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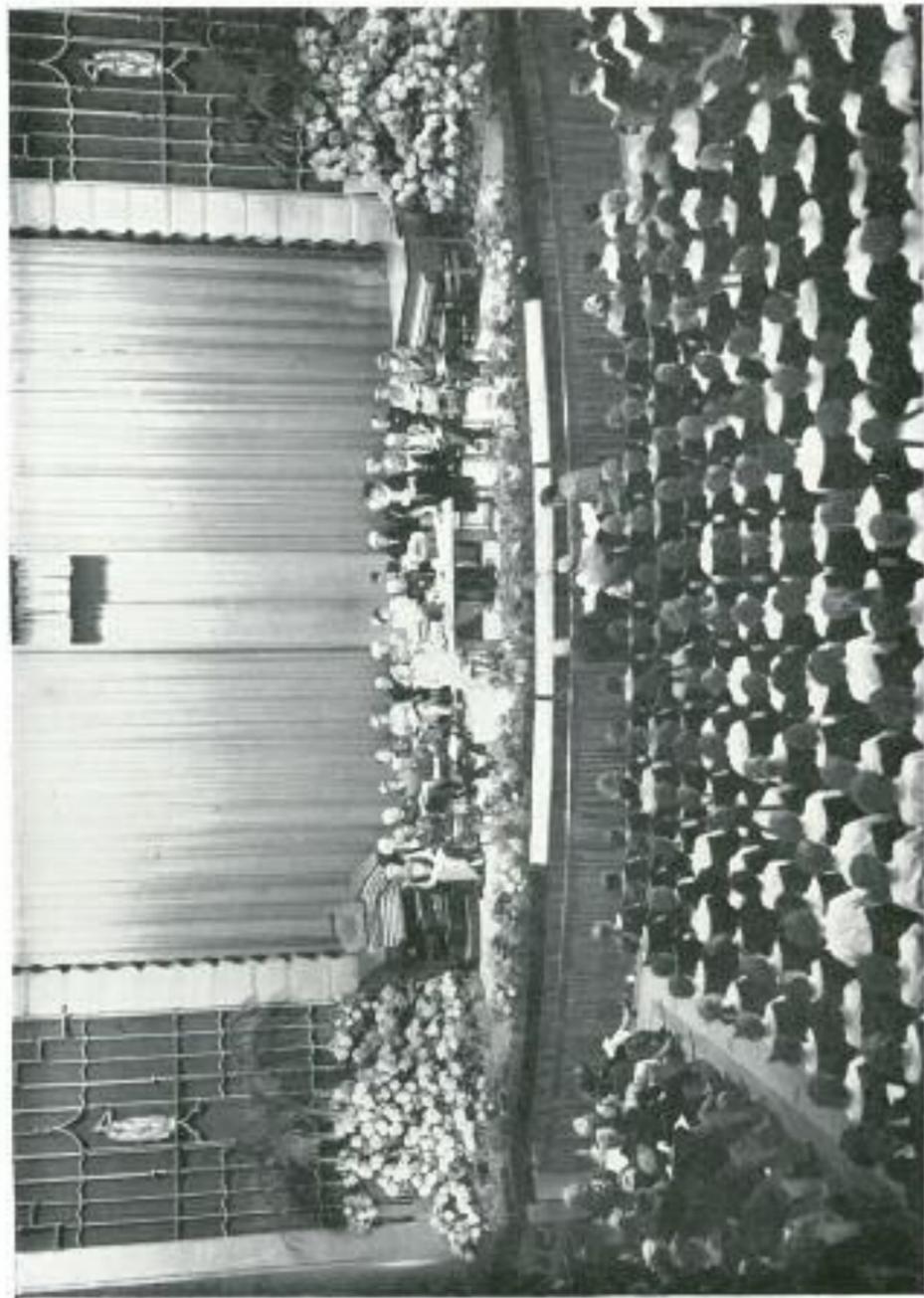
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EDITORIAL

A happy Christmas and New Year to you all!

This year of the one hundred and twentieth anniversary of the founding of our School must have been an exciting and busy one for all present members; and those others who were able to attend on the day of celebration, when Her Royal Highness the Princess Royal was graciously pleased to honour us with her presence, had reason to be proud of the achievements of the new century, now well on its way, and thankful that so many had faith in the School's revival; these feelings will be shared by all who read this issue.

That faith is being further demonstrated by Miss Ghey and her supporters in her untiring work for the Clergy Daughters' Scholarship Fund, its object being to provide more opportunities for those for whom the School was founded to win the advantage of a sound boarding-school education at a cost possible to their parents, as so many of us older ones did. May the appeal be successful!

H.A.B.

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

October, 1956.

Mr. Dear Friends,

This year will stand out as a special one in the School's history because of the visit of Her Royal Highness the Princess Royal on May 20th when we celebrated Founder's Day. You will find many impressions of that occasion in this magazine. I was particularly delighted that a number of representatives of the Association shared in the events of the day. In addition to S.M.H.A. members who are also Governors—Miss Ghey, Miss Gunnery, Mrs. Randall Davidson and Mrs. Foster—other S.M.H.A. members who were presented to the Princess and who took luncheon at the Hall, were Miss Helen Potter, Miss Stopford, Miss Galton and Miss Audrey Baron.

The General Certificate results at O Level were again good, eighty-three per cent. of the entries being successful. Mary Emmott passed in nine subjects and a number of others in eight. In the A Level we were not quite so satisfied. Of thirteen entries there were eight passes; four were given O Level passes and there was one failure. I am glad to say that Josephine Chan, whose record at St. Mary's Hall had been so steady and deserving of recognition, passed in three A Level subjects and was offered a vacancy in Queen's University, Belfast, where she is reading Geography. Josephine served the Hall well in her three years with us and was a most loyal and conscientious prefect. Valda Lambert, who had been Head Girl for five terms and who passed in two A Level subjects, entered the W.R.N.S. in August. Our new Head Girl is Margaret Habershon, a clergy daughter, who has been in the School since 1951.

In December the Hall is losing two of its most Senior Staff both of whom are known to many S.M.H.A. members. Miss Neades decided to change her career to that of marriage during the summer holidays and she has returned to us for one term as Mrs. Shaw. Mrs. Shaw came to us in 1951 as History Mistress and was appointed Senior Mistress in 1952 in which capacity she has served the Hall with complete integrity and self-sacrifice. Many old girls will have read the excellent booklet "A Short History of St. Mary's Hall" which she wrote this year.* We wish Mrs. Shaw great happiness in her new life. Miss Dimishky, who has been in charge of the English department for six years, is also leaving in December to take up a post in Hull where she can live at home with her father, who retired from his work as a parish priest a short time ago. She has done some excellent work in her subject and the standard of English in the School has, as a result, wonderfully improved. The Reference Library has been further developed under her care and Old Girls will be grateful for the work she has done for the "News-Letter." Miss Dimishky will always be remembered for her independence of thought her love of learning and, perhaps not least, for her smart appearance at all times! We shall miss both our colleagues and we thank them for their share in the post-war development of the School.

I have been glad to get to all S.M.H.A. gatherings this year and to meet old friends and to greet new ones. I thought that the A.G.M. was a most happy occasion with a delightful air of informality and a real feeling of Christian fellowship amongst us. It is wonderful to see our not-so-young members—Miss Hensley, Miss Helen Potter, Miss E. Hanham, Mrs. Capern, Miss Elwin and Mrs. Douglas—with their gaiety and genuine devotion to the Hall and their interest in its welfare to-day. I hope I shall have the opportunity of seeing many of you, however old or however young, during the year.

Yours affectionately,

DORIS CONRADY.

* Copies of this booklet are available price 2s. 6d. post paid, on application to the Headmistress.

MISS GHEY'S LETTER

My Dear Friends,

As this News Letter goes to Press, I have to tell you that Miss Galton and I have no fixed address for the Christmas Vacation, as we are planning to take a holiday after we have finally closed Blunt House on December 1st. The address of Barclay's Bank Limited, Oxley, Surrey, would always find us in case of need, but just for this one year we have to ask you not to send us Christmas cards, please!

The beautiful letters and generous gifts that so many of you have sent in answer to the Scholarship Fund appeal have been of tremendous encouragement to us both, and the fund is hopefully mounting as it becomes more widely advertised. In the 1957 News Letter we hope to have much more to say about it. It is a very great privilege to be allowed to make this effort to lighten the burdens of the Clergy, and those of you who have sent me lists of names have helped more than you can know. I do thank you.

Miss Galton joins me in love and greetings for Christmas and the New Year. We shall think of you all.

Yours affectionately,

F. L. GHEY

NEWS FROM MISS ROBINSON

Pietermaritzburg.

October 21st, 1956.

My Dear Friends,

The jacaranda trees are coming into bloom, a beautiful reminder that it is time to write to you. The year has been a very busy one, but working hard as I have, much has been left undone which I had hoped to do.

Ever since I came back to Natal I have been looking forward to meeting Miss Ghey's sister, Mrs. Mannsell, who is living in Durban. Imagine my joy when a telephone call from Durban put me in touch with Mrs. Mannsell herself. She and Major Mannsell were coming to Pietermaritzburg and would like to call to see us. We had a most interesting hour with them and time was all too short. They are both delightful. I could see traces of Miss Ghey in Mrs. Mannsell. After they left, their visit was more like a dream than an actuality. I hope to see them again before very long.

I had another interesting contact with St. Mary's Hall some months ago. I met a Mrs. Flook and her two children, a girl and a boy. They live in Bahrain in the Persian Gulf. They had been on leave in England, and were spending a few weeks in Maritzburg with Mrs. Flook's mother, whom I happen to know very well. They were then contemplating sending their children to school in England, and told me how very kind Miss Conrady had been, and how pleased they were with all they saw at St. Mary's Hall. The difficulty of holidays has, I fear, made them decide to send the children to school in Natal where they have relations.

Miss Smith very kindly sent me the "Brief History of St. Mary's Hall," which I have read and re-read many times. I also read the "News Letter and School Magazine" with great interest, remembering more names now in the Old Girls' Section than among the present girls. I was so pleased to see how well M. A. Coates had done in G.C. Examination. I remember her and her sister.

Of myself I have little new to tell you. I still teach, I garden, and I try to play my 'cello. My sister and I have been planting roses. She has bush roses, and mine are all of the polyantha variety.

There is a beautiful Botanical Garden in Maritzburg with many tropical trees. The lotus flowers in the pools were magnificent last summer. I wish you could see them. Maritzburg is known as the "City of Flowers." Azaleas are being planted along all the main roads leading to the city.

Our kind editor, Miss Baron, will be glad to receive my letter both earlier and shorter, so I will stop before I transgress.

My love and best wishes,

Yours always affectionately,

HARRIET ROBINSON.

THE 49th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE ST. MARY'S HALL ASSOCIATION

The Annual General Meeting of the St. Mary's Hall Association was held on Saturday, April 25th, 1956, at Y.W.C.A. Headquarters, London, at 2.30 p.m. under the chairmanship of Miss Conrady, the President.

The meeting opened with prayer; the following members who had died during the year were remembered: Miss Wisdom (first housemistress of St. Hilary, and English Mistress for many years), Mrs. Clothier, and Madeline Dorgerty (1902-6) who had died in New Zealand in November.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were taken as read, confirmed, and signed.

Apologies for absence.—There was a special letter of apology from Miss Ghey and Miss Gallon; they also sent a greetings telegram. A letter from B. Maxwell (Danie!) containing reminiscences of Miss Wisdom was read. Telegrams were received from four members and letters of apology and messages of greeting from thirty-seven others.

The President welcomed all members present, specially Miss Hensley who had celebrated her 90th birthday in February.

A Vice-President, Miss Potter, gave a particular word of welcome to new members reminding them that membership of S.M.H.A. was an introduction in itself.

Head Mistress's Report.—As much of the report occurs elsewhere in this News Letter the following is a précis. The full report is attached to the Minute Book.

Miss Conrady said that, in spite of the raising of school fees to meet increased salaries, the number of girls had remained steady, just over 150 boarders and just over 100 day girls. Unfortunately fees would again have to be raised to meet further increases in salaries. In reporting on the work of the School, Miss Conrady said that Mary Anne Costa had won the Turrell Memorial Prize for the best result at "O" Level in the Cambridge Syndicate Examination in Brighton. Entries for the Governors' Scholarships showed an increase though the standard of some candidates was low. The Major Clergy Scholarship had been awarded to Mary Theobald, the Major Open Scholarship to Nicola Bruton, daughter of Diana Harris, and a Minor Open Scholarship to Carol Hayes. Games

had continued to improve and a skiing party had again been to Austria after Christmas. A Guide company had been re-formed at the Hall. The School projector is used to show films fortnightly during the winter on Saturday evenings, and is also used for lessons, particularly geography. The Drama Cup was won by Form Lower V who acted the trial scene from the "Merchant of Venice"; other forms did scenes from "Much Ado About Nothing," "Twelfth Night" and "Richard I." A Nativity play "Come and Behold Him," was produced in December, and as a result £10 was raised for charities.

St. Mark's School had been celebrating its centenary.

Miss Conrady then told the meeting of the successful outcome of the invitation to the Princess Royal to be the guest of honour at the Special Prize-giving in the Dome which was to mark the hundred and twentieth year since the School's opening.

In place of the usual Old Girls' Meeting Miss Conrady proposed an Old Girls' Week-end from July 27th to July 29th or 30th if there was sufficient response.

Miss Meades had written a brief history of the Hall to commemorate this special year and it was on sale at the meeting at 2s. 6d. per copy. Miss Ghey had written the preface, and the Bishop of Chichester had allowed the sermon, which he preached at the Service of Thanksgiving for the re-opening of the School, to be included. Miss Conrady ended by quoting the following passage from this sermon, "we must surely believe that God has some special work for St. Mary's Hall to do in the years ahead. We ask His blessing for the future. Certainly we can help the Hall with our prayers, and we must pray for the Head Mistress and her staff, and for the girls, from the youngest to the oldest. We look to the future with hope, and we wish to take our full part in new creative tasks. We are not just starting from zero. We have all the memories of our history to spur us on, and the Hall has as its permanent mark the Rock of Christ's Religion. It looks to the Rock of the Church from which it was hewn."

Finally Miss Conrady pledged herself again to the service of the Hall and asked members of the Association to do their part in helping her and the staff to fulfil their responsibilities by constant prayer and continued interest in the school.

