartrum had expressed the hope that I should be able to visit her again sometime, and certainly I shall make every effort to do so.

D.C.

CROSBY HALL

Since 1927 Crosby Hall has been an International Hall of Residence for University Graduates of all nations who come mostly for higher forms of research or to attain to post-graduate or doctorate status. In two World Wars it played a useful part in housing Belgian refugees and also Wrens in transit from one centre to another.

Some members of the S.M.H.A. who saw Crosby Hall for the first time when coming to this year's Annual Meeting may have been puzzled by the 'shabby' appearance of the window-less wall of the Hall and the unfinished condition of the fore-court with its evidently temporary fencing. The window-less wall had, when first built, another building attached to it at its home in Bishopsgate; this subsidiary structure was destroyed by fire in the 17th Century, leaving the wall of the Hall exposed to ruin. The unfinished state of what was once More's Garden is due to its having been cut up into allotments in the Second World War.

The story of Crosby Hall goes back to 1466 when John Crosby obtained from the Prioress of St. Helen's Convent in Bishopsgate a ninety-nine years lease of certain lands and tenements near the Convent, including a house which he pulled down, replacing it by a "large and beautiful house, the highest at that time in London."

John Crosby was an Alderman, Sheriff, M.P. for London and Warden of the Grocers' Company, as well as a prosperous wool merchant with a large foreign trade connection. Crosby Place (as then named) included a Banqueting Hall (the present Crosby Hall), State Rooms, a Chapel and spacious garden. After John Crosby's day the Place was occupied by various notabilities, royal and otherwise, and in 1523 the lease was bought by Sir Thomas More, who may have occupied the

house for a short time; but in 1524 he sold the lease and bought a "piece of land" at Chelsea.

In 1538 the Convent of St. Helen was dissolved and the Nuns were obliged to surrender their land to the King. In the Civil War the Hall was used as a prison for "Malignants" and later on as a warehouse, while the beautiful stained glass and oak fixtures were sold or lost.

In 1831 public feeling at this process of decay caused the formation of a Committee to consider how to avert the threatened sale of the site for building purposes and to raise funds for rebuilding. A big bank bought the site but agreed to have, at their own expense, all the stones and timber work taken down and numbered for removal to another site, on condition that funds to meet re-building costs should be gained from other sources.

Gresham Committee lectures had already been started at the Hall, and London University, which was seeking a new home in or near South Kensington, now chose the site at Chelsea which was known as "More's Garden," bought by him in 1524. This seemed a very appropriate spot for the re-erection of Crosby Hall with its original stones and timber. Re-building was begun, starting with a Hostel for 50 students, formally opened, with the Hall, by Queen Mary in 1927.

So Crosby Hall became at last an International Hall for University Women. Work is re-starting on plans to carry out, as funds will allow, the erection of a complete collegiate building with an enclosed "quod" and a library and lecture rooms and many more students' rooms.

So finally that shabby South end of the Great Hall will be hid from view!

H. R. POTTER.

LIFE ON THE VELDT, SOUTHERN RHODESIA

Mrs. Games (Dorothea Sturdee), writing from c/o Gourlay's Ranch, P.O. Lonely Mine, in May, said, "My dream of working till I was seventy was shattered by the recession—after all the trouble I took to pretend I was nearly fifty-eight! I found that once out of work it became increasingly difficult to start again. So my daughter-in-law and my son made me come out here. Had I held on for another couple of months I should have got the job I was after

So I am back on a ranch again, and loving it. My daughter-in-law most understandingly put me in charge of her flower-garden. About our nearest neighbours are Grace Merry's nephew and their family. Their young are in steps just above ours, and it is great fun when the two families manage to get together.

Life on the Veldt is far more civilised than when I first knew it, but it is still fairly primitive—still oil lamps, snakes, etc.—and I had to be given my birthday present as soon as we got back as my cupboard was the only one which the rats could not enter! However, we've fixed them now.

