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EDITORIAL

9 Crescent Mansions, Brighton 7.

September, 1941.

The Editor feels that she is voicing the desire of many Old Girls of the Hall when she wishes Miss Stopford a very happy time in her new work as Head Mistress of S. Elphin's, Darley Dale, and hopes that there may be many opportunities when she will give the Association the pleasure of her company, and the advantage of her advice as to the future of the Sshool.

The Editor also hopes that all Members of the Association realise that there never has been a time in the hundred odd years of S.M.H's history when it has been so desperately urgent that those who love the School should rally round it and do their utmost to keep alive other people's interest in it and all that it stands for. It behoves everyone to unite in a determined effort to carry on now, in order to be ready for the future, so that S. Mary's Hall will be as integral a part in the good new world as it has been in the past.

A very sincere acknowledgment must also be made to Lucy Raynor who for many years has been Hon. Treasurer and has done well and faithfully so much unseen work.

THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER

233 Eastern Road, Brighton 7.

August 19, 1941.

My dear Associates,

One result of the closing of the School has been the emphasis this has laid upon the Association: at the present moment the Association is, in effect, the School. It is good to see the vitality of St. Mary's Hall unmistakably shown in the vigour with which the Association is conduct-

ing its affairs. There were record attendances at the two General Meetings; a Sussex branch has been formed and has already held two delightful parties and a significant step has been taken by the election of two Associates as members of the Governing Body of the School. We are lucky to be represented by two such excellent people as Lois Gunnery, Head Mistress of Eastbourne High School, and Mildred Riddelsdell, a member of the administrative branch of the Civil Service who is now doing important work in the Ministry of Labour. They will make a valuable contribution to the policy of the School and they will form that connecting link between the Governors and the Old Girls which has hitherto been the function of the Head Mistress.

You will read elsewhere in the News Letter an account of the statement made by the Bishop of Chichester at the summer meeting. It was very unfortunate that none of us knew of the possibility of this statement being made until the last minute, so that we were unable to notify Associates. We hope to be able to discuss it again at the January meeting. Meanwhile I am sure you will all agree with me that one of the most cheering factors during this time of pause is the friendship and splendid support of our President. It gives us practical grounds for our implicit belief in the destiny of the Hall. The summer meeting was indeed a memorable one with such perfect hostesses as Miss Ghey and Miss Galton and the lovely setting of Blunt House. I feel sure that to many of us the high water-mark of war-time hospitality was reached that afternoon in the superlative tea

And now I must sound a personal note. Some of you may have neard that I have been appointed Head Mistress of St. Elphin's School, Darley Dale, Matlock, and I take up my work there in September. The School was founded at Warrington eight years after the founding of the Hall, with special benefits for the daughters of clergy. It is similar in many ways to the Hall which is a great delight to me. But it means that the time has inevitably come when I must resign from the Presidency of the Association. I shall do this formally at the January meeting but I want to take this chance of thanking you from the bottom of my heart for all your friendship Your desire that I should continue as President this year meant a great

deal to me at a time of depression and discouragement.

As a life member of the Association I shall take the keenest interest in all its doings and, as I think you know, if there is ever any way in which I can help during the anxious times that lie ahead, I will do all that lies in my power.

With my love and gratitude for five happy years as your President,

Yours affectionately,

E. E. STOPFORD.

NOTICE.

As circumstances make it impossible for Miss Stopford to remain President of the Association, though it is hoped that she will be a Vice-President, it would be a great help if members would consider before the January meeting whom they would like to be elected as the next President during the interim period, until there is again a Head Mistress.

MISS GHEY'S LETTER.

Blunt House, Oxted.

August, 1941

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

Miss Galton and I want to thank you for the delightful letters you have written to us this summer. It was a great happiness to see our guests on July 26th at Blunt House: and we think constantly of you all, in your brave works by day and night.

Looking forward with you all to the re-opening of St. Mary's Hall,

I remain

Yours affectionately, F. L. GHEY.