Report from our Member on the Governing Body.—Lois Gunnery expressed gratitude to Miss Conrady for her report and for the growth and progress of the School under her guidance. She regretted that the fees had to be so high to meet expenses. She thanked all those responsible for the Bursary Fund, which made it possible for help to be given in special cases in an unofficial way. There had been a greater response to the offer of a scholarship for Clergy daughters this year. Professor Dorothy M. Kounet, though elected as the Association's other representative, had not yet been able to attend a meeting of the Governors. Lois told Old Girls that they could be proud of the school to-day.

Treasurer's Report.—The treasurer's report is attached to the end of the Minutes. Miss E. M. Smith said that the increase in Life Membership had brought in £41 15s. 10d. and she thanked all those who had sent extra for News Letters. It was reported that Miss Smith was willing to end the financial year in March so that the accounts presented at the A.G.M. might be completely up to date. A vote of thanks to Miss Smith was proposed by A. Baron and carried by acclamation.

Report by Editor of News Letter.—Audrey Baron reported that 600 copies had been printed of which 300 had been taken by the School. She

expected printing to be more expensive next year. She asked for criticisms and suggestions for improvement. Articles and news should reach her by November 1st at the latest. It should be her last year as Editor, and she would like someone to assist this year so as to be ready to take on the position next year. It was suggested that some photographs should be included again. Miss Atkinson proposed and was seconded by T. Hamerton that to save expenses only a record of new members and changes of address should be printed; this was agreed *nem. con.* after a rider that a notice in the News Letter should state that on application to the Secretary names and addresses of other members could be obtained. A vote of thanks and appreciation to the Editor was agreed unanimously.

Home Counties Branch.—Mrs. Thompson (Helen Boswell) reported on a very happy meeting at Mrs. Cunnew's house, a re-newed vote of thanks to her was passed.

Sussex Branch.—V. Sly thanked Miss Conrady for her entertainment of the Branch at the Hall last November. The numbers were smaller than usual and it was thought that an earlier date might be better in future. It was agreed that all girls in the area who had left school in the Summer should have an invitation whether they were members or not.

Committee Members.—The following were elected or re-elected: L. Wolfenden, F. McWalter, J. Collard, M. Mack, V. Phillips.

Dates of Future Meetings. The following dates were agreed:—

- (a) St. Mary's Hall—Week-end July 27th-29th, 1956.
- (b) Blunt House—Miss Ghey could make no arrangement at present.
- (c) Home Counties—September 29th (later altered to September 22nd). The Meeting to be at the Secretary's Flat, 4, Edmonscote, Ealing, W.13.
- (d) Sussex Branch—October 20th, 1956.

Annual General Meeting, May 4th 1957, at the Y.W.C.A.

It was asked why there was to be no Service in St. Mark's on Prize Day. Miss Conrady said it would not be possible to arrange it on the actual day without undue haste. A service was being arranged for the end of Term.

Mrs. Meadows suggested that members should wear a label giving their names and dates at St. Mary's Hall.

Mrs. Lindars enquired how the Scholarship Bursary Funds for Clergy Daughters stood. Miss Conrady said that there were three sources of help for Clergy Daughters:

- (1) Two Scholarships each year for Clergy Daughters (neither was applied for last year). This year five applied; only two were up to standard, and they were not able to accept it this year.
- (2) The Champion Fund for Sussex Clergy Daughters.
- (3) Bursary Fund.

It was stated that there were about fifteen Clergy Daughters in the School.

A vote of thanks to Miss Conrady for presiding at the meeting was passed unanimously.

Present.—The following members were present:—Miss Conrady, Miss Potter, Miss Smith, Miss Bolton, Miss Atkinson, Miss Perry, Miss Peebles, Miss Meades, Miss Hensley, Miss Davies, A. Bacon, V. Phillips, L. Wolfenden, M. Saunders, M. Paterson, O. Skene, K. Ogden (Powell), I. Ashwin, M. Meadows (Ives), M. Tredennick (Phair), M. Longsdon (Potheringham), D. Smith (Lilley), K. Atkins (Kennelly), G. Spurrell (Hensley), A. Mead (Law), M. Wanstall, M. Allnut (Watson), R. Lindars (Chevalier), M. Thorne, M. Short, E. Langdale Smith (Snowdon Smith), H. Thompson (Boswell), E. Gaunt (Binks), A. Fosberry (Smallpiece), M. McWalter (Fuller), L. Raynor, L. Gunnery, E. P. Puyser, R. Archer (Payser), T. Hammerton (Appleyard), V. Sly, K. M. Fosh, M. I. Lloyd, P. R. Payser, I. I. Laurence, A. Gunnery, M. Martin (Hunt), W. Owen-Smith.

THE HON. TREASURER'S REPORT

In accordance with a decision at the Annual General Meeting, the Balance Sheet printed in this number of the News Letter has been extended to include the accounts for the first three months of 1986. In future, our accounts are to be balanced at the end of March each year.

Thanks are due to all those Life Members who responded so promptly and liberally with their additional subscriptions. The mounting cost of production was an anxiety to those whose work it was to give you the best News Letter within our means.

Then we must thank Mrs. Hammerton, who worked so hard this summer to collect and arrange for the advertisements in this News Letter. Her kindness deserves the greatest appreciation.

This year, the voluntary subscribers to St. Mary's Hall Bursary Fund, nine in number, have raised the sum of £468. 6s. 0d. The Governors have sent a special message of thanks to the Association.

We are glad to welcome twenty-three new members so far this year, and more are expected before this News Letter is printed. It is so pleasant to meet the younger Old Girls at our gatherings.

Some names of Annual Subscribers have had to be withdrawn, as their subscriptions have not been paid for more than two years. In some cases I know they have moved, but I do not know the new address. Please, if you do change your address, will you notify Miss I. Laurence, 4 Edmonscoate, Argyle Road, Ealing, W.13. A change of address sometimes accounts for the non-receipt of your News Letter.

E. M. SMITH.
21 Portland Place, Brighton 7.

NOTES FROM THE EDITOR

First, I must thank again all contributors: without you an Editor is somewhat helpless! All of you have been good about getting copy in earlier. The School was exemplary as Miss Dimishky managed to send in all possible items at the end of term! We have Mrs. Hammerton (Thelma Appleyard) to thank for her able work on the advertisements, and I am grateful to our printers who in these twelve years of my editing have been most helpful and understanding.

It is essential for economical and accurate production that material should be received early, and I am sure that any editor whether it is I or a fresh one (say offers?) will wish to have all possible copy in by October 1st, and preferably earlier.

H.A.B.

ST. MARY'S HALL ASSOCIATION

Extended Statement of Accounts—1st January, 1955, to 31st March, 1956

RECEIPTS		PAYMENTS	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Balance in Bank 1st January, 1955	22 19 10	Editor's Expenses 1954	18 6
Cash in hand 1st January, 1955	12 2½	Secretary's Expenses 1954	7 19 6
Withdrawn from Post Office 1955	15 0 0	Secretary's Expenses 1955	4 17 6
Withdrawn from Post Office 1956	20 0 0	Treasurer's Postage 1954	18 8½
Subscriptions 1955	19 13 6	Stationery, S.M.H.	5 0
January—March, 1956	5 8 6	Hire of Room for A.G.M. 1955	2 2 0
Sale of News Letter 1954	28 16 3	Printing of News Letter 1954	70 19 7
Sale of News Letter 1955	32 7 8	Printing of News Letter 1955	76 4 2
Five Life Membership payments	19 5 0	Invested in Post Office 1955	55 15 0
Additions to Life Membership payments	43 15 0	Invested in Post Office 1956	7 5 0
Donations to Bursary Fund 1955	30 15 0	Cheques to S.M.H. Bursary Fund 1955	30 15 0
Donations to Bursary Fund to 31st March, 1956	20 5 0	Cash in hand 31st March, 1956	1
From Advertisements in N.L. 1954	16 15 0	Balance in Bank 31st March, 1956	39 0 3
From Advertisements in N.L. 1955	18 6 0		
Dividend from Conversion Stock	3 15 6		
	£297 8 3½		£297 8 3½

E. M. SMITH, Hon. Treasurer.

AT THE ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTIETH ANNIVERSARY

You will see several vivid descriptions of the Great Day on May 30th in the School Magazine, but as your very own Representative I must try to pick out some highlights. First, I must say how very honoured I felt when the Governors so kindly included me, as the Association's vice-chairman, in the invitations to the luncheon party to meet H.R.H. the Princess Royal, and I am indebted to you all for this opportunity.

Now for the impressions—the beautiful day—I was staying with old hockey friends in Eastern Terrace, and it was one of those mornings when the sea is smooth and seagulls float thereon like so many ducks; the peace of the Holy Communion Service at St. Marks—no sign of the anxiety of preparation and the excitement of the day ahead; arrival at the old familiar Hall; the presentation, when one remembered other Royal occasions; the dining room (so improved with those lowered windows) the floral decorations, and the company—the Princess chatting at her ease to the benign Bishop of Chichester and our Miss Conrady as we all partook of our daintily served meal; the drive down to the Dome, a special label on my car, which caused the police to wave on this very temporary V.I.P.!

In the Dome were rows of folk whose familiar faces recalled childhood memories, and of course the School and their parents. Then came the arrival of the Princess to the H.Q. of "Greensleeves"; the presentation of the bouquet of roses by the two small girls, the one so dark from Liberia, and the other golden-haired; the Juniors looking like a border of flowers in their gay dresses of gold, and rose, and green; the speeches, all excellent, and the impressive parade of prize-winners; the gracious Prize-Giver, whose analogy of life as a ship which needed its compass set true to enable it to ride out storms and keep on its course gave all a picture to remember; ah, and the singing and the Head Girl's eloquent speech of thanks, and lots more.

On the departure of Her Royal Highness there was an excited rush to greet old friends and for a moment it was a little tantalizing to have to go on over to the Pavilion, where the new Mayor of Brighton had kindly invited all present at the Luncheon Party to take tea in the Banqueting Room with the Princess Royal, who had others presented to her. But it was all very pleasant in that ornate and gorgeous setting, and I happened to sit at a table with a slim young Guide of only fifteen from Varndean Grammar School, with badges galore, who, we discovered afterwards, had just received her badge and certificate as a Queen's Guide at the hands of the Royal Visitor.

H.A.B.

HOME COUNTIES MEETING, 1956

The Autumn Meeting of the Home Counties Branch of the S.M.H.A. was once again lucky in having a beautifully warm and sunny day for the event. This was held by the kind invitation of Miss I. Laurence in her flat at 4 Edmonscote, Argyle Road, Ealing, on the 22nd September.

Amongst the seventeen members who were able to be present was Miss Hensley who celebrated her ninetieth birthday last February and must therefore, I think, have created a record in being the oldest member of the Association to attend one of these meetings. We were all delighted to see her and are grateful to our President, Miss Conrady, for having brought Miss Hensley up from Brighton in her car.

After we had enjoyed a beautiful tea of home-made scones and cakes, Miss Conrady gave us up-to-date news of the School, and details of the visit of H.R.H. the Princess Royal.

Those present were:—

Miss Conrady (President), Miss Bolton, Miss Hensley, Miss Irons, Miss Peebles, Miss Potter and Miss Smith, all old members of the Staff, and K. M. Allnutt (Watson), A. Baron, L. S. Hipkin (Morton), I. Laurence, K. Ogden (Powell), M. M. Paterson, P. R. Puyser, O. Skene, H. Thompson (Boswell) and M. Tredennick (Phair).

THE SUSSEX BRANCH MEETING

We had a delightful Sussex Branch meeting at the Hall this year on Saturday, October 20th, with an unusually large gathering of Old Girls.

In the afternoon there was an Old Girls' lacrosse match with the School, which resulted in a win for the School of four goals to two. This was watched by a large number of the younger Old Girls, while the rest of the members assembled in the drawing room at the Hall, chatting and re-newing old friendships.

After the match we all had a splendid tea together in the dining hall, at the end of which Miss Conrady told us a little about the School activities and successes of the past year. This was followed by a vote of thanks to Miss Conrady by Anne Payne for so kindly having us there.

We then adjourned to the drawing room for a short business meeting, where the matter of sending reminders each year before the Sussex Meeting was discussed, and it was decided not to send out reminders next year other than the general notices sent by the School in the summer. The date of the next Sussex Meeting was then fixed for Saturday, October 19th 1967 at 2.30 (business meeting at 3 p.m.). Would all Sussex members (and any others who may be able to come) please put this down in their 1957 diaries now! Then all will be well!

At the close of the meeting some went to look round the Hall again to revive old memories and others to see the film being shown in the Elliott Hall. Miss Conrady then very kindly took some of the older members home in her car.

Those present were: Miss Conrady, Miss Ghey, Miss Galton, Mrs. Hora, Mrs. Jackson, Miss Dimshiky, Miss Wynn, "Alice," Mrs. Atkins (K. Kennelly), Mrs. Denham Anderson (Mary Ridsdale), J. Windsor Aubrey, H. Bateman, S. Botting, B. Bashford, J. Biddle, O. Nodden Browne, A. Ballard, Mary Clarke, H. Cook, Margery Dick, A. Dickson, Miss Elwin, J. East, E. Eggmatt, Mrs. Ferguson (Ruth Powell), A. Garnell, Miss Hensley, Mrs. Howard (E. Perias), Miss Hitchcock, W. Keizer, Miss Morley, M. Methven, P. Oliver, Anne Payne, J. Paine, A. Pollock, Ann Pink, Mrs. Robinson (Roma Parker), Olive Skene, Miss Smith, Dorothy Stranach, M. Saunders, Vanessa Sly, Celia Tassell, Paula Toyne, R. Tharby, Margaret Wanstall, Ann Wanstall (and Dominic!) and E. Ward.

MISS HENSLEY'S 90th BIRTHDAY

There was a pleasing response to the suggestion that we should mark Miss Hensley's 90th birthday by a gift of money—and 36 S.M.H. Staff and Old Girls subscribed £20/7/-.

A little tea-party was arranged here on February 27th, and several local friends came and I handed Miss Hensley a cheque, and the names of the subscribers, and Miss Hensley thanked very eloquently. I am glad to say she keeps wonderfully well, and goes out nearly every day; and, by the kindness of Miss Conrady, was able to go to the Ealing meeting, which she much enjoyed.