I have a hut of my own just off the verandah, so I live virtually next door. I feel the great thing is not to intrude on the young too much, so I have a great time studying foreign languages for the fun of it. A most absorbing hobby even if one has little opportunity for gossip. I began Portuguese when I first went to Lourenço Marques for a holiday and last year an Italian arrived at the house where I was living, and as he knew no word of English and none of us knew Italian, someone had to do something! I don't quite know whether the fact

I once studied Spanish, though never had a chance to speak it, has been a help or a hindrance. Someone gave me a Portuguese book for students wishing to learn French. That is lots of fun, as I can find out where the differences lie. I am always inclined to translate things into French first, and it does not always do. For good measure, I am taking up German again. I spoke a lot when the refugees first came out here, but of recent years have had very little opportunity. This may all sound a terrific waste of time, but if I were differently made, and lived in a town I might spend my life playing bridge. And what books would that help me to read? I love reading whodunits in a foreign language—the word you don't want to look up may be the clue!!

. . . . The News Letter always brings me to a kind of despair, when I find out how much more others have made of their lives. . . .

(I don't think she need feel that, do you?—Ed.).

SOME AMERICANS IN BOSTON

The beautiful, cathedral-like Parish Church of St. Botolph, Boston, affectionately known as the "Stump," or rather "Stoomp"—although less like a stump its soaring lantern tower could scarcely be—has been the scene of many an impressive and inspiring service on Armistice Days, Mayor's Sunday and Thanksgiving Days (when so many Americans were stationed near) but I am told that a description of a gathering early in October might be of general interest.

It was the Harvest Festival and the annual Seamen's Sunday (the Mayor is Admiral of the Port) with the usual parade of men from one of H.M. Ships (the docks become very busy those afternoons with visitors!), British Legion, R.A.F.A., Red Cross, Scouts, Guides, and so on, with their banners, but this was special as some two hundred men of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company of Massachusetts (founded in 1638) arrived by special train hauled by the "Mayflower," much polished and decorated, and marched through the sun-lit streets, lined with spectators, to the Church, where a large congregation awaited them. They advanced up the aisle led by our Mayor in his red robes, complete with mace bearer and other officials, the Lt. Governor of Massachusetts, the Mayor of Boston, Mass., and the Commander of the A. and H.A.C.; among the clergy was the Lord Bishop of Lincoln in cope and mitre. A stirring service followed, preceded by a Salute to the memory of those "who go down to the sea in ships" sounded by bugles high up in the tower balcony, with the standard-bearers each side of the Choir stalls dipping their various-coloured banners before laying them before the Altar—a very lovely sight with the sunlight streaming through Perpendicular-traceried windows.

These occasions are almost too stirring, and this one was more so as one realised the awe of those mostly elderly and successful business men from across the Atlantic, and their delight at the fulfilment of a long-dreamed of plan. The connections between the two Bostons have always been cultivated, particularly by a recent historically-minded Vicar, now Sub-Dean of Lincoln. Our Boston, in the early days, provided five Governors of Massachusetts from among its emigrants, as recorded under the Tower, and a Vicar, Rev. John Cotton, crossed the seas for his beliefs. In 1931 the Pilgrim Trust gave £10,000 towards making the great tower safe.

After the service a grand procession made its way to the War Memorial. The Company, in their uniforms of black, scarlet and gold, strode along, and we noted representatives from the H.A.C., London, whose band, together with one from the Royal Lincolns and the U.S.A.F.

(its members looking particularly youthful and slim in contrast to the older men!) escorted them. After the laying of a wreath and several speeches of welcome and friendship, they moved on to the saluting base and round the Market Place to the Assembly Rooms for a buffet luncheon, all very pleased with themselves. Rather different from the Boston Tea-Party!

HISTORICAL MEMORIES OF THE SCHOOL

A remark about Mafeking Night made by an Old Girl at the Sussex Branch Meeting in October made Vanessa Sly suggest that the recording of such items might link the present with the past in a very intimate way. How about some for next year's Letter?