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NEWS OF MISTRESSES.

Miss Austin's address is now 14 Barchester Road, Weoley Castle, Birmingham, 29.

Miss Perry and Miss Atkinson are still at 58a High Street, Banbury, Oxon.

Miss Thouless is going to St. Mary's School, Calne, in September 1941 as
Senior and English Mistress.

NEW MEMBERS OF S.M.H.A.

*Denotes past Members of Staff; †Life Member.

Allen, Beatrice M., Holso Croft, Wolverley, Kidderminster	1934—40	Studying at Cheltenham Ladies College.
†d'Ambrumenil, Mrs. née E. Carnes, Smuggler's Ridge, Kings-		
wood, Surrey		
Ashwin, Irene, Miss		
*Batterbury, Miss J., Little Codford, East Grinstead, Sussex		
Dorman, Miss P., The Rectory, Downham Market, Norfolk		
Elder, Ailsa B., Highcroft, Bramber, Sussex	1937—40	Studying at home.
Gardner, June, Clive Vale, Gillingham, Dorset	1935—40	Land work.
*Gillett, Miss M.L., Widley, Faversham, Kent		
Harvey, Rosalind, Ridgeways, Nine Mile Ride, Wokingham,		
	1934—39	
Hedges, Audrey. 4 Arundel Street, Brighton	1938—40	At School at St. Catherine's, Bramley.
*Lilley, Miss, Westonbirt School, Calne, Wilts		
Simpson, Mrs. née V. Peacock, Berrydown, Cliffe Ave, Margate	1915-17	
Stoner, Priscilla, 18 Regency Square, Brighton	1936—40	Student at Royal Academy of Music.
Whorlow, Mary, Miss, 31 Palmeira Avenue, Hove		

NEW LIFE MEMBERS

†Atkins, Mrs. née Kennelly, Hillgarth, High Salvington, Worthing †Gosney, Miss I. J., North Weald Vicarage, Epping, Essex. †Moore, Miss D., "Crowds," Weybridge, Surrey. †Riddelsdell, Miss M., 27 Lansdown Crescent, London, W.II. †Skene, Miss O., The Vicarage, Banstead, Surrey.

NEWS OF OLD GIRLS.

- Dulcie Adkins has been ill and is home from Africa, and has been doing medical work in England. Her home address is White Rocks, Underriver, Sevenoaks.
- Eirene Adkins is a Naval Nurse.
- Bisi Alakija is in the same House at Cheltenham as Angela Wright, and is working at Science.
- Irene Ashwin is going to the Godolphin School, Salisbury, in September 1941, as Classical Mistress.
- Monica Ashwin is working at the Home Guard H.Q. at Horsham and doing night duty at the Ashurst 1st Aid Point.
- Sybil Barff is now Mrs. Clarke. Her husband is a Doctor, and their address is Cornerbrook, Rushmere Road, Ipswich.
- Marjorie Barff is teaching in a school near Leamington Spa.
- Edith Barff is married and has a little daughter. May we have her married name and address, please?
- Betty Bayley took her School Certificate in December 1940 and is now working as a full-time Student at the Malvern School of Art.
- Elizabeth Bailey took her School Certificate in June 1940 and is now at the Froebel College at Bedford.
- Audrey Baron is Secretary to the Boston and Holland (Lincs) Blind Society
- Margaret Baron is now Mrs. Eggington. Her husband is an Army Chaplain and can be with her only when on leave. Margaret is Billeting Officer for Barsham and helps to run the Clothes Depot at Beccles.
- Mary Broughton-Thompson, after two very happy years of teaching in a boys' Preparatory School, has joined the A.T.S.
- Audrey Broughton-Thompson has a post as Secretary to the Ministry of Aircraft Production.
- Frances Broughton has a really good secretarial job with the Land Army.
- Mrs. Bruno (Maisie Hawkins) is living at home (Ivy Lodge, Fleet, Hants) with her two children, Elizabeth and David, while her husband is away on his staff job.
- Margot Bond (Mrs. John Child) is living at Dorndene, Hoe Lane, Abinger Hammer, near Dorking.
- Eleanor Booth is teaching at Wistons, Dyke Road, Brighton.
- Gladys Batson is home from Bermuda and is nursing at an Emergency Hospital in Surrey.
- Joyce Colman is a Driver in the W.R.N.S.
- Joan Collard's address is 801 Nell Gwynn House, Sloane Avenue, S.W.3.
- **Madge Comber** hopes to have a year at the Royal Academy of Dramatic Art before joining one of the Services at a Driver.
- Ailsa Christie is now Mrs. Quintus Tollit and lives at Slough.
- Audrey Cripps is an Inspector in the Ministry of Health Insurance Department, Stoke on Trent:
- Kathleen Cooper is a Driver in the Women's Transport Service (F.A.N.Y.)
 Her address is The Grange, Winchester Road, Southampton.
- Mrs. Davidson (Julia Wilberforce) has a teaching post in the County School for Girls, Tonbridge.
- Joan Davis is a Nurse in training at the Women's College Hospital, Toronto, Canada, and loves her work there.
- Hildegard Francis is serving with the F.A.N.Y.