MARGARET WANSTALL

THOUGHTS IN AUTUMN

See the leaves come fluttering down,
Green and gold and russet brown;
Countless leaves of varied hue,
Giving ever clearer view,
Soon the branches stark and bare
Shiver in the frosty air,
Then the snowflakes clothe them round,
Cov'ring deep the sleeping ground,
But despite the winds that bite,
Yellow primrose, snowdrops white
Come to give our hearts some cheer
Along with other blossoms fair.
Then hurrah! the summer sun
Tempt us to the sea for fun,
Unfurls the flowers and ripens fruit,
Ensures the harvest, grain and root.
Thus the cycle of the year
Reminds us of the promise clear,
"Seed-time, harvest, shall not cease,
Earth shall always give increase."
Well may thankful hearts be raised,
And our noble Giver praised,
God in Man made manifest,
And Man in God for ever blessed.

A TRIP BY CARGO BOAT TO THE MEDITERRANEAN

This year my mother and I decided we wanted to be sure of sunshine on our holiday. As we were rather late in coming to a decision, the more popular trips were fully booked, so we agreed, with some misgivings, to go on a French cargo boat going to Algeria.

We joined the S.S. Lillois at Dunkerque and were agreeably impressed by our accommodation. We had a very well-fitted two-berth cabin, newly furnished and decorated, with all facilities adjoining it. There were eight other passengers and all proved very congenial.

We sailed straight to Algiers taking about five and a half days; this was our longest spell at sea. We had taken plenty of books and it was very pleasant to be absolutely idle. We spent two and a half days in Algiers, sleeping on board. We found it interesting, but rather sinister, with its armed soldiers, nightly curfew, and reports of bomb incidents in the Arab quarter. As soon as we arrived, on a Sunday afternoon, we booked a taxi to take us to the plage. Our expectation of a pleasant, peaceful bath was dashed when we arrived to see a small beach looking like Southend on a Bank Holiday afternoon; the only difference being the heat of the sun and the colour of the bathers. Most of the races which inhabit North Africa, including the French, must have been represented. Everyone seemed happy and there was no sign of political tension there.

We saw signs of some of the trouble which beset the administration when we drove to the outskirts of the city. Clinging tenuously to the hillsides were lean-to sheds housing hundreds of refugees from the hinterland, who had presumably come to the city for safety or work and had not yet been absorbed into the city life. Although many fine skyscraper blocks of flats have been and are being built, the housing situation must be very difficult indeed, and judging by the number of men waiting outside the dock gates, unemployment must also be a serious question.

The docks were very busy, and highly mechanised work went on from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. without a stop, each shift being ready to step into its predecessor's place without a pause. Our cargo was heavy goods, such as steel bars, wire netting, bathroom fittings, and coarse paper; it was surprising to see how much came out of the hold. We brought back wine in bulk from all the North African ports. It was pumped into large tanks on board from sumps on the quayside; or, on one occasion, from a never-ending stream of vehicles looking like petrol lorries.

From Algiers we went to Oran, where we had only one complete day. Here was a much less tense feeling and we enjoyed sightseeing and shopping, and were even bold enough to travel in the local buses, which in Algiers had been far too full of Arabs for our liking.

The next two ports, Mustaganem and Beni Saf were much less Europeanised, the latter being almost entirely Arab. The costumes in the streets and cafés were most striking. The day we were in Beni Saf was said to be an Arab holiday. At first we were told that it was a "bad" place and we must not land; later the ban was removed and we had a lovely bath, surrounded by grinning Arab boys, who evidently thought that bathing with us was the highlight of their holiday. Later we discovered that the so-called holiday was a protest strike connected with the Suez crisis!

After leaving Beni Saf, we found to our joy that we were to visit Spain—Valencia and Cartagena—to collect a large consignment of onions and apricots for London. Valencia is chiefly memorable for being the hottest place we visited—104 degrees in the shade—the wind for the first time being off the land instead of the sea. In Cartagena we enjoyed sitting for a long time in the main traffic-free street watching the Sunday parade. On our return to the ship, we found ourselves in disgrace as she had been ready to sail two hours earlier than scheduled, instead of the usual two hours later.

From Cartagena we sailed straight back to London except for a brief call at Brest.

We arrived back at the West India Docks nearly three weeks after leaving Dunkerque, having had a most enjoyable trip. I had always had a desire to travel on a cargo boat and after this experience I am very keen to go again as soon as I can find a tempting route at a possible price.

If anyone would like to know more about the possibilities of this type of holiday I should be very happy to give her any information I can.

I. I. LAURENCE.

LIFE-SAVING

This story may be of interest to readers, and especially to all those who were present on that day in May, 1935, when Captain Daintree came and taught us the essentials of life-saving.

If you remember, he gave us only one lecture and a few of the sixth form practised on the floor. I was one of the many spectators, and it was in fact the only instruction I ever received on resuscitation.

Many years later it fell to my lot to find a small, unconscious boy floating face upwards just below the surface of the water in a pond. Not a ripple appeared above his mouth!

I was fortunate enough to have arrived in time, and I tried to recall the words of this lecture as I pulled the boy to the bank and placed him face downwards. I even remembered to turn his face to one side—a point stressed—as far as I can remember—in the lecture. I had completely forgotten the counting and speed at which the pressure was to be given, but made a guess and luckily it worked. The boy brought up about half-a-pint of water and then cried. I told him I had better give a few more pressures for good measure! He did not appreciate it!

I have always wondered since, are lectures in life-saving still given at the school? How many other people have lived to be grateful for that one lecture?

B.K.

GUY FAWKES DAY

Guy Fawkes Day is here again,
And alas! the wind and rain,
But with spirits quite undamped
In the garden we're encompassed,
Though hid from us the starry skies,
Behold yet brighter stars arise,
Set off for us by fathers kind,
While doting mothers call out, "Mind!"
Catherine wheels and golden rain,
Rockets red, all made by Paine,
Hiss and whirl and jump about
Making all the youngsters shout,
And poor Guy he glows and burns
As we poke him hard in turns—
Little did he guess his fate
When he settled on this date,
That his act of direst treason
Would for ever give a reason
For young and old with glee to claim,
To play with fire devoid of blame!

NEWS FROM SOUTH AFRICA

Mrs. Caswell (Winnie Banks) writes bravely of her life since her return from England. "Almost from the first I was kept more than busy, for, as well as an enormous private correspondence, I am now Chairman of Stanley's business . . . and then, two days before Christmas, my daughter-in-law (I was staying with my son, Peter, and her until I found a flat) was suddenly taken desperately ill . . . and was in hospital for six weeks. During that time I took over the running of the home and looking after the two babies. The younger was only five months old, so I had her at night too. She was perfectly sweet, and I soon got back into my stride . . . All is well now and Peter is a partner in a practice of specialist anaesthetists . . . I have now a very nice flat."

She then speaks of the tea party at her home described by Maude Hudson elsewhere. She says what friends she and Margaret Smith were at school as for years they were excused all lessons on Thursdays, which were given over to drawing and the painting class (they were two of

our star artists, let me tell you). She continues: "About our difficulties here in South Africa; the Nationalist Government's policies of racial discrimination not only towards the non-Europeans but to the English-speaking section, make us all ashamed, and the Anglican Church is a focal point of their hatred. Maude and I are both members of the Fraternity of the Resurrection attached to Father Huddleston's Community and know him well. All that he says in his book is true; but it is also true that for any Government there is a terrific problem—ten million natives needing education and housing, etc., and only two and a half million whites, but it is the attitude of the Afrikaner Nationalists that is wrong."

S.M.H. IN JOHANNESBURG

On 22nd August a meeting of five Old Girls took place in Johannesburg. They were: Mrs. Hales (Edith Elwin), Winnie Caswell (Banks), Margaret Smith and Gertrude and Maude Hudson. The meeting required a good deal of organising as Margaret had only arrived from England on 21st August and Gertrude was returning to East London C.P. on 24th.

Winnie very kindly gave the party in her delightful flat and gathered us all up from various quarters of Johannesburg in her car.

We had time before lunch to recognise each other and though the forty years since we had met had made a difference to our outward appearance our common inheritance of the School's traditions made us a very united party and the years slipped off us as we reminisced. Our time at S.M.H. spanned the eras of Miss Birrell, Miss Polter and Miss Ghey. We all remembered Alice—Alice, who was so good at remembering each of us. We talked, too, of the old "Schoolroom" where we did prep.; the primroses by the Postman's Steps; the lily-of-the-valley bed beyond the garden tank; Henley and the geraniums; rugs on the Lower Lawn; the sloping hockey field, and most cherished memory of all, perhaps, the little strip of garden where we grew our black pansies and bright sweet peas.

We toasted the school at lunch and hoped for its continued prosperity.

NEWS FROM PAKISTAN

Mrs. McCall (Margaret Jones) wrote in September from a new address (q.v.):—"In April this year my husband was offered a post at Government College, Lahore, as Professor of English, lecturing to B.A. and M.A. Students. . . . he is also writing various school text books. . . . In summer I remained in Murree with the children as it was cooler and we have only recently come to live here. . . ."

Last winter we had three months vacation and travelled over 5000 miles in Pakistan, including a tour through Waziristan, visiting Fort Sandeman, Miranshah and Wana, and other historic old British Stations. It was necessary to have an escort of Tochi and South Waziristan Scouts, officers and men, for this journey, as sometimes their patrols are ambushed and killed in this area. In Baluchistan we stayed with the ruler of the Jemali tribe in a palace set in a vast area of desert, completely roadless. We attended the tribal fair that culminates in a tribal dinner where 3000 people sat to eat, and watched various Hindu, Sindhi and Pathan dances. Sir Henry Holland, the eye specialist, and my husband and I were the only outside guests.

In Shikapur we had called on Sir Henry Holland, and the Rev. and Mrs. Ross Tully (Kay Weatherhead), who had been married only nine weeks and were just off to England on a short holiday. While there they visited my father and mother at Bosham."

NEWS FROM NEW SOUTH WALES

Dorothy Heelas wrote to the Editor in May revealing the news about the job that she and Muriel have been doing since October, 1954, with the Snowy Mountains Hydro-Electric Authority in Cooma, New South Wales, which appeared in our last issue. She added that they were buying a second hand car and after visiting Alice Springs, Darwin, and the Barrier Reef hoped to tackle a new country! Her asthma is now very much better and they hoped to move on soon. They quite liked the country but would not want to live there for good. It was too far from Europe! There were a great many New Australians of all nationalities working for the Authority and they seemed to get on together quite well. Address c/o A.N.Z. Bank, Martin Place, Sydney, N.S.W., Australia.

A SETTLER IN NEW ZEALAND

Mrs. Rowe (Dorothy Menzies) writes: "It was really lovely to get a copy of the S.M.H. News Letter again, and I had a great time catching up with all the news of many of the old girls, besides many of the Staff I knew.

"Due to my lack of correspondence to the Letter I find I am much behind with my own news . . . First and foremost I have two additions to make to the Birth Column (q.v.). You may be interested to know that the name Beverley in New Zealand is more of a girl's name than a boy's, and is more in use than the name Mary so often used in the old country. New Zealand is a delightful country, and the seven years I have spent here have been extremely happy. I came out as an Assisted Immigrant, but after two years I had no wish to return to U.K.

"The people are without exception extremely hospitable, perhaps more so in the South Island as there are more direct descendants of the Scots. There are also a scarcity of Maoris, which to a traveller expecting to see the country overrun with these natives comes as rather a surprise. There are the odd Maoris in the South Island, but the majority of them live in the North Island. Tauranga has a sub-tropical climate, found midway in the Bay of Plenty. During the summer, which extends from December to the end of March, we enjoy bright sunshine and hot days, water restrictions, and week-ends spent swimming and sunbathing.

"My husband started a practice in Greerton, about two miles from here, and like many other General Medical Practitioners he is kept busy.

"We hope some day to visit England. It will give me great pleasure to see the old school again, although it will surely have changed.

"My best wishes to St. Mary's Hall, and to all members."

A NURSE IN KENYA

Evelyn Blencome writes:—

. . . On my return to Kenya I was sent up here, on the slopes of Mount Kenya, where they have just started a training school for African Health Visitors. I am the only Health Visitor here, and have had the work of organising the training at the school, as well as organising some district Health Visiting Service which wasn't in effect when I arrived.

It has been interesting though hard work. The Kenbu people are apathetic and rather stupid, and disappointments and set backs are a daily occurrence. But only time will have any effect, which means patience.

The students are mostly Kikuyu; they are better than the 'locals,' being more intelligent, cleaner and more prepared to work a little. But even so it is a little like teaching a bunch of schoolgirls aged about 18! Part of my duties deals with another tribe altogether, the Nyeri tribe. If possible they are lazier and more backward than the Embu; with these people one can at present do nothing. They won't send their children to school, so we cannot get girls of sufficient education to train. They treat all other tribes, especially the Embu, with contempt, and certainly wouldn't follow any advice given.

Often in the Ghore Lunas I had to do dressings and treatments myself to old people who refuse to allow an African to touch them because they think they will poison them. It is strange that with all the political trouble in Africa, and in spite of what people say, the African at heart trusts the Europeans more than he does his own people.

FOURTY YEARS ON!

Constance Shallard wrote in September to say how tremendously she enjoys every News Letter, also that she reads in the School Magazine, both in the Headmistress' reports and the more juvenile contributions, and is glad that we are thus joined. She and Nellie keep house and a large garden and sell the produce. She also does part time work at the Preliminary Training School of the combined Ipswich Hospital. They have recently had a holiday at Steyning where Nellie remembers the whole school "tucking out of the train" and having refreshments in the Rectory garden on the first half term outing in 1936!

Constance says that during the year she met Ethel and Alice Brownlow, Mrs. Hakim (Evelyn Capern), Irene Ashwin and Mrs. Davis (Jill Maule) with her baby daughter, Elna, grandchild of Margot Packer. She added that the first four, all her contemporaries, seemed no older than in 1916, and were all stimulating people to meet again.

Mrs. E. G. England (Gertrude Shallard) lives in Chalfont St. Peter where her husband has 11 years been appointed Secretary-Superintendent of the Chalfont Colony for Epileptics. Their eldest son, Michael, is a Lieutenant, Royal Navy, at present commanding a motor launch at Hong Kong. Their second son, Robin, took 1st Class Honours in History from Queen's College, Oxford, last term, and is starting on a career in industry.