For instance, I remember seeing Halley's Comet flare across the sky when sleeping in the Lower West Outer dormitory (was it in 1910?). Also attending, with the School, the Service on King George V's Coronation Day in the Churchyard at St. Nicholas, when it was the custom for the Clergy and Choir to hold forth from the Church Tower. Also, seeing and hearing the salute of guns from the opposite bank of the river at Brisbane, Queensland, on the occasion of the death of Queen Victoria and Accession of King Edward VII. But that's another story, and I must have been very young!

H.A.B.

SOME FRIENDS OF OVER FIFTY YEARS MEET!

Miss Helen Potter wrote that when staying at Weston-Super-Mare in the Spring she saw a good deal of Miss Annie Webster, who lives there with her sister. They both went one day, by invitation, to see Miss Agnes Hobbins, who, besides being a former pupil at S.M.H. had also, like Miss Webster and herself, been for a time on the teaching staff. Miss Hobbins, who is now living at Burnham, seemed delighted to see them as she thought it so wonderful that three friends of the Hall and of each other of over fifty years' standing should meet together in that happy way.

Later on in October Miss Potter had a happy ten days at Brighton, together with Lucy Raynor and Mrs. Bedford (M. Chippindall) and they all enjoyed the S.M.H. Meeting.

ERRATA IN NEWS LETTER, 1958

Apologies are due for mistakes.

1.—On page fifteen a line must have been omitted and the news should read "Also Mrs. Clarke (Joy Stebbing) wrote to Sybil telling her that Mary Yule had married again, and Joy's daughter was at Bristol University."

2.—On page twenty in notices of Deaths. The name should be Margaret Stebbing (Mrs. White), not Monica.

We do sincerely regret the distress and annoyance caused by these mistakes. Quite frequently personal knowledge helps to avert errors, and often urgent notes go out to verify facts. We assure members that we do not set out to publish all the information we get, and many a time a trivial incident, like meeting someone, is mentioned to bring in a name to remind us of each other. It would help to be notified at once about a mistake before the original notes are destroyed.

THE YEAR'S NEWS

Mrs. Alexander (Jean Menzies) sent Miss Ghey, in March, an interesting News Letter from St. Patrick's Hospital, Gwelo, Southern Rhodesia, written by her husband, Dr. Ronald Alexander, who is in charge there. He speaks humorously of their many difficulties. One paragraph says, "Just as you can't make bricks without water, so you can't have a hospital without linen. This is mainly Jean's headache. Dozens of sheets and pillowcases out of unbleached calico; patients' gowns, napkins, dressing towels, all to be made and marked. Just when Jean thinks she is meeting all demands along comes the orderly: 'Could I have some gowns, please?' and he displays a decrepit garment that looks as if he had been in a rugger scrum. African washer-women are hard on the clothes. They like to scrub with a stone and are apt to remove large sections of material along with the stain."

Betty Bardsley has left West Runtun for a new post, as Classical Mistress at Rosemead School, Littlehampton.

Audrey Baron again had her pleasant contact when in Norfolk with Mrs. Barlow (Gretel Hunt) though it was too wet to go sailing. Also with Mrs. Wells (Anne Norris) in Lincolnshire, who had had Mrs. Hart (Dorothy Moore) to stay with her; also with Mrs. Footitt (Mildred Norris) whose son, Tony, has entered his Theological College to prepare for Holy Orders.

Mrs. Bass (Monica Burroughs) wrote in April to say that they had recently been transferred to S. Rhodesia, and she was very busy straightening everything up and attending various social functions, and constantly performing mental gymnastics.

Jennifer Boone was a bridesmaid at Jane Ellis's wedding, at which Robina Methven was present. The latter was also at Celia Minn's wedding. Celia and her husband went to live in Cheltenham.

Mrs. Broadley (Rosamond Elliott). We note the marriage in April of Rosamond's elder son, Robin David, to Miss Jill Marion Whitefield, of Beaconsfield.