- Angela Girdlestone is opening a Day Nursery in Kennington for children under 5.
- C. H. Girdlestone is Adviser in Religious Education in Diocese of Birming-
- Grace Geary is a full-time Warden in Beckenham, Kent, where her own house has been blitzed.
- Lilian Griffiths is now Mrs Casselton, and lives at 23 St. James's Road, Tunbridge Wells (near Sister Farr and Miss Howard).
- Dorothy Heelas is a Corporal in the A.T.S., working in the Chief Commander's Office. Her address is Queen Alexandra House, Kensington Gore, S.W.7. She has now become Mrs. Newson.
- Muriel Heelas is Music Mistress, Secretary and Housekeeper at a Preparatory School for boys, now using part of Bryanston, near Blandford.
- Ruth Harris is now Mrs. Hart. Her address is 18 Woodfield Lane, Ashtead, Surrey.
- Margaret Hargreaves is nursing in Palestine.
- Kathleen Hart-Cox is Company Commander in the A.T.S.
- Anthea Henderson is reading English at St. Hugh's College, Oxford. Her home address is Norreys, Wokingham.
- Hinde, J., née Taylor is living at Ootacamund, India, while her husband, Capt. Hinde is somewhere in Egypt. They now have two children.
- Elizabeth Hooper is now Mrs. Grange (address unknown), and her daughter lane is God-Daughter to Phyllis Trubshawe.
- Bunchy Hockley is now Mrs. Rafford. Her husband is in the R.A.F. and they have a baby aged 8 months
- Barbara Hunt is Company Assistant in the A.T.S.
- Ruth Ison is serving with the W.R.N.S. Her home address is Frimley, 16 Monkhams Lane, Woodford Green, Essex.
- Mrs. Jennings (M. Whittington-Ince) is a Sister (Red Cross) in a Hospital near Bath.
- Keena Jones is an Almoner at the Kingston Hospital.
- Winifred Kitchin is very busy with Maternity Work. Her new home address is Combe Vale, Melford Road, Sudbury, Suffolk.
- Dorothy Kempe is teaching in Altrincham. Her new home address is The Rectory, Cuckfield, Sussex.
- Rosamund Kettlewell has a post in St. Katherine's School, Heatherton Park, Taunton; Madeline Fryer is on the staff of the same School.
- Joan Lafford is working in the Land Army. Her address is c/o Mrs. C. Robinson, Little Dene, Stansted, Essex.
- Irene Laurence is working in the Insurance Department of the Ministry of Health.
- Pat Lee is now Mrs. John Hodson; her husband is Priest-in-Charge of a new parish in Wednesbury.
- Elaine Lewis is an Officer in the W.A.A.F.
- Margaret Lloyd is working under the Ministry of Agriculture. Her address is Rupallo, Dallinghoo, Woodbridge, Suffolk.
- Doreen Lush is a member of the A.T.S. in Kensington.
- Sonia Mackay's address is 29 King's Road, Berkhamsted, Herts.
- Mrs. Douglas Mitchell (Leila Middleton) is living near Coventry with her mother and helping in a Soldiers' Convalescent Home, while her husband is in the Sudan.
- Moody, Mrs. (E. Ehrmann) is a member of the W.V.S. and Hon. Sec. to the Durham Co. Ass. of Girls' Clubs.

