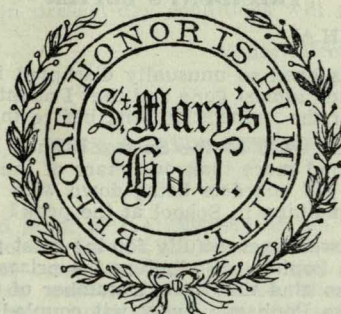


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EDITORIAL

A Happy Christmas and New Year to you all!

This year seems to have been one of trouble and struggle and not enough sun, and words like "Suez, inflation, influenza and Sputniks" remind us of all sorts of problems, but others recall worthwhile achievements and happy days. It is these that our pages portray. Old Girls busy on useful work in their homes or in the varied jobs great and small now open to women, and also enjoying this wonderful world: and all from St. Mary's Hall, where in the School Magazine we can note the same ideals still being set before the youngsters, and the same efforts being made to encourage them to choose the best, and we remember our own reactions, not always commendable, I fear, but we were given the standard, and this should help us in these difficult times.

We offer congratulations to Miss Ghey on her work for the Appeal, and to Mary Ann Coate (and her teachers) for her award of a Major Scholarship.

H.A.B.

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Friends of the S.M.H.A.

October, 1957.

As this term has been so unusually disrupted it is hard to realise that October is already almost gone and that I ought to have written my letter as President of the Association long before this.

Those of you who were at the Sussex Branch Meeting on October 19th heard that we had more than our share of the prevalent influenza epidemic, 138 of the 157 boarders being down with it at the same time, and only 60 girls remaining in School at the peak!

The year has passed uneventfully for the most part. Speech Day at the Dome, with Miss Popham distributing the prizes, was a most happy occasion and I was so glad that quite a number of Old Girls were able to be present. Miss Popham's lively wit coupled with sound advice born of her long and varied experience with girls was tonic in its effect on us all. Speech Day next year is to be on Thursday, June 12th, in the Dome. We have not yet secured a Speaker but all Old Girls will again be welcome if they apply for tickets.

General Certificate results this year were not quite so good as last year's although satisfactory. All our candidates who took Cookery passed, which shows that this branch of the School's post-war activities is going forward. Only three candidates were entered for Advanced Level in a total of seven subjects of which six were passes. Mary Anne Coate gained outstandingly high marks in Pure and Applied Mathematics as well as passing in Chemistry. On her results she was awarded a State Scholarship and offered a Major County Award. We are proud of Mary Anne and offer our congratulations to her and to Mrs. Parsons who has been responsible mainly for teaching her. Mary Anne is staying for a third year in the Sixth Form to sit for Cambridge and Oxford entry, and she is Joint Head Girl with Jane Bayly.

As usual we have had repairs and alterations during the year. One of our greatest trials has been the falling of several ceilings—fortunately without causing any injury. As a result the Bursar and I had a thorough examination made of the ceilings throughout the building. A number were considered to be in need of immediate attention while others needed repair at a later date. Consequently a good deal of work was done during the Summer holidays—even worse, several ceilings had to be renewed during one week-end, which necessitated considerable organisation since the Staff Room, the Staff Dining Room and the passage way to some of the cloakrooms were involved! One major change which was carried out during the Summer holidays was the dividing of Room G—known to many Old Girls as Lower East Inner Dormitory. This room has always been uncomfortably large for teaching and the change has provided another small though much needed classroom.

I have been pleased, once again, to see many Old Girls both at Meetings and at School. The A.G.M. was very well attended and a very happy afternoon for us all. It is a great joy to me to see more of my own Old Girls who have left during the last seven years coming to meetings. I suppose it was natural that these younger ones should have been reticent at first, but an Old Girls' Association is enriched by having members of as many generations as possible. Younger members realise how much the School owes to the older ones who have been such a support, especially during the difficult years of post-war rehabilitation, and older members know that fresh life can be poured into the Association by their younger fellow members. I value the friendship of Old Girls and the devotion shown to their old School. I hope that their membership and active interest will increase steadily,

and that we who are striving to carry on the standards and traditions as far as possible in present-day conditions will prove worthy of our task.

Yours affectionately,

DORIS CONRADY.

MISS GHEY'S LETTER

Eastbourne.

Dear Friends,

October, 1957.

If I had needed proof of the affection of the past members of the Hall for their old School, I could not have received a clearer testimony than that which has been coming to me in the letters answering my Appeal. I have been wonderfully refreshed with thankfulness by the two-fold springs of your loyalty—your faithful and happy memories of the past, and your confident hopes for the future. A School so blessed is indeed founded upon a rock. I am more thankful to you all than I can say. And it has been a great joy to hear all the varied news of yourselves and your families, and proudly to note what qualities your children inherit.

Of the progress of the Appeal, I can already say that it looks as though at least two Scholarships will be founded, and we are beginning on the third. A statement and a balance sheet will be issued later.

What a pleasure it has been to welcome those of you who have been able to visit Miss Galton and me in our new home! No. 1, Furness Road, will not hold an immense number at one time, but with the kindly help of the sun we did manage a summer meeting and felt it to be a house-warming, prophetic (we both hope) of many more. Miss Galton wishes me to send her love with mine, and every possible good and happy wish, to you all.

Yours affectionately,

F. L. GHEY.

NEWS FROM MISS ROBINSON

Pietermaritzburg.

October 20th, 1957.

My Dear Friends,

How quickly the years pass! I have had a very busy one, so much so that I have decided to give up my school work at the end of this term. That should give me more time for other things I have wanted to do for so long.

My sister is fairly well. Her little dog, Barnabas, is almost too intelligent. He talks in his own "language," and always gets what he wants. Miss Willis is going through a very bad attack of arthritis. She has had to discontinue the drug which for nearly two years has been so successful.

I wish you could see the latest fashion amongst our Zulu natives, both men and women. They have a craze for sunshades and umbrellas, all of really beautiful colours. I saw a native the other morning riding a bicycle and proudly holding up his sunshade. Our European youth are never seen with such things, they prefer to tan.

I often look at S.M.H. photographs and wish I could come to meet my old friends again at the Annual General Meeting or on Founder's Day.

My love to you all.

Yours affectionately,

HARRIET ROBINSON.

REPRESENTATIVE OF S.M.H.A. ON THE GOVERNING BODY

We regret to hear that Professor Dorothy M. Emmet has resigned from the Governing Body of the School, no doubt because of her many important commitments and residence so far away. We did note (see Annual General Meeting Report) her inclusion on the Committee appointed by the Minister of Education to advise him on selection for the new State Studentships for post graduate study in art subjects, and congratulate her.

We rejoice to hear that the Governors would welcome another S.M.H.A. Representative, and we must not miss the chance of suggesting a fresh one at our next Annual Meeting. The reasons for this honour are set out in the article on page 7.

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

The Annual General Meeting of St. Mary's Hall Association was held at Y.W.C.A. Headquarters, London, W.C.1, on Saturday, May 4th, at 2.30 p.m., under the chairmanship of Miss Conrady, the President.

The meeting opened with prayers and remembrance of those who had died during the year:—

H.R.H. Princess Marie Louise (Patroness); Marion Lloyd (Missionary), Miss D. King (one-time Mathematics Mistress); Miss Howard (one-time English Mistress); Miss Woodhams (one-time Matron); Mrs. Thomas (Miss Whittingham) (one-time Music and Singing Mistress); G. Raynor, R. Stott, Mrs. Smith (U. M. Kay), Mrs. Hales (E. Elwin), Mrs. Stoney Smith (M. Keane).

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

Apologies for absence.—Nearly eighty people had sent apologies for absence; these included Miss Potter (Vice-President) who was ill, L. Gunnery (Representative on the Governing Body) who was attending the installation of her sister as Mother Superior of her Convent, and Miss Stopford.

The President, Miss Conrady, in her welcome to all, gave a special one to Miss Ghey, Miss Galton and Miss Hensley. She reported that birthday presents from the Old Girls and from the present school had been sent to the oldest member of the Association, Mrs. Bartrum, for her hundredth birthday. The present girls had sent bulbs and the Old Girls a cushion for her to embroider.

Vice-Presidents.—Miss Ghey thanked Miss Conrady for her welcome. She told members of Professor Dorothy Emmet's appointment to the Committee set up by the Minister of Education for the selection of Students for post-graduate work in Arts subjects. She gave her new address in Eastbourne where Miss Galton was going to continue the work of Blunt House with a few pupils, while she herself devoted her energies to her Appeal for Scholarships for Clergy Daughters. She gave a short report on the results to date. She said that the William Johnson Yapp Trust had given one whole Scholarship (£150 a year), and a second Scholarship was more than half-way subscribed. Over £1,500 had been raised towards it; this was from 306 donors, more than half of them old members of the School or Staff, who had answered the Appeal. Miss Constance Darby in writing had said that if S.M.H. could still produce such people as her relative, Kitty Darby, it was well worth a gift.

Miss Conrady then spoke of the tremendous amount of work done by Miss Ghey and Miss Galton for the School.

Miss Galton told of the great extent of Miss Ghey's work to raise money for the Scholarships. She herself was coaching five girls for University entrance. She announced that they would welcome members in their new home on July 13th from 12-6 p.m.

Audrey Baron thanked Miss Conrady and the Governors for the opportunity she had been given to represent the Association at The Dome for Prize-Giving and to meet the Princess Royal. She welcomed more post-war Old Girls, and appealed to older Old Girls to take the initiative in making them welcome.

Head Mistress's Report.—The following are extracts from Miss Conrady's report:—"Another year has passed, in some ways all too quickly, with too little done, and once again I am amongst my friends of the S.M.H.A.—The School buildings have again been improved—those of you who have visited the School recently will have been impressed, I think, with the decrease in austerity—the senior common room in the Main Building and Prefects' Room in each Boarding House are much appreciated. In addition each Boarding House now has a quiet room for private prayer. Certain alterations are shortly to be made in St. Hilary and Babington Houses to meet the desired safety precautions of the Fire Brigade. One major change this year has been the alteration in House arrangements. In September we formed three equal-age Houses, forming the day girls into two Houses of their own. Competition in music, drama, games, etc., is very keen, and so much more realistic than between the rather artificial Guilds—In spite of increased fees, our members have kept up to a satisfactory level, and we have not yet found it necessary to lower our standard of entry. Our results in the G.C.E. have again been outstandingly good: 84% of the subject entries at "O" level were successful compared with the national average in the Cambridge Examination of 64%, and again we gained the Turrell Memorial Prize awarded to the Brighton candidate who achieves the best results at "O" level in the Cambridge Examination—I wish I knew more of Old Girls' successes—Joan Edwards has gained her medical qualifications—May Ning has her second L.M.B.