THE YEAR'S NEWS

Mrs. Alexander (Joan Menzies) and her husband, who are both doctors, are working in St. Patrick's Hospital, Gwelo, Southern Rhodesia, and have started clinics in the Native Reserve there.

Mrs. Atkin (Kathleen Kennelly) greatly enjoyed Founders' Day on May 30th, and the Sussex Meeting on October 20th, but much missed the company of Mrs. Mead (Amy Law), who has moved to Cheshire. At the end of November she hopes for a few days in Town, and plans to see the Fryars, and also Marjorie Hick, who is keeping house for a recently bereaved mother. Kathleen's third grand-child was born on September 5th, making two grand-daughters and a grand-son!

Mrs. Bass (Monica Burroughs), writing from Calcutta, says that she is looking forward to recent news of the Hall as the two daughters of Major General Henderson Bookes, who is Commander of the Fort in Calcutta, have left the Hall and are going out in October.

Audrey Baron has had her usual happy contacts: with Mrs. Barlow (Gretel Lund) when staying in Norfolk; with Mrs. Wells (Anne Norris), who happened to have the "Budget" that still runs the round of the Form Va of the year 1913, and so listed news of several people; with Mrs. Fourth (Mildred Norris), so usual busy in the parish, in Women's Institute work, and her technical (needlework) classes at Grantham; also with Mrs. Mead (Amy Law), where she enjoyed the loss of many pleasant visits to "Shovelstrade" before the war.

Miss Bolton had a visit from Mrs. Williams (Gladys Head) early in October, who is now looking after an Old Ladies' Home in Bristol. She lives quite near her sister, Violet (Mrs. Haxeltime), whose husband had to give up his parish on account of deafness. Their son is now Vicar of Sayers Common, in Sussex, and has a small daughter whom he hopes to send to S.M.I.

Mrs. Howesman (Joy Barton) writes that her life is very full but not with anything spectacular! Her family take up most of the time (she has four children) and any spare time is given in work in Young Wives Group. She sees Mrs. Roberts (Gwen Austin, St. Mary's 1921-26) sometimes. She is the wife of a Vicar in Buxley Heath, and is doing splendid work there and also on the Council of the Lay Abbey Centre of Ryegateism.

Miss Helen Burton, writing from Hollow Oak Nursing Home, Liverpool-twaite, Uxerston, tells us that she is 108, and her sister, Mrs. Bartrem, will be 100 on Boxing Day, 1958 - the two eldest S.M.H. pupils now living," and the Bishop of Exeter has promised to come on Mrs. Bartrem's birthday and give her Holy Communion.

Valerie Carter is in Paris for the next few months.

Mary Clarke is now teaching infants at a small country school near Chichester after finishing her year's training at the Training College in Chichester.

Mrs. Clarke (Joy Stebbing) has a boy of 11 at St. Edward's School, Oxford, and a daughter of 17 who is doing extremely well at Queen Elizabeth's Girls' Grammar School at Burnet, and hopes to go on to the University.

Mrs. K. T. V. Clarke (Sybil Hart) writes that her husband is Consultant Anaesthetist in the Isle of Wight, and that David, aged ten, is at a prep school. She would be very pleased if any Old Girls visiting the Island would care to call and see them at any time. Her sister, Marjorie (Mrs. Pierpont) still lives at Leamington Spa. She has a boy of eleven and a girl of ten. Her sister, Edith (Mrs. Cox) and her family moved to Leach Cottage Rectory, Worcester, a year ago. The daughter of eighteen has been given a County Major Award that will cover all her expenses while at Edinburgh University. She has two other daughters of twelve and eight in school.

Mrs. Caporn (G. Thompson) is, we rejoice to hear, recovering well from a horrid accident. She slipped on some stone steps and broke a bone. In her last letter after weeks in plaster, she is beginning to get about again.

Viola Cobbell passed with distinction in some subjects in the final examination after her training course as a Home Teacher of the Blind, and will be working in the Chichester area till January. (Welcome to a fellow worker in Blind Welfare!—Ed.)

Mrs. Coleman (Freda Young), of Walnut Tree House, Wicford, Nr. Ware has written a delightful letter recalling her happy years at the Hall. She has had a most interesting life (Geneva, St. Thomas's Hospital, and the Royal Northern Hospital). Her husband is a doctor; they have a boy at Epsom College and a girl at St. Mary's Hall.

Mrs. Martin Doyle (Gladys Martin) tells us news of her son and two daughters. Christopher is reading English at Emmanuel College, Cambridge. Jean is a Froebel teacher, and Anne is a solicitor in practice at Stafford.

Miss Constance Escott wrote a kind letter enclosing a copy of the Victorian, the School Magazine of the Queen Victoria High School, Stockton-on-Tees, published together with the O.G.A. News Sheet, which she edits. It really is an excellent and interesting production.

Mrs. Eggington (Margaret Baron) reports that her daughter Ann, aged eleven, passed her examination for the Girls' Grammar School, Hitchin, and left her former School "with flying colours."

Pat Eggleton is now starting her third year at Dartford Physical Training College, and plays lacrosse in the first team and also for the South of England.

Miss Rose Elwin will be delighted to think that her sister, Edith (Mrs. Hales), who was at school under Miss Birrell, now has contacts with some S.M.H. people, and was at the Johannesburg party described elsewhere.

Mrs. Farrar (Joyce Kennelly) writes from a new address, 23, Cambridge Street, Norwich, Norfolk, and says she is now on the teaching staff of the Norwich Education Committee, and is full-time Music Mistress at the Lakenham Secondary Modern Girls' School. There are over five hundred girls, and she teaches classes all the time, besides taking the choir in her own time. There are recorders, violins, percussion band, musical appreciation, etc. So it keeps her very busy indeed. She asks after Mrs. Nicklin (Margaret Meakin) and Mrs. Mead (Amy Law), and is joining the S.M.H.A. again.

Miss Hensley wrote reminding the Editor of her arrival at School as a small girl! She keeps young in spirit with her lively interest in her cousins and their children and their doings, and evidently greatly enjoyed her ninetieth birthday.

Mrs. Howlett (Margaret Stuart Black) came down again from Scotland this year and spent her summer holiday at Bottingdean with her two sons, the eldest of whom is hoping to go to Edinburgh University later on.

Maude Hudson has retired from teaching. Her address is 41, Durrugh House, Hoek Street, Johannesburg, S.A.

Gertrude Hudson is head librarian of the East London Library, Cape Province, S.A.

Mrs. Jennings (Marjorie Whittington-Ince) wrote that she had had an operation on her hip for arthritis, and had only recently come out of hospital having been there since July.

Betty Kettlewell writes:—"I am working as a physiotherapist, and ten years ago met a three year old boy, who was badly disabled by polio and now walks with crutches. He was subsequently orphaned, and at seven became my foster son. He is thirteen this year and soon to be confirmed. I hope to adopt him legally next year when I also hope to have a house. . . . At present we live in a converted railway carriage, having graduated from a single decker "bus!" She tells us that

Mrs. Hodson (Pat Lee) is now living in Grahamstown, South Africa, where her husband is Dean, and they have three sons aged 13, 11 and 8, one of whom is her god-child. She spent a happy holiday with them in 1954. She also says that

Mrs. Clarke (Mary Luffman) lives quite near her, so they often met. In 1955 Mary had twins (she herself is one, **Monica** is married and is in America). She also has a daughter of twelve and a son aged ten.

Mrs. Lindars (Rose Chevalier) sent a copy of the Appeal to the Countess of Stamford, under whom she says it was "a privilege to work" for many good causes, and Lady Stamford most kindly sent £5 for the Fund.

Janet Luyken has been on sick leave from her job and is now away convalescing.

Fiona McWalter is starting her third year at Dartford and plays lacrosse for their first team.

Mrs. Mead (Amy Law), after twenty-seven years in Sussex, has moved to Cheshire. She says she will miss the Old Girls' Meetings. Certainly, several of her friends will miss her. She went over to Shrewsbury to see **Mrs. Nicklin (Margaret Meakin)** early in October and was promised shrubs and cuttings from her lovely garden.

Margaret Schurr, after gaining her Nursing Administration Certificate with four distinctions, has been appointed Assistant Matron in charge at the Memorial Hospital at Woolwich and is enjoying her work there "tremendously." The Hospital is the headquarters of the Student Nurse Training.

Margaret Senior (see new address) is working at Catford with physically handicapped children and finds the work very interesting.

Margaret Lloyd when sending news of **Marion** says that her office (the Ruanda Mission, C.M.S.), has given her a year's leave of absence to visit Ruanda and then to go on to see **Esther (Mrs. F. Fish)** in New Zealand (31, Marshall Street, Fairfield, Hamilton). She will be flying to East Africa, she hopes, on December 11th, and then will go on by sea about March or April. She therefore gives her office address. Our warm sympathy goes to these sisters in their triple bereavement during this year.

Miss Shepherd has about 240 children in her School at Reigate (Dunottar), and has had to refuse 100 in the last year.

Friends of **Olive Skene** will like to hear of Lord **Inverclyde's** tribute to her father: "With respectful memory of the late Canon **Skene**, for whom I had the greatest admiration, I have pleasure in forwarding a donation of five guineas to the St. Mary's Hall Scholarship Fund."

Olive says that **Miss Ghey's** Vicar, Canon Meredith, founded the Oratorio Choir where she lives, and is coming to conduct it. She belongs to it and so do the parents of **Jill Gooding**, who is at S.M.H.

Vanessa Sly spent a delightful holiday in Austria, partly in Vienna, then in Zellamsee. She visited Salzburg and Berchtesgaden, and went by boat down the Danube from Linz to Vienna.

Mrs. Smith (Dorothy Lilley) wrote that her daughter Gillian had been awarded a place at St. Hilda's College, Oxford, and hoped to go up in October to read Philosophy, Politics and Economics.

Margaret Smith, youngest sister of our **Miss E. M. Smith**, has now retired from teaching and has been on a visit to S.A. and to her sister Sister Irene C.S.M.V., head of St. Mary's Diocesan School, Johannesburg. They were to return to England early in December.

Janet Smith reads the News letter with great enjoyment and feels she is back at dear old S.M.H. (but would she not like to be a member of the Association?). Her address is 39, India Street, Edinburgh 3. She is a Head Mistress. Her brother is a parson in Lincolnshire. She went for his grandson's christening and five S.M.H. folk were at the early service.

Kathleen Taylor wrote to tell us of the death of **Ursula**, sister of **Eva Kay**, and wife of the Rev. **Ian Smith**, brother to **Janet Smith**. **Ursula** left the Hall at the age of twelve. Her stepmother says she was taken ill suddenly while on a journey with her husband, was hurried to a Manchester Hospital but died in a few hours. She leaves a son and two daughters, all grown up.

Mrs. Thompson (**Katherine Seth**) writes that her sister **Helen** (**Mrs. Conlon**) "has a splendid job in Australia" and her children are doing well at school. They all had the joy of meeting in Hong Kong last Christmas. **Katherine** is in England now for a time, at Kensington Close, Wright's Lane, W.8.

Nancy Thomson writes from her new address:—"I am now dispensing at the Southmead Hospital here in Bristol, having retired from the Army; where I served for ten years. I met several S.M.H. people during those years. My twin sister **Lorna** is flying home from Kenya this autumn with her eldest daughter **Jean**, now 17! She is taking a two year course at the Hornsey Art School. **Lorna** then goes back to look after her other three daughters. They were lucky and managed to escape any real trouble with **Mau Mau**.

The sudden death of **Rev. M. H. Thorold** (husband of **Dorothy Henfrey** and father of **Ia**) will sadden many of us for as Vicar of St. Anne's, Kemp Town, for some years, he was well-known to and around the School. We extend our sympathy to **Dorothy** and **Ia**.

Jill Webster is working with a shipping company in Barcelona as Secretary until Christmas.

Mrs. Wells (**Anne Norris**) told the Editor that she and **Mrs. Hart** (**Dorothy Moore**) had greatly enjoyed visiting Brighton (including the Pavilion!) after many years, and renewing their memories of the School, so much the same and yet so different. They loved seeing **Miss Bolton** and **Miss Smith**.

Friends of **Ursula Young** will be sorry to hear that **Mr. Young** died last year. His beautiful voice used to give great pleasure at the Hall. **Ursula** is Hon. Secretary of the Village Hall at Chislehurst.

BIRTHS

Hammerton.—On September 7th, 1956, at Southlands Hospital, to **Thelma Celestine** (Appleyard) and **Rolf Eric Hammerton**—a daughter (**Andrea Frances**), sister for **Veronica Lesley**.

Knowles.—On January 12th, 1956, at Farnham Castle, Surrey, to **Nell** (Montgomery Campbell) and **Bob Knowles**, H.M. Overseas Civil Service, Smalliland Protectorate—a daughter.

Rowe.—On January 31st, 1954, at Tauranga, New Zealand, to **Dorothy** (Menzies), wife of **Rod Rowe**—a son (**Peter**), and on August 31st, 1955, at Tauranga—a daughter (**Beverley**).

Tuckett.—On November 24th, 1955, at Carlton Lodge Maternity Home, Harringate, to **Elizabeth** (Frith) and **R. F. Tuckett**—a 5th son.

MARRIAGES

Ferguson—Powell.—On July 21st, 1956, Ruth Powell to Ronald F. Ferguson.

Chinaloy—Samson.—On March 12th, 1954, at St. Peter-in-the-Forest, Walthamstow, Shirley Samson to Harold Chinaloy.

SILVER WEDDINGS

Wilson—Emmet.—On August 4th, 1931, at the University Church, Oxford, Roger Cowan Wilson to Margery Lillian Emmet, Stuart House, Royal Fort, Bristol 8.

Armitage—Brinsmead.—On October 31st, 1931, at St. George's, Hanover Square, the Rev. Cyril Moxon Armitage to Eva Brinsmead (Science Mistress 1921-24). Her husband is now Vicar of St. Bride's, Fleet Street.

DEATHS

Clothier.—On March 13th, 1956, after a brief illness, suddenly at Horton General Hospital, Banbury, Mrs. Hyacinth Mary Ring (C.M.C.), beloved sister of Julius Ring, of Hong Kong, dearly loved Mistress at Tudor Hall School, Banbury, and formerly at St. Mary's Hall School, Brighton.