Dulci Munn is in the W.A.A.F. So are Oriel West and Audrey Richards.

Cecilia Ococks has been on sick leave in Ireland, after an injury in an air raid on the Hospital where she was nursing under the Red Cross.

Rona Parker is living at home and driving a Y.M.C.A. Canteen Car.

Mary Parker has completed her training as an architect's draughtsman and is now in the W.A.A.F.

Mrs. Rea Price (Mary Creaton) is now living at Hetherset, Reigate Road, Leatherhead, Surrey.

Helen Russell is serving with the A.T.S.

Daisy Short is home from Katni, India. She has been ill, and is very anxious for the S.M.H.A to support the "Indian Orphan" while the Hall itself is closed. Donations may be sent to her at 14 Halstead Road, Winchmore Hill, N.21.

Mrs. Sheaves (née I. Disney) is doing Forestry Work in Women's Land Army (Victoria House, Wareham, Dorset).

The Misses Snowden Smith now live at The Gowrey, Church Road, Formby, Lancs.

Mrs. Street (G. Whittington-Ince) is very happy to be Grandmother to her first Grandson, Mark Timothy, christened at the Church of St. Cross, Oxford, on June 7, 1941.

Rachael Tollit is helping a friend in her School for young children: her address is Mallards, Moulsford, Berks.

Emily Tollit (married name unknown) has taken her little son and daughter (aged 4 and 6) to Canada. Her husband is in Baghdad. She has met Mrs. Vidal-Hall (Myra Rendall), who is in Carolina with her own two children.

Sylvia Trott has completed her Froebel training and has joined the W.A.A.F.

Una Trott is at the Dartford Physical Training College (now at Newquay).

Phyllis Trubshawe is an Assistant Section Officer in the W.A.A.F.

Audrie Vernon is an Army Nurse.

Mary Wall is Head Mistress of Hampden Gurney with St. Luke's School, Upper Berkeley Street, W.1.

Angela Wright hopes to take the Higher Certificate in 1942.

BIRTHS.

Arnott—On November 30, 1940, at Newmarket to Barbara Stella Marcia (née Edwards), wife of Dr. James Arnott a daughter (Mary) who lived only 12 hours.

Cockerell—On June 13, 1939, at Middle Ford, Danbury, to Margaret (née Belsham), wife of Christopher Cockerell a daughter.

Fish—On June 18, 1941, in Jerusalem, to Esther (Lloyd) wife of M. Fish, a son (Martin Rossiter).

Howlett—On July 13. 1940, to Margaret (Stuart Black) wife of Mr. Harold Howlett, a son (Andrew MacGregor).

Leir—On May 14th, 1941, at Jubbulpore, India, to Elizabeth (née Ryan) wife of Capt. Peter Leir, a son.

McWalter—On September 8, 1941, at Wickham Nursing Home, Lewes, to Marjorie (née Fuller), wife of W. F. C. McWalter, 27 The Avenue, Lewes, a brother for Fiona.

Panton—On July 28, 1941, at Fulmer Chase, Fulmer, Bucks, to Patricia (née Reeve) wife of 2nd Lt. A. M. V. Panton, R.A., a son (Patrick Vivian).

Rossiter—On September 14 to Margaret (Maillard) and Norman Rossiter of Cable Villa, Paignton a son.