"In November we held a Christmas Fair in order to raise money to buy stage curtains. Everyone—parents, girls, staff and friends—worked magnificently—It was a huge success and the sum of over £400 was raised; of this the girls unanimously voted £100 towards Hungarian relief. Those of you who are able to get to Speech Day on June 14th in The Dome will be very welcome at the School afterwards to see a short play and the new curtains."

Miss Conrady then spoke of last year's Prize-Giving and the visit of the Princess Royal and said that, apparently as a result of this visit, she had been invited to a Royal Garden Party in July. Miss Conrady then paid a tribute to Miss Meades and Miss Dimishky who had both left the Hall recently after devoted and selfless service to the School. She continued:—

"Perhaps there never was a time when Christian witness was more urgently needed—the witness of real living and thinking Christians, fearless in taking a stand against those things which are contrary to the teaching of Christ—there is too much luke warm and tepid Christianity in the world to-day. You will be interested to know that St. Mark's Church, which has always been so closely connected with S.M.H., is planning a Parish Mission in 1959. The Vicar, the Rev. J. M. James, who came in 1953, has done some wonderful work in those four years, including the raising of £2,500 for the urgent repair of the fabric and restoration in the church.

"I know that all Old Girls, who knew the Gunnerys—Lois, who is Head Mistress of Eastbourne High School and a Governor of the Hall, and her sister, Aletha, a member of the Community of St. Denys—will feel not only a sense of pride, but also a wish to pray for Aletha as she takes up her great responsibilities as Mother Superior of the Community at Warminster—Few of us are called upon to take on such responsibilities, but nevertheless each one of us here has an important contribution to make towards the growth of God's Kingdom. It is as true to-day as it was in the days of St. Paul that 'we wrestle against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.' As a Head Mistress, dealing with many parents, I can tell you that we are struggling constantly against the standards set by a materialistic world where the things of the spirit have little or no place. As members of a great School with a tradition of service, let us, each one of us, not forget our undoubted God-given charge—As St. Ignatius put it in his well-known prayer: 'Teach us, Good Lord, to serve Thee as Thou deservest, to give and not to count the cost, to fight and not to heed the wounds, to toil and not to seek for rest, to labour and not to ask for any reward, save that of knowing that we do Thy will.'

"In this spirit of service we go forward into another year with confidence and yet with humility."

Hon. Treasurer's Report.—Miss Smith presented her report. There were no questions and the accounts were accepted with a vote of thanks to Miss Smith. (A copy of the accounts is attached.)

Hon. Secretary's Report.—Irene Laurence thanked many people for their letters and quoted from some of them. She mentioned a long and interesting letter from Margaret Lloyd which was available for any who wished to read it. There was a vote of thanks to Irene.

Hon. Editor's Report.—Audrey Baron prefaced her remarks by saying that it was exactly fifty years since she had arrived as a new girl at S.M.H.! She said that 680 copies of the News Letter had been printed, the total cost being £93 8s. She again appealed for articles to be sent in early, preferably by October 1st. She asked people to send news about themselves. She reported that Mrs. Allen (helped by Miss Hopper) was going to carry on the School side of the work. A hearty vote of thanks to Audrey was passed.

Hon. Secretary to Home Counties Branch.—The Secretary read a letter from Mrs. Thompson (Helen Boswell) apologising for her absence and tendering her resignation. She felt that, living now in Beaconsfield, she was too far from London to be a suitable person for the secretaryship. She thanked Irene Laurence for her hospitality last year. A vote of thanks was passed to Helen for her work.

Hon. Secretary, Sussex Branch.—Vanessa Sly reported a successful meeting at the Hall in October and thanked Miss Conrady for her hospitality. A vote of thanks to Vanessa was passed.

Election of Officers.—The following Officers were proposed, seconded, and duly re-elected, according to the rules:—Hon. Secretary, Irene Laurence; Hon. Treasurer, Miss E. M. Smith; Vice-Chairman, Audrey Baron; Hon. Editor, Audrey Baron; Hon. Secretary, Home Counties Branch: On the proposal of I. Laurence, seconded by Miss Galton, R. Kettlewell was elected.

Election on Committee.—It was proposed that Pat Eggleton should be approached to fill the vacancy on the retirement by rule of M. Mack.

Dates of future meetings.—The following dates were agreed:—

- (a) St. Mary's Hall—Friday, June 14th, 1957—At The Dome for Prize-Giving, and after at the Hall.

- (b) Blunt House—Saturday, July 13th, 1957, 12-6 p.m.
- (c) Home Counties—Saturday, September 28th, 1957 (afterwards September 21st). Hospitality offered by Mrs. Gosnell (D. Moore) at Walton-on-Thames.
- (d) Sussex Branch—Saturday, October 19th, 1957, at the Hall, 2.30-6 p.m.
- (e) Annual General Meeting—Saturday, May 3rd, 1958, 2.30 p.m., at the Y.W.C.A., Great Russell Street, W.C.1.

There being no further business members adjourned for tea after the passing of a vote of thanks to the Chairman.

In recent years the Meeting has been held in a much larger room, and there are plenty of small tables and chairs; consequently members have been freer to move around and mix with each other while enjoying a buffet tea in comfort.

Members present were:—Miss Conrady, Miss Ghey, Miss Galton, Miss E. M. Smith, Miss Perry, Miss Atkinson, Miss Hensley, Miss Bolton, Miss Peebles, Miss Farmer, Miss Davies, Miss Hopper, Miss Kingdon-Ward, A. Baron, V. Sly, G. Street (Whittington-Ince), G. Geary, L. Raynor, M. Bedford (Chippindall), W. Owen Smith, M. Thorne, B. Coad (Binns), M. Wanstall, M. Allnutt (Watson), D. Hart (Moore), M. Jennings (Whittington-Ince), J. Crispe (Hare-Duke), R. Kettlewell, B. Manwell (Daniell), G. Spurrell (Hensley), A. Fosbery (Smallpiece), K. Ogden (Powell), M. Eggington (Baron), O. Skene, M. Tredennick (Phair), M. and C. Ashwin, S. Chinaloy (Samson), J. Strike, W. and N. Tredennick, P. Marshall, E. Moore, D. Gosnell (Moore), H. Francis, F. Seeberg (Smith), K. Thomson (Seth), P. Knight (Smith), M. Randall (Fosh), G. Batson, U. Young, N. Christian (Howe), D. Smith (Lilley), M. Nicklin (Meakin), K. Atkins (Kennelly), M. Hick, A. Mead (Law), M. Mack, L. Wolfenden, I. Laurence. (Sixty in all.)

THE BEGINNINGS OF THE ASSOCIATION AND A REMINDER

Many of us will remember the Jubilee number of the News Letter published in 1948, wherein was an excellent article by Miss Helen Potter, who traced the history of the Association from its beginnings in 1896 as an Old Pupils' Association and Prayer Union for those engaged in Missionary work, news of whom was given in the St. Maryan, which first appeared in 1897.

It was in 1908, as Miss Hobbins tells us, that the Association was re-organised as the St. Mary's Hall Association, "that it might become a real help both to past and present pupils, as a link to join the old pupils together, and as a source of support, both spiritual and practical, to the Hall." It was then, too, that the St. Maryan changed its name to the St. Mary's Hall News Letter.

That these aims have been kept well to the fore has been shown by the support always given to the School in need, and more particularly in its darkest hour when the Association helped to keep alive the spirit of the Hall during its war-time closure by continuing to meet and to publish the News Letter. It was the staunch support of the Old Girls and others, headed by Miss Ghey, that encouraged the Governors to make their act of faith in reviving the School, a great and difficult task, the success of which must be most rewarding to all concerned.

In recognition of this support, "both spiritual and practical," in money, work, gifts and prayers, the Governors resolved that two members of the S.M.H.A. should be chosen to serve on the Governing Body of the Hall. Little did we think that would ever happen!

Here follows Miss Hobbins' letter of reminder :—

Dear Editor,

I write now to ask you if you have remembered that January next is the Jubilee of the St. Mary's Hall Association. I have before me a copy of the News Letter of 1908, on the first page of which is written: "The First Meeting of the St. Mary's Hall Association was held on January 11th in the Alliance Club, Curzon Street, which had been secured for the purpose through the kindness of the Misses Snowdon Smith."

There were 70 of us there. After the meeting was over Miss Potter kindly entertained the old pupils and mistresses to tea. The first meeting of the Committee was held in a secluded corner of the room. I well remember the occasion. I was honoured by being chosen to be one of the six to form the Committee.

These old News Letters are most interesting. I am quoting from one lent to me by Lucy Raynor who has the complete set. One can trace in all of them the powerful influence of Christian religion. The sermon recorded in this 1908 number (preached by the Bishop of Dorking) has for its text David's words "Neither will I offer burnt offerings unto the Lord, my God, of that which doth cost me nothing."—II Samuel, XXIV, 24.

Yours very sincerely,

AGNES HOBBS.

THE HON. TREASURER'S REPORT

The Association is very grateful to M. Wanstall for all she has done to gain for us a record number of Advertisers. We also thank the Advertisers and those who have sent such generous donations towards the cost of the News Letter.

This is all good. But on the other hand, I am sorry to say, that no less than twenty names must be removed from the list of members. It is a rule of our Constitution that any member whose subscriptions are more than two years overdue, shall be considered to have resigned, for we really cannot afford to send out free copies of the News Letter indefinitely. Therefore, I am arranging that in future, those whose subscriptions are in arrears shall find their copies of the News Letter marked with X to remind them. This will save our postage and their memories. I hope it will work.

E. M. SMITH.

ST. MARY'S HALL BURSARY FUND

Dear Miss Smith,

Thank you so much for your letter of the 25th October enclosing a cheque for £36 for St. Mary's Hall Bursary Fund. I know that the Governors will wish me to express their grateful thanks to St. Mary's Hall Association for this gift.