Dorgerly.—In November, 1955, in New Zealand, Madeleine Dorgerly—at S.M.H. 1902-6.

Howard, Mary H.—On June 20th, 1956, in the Kent and Sussex Hospital, Tunbridge Wells, after an operation. Assistant Mistress at St. Mary's Hall, 1919-1928.

Ives.—On January 9th, 1956, peacefully, at a nursing home in Nottingham, Adelaide Emily, widow of Canon W. E. Ives, and beloved mother of Margaret, Enid, Katherine and Francis.

Lloyd.—On February 6th, 1956, at a nursing home in Hastings, the Rev. Ernest Llewellyn Lloyd, aged 75, dearly loved husband of Rhoda, and beloved father of Marion, Esther and Margaret.

Lloyd.—On March 26th, 1956, at a nursing home at St. Leonards, Rhoda Marion Lister Lloyd, aged 78, widow of the above, and dearly loved mother of Marion, Esther and Margaret.

Lloyd, Marion Grace.—On September 9th, 1956, in Kampala after an operation, aged 40. Dearly loved sister of Esther (Mrs. Fish) and Margaret, and daughter of the late Rev. E. L. Lloyd and Mrs. Lloyd as above. At S.M.H. 1917-25.

Malden.—On July 27th, 1956, Christopher Edward Scott Malden, aged 65. Husband of Helen (Thwaites).

Morgan.—On October 17th, 1956, at 6, Garden Road, Tunbridge Wells, in his 94th year, Alexander Morgan, M.A., formerly Vicar of St. Mark's, Kemp Town, Brighton (from 1897-1910).

Shallard.—On November 3rd, 1949, the Rev. G. M. Shallard, M.A., aged 85, at Ipswich, and

Shallard.—On April 6th, 1956, at Ipswich, Alice Maud, widow of the above, aged nearly 90 years. Loved parents of Nellie, Gertrude and Constance.

Skene.—On May 31st, 1956, peacefully, at the Royal West Sussex Hospital, Chichester, Canon Frederick Norman Skene, formerly Vicar of Banstead, aged 78 years. Dearly beloved husband of the late Clara Maud, and father of Olive.

Smith.—On July 31st, 1956, suddenly, in a Manchester hospital, Ursula Margaret (Kay), aged 64 years, the dearly loved wife of the Rev. Ian McNaughton Smith (brother to Janet). Residence: Potherby Vicarage, Louth, Lincolnshire.

Stott.—On August 2nd, 1956, after three years' illness, Roberta Stott, aged 58.

Thorold.—On October 18th, 1956, suddenly, Michael Herbert Thorold, Priest, Vicar of St. John Baptist, Bathwick, Bath, formerly of St. Anne's, Kemp Town. Beloved husband of Dorothy (Henfrey) and father of Ia, Anthony and Bernard. (Dorothy, Ia and Bernard were pupils at S.M.H.)

Wisdom.—On January 11th, 1956, at Montgomery House, Hove. Sarah Henrietta Ellen Owen Wisdom, late of 45, Sussex Square, Brighton, in her 90th year, beloved aunt of her nephews and nieces. Assistant Mistress at S.M.H. 1916-31. English Mistress and first House Mistress of St. Hilary.

IN MEMORIAM

MISS WISDOM

With the death of Miss Wisdom there passed one of the most vivid and individual personalities who have made their contribution to the history of the Hall. Coming just when, with the opening of St. Hilary, a wider life was beginning for the school, she brought from her past experience of responsibility in high places a breath of the dignity of the Commonwealth, immensely attractive to her pupils and enlivening to her colleagues. She loved her Hilarians proudly and deeply and helped them to be worthy of her pride. She was an original and inspiring teacher and a most loyal colleague: what was mean or unworthy shrivelled before her displeasure, what was true and good (however faint) flourished in the light of her approval. Her joy in the prowess of her House was delightful to watch: her unswervingly high standard is precious to remember, and its influence is built into the fabric of the School.

P.L.G.

I am grateful for the opportunity to write a short appreciation of Miss Wisdom.

I went to St. Hilary at the age of fourteen from a school where I had been desperately unhappy, and even now through the intervening years I can recall the feeling of relief and security I felt during the first days there. I know instinctively that I would be happy, for here was a House with somebody at the head who really cared and really knew what was going on.

Looking back I think we all were aware of and felt the impact of Miss Wisdom's outstanding personality. As a teacher she was an inspiration. She never spared herself and she took the keenest interest in the welfare of each of us. Her original mind was so refreshing and I think even then we were able to recognize and appreciate it. An outstanding memory for me was Miss Wisdom's great joy and pride in her House. I do not think she ever missed a House match: her enthusiasm was infectious and endearing, and made us feel that we must do our best not to let her down.

She thought of such lovely treats! I well remember the wonderfully planned half-term outings when a Southdown coach would arrive soon after breakfast, and in the winter terms we would be given a large, very hot baked potato to keep our hands warm and then to be finished off with our lunch!

How well I remember the wagon she designed and had built to carry the urn and all the paraphernalia for taking tea on to the beach on summer Sunday afternoons, and with what joy we always set off on these expeditions!

I think my most vivid memory, and it must be shared by all Hilarians, was the famous supper on the last night of term, always known as "Pigs Paradise." For this, Miss Wisdom compiled a folder of songs, some written by her, others adapted for our use such as "The Hilarians are coming," sung to the tune of "The Campbells are coming." All these were carefully cyclostyled and placed in a blue folder and tied with twisted cord made up of St. Hilary's colours—blue, gold and brown. As we all joined in the singing no one sang more lustily or with greater enjoyment than Miss Wisdom.

I feel sure that I speak for all Old Girls who were privileged to be at St. Hilary and those who were taught by her when I say that we can never forget our debt to her, and are grateful for her life and fine example.

SYBIL M. CLARKE (Barff)

"Wiz" was our jovial Upper V form mistress, and Harvey Terrace mistress before with Miss Miles starting St. Hilary, but my first recollections of her are earlier still, of being taken out with her niece (Grace Andrews) for joyous Saturday afternoons and I remember especially my first visit to Lewas on one of these occasions. And that starts a train of recollections of happy carefree outdoor times under her aegis, above all of St. Hilary picnics, on the Downs in grey and sunny weather, and by the sea that wonderful summer of 1921. For I was one of her first Hilarians. She was so proud of her House, so eager for us all to do well to play the game, in every sphere, courageously and cheerfully. She set us the example herself: there was about her a sense of open spaces (Had she not been to Australia? And that in those days did give an aura of adventure), a sturdiness, a scorn for anything mean or cowardly, a merry humour, above all a generous kindness. She set a standard for the School's first separate House which was worthy of the Hall and I do not think there can be one of her Hilarians who has not caught something from her zest in all good life, her strong sense of loyalty and duty, her kindness. Surely her memorial abides, part of the indestructible fabric of the School.

I. ASHWIN.

MISS HOWARD

It was with sincere sorrow that I read of the passing of Miss Howard.

I think, at the time they were at School, that some of her pupils did not realise all she was giving to the School in hard work and devotion, but often on looking back on those long-ago days the pattern is much more in perspective, and, standing out very clearly for all to see in that picture of the past, is the figure of a faithful friend of St. Mary's Hall.

As a Form Mistress, her kindness and good humour were always apparent, and I well remember the interest that she took in our work, and also in that rather worrying word, our "future."

I think above all she taught us to be hardworking and faithful in little things, and to try to "do a common thing uncommonly well."

Certainly she has earned the rewarding words of the Master, "Well done."

JOYCE FARRAR (Kennelly).

MARION LLOYD, S.M.H. 1917-1925

I was a new girl when I first met Marion Lloyd in the Lower V farm room in 1921. (Miss Howard was form mistress.) A little later, with several other "reliable" folk, Marion was sent from the Hall to St. Hilary for a term—to leaven the large and rather unruly "lump" of new girls! Here our friendship began, and continued for 35 years.

Marion was never brilliant at work or games, but she did well at music—which she loved—and how she enjoyed life, and helped others to do so! "Fish Lloyd's laugh" was proverbial! and it was this joy in life, coming from a whole-hearted and life-long surrender of herself to God for His service, that was her main characteristic to the end.

Her moral courage, and her unswerving loyalty to what she believed to be God's will for her, was a tremendous help to me at school and afterwards, and to others also.

She became a State Registered Nurse (also S.C.M.) after training at King's College Hospital, and in 1934 went out as a missionary to Ruanda, where she worked for 22 years.

Someone said, "Heaven will be a much more lively place now!" but the Ruanda Mission has suffered a grievous loss for Marion was their Senior Nurse, and her place will be hard to fill. Perhaps some Old Girl will hear God's call to take her place, and bring healing and gladness to those in Ruanda who so need it.

JOY BARTON (Mrs. Bowesman).

I have here some wonderful tributes to the life and work of Marion Lloyd from members of the Ruanda Mission, and these are extracts.

Miss Hilda Langston wrote: "I would love to be able to convey to you the sense of triumphant victory which was so apparent as nearly a hundred of us gathered in Namirembe Cathedral at 5 p.m. on September 10th with the lovely evening sunshine of Uganda . . ." The service was taken by the Bishop of Uganda and Bishop Brazier from Ruanda. Dr. Algie Stanley Smith, one of the founders of the Mission, said:—

"I feel it a great privilege to say a few words on behalf of the Ruanda Mission in grateful remembrance of Marion Lloyd and to the praise and glory of God for her life and service.

"She joined the Mission 22 years ago, and for many years has been senior sister in the Mission. I would like to say three things about her in these few moments.

"The first is her infinite capacity for work, Marion was a Martha rather than a Mary, but a Martha without Martha's anxieties and with a deep appreciation of the Marys of the faith.

"The sisters of the Ruanda Mission, owing to frequent absences of the doctors have to carry very heavy responsibilities. Though she always felt the strain of these burdens, she never flinched from them. As a result she has for years been a worker of great experience and ability, whom we can ill spare and can never replace.

"The second thing I would speak of was her unquenchable cheerfulness. Many times when I was Secretary of the Mission in times of anxiety I have come away from seeing her, cheered and encouraged by her infectious gaiety. All of us who knew her well will remember her cheery laugh.

"Finally there was her work, outside her medical duties, for the children. She developed a really wonderful Sunday School at Matana, which became a model for the whole Mission"

Dr. Kenneth Buxton, who had worked with her wrote:—

"In all our gardens in Africa there is a friendly little bird dressed in black and white which runs across the grass darting hither and thither to catch insects. It even comes on to our verandahs and in at the door in search of crumbs. It is a kind of water wagtail, and its name in African is Inyamanza. The Africans often name their friends after animals and to them Marion, as she darted to and fro in her neat uniform, was their Inyamanza. To-day their Inyamanza is no longer there and we know just how much they must miss her, both at Gahini and at Matana. How they must miss those quick pattering feet going on errands of mercy and of love and never seeming to tire, that cheerful laughter ringing through the hospital as she saw the humorous side of any situation, and those white wings of her cap and apron always so fresh and clean in the African sun. But we know they would have said to her not 'N'aga saga, Sesita,' but 'Tuzobunana, Sesita,' that is to say not 'Goodbye, Sister' but 'We will meet again, Sister.'

"As we look back on the past years there are several characteristics in her life which stand out, and we praise God for the way in which He took them all, breaking them, melting them and moulding them into a vessel fit for His use. There was her sense of humour and gaiety which saved many a difficult moment Then there was her sympathy and care, giving herself unsparingly to all in need: the mothers in labour in the night, the new born babes, the widows and orphans, as well as to the children of the Europeans, in whom she took a special interest. In this devoted work God gave her a large family of spiritual children"

"In her work as a nurse she always aimed at the highest standards, and this was most necessary in working amongst primitive people. In the early days it sometimes led to conflict, as the young Africans could not see the purpose behind what she did but they learned that it was for the best, and she on her side mellowed in her methods without lowering her standards. We always knew that we could rely on Marion to have everything ready, and to do everything possible in all circumstances"

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HEAD MISTRESS'S REPORT

My Lord Chairman, Your Royal Highness, Your Worship, My Lords, Ladies and Gentlemen.

It is with many mixed feelings, mainly those of intense pleasure and of extreme unworthiness that I welcome, on behalf of the School, this large gathering of parents and friends, and very specially Your Royal Highness whom we greet with united loyalty and warmth on this special occasion. I have heard so much and so often about your Royal Highness's previous visit to St. Mary's Hall from old girls, some of whom are with us here to-day to share our pleasure. I know that the present girls will, in the years to come, recall with equal vividness, to-day's Royal visit, to which they have looked forward so eagerly. It is also my privilege to welcome on the School's behalf one of Her Majesty's Deputy Lord Lieutenants, Air Commodore Oacre; the High Sheriff for Sussex; and His Worship the Mayor of Brighton. We are pleased, Your Worship, that this auspicious occasion should have fallen during the first week of your important Office. We are delighted to have with us two of my predecessors—Miss Ghey, who was Head Mistress from 1911 till 1936, the year of the Centenary, and Miss Stopford who followed Miss Ghey and whose term of Office was unhappily cut short by the Second World War, when the School closed down. I am sorry that my immediate predecessor, Miss Robinson, who led the School with such self sacrifice and determination through the first four years of its post-war life, is not here to complete the chain of Head Mistresses since 1911. We have, however, a link with Miss Ghey's predecessor, Miss Helen Potter, sister of Miss Edith Potter who was Head Mistress from 1899 till 1911, is still actively interested in her sister's old School, being a Vice-President of the Old Girls' Association; and she is with us to-day. I should like also to welcome all old girls and especially some who left over seventy years ago.

This is no ordinary Speech Day. It marks the one hundred and twentieth year since the School was opened in 1836 and also the tenth year since the School was re-born in 1946 after its war-time closure. St.

