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EDITORIAL

A happy Christmas to you all this Coronation Year! And a prosperous one to follow!

This has been an international year as well as a truly national one. The East Coast floods and similar events have demonstrated the insecurity of man, and helped us to sympathise with disasters in other lands; and the passing of Queen Mary and our friends, the debt we owe to the unflinching uprightness of an older generation. The preparations for the Coronation and local festivities have encouraged us all to play together as well as work, while the Coronation itself, a wonderful climax, has reminded us and the world of our noble heritage and great traditions; when our lovely young Queen showed her awareness of her vocation, and dedicated herself to her people's service under God, simply, but with great dignity, and then in crowned majesty came forth amid heartfelt rejoicing for one so fitted in every way for her destiny.

We of St. Mary's Hall can remember our motto, "Before honour humility," and that the words "tradition, vocation, dedication, and service," and what they signify, have always been important to any girl trained at "the Hall" since its opening until now.

And, as the Bishop said on Founder's Day, what a chance for you young women of to-day!

PRESIDENT'S LETTER.

October, 1953.

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

I am afraid I am one of the offenders this year who has kept the Editor waiting, but the beginning of this term has been unusually busy. We have had a visit from the Ministry of Education in the form of a General Inspection. Though full inspections are not the ordeal which they may have been many years ago, yet they do cause a certain amount of disruption and preparation, and certainly they provide plenty of paper work for the Head Mistress and her Secretary in the few weeks beforehand! The last inspection was in 1934, and very considerable changes have taken place in the School since that time, in addition to the break of six years during the War and the subsequent reorganisation of the School since 1946. It was natural that the Ministry should be interested to see how the Hall had recovered, and along what lines it was developing in every way.

The News-letter will give details of our activities including results in the General Certificate of Education Examination and in games. The Certificate results were the best we have had since the School re-opened, the percentage of passes being 76. We must not, however, place too great emphasis on examination results, though they are certainly in some measure a reliable pointer to progress. In 1954 we shall have a few entries for Advanced Level, but very much wish that more girls would remain at School after taking their Ordinary Level Examinations.

I have been delighted to see so many old girls during the year and especially to see the numbers of younger old girls joining and coming to meetings. I had the special pleasure of entertaining Evelyn Goshawk (Farrow) recently. I knew her when we were both teaching at Malvern Girls' College many years ago, and it was a very great joy to meet her again when she came to talk to us on historical costume.

I am sure the old girls will continue to support us in our continued efforts to make their old School what they would wish it to be.

Yours very sincerely,

DORIS CONRADY.

LETTER FROM MISS GHEY.

Blunt House,
Eastbourne.
October 27th, 1953.

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

Once more I have the pleasure of thanking you for the happiness that your letters and your visits have brought to both Miss Galton and myself this year. It is an increasing delight to hear news of yourselves and your families, and to feel, after all these years, how faithful are the friendships made at St. Mary's Hall. I can never express the thankfulness that I feel for the gift of your affection, and for being allowed to enjoy and admire the news of your doings.

Blunt House seems to continue to answer a need, as it is still very full, and in the present term has overflowed into the house of a friend. At this moment the Oxford and the Cambridge Entrance Examinations are looming very near, and we are all extremely busy.

Please read on another page of this News Letter the brief announcement of a new plan which may bring help to some Clergy Daughters who are in need of assistance toward their education.

With my very best greetings to you all,

Yours affectionately

F. L. GHEY.

LETTER FROM MISS ROBINSON.

Pietermaritzburg,

November, 1953.

My Dear Friends,

A whole year has passed; how can I tell you in half a page of all the interesting things I have done since last I wrote? I have been very busy. As a member of the National Council of Women, I was asked to be Convener of the Education Sub-Committee. This has brought me into touch with many interesting people, especially as Headquarters requested us to spend three months on Bantu education. As part of this work, I arranged for our members to visit the native township of Edendale, about 4 miles out of Maritzburg. We spent the morning in two of the native Nursery Schools, watching the 2 to 5-year-old native children, boys and girls, at their daily occupations. They change into school uniform as soon as they get to school—cotton shorts and little loose shirts. Boys and girls wear the same uniform, and since the hair of them all is short and curly I could not distinguish the boys from the girls! They all looked very happy, sitting on the floor and so good. Their percussion band, led by their own conductors, was one of the highlights of our visit. These little children have quite prodigious memories, and have a repertoire of about 50 songs. The Bantu people have a natural sense of rhythm, which was very noticeable, even in these little children in their singing and dancing. One notices it, too, in the streets of Pietermaritzburg when the house-boys are off duty. With a guitar slung across their shoulders, they play as they walk along. Another day my sister and I went out to the model native village of Sobantu to see the school of weaving. It is a beautiful little village financed by the Pietermaritzburg Municipality, and occupied entirely by natives, who are housed in pretty little red brick houses, each with its little garden. In the weaving school there were about 30 native women, with an English instructress, trained at the London School of Weaving. These native women do everything, from washing the raw wool to the finished article. They spin, dye and weave the wool. They make beautiful, bright travelling rugs, scarves, shawls, table mats, floor rugs, in the most lovely colours. Some of the mats have fascinating designs of South African wild animals. All the work is for sale, rather expensive, but good.

I have been teaching since July, three mornings a week, at St. Anne's Diocesan College, where, as in most schools in South Africa, there is a shortage of staff. St. Anne's is entirely a boarding school, beautifully situated, high up amongst the Natal Hills, about six miles out of Pietermaritzburg. I am enjoying the work very much and I expect I shall continue until a resident staff arrives from England.

I have had three very happy contacts with old S.M.H. friends recently. First there was the invitation to **Beth Lawrence's** wedding on July 4th. I was very glad to hear from **Beth** that two of her S.M.H. friends were present at the ceremony, **Meryl Kalra** and **Shirley Smart**. I was also invited to **Thelma Appleyard's** wedding a week later. The wedding cake, which reached me after two or three weeks, survived the tropical heat very well and was much enjoyed.

This afternoon at St. Peter's Vicarage, by the kind invitation of Canon and Mrs. Mylne, I have had the pleasure of meeting again **Canon and Mrs. Scott**, of Hove, **Rosemary's** parents, who are out here on a short visit to their son, who is farming "up country." It was such a joy to meet them again and to talk of the Hall. I was glad to hear that **Rosemary** is happy at Babington while her parents are away.

I am practising my 'cello whenever I get the chance, and one evening a week I join a small orchestra at the home of one of my old Durban Girls' College pupils, who is a very successful teacher of the violin.

Maritzburg is blue with the hare-bell blue flowers of the jacaranda trees, now in full bloom. There are avenues of them in many of the streets. Some of the old full-grown trees meet overhead, forming a perfectly lovely blue archway, and everywhere one walks on a carpet of heavenly blue.

My love to you all,

Yours always affectionately,

HARRIET ROBINSON.

THE 46th AND CORONATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF S.M.H.A.

This was held at the Y.W.C.A., Great Russell Street, W.C.1., on May 2nd, 1953. The meeting opened with prayers, and members stood in silence remembering those who had died during the year. The minutes were approved and signed. A long list of apologies for absence and greetings was given, ranging from recent schoolgirls to nonagenarians and special messages from **Miss Stopford**, **Mrs. Broadley**, **Mrs. Davidson** and **L. Coe**. The **President**, **Miss Conrady**, then welcomed those present, and especially **Miss Hensley** and **Miss Helen Potter**, and many young and older members. She spoke of making the Association even more alive through new members and those just leaving school.

Miss Ghey (Vice-President) spoke as a **Governor** of the School. She suggested that a telegram might be sent to **Miss Wisdom** on her 87th birthday. This was warmly agreed. She spoke of the link with **St. Mark's School** which had been strengthened by **Miss Conrady**. Money had been voted to the Parochial Church Council. Ten shillings weekly for life had been allowed to **Alice** on the cessation of the pension given by **Colonel Elliott** up to his death. The Upper School was increasing in numbers, and the **Snowdon Smith Divinity Prize Papers** were very good. **L. Coombs** and **Mrs. Langdale Smith** had renewed their seven years' covenant of gifts to S.M.H., and their interest in the Hall was remarkable, as they had already left when **Miss Ghey** went there forty-two years ago. (Here followed news items, which see later.) **Miss Ghey** ended by saying how much she rejoiced in receiving letters, even if she was unable to answer them all. She congratulated the **Editor**, **A. Baron**, on one of the best News Letters yet.

The **Headmistress**, **Miss Conrady**, then gave her report. She said there was a record number of pupils, and boarders, 265 and 148 respectively. The ultimate aim was 160 boarders and 100 day girls, but the dining and form-room space was filled to capacity. General Certificate results were moderate, but parents needed to understand that the standard demanded was much higher than that of the old General School Certificate. In this matter, schools under a local authority were probably at an advantage, because as the fees were not paid by parents, the decision on entries could not be made by them. In most independent schools, however, the Minister's ruling was interpreted that no girl should be entered in a subject unless she had a reasonable chance of passing. Art and Music continued to flourish. In the previous term's Examinations of the Associated Board there were outstanding results. Out of twenty-four entrants, all passed, with twelve merits and two distinctions. **Evelyn Waring** gained 139 marks out of 150 in Grade VII and was most favourably commented on by the distinguished examiner. **Evelyn** is a sub-prefect, and did very well in her General Certificate, gaining seven passes. In the Royal Drawing Society's annual competition, 367 works were submitted, and each was classed. There were 5 third class, 100 second class and 208 first class. There were also five book prizes and two bronze stars, and one silver star, won by **Sarah Burgis**. Work by **Sarah Burgis**, **Vanessa Phillips** and **Stephanie Webber** was shown in the Children's Academy at the Guildhall which **Miss Conrady** had visited that morning. Three pieces of work were kept by the Society for their permanent collection. These fine records represented not only the talents of the girls, but also the advice and help, given often out of school hours, by the Staff concerned. The Domestic Science Department opened in September, but some equipment was temporary owing to difficulty in supply. It was also impossible to obtain a qualified mistress owing to uncertainty of opening, but **Mrs. Earnshaw-Smith**, who was a cookery expert trained at the Cordon Bleu School, gave a very good start, and gratitude was felt for this initiating of a new subject. This term, **Miss Phyllis Dorman** was welcomed and those who knew her would wish to give her a special thought in her work in her old school. She holds the Teacher's Certificate of Battersea College of Domestic Science. Games were going ahead and each year showed the effect of the expert and untiring work of **Mrs. Eggleton** and her co-worker in producing teams with greater confidence and control. **Miss Conrady** felt pride, while claiming no merit for it, in

the success in particular of the under-fourteen netball team, which that season was unbeaten in any match. Great excitement was felt at beating their close neighbour, Roedean, by a large margin. As those present knew, an old girl was at the Royal Free Hospital School of Medicine and doing outstandingly well. **Rima Finiefs** had gained entrance to the same medical school. **Patricia Eggleton**, the present splendid Head Girl, had gained entrance to Dartford Physical Training College. **Jean Strike**, an excellent prefect, had a place at Gipsy Hill Training College. **Jean Scatliff** had returned as Student Assistant at the Sanatorium. **Daphne Browne**, who had been Student Assistant there, was now a Student Nurse at King's College Hospital. Other girls had entered various careers. The Hall continued to support Missions at home and abroad. Contributions were sent for the education of an Indian girl in a Mission School. Help was given towards the £250 needed annually by St. Mark's School so that it might keep its aided status, and function as a Church School. For these and school causes, efforts had been made, thus serving to stimulate enthusiasm for dramatic productions. There was pleasing dramatic talent in unexpected quarters. **Miss Dimishky** produced "Eager Heart" at Christmas as a Christian Act of Worship. Lower VB gave a very successful production of "Pride and Prejudice;" Lower VA gave a Variety Show which everyone enjoyed for its freshness and careful planning to please all ages, and lack of the unpleasant features of variety. The least academic form gave an excellent performance of scenes from "Midsummer Night's Dream," acted out-of-doors. Elliott House was in full swing, but not then full. The youngest boarder, demanding special consideration, was five and a half years old, and very happy. There had been a mild but troublesome epidemic of influenza, in common with other schools, and the Sanatorium had been overflowing. Praise was due to **Sister and Jean Scatliff**.

Happily **Ham**, the faithful gardener, had made a remarkable recovery from his illness. A part-time gardener had to be employed for the heavy work, but the greenfingers of Ham brought magic to the garden, and the lovely rockery.

Thanks were due for gifts to the School, mostly from Old Girls. These included books, chairs, acting clothes, and a clock, kindly given by **Mrs. Meadows**, as there was a shortage of these. One of the most delightful presents was from **Miss Ghey**; it was a beautiful piece of embroidery based on the Festival of Britain, and worked by **Mrs. Sturdy**, who is semi-crippled. The work was on view for members to see. The Confirmation would be on May 22nd in St. Mark's Church by the Bishop of Chichester with 26 candidates from the School. The new Vicar of St. Mark's was a most scholarly and well qualified man, formerly Precentor of Chelmsford Cathedral. He was already a friend of the Hall, and had its interests and traditions at heart. He would be preaching at the Commemoration Service on Founder's Day. The formation of the School Orchestra was progressing. The Snowdon-Smith Divinity Papers had been very good. **Miss Conrady** ended by saying how much she personally valued the continued support, interest and prayers of Old Girls. It was wanted so much to make St. Mary's Hall great in the very finest sense, and the Old Girls were the link between past and present. They would be assured of a very warm welcome, even though she was often inaccessible and a little preoccupied. "We look forward to a year of special significance, this year in which our young and very much loved Queen makes her solemn act of dedication at her Coronation, and we pray that we may not fail her in offering her our most loyal devotion, not only in our work, but in our daily remembrance of her in our prayers. May this year be for St. Mary's Hall, and for our country, a year of real progress—progress in work, in knowledge, in perseverance, and effort, and above all in spiritual growth."