Yours sincerely,

R. ERIC GODDARD

NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

Thanks again to the President, the Committee members who have assisted so much with news and sorting out of queries, and all contributors, not least the advertisers who have helped to keep us solvent, and of course our printers who have always been so understanding.

This is my "baker's dozen," and my last. I carried on this year because of change of staff at School, and I am indebted to Miss Conrady and Miss Hopper for all their work on the School Section. If the News Letter is a little late in publishing, we must blame the influenza epidemic which has disorganised so much this autumn.

A new Editor will certainly want her copy in as near October 1st as possible—no doubt her name will be given in the notice sent out after the A.G.M.—If copy is late it is difficult to be properly selective.

Anyhow, good luck to her! I have enjoyed doing it, and hope she will!

H.A.B.

FOUNDER'S DAY, 1957.

It has been a very delightful decision of the School to book the Dome each year for Founder's Day, as it now means that most people connected with the Hall are able to get tickets for their friends and so widen the circle of people who are interested in the School. I know that I have invited all sorts of people who before had only known St. Mary's Hall by hearsay, but take a friendly interest in its activities.

The Dome is always beautifully decorated with flowers, and even before we arrive there is a pleasant feeling of excitement in the air, as we see groups of vivacious people converging from every direction like pilgrims to Mecca, and, half-an-hour before the V.I.P.s arrive, the place is packed with young and old united in love for the School.

This year Miss M. E. Popham, a former Head Mistress of Cheltenham Ladies' College, came to give away the prizes and every word of her speech was listened to in a silence broken only by tumultuous applause. She first told us how she had discovered relationship with the Founder, then spoke of her time in Cheltenham, and of a journey she took to America. She begged the girls to put first things first, so that later, as citizens of the world, they could look back to their school days and realise that they had both taken away what was worth while and had left something which would add to the traditions of the School already built by many former generations of girls.

Miss Conrady gave a most interesting description of School activities, victories in the fields of scholarship, elocution, art and games, and stressed the importance of school life as a preparation for good citizenship. The girls sang entirely without affectation, with clearness and beauty of expression, and their behaviour throughout the proceedings was wonderful.

Many of us went on from the Dome to the School, and I cannot think the terraces of the Houses of Parliament, or even Buckingham Palace gardens can ever have had a happier crowd of people than those of us who gathered on the School terraces to enjoy a delicious tea and some pleasant talk which brought a memorable day to a close!

ANN WANSTALL.

BLUNT HOUSE PARTY

It was a great pleasure to be able to attend this now famous Party, which was held on Saturday, July 13th, at 1, Furness Road, Eastbourne, the beautiful new home of Miss Ghey and Miss Galton. Some twenty members of the S.M.H.A. gathered in the quiet, attractive garden on a lovely sunny afternoon, and much enjoyed picking up the threads of old friendships and hearing news of other Old Girls and the School.

Miss Galton showed us over the spacious flat, planned to accommodate a few favoured pupils; then we were entertained to a delicious

tea in the charming drawing-room or loggia by our kind hostesses. Altogether this was a very happy occasion and a pleasant reminder of gracious living in this Atomic Age!

Those present were: Miss Conrady, Miss Helen Potter, Miss Hensley, Miss Bolton, Miss E. M. Smith, Miss Morley, Mrs. Anderson (M. Ridsdale), Mrs. Atkins (K. M. Kennelly), Mrs. Capern (C. Thompson), Mde. Deschamps (M. Bucke), Mrs. Hipkin (L. Morton), Mrs. Jennings (M. Whittington-Ince), Mrs. McMinn (J. Witcomb), Mrs. Ogden (K. Powell), Mrs. Spurrell (G. Hensley), Dr. D. S. Adkins, I. Laurence, W. Owen Smith, O. Skene, M. Wanstall.

K. M. A. OGDEN.

HOME COUNTIES MEETING, 1957

By kind invitation of Mrs. Gosnell (Diana Moore) the Home Counties Branch of the S.M.H.A. held the Autumn meeting at her attractive house at Walton-on-Thames.

Miss Conrady brought the excellent news of M. A. Coate's scholarship, and we were delighted to have a telegram of good wishes from Miss Ghey and Miss Galton.

Over a lovely home-made tea we enjoyed talking about past and present happenings and hearing other news of the School. Then we had a chance to admire the charming garden before the threatened showers descended.

Those present were:

Miss Conrady (President); Miss Bolton, Miss Peebles, Miss Potter and Miss Smith (former members of the staff), J. P. Crispe (Hare Duke), W. Owen Smith, I. Laurence, E. Moore, D. Gosnell (Moore), R. M. Kettlewell.

R.M.K.

THE SUSSEX BRANCH MEETING, 1957

We were extremely lucky to have a beautiful, mild and sunny day, after a week of rain, for our meeting on Saturday, October 19th, at St. Mary's Hall from 2.30-6 p.m. There were forty-four at tea, including Miss Conrady and some members of the staff.

It was indeed kind of Miss Conrady to have the meeting at the Hall so soon after the 'flu epidemic, which bowled over so many of the boarders only a short time ago.

The meeting was an informal one. A Lacrosse match was played between the Hall and some of the younger Old Girls which resulted in a win for the Old Girls. In fairness to the Hall, however, we must mention that several of their better players were still convalescing from the 'flu, and were not allowed to play; otherwise the result might have been a little different!

We were very pleased to welcome Audrey Baron to our Meeting this year, and she spent a busy afternoon collecting news for the News Letter, as well as enjoying herself with old friends!

After the match, during which older members had spent some time chatting together in the drawing-room we went along for tea in the dining-room, being well looked after by members of the Sixth Form. During tea Miss Conrady gave us news of the latest scholastic achievements at the Hall, and of Old Girls. We were all sorry to hear that Miss Elwin was in a nursing home, and that Miss Ghey and Miss Galton could not attend; but they sent their love and good wishes, as did Miss Hanham.

A very hearty vote of thanks was then proposed by Audrey Baron to Miss Conrady, and we all dispersed, some to see the coloured film, "Geordie," and the new curtains, in the Elliott Hall, and others to look over the School and discuss old times.

Those present were: J. Booth, P. Chapman, S. Riley, T. Hammerton (Appleyard), A. Baron, M. Clarke, M. Rossi (Segall), M. Ford (Bushell), I. and M. Ashwin, "Alice," M. Jennings (Whittington-Ince), M. Thorne, M. and A. Wanstall, O. Skene, A. Liddell, D. Stranach, S. Broadley, H. Heald, J. Radford, L. Raynor, Mrs. Capern (Thompson), Miss Conrady, Miss Potter, Miss Bolton, Miss Smith, Miss Hensley, Miss Morley, Miss Batterbury, Sister Brown, V. Sly, J. Biddle, V. Hardy, S. Fingland, P. Carr, T. Webber, L. Wolfenden, Mrs. Eggleton, Mrs. Sharpe, Miss Davies, Mrs. Jackson, Miss Wyn, D. Smith (Lilley).

V. SLY.

UNREST

I cannot rest. The years have overtaken me;
Weariness besets me—yet I cannot rest.
Time has outpaced my heart's relentless beating
(The beat of waves on a receding shore).
What is the wild thing that allures, while driving
Into the unseen, hidden, sweetest trap
Laid for the old—the old who cannot age?
Look where I may, still I see opening doors
Gaping and summoning, ever luring on
To the old, bewildering torment, and the joy.
Windows I see between the twigs of trees,
And tiny magic peepholes in the grass,
Framing pictures of things that shall come to pass.

Serene, the white road waits, powdery with dust,
And follow it I must.
Beauty has gashed the hedgerows, and their wounds
Bleed in the crimson may;
Froth-edged with cow-parsley, green waves of grass
Lap at their roots as though to succour them;
Yet I must pass.
I cannot stay for beauty, cannot stay
For all the pomp and splendour of the way.
The wind hangs out its banners, and they stream,
Bright with seduction, over marsh and fen.
It calls, and calls again;
And with its call mingles the cry of birds—
Wild things that live for freedom.

I hear as in a dream. There are no words
To this immortal theme,
No metre, and no rhyme,
And yet it holds the rhythm of the world.
Ah, I must go. *They'll call you back.* They may—
I shall not hear;
The sound of wind and birds is in my ear
And in my soul, its banners, too, unfurled.
All that is settled, static, is my prison.
Now at the last I have outwitted time;
I know my goal;
I must go with the calling wind and the crying birds,
And with my vision.

WINIFRED KINGDON-WARD.

NEWS FROM HONG KONG

In August Irene Laurence heard from **Miss Beatrice Pope** (of 3, Upper Albert Road, Hong Kong) a former Maths. mistress at the Hall, who, as many of us know, has been doing valuable teaching and missionary work in Hong Kong for many years. She speaks of a long week-end holiday before the start of exams, of a swim on the lovely White Sand Beach behind the prison . . . She had only bathed there once since internment, and it brought back memories! She tells of her adventures with a collapsed and submerged bridge on the way to preach at Castle Peak and the successful playing of the organ by a little Chinese girl of ten! Also about the small new dispensary, where volunteer doctors, including Judith Hall, Bishop Hall's daughter, are taking turns to attend patients.

She speaks of work on their new Primary School Scripture Text Book and plans for engaging Chinese artists to interpret chosen pictures in their own way.

She finishes thus: "There have been some reference in your papers lately about the plight of the refugees here, and sometimes the Government is blamed for not doing more. I don't think people can imagine the hugeness of the problem. Three million people in this small territory, when I believe that the whole of Scotland has only five million! Blocks of flats, some Government, some Housing Society, some private, shoot up all the time, but it is impossible to cope with the numbers. Schools, too, shoot up, but are full, as soon as they are completed, with two sessions, or even three. We are building a twenty-four classroom school to hold a thousand children in the morning, another thousand in the afternoon, and possibly a third one for two hours at night! Catherine Chen, who spent three years in Birmingham and Rugby (William Temple) not long ago, is to be the courageous H.M. of this huge school. Of course she has a Mistress-in-charge of the afternoon school, and another for the evening school, but she will be responsible for the lot! Pray for sufficient numbers of devoted Christian teachers that we may be able to put Meaning into the Education given!"