Mrs. Caswell (Winifred Banks) was over on holiday from Johannesburg in the summer, and Audrey Baron was delighted to greet her old form-mate, not having seen her since leaving school, and to remind her how she and Dulcie Adkins, also present, used to help us less clever ones with our French and Latin reading translations!

Mrs. Christian (Nonie Howe) tells us that her daughter, Hazel, was married in Salisbury Cathedral on March 14th, 1959, to Lt. R. S. Jones, R.A.

Helen Coles wrote to Miss Ghey some time ago from Whitton, Ripe Way, Felpham, near Bognor, giving some twenty years news—of her school at Wellingborough, together with her sister, their move to Felpham and then her sister's Headship of a school at Chichester, where she hoped to join her this last summer.

Mrs. Cunnew (Ada Oliphant). We note the marriage in April of Ada's daughter, Stella Margaret, to Mr. Earle George Broadbent, of Glasgow.

Mrs. Dobbs (Edith Mason) was a very welcome guest at the summer party at 1, Furness Road, Eastbourne, as she was an Old Girl of the Hall (1883-91), and had not previously been in touch with the S.M.H.A.

Mrs. Edyvean (Dorothy Gayer) wrote giving a new address from July, and said she would be happy to see any old S.M.H. people when in that direction.

Mrs. Eggington (Margaret Baron) is leaving Hitchin on January 1st, for New Barnet, where her husband has accepted the living of St. Mark's, Barnet Vale. Audrey stayed with them in October, and they all, it being half-term for Ann and Charles, went up to London to the Planetarium where they enjoyed the beautiful and realistic display of the starry skies. How Miss Florence Thornburgh would have revelled in it!

Mrs. Elliott (Marjorie Duke) when sending her requested report on Founder's Day mentioned that they were now in their last year at Malta, and she hoped she might be home in time to attend the A.G.M. of 1960.

Mrs. Fletcher (Kathleen Walton) wrote that she was "working at Welfare in the local new Home for Incurables, under the Red Cross . . ." The Save the Children Fund also takes a good deal of her time, and she enjoys a monthly trip to London for the Relief Committee. She also has her three young sons at home to care for.

Mrs. Hardy (May Howard) wrote in April that her daughter, Mrs. Cranmer-Byng (Margaret) has a daughter of two, and that James, aged 20, was teaching in a Prep. School at Seaford till October when he hoped to go to Trinity, Dublin, to study history.

Dorothy Heelas wrote in August to say that Muriel had set off home in July to see to clearing up their house as their brother, on leaving the Army, was going to be ordained. They hoped to meet again for some more travelling before settling down to old age!

Mrs. Higgins (Dorothea Whittington), who was at the Hall 1912-13, and did secretarial training, eventually went back to Tasmania (her birth-place), and then married a clergyman in Brisbane. She lost him in 1948, and her only child, Diana, after taking an Honours Degree at Reading, is now head of the History Department at Bristol Girls' Grammar School. She wishes to know where she might be able to get any books or poems of V. L. Friedlander

Agnes Hobbins wrote in November to say that Winifred Howlett is ill at the Barchester Towers Nursing Home, St. Leonard's-on-Sea, following the death of her sister, Margaret (called Daisy at School) last Whitsun. They were pupils during Miss Potter's time.

Margaret Howard writes that her sister Salome has a sweet little Nursery Class, 3 to 5 years—and I am roped in, too."

Irene Laurence, who most commendably sent her "copy" in August, mentioned she was off on holiday to Majorca and Costa Brava. We are sorry to note the death of her brother in May.

Molly Leachman, S.R.N., S.C.M., who was trained at St. Thomas's Hospital, after very wide experience in hospitals in England and Africa, and a term at the College of the Ascension, Selly Oak, left for Zanzibar in September for work with the U.M.C.A.

Mrs. McCall (Margaret Jones) has just written a most interesting letter to Miss Smith, too late for the N.L. Her husband is now teaching in Seychelles (see addresses) and the family is having a most interesting and happy life there.