A. Baron asked about the Bursaries, and **Miss Conrady** replied that they amounted to £45 per annum, but they were not all being taken up, as the amount was inadequate. The Governors were discussing whether it would be better to have fewer and larger Bursaries.

The Treasurer, **Miss E. M. Smith**, next gave her report. There was £5 in the Bank, and £64 in the Post Office Savings Account. The News

Letter cost £44, paid out of the Bank account as the Secretary had not claimed her expenses, but this outstanding item would be paid during the year. Thanks were due to anyone who had kindly sent 1s. 6d. for her News Letter. There were 332 members, 220 of whom were Life Members. The Y.W.C.A. were launching an appeal for large scale repairs and renewals for the twenty-first birthday of the Central Club. One guinea was voted as a donation from the general funds, but any further contribution from those present would be appreciated. **Miss Conrady** thought this a good idea because the Y.W.C.A. had been associated with our beloved Queen Mary. **Miss Ghey** suggested that the balance in the Association account might be given to the Bursary Fund, but the Treasurer pointed out that outstanding debts had first call.

The Editor, A. Baron, asked for items for the News Letter by early October, and said it would be easier to avoid errors if news was sent direct to her. She commended the writers of the very good articles contributed by the School.

The Secretary of the Home Counties Branch, Phyllis Poyser, spoke of a very enjoyable tea party at **Mrs. Tredennick's** house, where a lovely tea and kind hospitality was given. There were twelve new names on the list. To save postage and printing expenses, notice of the Home Counties and Sussex Branch meetings were to be sent with the invitation for the S.M.H.A. party at the Hall in June, by the kindness of **Miss Conrady**.

The Secretary of the Sussex Branch, M. Wanstall, said there were ninety-eight members, some having recently left school. It had been decided that members must be members of the Association, and that invitations would not be sent to those not replying for three years.

Election of Committee. Under the rules of the New Constitution, **Mrs. Bell**, **Mrs. Hopkins**, **T. Appleyard** and **L. Coe** retired from the Committee, but offered themselves for re-election. Nominations were taken and finally **Mrs. L. Hopkins**, **T. Appleyard**, **L. Coe** and **M. Mack** were elected.

Dates of Future Meetings (Please inform Secretary and try and bring new member) :—

Annual General : May 1st, 1954, at Y.W.C.A.

St. Mary's Hall : June 20th, 1954. Lunch may be obtained.

Blunt House : July 18th, 1954. Invitation for Saturday night also.

Home Counties : October 3rd, 1954, at **Mrs. Hart's** at Ashted.

Sussex : November 7th, 1954, at S.M.H.

Miss Conrady concluded the meeting by thanking the **Secretary, E. Moore**, for the Coronation decorations which were much appreciated, and for thinking of the Coronation pencils which each member found on her chair. **Miss E. M. Smith, the Treasurer**, was also warmly thanked for taking so much care and trouble with the accounts.

The meeting was then followed by the Coronation tea-party which was much enjoyed. Memories were revived and gossip exchanged amidst chatter as animated as any cocktail party.

Those present were : **E. M. Allnutt** (Watson), **T. Appleyard**, **R. Archer** (Poyser), **K. Atkins** (Kennelly), **A. Baron**, **Miss Bolton**, **M. Bass** (Burrighs), **M. Church**, **J. Collard**, **Miss Conrady**, **D. Cox** (Munn), **Miss Davies**, **S. Day**, **Miss Dimishky**, **M. Eggington** (Baron), **M. Elliott** (Duke), **M. Fryer**, **Miss Galton**, **E. Gaunt** (Birks), **G. Geary**, **Miss Ghey**, **L. Gunnery**, **R. Hart** (Harris), **Miss Hensley**, **B. Holdstock** (Day), **M. Hopkins** (Hope-Gill), **I. Lawrence**, **M. McWalter** (Fuller), **A. Mead** (Law), **M. Meadows** (Ives), **E. Moore**, **Miss Morley**, **K. Ogden** (Powell), **Miss Parkinson**, **M. Paterson**, **Miss Peebles**, **Miss Potter**, **P. Poyser**, **Ph. Poyser**, **G. Raynor**, **L. Raynor**, **E. Reekie** (Vaughan), **M. Riddelsdell**, **M. Roberts** (Standage), **R. Robinson** (Parker), **M. Rossi** (Segall), **D. Short**, **M. Short**, **O. Skene**, **V. Sly**, **D. Smith** (Lilley), **Miss E. M. Smith**, **K. Stanley**, **G. Street** (Whittington-Ince), **M. Thorne**, **H. Thompson** (Boswell), **M. Tredennick** (Phair), **M. Wanstall**, **D. Williams** (59).

HON. TREASURER'S REPORT.

The rising cost of printing, postage and stationery have brought our annual expenditure to at least £50. To meet this, we have the annual subscriptions of 124 subscribing members, which if every one paid regularly, would amount to £31; then there is about £15 from the sale of News Letters to non-members; £3 15s. 0d. yearly, the dividend from a small investment; in all we should receive £47 or £48. The voluntary subscriptions towards increased costs have added enough to cover our expenses, but we have no reserve for incidental ones.

All Life Membership subscriptions are invested in the Post Office Savings, as, since they are a permanent payment, they should earn some interest. We have had to draw considerably from the Post Office Savings to meet the expense entailed, of printing and postage, arising from the drawing up of the New Constitution. At present we have in the Post Office Savings £48 19s. 5d., and in Barclay's Bank £21 19s. 2d.

So far, this year, £15 14s. has been paid by annual subscribers. Please will all members whose subscriptions are due or overdue, pay up!

The Association owes gratitude to Miss Conrady, who, when sending out her invitations for the Summer Meeting at the Hall, added a list of the other meetings, and so saved the Branches the expense of postage.

E. M. SMITH.

29th October, 1953.

THE BURSARY FUND

A very pleasant thing has happened. This year I have received, from various members of the Association, donations towards the St. Mary's Hall Bursary Fund which, I am told, are to be renewed annually. They amounted to £17. So you will be glad to hear that a cheque for that sum was sent to the Governors of St. Mary's Hall last May. You may remember that I had to say, at the General Meeting, that our Post Office Savings Account could not yet afford to give a donation to that fund, in view of the expenses we had to meet.

E.M.S.

NOTES FROM THE EDITOR

Thank you all those busy people who made great efforts to get their "copy" in earlier. Items do need to come early in October, otherwise they have to go to the Printer in relays, causing difficulty in co-ordinating the whole, and possibly additional expense in production. And will contributors kindly write on one side only of paper, and clearly, to save re-writing.

In case anyone is worried about the expense of including the team photograph this is being borne by each member of the School who obtains a copy of the News Letter.

I hear that the VI form have ideas. All power to them. And has any member of the Association got ideas as to Editorship, because this is my ninth attempt, and I think that ten should be my limit, so that a fresh mind can get to work.

H.A.B.

IMPORTANT NOTE

We hear that some questions have been raised about the original Endowments of St. Mary's Hall, and referred to the Chairman of the Governors.

He has promised that a statement on this important matter shall be included in the agenda for the Annual General Meeting of the S.M.H. Association on May 1st, 1954.

Also, please note! The invitation from Blunt House which will have already reached you all telling you that a fresh effort is being made to increase the number of Clergy Daughters receiving their education at St. Mary's Hall. News about this will appear from time to time.

CHIEF SCHOOL EVENTS 1952—53.

September 1952

- 17 Autumn Term begins.

October

- 2 Lecture on Prehistoric Man, by Mr. Calkin.
7 Missionary Sale, St. Mark's—VI Form run a Stall.
24 Talk on United Nations Organisation.
25 Concert by Miss Wyn and Miss Salmon.
29 Talk on U.S. Presidential Election by Miss Richmond.

November

- 8 Talk by Captain Peter Churchill.
9 Talk by Margaret Short (old girl) on our Indian Girl.
10-11 Visit of B.E.A. Exhibition Van.
15 S.M.H.A. Sussex Branch Meeting at the Hall.
19-21 National Book League Exhibition at the Hall.
21 Lecture on Uganda, by Mr. Snoxall.

December

- 4 Juniors attend Roedean Junior Nativity Play.
9-10 Guild Lacrosse and Netball Matches.
10 Seniors see Brighton College Play.
12-13 Christmas Parties.
14 Carol Service at St. Mark's.
14-16 Performances of "Eager Heart."
17 L.Va Entertainment.
18 Carol Service and Break-up.

January 1953

- 15 Spring Term begins.
23 VI and Up. V Dance.
24 Film on Austria.

February

- 17 Induction and Institution of the Rev. J. M. James.
21 Visit to the Dutch Exhibition at the Royal Academy.
27 Lecture on Australia.

March

- 5 Visit by Seniors to Green's Works.
14 Lantern Lecture by Canon Perkins on the Coronation.
24-30 Guild Matches.
25 Guild Singing Competition.
26 Guild Plays.
30 L. Vb Production of "Pride and Prejudice."
31 Break-up.

April

- 30 Summer Term begins.

May

- 9 Seniors' visit to the Mermaid Theatre to see "As You Like It."
14 Ascension Day Service.
16 Snowdon-Smith Divinity Examination.
22 Confirmation at St. Mark's.

May 30—June 3—Coronation Holiday.

June

- 11 School Sports.
12 St. Richard's Rally at Hove Stadium.
19 Founder's Day.
20 Junior Prize-giving and At Home Day to S.M.H.A.
22 Party of girls visit Wimbledon.

July

- 6 General Certificate begins.
10 Final of Sussex Junior Inter-Schools Tennis Tournament—St. Mary's Hall narrowly beaten by Battle Abbey.
18 Blunt House Party.
23 Break-up.

THE DANCE.

On Friday, January 23rd, Miss Conrady and the Staff gave a dance for the girls of the Upper Fifth and Sixth Forms. A few of us brought our own partners and about thirty boys were invited from Brighton College to make up numbers. A fire was burning in the Elliott Hall and a three-piece band was playing dance-music when we arrived at 7.30. After some general introductions the dancing began and everyone enjoyed it. There was a buffet supper in the dining-room at 9.30 and refreshments were served in the common-room throughout the evening. The food was excellent, and much appreciated. The dance ended at 11 o'clock in an atmosphere of happiness and gaiety. We should all like to thank Miss Conrady and the Staff for a very pleasant evening.

EVELYN WARING—VI FORM.

VISIT TO THE DUTCH EXHIBITION.

On February 21st eleven of us were taken to London for the day by Miss Davies and Miss Smith, to see the Dutch paintings at the Royal Academy.

The first part of the exhibition consisted mainly of portraits and still life. Of the former there were none to compare with the works of Rembrandt Van Rijn. How supremely he has mastered the art of half-lights, that subtle blending of light and shade for which many an inferior artist has striven in vain! His range of expression is remarkable: compare the fresh innocence of his "Girl at a window" with the careworn, wrinkled face of "An old woman reading," full of the wisdom and bitter experience of the aged. The way in which he conveys a whole character in the glint of an eye, a line in the forehead, the angle at which the head is set on the shoulders, is truly unsurpassable. I passed in growing wonderment from the burning gaze of his "Portrait of a Jew" to the force and vigour of "The Shipbuilder and his Wife" and the stark reality of "Judas returning the Thirty pieces of Silver." In the latter, the writhing despairing figure of Judas on the ground contrasts dramatically with the stony, indifferent expressions of the faces of the priests. Another remarkable Biblical painting is that of St. Peter denying Christ. A Roman soldier is crouching in the shadow, his whole attitude indicating his suspicion, looking up at Peter. Between them the vivid little face of the servant girl glows in the firelight. Her hair is thrown back, her lips are smiling; she has no idea of the effects of her accusation. The naked fear in the eyes of St. Peter is indescribable. Perhaps the most well-known of Rembrandt's paintings is the "Man in Armour," a copy of which is in our dining room at St. Mary's Hall. This reproduction scarcely does justice to the brilliant highlights on the helmet of the original. I was surprised to note in the catalogue that the model on which this portrait is based is thought to be a woman. I also liked the gay impudence of Frans Hals "Fisherboy."

"Nuts, Wine and a Pipe" by Hubertus Van Ruthersteyn, was definitely the most striking of the still life pictures. It was startling in its simplicity. It was composed of a gleaming wine-glass, highlights accentuating its graceful curves, and an old-fashioned clay pipe, resting on velvet drapery. There was also a bowl of such solid looking nuts that I longed to reach into the picture and crack one. Another painting which attracted me was "The Hedgehog" by Mathias Withoos, remarkable for its detail.

The second part of the exhibition was composed chiefly of the famous Dutch interiors and landscapes. I was most impressed by the wonderful way in which the Dutch painters convey the idea of great height and depth on a comparatively small canvas. This is particularly noticeable in the church interiors. The domestic scenes and interiors of Dutch homes give a very good idea of family life at that period. The colouring of these pictures is exquisite; I have rarely seen such brilliant blues, such warm reds, such dusty golden yellows, such clarity, such force. I like the fondness the Dutch masters have for including a stained glass

window in their compositions and the inevitable patterned tiles on their floors. The people in these paintings, especially the women, are inclined to be a little wooden, but the backgrounds more than compensate for this defect.

At last we turned our steps reluctantly towards the entrance hall once more, casting a last lingering look at some favourite picture. We felt we could have spent a week at the exhibition and still have more to see. Our thanks are due to Miss Davies and Miss Smith who so kindly gave their time and energy to take us there.

Queen Juliana of the Netherlands visited the Royal Academy on February 26th, 1953, to see the works of her compatriots. I can only hope she enjoyed her visit as much as we did ours.