HERE AND THERE IN EUROPE

In November, 1956, Phayre Crowley wrote thus to Miss Ghey from the British Embassy, Warsaw:—

"I've had my dearest wish and travelled extensively since the end of the war; taken a degree in social anthropology and specialised in colonial education; worked in Longmans Green for a year or two as an editorial assistant writing text books in English for young and earnest Africa; lost the ability to focus due to eyestrain, and spent a couple of years housekeeping for my parents; worked in an estate agent-surveyor's business, very entertaining, while recovering; and a year and a half in Switzerland as a welfare officer (administrative) which included everything—travel, pensions, and pay problems, jilted romances and advice on future careers, and many weary hours chaperoning patients (men and women!) in the big British Ministry of Health Sanatoria in Davos. It was a wonderful job and one became very fond of and interested in the long-term patients—no one was there for less than six months. However the Ministry closed the scheme last September. Then I joined the Foreign Office, had a month in Paris, and am now here in a very exciting part of Eastern Europe among a wonderful and heroic people. Their self-control during the last few weeks has been almost more admirable than a revolt. Alas, it is plain that

people will die this winter of cold and starvation here, and one can do nothing about it. We live in a state of mild seige, but the atmosphere is neither sinister nor oppressive—it is electric! The language is our main problem. I work in a very uninteresting routine job immensely long hours, and am really too tired to cope with Slav grammar and the minor mechanics of running a flat and eating. Practically all our food is flown in as we could not possibly afford to buy food locally, even if it were there, due to the way the exchange rate is pegged. It is impossible to eat out in restaurants without either plenty of money or an escort (and one wouldn't then!). The articles in the Sunday Times on Russia were also very true of Poland. It could be such a lovely and prosperous country, which makes it all the sadder. You can imagine the contrast after Switzerland!"

OUR CENTENARIAN

Mrs. Bartrum (Marion Burton) who celebrated her hundredth birthday on Boxing Day, 1956, wrote in her own hand to Miss Smith thus:—

"My very warm thanks to you and all the old S.M.H. girls for your kind telegram of good wishes on my hundredth birthday. I really had a wonderful day, and enjoyed seeing many old friends as the cars pass our gate every hour. The Bishop of Penrith gave Holy Communion to the household and church workers with the residents at 11 o'clock, and from then on it was a rush with lots of letters, cards, gifts of woollies, plants, flowers, chocolates, biscuits, etc., and very nice letters from St. John's Ambulance Headquarters, the Bishop of Carlisle and the Bishop of Chelmsford.

"I am now recovering from all the exertion of walking down and upstairs again two days running. I saw quite a few of my hospital nurses. I really had a lovely day and our Queen's telegram was a great attraction. A cousin sent me a frame for it, so it did not get soiled like the one from South Africa.

"My sister, Ellen, shares a room here with me. She is blind with cataract, and only one and a half years younger than me, so I did not agree to an operation when it was suggested. I too have cataracts but hope sight will last my life-time.

"This is a lovely old place, sixteenth century with cherries, azaleas, etc., blooming in turn, and an Air Force village which practices at night sometimes.

"Adieu from your grateful friend."

(As mentioned elsewhere, presents were sent from the Association and the School to this wonderful old lady.)

MEMORIES OF A PUPIL OF EIGHTY YEARS AGO

When answering Miss Ghey's Appeal, Mrs. Doris Giles and Miss Eileen Bartlett sent these memories of their mother, the late **Mrs. Mary Windham Mount Norris Bartlett (Moore)** who was at the Hall from 1872, when she was thirteen, until 1877.

"She so often spoke to us of her school days, and how she travelled alone from Colchester to Brighton to a strange school which even her

parents had never seen. I think she had a presentation from the Marquis of Bristol to whom her father was chaplain.

"The girls wore uniform—white stockings, alpaca dresses and straw bonnets in summer, and purple cloth or merino dresses in winter with either shawls or cloaks, and I think they wore black aprons.

"Their diet was somewhat austere, and they used to be glad to take a little mustard from the Mistresses' table to put on their bread and butter at supper time!

"On Sunday afternoons they had to write out the sermon they had heard in the morning, and they all had to be proficient in reciting the Thirty-nine Articles, and prove them from Scripture!"

JOURNALISM

Mention the word "reporter" to anybody, and he probably conjures up a picture of a Fleet Street newshawk, keen-eyed, scruffily-dressed, with pencil and notebook ever at the ready, and a way of quick-fire double-talking calculated to reduce his victims to confusion.

Maybe there are reporters like that, but I've never met one. I've been a journalist now for four years, the first two and a half on a provincial weekly, the Brighton and Hove Herald, the last ten months on Woman. I spent the few months in between free-lancing—not an occupation I can recommend to anyone; it's bad for the morale and hard on the pocket.

Journalism is a tremendously exciting profession. It can take you to places you would never have imagined visiting, introduce you to people you would never have thought you would meet. And by people I don't mean the famous. I mean ordinary everyday sort of people, whose lives will never go down in history, whose names will be forgotten after the one brief moment when they hold the public's interest.

Those are the people I enjoy meeting. I have drunk tea in a Yorkshire council house, coffee in a Mayfair flat. I have sat by the fireside of a Scottish croft, warmed my hands at the stove of a fairground caravan.

And I never fail to wonder at the incredible amount of love and loyalty which illuminates the lives of these people. The heroism of the boy who saves his friend from drowning, the charity of the woman who takes a coloured child into her home, the gratitude of the orphan girl who gives £100 she has won in a competition to the children's home where she was brought up. No-one would think the worse of them if the boy had run to get help instead of diving into the canal, if the woman had refused to take the black baby into her already overcrowded and impoverished home, if the orphan had spent the £100 on herself.

But when I asked the question, "What made you do it?" each of them gave the same answer—"I don't really know. It never occurred to me to do anything else." That to my mind is why journalism is so rewarding. Not for the pay, although that side of it is, on the whole, good, but because it reveals these heartwarming glimpses of generosity, kindness and love.

Journalism, unfortunately, has, like the stage, been terribly glamorised. I say unfortunately because so many people regard it as an easy route to riches and fame. It isn't a profession for playboys or playgirls; sometimes it's just slogging hard work.

If anyone has the ambition to become a journalist, I would ask her to consider whether she is prepared to attend dull committee meetings,

appalling amateur theatricals, innumerable church bazaars, and still be able to write an interesting and lively report on each. If she can see herself doing that, if she can picture herself as a general dogsbody, tea messenger, errand boy, filing clerk, and butt to everyone's bad temper rolled into one, and still think journalism is the only job for her, then I advise her to go into it and enjoy it. If she can't, if she isn't prepared to take criticism and learn from it, to see a report she has been particularly proud of left out or mutilated through lack of space, then she shouldn't become a writer.

But to the girl who can face all that, who really loves writing, and above all loves people, I wish good luck. Journalism is her *metier*, and in it she will probably succeed.

TONI WEBBER.

A PRESENTATION AT COURT

A date I shall never forget is April 3rd, 1957. This was the day I was Presented at Court to Her Majesty the Queen and Prince Phillip, Duke of Edinburgh.

My friends and I arrived at Buckingham Palace at 2.30 and joined the queue of Debutantes at the gates. Quite a crowd had gathered to watch our arrival and the press photographers were very busy. When our turn came we walked across the courtyard to the main door where six Beefeaters stood on guard.

Once inside, we were shown upstairs where the Court Officials separated the Debutantes from the people with them, who were taken to the Throne Room to watch the Presentation. The Debutantes were shown into what I subsequently found out was the Music Room, where there were rows of chairs to sit on while waiting.

When all the girls had arrived the magnificent double doors inlaid with mirrors were closed, and a Court Official in full ceremonial dress gave us our instructions. After that the first girls were taken to do their curtsies. There is no special order, the girls are taken as they happen to be sitting, row by row.

I had to wait until about 4.15 for my turn. I stood up and found my knees turning to water. When we arrived at the Throne Room I found I was too nervous to take much notice of my surroundings. I did notice the small orchestra playing softly in the background. A card bearing my name was taken from me, and I was held back until my name was called. I then walked forward, fully conscious of the people watching, to make my curtsies. I am not sure what exactly the Queen was wearing but I remember thinking how lovely she was. Prince Phillip was in uniform. When you curtsy you do not speak or shake hands, you smile and receive a gracious smile in return.

After the Presentation you are shown to your tea room, which in my case happened to be the Picture Gallery, and await your friends. When they arrive you have tea and you can wander around for a while. By six o'clock the ceremony is over for another year and it is with mixed thoughts that you leave.

As I walked away through the big gates I thought of the splendour, grace, and yet simplicity of this the most memorable occasion of my life.

LEONORE LANGLEY.

THE YEAR'S NEWS

Dr. Dulcie Adkins has now retired from U.M.C.A., and is living at Underriver, keeping house for her brother, and doing locums. She greatly enjoyed Miss Ghey's party.

Eirene Adkins, her sister, who was in St. Hilary House, is a Naval Nursing Sister (Superintending Sister) and has just gone from Haslar to Dartmouth in charge of the Sick Quarters there, and is looking forward to school holidays for a change.

Mollie Allen (now **Mrs. Fearnley Smith**) went out to Vancouver, and there met her future husband!

Monica Ashwin went for a holiday in 1956 to friends in Antigua, and then returned there for a year to a job with the Governor's wife and has had an interesting time.

Audrey Baron has had her usual happy contacts with **Mrs. Wells** (Anne Norris), **Mrs. Footitt** (Mildred Norris) and **Mrs. Barlow** (Gretel Hunt). Mildred's son has taken his degree at Cambridge, and now hopes to study for Holy Orders. **Audrey** had a wonderful holiday in Switzerland in May.

Betty Barton is living with her parents at Chaplain's House, Thoresby Park, Ollerton, near Newark. She has a post in a coal mine office at Edwinstowe, in the heart of the Sherwood Country. Her youngest sister, **Gay**, who has three children, lives at Park Lodge, Iver Heath.

Margaret Barton (whose address is Lea House, Godalming), is in private practice as a Radiotherapist and has "a very delightful partner and a fully trained assistant," as well as a receptionist.

Gladys Batson wrote early in the year to say she had left Lewes. All of them, **Jessie**, **Winifred** and herself had spent Christmas with **Phyllis** at Richmond, Yorks.

