

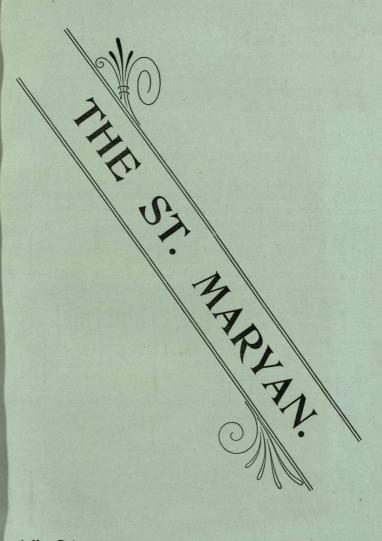
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THE NEW BUILDING.

As will be seen from the notice in *The Churchwoman*, which accompanies this News-Letter, the Trustees of St. Mary's Hall have resolved to build additional class-rooms, and to restore to their original purpose as dormitories and bedrooms, four rooms now used as Form-rooms.

The estimated cost is about £2,000. It has been decided to postpone building until a sum of £1,200 has been collected. At the present moment (February 25th, 1898), so far as a calculation can be made of sums collected at different centres, the amount obtained is £852 8s. Od. If each pupil will undertake to send £1, or to fill a collecting card which represents that amount, and will also make known our wants to influential friends, there will, it is hoped, be no delay in beginning building operations early in April. Meantime, detailed plans are being drawn out by the firm of Messrs. Scott and Cawthorn, Architects, who planned the Sanatorium in 1885.

Not only have Sir Charles and the Misses Elliott contributed £100 each towards the Enlargement Fund, but all are exerting themselves to obtain donations and to interest friends. Many letters every week are written by dear Miss Elliott, in spite of constant delicacy of

health and frequent suffering.

So great is the urgency in the collection of the necessary sum, that the Editor has felt it to be her duty to relinquish (pro. temp.) all but the most pressing duties attached to her position, in order that letters and 'appeals' may reach all who are likely to be interested and to give assistance. The task is tedious, slow, and much hindered by

interruptions.

What old St. Maryans will come to the rescue, following the very cheering and helpful example of Miss Rhoda Hughes, to whose skilful pen we owe the sketch of the Institution inserted in *The Churchwoman*, February 25th, and of Miss Helen Bagley and Miss Daisy Brown, who have volunteered their help, and undertake to receive contributions and filled-up cards, and forward them to the Bank?

This is a moment when the old saying, "Bis dat qui cito dat,"

has especial significance.

SCHOOL MATTERS.

The year 1897 has been marked by no exceptional events, as far as the history of the School is concerned. There has been, in the gracious Providence of our Heavenly Father, singular immunity from sickness of all kinds.

The fortnightly "At Homes," which were a new and very agreeable innovation, and were entirely managed by the girls themselves, have been, for the present, discontinued. It was found that, while our dear hard-working elder girls worked exceptionally well, and did us great credit, there was a distinct falling off in the work of the

Middle School, which seemed to indicate that these delightful entertainments were unfavourable to study. When it is proved that the one is compatible with the other, they will be resumed.

Our two great functions passed off very successfully.

(1) FOUNDER'S DAY.

Founder's Day was kept on July 22nd. The Annual Services were held at St. Mark's Church, the Sermon being preached by the Lord Bishop of Lucknow. He took as his text the words of St. Peter (R.V.): "Grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ," and dwelt upon the mysteries of natural and spiritual growth, quoting the saying of St. Augustine, that God loves us not so much for what we are, as for what we are becoming, and reminding us that the type to which Christians are called to grow is—the Rose of Sharon. He referred to Mission Work as a career to which many of the pupils educated at St. Mary's Hall had devoted themselves, and hoped that among his hearers many more would feel drawn to that work, so imperative if the women of the East are to receive the Gospel.

An unusually large number of old pupils were present, who, by consenting to wear a rosette, supplied to each as a badge, were recognisable among the other guests, and felt the freemasonry of old

ties to their School a substitute for any formal introduction.

(2) DISTRIBUTION OF PRIZES.

The Winter Concert and Distribution of Prizes took place on Thursday, December 10th, 1897. The chair was taken by the Lord Bishop of Chichester. Dr. Wilberforce addressed a few pithy words to the pupils, reminding them that the real aim of all education is the formation of a Christian character.

The Most Reverend, the Archbishop of Sydney, who was also

present, subsequently said a few words.

On both occasions we were favoured with the welcome presence

of dear Lady Elliott.

The music at both Concerts was declared by many of the guests to be better than ever before, which may, we hope, be interpreted to mean that our friends enjoyed their afternoon's entertainment.