JANET LUYKEN—LOWER VI.

"PRIDE AND PREJUDICE"

On March 30th, Form Lower Vb presented an adaptation of the novel "Pride and Prejudice," by Jane Austen. Our form was privileged to see the evening performance.

Each person in the form, which consists of fifteen people, had a part. The characterisation was extremely good. Special praise must be given to Valerie Woolcombe, of Lower Va, who was asked on the morning of the production if she would read the part of Darcy, as the girl playing the part was absent.

The voices of the actresses were clear, and every word was audible. The actions were natural, and no one moved or stood awkwardly. The grouping was good, and the stage, which is so limited, never gave the appearance of being overcrowded. The costumes were excellent, and, although many of them were not new, they were pressed, and looked becoming.

The whole play presented an extremely favourable impression, and congratulations should be given not only to the actresses, but also to Miss Dimishky, on such an excellent production.

ANN THOMPSON—Lower Va.

"AS YOU LIKE IT" AT THE MERMAID THEATRE.

On May 9th several of us travelled to London with Miss McLean and Miss Dimishky to see Bernard Miles' production of "As You Like it" at the Mermaid Theatre. This was a most interesting and profitable experience, for it enabled us to gain a fuller knowledge of the play which we were reading for our General Certificate and to see, for the first time, a reproduction of the Elizabethan apron stage.

The theatre itself was constructed in the courtyard of the Royal Exchange. It was lavishly decorated in red and gold, and it differed from its Elizabethan prototype in having a magnificent blue ceiling studded with gold. As in the Elizabethan playhouse, the stage projected into the auditorium and there was an inner stage and a musicians' gallery. Unlike the groundlings of Shakespeare's day, the audience was provided with seats.

The play itself was well produced and ran at a fast pace. It was interesting to see how ingeniously the three entrances of the inner stage were used, one character appearing through one entrance, while the other player was just making his exit through the other; and to see how speedily the scenes were changed without the aid of curtains.

The musicians in the Musicians' Gallery playing the viol, the flute and the tabor, were smoking churchwarden pipes which were in use in Shakespeare's day, soon after Sir Walter Raleigh had introduced

tobacco in England. So vivid was the atmosphere that one almost expected to see the audience wearing ruffs!

The actors were all satisfactory, except for Rosalind, who disappointed us all because she had not enough of the gay spirit and womanliness which one associates with the character.

We had been told that the proclamation by the Lord Mayor, allowing Bernard Miles and his company to act on the Royal Exchange, was to be on view outside the theatre, but it had not then been printed. I wrote to Bernard Miles to ask him if he would send me a copy of the proclamation, which he very kindly did by return of post.

The proclamation in itself makes fascinating reading, since it refers to the company as "the poor players of London," and to the fact that the Queen "takes delight in such pastimes." The company was therefore given permission "to use the exercise of playing in the Royal Exchange providing they play not upon the Sabbath Day, nor play any matter tending to the dishonour of Almighty God, nor to the quiet peace and government of the city."

When the play was over, we returned to school after a most enjoyable experience, feeling that Elizabethan England must have had much to commend it.

CHARMIAN ORTON—Upper V.

THE CORONATION — AN IMPRESSION

Just as the whole world was moved when our beloved King George VI died in 1952, and people of all nations mourned with us, so the whole world rejoiced with us on June 2nd, and shared in the Coronation of our young Queen. No event was surely ever anticipated with such eagerness.

Although according to statistics given by meteorological experts June 2nd was likely to be fine, the day dawned grey and damp with an overcast sky. As I joined the crowds making their way towards the route I heard Big Ben strike at 5.30 a.m. on the wireless, and then the roll of drums for the playing of the National Anthem. All the noise of hurrying feet and of excited voices faded away and in an instant everyone was standing, quietly listening, and praying inwardly. It was a most memorable minute.

There was plenty to see during the long wait—peers and peeresses in their gorgeous apparel driving towards the Abbey: people shaking off unsatisfied sleep having a makeshift wash and brush up and a welcome cup of tea: the ever-patient policemen keeping the vast crowds cheerful and orderly in spite of the pouring rain: dust-collectors sweeping up the litter against seemingly impossible odds: the elderly man, who, regardless of the laughing crowds or the special occasion went for his daily keep-fit run through Hyde Park: the typically cheerful Cockney selling newspapers—"nothing like newspaper to keep out the rain": and then the arrival of troops to line the route, looking immaculate in their uniforms which had been carefully spruced to do just honour to the Queen they serve.

In spite of the intermittently heavy rain there was undamped cheerfulness among the crowd. No one complained, even though many were cold and damp and tired in body after an all-night wait. There was a generous, warm-hearted spirit abroad, which dispelled all discomfort and all frayed temper. Each one in that vast crowd had come for one purpose—to see their Queen and to offer their love and loyalty on this her Coronation day. The loudspeakers kept us informed of events along the route, and we were able to share in the long and solemn service in the Abbey.

So the hours passed and the time drew near for which those on the route had waited so long. The procession of Her Majesty's Forces

from all parts of the Commonwealth was a spectacle which few of us could ever forget—a procession made, perhaps, even more magnificent by the complete serenity and disregard of the torrential rain. Although Queen Salote stole the honours by her undaunted spirit, yet the ordinary Service men and women were equally glorious in their calm bearing and their obvious sense of pride in the role they were playing. Cheer after cheer went up as each unit passed, and as smiling faces familiar to most of us looked out of slowly moving coaches. There were especially affectionate greetings for Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother, greetings which for many must have brought a pang of sorrow, and perhaps a not too-distant memory of a former Coronation, when she sat beside the newly-crowned King acknowledging the cheers.

Then, in the distance, we saw the Royal Coach. I could not help thinking of the time when I was a very small girl seeing Cinderella for the first time—that magnificent coach drawn by white horses and the transformed and radiant Cinderella inside. Surely no fairy-tale Princess could look more beautiful than our Queen looked in her golden coach that day, a little tired perhaps, but radiantly happy with her handsome Prince beside her. As we stood singing the National Anthem there was a sense of tremendous unity and of unuttered but heartfelt prayer for the Queen. It is impossible to describe the feelings which surged up inside us during these moments. Any overseas visitor who had heard that British people are cold and lacking in emotion must certainly have been disillusioned. No people could have demonstrated with greater sincerity their complete devotion not only to the crown as a symbol of monarchy, but to Queen Elizabeth II as the perfect embodiment of that symbol, a Queen who by her life of unselfish service won the heart of all her peoples long before she was called upon to assume the throne.

I feel sure that none of us who left Brighton in the very early hours of that day, and perhaps walked miles to reach our places on the route, had even a momentary regret that we had suffered the discomforts of the cold and damp. This was *our* day, and no one could ever take away the memories which we carried back with us, when we eventually managed to tear ourselves away from the scene of that historical and glorious event.

FOUNDER'S DAY—19th JUNE, 1953.

HEADMISTRESS'S REPORT

Mr. Chairman, My Lord Bishop, Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is a great pleasure to see so many parents and friends of St. Mary's Hall this afternoon, and I am specially pleased to welcome Bishop Wilson as our guest of honour. I am sure some of you will have read that challenging book published during the war, "It can happen here." If any of you are at all bored with the report I give I feel sure that that state of affairs will be forcibly changed when Bishop Wilson gives his address!

The number of pupils in the School has remained more or less steady throughout the year at about 260, but the number of boarders has increased to 149 this term. As most of you know we have been faced with the difficult situation of having to refuse entrance to a large number of day-girls. Moreover, the comparatively recent introduction of Common Entrance is having the double effect of making entry to the School more difficult and improving the general standard of achievement especially in the lower Middle School. I shall say more on this topic at the Junior Prizegiving to-morrow.

The General Certificate results were very mediocre, much as we expected. I feel that this is a good opportunity for stating a few facts concerning the new examination. I call it a *new* examination advisedly, for it is not intended that the General Certificate of Education shall be the old General School Certificate dressed up in different clothes. Its purpose is different, its standard is different, its whole set-up is different. Many parents have said to me, "You tell me that my daughter can enter

for only 2 subjects in the Examination. When I sat for the School Certificate I passed in 5 subjects and gained my Certificate quite easily. Why can't my daughter do it? Well, the answer is quite clear. The pass mark in your day and mine was only about 33½% and a credit was gained in many cases with a percentage of less than 50. Now the pass mark is 50%—the old credit standard. One of the main differences between the new examination and the old is that it is now a *subject* examination and a candidate may be entered in any number of subjects and be given a Certificate even if she passes in only one subject. It is obvious that many girls who previously gained School Certificates with passes at the old standard would not have achieved success in the new examination which is intended as a means of qualifying for University Entrance and certain professions. Matriculation exemption no longer implies 5 credits in stated subjects or groups of subjects but the matriculated student must have passed at *Advanced* level, i.e., the old Higher Certificate standard, in a minimum of two subjects. As teachers we must resist as strongly as possible the urge, often pressed upon us by parents, to specialise in order to obtain a Certificate with say 4 passes with more certainty. I deplore the attitude shown by a number of girls and parents whereby those subjects which the girls find difficult are "dropped" before a real attempt has been made to master the subject. I know it is easy for us to say that *we* did in our time but nevertheless I feel sure that a General Certificate of Education should be as wide as possible in scope. If a girl intends going on to the Arts side she should certainly have a Science and Mathematics at Ordinary Level if at all possible, and likewise the future Scientist should have something to show on the Arts side. The intention of those who planned the new certificate was not to bring over-specialisation, but rather to give more opportunity to the individual School to develop its own methods of assessment. It is my intention to issue a certificate to each girl leaving St. Mary's Hall to show the subjects studied and to what standard, together with a statement of any offices held by the girl during her time at School. This certificate should give an overall picture of the girl's ability and be a help to any intending employer. Obviously the value of such a document will depend to a large extent on the name of the School.

I spoke last year of the general lack of good reading. Although we are doing all we can to encourage more and better reading, the general inadequacy of the girls' reading, together with careless speaking and thinking, hampers the production of really good written work and particularly in English subjects. This was apparent in English results last July, and, according to correspondence in the Press, this failure was fairly widespread. The senior girls have access to a good reference library and we have made it compulsory this year for each girl to join the School Fiction Library. We had an excellent exhibition of books in the Autumn, a travelling collection arranged by the National Book League. Interest was spontaneously enthusiastic and we were glad to welcome the parents who accepted the invitation to see the exhibition.

Art and Music have again produced some very good results. Three hundred and sixty-seven pieces of work were submitted to the Royal Drawing Society's Children's Academy. Each piece of work was classed. There were 9 book prizes, and 6 Bronze Star awards, and in addition the Miss A. H. Wright Silver Star was awarded to Sarah Burgis. Three pictures were hung in the Guildhall and three were kept for the Society's permanent collection. In the "Daily Telegraph" Competition three girls won prizes. One girl had a picture shown in the National Exhibition of Children's Art, and two girls had pictures sent to India, by the Arts Council, for exhibition. A new departure in Art work has been made by the introduction of fabric printing. The inspiration for this work is due largely to Miss Joy Dobbs from the Brighton College of Art, assisted by Miss Hickie, though you will of course realise that Miss Davies has also had a hand in it! I was very delighted to receive the first sample of the printing as a Coronation present from the girls concerned. The Music results are seen in the programme, but one outstanding result deserves mention. In Grade VII, Piano, Evelyn Waring gained distinction with 139 marks out of a possible 150. The hope which I expressed last year that we should start a violin class has been fulfilled. In

September Miss Agnes Best held the first class for violins and 'cellos, and we now have a nucleus on which to grow an Orchestra worthy of the Hall. You will be able to hear for yourselves, if you care to risk it, the progress which has been made in the short time since its beginning, as it will be performing in this hall after tea. Apart from a few more experienced, though quite amateur members, the Orchestra is composed entirely of girls or Staff who had never handled an instrument before September.

The Domestic Science department opened in September in spite of the unavoidable delay in the supplying of benches and stools, and some of the equipment. I should like to acknowledge our indebtedness to Miss Marjorie Lloyd, and her colleagues in the South Eastern Gas Board, for the time and thought they gave in helping to plan and equip the department. In the first year of its introduction three classes were begun—a Remove form, whose abilities seem to lie more on the practical side, one of the Lower Vth's and the General VIth form. I hope that some of the Lower V.B. will be able to sit for a Domestic Subject in their General Certificate Examination next year.

In the field of games we can report very satisfactory progress. The all-round standard has improved very much, especially in Lacrosse. Our "14 and under" Netball team had a particularly good season, being unbeaten in all its matches. A life saving group is being trained this term. At the end of last season Anthea Perry, then aged 13, won the 100 yards free style under 16 swimming event in the Worthing Swimming Club.

Fifty-six girls attended the Rally at the Stadium during the visitation of the Archbishop of Canterbury last week. The Rally was an event in memory of St. Richard of Chichester, whose Septcentenary falls this year. Twenty-five girls were confirmed in St. Mark's Church by the Bishop of Chichester on May 22nd, and made their first Communion on Whit Sunday. Mr. Crane left the parish in October on appointment to a parish in Southport, and we have welcomed his successor, the Rev. John M. James, who has already identified himself with the deepest interests of St. Mary's Hall. I have no doubt at all that the traditional close and happy relationship between ourselves and St. Mark's Church will be maintained and further strengthened. We have continued to support St. Mark's School, and the work of Missions at home and overseas. The VIth Form ran a stall for the Missionary Sale at St. Mark's Church in October. Collections have been made for the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, our Indian Orphan, the National Institute for the Blind, the Spastic Children, and for Flood Relief, in addition to special needs of the School. Money has been raised for some of these by entertainments and these have served the additional purpose of discovering hidden dramatic talent. One of our less academic forms acted scenes from "The Midsummer Nights Dream" in the School grounds: another form gave a most creditable performance of "Pride and Prejudice." Yet another form entertained the School with a *Variety* show before Christmas. If I had any moments of uneasiness beforehand as to the form the variety might take, I can assure you that there was no need for any misapprehension on my part, for it was an hour's sheer enjoyment and fun, in which the very youngest as well as the very oldest could join. Miss Dimishky again produced the Nativity Play, "Eager Heart," in December, and this made a most fitting prelude to the Christmas holidays.