Dr. J. R. Beattie (Joyce Simmons) lives at The Manse, 6, Blackheath Rise, S.E.13, and is the mother of "three lovely sons." Her father writes: "besides being a wife and helping her parson husband, she is still employed in her profession and works under the Ministry of Health part time. She qualified in 1939 M.B., B.S., and in 1940, D.P.H."

Dr. Joan Blackledge, busy in her large practice at Newcastle-upon-Tyne, was able to meet **Miss Ghey** and **Miss Galton** for dinner, when they were passing through Newcastle in July.

Suzanne Broadley has been accepted for training as a nurse at Queen Elizabeth's Hospital in September, 1958.

Alice Brownlow is Caterer for the Junior School of St. Margaret's, Bushey.

Mrs. Buffett (Molly Harper) writes from Kirton Vicarage, Boston, Lincs. She and her husband have an adopted son and daughter, aged eleven and six.

Mrs. Burfoot (Ruth Young) is married to a St. Bartholomew's Hospital medical student, Michael Burfoot. **Toni Webber** is godmother to their three-year-old daughter, Jacqueline.

Mrs. Bedford (M. Chippindall) wrote regretting that more clergy daughters could not be at the Hall, and was very interested in **Miss Ghey's Appeal**. She was able to visit **Janet Smith's** sister, **Peggy**, in hospital. (She is back at work now). She also met **Winnie Smith** in Farnham.

Pat Carr is at present living at home, where she is responsible for running the house for her large family.

Mrs. Caswell (Winnie Banks) paid a flying visit to England this summer, and she and **Mrs. Rossi (Marjorie Segall)** did a matinee together.

Mrs. Chandler (Audrey Crate) wrote of her interest in the News Letter. She has lost touch with so many, and often wonders about **Gwen Morris, Mary Ashe** and **Mary Morbey**. Her main interest is the care of house and garden, the latter a big one.

Mrs. Chapman (Audrey Sadgrove) is "very busy with various committees, Civil Defence, and, last but not least, as Secretary and Treasurer of our Parish Room."

Pat Chapman is starting a year's practical farming this Autumn before going on to the Plumpton Agricultural College. She has just had a holiday in Spain.

Mrs. Christian (Nonie Howe), who is very happy teaching drama and producing shows at two schools, writes that her eldest daughter, **Hazel**, "has just landed herself a job as Assistant Secretary at the Royal Masonic School at Rickmansworth."

Margaret Church (1890-95) says she looks back with very happy memories of her five and a half years at S.M.H. and she reads the News Letter with great interest. She regrets that the full list of members do not appear in the 1956 number. (This was an economy measure to save space, but while it has also saved your Editor a considerable amount of work she, too, finds it very inconvenient!).

Lydia Clarke is "tremendously busy," teaching music at Queen's School, Chester, and privately as well.

Sheila Clarke wrote in February that she was enjoying her work as an Assistant Matron at Whittingehame College, Surrenden Road, Brighton, a Jewish School for boys. She said that **Margaret Robinson** was working as cake maker in a cake shop in Worthing, and she believed that **Jenefer Eley** had taken a secretarial job.

Mrs. Coath (Sheila Galbraith) has three small sons.

Viola Cobbett, who is a Home Teacher to the Blind, was appointed in February to the Stroud and Cirencester districts under the Gloucestershire County Association for the Blind, and has been having a very busy time in that lovely district, driving a County Council car. She was pleased to meet **Miss Batterbury** after church on Easter Day at Wimborne Minster, and found her looking not a day older!

Gladys Collis, having given up her nursing profession, has a voluntary post as Housekeeper for the Clergy of the Catholic Presbytery, Sea Point, The Cape, South Africa.

Mrs. Cooke (Muriel Podmore) and her husband have an adopted daughter, **Virginia**, now aged eight, who is a great joy to them. They live at Hythe Cottage, Eaton, Abingdon. Her sister, **Effie**, is married to Mr. Cooke's brother, and they have a Preparatory School, Sarum House, Plough Lane, Purley.

Evelyn Cooper (married name unknown), on the death last March of her husband, took his place as Curator of the Pitt-Rivers Museum, Farnham, Blandford, which is said to be the best private museum in the world. Her father, the Rev. H. M. Cooper, divides his time between staying with her and living with **Doreen** and **Peggy** at 54, Queensdale Road, London, W.11.

Kathleen Cooper retired last year from the Women's Royal Army Corps and is living at home (37, The Chase, S.W.16). She has a most interesting post with Yardley's, of Bond Street.

Delia Corrie has left the Royal Academy of Dramatic Art. She appeared in the musical, "Zuleika," earlier this year, and is now

understudying the juvenile lead in a new Hugh Wakefield comedy, opening in the West End this autumn.

Mrs. Crispe (Joan Hare Duke) when writing to ask us to correct a notice regarding **Mrs. Taylor (Madeleine Dougherty)** (q.v.) mentions that they were great friends, and that she is much attached to her offspring, and corresponds frequently with the daughter, Madeline, in New Zealand, since her mother's death. **Joan** took her up to see the Hall when she was over in England in 1952.

Mrs. Deschamps (Marion Bucke) came to the Blunt House party in 1957, to the great pleasure of the hostesses.

Mrs. de Sa (Keren Tyrrell) lives at Wakefields, Fairmoor Road, Morpeth. She and her husband have two boys and a girl.

Mrs. Elliott (Marjorie Duke) writes from B.F.P.O. 34 (see addresses) and says, "We live in Essen, and I well remember **Miss Lilley** telling us all about the Ruhr and its coal and heavy industry. From experience I would say it is a subject best left in a geography book and not investigated more closely! I do not like living in an industrial area." Her son Michael is at Dover College, with a £100 scholarship.

Mrs. Fordyce (Kitty Chilcott) writes from Glasgow, "It is queer to think we have been in Scotland for 22 years! Christian is now an Elder Statesman, and I am one of the senior ladies of the College. We are very happy and busy here . . . and within twenty minutes we can be on a moor or beside a loch with nothing in sight but mountains and gorse and heather. Which means a good deal."

Mrs. Forrer (Ruth Farrow) and **Mrs. Fry (Joy Macdonald)** were recently very welcome visitors at 1, Furness Road, Eastbourne. **Ruth** has good news to tell of her sons: Robert, after gaining a very good Second in History Honours at Oxford, is a master at Tavistock Grammar School; John and his wife and two boys are happy in New Zealand; David is a Deputy Superintendent in the Sarawak Constabulary; Michael is in his first year at Oxford and hopes to be ordained. **Joy Fry** is **Ruth's** Quartermaster in their Red Cross Detachment!

Mrs. Fosbery (Alma Smallpiece) has a little son, aged five.

Stephanie Gasston writes that a daughter was born to her sister, **Anne**, in November, 1956.

Mrs. Gauntlett (Betty Deane) has a daughter at The College, Wadhurst, who has recently passed her School Certificate at the age of 14.

Mrs. Gibson writes that **Hrothgarde** is on the Staff of Makerere College and lives close to her parents at Kampala, Uganda.

Mrs. Goodall-Copestake (Geraldine Walton) has now a little son, Paul, as well as her two daughters.

Mrs. Gosnell (Diana Moore) has just sent her little daughter, **Gay**, to the Hall, and says that Elliott House is "a masterpiece of construction."

Mrs. Grant (Carol Alden) (note new address) now has four children. They are all very happy in Eastbourne, N.Z.

Miss Ethel Hanham is moving from her home to be with an old friend who will "do" for her. Most commendably she has managed in her own home up to the age of ninety-one! (See addresses.)

She gives news of her niece, **Monica (Mrs. Kidman-Cox)** who in October had just gone to join her husband in Borneo for a year, when he retires, and they hope to return to make a home for their three children. Her daughter, Jill, has won her B.Sc. degree at Wye College, and is now with her granny (**Edith Day** of Hall days) at Sidford.

Mrs. Hardy (May Howard) writes that her daughter, Margaret, now Mrs. Cranmer-Bing, is in Hong Kong and has a little daughter.

Rosalind Harvey had a wonderful time doing recreational welfare work for Servicemen (R.A.F.) with the W.V.S. in Germany.

Mrs. Hassall (Sydney Tyrrell) lives at 21, Dellcott Close, Welwyn Garden City, and has three children.

Heather Heald is in training at Fairlie Place Secretarial College.

Miss Hensley wrote after her 91st birthday to say how she had enjoyed her tea party. Now, in October, she has had to look for new rooms, and hoped to get back to Kemp Town, but has now decided to go to the Marie Louise Club at Sunning Hill, Ascot, where she has frequently stayed before.

Marjorie Hick (8, Carbery Avenue, London, W.3), wrote to Miss Ghey to say how she had enjoyed the A.G.M., and asking if she could call when in Eastbourne in June with her cousin, **Sheila Phillips**.

Agnes Hobbins mentions the Circular Letter, started in 1897, when the Sixth Form of her day disbanded. Five out of the original eight are still writing, two, **V. H. Friedlaender** and **K. Darby**, having passed on. Most remarkable.

Edith Holland has been working with the Shell Petroleum Co. in Japan for six years and is due home for good next year. Her sister, **Mary**, who is working with the Nuffield Trust, often visits the third of the family, **Betty (Mrs. Courcelle)**, whose address is 29, rue des Bas Tillets, Sevres, S. & O., France. **Betty** has five children, and she often sees **Mme. Deschamps (Marion Bucke)** and her five children. **Betty** asks for news of **Catherine Holdsworth**.

Mary Holland is Head of the New Business Section of the British United Provident Association. She lives at 12, Primrose Hill Road, N.W.3, and in her spare time she is studying Art History at the National Gallery.

Mrs. House (Rachael (Myra) Rendall) lives at 5201, East 6th Avenue, Denver 20, Colorado. Her husband is in the Consular Service and they have travelled widely. She has three sons and a daughter. Her eldest son is a Classical Scholar at the Queen's College, Oxford, and is intending to take Holy Orders.

Mrs. Howlett (Margaret Stuart Black) when writing to re-join the Association said she has been a widow for six years and has been living, together with her two sons, now seventeen and fourteen, in Scotland with her parents. The elder boy was hoping to go to Edinburgh University this autumn. She has kept up with **Mrs. Bruton (Diana Harris)** with whom she stays at Rottingdean, so she knows her family; also with **Vanessa Sly** and **Mrs. McWalter (Marjorie Fuller)**. It was **Margaret**, I remember, who designed the cover for the Centenary News Letter!—Ed.)