Mrs. Mead (Amy Law), who was prevented by various mishaps from attending meetings this year, keeps up with several S.M.H. people—your Editor for one. She had Dorothy Williams to stay with her for a few days rest and quiet. Dorothy then had Margaret Micklin to stay with her, and the latter met Amy for lunch in Chelmsford on the way home to Shrewsbury. When on holiday she went to see Ruth Biven in Wimborne, and found her very ill with T.B., but so cheerful. She also met Joyce Spurrell in a car park at Lyme Regis. Mrs. Spurrell (Gwen Hensley) and her husband had been staying with her.

Robina Methven, who has been most efficient as Advertising Manager for the News Letter this year, is a Secretary at Martin's Bank, Sloane Street. She told us in May that Jane Ellis was getting married in July, that Ann Waterhouse was leaving Edinburgh Infirmary, where she had qualified in midwifery, and was hoping to return to her old hospital, the Royal Free. Also that Mrs. Robinson (Celia Minns) had recently had a baby son, and that Felicity Gill was working for her University Entrance examinations.

Mrs. Ogden (Katharine Powell) writes that her son, Brian, has lately been commissioned by the Bishop of Willesden as a Captain in the Church Army, and admitted to the Office of Lay Evangelist.

Mrs. Partington (Sheila Clarke) has just written to Miss Smith, and mentioned her happiness in being married at St. Mark's, where Leonore Langley, Margaret Robinson and Jenefer Eley were present. Her husband is in the Merchant Service, a Canadian from Montreal, and eventually they will live there, but she hopes to retain her ties with the old School.

Miss Peebles, a very faithful member of the S.M.H.A., has had a truly glorious and wonderful journey, from October, 1958, to May, 1959, travelling in India, Australia (where she went to stay with a brother), New Zealand and Canada.

Miss B. M. Pope is home from Hong Kong, but proposes to return thither in July, 1960, to relieve her Head Master and his Chaplain, while they each have a furlough in turn. Her H.Q. while in England will be c/o Miss Batterbury. We rejoice that she has recovered from the long illness which we had to record last year.

Lucy Raynor writes the good news of her restored health, and her great pleasure at seeing again "The Yeomen of the Guard"—the last time, long ago, Sir Henry Lytton was playing Jack Pount.

Mildred Riddelsdell, C.B.E., back from New York, has resumed her seat on the Governing Body of the Hall.

Jean Robertson wrote in March that she was now working in Bromley, Kent, but in the autumn before had been very busy in her post as Assistant Physical Education Organiser in Hampshire, so was unable to make contacts with S.M.H.A. members as she had wished.

Margaret Schurr was appointed, in May, 1959, Matron of Fulham Hospital, which has been taken over by the Charing Cross Hospital. We congratulate her. It is the culmination of years of first-rate work.

Olive Skene is very kind, sending news of her pleasant travels hither and thither, and of her intercourse with so many good friends. Not only human contacts, but also winged friends, are chronicled by her—and her delight in music also illumines her letters.

Mrs. Langdale Smith (E. Snowden Smith) did hope to have attended the A.G.M., but the week before was stuck fast with a slipped disc, which meant a month in hospital. Now, in November, she is just beginning to walk freely again.

Winifred Owen Smith wrote in October that she and her brother had recently returned from a trip on the Rhine; one of those, no doubt, as advertised in this News Letter.

Katherine Stanley wrote to tell us that her brother-in-law, widower of her sister, Alma (who died in 1955), had married another S.M.H. girl, Ruth Poole (at S.M.H. in the thirties).

Jean Strike wrote in May regretting that because of illness she could not attend the A.G.M. but sent greetings to all. We hope she is quite fit again now.

Mrs. Sturdy (Jessie Cribb) still suffers from very painful neuritis. She sends good news of her nieces (daughters of Hilda), one on the staff of the Godolphin School, and the other a radiographer at the hospital at Bulawayo.