The School has taken part in many activities outside the normal School curriculum. We have enjoyed many of the good concerts in the town, and also one given by two of our own Staff, Miss Wyn and Miss Salmon. Last week the School went to see the Coronation Film. We have had talks on many subjects—perhaps the most outstanding were the Lantern Lecture by Canon Perkins, Sacrist of Westminster Abbey, on the Coronation Service; and Captain Peter Churchill's absolutely thrilling talk on his work in the underground movement in France during the War.

St. Mary's Hall Association continues to be a source of support. We have received many gifts from old girls and friends and we are

grateful for their generosity. Old girls are frequent visitors to the Hall. Girls who left recently are pursuing a variety of careers including Medicine, Physiotherapy, Nursing, Art, Librarianship, Secretarial training, Domestic Science, Farming and Dressmaking.

During the year we have welcomed as new members of Staff Mrs. M. Jackson (B.A. Durham), Miss P. Dorman (diploma of Battersea College of Domestic Subjects), Mdlle. Gillet (diplôme of the University of Poitiers), Miss J. Dowling (Dartford Physical Training College), and Miss G. Gilligan as Bursar.

Speech Day is always an opportunity of acknowledging the thanks which are due to all those who have served the Hall so well during the year. It would take too long to mention by name each of those to whom I owe a debt of gratitude. I am sure that no School could have a more understanding and helpful Board of Governors, and I should like to thank them all, and particularly our Chairman, whose wise counsel and kindness of heart are always available when I need to call upon them. I have frequent opportunities of thanking the Teaching and House Staff for their loyal co-operation. Many of them, I know, give up much of their spare time in the service of the School, and for the benefit of the girls. I do thank them all, and especially Miss McLean and Mrs. Hora and the Housewardens. When, later in my report, I recall the pioneer work which has been done in the building up of this School since 1946, many of you will remember gratefully those who have helped in this great work. We shall not forget Miss Robinson, its first Head Mistress, who gave over three years service for St. Mary's Hall. Among those who have helped in the uphill work have been Miss McLean and Miss Warburton. Miss McLean has made the Reference Library what it is by careful planning and spending—I have said much about this work in former years. She has also acted during the last two years as Senior Mistress on the Boarding side, and has been a valuable liaison between me and the Staff. Miss Warburton took over Babington House at a very difficult time when, owing largely to changes of Staff, there was need for considerable co-ordination and organisation. We are grateful for the way in which Miss Warburton has put the Senior Boarding House on its feet during the last four years. Special thanks should also be given to Miss Gilligan, the handworking Bursar, who has turned her hand to gardening in her spare time recently, and Miss Cardwell, my Secretary, who is one of those people who do not measure the time given in the service of the School.

There must be many parents and guardians, I am sure, who would join with me in thanking Sister Brown for her untiring and magnificent work in the troublesome though mild epidemic of influenza last term. She and her assistant, an old girl, Miss Jean Scatcliff, refused to be daunted whatever the situation. Their unfailing sense of humour no doubt helped them in their task. I should like to couple Dr. John Beynon's name in this expression of thanks, for the time he gave us when he was, like all doctors, so severely pressed.

I take this opportunity, too, of thanking Patricia Eggleton for the service she has rendered the School in her five terms as Head Girl. A Head Girl's task is no easy one, for like any other good leader, she often has to sacrifice her own pleasures and to risk unpopularity for the sake of doing her duty. Pat has carried out her task with graciousness, integrity, and thoroughness, and with a quiet confidence which has inspired many of her fellow prefects with the same spirit.

Finally our thanks are due to the Caretakers, Maintenance Man and Domestic Staff. Last year I told you in my report of the serious illness of our Gardener, Ham. He was well enough to return to his beloved gardens in the Autumn, but, as most of you know, he died suddenly about three weeks ago after a very brief illness. His death was a sad blow to St. Mary's Hall. Ham was a man of indomitable spirit and tremendous zeal. I have heard first-hand accounts of the state of the grounds in 1946 when he took over. It must have required a man of courage, skill, and vision, to tackle the job, and to make some order and beauty out of that mass of rubble and wilderness. The results

of his labours are there for all to see, and will be a lasting and living memory of all his devoted service.

It is now about seven years since the School re-opened. Those who undertook to lay the foundations of the new St. Mary's Hall were indeed faced with a formidable task. Not only had the buildings suffered severe damage by enemy action and through neglect, but the School as a *living* community had been non-existent for six years. There was much rebuilding and reparation to be done, and in addition there was the need to build up a tradition of work and service, so that the confidence of the public could rightfully be claimed. Much pioneer work has been needed on the part not only of the Staff, but also of the girls. Next year our first Advanced Level candidates will be presented. It is always hard work building the foundation, which is the most important part of any structure, even though it is often invisible. Until the foundation is secure the rest of the building cannot go up. Many of us realise that we have sometimes hindered the laying of the foundation by our unreadiness to serve the community. The time has now come for us to build upwards, while still keeping a watchful eye on the foundations. There is work for each one of us to do in striving towards a higher all-round standard. The Coronation of Her Majesty The Queen has, I feel, acted as a stimulus to bring out the best in all of us. No one can fail to realise the supreme queenliness of our Queen, her life of service to her peoples, her example as a devoted wife and mother, her complete dedication of self and her surrender to the will of God. Majesty and humility are two qualities which appear to be opposite extremes, but they are really very closely bound together. In the Queen we see those two side by side happily united. Our St. Mary's Hall crest bears the words, "Before honour humility." Let us go forward, therefore, as a School to achieve greatness in the future—greatness born not of seeking for renown and honour, but of the desire to serve in the spirit of sincere humility.

FOUNDER'S DAY, 1953.

There was a stiff breeze whipping up the "white horses" at sea when I arrived at Brighton in the morning of Friday, June 19th. Overnight I had taken the chance to see, with many thousands of others, the wonderful fairyland of lights down the Mall in Coronation-bedecked London.

To St. Mark's at 11 a.m. for the Commemoration Service with the sweet singing of the girls and an interesting sermon by the new Vicar, the Rev. J. M. James.

In the afternoon, up to the Hall for the Senior Prize-Giving; rather a wet day, but this matters less in a big place. Suppressed excitement everywhere. Then it was time to start, and soon came the Report of the Headmistress, most interesting as ever, and at last the Prize-Giving by the Rt. Rev. H. A. Wilson, D.D., who had a kindly word for each recipient. In his speech, which he addressed mainly to the girls, he reminded them of their great good fortune in having such a splendid young Queen as their leader and example, one who was not afraid to acknowledge her Leader. This was their chance to influence the world for good, and to set the standard, which is what men expect of women, and to set it high.

After tea, and a look at the many examples of industry in needle-work and art, back to the Elliott Hall for the entertainment. This was more on the lines of the old Chorus Class and Orchestral Concert, though one missed the white dresses and the chrysanthemum button-holes. Some delightful songs and piano solo, and a most creditable performance by the newly-formed orchestra, which Mary Emmott describes.

And so ended a happy day.

H.A.B.

THE SCHOOL ORCHESTRA AND FOUNDERS' DAY.

The school orchestra began in September, 1952, and most of the girls and staff who joined it had never touched an instrument before. I with some others chose to play the 'cello.

After having been taught by our excellent teacher, Miss Best, the correct way to hold a bow and the right angle at which to place it on the strings, we began to play short tunes. The first ones were only played on open strings; but when we began to find these easy we were taught how to vary the notes.

After two terms' hard work and practice, during which some of the players had left the orchestra, we were given the music that we were to play at the Founder's Day concert. The orchestra was to open the concert with a "Festival March"; after a short rest, during which there were to be some other musical items, we were to play a "Minuet"; we were then to accompany the choir for two songs, "Brother James' Air," and "England," and the concert was to end with two verses of the National Anthem.

During the weeks before the concert the number of 'cellists slowly diminished, and finally, just before Founder's Day, I was the only 'cellist left. As soon as I knew that I would be the sole 'cellist I began to get nervous and dread the coming performances.

Founders' Day dawned wet and dreary. The sky was grey and cloudy. The parents arrived in wet mackintoshes, which emphasised the day's dreary aspect.

At 4.30 p.m. the orchestra sat down and began to play. As soon as we had played a few notes I stopped being nervous, and realised what fun it really was to be playing in an orchestra with others.

After we had finished the march, our instruments were re-tuned, and we waited for the conductor's arm to fall and begin the minuet. I had the first sixteen bars to play solo, and I really played them very badly, though I hope I covered up my mistakes.

We successfully accompanied the songs which the choir sang very beautifully indeed. My greatest embarrassment was when the Governors, Staff, Choir and Orchestra and all the guests stood up for the National Anthem and I was the only one in the hall who had to remain seated. I felt very odd. However, the concert was soon over, and I was able to go into the fresh air outside, where it had stopped raining, and rest my weary arms.

Besides the performance on Friday afternoon, we had to play twice on Saturday—once for the juniors' parents, as it was their Speech Day, and, again, in the evening for the Old Girls.

After the three performances were over I felt very relieved, for they had been great fun, though tiring.

MARY EMMOTT—Upper IV.

Extracts from HEAD MISTRESS'S REPORT

Lower IV and Junior School Prize-giving.
Saturday, 20th June, 1953.

Mr. Chairman, Canon Sheldon, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I am very pleased to welcome you all here to-day, parents and friends of St. Mary's Hall. I welcome specially our Speaker, Canon Sheldon, who is no stranger to most of us. Canon Sheldon is a Trustee and Governor of St. Mary's Hall and takes an active interest in us. For that reason he is all the more welcome

. . . . The work of the Junior School is still only mediocre, with some exceptions. A number of the older juniors have sat for the Transfer Examinations set by various Authorities, and out of the seven

who sat there has been one failure. There is still too little care for accuracy and detail. Even the best work produced often misses the mark for the lack of just that little bit of extra time or care. The standard of work in the basic subjects, English and Arithmetic, is not what we should like. There is far too much carelessness in spelling and grammar in written work, and slovenliness in speaking. When talking to one of Her Majesty's Inspectors, an English specialist, recently, she told me that she considered much of the poor English, which is so widespread to-day, is due primarily to the carelessness in everyday conversation, coupled with the reading of second-rate matter. We are trying hard to guide the girls in their reading and I feel sure that we have the co-operation of most parents in this. We have this year made it compulsory for girls to join the fiction library. This question of English is really important, since an inadequate standard in English Language will hamper progress in all other subjects. The same carelessness is to be found in Arithmetic. The foundations of both English and Mathematics, and the habits of accuracy and clear thinking, are formed in the Junior School. Girls in the Senior School would find far less difficulty in tackling all their work if they had shown more determination in mastering the fundamental principles when younger. Moreover, they would find much more satisfaction and joy in their work if they had a greater desire for accuracy and perfection.

A number of the older juniors have sat for Common Entrance to this or another Public School. I am glad to say that those who sat for other Schools have reached the required standard No girl who is of average ability and who makes sufficient effort will ever fail Common Entrance, and the imposition of the Examination will have an increasingly marked effect on the standard of work higher up the School

. . . . In games the Juniors have played their part in bringing about a general improvement. They are very enthusiastic both in playing in a team for the School or Guild, and also in supporting matches played on the home ground. The "under 14" Netball Team, which includes a number of girls in this section of the School, had a season of unqualified success, being unbeaten by any team of the large number against which it played. There is much promise in some of the younger girls in all games

. . . . In thanking Mrs. Jackson, I take the opportunity of thanking Miss Westcombe, who has acted as Senior Mistress in the Junior School, and who, together with the other Junior School Staff, has done so much to co-ordinate the work and to relate it to the work in the Senior School. I should like to thank especially Miss Humphreys for her three years' work with the youngest of our Juniors. I say again that habits of work, like most other habits, are formed in the Junior School, and thus an important responsibility devolves upon those who have charge of the girls here, a responsibility which is, of course, largely shared with parents. It is easy for us to agree with the general opinion that nothing but the best is good enough for our children, but often, in giving what is superficially best, we withhold the best in another sense by accepting work and behaviour which are less than the best, by allowing the children to read second-rate material, and perhaps by being too ready to make excuses for them when things go wrong. Thus we tend to give them a wrong scale of values, to make them a little "flabby," perhaps, and certainly we fail to stimulate the achievement of something which is first-rate.

I cannot end my report without mention of that great event of less than three weeks ago, for which each of us in St. Mary's Hall prepared, as the Queen asked, to the best of her ability. Surely no Queen ever won a more secure place in the hearts of her subjects, and in the thoughts of the whole world. All of us here had a profound admiration for our late King, who in spite of world conflicts and of his own difficulties of health, never failed to do his duty. And now his daughter, Queen Elizabeth II, has made her solemn promise to carry on the work for which he gave his life. We know in our hearts that no Queen was ever more worthy of being head of a nation.