As the subject which, next to Founder's Day and Prize-giving, chiefly interests old St. Maryans is news of their friends, the Editor

ventures to give short extracts from some letters.

Miss Churcher, who left us at Easter to devote herself to Mission Work, has kept us well informed of her doings by sending long delightful journals. She is now associated with the "China Inland Mission," her address being: "China Inland Mission, Yang-Cheo, China." She thus writes:—

"It is only about a day's journey from Penang to Singapore. We reached Singapore on Monday about four p.m. I daresay most of you know that Georgie Seaton, who was at St. Mary's Hall when

I first went there thirteen years ago, went out to Singapore at the beiginning of this year to be married. She heard I was coming out, and wrote to ask me to come to her for as long a time as the boat stayed. As soon as we drew up at the jetty, she and her husband came on board. She has not altered at all, though it must be about ten years since I saw her. Her husband, Mr. Patchitt, is in the Borneo Company. They had a nice little carriage waiting for me, and took me for a lovely drive, as it was the cool part of the evening. Singapore is a beautiful place. They have a sweet house about three miles beyond the town, quite in the country, in a beautiful and very quiet spot. Mr. Patchitt does not care much for society, and they spend most of their time at home in the garden, in which they both take great interest. She has a good husband, I should think, and she seems very happy."

Also: "One of the first persons I saw on the landing-stage at Shanghai was Rose Elwin, who had come down to meet me. Edith came to see me the next day, and I spent a day at their home. Mr. Elwin is doing Archdeacon Moule's work in Shanghai, during the latter's absence. It was very nice to see familiar faces. We had a good talk about St. Mary's Hall. They both seem very well, though

both look thinner than when I saw them last."

In conclusion, Miss Churcher writes:—"It will not be very far in the year when you get this; at any rate, the wishes and prayers for you for the new year will have reached God's throne long before. The best wish I can send you is that God may lead each one of you in His way for you this year. That will be best for you all."

Shall we not remember her and her work at the throne of God's

heavenly grace?

Some old pupils who live abroad favour the Editor with charming descriptive letters, often apologising for their length. To all she would say that no letter is ever too long, and that a bright 'newsy' letter often comes like a ray of sunlight to cheer a day which has, perhaps, brought an unusual amount of perplexity and worry. Moreover, arrangements have been made by which (p.v.) she hopes to have a little more leisure for answering these letters. They are, besides, a source of interest to present pupils, to whom she reads extracts on

Saturday evenings at mending time.

Among these may be mentioned a series of letters from Violet Friedlaender, describing her life at Lausaune, in Switzerland; from Catie Kilpack, Chemin du Beau Sejour 8, Champel, Geneva; from Ethel Skelton (usual address, Mount Abu, Rajputana, India), written from Jeypore, and giving a vivid picture of Oodypore, in the heart of the lake district of Rajpootana. It is impossible to quote from all, but a letter from Minna Gildea, who went with a party from Cheltenham, under Miss Blanche Lefroy, to found a Church School for girls at Windsor, Nova Scotia, relates a deliverance so remarkable that space must be found for an extract.

"October 26th, 1897.—I wonder if you have seen in the English papers any account of the terrible fire which has burnt our Windsor to the ground. At least seven-eighths of it are in ashes, but, happily,

our School belongs to the unburnt eighth. I cannot describe the terror of that Sunday, October 17th, when we thought every halfhour would bring the flaming and crackling over our heads that was

going on over our neighbours'.

"The fire started on the closest-built part of the town, at about three on Sunday morning, and raged for twelve hours. Of course all the houses were of wood, so that the conflagration was tremendous. I hope never to see anything more awful. About 2,000 people were homeless, and absolutely without anything but what they wore by Sunday night. The firemen said there was not a chance for the School about mid-day, so we packed up all our things and moved them out on to the lawns, as far away as we could get them, but, I think, had the house gone, they must have caught too. It was such a terrible thing to think that we should be homeless with 62 girls to look after, and the relief, when the fire was checked, about 100 yards from our back door gates, was intense."

Winifred Marriner, who was trained to be a children's nurse at the Norland Institute, writes:- "I have three of the dearest little children you ever saw, to take care of. I have a very nice under-nurse, who is very helpful, and two beautiful nurseries for the children. There is a beautiful old garden attached to the house, and the country around is beautiful. I could write a whole book about my children. I am treated exceedingly well here, quite as a lady should be; I dine with the family at night, and sit with them till bed-time."

Miss Kate Birrell, who left at Christmas, to give herself some months of rest and change, has sent some charming descriptions of her visits to Rome, Florence and Venice, with photographs to illustrate her descriptions. She will, probably, on resuming work, prefer a less arduous post than she held at St. Mary's Hall.