Mrs. Synge (Joy Drew), whose husband, Canon M. H. R. Synge, has been Vicar of Spalding, Lincs., for some years, moved to Lincoln on his appointment in April, 1959, as Precentor at the Cathedral. Their youngest daughter, Gillian, has won a Minor Scholarship at the Hall.

Mrs. Thompson (Elaine Lewis) has also just written. They have left their tea-planting in Ceylon, and are now apple-farming in Kent. (See addresses).

Mrs. Tredennick (Margaret Phair) much enjoyed entertaining the S.M.H.A. party in September, and Miss Hensley, received a special welcome from all. Margaret sent the new address of Mrs. Scatliff (Joan Weston) as Redcliffe, The Retreat, Hutton, Essex.

Mrs. Gordon Waller (Aileen Black). Miss Ghey has just noticed that on page 13 of the 1958 News Letter the surnames were reversed when speaking of the kindness of Mr. and Mrs. Waller in entertaining the Heelas sisters when in Hong Kong. So sorry.

Mrs. White (Margaret Bunch), who was at the School from 1919-1922, is now a Bishop's wife. Her husband, formerly Vicar of Tonbridge, Kent, was consecrated the first Lord Bishop Suffragan of the See of Tonbridge on the

Feast of the Epiphany, 1959, in Westminster Abbey. They now reside at Bishop's Lodge, 129, Forest Road, Tunbridge Wells. Margaret's sister, Alice, is married, has two daughters, and lives at East Twickenham.

Margaret Wilkinson is home from Japan and has visited Miss Ghey and Miss Galton at Eastbourne.

Ann Waterhouse is joining the R.A.F. in January. Being an S.R.N. she enters with the rank of Flying Officer.

BIRTHS

Robinson.—On March 8th, 1959, to Celia (Minns), wife of Robert Anthony Robinson, a son, Stephen.

MARRIAGES

Borchardt—Waddell.—On September 5th, 1959, at St. Francis Church, Johannesburg, S. Africa, Clare Waddell to Edward Borchardt.

Carter—McWalter.—On January 3rd, 1959, at Hayward Heath, Sussex, Peter, son of Rev. J. F. and Mrs. Carter, of Worthing, to Fiona, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. C. McWalter (M. Fuller), of Lewes.

Cooke—Poole.—On October 22nd, 1958, Ruth Poole to Percival Arthur Cooke, husband of the late Alma Frances (Stanley), who died in 1955. Address: 79, Fairlawn Drive, East Grinstead, Sussex.

Partington—Clarke.—On August 22nd, 1959, at St. Mark's Church, Kemp Town, by the Rev. J. M. James, Sheila Mary Elizabeth Clarke to John Edward Partington.

Robinson—Minns.—On May 10th, 1958, at St. Margaret's, Ditching, Sussex, Robert Anthony Robinson to Celia Minns.

Freeman—Ellis.—On July 18th, 1959, at St. John's, West Byfleet, Anthony Edward Freeman to Jane Ellis.

DEATHS

Church.—On December 15th, 1958, Constance Julia, of 69, St. Leonard's Road, Exeter, sister of Ellen Lucy and Margaret Church. (Constance was at S.M.H. from 1891-1897). Miss Ellen Lucy Church died on March 13th, 1959.

Harwood.—On September 26th, 1959, Marion (Hall). At S.M.H. 1887-1892.

Hutchinson.—On February 27th, 1959, Margaret Lucy Hutchinson, of 3, Church Walk, Oxford, only daughter of the late Dr. F. E. Hutchinson.

Owen.—On August 18th, 1959, Mabel Howard Owen (Hopley), widow of the late Colonel C. W. Owen, C.M.G., C.I.E., of Westham, Sussex, passed peacefully away at an Eastbourne nursing home. At S.M.H. 1886-1891. Sister to Evelyn and Winifred Hopley.