The keynote of our Queen's life is service—the giving of herself unstintingly to her peoples. Even the youngest of us here was able to catch something of the deep meaning of that wonderful Coronation Service, and to realise that at the heart of that service was the offering of a consecrated life to God. The Queen has been called to a very great task and we know that she will do that task supremely well. Each of us here, also, has been called to service, though the tasks we have to perform are not great and noble ones. I end by quoting something written by a very great American woman, Miss Helen Keller, who became blind, deaf and mute at the age of 19 months, but who, in spite of these seemingly insuperable obstacles, graduated with honours in an American University. Miss Keller said: "I long to accomplish a great and noble task; but it is my chief duty and joy to accomplish humble tasks as though they were great and noble . . . The world is moved along, not only by the mighty shoves of its heroes, but also by the aggregate of the tiny pushes of each honest worker."

THE SCHOOL AT HOME TO THE OLD GIRLS

This was on Saturday, June 20th, the day after the Senior Prize-Giving. It was also Junior Prize-Giving Day, so it was most kind of Miss Conrady and the School to have us too.

A goodly number of us took advantage of the chance of lunch at School. It was a lovely sunny day, and we enjoyed wandering in and out afterwards, admiring the lovely borders, examining the little gardens, and watching some very good tennis on the hard courts, while first one and then another guest arrived to join us. We were a gay chattering crowd, and it was nice to meet the staff and the girls. After tea the Chorus and Orchestra kindly repeated their performance to our pleasure. I must say it amused me to see the Head slip quietly into her place with the orchestra. I felt she should be conducting!

And so ended another happy day!

H.A.B.

WIMBLEDON

On Monday, June 22nd, fifteen of us were taken to Wimbledon by coach. We started off at about ten-thirty a.m. The weather could not have been more perfect; the sun was shining and there was hardly a cloud in the sky. We arrived at Wimbledon at about one o'clock, and after the coach had been safely parked, we ate our lunch which we had brought with us. We entered and proceeded to Court 1, where we had seats.

It was the first day of play, and all the matches consisted of men's singles. We were all impressed by the condition of the courts, especially of the centre-court, it looked just like a billiard table.

Another thing which we noticed was that at the beginning of each set new balls were brought out. We saw Drobny playing the Frenchman Destremaux, Motram, Seixas and many others. We left at 6.30 to return to Brighton and the day was much enjoyed by all.

PATRICIA EGGLETON—VI FORM.

THE ASCENT OF EVEREST

On the eve of the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II, we heard the wonderful news that Everest had been conquered. The idea of climbing Mount Everest is one which has naturally attracted mountaineers ever since 1852, and this year's expedition was undoubtedly one of the finest of the century.

On the 25th September I was fortunate enough to attend a lecture which was accompanied by photographs showing some of the wonderful

views visible at different stages of the journey. The lecture was given by two members of the actual team—T. D. Bourdillon and Major Wylie, whose account laid no emphasis on the dangers faced and overcome. The speakers did not express in any way the fear and agony of expectation that everyone must have gone through during this breath-taking climb.

We were told that when Hillary and Tensing camped for the last time before reaching the summit, Tensing went to sleep half overhanging a steep slope below, while Hillary settled down as comfortably as possible, half sitting and half reclining on the upper layers of a tiny shelf, which they had cleared with their axes, whilst his feet were braced on the lower shelf. The wind came in extremely strong gusts about every ten minutes, and Hillary, when receiving warning of one of these approaching gusts, had to brace his feet and shoulders and assist their meagre anchors to hold the tent steady while it temporarily shook and flapped in a most alarming manner. Their supply of oxygen limited their hours of sleep and made all action slow. Any sudden exertion caused them to pant, although, as Hillary stated, their breathing was almost normal in spite of the great height. On one occasion Hillary noted that Tensing was breathing with difficulty, and when he examined his oxygen set, he found that his exhaust tube was completely blocked with ice. Checking his own, he found the same thing occurring. One fault in the working of this oxygen apparatus meant certain death.

When they moved off early next morning the weather was perfect, and the view from the tent door was indescribably beautiful, with all the icy peaks far below glowing clear in the early morning light as they towered above their still dark and sleeping valleys. Their progress was slow but steady as for the most part they had to cut steps out of the precipitous slopes. At last they came to a most formidable-looking problem, a forty feet vertical rock step. At this altitude one realises that it might well have spelt the difference between success and failure. The rock was smooth and almost holdless, and to them it must have been like a barrier far beyond their feeble strength to overcome. How they ever managed to defeat this difficulty is hard to imagine, but it must have been a fierce determination that drove them on to attain the greatest achievement of their lives.

After regaining their breath from this struggle, they continued with their step-cutting not knowing how far away the summit was. As they cut around the back of one hump another higher one would swing into view. At length on looking upwards they saw a narrow snow ridge running up to a sharp peak. A few more whacks of the ice axe and they stood on the summit. How relieved they must have felt! Relieved that there were no more steps to cut, no more ridges to traverse and no more humps to tantalise them with hopes of success.

After the news was made known, one could not help feeling that the spirit of adventure is not dead. When Elizabeth I was queen of England it was truly an age of adventure. Perhaps the grim determination of this company of stoic climbers is the beginning of another.

ISOBEL ROWLAND—LOWER V.

UNITED NATIONS PARTY — 1953

The United Nations party which took place in the Elliott Hall on October 24th was a great success. St. Mary's Hall enjoys the privilege of drawing its pupils from the four quarters of the globe. It has already become a focal point for girls from Nigeria, China, Persia, Turkey and Greece, and United Nations' Day provided a splendid opportunity for a school party at which these girls and others, nearer home, were able to display their national costumes and tell us something of their way of life; this they did much to everyone's delight.

Thanks are due to Miss Meades for arranging the social and to the girls themselves for representing their countries so well.

M.P.M.D.

POETRY COMPETITION.

Senior 1st.

THE STORM.

The mighty roaring thunder
Of the wind-lashed raging sea ;
The rearing crashing breakers
Rolling in majesty.
Above this angry tumult,
Can be heard the plaintive cry,
Of the gale-tossed salt-sprayed seagulls,
Soaring in the sky.

FIONA BIRD—14 years 5 months.

Junior 1st.

THE LORD.

O Lord who made everything.
O Lord who made mills.
O Lord who made mountains,
O Lord who made hills.
O Lord who made all things,
Both great, also small.
O Lord who made creatures,
Hear them when they call.

JOHANNA ROTH—Aged 10 years.

Senior—Very highly commended.

BY THE BROOK.

By the shady dappled brook,
Where I often take my book,
Live the fish in mottled brown
Slowly moving up and down.
There the shimmering dragonfly
On an emerald leaf doth lie ;
There the thrush doth trill his song,
In the branches, all day long.
There the munching cow doth lie,
Carefully warding off a fly.
There the squirrel whisks around,
Sometimes venturing to the ground.
All this beauty I admire,
Of this scene I never tire.

JANE BAYLY—12 years 8 months.

EVENSONG.

The snow lies thick upon the frozen ground,
And silver hoarfrost clings to every tree ;
The snow-fringed windows shed their yellow squares
Of light upon the snow-drenched cobbled path.
The pealing church bells echo through the town,
As muffled crowds trudge up the flattened snow
Towards the glowing porch-way of the church,
Where white-robed choir boys line the chancel dim,
And soft white candle flames do pierce the gloom ;
Where windows, rich in colour, cast their light
In mellow pools upon the altar steps.
The priests in vestments crimson, green and gold,
Proclaim the service, and the organ booms.
The smell of incense fills the lofty church
And heart and soul are lifted up to God.

VALERIE WOOLLCOMBE—Aged 15 years.

Junior—Very highly commended.

NIGHT.

The moon is climbing in the sky
And stars start now to glow,
The children in their beds do lie,
The sun is sinking low.
The evening star is shining bright
And birds are in their nest,
The nightingale, throughout the night,
Is singing at his best.
The owl is hunting in the wood
For mice, or other prey.
The land is cloaked in the dark hood
That comes but once a day.

JUDY COATE—Aged 11 years 3 months.

THIS DEAR OLD MAN.

He wears a smile about the town,
And never clouds it with a frown
He likes the rain, the sun's bright ray,
And finds some charm in every day.
There's nothing that he cannot do,
From mending toys to baby's shoe.
From all his tasks he will not shirk,
But whistles blithely at his work,
A bit of fun is his delight,
This dear old man, whose hair is white.

JENNIFER ALLAN—Aged 11.

CONFIRMATIONS.

In St. Mark's Church, by the Bishop of Chichester, on May 22nd, 1953 :
Sheila Allen, Daphne Berrington-Stoner, Patricia Boreham, Jill Burville, Penelope Byerley, Wendy Clapperton, Mary Ann Coate, Tessa Dawson, Philippa Durnford, Tessa Ellis, Ann Garnett, Susan Heydorn, Joan King, Anna Loadman, Patricia Marshall, Martyne Morse, Olivia Needham-Browne, Anne Payne, Vanessa Phillips, Jean Reekie, Annette Ritchie, Margaret Robinson, Celia Tassell, Ann Thompson, Clare Waddell.

In Christ Church, by the Bishop of Lewes, on July 8th, 1953 : Vivian Grime.

CAMBRIDGE GENERAL CERTIFICATE RESULTS — O LEVEL

December, 1952.

Passed in 3 subjects

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Adele Freedman.

Mary Boswell, May Ning.

Sylvia Cale, Belinda Lindeck, Grace Ning, Judy Pilcher, Jean Strike.

July, 1953.

Passed in 7 subjects

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Helen Cope, Janet Luyken, Vanessa Phillips.

Daphne Grimston, Brenda Martin, Charmian Orton, Marylou Saunders.

Jill Adams.

Ann Griffiths, Barbara Hahndel, Fiona McWalter, Grace Ning, Sheila Powell, Valerie Thorne, Leueen Wolfenden

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Daphne Anthonisz, Josephine Watson-Miller, Aduke Bucknor, Julia Franckeiss, Judy Pilcher, Margaret Robinson, Chandra Seegobin.

SCHOOL OFFICIALS 1952—1953

Prefects.

Pat Eggleton	Head Girl, December, 1951 to July, 1953.
Mary Boswell	Deputy Head Girl, September, 1952, to July, 1953.
Leueen Wolfenden	Head Girl, September, 1953.
Sofi Efstratiyadis	Deputy Head Girl, September, 1953.
Jean Strike Paula Cabiglio	{ Prefects.

Sub-Prefects.

Evelyn Waring, Adele Freedman, Belinda Lindeck, Julia Franckeiss, Daphne Grimston, Charmian Orton, Margaret Robinson, Sheila Powell, Fiona McWalter, Barbara Hahndel, Marylou Saunders, Clare Waddell, Jennifer Booth, Delia Bell, Susan Snelling.

Guild Captains.

St. George—Pat Eggleton.
St. Patrick—Judy Pilcher.
St. Andrew—Leueen Wolfenden.
St. David—Mary Boswell.

House Captains.

Babington House — Pat Eggleton, Leueen Wolfenden.
St. Hilary House—Nicolette Tredennick, Isobel Rowland.
Elliott House—Carol Hayes, Elizabeth Scatliff.

GAMES

The year has proved quite an interesting one on the games side. In Lacrosse the Teams have worked with enthusiasm, and the improved combination amongst the Attacks led to more successful and enjoyable matches. The 14 and under Netball Team were outstandingly successful in winning all their matches during the year. The 1st Tennis VI have had a good season, and the standard of tennis seems to be improving throughout the school. Our under 15 VI reached the final of the Sussex Girls' Schools Tournament, and were only just beaten by Battle Abbey in a very close finish. This year for the first time girls were entered for the Bronze Medallion of the Royal Life Saving Society and all the following candidates were successful:

P. Eggleton, S. Efstratiyadis, P. Cabiglio, J. King, C. Waddell, T. Dawson, A. Thompson.

Anthea Perry was chosen to swim in the English Schools' Swimming Contest at Bournemouth.

Results of Guild Matches

Netball Cup won by St. David.
Lacrosse Cup won by St. George.
Tennis Cup won by St. George.
Rounders Cup won by St. David.

Tennis Tournaments

Senior Singles—P. Eggleton beat J. Kenilworth 6—2, 0—6, 6—3.
Junior Singles—J. Paine beat A. Marshall 7—5.

Sports Day

This was held on Thursday, June 11th. The cup was won by St. Andrew's Guild and the Carr Cup for the best individual performance was won by J. Strachan.

Team Colours

Netball—J. East, T. Ellis, R. Scott, O. Needham-Browne, V. Carter, J. Paine, R. Harte.

Lacrosse—P. Eggleton, S. Higham, L. Wolfenden, J. Adams.

Netball Captain—A. Thomson; **Tennis Captain**—P. Eggleton; **Lacrosse Captain**—P. Eggleton; **Junior Captain**—J. Biddle.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

Our sincere thanks are due for many presents to the Hall, including the following:

Mr. Charles Elliott (Chairman of Governors)	Table-tennis Table and equipment.
Miss Ghey	A piece of embroidery, representing the Festival of Britain, executed by Mrs. Sturdy (Jessie Cribb, S.M.H. 1877—1885) which won a prize.
Mary Boswell, Judy Pilcher and Julia Franckeiss	Picture for Dining Room.
Patricia Eggleton	Portable Wireless Set.
Sofi Efstratiyadis	United Nations Flag.
Books for the Library:—	
Miss Wisdom	A large collection.
Miss Richmond	"Abraham Lincoln."
Miss Smith	"War Memoirs" (Churchill).
Miss Salmon	"Alice in Orchestraland" (Prade).
Manuela Supino	"Italian Painting" (Venturi).
Janet Luyken	"In Search of London" (Morton).
H.M. Inspectors	Book Token.
Mrs. Meadows	A Clock.

RELATIONS OF FORMER GIRLS AT THE HALL.

Rosemary and Elizabeth Baker—second cousins of Dorothy Williams and of Violet, Mary and Margaret Church; also grand-daughters of the Rev. H. Keeling-Scott.