Mary's Hall is thus a very old School and at the same time a very young one. It must have needed great faith and courage on the part of the Governors, old girls, Head Mistress and Staff to set in motion the wheels which had been idle for six years, and perhaps even greater faith and courage on the part of parents to send their daughters to a School which was, in a sense, as yet quite unproved, and which in any case presented in many ways a very sorry spectacle, having suffered so much destruction and decay, through enemy action and the military occupation of the main building. To this faith and courage the School owes its very life, and the present and future generations must never forget this. Nor must they forget the generous gifts which have been showered upon the School during these ten years, from Governors, Staff, old girls and friends. It would take too long to mention them all, but only this last week I have been told that a number of the Sixth Form girls and others leaving in July are presenting the School with a new radiogram. Many problems have confronted us during these ten years. In the first few years it was not possible to reject girls who were below the standard normally accepted by a Public School, since it was important to re-establish the School on a sound financial basis. This, quite naturally, presented difficulties which could not be solved easily nor in a short space of time. Not the least of these was the urge amongst the less academic girls to leave School at the age of sixteen or even before, thus creating for the more able girls an atmosphere of unrest and discouraging their ambition to go on to advanced work. This problem is still to some extent with us. Far too many girls are leaving without spending even one year in the Sixth Form and this must retard the final stage of post-war recovery. School life must obviously be a time of getting more than of giving, but too many girls leave without contributing anything really worth while, in the widest sense, to the growth of the School which has given them so much. A Public School, as indeed any Grammar School, must always depend much upon a strong Sixth Form to give it stability, dignity and wholeness. The lack of ambition to aim high in the academic world, caused by a desire to earn a living as soon as possible which offers as high a salary as possible, with as short a training as possible, is the chief enemy, though I am not insensible of the fact that financial considerations are sometimes at the root of the difficulty. Each year, in common with many other Head Mistresses, I plead with parents to leave girls at School until they are seventeen if they possibly can, and for two years in the Sixth Form to do Advanced work if the talent is there.

In case parents think that in making this annual plea I have an axe to grind, I hasten to add that I make the plea on behalf of the girls as much as on behalf of the School. For them a year or more in the Sixth Form is of inestimable value in nurturing the qualities of sound judgment, wise tolerance, self-confidence, the ability to handle people and situations and to understand and bring to a focus both the schoolgirl and the adult point of view. These are qualities which cannot be discovered and developed to any degree, with few exceptions, until the girls reach the Sixth Form, which does, in fact, provide an essential link between adolescence and the more adult life, and the opportunity for learning to take initiative and exert authority.

Our Sixth Form this year has been small but it has played a significant role in the affairs of the School under the quiet but efficient leadership of Valda Lambert assisted by Anne Garnett. The School owes much to the Sixth Form and to its Form Mistress Mrs. Ilora, whose wise counsel and advice on careers has been so invaluable. Six girls are sitting for Advanced Level subjects this year. The Head Girl hopes to hear within the next fortnight that she has been accepted by the Women's Royal Naval Service in the meteorological department.

Valerie Carter and Beatrice Hulanicki intend to make use of their knowledge of languages in their further training. Patricia Marshall is

taking a three years' training in Orthoptics. Three of the General Sixth are leaving to enter London Hospitals as nursing students, one to train in Commerce, three to take Secretarial training and one to spend two years on the Continent after which she hopes to obtain a travelling post. Mildred Chan has accepted a vacancy at Bedford College to read Geography. Josephine Chan reached the necessary standard in the St. Hugh's College, Oxford, Entrance Examination to be called for interview and although she was not offered a place she was put on the waiting list. She is also on the waiting list for two London Colleges, and two provincial Universities. Josephine will return to Hong Kong to teach after graduating. I must here, I feel, pay tribute to the quite inexhaustible tenacity shown by some of our overseas girls in tackling examinations on an equal footing with their English companions. No obstacle seems too formidable for them to surmount. It cannot be easy to come to a foreign country at a comparatively mature age, to adjust oneself to new customs and ideas, to fall in with rules of discipline and uniform, and to master the intricacies of the English language as well as learning another foreign language for certain University qualifications. All this our two girls from Hong Kong in the second year Sixth have done, and in addition they have served the School as prefects with dignity and single-minded devotion.

Last year's General Certificate results at the ordinary level were again very good. One candidate, Mary Anne Coate, passed in nine subjects most of them at a very high standard. As a result of her record she was awarded the Turrell Memorial Prize for the Brighton candidate achieving the best results at "O" level in the Cambridge Syndicate's Examination. We are proud that the Prize should have come to St. Mary's Hall this year. However, without in any way detracting from this achievement, we know that the standard of the School must be judged not on one outstanding result, but on the results as a whole.

Outside the normal School curriculum other activities have continued. Musical and dramatic talent have been given scope. The Orchestra has improved steadily and competed for the first time in the Brighton Musical Festival this year. The Seniors competed for the Drama Cup by performing scenes from Shakespeare plays. I was particularly pleased to note the enthusiasm, the practical initiative, and, most of all, the corporate spirit and lack of fuss in the Forms competing. Last Christmas the Middle School, assisted by the School Choir, acted a Nativity Play, "Come and Behold Him," by Vera Cumberlege. This production was intended primarily as a Christmas devotion, but a collection taken brought in over £10 for School Charities, which this year have included the Church Army, the Oxford Mission for Famine Relief, Pearson's Fresh Air Fund, the local Girls' Orphanage, Work for the Blind and for Spastics, as well as the Church and Overseas Missions. Parties from the School have been to see Shakespeare plays and films, to the Cyrenian Art Exhibition at Lancing, tennis at Wimbledon, to Chichester and the Roman villa at Bignor, and to an opera at Glyndebourne. I am grateful to the Local Education Authority for allowing us to share in the visit to Glyndebourne, and I take this opportunity also of expressing my pleasure in the happy relations which exist between our School and the Authority and of thanking its officers for help and advice so willingly given. The General Sixth Form have had expeditions to a variety of places as part of their educational course, including a bakery, a School for Deaf Children, the recent Mental Health Exhibition, and a Meeting of the Council. They will be seeing other aspects of the work of the State in visits to the Ministry of Labour and Employment Exchange and the National Assistance Board. We have had talks from outside speakers on a wide range of subjects. A party of older girls was taken for a skiing holiday in Austria. Several girls have exchanged visits with girls in

France. Games continue to improve steadily. The Junior Netball Team did not lose a single match this last season. A Guide Company has been formed with Miss Farmer as Captain, and together with the Brownies they had the privilege of forming a guard of honour for our Royal visitor to-day. I am confident the Guides will become a strong force for good in the School as they grow in understanding of the traditions and principles which are the life blood of that great International Association. They have regular parades in St. Mark's Church with which our relations continue to be most happy. Twenty-nine girls were recently confirmed in St. Mark's Church. The Sixth Form organize a stall at Church Bazaars and so help the financial efforts of the Church.

All these many activities cannot be maintained without the help of a loyal and generous-hearted Staff and, in the name of girls and parents, I do thank the Staff—teaching administrative, house and domestic Staff for loving service given in the interests of the girls. I cannot thank each by name, but I want publicly to thank my Senior Mistress, Miss Meades, for her loyalty and service to me and the School. A Senior Mistress must always bear with and cover up the shortcomings of her Head Mistress, and share her hopes and anxieties. This year, to commemorate the one hundred and twentieth birthday, Miss Meades has written a brief history of the Hall involving much time and thought. The results of her labours will be a lasting record of her sincere love and devotion to the School.

We hear much to-day about automation; but this modern method of getting things done can have little application in the world of teaching and learning, for the personal factor is of the greatest significance here. No automatic device, as far as I can see, can ever take the place of the human teacher upon whom is laid so large a share of the responsibility for training the future generation. Naturally I should wish to include in the category of "teacher" all those who share the responsibility with the teaching staff, and whose influence is equally great. No automatic device can be made to show sympathy or understanding; nor can it advise or encourage. In fact, although automation might pump facts into girls' minds it can show none of those qualities which most of us value above the mere ability to teach. I know through discussions with parents that they realise the School tries to offer more than the bare bones of teaching.

It will always be the policy of the Governors to provide a good education at as low a fee as possible. I think we should be clear as to what we mean by a good education. Herbert Spencer, the philosopher, said "Education has for its object the formation of character." Another philosopher has said "The purpose of education is two-fold—bread-winning and soul-saving." There are, however, two ways in which education is threefold. First it is important that we realise that there are three people or groups of people concerned in the education of a child—the parents, the teacher, and the child. Many parents think of education as the teachers' concern, and consider that it is up to them to see that their daughter gets a good Certificate whatever her ability; nothing else seems to matter. This is making education something which will merely qualify the girl for a job—not for life. When a girl comes to St. Mary's Hall the most important part of her education, the foundation, has already been given by the parents. It is our task as teachers, to build upon that foundation, however firm or however frail, with the continued co-operation of parents and the willing and active co-operation of the girl. Only when parents, teachers and girl are working in harmony can the most be made of whatever talents the girl may have. The other threefold aspect of education is in that it concerns the development of the whole being—body, mind and spirit. The G.C.E. looms large in the minds of parents; but if this Examination is the be-all and end-all of

education, then something is wrong. The first aim of education should be to give our girls a purpose in life, to teach them the paramount importance of right relationships with God and their fellow-beings. It has been said that man is a spiritual being, and many of us would agree, since from the spirit proceed all the germs of thought and action. As a Church School we have a special responsibility in seeing that the soul is not given third place, but rather that it is the mainspring of all our activities. The embodiment of the perfect union of the body, mind and spirit finds its expression in service, that service which is given without counting the cost and which calls for self-sacrifice, but which brings untold joy and deep satisfaction, greater than any reward offered by man.

Surely no nation can ever have been so blessed as is ours in having at its head a Sovereign such as our beloved Queen, who on the occasion of her twenty-first birthday made that memorable and poignant pledge to the nation and commonwealth; surely no sovereign has ever kept a solemn pledge so well and has given herself so completely in the service of her people. To use the Archbishop of Canterbury's words, "She has given herself to the hardest and loveliest of all forms of power—'Lo, I am among you as one that serveth'—to that ministry of sacrifice she has given herself."

We in this School are sensible also of the life of dedicated service which is willingly accepted by the whole of our Royal Family of which Your Royal Highness is so well beloved a member. I am sure that the example of unselfish service set by our Queen and her family is one of the most profound influences in the lives of the young people of our nation. Tennyson said "We must needs love the highest when we see it," and for young people this is as true as for older ones. They are quick to recognise the quality of service even though they know how far short they themselves fall of the standard they would attain.

We know how much loyal and loving service has been lavished upon this School by Benefactors and Governors, by girls and Staff in the past, and as we of the present School go forward, I know I speak for us all when I say that we pledge ourselves afresh to do our part to make the School a place where we may learn more and more to give ourselves in the Service of God and of the community; for in such service lies our perfect freedom.

Celebrations marking the One Hundred & Twentieth Anniversary of the Founding of St. Mary's Hall

PRIZEGIVING DAY

MAY 30th, 1956

After weeks of preparation and planning, it was difficult to realise on waking that the great day had at last arrived. Contrary to our fears, the weather was all that could be desired, with blue skies and the sea sparkling in the sunshine. Early service at St. Mark's Church was followed by a hasty breakfast, and then prizes, trophies and certificates were packed into Miss Conrady's car and I drove with her to the Dome for the rehearsal of the Prizegiving. After that Mrs. Hors and I arranged the prizes and trophies on the tables in readiness for the afternoon's ceremony, and then came another quick drive back to the Hall. It was



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HER ROYAL HIGHNESS IS
HERE SEEN WITH MISS
CONRADY AND SOME OF
THE GUIDES WHO FORMED
A GUARD OF HONOUR.



JOSEPHINE CHAN RECEIVING
A PRIZE FROM H.R.H. THE
PRINCESS ROYAL.

By courtesy of the Evening Argus

already 11.30, and with guests due to arrive at 12 o'clock or soon after I felt rather like a quick-change artiste between acts as I hastily changed into full dress. By the time I was ready Governors were already assembling in the front hall which looked beautiful with its massed pink azaleas on a high white stand.

The guard of honour of Guides and Brownies had already been drawn up on the steps and along the terrace. Soon the Governors assembled outside the building; the Bishop of Chichester took his place on the steps with Miss Conrady beside him, while the Head Girl and I stood a short distance behind; and almost before we had time to realise that anything was happening, there was the sound of cars on the gravel, and the Chief Constable of Brighton was among us, together with the High Sheriff of the County, and the Mayor and Mayoress of Brighton. They brought the news that the Princess would be arriving earlier than had been expected; and suddenly we heard the sound of cheering, and the police motor-cycle escort swept up to the front door, closely followed by the royal car. Before I had time to feel nervous I heard the Bishop presenting me to the Princess Royal, she had shaken hands with me as I made my curtsy, and had passed on into the Hall. The great moment was over!

The next twenty minutes passed very quickly. While Miss Conrady entertained our royal guest and her lady-in-waiting, the Bishop, and three of the Governors in the drawing room, the Head Girl and I entertained the remainder of the guests in the small dining room, which had been cleared of all furniture for the occasion—I, with an anxious eye on my watch, as I had to withdraw before it was time for these guests to be presented to Her Royal Highness. Then it was time for the luncheon to begin, and if anyone had assured me beforehand that I should really enjoy lunching with Royalty I should have been most sceptical. But there was such a happy and informal atmosphere. The Princess chatted to Miss Conrady and the Bishop as if she really was enjoying herself, and the Bishop presided so benignly, that for me it was a really happy occasion.

At last luncheon was over, the Princess departed with Miss Conrady and the Bishop to make a tour of the School, and with the Head Girl I made a hasty departure in a special car for the Dome. For the first and probably the last time in my life, I found myself a Very Important Person, with the police holding up all other traffic in order to allow me to go through without any delay.

The prizegiving itself was a memorable occasion. There was the watching for the signal that the Princess Royal was about to enter the hall; the singing of the National Anthem; the presentation of the bouquet; the Bishop's introductory remarks; Miss Conrady's Report; and then I found myself standing beside the Princess as she rose to distribute the prizes. How charming she was, and how gracious, and what interest she showed by various questions about trophies and prizewinners; I have never felt more at ease on any such occasion. There followed her brief but memorable address; the delightful singing by the Choir and School; and almost before I realised that it was all over I was alone on the platform.

Then came the return to the Hall, to meet parents, and to hear from them what a happy afternoon it had been. So the end of the day found me, like the rest of the staff, tired but feeling that we had written one more chapter in the history of the Hall, and that the one hundred and twentieth anniversary of its foundation was indeed a day to be remembered with joy and gratitude.

E. MEADES

THE ARRIVAL OF THE PRINCESS ROYAL

Speech Day 1956 will always remain in my memory; for I was fortunate enough to be in the guard of honour which was formed by the Second Brighton Company of Girl Guides, and it was with great excitement we took our places along the drive and awaited the arrival of the Princess Royal.