Florence Thornburgh (Elliott Scholar, 1885-87), has returned to St. Mary's Hall as a mistress, and is developing a long-desired

enthusiasm for nature study among our younger ones.

Annie Pearson, the Rectory, Legnau, Essequibo, B. Guiana, wrote on March 29th, to let us know that she had passed a Teacher's Examination, and had a certificate. She is now qualified to direct a Government School, and has four assistants under her. She writes: "The children here are very different from English children. are black, coloured, coolie and Chinese, with two Portuguese children in the School. The little Chinese are very lovable children."

Again on October 9th, she writes that she was very pleased to have the News-Letter for 1896, and would like to join the Pupils'

Association and Prayer Union.

The names of those who have joined, or are about to join, the Prayer Union are:—

Miss Elliott, Lismore, St. Leonards-on-Sea.

Miss R. Hughes, The Shrubbery, St. Peter's Road, Croydon.

Miss H. Bagley, Pattiswick Rectory, Braintree, Essex.

Miss D. Brown, c/o H. P. Greene, Esq., Caistor Hall, Norwich.

Mish · Eastman. him bank am. Miss F. Hornbuckle, 3 Alexandra Villas, Brighton. Miss Daeuble, Bhagalpur, India. Miss Hobson, Uppington Vicarage, Wellington, Salop. Miss D. Donne, 9 The Close, Lichfield.
Miss F. Kyle, 5 Beverley Road, Annerley, S.E.
Mrs. Roper, Langmere, Brigstock Road, Thornton Heath. Mrs. Sharpe, Elmley Lovett Rectory, Droitwich. Mrs. Chancellor, 199 West Cliff Road, Ramsgate. Miss F. Brewer, Powys Court, Eastbourne. Miss Tunnicliffe, Prospect House, Earlsheaton, Dewsbury. Miss Edith Snowdon Smith, 19 Marmion Road, Sefton Park, Liverpool.
Miss L. Coombes. St. Peter's, Ashdell Mount, Sheffield.
Miss Gledhill, St. Mary's Hospital, Paddington.
Miss E. Lovelock, Emneth Vicarage, Wisbech.
Miss M. Church, The Dell, Bonchurch, Isle of Wight.
Miss L. Stringer, Portsdown Vicarage, Purbrook, Cosham, Hants.
Miss K. Anderson, The Climb, Forest Hill.
Miss K. Darky, Markly, Warklyton, Heathfield Miss K. Darby, Marklye, Warbleton, Heathfield. Miss R. Warren, Steeple Bumpstead Vicarage, Haverhill. Miss A. Pearson, The Rectory, Legnau, Essequibo, B. Guiana. Miss Churcher, China Inland Mission, Tang Chee, China. Miss F. Thornburgh, Assistant Mistress, St. Mary's Hall. Miss A. Hobbins, Assistant Mistress, St. Mary's Hall. Miss E. Potter, Vice-Mistress, St. Mary's Hall. Miss Birrell, St. Mary's Hall. 1. adamson muss a . Dry. A copy of the Member's Card, Prayer Union, St. Mary's Hall, list, the omission will be rectified in the next News-Letter.

will be forwarded on application to any member of the Pupils' Association. If the name of any member has been left out of the

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The play of our Hockey Elevens this year has undoubtedly reached

a higher standard than ever before.

The Hall now boasts of nine Elevens, each having its Captain. Last year the Captain of the First was A. Hobbins, and of the Second, E. Stringer. E. Holland has succeeded A. Hobbins as Captain of the First. Out of three matches played against Wimbledon House First Eleven, the S. M. H. First Eleven won one and lost two. The first match was lost by 1 goal, the second won by 1 goal, and the third again lost by 1 goal, so that the games were hardly contested. Our Second Eleven were not a match for Wimbledon House Second Eleven, but won three victories at the end of last season over Miss Smith's School, 25 Sussex Square, and two this season over Miss L'Estrange's First Eleven.

We have not as yet invested in the regulation stick, but we hope

to do so next season.

Our First Eleven has adopted a navy and gold jersey as the hockey costume.

CRICKET.

Improvement was also marked in last season's cricket, but we hope to reach a still higher standard this year. Helen Graham was Captain of the First Eleven. Under her, two victories were scored over Miss Smith's Eleven, but our Eleven was rather badly beaten in the match with Wimbledon House.

TENNIS.

We celebrated "Jubilee Day" by having a Tennis Tournament. This was most successfully managed, thanks to our able President. Miss Edith Potter. The winners of the Tournament were Connie Eacott and Agnes Hobbins. Little silver Jubilee badges were bestowed upon the winners. The prizes in this and other contests (running, jumping, three-legged races, spoon races) were given by Miss Black, daughter of the well-known novelist, Mr. William Black.