Christine Bean—niece of Joan Bateman.

Helen Blair—daughter of Muriel MacDonald.

Aduke Bucknor—cousin of Bisi Alakija and niece of Ayo Oluwole.

Diana Chalmers—niece of Mary and Sylvia Chalmers.

Helen Cope—grand-daughter of the late Winifred Vaughan.

Philippa Durnford—cousin of Viva Simpson.

Jill Elliott—daughter of Marjory Duke.

Valda Lambert—daughter of Rachel Stoner.

Susan Lea—sister of Betty Lea.

Fiona McWalter—daughter of Marjorie Fuller.

Rosemary Nolda—daughter of Joan Drury.

Josephine Paine—niece of Frances Woolgar.

Angela Phillips—daughter of Betty Neale.

Linda Phillips—sister of Vanessa Phillips.

Jean Reekie—daughter of Eileen Vaughan.

Susan Reynolds—great-grand-daughter of the late Caroline Eliza Sanderson (entered St. Mary's Hall, 1851).

Johanna Rooth—daughter of Hannah Symonds.

Marylou Saunders—cousin of Phyllis, Pat, Rosemary Poyser.

Margaret, Elizabeth and Catherine Scatliff—daughters of Alma Gordon and sisters of Jean Scatliff.

Ann Thompson—daughter of Dorothy Lake and niece of Gwendoline Lake.

Linda Miskin—niece of Marjorie Miskin.

Susan Ponder—daughter of Vivienne Bonnaire.

BLUNT HOUSE PARTY.

On Saturday, July 18th, a large gathering of three generations of Old Girls enjoyed the warmth, kindness and hospitality of Blunt House, Eastbourne, where Miss Ghey and Miss Galton and some of their staff entertained us to a delicious lunch and tea, all home-made and extremely good.

We wish we could show them how much we appreciate the trouble they take at the end of term, and we do assure them that we go home refreshed in mind and body, and their kindness, sympathy and understanding remain long after the party is over; and the memory of the lovely rooms and garden comes back to us in retrospect, as does the heartening companionship of old-time friends.

“What a thing friendship is, world without end.”

ANN WANSTALL.

HOME COUNTIES MEETING, 1953—S.M.H.A.

The annual Summer Meeting was held on Saturday, October 3rd, at 18, Woodfield Lane, Ashted, by kind invitation of Mrs. Hart (Ruth Harris). The afternoon was warm and sunny, and after we had been greeted by our hostess, or kindly met at the station by her husband and son, we were able to sit in her lovely garden and chat with our friends. Mrs. Hart had the good idea of giving us cards to wear with our names on them. A most dainty and delicious tea was provided, all beautifully laid out on little tables. After tea more chat, and a very happy and lively party we were, too. It was the largest gathering since 1949, due to a great extent to Mrs. Hart's enthusiasm in contacting her friends. It was therefore disappointing that neither our President (very busy with a General Inspection of the Hall) nor any of our Vice-Presidents were able to be with us.

The following were present: Miss Atkinson, Miss Perry, Miss E. M. Smith, Miss Kingdon-Ward, R. Archer (Poyser), A. Baron, O. Bryan Smyth (Lawson), M. Elliott (Duke), P. Fenton (Pelton), W. Girvan (Lawson), R. Hart (Harris), I. Laurence, E. Lloyd-Price (Brocklehurst), E. Moore, J. Nolda (Drury), J. Neligan (Cockell), E. Perfect (Martin), P. and Ph. Poyser, P. Ransford, S. Seely (Farnsworth), V. Simpson (Peacock), O. Skene, G. Spurrell (Hensley), M. Tredennick (Phair), K. Watts (John).

SUSSEX BRANCH, 1953.

The Sussex Branch met on Sat., Nov. 7th, at St. Mary's Hall. There were 34 members present, some staff, and many Sixth Form to help us, and wait on us at tea.

Miss Conrady welcomed us, and each arrival seemed to find a contemporary to talk to, as the ages varied from recent leavers to over 80.

We had a short business meeting; no collection was needed as the notices had kindly been sent out by the Hall.

Miss Conrady brought us up-to-date with School news, and invited us to wander where we liked.

We enjoyed tea in our old dining-hall (so unchanged, except in colour, and Mrs. Macdonald (A. Cavalier) proposed a vote of thanks to Miss Conrady, and said it was her first visit for 60 years, and she was pleased to be there again.

MARGARET WANSTALL.

THE AUCTION AT BLUNT HOUSE.

On Saturday, November 28th, 1953, just as the News Letter is being published, **Miss Ghey and Miss Galton**, in their untiring enthusiasm for St. Mary's Hall and the needs of its Foundation pupils, the daughters of Clergy, are holding an Auction at Blunt House to raise funds for Scholarships for promising candidates; and ask for our presence, or for gifts in money or in kind. So, if we cannot be there we can do something in appreciation of our old School, and their great kindness and friendship.

CHRISTMAS FAIR AT THE SCHOOL, 1953.

The School is organising a Christmas Fair to be held on December 12th in the afternoon to raise money for School Equipment and, in particular, a Film Projector.

We hope to have someone of note in the Film World to open the Fair, but at the time of going to press confirmation has not been received.

We shall be glad of the support of any old girls who can come to the Fair, or provide any saleable articles, or who would care to send a donation.

THE YEAR'S NEWS

Dr. Dulcie Adkins (U.M.C.A.), who went back to East Africa in 1949 to take charge of the Training School for African nurses at Nagila, and also had all the hospital to look after, and a few Outstations to visit at times, came home on leave in November, 1952, till April, 1953, and hoped to visit Blunt House, but did not manage it.

Thelma Appleyard (now **Mrs. Hammerton**) told us in May that she was an optician's receptionist in Hove, a keen member of the W.R.N.S. Reserve, and was getting married in July.

Mrs. D'Ambrumenil (**Elizabeth Carnes**) and her husband have adopted a baby daughter, **Cherryl Mary**. **Gabrielle Taylor** (**Barton**) has been staying near them; her little son goes to the same preparatory school as **Elizabeth's** Christopher.

Audrey Baron again met **Mr. and Mrs. Peter Barlow** (**Gretel Hunt**) when staying in Norfolk with her cousin, and was most interested to see his beautiful models of sailing vessels (some in bottles) and her delightful rush baskets, and together they enjoyed a sail on Hickling Broad in the **Barlows'** 16ft. half-cruiser.

Mrs. Bateman (**Helen Henderson**) has now settled in Sussex. She wrote that **Mrs. Springford** (**Joan Aitkins**) was over from Canada, and with **Peggy Thompson**, they hoped to lunch together in Brighton in August, and go up to the Hall afterwards.

Mrs. Biven (**Ruth Pelton**) writes that she often sees **Mrs. Goshawk** (**Evelyn Farrow**) now — also that her sister, **Phoebe** (**Mrs. Fenton**) lives at Dayton, Kippington Road, Sevenoaks, and has two daughters at boarding school.

Mrs. Brisk (**Betty Black**) is now living at 76, Haynes Road, West Worthing.

Joan Blackledge writes from Newcastle, and gives news of **Helen Newman**, now **Mrs. Burnes**. She has a flat in London, and does anaesthetics during the week, and goes home to Woburn, Beds., at week-ends, where her husband is in General Practice. **Mary Newman** is married, and has, she thinks, two children. She also asks after **Kathleen McTurk**.

Mrs. Kenneth Broadley (**Rosamund Venn Elliott**) has just been appointed College Secretary of Balliol College, Oxford.

Mrs. Brodie (Joy Emery) is in England again after 4½ years of touring with her husband in East and South Africa. Her address is Downside House, Summers Lane, Totland Bay, I.O.W.

Mrs. Chapman (Audrey Sadgrove) has had a wonderful visit to her step-son in Bermuda, where she was enchanted by the glorious flowers and by the colour of the sea. She wrote: "The city of Hamilton is in my step-son's parish, together with the Cathedral, Government House and Admiralty House, and various large hotels, so it is a busy and interesting job, as he has three Mission Churches for the coloured folk, in addition to the Parish Church of Pembroke."

Margaret Church, when sending a reminiscence of Queen Mary, said what a pleasure it had been for her and her sister to link up with S.M.H. at the meeting in May, after so many years.

Mrs. Clarke (Mary Luffman) writes that **Monica** writes very happily from America, where her husband is in the American Office of Education.

Mrs. Cox (Dulcie Munn) is now living in Kensington and has two little children. We are so glad to welcome her to the S.M.H.A.

Mrs. Kidman Cox (Elizabeth Hanham), who was **Monica** at school, has just seen her husband off for his flight back to Borneo. He will not have leave again for 2½ years. She remains in England with the children, and will miss the plant hunting (orchids in particular) and her part in making paintings of the new specimens.

Mrs. Creed (Anne Lockhart) and her husband now live at Hayward's Heath (see addresses). **Judith Strange (Castle)** is Godmother to their elder son, Rupert.

Mrs. Elliott (Marjorie Duke) writes of her great pleasure in having **Joan Nolda (Drury)** now living near her. Their daughters, **Jill** and **Rosemary**, are together at the Hall.

Mrs. Games (Dorothea Sturdee), in a charming letter from Bulawayo, in which she says that she was torn from S.M.H. and "sent to some ghastly finishing school just as I should have gone up to the VI," adds: "What a marvellous time the girls have now at S.M.H. compared with our lot! But I still dream of the old place, and thank God I was educated there."

Mrs. Giles (Joan Hart-Cox) and her husband, after many years' residence in Egypt, have settled in England (Halland Park Farm, East Hoathly, Sussex) with their four children. She writes that she was a contemporary of **Freda Fotheringham**, **Frances Young** and **Frances Smith**, of all of whom we should love to have news.

Mrs. Goshawk (Evelyn Farrow) gave her talk on Historical Costume at the School on October 3rd, and has also given it at **Lois Gunnery's** School at Eastbourne.

Mrs. Hakim (Evelyn Capern) wrote that on the day of the Ashted party they were driving their son, Alan, to Cambridge to start life at King's College. We hear that he was awarded an Exhibition in Classics there.

Mrs. Hart (Dorothy Moore) was staying with **Mrs. Foottit (Mildred Norris)** in September, when **Audrey Baron** was invited over for the day, and they enjoyed looking at School "snaps," including an excellent one of Form IIIB in Summer, 1907, when they were form-mates. **Dorothy** is quite settled now at her home at 34, Common Close, Horsell, Woking, Surrey.

Mrs. Hart (Ruth Harris) writes that she and her husband are sending their young sons, Nigel and Roger, to St. Laurence College, Ramsgate.

Mrs. Herdon (Elizabeth Ryan) has returned from India, and is staying in Walmer, as her two boys are going to Dover College.

Mrs. Hellicar (Miss Fenby) is taking a Post-Graduate Course in Psychology at University College, London, with a view to taking up some work in Educational Psychology. Her son, Christopher, is at Lancing College.

Miss Hensley wrote regretting that rheumatism in her knees and feet prevented her at the moment from getting to the Ashted meeting. She was pleased recently to meet **Mrs. Fry (Joy Macdonald)** who had been at the Officers' Convalescent Home on the Front. She is now working with **Mrs. Forrer (Ruth Farrow)** at Roehampton, and is very happy with a married son and two grandchildren. **Miss Wisdom** had given up her flat in Sussex Square, and is now living in Hove (see addresses). **Miss Bolton** and **Miss Smith** are very good in visiting her.

Mrs. Hinde (Jean Taylor) and her husband have been moved from Surrey to Catterick Camp, Yorkshire.

Mrs. Hodson (Pat Lee) has left England with her husband, who has been appointed Dean of Grahamstown.

Mrs. Martyn Hughes (Dorothea Kempe) and her husband and their little daughter, Sally, are now living in Cambridge, Mr. Hughes having accepted "with great delight" the chaplaincy of King's College.

Mrs. Humpherson (Joan Bell) has a most delightful little son, David, aged 2½.

Winnie Kitchin will be spending several months of this winter in Africa, visiting her friends in and near Capetown, at Pretoria, in Southern Rhodesia, and in Umtali, where she worked for three years 20 years ago.

Mrs. Lees (Dr. Mary Montgomery-Campbell) now lives at The Cottage, Worms Ash, Bromsgrove, Worcestershire, where Mr. Lees is Assistant Solicitor. **Mrs. Knowles (Nell Campbell's)** husband is now Assistant District Officer in Malaya, but in a district cleared of bandits and reputed to be fairly safe.

Mrs. Lindars (Rose Chevallier) writes to say how sorry she was to hear of **Muriel Seeley's** death. She remembers being very impressed with her expressive and finished style of playing—"her violin music seemed wonderful and it must have meant much hard work to reach such a high standard on two different instruments."

She has enjoyed some first-hand news of S.M.H. as her daughter, **Margaret, S.R.N., S.C.M.**, was in Brighton in September, 1952, for the Health Visitors' Diploma Course, and through a Roedeian friend was offered a room by the mother of **Stephanie Gasston**; later **Miss Bolton** and **Miss Elsa Smith** kindly entertained her, and took her to the Hall and to the Christmas Concert, and another time had **Miss Hensley** to tea to meet her.

Mrs. Livock (Jessica Suthery) writes that they are now living in Dorset (see addresses). They have more or less retired from the school at Burgess Hill though they still own it, and have a delightful house in that really lovely part of the world.

Marion Lloyd has been home on leave from her nursing in the Belgian Congo, and it was lovely to see her with **Joy Bowesman (Barton)** at the Blunt House party.

Miss Mace has returned from New Zealand, and her new permanent address (q.v.) being in London, she hopes to get to the next A.G. Meeting. She had news of **Dorothy Menzies**, now married to Doctor Rowe in Tauranga, N.Z.