Soon I heard the sound of joyful voices, cheering the Princess as she was driven slowly round the corner; and, as the car purred past me, I was able to see her very clearly. She possessed an air of solemnity and dignity.

The Princess stepped out of her car and was greeted by Miss Conrady. For a few minutes we saw nothing of her; and when she later reappeared, she walked along in front of us accompanied by Miss Conrady. At first I did not realise that the Princess had stopped and that she was speaking to me. For a short space of time I stared blankly into space, hardly believing my own ears; and then I suddenly awoke, as it were, from a dream. The Princess asked me for how long had I been a Guide, and I managed to answer her in a very small, shaky voice which I felt was not my own at all, but that of someone who was far away in another world.

The Princess passed on, down the long line of Guides and Brownies, talking to a few other fortunate people in the same way as she had spoken to me. Then she retraced her steps and re-entered the school.

During my four years at St. Mary's Hall there is no other occasion I can recall with more happiness and pride, and I doubt if I shall ever again have the opportunity and honour of taking part in such a great and important event as that of 30th May, 1956.

TESSA JACKSON

MEMORIES OF A GREAT OCCASION

As we stood on the red carpet awaiting the great moment of the arrival of the Princess Royal, a feeling of excitement struggled with one of nervousness while the hands of the clock moved towards the appointed time. Looking out past the immaculate guard of honour of Guides and Brownies, and the magnificent array of flowers along the terrace, we could see the Union Jack fluttering its royal salute from the heights of the flag staff on Elliott House. Then, as if designed to relieve the tension of waiting, a cheer went up from the crowd gathered at the top of the drive to greet Her Royal Highness.

The Princess had really arrived.

Her resemblance to other members of the Royal Family was striking; and her smile reminded me particularly of our Queen as she stepped forward to be greeted by the Mayor and the Bishop of Chichester. It seemed like a dream as I waited to follow Miss Conrady and Miss Meades to be presented by the Bishop. In a moment she passed through the hall which had been exquisitely decorated for this festive occasion. A day of joy and happiness had begun.

Drinks were being served in the Junior dining room where I found myself among a number of Governors and others. When the time came for these guests to be presented, I retired to the Staff room, a privilege which never falls to the lot of any girl at normal times!

This was, however, nothing in comparison with the honour of sitting down to luncheon in the presence of so charming a member of our Royal

Family, and my impressions of that occasion will remain vivid in my memory for many, many years to come. The School dining room had been transformed from the ordinary, noisy place that we know so well, to a magnificent hall, befitting our Royal visitor. Flowers were arranged in cascades from a tall pedestal which was placed in one corner of the room; and yellow and white azaleas adorned the tables which were arranged in horse-shoe shape in the centre. The menu consisted of soup or cold melon, followed by the main dish of salmon, after which peach melba was served followed by coffee and petit fours. My past fears were dismissed as I sat down between Miss Ghey and Mr. James to partake of this royal luncheon.

The Princess, seated between the Bishop and Miss Conrady, appeared completely at ease throughout the meal, and it was lovely to feel that she was happy to be with us on that day.

Indeed there is no part of the day upon which I cannot look back with pride and joy in the years ahead and feel that I have had the happiest chance which any girl about to leave school could ever have had.

VALDA LAMBERT (Head Girl)

THE PRINCESS ROYAL'S VISIT

"You do realise what a great honour it is for the School to be having a visit by the Princess Royal?" This remark was made to me by Air Commodore Dacre, R.M. Deputy Lord Lieutenant, a few days before the great day. I did, indeed; and it was evident that everyone in the School was determined to show appreciation of the honour by making the event as perfect as possible. It was a sense of united purpose which made the day so happy and was to me an inspiration which precluded any anxiety that might have arisen, and which gave me, instead, a wonderful confidence and a feeling of comparative calm.

This "News-Letter" would not be complete without an account of the Princess's tour of the School. The party included our President, the Bishop of Chichester, and Mrs. Cuthbert, the Princess's lady-in-waiting. Her Royal Highness was a most delightful visitor, showing obvious interest in and a wide knowledge of school matters. Nothing seemed to escape her eye. Going through the Common Rooms she spent some time in looking at the Careers Board and she inquired what careers were chosen by the girls. She was much interested in the Junior Form rooms with their pictures and diagrams and remarked then, as she did later in her address, upon the great changes in teaching methods to-day compared with those of her own youth. Having safely escorted her into the Art Room, I found it difficult to lead her out of it and I began to wonder if we should ever get to the Dome for the Prizegiving! We eventually left the Exhibition in the Art Room and went to the Hall where a thorough examination of much of the needlework and handwork was made. Both the Princess and Mrs. Cuthbert looked closely, not only at the materials, but also at the stitching in each garment, commenting on the use of sewing machines for long seams which, forty years ago, would have been done by hand. The photographs of the visit of Her Royal Highness in 1921 were a source of great amusement and reminiscence.

After our visitor had been escorted through the Senior Common Room, the Needlework Room and the Geography Room on the first floor she was conducted to the Reference Library and the Prefects' Room. Her Royal Highness gave no cursory glance at the Library, but spent some time in looking at the books. She seemed to be particularly interested in the books on Nature and on Art.

Keeping one eye on my watch, yet trying to show the deference due to the Princess, I managed to lead the party away in order to leave the School by 2.40 p.m. as planned. The Princess, with a Police escort, left punctually; and the Bishop and I, after seeing her off, were driven by the quickest route to the Dome so that we were there to greet the Royal visitor on her arrival.

In the Dome the beauty of the flowers which greeted us will long remain in our memory. The Parks and Gardens Department of Brighton Corporation certainly excelled themselves in their efforts. It is no wonder that floral decorations in Brighton are known almost the world over.

This account must include mention of the services given by so many people—indeed from the youngest children in the Junior School, whose attention was superb, to the most responsible officials including the Brighton Police who did a magnificent job in the best traditions of the British Police Force. We shall long remember the beautiful floral decorations done by Mrs. Boobyer, and also by the Lower Fifth; the tea—good as ever—produced by Miss Brown Douglas and Miss Hill, in addition to the responsibility for the main course for the Royal luncheon party, and for feeding the School under very unusual conditions the day before Prizegiving; the perfect bearing of the Guides and Brownies who formed the guard of honour, and, not least, our dear Bishop of Chichester who added not only lustre to the occasion, but that fatherly touch for which he is so much loved in his diocese. To all these, and many unmentioned, we owe a debt of gratitude for helping to make the day a great and memorable one in the annals of the School.

D. CONRADY.

THE PRINCESS ROYAL'S ADDRESS

A comparison between her own strict upbringing and the greater freedom of to-day was drawn by Her Royal Highness the Princess Royal, when she presented the prizes at Founder's Day, on May 30th. The Princess, who last visited the School the day before her engagement to Viscount Lascelles was announced 35 years ago, told the girls, "It seems to me that the way in which a girl is treated as a sensible being is admirable, but I sometimes wonder if my generation has not had cause to be thankful for what may seem to you unnecessary severity."

"If you study the lives of great men and women you will notice one thing in common which they possessed and which has brought them greatness—self-discipline. It is easier to acquire self-discipline in an orderly life than in an atmosphere of laissez-faire. You will get nothing out of the community if you put nothing in."

The Princess used the analogy of a ship when offering advice. "A ship has a course which is maintained in all weathers," she said. "No one's life is plain sailing. But if you set your compass true, you will ride out the storms of sorrow or ill-health. You will soon have decisions to make on what you are going to do with your life. I would urge you to keep your course through your inner convictions or your religious beliefs."

The Bishop of Chichester (the Rt. Rev. G. K. A. Bell), president of the Governing Council, who took the chair, said in his introduction, "A speech day is always a day of very great importance in the life of a school. We have the great honour of welcoming the Princess Royal as the chief figure for the whole day."

To the Princess, he said, "It is extremely good of Your Royal Highness to have consented to come and give away the prizes, to speak to us and to go over the Hall in the way in which you did. This year is

the one hundred and twentieth anniversary of the foundation of the Hall, and it will be remembered for the whole of the lifetime of the girls who are present on this occasion. Your Royal Highness takes a very great interest in education, and the whole nation appreciates very greedily the way in which the Royal Family identifies itself with the life of the country. In St. Mary's Hall we take it as a compliment and encouragement that you should be with us to-day and so stimulate and advance the principles for which this School stands."

T. WEBBER.

THE CEREMONY IN THE DOME

Prizegiving day was a perfect one for a royal occasion and the huge Dome was crowded with excited girls, parents and friends, eagerly awaiting the arrival of the Princess Royal.

Precisely at three o'clock the small procession led by Her Royal Highness with Miss Conrady beside her, walked slowly to the platform to the accompaniment of the beautiful tune of "Greensleeves." When the Princess and her escorts had taken their places on the platform the National Anthem was sung accompanied by Mr. Reeves at the organ. After a slight pause the youngest day-girl, Rosalind Stewart, and the youngest boarder, Verity Thomson, from Liberia, together presented the Princess Royal with an exquisite bouquet of pink roses.

A roar of applause ensued. When this had subsided, the Bishop of Chichester made a speech welcoming our royal guest and thanking her for the great honour she was bestowing on the school by her visit. After the Bishop's speech, Miss Conrady gave her annual report and then the Princess Royal was asked to present the prizes.

This done, Her Royal Highness made a speech in which she recalled her first visit to the Hall and she went on to contrast the discipline of her girlhood with that of girls to-day. There followed a vote of thanks proposed by the Head Girl, Valda Lambert and seconded by Miss Gunnery.

The Princess Royal acknowledged the vote of thanks and then, turning to the Bishop of Chichester, said, "I feel that the girls must think that there is something missing in the proceedings. I must ask that in memory of my visit, there will be a holiday." To which Miss Conrady replied that she could not but concede! The applause that followed was tumultuous and when Anne Garnett proposed three cheers for Her Royal Highness the Princess Royal, the response was vigorous enough to have raised the roof.

It was a day that will remain in the memory of everyone present and a really perfect prizegiving for the one hundred and twentieth anniversary of St. Mary's Hall.

SUSAN LEE.

Lower V.

A THANKSGIVING TO GOD FOR THIS SCHOOL

Lord, Thou hast given me a school,
To learn Thy rule;
A Hall in which Thy children learn to live,
And through that give
What'er they can, to help along their way
Their friends each day.
A place wherein to work, to learn, and pray
Each dawning day;
And so prepare for future strife
That comes in life
For this Thy school, Lord, Thee we thank
From humble rank.

C. KIMMINS,
Upper IV

SCHOOL OFFICIALS

September 1955—July 1956

Head Girl :	Valda Lambert.
Deputy Head Girl :	Anne Garnett.
Prefects :	V. Carter, J. Chan, M. Chaun, M. Boyd, M. Habershon, M. Scatliff, J. Bayly, S. Grey.
Sub-Prefects :	B. Hulanicki, P. Marshall, J. East, A. Francis, N. Tredennick, J. Windsor-Aubrey, J. Bayly, A. Brew, F. Bird, S. Grey, R. Ireland, P. Oliver.
House Captains :	Elliott House : G. Kingham. St. Hilary House : P. Thomas, L. Pike. Babington House : V. Lambert.

DIARY OF OUTSTANDING EVENTS, 1955-1956

1955

October Sixth Form visit to a meeting of the Brighton Borough Council.

Visited White's Bakery.

December The French Play: "Il faut qu'une porte soit ouverte ou fermée" by Alfred de Musset.

1956

January Marionette Show "The Sleeping Beauty" presented by Clifford Heap.

February Lecture on Birds by Mr. Frank Lowe.

Talk on Zenana Mission.

Sixth Form Dance.

Visit to Mental Health Exhibition.

"Antigone" at Varndean School.

March "Richard III" at the Odeon Cinema.

Talks on the S.P.G. and the C.M.S.

Drama Competition.

May Confirmation by Bishop Karney in St. Mark's Church.

Speech Day: VISIT of H.R.H. the PRINCESS ROYAL.

June "Caesar and Cleopatra" at Varndean School.

St. Mark's Church Garden Fete.

Visits to the Ministry of Labour Employment Exchange and to the National Assistance Board.

Visit to Sadler's Wells Ballet at the Hippodrome.

July Visit to the Old Vic Theatre to see "Richard II".

The School Concert.

Visit to Bignor and Chichester.

Other visits to the Brighton Fire Station, the Police Station, the Art Gallery were also arranged.

Visit to St. Dunstan's.

Visit to Hamilton Lodge Deaf School.

CONFIRMATION

The following girls were confirmed by Bishop Karney in St. Mark's Church on May 9th, 1956:

Rosemary Wilton; Vivienne Hardy; Anne Davidson; Margaret Barrett; Susan Windsor-Aubrey; Jennifer Booth; Elizabeth Cockburn; Carolyn Pascoe; Lynne Robinson; Christine Bean; Suzanne Broadley; Christine Henderson-Brooks; Penelope Waddington; Florence Aderele; Anita Liddell; Diana Chalmers; Susan Riley; Anne Fitzpatrick; Elizabeth Everett; Anne Martin; Louisa Crawford; Julie Craig; Mary Cudiffe; Janet Strachan; Judith Patten; Tessa Jackson; Ann Bráid; Jill Steiner; Anne Bethell.

GIFTS TO THE HALL

Patricia Marshall—Cheque for £5 fs. for a new School Bible.
Anonymous—Framed Sampler bearing the School badge and motto.
Mrs. Baker—Keeling Scott Prize.
Miss Ghey and Miss Galton—Pictures, books and prizes.
Miss Gillet—Books for the Reference Library.
Mr. Hanks—Picture for Elliott Hall and books.
Valda Lambert—Mat for Headmistress's door with School crest.
Miss McLean—Picture for Reference Library.
Mrs. Smart—Cheque for £5.
Celia Tassell—Cheque for £10.
Rosemary Tharby—Books for Reference Library.

In addition a new radiogram, long needed by the School, has been generously presented by the following girls from the Sixth and the Upper Fifth forms:—

J. Bearne; V. Carter; M. Chaun; J. Chan; M. Coale; J. East; A. Francis; A. Garnett; M. Habershon; P. Kwok; M. Scatliff; R. Scott; N. Tredonnick; J. Windsor-Aubrey; A. Ballard; J. Bayly; P. Bird; A. Brew; G. Carolin; M. Emmott; S. Fingland; S. Grey; M. Howell-Davies; P. Oliver; A. Perrott; P. Toyne; E. Viner; R. Cashel; A. Hutchinson; S. Field; J. Green; C. Heston; R. Ireland; S. Lea; A. Pollock; A. Pink; R. Tharby; E. Thomas; M. Ward; R. Willoughby; J. Paine; M. Fardell.