Only one outside Tennis match was played, and that was against Miss L'Estrange's School, 17 Lewes Crescent. Helen Graham played the Single, and won both sets. Jessie Dawe and Agnes Hobbins won

one set in the Double, but lost the other two.

A. Hobbins, Captain of First Eleven.

MARRIAGES, BIRTHS AND DEATHS.

MARRIAGES.

MATHIAS, AMY, eldest daughter of Mrs. Mathias, Elwy, Werter Road, Putney, S.W., to

MATHIAS, the Rev. Hugh, The Rectory, Kaiapoi, Canterbury, New Zealand.— April 27th, 1897.

CARPENTER, ELLEN WALLER, eldest daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. W. Carpenter, Guyhirn Vicarage, to CARPENTER, the Rev. J., of 426 Park Road, Liverpool.—September 5th, 1897.

at Guyhirn Parish Church.

SPARKS, AMY, eldest daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. F. Monkhouse Sparks, of Aston Rowant Vicarage, Tetsworth, to

Yockney, Victor Hansard, Civil Engineer, of Silverley's, Port Talbot.— November 23rd, 1897, at St. Peter's Church, Eaton Square, London.

Pelton, Ethel, eldest daughter of Richard Pelton, of The Pantiles, Tunbridge Wells, to

PEARSON, CHARLES E., of Chilwell House, Notts.-January 20th, 1897, at St. Mark's Church, Tunbridge Wells.

WOOLLCOMBE, MABEL, daughter of the Rev. W. P. and Mrs. Woollcombe, of

Felce, Percy Edward (Government Offices, Whitehall), of 57 Lynette Avenue, Clapham Common (South side), London.—At Christ Church, Ramsgate, by the Rev. C. L. Williams.

SPINK, EMILY, daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. J. Spink, Grammar School Drax, Selby, Yorks, to

STRICKLAND, R. B., Highgate, Jamaica.

BIRTHS.

PEARSON, ETHEL (née PELTON) the wife of Charles Pearson, of a son, December 22nd, 1897, at Chilwell House, Notts.

WHITE, ETHEL (née DROUGHT) the wife of the Rev. W. E. White, of a daughter, March 15th, 1897, at Burghwallis Rectory, Doncaster.

DEATHS.

ELLIOTT.-August 3rd, 1897, at 66 Mildmay Park. London, Emily Elizabeth Steele Elliott, daughter of the late Rev. E. Elliott and of Mrs. Elliott, 11 Lewes Crescent, Brighton.

MEADE.—November 1st, 1897, suddenly, at the Rectory, Loddington, Kettering, the Rev. Wakefield Meade, for fifteen years Rector of the parish.

TIDDEMAN.—February 10th, 1898, at West Hanningfield Rectory, Chelmsford, the Rev. Edmund Spencer Tiddeman. Rector of West Hanningfield and Rural Dean of Danbury, Essex, aged 65 years.

Hole.—February 14th, 1898, at Christ Church Vicarage, Worthing, the Rev. Charles Hole, D.D., Vicar of Christ Church, Worthing, aged 69.

MORGAN.—January 22nd, 1898, at Glanogwen Vicarage, Bethesda, the Rev. J. Morgan, Vicar of Glanogwen and Honorary Canon of Bangor Cathedral, aged 78.

It will render the lists much more complete in future if wedding cards, and announcements of births and deaths, as inserted in newspapers, are in all cases sent to the Editor.

DURING THE YEAR 1897. HAVE LEFT PUPILS WHO

Present Position In July.

Assistant Mistress, Miss L'Estrange's School, 17 Lewes Dorothy Ohlson .. Crescent.

Studying at Geneva. Catie Kilpack

Studying at Godesberg, near Bonn. Margaret Baker ...

Connie Church Studying Music at home.

Probationer, Royal Eye Hospital, Southwark, S.E. Maud Crossley

Studying at Owen's College, Manchester. Kitty Gordon

Daily Engagement at home. Margaret Maynard

Mabel Thorne Studying at Godesberg, near Bonn.

Lizzie Giddens At home.

St. Hilda's and Ladies' College, Cheltenham, Kindergarten Millie Hole

Training Department.

Rachel Warren ... Student Pupil in Private School.

Emily Norman At home. At home. Annie Norman Daisy Crossley At home.

Gladys Robinson ... Attends Day School at home.

In December.

Studying Shorthand and Type-Writing in London. Governess, Mrs. Rainbow, Peel Vicarage, Isle of Man. Helen Graham Jessie Dawe ...

Retained on Staff, St. Mary's Hall. Agnes Hobbins

Edith Taylor At home.

As the Results of Examinations are detailed in the Annual Report, which will shortly be printed, it is not necessary to recapitulate them.

The News-Letter will in future be issued later, so that it may arrive simultaneously with the Annual Report.