Mrs. Martyn Hughes (Dorothea Kempe) is now living at 2, The Chestnuts, Uppingham, as her husband is a master at the School. She has a girl and a boy. **Dorothea** recalls Sunday reading to the Sixth Form, of Thring's Life and Letters!

Mrs. Jackson (Mary Broughton-Thompson) lives at Three Warp, Tregavarah, Penzance, and has two girls and a boy. Her sister, **Audrey (Mrs. H. Martin)** lives at Elmfield, Coppice Drive, Roehampton.

Marion Kitching is living at home with Bishop and Mrs. Kitching, and working at the County Hospital, at Guildford, "doing hearing tests and fitting people up with hearing aids." Her address is 9, Selsey Avenue, Southsea, Hants. She is godmother to **Angela Fullerton**, daughter of **Mrs. Fullerton (Elizabeth Miller)**.

Mrs. Kidd (Daisy Panter) tells us that her daughter, Bridget, after gaining the P.N.E.U. Certificate at Ambleside, and the Manchester Teach-

ing Diploma, is very happy indeed on the Staff of Cranford House P.N.E.U. School at Moulsoford, Berks.

Barbara Leadbitter writes (from 47, St. James' Road, Shirley, Southampton), that she is now a Health Visitor in Southampton and enjoys the work.

Mrs. Lees (Mary Montgomery-Campbell) now has five children, the youngest a pair of twins. She says that **Nell (Mrs. Knowles)** is in Somaliland, and **Bridget (Mrs. R. Andrew)** near Tilbury, where her husband is in general practice.

Anita Liddell, Jill Radford and Susan Riley are studying shorthand-typing at Brighton Technical College.

Mrs. Menzies (Dolores Lawrence) lives at 197, Leeds Road, Shelton, Stoke-on-Trent. She writes, "I have a splendid husband, and son (now in the Forestry Commission). Before my marriage I was a foreign correspondent for fruit and cotton firms." Her sister, **Mary**, is in Australia and has "two lovely boys." She has been a broadcaster on both the Canadian and the Australian radio.

Dr. Mary Menzies is Assistant M.O. under the West Riding County Council—in addition to a lot of work connected with the Parish Church (of Rotherham).

Mrs. Mead (Amy Law) and her husband have moved from Cheshire to Essex (see addresses) where they are pleased to be near David, farming at Bures, and Andrew, at Felsted School. He did well in his G.C.E. in nine subjects, and will now take Mathematics and Science on "A" Level. **Dorothy Williams** was to visit her in October.

Mrs. Milns (Nancy Milburn) writes that her David and Jane are doing extremely well at school. David's ambition at present is to be, like his grandfather, a doctor, and Jane would like to be a nurse or a farmer's wife, or both!

Mrs. R. Milsted (Clare Sangster) is the wife of a tea-planter. Her address is: Raimatang T.E., Kalchini P.O., Dodars, W. Bengal. She keeps in touch with **Mrs. Pollard (Freda Fotheringham)** and **Molly Darroll-Smith** (also married), with both of whom we, alas, are out of touch.

Mrs. Moody (Agnes Ehrmann) writes that her daughter, Angela, won a free place at Clifton High School and wants to study Medicine. **Agnes's** husband is now a Canon of Bristol Cathedral and Director of Religious Education, as well as Vicar of Abbots Leigh, Bristol.

Mrs. Nicklin (Margaret Meakin), who lost her husband in 1947, writes that her only child, Mary, has taken her G.C.E. at St. Winifred's, Llanfairfechan, and hopes to continue in the Sixth for two years, studying Science, with a view to a University course.

Mrs. Nolda (Joan Drury) was last heard of in Cyprus.

Mrs. Ogden (Katharine Powell) mentions that her son, Brian, now twenty-one, has gone to the Church Army Training College to train as a Church Army Officer, and is very happy in this most strenuous life.

Mrs. Osborne (Dulcie Heycock), writing from Annandale, Brassey Road, Bexhill, says, "Life is always pretty hectic—three young children, and an hotel, does not leave one much time for idling! However, we both enjoy being busy, and having built this place up from scratch we get great satisfaction from seeing it thrive."

Violet Podmore, who after long years of nursing in China was interned for three years by the Japanese in Hong Kong, is now Secretary to a Wimpole Street surgeon.

Phyllis Poyser is teaching at King's House Junior School, 61, King's Road, Richmond, a school of just over fifty boys.

Joan Prichard is the Caterer at Lancing College. Her sister, **Evelyn**, Head Almoner of the Epsom Group of Hospitals, is one of the youngest Almoners to be given charge of a Group.

Mrs. Priestnall (Nora Burden) is, we hear, now **Mrs. Callow** (q.v.) Her husband is a farmer, and they are all very happy. Her Roger is fifteen, and Elizabeth is twelve.

Mrs. Randall (Mary Fosh) tells us that **Joan Edwards** and **Ruth Raven** both came to her wedding in March. **Joan** is still at the Royal Free Hospital, she thinks, and **Ruth** is teaching P.T. at a school near her home in Essex. **Mary** is no longer in the Police Force, having resigned in October.

Jean Robertson is working in Hampshire as an Assistant Physical Education Organiser and is most happy in "a delightful, friendly atmosphere."

Mrs. Robins (Charity Girdlestone) wrote speaking of her pleasure at meeting Miss Ghey's friend, **Miss Walters**, also of her own two small daughters. She said that **Angela** stayed with her after Easter, and is working in a Sanatorium at Godalming. **Hester** is still up near Chester. Her family are getting quite big, her eldest girl being fourteen.

Mrs. Roll (Gwen Lake) has a daughter at Ashford School. **Gwen** writes: "I am a village 'busy-body,' one of the School Managers, on the Mothers' Union Committee, and on the Parochial Church Council, and I choose library books for the 'Darby and Joans'—Westerns for the Darbys and light love for the Joans!"

Mrs. Rossi (Marjorie Segall) wrote in May that she had spent a lovely week-end over Easter with **Mrs. O. Roberts (Margaret Standage)**. The two **Ashwins** and **Connie Shallard** came to tea one day (her sister, **Gertie**, was in our form), and on Easter Monday there was a double celebration. **Margaret's** first grandchild was christened, and they also toasted the wedding of **Margaret's** daughter, Rosemary, in Newfoundland which took place the same day.

Mrs. Rothnie (Ann Harris) is at present in Kuwait, where her husband is Assistant Political Agent. She was home this summer with her two children, Delia, aged three, and Keir, aged one. Her sister, **Zoe**, is training as an occupational therapist at Dorset House, Oxford, and still has a year to go.

Florence Rothwell and her mother are living at 72, St. Cross Road, Winchester.

Mrs. Seeberg (Frances Smith) wrote to say that her two girls, Karen and Brita, were starting school at S.M.H. in January 1957. She is now in Japan.

Constance Shallard wrote that when she was in an Ipswich Hospital last Christmas, this time as a patient, she was delighted to find that one of the Student Nurses, **Shirley Adams**, was at the Hall. She was doing well—a cheerful, eager person—and at the Service of Nine Lessons and Carols, which she attended, **Nurse Adams**, as a "First Year Nurse," read the first of the Lessons beautifully. It was just one more joy!

Mrs. Smith (Dorothy Lilley) has been doing a locum at the Royal Free Hospital and also at the L.C.C. Remand Home as a psychiatric social worker. Her daughter is at Oxford.

Susan Snelling wrote to **Miss Smith** from Paris in April where she was enjoying doing her French course, and looking after some children. She was expecting to return to England in September to start at the Rachel Macmillan Froebel Training College.

Mrs. Snow (Joan Way), of Ardingly School, has her little Jonathan (ten) at the Pilgrims' School, Winchester, as a Cathedral Chorister.

Mrs. Spurrell (Gwen Hensley) wrote in January to say that she and her husband celebrated their Silver Wedding anniversary on April 7th, 1956, and also became grandparents on May 13th of that year when her second daughter, Jennifer, now Mrs. Mark Hogg, had her baby.

Roberta Stott.—Miss Ghey has received three beautiful letters from Roberta's sister and two brothers, telling of her wonderful courage and unselfish patience all through her agonizing illness, and of her steadfast affection for St. Mary's Hall.

Mrs. Taylor (Barbara Barton) lives at Lower Dairy Farm, Nayland, near Colchester. They have two delightful children.

Mrs. Thomson (Elaine Lewis) writes from her home in Ceylon, where her husband is a tea-planter. They have two boys, Neil and Charles, both destined probably for Sedbergh. In a delightful letter, she describes her pleasant and very busy life.

Mrs. Tollputt (Invicta Kent) writes that her daughter Sheila is very happy at the Farmhouse School, Wendover: she hopes to send her Richard to Tonbridge, and says that her third child, Felicity, "is nearly at the top of her School already and is very musical."

Mrs. Watts (Kathleen John), writing from Peele House, Christ's Hospital, Horsham, is much enjoying her happy work there (in her eighth year as House Matron). Three of her children are grown up and independent, the fourth is doing his National Service, and she has three grandchildren.

Mary Wall, who was away ill in the Spring, is well again and very happy in her beloved 'Hampden Gurney' School at Marble Arch, "as much a joy as ever." She has been Head there since 1938.

Olu Williams and Florence Aderele are both on a secretarial course at Pitman's.

Toni Webber is at present working for "Woman," and with two other girls is responsible for the magazine's feature, "Women's Mirror," which publishes true stories of real people. She finished two and a half year's training on the "Brighton and Hove Herald" last year, and as a free lance had articles and stories published in "The Times," "Young Elizabethan," "Pony," and "Light Horse."

Stephanie Webber has just completed a course in beauty culture at "the Innoxa" School of Beauty Culture, and is hoping to get a job as a "beautician" in Brighton.

Miss Ghey, to whom we are indebted for so much of this news, is somewhat concerned that so many of those mentioned are not members of the Association! Will their friends kindly note, and encourage them to join!

Mary Boswell, writing from Cumberland, says that "life up here has been very exciting lately with all this radiation about in this modern age, but it is interesting to be in the middle of it all." She went along to the factory in October for a thyroid test for radio-activity—"negative, of course, but an experience!"