Mrs. Christopher Malden (Helen Thwaites). We read in the papers that Mr. and Mrs. "Chris" were retiring from Windlesham House School in favour of their son, Roger, who is the fourth Malden to hold the Headship. How well one remembers his indomitable grandmother, **Mrs. Scott Malden**, who carried on the School on her husband's death.

She was a great supporter of the Boy Scout Movement, and a pioneer of that of the Girl Guides in Sussex, and gave great encouragement after its start at S.M.H. in 1909 as Scouting (through the enthusiasm of **Janet Smith**, who had returned as a Student-Mistress) to its development under **Miss Florence Thornburgh**, and recognition in 1910, and one remembers well the parades in the Cloisters in 1911, when she came first to give Badges to us of the 2nd Brighton Company, Girl Guides, and later a Cup. **Helen** was then Head Girl, Head Guide and Leader of the Fuchsia Patrol. (I have photos. of one parade.—Ed.)

Mrs. W. Manwell (Barbara Daniell), whose husband is a doctor, is living in South Sudan. She is teaching her daughter, **Carol**, aged 7, from the P.N.E.U. Syllabus. They had a visit in August from **Joan Gray**, who is a doctor at the C.M.S. Hospital in Omdurman and is keen on surgery.

Barbara expects to be home on leave next spring and hopes to be at the General Meeting. She also met **Mary Newman**, who is nursing in the Sudan, and, in Eritrea, met the mistress who taught her needlework at St. Nicholas in 1922.

Mrs. Mead (Amy Law) has made a splendid recovery from a fall on an icy path last Christmastide, which injured her back and meant months in a plaster jacket. She says that **Louise (Mrs. Sumner)** and her husband have bought a farm, and are working hard to put it in order. (See addresses). **Louise** now has five grandchildren, and **Amy** had a new grandson and grand-daughter this year.

Mrs. Meadows (Margaret Ives) and her husband have had this year the great joy of their son **Michael's** Ordination.

Mrs. Moyle (Margot Facer) is now a grandmother, as her daughter, **Bridget**, has a little daughter, born in July, 1953.

Miss Pope we hear, is still doing good work in Hong-Kong.

Mrs. Perfect (Eileen Martin), wife of the Headmaster of St. Laurence College, Ramsgate, was one of the welcome guests of **Miss Ghely** and **Miss Galton** at Blunt House in July.

Miss Peebles is still very happy at Northfield School, Watford, where she has been teaching since May, 1952. She has taken over the Junior School Music, with percussion band for the youngest.

Mildred Riddesdell (our Vice-Chairman and Vice-President) will be in New York working for U.N.O. for the next two years. **Yolande** is at present in London.

Mrs. Robinson (Roma Parker) tells us that her small boy, aged nine, is now at Windlesham House. **Mrs. Scott Malden's (Helen Thwaites)** School.

Mrs. Romer (Rachel Stoner) is now living near Seaford (Four Walls, East Blatchington). She has two daughters and a son.

Vanessa Sly sees **Mary Clarke** and hears from **Margaret Howlett (Black)**, who is a widow and lives in Scotland with her two sons.

Mrs. Scott (Gyda Robertson), writing from 16a, Imbi Road, Kuala Lumpur, Malaya, says that she is Personal Assistant to the Secretary of the United Planting Association, a very busy and responsible post. Her "spare" time is given to Red Cross activities and to Welfare Work. She had met, not long before she wrote (January, 1953) **Joyce Currie (Black)** and her husband, on their way to Sourabaya, and **Audrey Sherwood (Watson)**, who lives in North Malaya.

Constance Shallard longed to come to the Ashtead Meeting, and sent special messages to **Mrs. Spurrell (Gwen Hensley)**, and could clearly see **Mrs. Longsdon (Elaine Fotheringham)** and **Mrs. Neligan (Joan Cockell)** though she had met neither since 1918!

Olive Skene writes of the wedding of **Valerie Van du Smagt** (see marriages). Her friend, **Rosemary Hare**, was there, and several Singalese people in their colourful saris. Both bride and bridegroom are B.Sc's., and were off botanizing in Norway for their honeymoon. The mother of the **Rev. G. W. Forster**, who performed the ceremony, was educated at S.M.H. when her name was **Hodges**.

Mrs. Smith (Dorothy Lilley) writes that during a visit to Northern Ireland she and her husband went to tea with **Mrs. Kidd (Daisy Panter)** at Strangford Vicarage, and met her husband and two charming children, now almost grown up, and greatly enjoyed themselves. She has had a few "locum" jobs at the Tavistock Clinic, London, replacing the Psychiatric Social Worker in the Adult Dept. during holidays.

Mrs. Snow (Joan Way), wife of the Headmaster of Ardingly College, gave a wonderful welcome to **Miss Ghey** and **Miss Galton** when they attended the wedding of one of their Tutors to a Housemaster of Ardingly.

Mrs. Simpson (Viva Peacock) wrote hoping to bring **Mrs. Perfect (Eileen Martin)** and **Mrs. Lloyd Price (Enid Brocklehurst)** to the Ashtead party; also **Mrs. Spurrell (Gwen Hensley)**, who we were very sorry to see so crippled up with rheumatism.

Mrs. Spurrell (Gwen Hensley) and her husband are very proud of their daughter, Penny, who has won a College Foundation Scholarship this year at the Royal College of Music and goes up just as Elizabeth has finished her course there. Their other daughter, Jenny, is training in Institutional Housekeeping and Cookery at the Domestic Training College in Buckingham Palace Road.

Mrs. Sturdy (Jessie Cribb)—We must congratulate Mrs. Sturdy on winning the first prize in a needlework competition at St. Mark's. We enjoyed seeing her work at the General Meeting.

Mrs. Thomson (Katherine Seth) is on leave from Hong-Kong with her husband.

Rose Unmack writes that she loves the work of the National Children's Home and the Child Guidance Clinic at St. George's Hospital. She has a number of children, most of them boys, of Junior School or a little above Junior School age, for remedial tuition.

Mary Wall wrote that she was still very happy at the school where she has been head since 1938. She spends her holidays working on a friend's farm in Norfolk.

Mrs. Walter (Agnes Cooper), writing from Oregon, U.S.A., says: "Our daughter, Ellen, is through with High School and is a Freshman at Oregon State College now. She is majoring in Science." **Agnes** has lately heard from **Audrey Chapman (Sadgrove)**, so that, though so far away, she is not quite cut off from the Hall.

Mrs. Watts (Kathleen John) has been a House Matron at Christ's Hospital these past five years, where her youngest son has been educated. **Miss Wright** paid a visit there last term. They found her wonderfully little changed.

We were sorry to hear that **Miss Woodhams** had been ill all the summer, and so not well enough to travel to the Ashtead Meeting.

OUR GLOBE-TROTTERS IN NEW ZEALAND

Some extracts from **Dorothy Heelas'** letter to **Miss Ghey**.

Wellington, N.Z.

13th March, 1953.

We thought you might be interested to hear of a few of our adventures out here—and we hope this will reach you in time for our good wishes to be given to the Old Girls' Meeting in London.

I wrote to you last when **Muriel** and I were working for our farmer, **Bill**—and I think I told you how we had to feed the bulls, horses, dogs and all the other animals.

We left there after a month, bought an old car for £130 and toured all round the North Island. We had sleeping bags and cooking gear and stayed the nights at motor camps—which consist of little huts fitted up with bunks, and communal kitchens and washing places. We went up the west coast through Wanganui, New Plymouth to the Waitomo Caves. There was no motor camp there, only one very expensive hotel, so we persuaded the one storekeeper to lend us an old shack he had in a field. . . . That evening we joined the hotel party and went to see the caves, which are 180 feet underground, full of stalactites and 'mites. There were about 15 in the party, and in one cave we got in a boat and went along an underground river in pitch darkness, and in dead silence. The roof and sides of the cave were lit up with greenish glow worms; they hang there and let down very fine threads to catch the insects which hover on the surface of the river. Muriel and I got in the boat last and of course it went down lower—and she whispered that we were the "starving English," which amused the other people!

The next day we went to Hamilton and called on **Esther Fish (Lloyd)**. She was so nice, and delighted to see us, and we also met her husband and three children

Then we went up to Auckland, and then started south again to Tauranga on the coast; Rotorua, where all the geysers and hot mud pools are; Taupo; and then over a very high mountain road to Napier on the coast, a lovely little town. We nearly got jobs there as laundry maids in a big boys' school—but we didn't think the wages were high enough for us to save on! After that we returned to Wellington, and sold the car.

We crossed over to South Island early in October, and the first day we went to the Labour Exchange in Christchurch and said vaguely we should like to work in a hotel. When we returned later we were horrified to hear we had been booked as waitresses in a large hotel, and were said to be experienced! So the next morning, very frightened, we got a bus to Hammer Springs—a tiny village 83 miles north of Christchurch. There is one large 5-star hotel there, about six shops, a golf course, and a hospital for nerve cases—and also some natural hot sulphur springs. The scenery was lovely, with mountains all round.

They were very short of waitresses in the hotel. A lot of the guests recognised we were English, and we had heaps of invitations to visit people in their homes afterwards. The most exciting part was getting tips—which we had never expected—so we were able to save quite a lot for our travels.

After a few weeks Muriel broke a bone in her foot playing tennis, but the manager was most kind in keeping her there for nothing, and she used to help in the laundry and pantry while she couldn't walk properly.

We stayed there for three months and left at the beginning of January and returned to Christchurch. Again we went to the Labour Exchange and asked for jobs in the south, and went as waitress and laundry maid at a hotel in Queenstown!! But that night Muriel's hot water bottle burst and burnt her hand quite badly and it was impossible for her to do anything for some weeks. (I now keep her wrapped in cotton wool!) We thought then we should spend a few weeks just touring round, only to find all the hotels in the tourist places full up—as it was the summer holidays. So we decided to go to Dunedin and spend a few days with some friends. (The next bit is rather complicated to explain!) When we were in North Island we had received a very kind letter from **Yolande Riddlesdell** to say she was leaving for England and so we should not be able to meet her, but that we must get in touch with her friends, the Dean of Christchurch, and Mrs. Sullivan. This we had done in October, and had been to tea with them, and they kindly kept some of our luggage for us. So in January, having decided to go to Dunedin, we

called at the Deanery to collect our cases, only to find the house shut up and everyone away.

I knew the Dean was Principal of the Theological College and University Hostel—where **Yolande** is the matron—so I telephoned there and the girl who answered me, having found out who we were, asked us to go for the evening. We went—and discovered she is taking **Yolande's** place as matron for a year—and she was so nice and asked us to go and stay there for a few days. The next day she collected us in her car and we stayed there altogether for five weeks. It did seem such a coincidence that we should sit every day in Yolande's sitting room! I helped **Dorothy Menzies** (the matron) to make jam for the students and there was a piano in one of the houses where Muriel and I practised.

During that time **Dorothy** took us for a camping holiday in her car to the West Coast. We had a tent, camp beds, sleeping bags and cooking gear, and spent a lovely 12 days touring round. We went over a 3,000 ft. pass where the hills all round were covered with rata trees in full bloom—bright red flowers—and through lovely mountain scenery, a little like Switzerland, except for the native bush. We stayed for two or three days at the Franz Joseph Glacier: it comes down to under 600 feet. They have built a little church on a hill there so that there is a beautiful view of the glacier and snow mountains through the East End window. We also visited a very isolated beach about 30 miles away, and saw seals basking in the sun on the rocks.

We are at present waitresses again at a large hotel in the Southern Lakes—called **Wanaka**! We are only here for three weeks to help with two large conferences which are being held at the hotel—and next Monday we set out on our travels again and go to **Queenstown**. Some of the mountains have such nice names—the chief one here is called **Mount Aspiring**, and there is **Mount Avalanche** and **Moonraker**, and the range at **Queenstown** is called the **Remarkables**.

Muriel and I had intended to go on letting the house and wander round the world as long as we could—and I wrote to **Phyllis Knight (Smith)** in Japan, who said she would love us to go and stay with her, and that she was sure we could get secretarial jobs there. But we have two old aunts in England who are anxious for us to return soon, so I expect we shall have to come home this year.

FROM PAKISTAN AND BACK.

Mrs. McCall (Margaret Jones) writes at the end of September: "I am just going back to Pakistan again after three months in England. . . John is now seven and Michael is five . . . they go to a convent school at Risalpur, where they are two of the twenty British children among 180 Pakistanis! Their school hours are from 6 a.m. till noon. . . We flew home, arriving a day before the Coronation. . . I came principally for treatment at University College Hospital, where I saw **Margaret Schurr**, who is a Sister there, and she often came in to talk to me. I have also met **Mrs. Parker (Jane Felton)** and her three small children, who have recently come to live in Chichester.

I am much looking forward to the warm weather and a garden full of flowers. . . Keith and I love car expeditions. We have been up to the Afghan border through Waziristan, where we had to have an escort, first of Tochi Scouts and then tribal Khassidars, as it is supposed to be dangerous territory. Certainly all the bridges had been blown up, but when we stopped we merely had an interested crowd to peer at the cameras, at the boys' clothes, and especially at me, as their women are in strict purdah!

We have also been to Amb State and met the Nawab when the boys said "they had never had breakfast with a King before!"

This winter we hope to go to Chitral and Dir State.

THE CORONATION REVIEW OF EX-SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN

As I know that at least half a dozen of my own lot at School served in Queen Mary's Army Auxiliary Corps (the "W.A.A.C's.") and there must have been others who served then, and in this last war, I hope that a description of the Review in Hyde Park by Her Majesty the Queen on Sunday afternoon, July 5th, may be of interest.