MARRIAGES.

- Abram: Seccombe—On August 23, at St. Peter's, Blatchington, Madeleine Seccombe of Cranmer Avenue, Hove, to 2nd Lt. Kenneth Abram of Goole, Yorkshire.
- Andrews: Lush—On August 8, 1941, at Parish Church, Wimbledon (special licence) by Canon Phelips, 2nd Lt. Kenneth Napier, only son of Mr. and Mrs. L. Andrews, of Wimbledon, to Doreen Marice, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. Stuart Lush, of Stone Court, Wimbledon.
- Barton: Darroll-Smith—On October 4, 1939, at Bishop Cheriton, by the father of the bride, Lt. Francis Christopher Barton, R.M., son of the Rev. J. B. and Mrs. Barton, of Hastings, to Molly, only child of the Rev. H. and Mrs. Darroll-Smith, of Bishop Cheriton.
- Bowes: Keech—On August 2, at St. Paul's, Winchmore Hill, Flight Sgt. G. W. Bowes to Wendy Keech
- Byers: Gill—On July 6, 1940, at Pentlow, by Canon H. D. Lampen, Rector of Toppesfield, Lawrence William, only son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Byers, of Risby, Bury St. Edmunds, to Bettina Nora, second daughter of the Rev. W. B. Gill, and the late Mrs. Gill, of Pentlow Rectory, and for nerly of Uganda.
- Cooke: Podmore—On August 13, 1940, at St. Michael's and All Angels, Oxford, Charles B. Cooke to Muriel, youngest daughter of Rev. C. Podmore.
- Farr: Duffield-Harding—On May 27, 1941, at St. Mark's, Hamilton Place, Eric James, second son of Mr. James E. Farr, of Cambridge Park, Wanstead, to Margaret Rosa, eldest daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. A. A. Duffield-Harding, the Vicarage, Stadhampton.
- Harrison: Sharp—On March 11, 1941, at St. Stephen's Church, Hampstead, Sub.-Lt. D. W. Harrison, R.N.V.R., son of Mr. and Mrs. C. R. G. Harrison, of 2 Hollycroft Avenue, N.W.3., to Viva Stephanie Tabuteau Sharp, youngest daughter of the Rev. A. F. Sharp and the late Mrs. Sharp of Hampstead.
- Magee: Deane—On January 11, 1941, at St. Peter's Church, S. Croydon, Lt. E. D. B. Magee to Alice Betty Deane.
- Morgan: Gee-On December 9, 1940, at Liverpool, Hugh Morgan to Kathleen H. Gee, 33 Fife Road, East Sheen, S.W.14.
- Oliver: Girdlestone—On July 3, 1941, at Chester Cathedral, by the Dean and the Rev. F. S. Girdlestone, Osborne G. Oliver, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. Harding Oliver, of Crosby, Liverpool, to Charlotte Hester Girdstone, daughter of the Rev. F. S. and Mrs. Girdstone of South Milton, Devonshire. Present address, Cross Roads Vicarage, Keighley, Yorks.
- Ponder: Bonnaire—On September 28, 1940, at Dumferline Abbey, Scotland, 2nd Lt. R. M. Ponder to Vivienne Bonnaire.
- Robins: Girdlestone—On January 23, 1941, The Rev. H. T. Robins to E. Charity Girdlestone
- Robinson: Parker—On September 13, at the Church of the Good Shepherd, Brighton, Roma Mildred to 2nd Lt. N. J. Robinson.
- Rossiter: Mailiard—On July 24, 1940, Norman Rossiter to Margaret O. E. Maillard, daughter of Rev. J. and Mrs. Maillard.
- Storey: Ryan—On February 17, 1941, at Jubbulpore, India, Aidan Storey, 3/2 Punjab Regt. to Patricia, daughter of the late F. D. Ryan and Mrs. Ryan.

DEATHS.