Miss Dimishky, whom we remember as English Mistress and most able producer of the School Magazine, and who left the School last Christmas for a post in Hull to be near her aged father, did not, we regret to say, have him for long after, but must be most glad to have given him the pleasure of having her company at home.

Miss Ellen Burton, sister to our centenarian, **Mrs. Bartram**, will herself, we trust, reach the age of one hundred in 1958!

Mrs. McCall (Margaret Jones) writes that this is their last winter in Pakistan as her boys start school in England next summer—They had just returned from a six weeks' holiday in Kashmir which passed all

their expectations for beauty—Three weeks were spent on a house-boat on the Dal Lake where, from the canopied deck they could see blue water with floating gardens, the green slopes, and the snow capped mountains.

Mrs. Allnutt (May Watson) writes giving news of several contemporaries. She was hoping to meet **Mrs. Cunnew (Ada Oliphant)** soon, and mentions the daughter as engaged, and son as teaching. She recently went with **Miss Helen Potter** to St. Albans, for lunch with **Gertrude Osl**, who has music pupils. When in Sussex she went to tea with **Mrs. Roe (Marjorie Barrow)** who has a lovely home overlooking Rye harbour with a beautifully laid out terraced garden. She has a son and daughter. **May** has also heard from **Leila Grasett** and **Mollie Wonnacott**. She also called on **Miss Parkinson** in Bexhill, and heard about her work in India. **May** herself is busy working for a sale of work at "Bow Bells" (Chearside) Church, which is being rebuilt.

Margaret Lloyd wrote in April from 31, Marshall Street, Fairfield, Hamilton, N.Z., the home of her sister **Esther (Mrs. Fish)** after her journey by road, air, sea, and air again from Ruanda where she had a great welcome from the Africans and missionaries who had known and loved Marion. All the way to Durban, on the boat, and at the Australian ports, she was befriended and shown the sights, "and at Auckland," she says, "I cannot describe the queer feeling of meeting Esther after over ten years! . . . It is most interesting getting to know the children . . . People are very friendly . . . climate is sub-tropical . . . Esther sends her loving greetings. . . ."

BIRTHS

Andrew.—On March 23rd, 1957, at 50, King Edward Drive, Grays, Essex, to Bridget (Montgomery Campbell) and Dr. Richard Andrew—a daughter.

Baxter.—On June 8th, 1957, at the Maternity Hospital, Cambridge, to Jean (Stuart), wife of John Edgell Baxter—a daughter, sister to Peter and Alice.

De Sa.—On March 31st, 1957, at Rothbury Cottage Hospital Northumberland, to Geoffrey and Keren (Tyrrell) De Sa—a third son (Roderick Adrian).

Lees.—On 13th September, 1956, at Bromsgrove General Hospital, to Mary (Montgomery Campbell), wife of George D. Lees—a daughter and a son.

Perkins.—In the Spring, 1957, to Shirley (Smart)—a son, Richard.

Schooling.—On 2th July, 1957, at 29, Adelaide Crescent, Hove, Sussex, to Barbara, wife of Nevil Schooling—a daughter.

MARRIAGES

Ashley-Awcock—Atkins.—On February 2nd, 1957, Pamela Paula Atkins to Brian Ashley-Awcock. (see addresses).

Fearnley Smith—Allen.—On July 25th, 1957, in Christ Church Cathedral, Vancouver, B.C., Mollie Allen to Peter Fearnley Smith. (see addresses).

Callow—Priestnall.—On November 5th, 1956, Nora Priestnall (Burden) to R. Callow (see addresses).

Randall—Fosh.—On March 23rd, 1957, at All Saints' Church, Woodford Green, Arthur George, second son of Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Randall, of Langley Park, Durham, to Katherine Mary, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Fosh, of Woodford Green, Essex.

DEATHS

Allen.—On September 1st, 1956. Charles Bird Allen, M.A., A.R.C.M., aged 71, beloved husband of Mary Diana Allen, of 26, East Drive, Brighton, father of Mollie.

Bond.—On 8th September, 1957, Janet Constance, daughter of the late Frederick Laurie, of Worcester, beloved wife of the late Sir Hubert Bond and dear mother of Margot Child (Bond).

Dimishky.—On February 8th, peacefully, Paul John Elias, Priest, Vicar of Skirlaugh, East Yorkshire, 1934 to 1953, aged 79. R.I.P.

Eacott.—On July 14th, 1957, suddenly, in Ireland, Alice Mary Eacott, aged 80 years, of 59, Cambridge Road, Middlesbrough (sister of Emily and Constance), at S.M.H. 1888-94.

Elwin.—On November 3rd, 1957, at the Tarner Nursing Home in Brighton, Rosa Mary Elwin, aged 86 years, at S.M.H. 1886-89.

Gray.—On March 9th, 1956, Dr. A. Herbert Gray, and on September 4th his widow, father and mother of Margaret Gray.

Hales.—On April 8th, 1957, at Johannesburg, Edith Lucy Hales (Elwin) aged 82, sister to Rose. At S.M.H. 1885-93.

Hutt.—On June 1st, 1957, in a nursing home, Kate, widow of Charles H. Hutt, sometime Rector of Chartham, Kent.

King.—In January, 1953, as the result of an accident, Dorothy L. King, Mathematics Mistress following Miss Pope. No letters, please.

Lawrence.—On February 26th, 1957, at 53, Cloisters Avenue, Bickley, Kent, Cicely Simonds, widow of the Rev. G. H. Lawrence, formerly of Chesham Bois, and dearly loved mother of Gresham, Jean and Michael, aged 74 years.

Loasby.—On July 20th, 1957, in his 85th year, at 9, Brunswick Square, Hove, Harry Clement Loasby, formerly Archdeacon of Madras, and Rector of Uckfield, beloved husband of Brenda. Devoted father and grandfather.

Raynor.—On 22nd November, 1956, at Margate General Hospital, Harriet Gertrude Raynor, aged 81. At S.M.H. 1887-1894 (sister of Lucy).

Stoney-Smith.—On January 3rd, 1957, in Vancouver, Mabel Stoney-Smith (Keane), widow of Lt.-Col. H. Stoney-Smith, at S.M.H. 1891-1898, winner of the Good Conduct Medal, 1898.

Thomas.—On January 30th, 1957, at the West Suffolk General Hospital, Violet Blanche (Whittingham), wife of the late John David Thomas, former Rector of Barrow, Suffolk (Music and Singing Mistress at S.M.H. 1906-11).

Wade.—On October 18th, suddenly at his home, Loxwood, Henfield, after a short illness, Charles James Aubrey, very dearly loved husband of Muriel and father of Mary and Angela, in his 79th year. R.I.P. Please no letters.

Woodhams.—On January 26th, 1957, after a long illness, Alice Mildred Woodhams, aged 76, at her home 18, Fairdene, Southwick, Sussex, (Matron at S.M.H. (1919-34).

Correction. Taylor, Madeleine (Dougherty not Dorgerty). On November 20th, 1955, at Auckland, N.Z., beloved mother of Madeleine, John, George and Harry, at S.M.H. 1902-6.

In Memoriam

MRS. THOMAS (Miss Violet Blanche Whittingham)

In trying to recollect a few special memories of our Singing Mistress, Miss Whittingham (Piano and Singing, 1906—11), there comes to mind the thought that she was much loved by her pupils, for while she always set a high standard before them, she was genuinely sympathetic with anyone in trouble or difficulty, and would strive to set at ease a nervous scholar since she knew that the best in singing or playing music would not be produced by trembling performers! She, herself, had a lovely voice, always a joy to listen to; the writer first heard it at the concert given by Miss Wright and Miss Whittingham with a young visiting artiste (violin), in one of the Pavilion rooms, in aid of St. Mary's Hall funds; but otherwise we only had an occasional special treat when some evening the word went round, "Miss Whittingham is going to sing to us!" She made us work really hard in the Chorus Class, which had the privilege also of being taught by Mr. Robert Taylor, conductor of the Brighton Sacred Philharmonic Society, and she strove to bring the second singing class on to the same high plane of performance. She really loved the Lower School singing class because they enjoyed themselves over it! But if anyone misbehaved, the classes might find themselves made to sit in silence for minutes on end!

There was always a very deep reverence and the utmost care to get the best work possible in practising for the music at Prayers, or for any Sacred music.

She was a splendid solo-singing teacher, her methods of breathing being particularly good. Yet we used to think that she had not very robust health, and it is good to know that she has had the happiness of being the wife of a clergyman, and that only this year has she been called to Higher Service beyond the discords of this troubled sphere.—May she rest in peace.

R.L.

MISS WOODHAMS (1919-1934)

The death on January 26th, 1937, of Miss Mildred Woodhams brought sorrow to many generations of Old Girls who remember with affection her reign as Matron in Miss Galton's House, Elliott House, the School House of those days. Miss Woodhams had an unflinchingly high standard for everything in her department, and no young shirker could hope to get past her searching glance with what was makeshift or second-best. Respect she had from all, a wholesome fear from those who loved excuses, affection from the many who experienced her quiet kindness. In illness she was the kindest of nurses: once at least she made with her own hands a pretty frock for a Foundationer whose wardrobe was scanty. She served the Hall with a perfect loyalty, and her attendance while her health allowed it at School re-unions brought round her a crowd of her "old Elliots," to be welcomed with her unforgettable smile.

F.L.G.

As an Old Girl of before her time your Editor will never forget Miss Woodhams with her bright, quick glance, her kindly welcome to a visitor, and her interested enquiry after the "little" sister, who was once one of her charges.

Mrs. Thompson (Helen Boswell) writes: When, at the age of ten, I first went to St. Mary's Hall in September, 1921, all of us very small fry used to sleep in the long Henry Venn Elliott dormitory—for these were the days before the opening of the Junior House—and I suppose it was whilst we were in this "baby" dormitory that we came most under the influence of Miss Woodhams.

She herself was a Matron at the Hall from 1919 to 1934, and her room was the little one between the Henry Venn Elliott and the Julius Elliott dormitories (now the Balance Room!). Looking back on all her care for us I marvel to think how cheerful she always seemed to be, for as Matron in charge of us very junior juniors hers was the most thankless job of seeing that "our hair was brushed, our faces washed, our shoes both clean and neat"—no easy task with a lot of unruly and excitable ten-year-olds.