NEW STAFF

Miss S. Hopper, Kenton Lodge Training College, Newcastle-on-Tyne, joined the Staff as Lower IV mistress in September. Miss Parfree, B.A. (Cantab) has come to teach Chemistry. Miss E. R. Waddy now succeeds Mrs. Farr as Head Mistress's Secretary.

We welcome Mrs. Diddin, Miss Morris and Miss Ormsby on to the House Staff. We have also welcomed Mrs. P. Crews, who was the first Warden of Elliott House, as temporary Sanatorium assistant.

MARRIAGE

We wish to congratulate Miss Meades, Senior Mistress, on her marriage to Mr. Herbert Shaw.

OBITUARY

Mrs. Ring Clothier

To all those who knew and loved her the news of the sudden death of Mrs. Ring Clothier on March 13th after a brief illness, came as a great shock and left us feeling sadly bereft of a most kind, understanding and warmly generous friend.

She came about a year after the School was rehabilitated to open up St. Hilary House and to take over the leadership of the junior section of the School. She soon established herself as a veritable "mother" of St. Hilary, and a guide, counsellor and friend to the Upper Fourth and Junior Forms. She loved all children and was never too busy to listen with kindly sympathy and understanding to their troubles. Her fresh wit and humour made her stories a joy to listen to, and whoever attended them will never forget "Mrs. Clo's" parties. She loved parties and all who were bidden rejoiced when Mrs. Clothier found reason for giving one.

The dual role of House Mistress at St. Hilary and Senior Mistress of the Lower School proved too exacting a task for those somewhat "pioneer" days and Mrs. Clothier was in far from good health when she reluctantly left us to take over less onerous duties at Tudor Hall, near Banbury. She was very happy and much beloved there, but I think her heart was always in St. Hilary to which she had given so much.

We and successive generations will always be in her debt for all she did in helping to re-establish St. Mary's Hall in those early and difficult years.

F. G. D.

RELATIVES OF FORMER GIRLS AT THE HALL

Janina Benoit—daughter of Sylvia Parsons.

Rosemary Nolda—daughter of Joan Drury.

Jill Elliott—daughter of Marjorie Duke.

Elizabeth Sealiff—daughter of Alma Gordon, sister of Jean and Margaret.

Nicola Bruton—daughter of Diana Harris and cousin of Toni and Stephanie Webber.

Jill Burwell—daughter of Margaret Stanham, and niece of Peace Beavers.

Susan Reynolds—great-grand-daughter of Caroline Sanderson.

Marton and Mariota Fardell—cousins of Evelyn Waring.

Rosemary Cox—niece of Elizabeth Carnes.

Marilyn Shelley—great-grand-daughter of Lillian Wyatt.

Miriam Coleman—daughter of Margaret Young.

Janet Snell—grand-daughter of Mary Gordon.

Oluibunmi Williams—cousin of Aduke Bucknor.

SCHOLARS, 1935-1956

Elliott Scholar	.. .. .	Margaret Habershan
Babington Scholar	.. .. .	Elizabeth Viner
Snowdon Smith Scholars	.. .. .	Valda Lambert, Patricia Marshall
Nellie Jones' Scholars	.. .. .	Valerie Carter
Minor Open Scholars	.. .. .	Margaret Barrett, Sarah Oates

College Entrance
Benford College — M. Chaun

Form Prizes

Form II	A. Allsworth	J. A. Ellis
Lower III	B. David	J. Pascoe
Middle III	P. Benn	R. Dodd
Upper III	J. Gooding	J. Riley
Lower IVD	A. Jarvis	M. Warner
Lower IVE	M. Theobald	
Upper IV	R. Baker, J. Harrington, J. Cowern, E. Sealiff	
Remove	G. Corker, P. Doswell, M. Fardell, G. Smart, F. Thomas	
Lower V	M. Barrett, J. Coate, S. Lee	
Upper VN	J. Bell, F. Bird, M. Emmott, M. Fardell, P. Oliver	
Upper VI	B. Hulanicki	P. Marshall

Subject Prizes

Divinity (Snowden Smith)	S. Lloyd, V. Burge, D. Stranack
Poetry (Keeling-Scott)	S. Lee, J. Bayly, J. Riley
Latin (Miss Ghey) ..	M. Fardell, J. Bell
French	M. Fardell
Modern Languages ..	V. Carter
Mathematics	M. Emmott, M. A. Coate
General Knowledge ..	J. Patten, M. A. Coate
Art	A. Ballard, V. Lambert
Music—	
Piano (Miss Galton) ..	A. Ballard
Violin	J. Bayly
Singing	E. Thomas
Elocution	E. Everitt, A. Brew
Essay	A. Brew
Biology	J. Chan
Geography	M. Chaun
History (Anne Payne) ..	F. Bird, M. Fardell
Needlework	E. Lloyd
Dressmaking	A. Hutchinson
Gardening	A. Jarvis, C. Hayes
Crafts	S. Read-John

Special Prizes

Head Girl	V. Lambert
Good Service	A. Garnett
Hard work and progress	G. Carolin, R. Ireland, C. Heaton
Turrell Memorial	M. A. Coate
G.C.E. Results	M. A. Coate, A. Garnett, M. Habershon, J. Windsor-Aubrey, A. Payne

Up. V.

A. Ballard	Lit. Art. Bi.
J. Bayly	EL, Lit. F, G, RK, Art, M, Bi.
J. Bell	EL, Lt. I, L, F, II, RK, M.
F. Bird	EL, Lit. L, F, II, RK, Art, Bi.
A. Brew	EL, Lit. F, G, Art, M, Bi.
G. Carolin	EL, Lit. L, II, RK, M.
M. Emmott	EL, Lit. L, F, II, G, RK, Art, M.
M. Fardell	EL, Lit. L, F, II, G, M, Bi.
S. Fingland	Bi.
S. Grey	Lit. G, Art, Bi.
M. Howell-Davies	EL, Lit. L, F, II, RK, M.
P. Oliver	EL, Lit. F, II, G, RK, M.
A. Perrott	EL, Lit. F, Art, M, Bi.
D. Stranack	EL, Lit. F, RK, M.
P. Toyne	EL, Lit. F, H, G, RK.
E. Viner	EL, Lit. L, F, H, G, Art, M.
R. Cashel	EL, H.
A. Dickson	EL, Lit. G, Art, Bi.
S. Field	EL, Lit. H, RK, Nwk, Ck.
J. Green	EL, Lit. H, RK, Bi.
C. Heaton	EL, Lit. Art, Bi.
A. Hutchinson	Bi, Nwk, Ck.
R. Ireland	Lit. H, G.
S. Lea	Lit. H, G, Ck.
J. Paine	Ck.
A. Pink	EL, Lit. H, G, RK.
A. Pollock	Lit. H, RK, Ck.
R. Tharby	Lit. F, H.
E. Thomas	EL, Lit. H, Bi.
M. Ward	EL, Lit. H, G, RK.
R. Willoughby	Lit. H, RK, Bi.

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 H—History; G—Geography; RK—Religious Knowledge; M—Mathematics;
 P—Physics; Sp—Spanish; Bi—Biology; Nwk—Needlework; Ck—Cookery.

TROPHIES

Senior Tennis Championship	.. .. .	J. Kenilwerth
Keizer Tennis Cup	.. .. .	R. Tyoran
Hay Doubles Tennis Cup	.. .. .	W. and N. Tredennick
Loadsmen Table Tennis Cup	.. .. .	J. Paine
Carr Sports Cup	.. .. .	J. Symonds
Fosh House Shield	.. .. .	St. Hilary
Gymnastics Cup	.. .. .	Lower III
Drama Cup	.. .. .	Lower V
Music Trophy	.. .. .	St. Patrick
Tennis Cup	.. .. .	St. Andrew
Lacrosse Cup	.. .. .	St. David
Netball Cup	St. Patrick
Hope-Gill Efficiency Shield	St. Andrew
Courtesy Cup	St. George

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ART

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Rosemary Cox had her "Owl and Pussy Cat" in the Children's Royal Academy and Margaret Symonds' "Skipping Test" was also hung. J. Barrington, J. Gimblett and J. Riley suffered the disappointment of having their pictures selected for the exhibition but not hung owing to lack of space. Thirty-two pictures were Highly Commended. Two hundred and twenty were labelled "First Class" and fifty-one were placed second—an improvement on last year.

In Fry's Circus Competition, P. Chapman, P. Dahl and S. Reynolds went proudly home with Consolation Prizes which meant we were in the first thousand or so.

The exhibition of Religious Art held at Lambeth Palace in June included pictures by E. Lloyd, L. Wright, C. Beety, M. Shelley, V. Burge, E. Baker, R. Hill and A. Phillips.

Perhaps our greatest excitement was when the Princess Royal came to visit us on Founder's Day and declared that she had much enjoyed and been greatly interested by her visit to the Art Room. She graciously accepted a programme specially designed and painted by Valda Lambert, our Head Girl and leading artist.

Other very beautiful programmes were designed and painted by A. Ballard, S. Grey, S. Lea, E. Viner, J. Paine, R. Ireland, M. Emmott, E. Cockburn, J. Windsor-Aubrey, S. Reynolds, J. Bayly, J. Hearne and B. Hulanicki, and cleverly bound in blue and gold ribbon by Miss Gilligan and other friends in the Staff Room. These were much appreciated by the platform party.

The weather has not been conducive to outdoor work, but chalk carvings and fabric printing seem to be in vogue again.

GAMES REPORT

During the year there has been an improvement in games and the School has shown keen interest.

The lacrosse teams won most of their matches, and in December they were fortunate in having Miss Joan Reason, the captain of the south of England lacrosse team, to coach them. At the end of the season the School played the "Old Girls" and, despite the snow, the match was enjoyed by all.

The Junior netball team had a very good year and won all their matches.

No one was able to take the Life Saving Medallion examination this summer because of an outbreak of measles in Brighton, which also debarred us from swimming for some time.

The tennis teams have been coached consistently and have done fairly well. A party was taken to see the Wightman Cup; but much to everybody's disappointment, play had to be postponed owing to rain. Another party went to Wimbledon and this was a more successful outing.

There have only been a few rounders' matches this summer; but a match between the Staff and the girls leaving school was played at the end of the Summer Term.

Sports Day was held for the Junior school as usual and Jill Gooding won the Carr Cup for the best individual performance.

SUMMARY OF SCHOOL MATCHES 1935—1936

Lacrosse				Tennis			
Fixtures	..	..	13	Fixtures	..	..	9
Played	..	..	8	Played	..	..	6
Won	..	..	2	Won	..	..	5
Drawn	..	..	6	Drawn	..	..	0
Lost	..	..	0	Lost	..	..	1
Netball				Rounders			
Fixtures	..	..	10	Fixtures	..	..	3
Played	..	..	6	Played	..	..	3
Won	..	..	6	Won	..	..	1
Drawn	..	..	0	Drawn	..	..	1
Lost	..	..	0	Lost	..	..	1

TEAM COLOURS

Netball: P. Bennett, A. Jarvis, B. Kavanonda, M. O'Connor, J. Strachan, R. Tyrone.

Lacrosse: A. Ballard, F. Bird, J. East, M. Emmott, A. Garnett, S. Grey, M. Habershon, J. Paine, J. Windsor-Aubrey.

Tennis (Senior): J. East, A. Garnett, J. Paine, J. Windsor-Aubrey.
(Junior): P. Doswell, P. Windle.

THE KEELING SCOTT POETRY AWARD

Senior:
First Prize

In Answer to J. E. Flecker's Poem
"To a Poet a Thousand Years Hence"

I read your words alone, at night;
Above me shines the silver moon,
In velvet sky the stars are bright,
Alas, this time will pass too soon!

Your words contain a wondrous truth—
That man's works are as nothing worth,
Compared with love and thoughts of youth,
And music, and this beautiful earth.

For man-made works cannot compare
With those eternal: the strong hills,
The dazzling sun, the daisy fair,
The friendly woods and laughing rills.

How little do man's efforts seem
Compared with yonder moon so bright!
To me your verse is like her beam,
A radiant ray of truth and light.

SUSAN LEE.
Age 15 years

Second Prize

The Harbour

The setting sun streams through the tinted clouds,
And lights up the nestling boats below,
As, in the tiny port, they lie at rest,
Their naked masts against the rosy glow.

The seagulls cry; the lapwing softly mews;
The fish carts rumble up the cobbled street;
A housewife, waiting on the harbour wall,
Stares out to sea where sails the homebound fleet.

JANE BAYLY,

Age 14 years.

Junior Prize

The Pedlar

The pedlar is a jolly man,
Who never wears a frown;
He travels in his caravan,
In country and in town.

He goes to all the country fairs,
With laughing, gipsy folk;
He never fails to sell his wares,
And always has a joke.

And when, at last, the day is done,
He packs his goods away,
And thinks of all the work and fun
Right through that busy day.

JENEFER RILEY.

Age 9 years.

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At present there are thirty-two Guides. Our meetings each Monday evening have been very happy ones, combining test work, thoughts on the Guide Law, games and singing. Several of those who were enrolled in December have been awarded their Second Class Badge during the last few weeks.

We are having a small camp near Handcross village at the beginning of the Summer Holidays. The camp site is a delightful one, so we are hoping for good weather and looking forward to an enjoyable time together.

K.F.

OUR FIRST CAMP

We arrived at the camp-site at Handcross in the middle of the afternoon feeling rather hot because the sun was beating fiercely down upon us; and, having had our tea, we pitched some of the tents.

For the first few days we had wonderful weather and we were able to settle in quite comfortably; but before we knew what happened our luck had changed, and we were hit by a mighty tempest which raged through the camp, tearing down branches and destroying everything in its path. So fierce was the gale that the tents were nearly blown away; but, fortunately for us, this did not happen. On the same day the Camp Adviser visited us, and she was really quite surprised to see our tents still earthbound. It was obvious that we could not sleep under canvas until the weather cleared, and so we had to move everything into a nearby barn from which arose the delicious smell of pigs! There we slept quite comfortably until the weather was considered suitable to return to our tents.

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