Weatherhead.—On Christmas Day, 1958, at St. Thomas's Hospital, London, Edith Eileen, widow of Canon H. T. C. Weatherhead, of Uganda, and mother of Norah Wallace, Kathleen Tully and Sheila Linforth.

In Memoriam

CONSTANCE JULIA CHURCH (1891-1897)

I do not know why, but many of us called her "Constance Julia" and both names suited her. Her parents must have been prophetic in choosing her first name, for she was indeed one of the most faithful of friends and constant in character. Her great interest in the quiet life she lived at Exeter was missionary work. In a letter she wrote to me she expressed the wish that Christmas would be peaceful and that the Day itself would be restful; so like her to think of that happy Festival in that particular way and how indicative of the trend of her own religious outlook!

Her sister Maggie was a C.E.M.S. Missionary in China and later on was Assistant Organising Secretary for the C.E.M.S. in the Exeter Diocese. "Constance Julia" loved to hear about missionary libraries in schools, and cared tremendously about spreading the Gospel message abroad. It seems appropriate to be writing about her so near S. Andrew's-tide.

CONSTANCE EACOTT.

MARGARET LUCY HUTCHINSON

Lucy entered the Hall with an exhibition. I think she was the first of the "Non-Foundation Boarders." Her dates were 1924-1928. Proceeding with a Classical Exhibition to Lady Margaret Hall, Oxford, she read Classics, taking Honour Moderation and Greats, and obtaining her M.A. Degree in 1933. The L.M.H. Register contains the list of her subsequent activities. From 1933 to 1934 she studied at the Courtauld Institute of Art. From 1936 to 1939 she was Junior Assistant Keeper of Birmingham City Art Gallery. She was appointed to a post in the Postal Censorship in 1939, and from 1942-1947 was an official of the British Council. In 1947 she was a member of the Control Commission for Germany; in 1951 she became a member of the editorial staff of the Clarendon Press, Oxford, where her work was chiefly for the "Oxford Companion to Art," left unfinished at her early death. She was appointed in 1951 to represent Oxford University on the Governing Body of St. Mary's Hall, and resigned that post through illness some eight years later.

Like Pater's Marius, Lucy was "happy in sacred places" and specially happy in the realms of art, to which she dedicated her gifts. She possessed by inheritance a devotion to beauty, and in that service she may be said to have "fulfilled a long time," short as were her years.

F.L.G.

Looking back on my schooldays I am often horrified to think what little Philistines we were. Into a jungle of trivialities whose inhabitants were divided into "nice" and "brainy" (or was it "highbrow"?; I cannot remember the contemporary term for the minority) came Lucy Hutchinson, gentle, remote, of a family where pictures, books and music were an accepted part of everyday life. She made little comment on the foolishness around her, I suppose she accepted it as part of the pattern of life and remained detached, though she was ready enough to be friendly and amusing to anyone who took the trouble to approach her.

The integrity which distinguished her life was already evident at school: so was the wit. At Oxford she flowered, in London she became domestic. After we had both come down from University we warded

off the first shock of loneliness in a great city by sharing a flat in (appropriately enough) Bloomsbury, where we bickered over curtains, distempered the walls and experimented with cooking. Lucy introduced me to the Marx Brothers, but I didn't introduce her to anything.

A friend of hers who was studying psychology remarked one day, "I have read that the two fundamental fears of children are a loud noise and being left without support." "That's us," said Lucy, looking slyly at me crashing among the pots and pans. And so it was, but she never left me without support. She was the godmother of my son, the wise commentator on the problems of my children, the lively correspondent who could make a place she had visited seem as if one had been there too. "The only way to see the frescoes in the Sistine Chapel is to lie down on the floor, to be trampled on by Thomas Cook and his army. A martyrdom in the name of Art." She was a wise, good woman and she was never a bore. It is happiness to have known her and sorrow to be without her.

HOPE FLEMING (Lambrick).