Amongst Miss Woodhams' duties was the odd ritual known as "Looking over" at the beginning and end of term, when we unpacked and laid out all our garments on our beds according to the clothes list, for her to check. It was useless to try and conceal from Miss Woodhams that only sixteen handkerchiefs had arrived when the specified number was eighteen, the remaining two had to be produced from somewhere.

As an only child and consequently feeling terribly lost and overpowered in those first weeks of boarding school life, I think, however, that I remember Miss Woodhams most gratefully for her smallness of stature—she was rather below the average height and therefore did not tower over me from a great distance when seeking to discover if my mending had been done properly, or enquiring how many times my hair had been brushed on either side of my head.

For all of us who came under her care during those years, her death must come as a loss, and when now in adult life our personal appearance is entirely a matter for our own concern, I for one look back in gratitude and admiration for the way in which she kept us clean and neat against such frightful odds.

Miss Dorothy L. King, whose death in 1953, following an accident, we regret to note, followed Miss Pope as Maths Mistress about 1924.

Your Editor has very pleasing memories of her as a fellow member of the Kingston and Hove Hockey Club—a neat figure in a gym tunic, dark and pretty, a good player with twinkling feet, and up at School ready with a greeting to an Old Girl—I am sure many of her time must have enjoyed working with or for her.

GERTRUDE RAYNOR (S.M.H. 1887-1894)

Gertrude Raynor (always known to us as Gertie) went to St. Mary's Hall when quite a little girl. When I entered the School a few years later, she had reached Form IV, where I joined her, and we went on up the School together, and our friendship continued ever since.

During her last year or so there she was Prefect of the Lower East Dormitory, where the little girls slept, and where her loving helpfulness was much valued.

A few years later we came in touch again, when she was doing secretarial work in the Church of England Zenana Missionary Society, under which I went to China, and her continued missionary interest was an added link between us.

Those who knew her well at St. Mary's Hall will remember her loyal and helpful influence.

Much sympathy is felt with her sister, Lucy (who was also at St. Mary's Hall) in her great loss.

MARGARET M. CHURCH.

EDITH LUCY HALES (ELWIN)

Edith Lucy Elwin went to St. Mary's Hall when quite a little girl, with her elder sister, Rose, in 1885. Five years later, in the autumn of 1890, when I entered the school I joined her in Form 4, a very happy friendly one. From that time until she left at Christmas, 1893, having been a Trustees Scholar for her last year, we worked side by side, in very happy friendship, which continued all through her life. A common interest in China, where I hoped to go, and where she had been as a child with her parents, who were C.M.S. missionaries in that land, was a special link. I remember her then, a pretty girl with beautiful brown eyes, and long fair hair, good at work and games with a special gift for drawing and painting, and with a steady helpful influence.

It is many years since we met, as she has been most of her life in S. Africa. It was good to read in last year's S.M.H. Newsletter that Edith had linked up with S.M.H., and had been one of the party of five "Old Girls" who met for lunch in Johannesburg on August 22nd, 1956.

Letters lately have told of ill-health and suffering, and on April 8th, 1957, just a week after her 82nd birthday, she passed peacefully away in Johannesburg; we are glad to know that she was spared longer suffering. Our sympathy goes to her sisters, and other relatives, who had not seen her for so long.

MARGARET M. CHURCH.

Edith's sister, Rose, tells us that Edith was the middle one of three at the Hall, and that after passing Matric. at the Hall she taught in schools and families till she went to a Sisters' School in Perth, W. Australia, and from there to S. Africa, where she had to learn Africans before teaching in the Schools. After her marriage to Mr. Hales they took a trip to England, and then returned to S. Africa.

ALICE EACOTT, S.M.H. 1888-1894

I wonder how many "Old Girls" who read this, go back far enough to remember Alice Eacott? They are lucky if they do. Although Alice did not shine at school with academic distinction she scored a first class with honours in the hearts of her schoolfellows for her outstanding charm and selflessness, and she was (almost unanimously) awarded the Good Conduct Medal by the votes of the whole School. To be down on your luck immediately called forth a sympathetic response in Alice, and things began to mend. On leaving School she trained as a nurse at St. Mary's Hospital, Plaistow, where the Matron and doctors soon recognised her unique ability and special devotion to children. Later on, in private nursing, she so won a patient's heart that she was persuaded to go and live with the family in Co. Tipperary and stayed twenty years!

A small boy of the family amusingly considered her powers of retrieving lost property exceeded St. Anthony's, confidently asserting, "If Sis can't find it then it can't be found!"

She faced gradually increasing deafness with a courage that only seemed to regret the effort made by others to keep her in the swim with all that was going on. After leaving Ireland she lived in London and eventually went to make a short stay at my home, a busy Parsonage in S.E. London, and stayed twenty years, to become the "angel in the house" to my father and mother to the end of their lives. We all loved her and her generosity in sharing everything, usually giving away the lion's share. She must have adopted "Others" as her motto from childhood, and was incapable of thinking anything but the best of everyone. In 1944 she went to live at Middlesbrough with her sisters, Emily and Constance, and was supremely happy in home and Church life, quickly making many friends. She died quite suddenly when on a visit to the remaining members of the family in Ireland, on Sunday morning, July 14th, at Mogorban, just nine days before her 81st birthday, and was buried at Middlesbrough. The gap in the family circle has in it a "Deo Gratias" which I too echo, for all she has been and still is.

"Lord, all pitying, Jesu Blest,
Grant her Thine Eternal Rest."

KATHARINE M. JENNINGS.

ROSE MARY ELWIN

1871—1957

at St. Mary's Hall 1886—1889

I met Miss Elwin soon after I came to St. Mary's Hall in 1950 and I had the privilege of keeping in touch with her until the day of her death.

Although she was a pupil here for only three years she was a most faithful Old Girl with a deep and sincere love for her School. She attended meetings at the Hall whenever she had the chance and did not, I think, miss a single Speech Day. I shall always remember her courage and cheerfulness which did not leave her even when she was gravely ill. I was glad that she ended her life in the serenity and the peaceful sanctuary of the Tarner Home.

D.C.

Rose Mary Elwin came to the Hall in 1886, and to the end of her long and unselfish life she retained her devotion to the School. Few gatherings of recent years have failed to include that frail figure, and her thoughts were constantly with the welfare of the Hall.

The record of her life-work in China is a noble one. For 15 years she was Head of a large C.M.S. Orphanage and School for Chinese children in Shanghai. During the 1914-18 War she served as a V.A.D. and also in a special Department in the War Office, to do with China. Later she became Supervising Matron of three large Schools for White and Eurasian girls, under the Shanghai Municipal Council.

When Miss Nancy Price produced in London her beautiful play, "Lady Precious Stream," Rose Elwin was happy to be asked to lend some of her Chinese treasures. She loved her work and she loved her friends: in her another good and faithful servant has passed to her rest.

F.L.G.

Mrs. Capern (Constance Thompson) writes as a contemporary of **Rose Elwin** in the 1880ies, though they knew each other only slightly at that time:—

“I remember her and her little sister Edith arriving at S.M.H. when I had been there five or six years. Rose was tall and buxom with a mop of dark frizzy hair, whilst Edith was small, fairhaired and delicate looking. We were told that their father was a missionary in Shanghai, and I believe that both girls had been at the Limpsfield School for missionaries' daughters before coming to the Hall. Rose was then fourteen or so whilst I must have been nearly seventeen for I was in Form Va; consequently, never being in the same form or dormitory we seldom met. I left school at eighteen and never heard of Rose again until I came to live in Brighton in 1927, after which we met at School functions, and I was distressed to see her so altered by illness.

“She was always shy and reserved, but I know she had a great love for our dear Miss Birrell and a tremendous affection for St. Mary's Hall which made her never lose an opportunity of visiting the old school in spite of increasing pain and infirmity caused by the arthritis from which she had so long suffered.”

Special Notice—Association Members

As an economy measure only the addresses of new members, also changes, corrections and deletions, are being printed. Any member desiring to contact another can obtain her address from the Secretary, enclosing a stamped addressed envelope.

The Subscription is at least 5/- per annum, and £5 for Life Membership. The name of any member (not being a Life Member) who fails to pay her subscription for two consecutive years is removed from the list.

A cross here indicates an overdue subscription (see Treasurer's note).

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DEATHS

- A. Eacott, R. Elwin, G. Raynor, Miss M. Woodhams.

DELETIONS

- E. Brocklehurst (Mrs. Lloyd Price), N. Snell (Mrs. Beckett), P. Burgis, D. Browne, S. Elder, S. Fulford, M. Fryer, J. Franckeiss, E. Farrow (Mrs. Goshawk), W. Lawson (Mrs. Girvan), P. Hyams, M. Kenwood, J. Luyken, E. Ehrmann (Mrs. Moody), C. Minns, M. Patten, J. Pilcher, R. Unmack, P. Ransford, J. Davis (Mrs. Anderson).

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ST. MARY'S HALL ASSOCIATION

Statement of Accounts 1st April, 1956 to 31st March, 1957

RECEIPTS		PAYMENTS	
	£ s d		£ s d
Balance in Bank, 1st April, 1956	39 8 3	Annual General Meeting, 1956	4 9 0
Cash in hand 1st April, 1956	1	Secretary's Postage and Printing, 1956	6 9 5
Annual Subscriptions	20 15 9	Secretary's Postage and Printing, 1957	4 6 2
Life Subscriptions	29 10 0	Invested in Post Office Savings	29 10 0
Sale of News Letter	29 19 6	Printing of News Letter, 1956	93 8 0
31 News Letter Donations	1 1 6	Cheques to S.M.H. Bursary Fund	46 6 0
Subscriptions to Bursary Fund, 1956	26 7 0	Mrs. Bartrum's 100th. Birthday	14 3½
Subscriptions to Bursary Fund, 1957	25 0 0	Balance in Bank, 31st March, 1957	8 4 6
Advertisements in News Letter	20 14 0	Cash in hand, 31st March, 1957	3 4 2½
Dividend from Conversion Stock	3 15 6		
	<u>£196 11 7</u>		<u>£196 11 7</u>

E. M. SMITH, Hon. Treasurer.

Audited and found correct.—April, 1957
B. M. W. BOLTON.



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