Ashwin—Missing in February, 1941, now believed killed in action, Sergeant Observer Gerard Willington Forster, R.A.F.V.R., aged 32, dearly loved only son of the Rev. R. F. and Mrs. Ashwin, Ashurst Rectory, Steyning Sussex.

- Bardsley—On December 22, 1940, suddenly in his sleep at Barton Vicarage, near Preston, the Rev. H. J. Bardsley.
- Bellhouse—On February 16, 1939, at Walton-on-Thames, Mrs. Bellhouse, aged 88.
- Coe—On December 30, 1939, at 25 Buckland Avenue, Maidstone, Mary Katharine Coe.
- Gale—Ethel née Woollett died early in January, 1941.
- Roberts—On March 23, 1941, at Mill Cottage, Pett, Hastings, The Rev. Charles Roberts, Rector of Pett, husband of Margaret (Standage) and father of Rosemary and John.
- Willoughby—On December 12, 1940, Vivien Roberta Willoughby (née Phillips) beloved wife of G. C. Willoughby, aged 33 years, of 55 Stafford Court, W.8.

IN MEMORIAM.

Charles Beresford Deane, Priest—By the death of the Rev. C. B. Deane, the Diocese of Canterbury has lost one of its finest preachers. He was ordained in Cashels, Ireland, in 1903, to an assistant curacy at Tullameelan, of which parish he later became Rector. He served with distinction as a Chaplain in France alongside the late Fathers F. H. King, and Timothy Rees of Mirfield. Deane went to St. Peter's, South Croydon, in 1919, and by his cheery and friendly manner and forceful preaching built up one of the largest congregations in the Diocese. He was a great parish priest, and succeeded in making his Church a spiritual home for parishioners of all schools of thought.

NOTES ON THE STATEMENT MADE BY THE LORD BISHOP OF CHICHESTER AT THE SUMMER MEETING ON JULY 26th, 1941.

The Lord Bishop of Chichester visited Blunt House, Oxted, Surrey, on July 26th 1941, the day upon which Miss Ghey and Miss Galton kindly gave a party for the Old Girls of St. Mary's Hall. He came to make a statement concerning the latest developments with regard to St, Mary's Hall, so that the Old Girls should have a chance of considering the proposals of the

Governors before the public heard them.

The Bishop began by saying that the future of St. Mary's Hall was of great interest and it was of the utmost importance that the Old Girls should know what was proposed. He had explained to the members of the Association at the London Meeting in January the reasons for the closure of the School in war time. No alternative policy had been possible, on purely financial grounds: it was essential to have a moment of suspension. It had been agreed that the School should re-open at the earliest possible moment. The question was how it should re-open. A small sub-committee had been appointed, including Mr. Preston, one of the best friends of the Hall, with whom the Bishop had discussed the question at length. The whole issue of the future had been raised by the War Damage Act which involved the cost of insurance of the Hail and the Boarding Houses. How much equipment was necessary and therefore had to be insured? This raised the question of the policy to be adopted when the School re-opened. If the Hall was to be re-opened on the same scale, all the furniture would be required and the expense of insuring this would be prohibitive.

It the Hall was re-opened on a smaller scale as a Day School, the Boarding House furniture and equipment would not be required. He understood from Mr. Preston that there was a demand for furniture and that it could be soid at a good price at present, and proceeds would provide some useful

ready money.

It must be remembered that the future of all independent schools was uncertain. People would not be able to afford the high fees after the war. Therefore Headmasters and Headmistresses of Boarding Schools were viewing the positions of their Schools with anxiety. This general situation was also the individual situation of St. Mary's Hall. If it was difficult, and

he thought it was impossible, to revive St. Mary's Hall as it had been, the case for reviving it as a day-school was quite different. The prospect for schools in Sussex was good. There were a great many girls' day schools to point out as parallels and there was room for a Church day-school such as S.M.H. in Brighton. The clergy, military and other professional people in the district were numerous. The public were becoming uneasy about non-religious education. Because of its educational value its tradition and its good reputation in the services and professions, the school would have a satisfactory appeal and quickly reach its full complement.