It meant leaving Boston that morning at 7 a.m., over a hundred miles by coach. It was one of those lovely sunny days and a most pleasant trip, and I managed to reach our rallying point at Lancaster Gate just in time to move off for the "fall in" of nearly four hundred ex-Q.M.A.A.C., ex-A.T.S. and ex-W.R.A.C., all having served with the Army. This had to be made in ranks of 20 abreast. Some of us old-timers of drill-instructor experience longed for a free hand for ten minutes to get that parade in order! Those in charge were much too diffident! After all, we had all done our "drills" within the last thirty-five years, and would have responded at once to a firm voice!!

Barely were we ready, when the Princess Royal appeared, escorted by Dame Regina Evans, to inspect us, our commander being Dame Helen Gwynne-Vaughan, whose name is great among Service women of both wars. We envied the Princess in her summer frock and shady hat.

Then came the time to move off in rank to our allotted stand in the open Park, and off we went, headed by our banners, stumbling over hillocks and in pot holes and round trees. Here we thankfully relaxed to wait in the hot sun; and everywhere, masses of men, drawn up as we were. The ambulance men were kept busy, for many had travelled all night to greet their Queen, and many were quite old. The little breeze that wafted by now and again was welcome, though it proved tiresome for the Queen and her picture hat later on.

At last a bustle and a stir, and we were on parade, and the Royal Party appeared on the great dais of the saluting base. There followed a short service with an address by His Grace the Archbishop of Canterbury, and then Her Majesty the Queen entered an open jeep, and, standing erect and lovely, with her handsome Prince by her side, she toured the lines to the delight of all—a special little pause to look at us, for she served in the A.T.S. for a short time, and honoured us by attending an Old Comrades' Reunion in the Albert Hall.

Her Majesty, on arriving back at the Saluting Base, made her speech of welcome, clear as a bell through the microphones, and then turned to face the East Carriage Drive, and the great march past of some 75,000 men and women started. Eventually our turn came, and we stumbled again over the rough ground, greeted and cheered by the men folk. How great was our relief when our feet touched the smooth road at Marble Arch, and we could at last swing along and show our paces, to the accompaniment of bands playing the old tunes, and the cheers and remarks of the people thronging the stands in the blazing sun. Then the great moment, and "Eyes Right" to Her Majesty and her Family Party, and on to Hyde Park Corner, where we dispersed, hot and thirsty but happy.

It was all very "mate-y," and encouraged that Coronation feeling of belonging to one great big family.

H.A.B.

TALKING OF CORONATIONS

A number of us will remember being at School for the Coronation of King George V in 1911. I clearly remember the traditional service held that day from the tower of St. Nicholas' Church, Brighton, with the clergy and choir up aloft, and the congregation, including us Hall girls, down below.

Then in the afternoon we took part in a Pageant of the British Empire, "on which the sun never sets," when groups of girls, dressed to represent the various parts of the Empire, revolved round the sun, who

was **Ruth Farrow (Mrs. Forrer)** perched on some high steps, all in gold, with a huge golden halo on her golden hair. She looked really lovely. It had to be indoors in the big Schoolroom (no Elliott Hall) as it was a wet afternoon, though another day we repeated it on the Mistresses' tennis lawn.

For the Coronation of King George VI in May, 1937, I was fortunate in a ballot, as an ex-Service woman, for a free place on the steps of the Victoria Memorial opposite Buckingham Palace.

This time I followed the Day on television, seeing it all as it happened; the pageantry, and that wonderful Service, with that young figure, so simple, yet utterly queenly, dedicating herself for life, and the Crowning, and the joyous return home through her cheering people. It brought us all very close together.

H.A.B.

BIRTHS.

Anderson.—On Sept. 16th, 1953, at Washington, D.C., U.S.A., to Monica (Luffman), wife of Howard Anderson—a daughter (Jane).

Cox.—On February 25th, 1953, to "Dickie" (Napier Munn) and John Cox, of 52, Wynnstay Gardens, Kensington, W.8—a brother for Suzanne (Lucas John Napier).

Cox.—On July 26th, 1953, at Sidmouth, to Elizabeth (Hanham) and John Kidman Cox, a daughter, Rosamund.

Creed.—On March 12th, 1953, at Harlands Farmhouse, Haywards Heath, to Anne (Lockhart), wife of Michael B. Creed—a son.

Ellwood.—On February 18th, at the Churchill Hospital, Oxford, to Yvonne (Harries) and Geoffrey Ellwood—a sister (Rosalind Arlette) for Katherine.

Hughes.—On January 16th, 1953, at University College Hospital, W.C.1, to Mary Dorothea (Dickie Kempe), wife of the Rev. Martyn Hughes—a daughter.

Lees.—On January 20th, 1953, at The Cottage, Worms Ash, Bromsgrove, to Mary (Montgomery Campbell), wife of George Lees—a daughter.

Redwood.—On June 24th, 1953, at R.A.F. Hospital, St. Athan, Glam., to Ursula (Hale), wife of Sir T. B. Redwood, Bt.—a son.

MARRIAGES.

Hammerton—Appleyard.—On July 11th, 1953, at St. John's Church, Hove, Thelma, daughter of Councillor and Mrs. V. P. Appleyard, to Rolf Hammerton, B.A., LL.B.

Lovis—Van der Smagt.—On July 29th, 1953, by the Rev. G. W. Forster, assisted by Canon F. N. Skene, Joan Valerie Van der Smagt to John David Lovis.

Rambaut—Lawrence.—On July 4th, 1953, at All Saints' Church, Writtenhall, Bewdley, Beth Lawrence, to John Francis Marland Rambaut, by the Vicar of Writtenhall, Rev. C. Hand, assisted by the Rev. A. W. Adam, Professor of Divinity at Magdalen College, Oxford.

Rolls—Mason.—On August 20th, 1953, at St. Saviour's, Jersey, Avril, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mason, to Derrick Rolls, son of Mr. and Mrs. Rolls, of Middleton Cheney.

Rothnie—Harris.—On September 12th, 1953, at St. Margaret's, Rottingdean, Anne Cadogan Harris to Alan Keir Rothnie, of the Foreign Office, who has been appointed First Secretary in Madrid.

SILVER WEDDING.

Simpson—Peacock.—On October 25th, 1928, at Stoke Dry, Uppingham, Dr. George Simpson, of Dumfermline, to Kathleen Mary Viva Peacock.

DEATHS.

- Ashwin.**—On February 18th, 1953, at Res Augusta, Mayo Lane, Bexhill, Lucy Maud Ashwin, aged 84, beloved wife of the Rev. Robert Forster Ashwin (mother of Irene and Monica).
- Ballachey.**—On May 22nd, 1953, Alice Elizabeth, widow of Canon Arthur Watts Ballachey, late of Algarkirk, Lincolnshire (mother of Winifred).
- Brown.**—On August 19th, 1953, at the house of her friend; Caroline Sophia ("Daisy"), daughter of the Rev. Thomas James Brown, at one time Vicar of Sydling St. Nicholas, Dorset, in her 99th year. A pupil at S.M.H. and a friend of Mary Ashwin.
- Carnes.**—On February 25th, 1953, peacefully, at his home, Warren Lea, Kingswood, Surrey, John Carnes, aged 71 years, beloved husband of Cecily and very loving father of Charles, Mary, and Elizabeth
- Clarke.**—On April 4th, 1953, within three days, from poliomyelitis, Erica Clarke (nee Sarel).
- Darby.**—On February 3rd, 1953, at her home, The Outlook, Heathfield, suddenly, M. K. L. Darby (Kitty), youngest daughter of the late Rev. E. G. Darby, Vicar of Billericay, Essex. At S.M.H. 1890—1896.
- Lilley.**—On January 14th, 1953, at his home in Lexden, Colchester, the Rev. H. Lilley, in his 89th year. Formerly Vicar of Harrold, Beds., and Rector of Fordham, Colchester.
- Malpas.**—On June 7th, at St. Monica Home, Bristol, Grace, youngest daughter of the late Rev. Henry Malpas, of Salisbury.
- Meyer.**—On March 6th, 1953, at his home, Manor End, Little Gaddesden, Hertfordshire, Canon Horace Rollo Meyer, M.A., V.M.H., dearly loved husband, father and grandfather, aged 85 years (father of Hon. Mrs. Ponsonby (C. Meyer)).
- Morton.**—On November 23rd, 1952, from a heart attack after a long illness, Katharine Stephenson, aged 86, dearly loved mother of Lucy Hipkin (Morton).
- Sibthorp.**—On August 3rd, 1953, at her home, 3 Hill Mansions, 23 Bramley Hill, South Croydon, Emily M. F. Sibthorp. At S.M.H. from 1888—1892 as pupil, and from 1893—1894 on the Staff, Croydon, High School 1903—34.
- Spurrell.**—On February 24th, 1953, at Applegarth, Uplyme, Mary Elizabeth (Lisette), widow of the Rev. Richard Spurrell, and mother of Joyce.

QUEEN MARY—A REMINISCENCE.

The passing of the late beloved **Queen Mary**, reminded me of the time of her wedding, which was commemorated with suitable rejoicings by us all at St. Mary's Hall. At that time we had a poetess on the staff, **Miss C. J. B. Birrell**, sister of our dear headmistress, **Miss C. M. Birrell**. **Miss Kate**, as she was always called, composed a poem for the occasion. I believe it was called "The Flower of May." This was set to music by Dr. Chas. Vincent, and published, and was sung with great pleasure by the Chorus Class, of which my sister and I were members, at the school concert.

I can only remember one fragment of the words:—

"The Flower of May on a welcome day,"

"Has come to a nation's heart."

but I well remember what a charming song it was, and how we enjoyed it. My sister **Constance** and I have both lost our copies, I believe when our house went in the war; if any of our contemporaries still has a copy, and would let me see it, I should be so glad, and would take care to return it.

MARGARET M. CHURCH
At S.M.H., 1890—1895.

IN MEMORIAM.

MISS "DAISY" BROWN.

Her friend, Mrs. Fursdon, writes that "Brownie" was born on July 19th, 1855, and went to S.M.H. after lessons with an aunt who had the care of Rudyard Kipling. She was very proud, of being an Old Girl of the Hall. In 1893 she went to Canada to her brother, and became secretary of the Royal Edward Institute for Tuberculosis in Montreal for twenty-five years. She settled at Highweek, Newton Abbot, on her return in 1930, and was well beloved by reason of her old-world charm and friendliness, and her death was sincerely mourned. Until recently she was surprisingly active, and retained possession of all her faculties. She was known as "a sweet little lady" by all the villagers. She was a friend from school-days of Miss **Mary Ashwin**, with whom she kept up a correspondence till her death last year.

EMILY SIBTHORP

It was with sorrow that I learned of the passing away on August 3rd of **Emily Sibthorp**. The news came to me from her friend, Miss Heslop, who shared her Croydon flat and nursed her so devotedly during her last months of increasing bodily weakness. **Emily** was a pupil at the Hall from 1888 to 1892, and returned in 1893 for a year on the staff before finally leaving to take up teaching elsewhere.

I first met her in the autumn of 1899, when my sister **Edith** became Head Mistress of St. Mary's Hall, and I spent the autumn term with her. **Emily** was then staying in Brighton for a time with two pupils, whom she brought up to the Hall to share in the Christmas party—to their great enjoyment. In 1903 she joined the Staff of the Croydon High School, where she stayed until her retirement from teaching in 1934. Her younger sister, **Alice**, was at the Hall also, a contemporary of **Mary Ostle** and **Alice Sweet**.

Through all these years **Emily** was a regular and welcome visitor to the Hall on Founder's Days. She was a member of the S.M.H. Association from the time it was formed, and her loyalty to it and interest in it as a life member never failed.

She was a contemporary of **Rose Elwin**, **Gertie Raynor**, and **Marion Harwood** among others, and there must still be some who remember her with affection. She was at the 1936 Centenary celebrations, but since then was seldom able to come to Hall meetings. I have happy memories of her earlier enjoyment of meetings of the S.M.H. London Branch, the forerunner of the Home Counties' Branch of the Association.

H. R. POTTER.

"KITTY" DARBY.

Katharine Darby, who passed to her rest in the Spring of this year, was one of a large family. Her father was Rector of Billericay. At school (1890-96) she was noted for her steady perseverance. On leaving, she went to live in Sussex with her old aunts, cheering their lives by her patient care of them to the end. When she came to live in her own house at Heathfield she named it "The Outlook." This name strikes the keynote of her life. She was emphatically one of those who look "not on their own things, but on the things of others." But before she settled to her busy life in Heathfield she took, literally, a very wide look round the world. Her nephews had rubber plantations in Malay. With her sister as her companion she went to see them, visiting India en route. **Kitty** is one of those who joined the Sixth Form Circular—now more than 50 years old—and her contributions at this time were most interesting. She returned to England via Australia and America. By the time she was crossing the Atlantic the 1914 War had broken out.

Her interests at Heathfield were mostly the W.I., collecting for National Savings, and entertaining relatives at "The Outlook." She was most hospitable and generous. She was a faithful supporter of S.M.H.A.,

and through all the years rarely failed to attend the Annual Meeting. Her death followed soon after that of her sister, whom she nursed through a long illness. Kitty bore the trouble of her deafness with cheerfulness and fortitude. Her going leaves a gap in our midst.

AGNES HOBBINS.

ERICA CLARKE.

Erica (nee Sarel) died young and tragically within three days from poliomyelitis. She was a gay, loyal friend, and was always interested in her old school. Erica was at S.M.H. from September, 1930, to April, 1932, when she went to Australia, as her father, Rear-Admiral Sarel was Commander of Flinders Naval Depot, Victoria.

Our thoughts go out to her husband and family and little daughter.

E. S. M.

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