MABEL HOWARD OWEN (née Hopley) (S.M.H. 1886—1891)

Mabel died on August 18th in a Nursing Home in Eastbourne at the advanced age of 85. She had been a semi-invalid for some months, but managed to keep about owing, humanly speaking, to a great will power. Up to a few weeks of her death there seemed little change, so to those who knew her the end came as somewhat of a shock.

Mabel was a general favourite, and one of the girls whom our Head Mistress would have described as having an "embarras de richesse," as she possessed musical talents, an all-round ability in class and on the sports field. To me, she was a friend in need when I found myself the baby of the IVth Form, of which she was already a clever senior; and she also befriended the numerous small girls, mostly "freshers," when a prefect of a Dormitory ruled by a stern exacting Mistress from whose lash, metaphorically speaking, she must often have saved them by her timely intervention!

She left school when only seventeen, her father needing her for his home and for help in his Parish. She was there Superintendent of the Sunday School, organist, trainer of the choir, District Visitor, and the hundred and one other things that his wife would have been if she had lived. She lived in Westham all her life, except for four years when her father resigned and went to live in Uckfield, and for six years after.

After four years at Uckfield she married, in 1921, Lt. Colonel Charles William Owen, C.M.G., C.I.E., I.M.S., J.P., Churchwarden of Westham Church, and went back to live again in Westham Parish. After fifteen months of very happy married life she was left a widow.

After her husband's death she became Churchwarden and took an active part in parochial and social good works. She was a visitor to blind people in the villages around, looked after boarded out children, was a member of the Rural District Council and a J.P. During the war she was a night watcher, and on several other war doings. Since 1952 she lived in Eastbourne.

For me she will always wear the halo of the Faithful Friend. Though we seldom met from schooldays to beyond the "three score years and ten," yet I have lived to value her annual Christmas greeting with its note of lasting affection so much, that the blank will only become the link to an unbroken friendship.—R.I.P.

KATHERINE M. JENNINGS.

MARION HARWOOD, nee HALL—S.M.H. (1884—1892)

Marion died on 26th September, 1959. She was the youngest of seven brothers and sisters. Owing to the early death of her Father, the family were brought up under straitened circumstances; two daughters were educated at S.M.H. The fees in those days were £50 per annum! The family were all clever above the average and Marion had many artistic gifts, as well as general ability, especially in Classics and History, which won her an Elliott Scholarship and Honours in London Intermediate.

She was very popular at school, but shy, sensitive and delicate, and for a time, even at school, was ordered (I remember) a daily tonic of port wine, over which a hush, shrouded in mystery, veiled her visits to the housekeeper's room for such a banned refresher!

After leaving S.M.H. she taught at Woolwich High School and later at the Grey Coat Hospital, Westminster. While at the latter she lived in London at a house which catered for educated women earning the terribly low salary offered in those days. My Father wrote the necessary reference, which I recall ended with "and I regret to say the world has not yet learnt to value her at more than £80 a year." At the age of twenty-five she married John Harwood, brother of the senior S.M.H. mathematics mistress of our day, a successful business man in the City, and from then until her death at the age of 87, she devoted herself whole-heartedly to her home and the upbringing of her children, three daughters and one son, all such a joy and credit to her devotion, the youngest daughter still living with her at the time of her death.

She was a great needlewoman and year in and year out generously supported all the activities at S. Andrew's Church, Willesden, where she regularly worshipped.

Her only grandchild, her son's boy, known as "little John," the apple of her eye, lost his life fighting with the Commandos in the Korean War, a Lieutenant in the Royal Marines.

The waves of this troublesome world beat upon her on many occasions, but her sparkling wit and keen sense of humour, and above all her triumphant belief and practice of the Faith carried her through to the end.

She was a constant visitor to my home in South London until her marriage, and the dearest life-long friend to me. All who shared her love and friendship will, I know, rejoice with me that she has attained the Vision that was her Lodestar, as we pray.

"Rest eternal, grant to her, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon her with Thy Saints for evermore, for Thou art gracious."

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