Accordingly, ten days before, the Governors had decided that:-

a The minimum number of day-girls should be 80.

These could be accommodated in the main Hall building.

There should also be 20 boarders.

This policy should be adopted on financial grounds, owing to the situation in England after the war when the boarding school population would be enormously reduced.

To adopt such a policy would have certain consequences:-

- The idea was to make the Hall the basis and secure its equipment. It was not desirable to retain the other houses.
- The Trustees and Debenture Holders were to be asked to consent to the sale of these after the war or earlier, if desirable.
- The equipment in the boarding houses which would not be required should be sold. This would produce some ready money for expenses and the insurance would be reduced by one half.
- St. Mary's Hall was to be re-started as soon as possible after the war for girls of the same tradition.

The boarding houses were to be sold at a proper price.

A Committee, composed of Miss Stopford, Miss Ransford and Miss Belcher has been appointed to select the furniture to be retained.

The Bishop then asked if the Association had any comments to make. Should he ask the Governors to stay their hand? The new representatives of the Association on the Governing Body had not been elected early enough, for technical reasons, to attend the last meeting of the Governors and that was why he had come to put their policy before the Association, so that the members could comment on its feasibility and wisdom. He added that, as a friend, he honestly did not see how they could reach any other decision. He wanted S.M.H. not only to survive but to develop, because he thought it could give something to the educational world which it was not so easy for other schools to give.

Those interested in the school must show active interest: they must show their belief in its future to potential parents and make their influence

felt through their representatives.

As a practical man he suggested that the Diocese of Chichester and other dioceses should be associated with the School in a more "emphatic" way. The Church had done a great deal in the past through voluntary associations and individuals. But these had not been able to repeat one another ad infinitum. The State must take the lead and the Dioceses must come in, in a strong and new way.

 The question of the Foundationers was immediately raised by Miss I. Ashwin.

The Bishop replied that the Diocese might possibly offer Scholarships for the daughters of Clergy at the school and this policy might be followed by other dioceses

Miss Ashwin said that she had always understood that the original plan of the Founder was to provide an education for the daughters of clergy who could not afford it otherwise. Miss Ghey added that 100 Foundationers were always thought to be a "sine qua non" of the school and could the Trust Deed be altered? The Bishop thought it could be altered.

- 2. Miss Cross pointed out that 250 day-girls were thought necessary in the school where she taught and added that the numbers suggested as necessary for the re-opening of the Hall seemed optimistically low.
- 3. Mrs. Child asked if there was as yet any idea of the fees to be charged when the school re-opened and the Bishop replied that the question had not yet been considered.
- 4. Miss Riddelsdell asked if the Governors' decision must be taken now and the Bishop replied that it must [12]
- 5. Miss Galton asked if it would be possible to retain one house for the use of the boarders, more especially if there were to be only 20 of them. She suggested Babington.

There being no further questions Miss Riddelsdell proposed a very hearty vote of thanks to Miss Ghey and Miss Galton for a lovely party and this was seconded by Miss Wisdom.

Miss Stopford thanked the Bishop of Chichester for so kindly coming to the meeting and this vote of thanks was warmly seconded by Miss Ghey and carried unanimously with acclamation.

THE SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.

The vicissitudes of the Hall have rallied the local friends and Old Girls, who met on April 20th at Katrine's Café, and formed a Sussex Branch.

It was arranged that meetings should be about three times a year, and that 1/- be paid for expenses of postage.

A Tennis Tournament which realised 10/- for the Red Cross, and later a most delightful and hospitable tea-party at Mrs. Capern's in Sussex Square on August 16th were the other activities.

A further re-union is suggested for Saturday, November 1st. (Members to be notified).

Anyone who would like to be a member is asked to send her name and address to Margaret Wanstall, 9 Crescent Mansions, Brighton 7.

War Savings for the Hall have reached the sum of £8-5-o.



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