



St Elphin's School,
DARLEY DALE.

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EDITORIAL.

Cross-Word Puzzles so entirely absorbed the minds of the majority of the School during the Easter Term that it was as well for the Magazine that most of the contributions had been collected beforehand.

On the whole, quite a number of contributions were sent in. The idea was that each of the Form Representatives should be responsible for getting something from their respective Forms. This plan seemed to work quite well, and we should especially like to congratulate the Fourth Form on the splendid number of contributions which they sent in.

Although only a few of the efforts are printed, there are one or two poems which have not appeared through lack of space, which are certainly worthy of note. These were written by H. Blackstone, J. Warburton and D. Clark, and a poem called "The Prisoner," and sent in anonymously by one of the Fourth Form showed originality.

We should like to thank Miss Flood for both her letters, and we also hope that her well-earned holiday in Italy will give her the rest that she needed and help to make her really strong again. We also thank Miss Thatcher for her Report, and for the various letters sent in by the Old Girls. Lastly, we thank Miss Pierce-Hughes for her Games Report, and present members of the School for their contributions, and beg to acknowledge the receipt of Magazines from Leeds High School and from the new Secondary School, Matlock.

VALETE ET SALVETE.

VALETE.

Miss Turner, Miss Littlebury, Miss Emtage, K. Ballachey, M. Pitts, D. Chaff, R. Toone, R. Bradshaw, M. Bradshaw, F. Paget.

Easter Term—M. Marshall, M. Urling-Smith, M. Macgill.

SALVETE.

Miss Holdom, Miss Sweeting, Miss Littlebury, Miss Emtage, Mlle. Dallidec, Miss Bailey, E. Barks, M. Scott, J. Dams, J. Warburton, B. Swayne, C. Moorhouse, M. Scholes, H. Stone, M. Bailey, J. Knowlson, N. Ryan, N. White, M. Hyatt, L. Clamp, U. Hudson, D. Clark.

Easter Term—Miss Elwell, Miss Storey, Miss Wood, A. Ball, D. Dunn, M. Carr, M. Banks.

LETTER FROM MISS FLOOD.

February 21, 1925.

DEAR GIRLS,

This letter is to bring my good wishes for 1925 to all members of S. Elphin's past and present. I was very sorry indeed to miss the Reunion at Warrington, but I am glad to learn that it was a success. I should like to take this opportunity of saying 'thank you' to all girls, both past and present, who wrote to me or sent other tokens of greeting to me at Christmas. It is one of my greatest pleasures in life to have letters from 'Old Girls,' though I owe them many humble apologies for delay in answering them: I must ask them to believe that in spite of belated responses I am greatly interested in all their news, and in the photographs of S. Elphin's 'grandchildren,' nowadays quite numerous.

I fear it is rather late in the year for 1925 good wishes, if you do not get them till April, but I write early before I start for my holiday in Italy on February 26th. It is a very pleasant prospect, and I hope to return at the beginning of the Summer Term greatly refreshed. I hope to call in at Geneva on my way home and see Gwladys Jones.

The date of my letter reminds me that just fifteen years ago Miss Kennedy, our revered and beloved Headmistress for so long, was laid to rest in Darley Dale Churchyard. It is a great privilege, of which I am exceedingly proud, that I was called to build on the foundations so well and truly laid by one to whom I owe much of my early training. I am sure that the succeeding generations of S. Elphin's have felt and still feel the inspiration to do their share in upholding the traditional standards of the School to their highest level.

I have prepared for the Magazine the Accounts of the Chapel for the year, and also of the Chapel Decoration Funds.

I have been able through the legacy of Canon Binney and the generosity of friends of the School, and the gifts of past Staff and girls to pay for all decorations so far, and I have a balance in hand towards completing the Panelling and Lenten Frontal. The contributions from the past and present Girls are almost the same in amount, viz. about £30 from each. Our warmest thanks are due to our Chaplain and Mrs. Stanton for their generous gifts.

I shall be glad of any further contributions from friends to meet the balance of expenditure and, of course, contributions towards Miss Milroy's work will be acceptable at any time. We all want to share in the work of decorating our little Chapel, which is becoming ever more and more beautiful, and more and more helpful.

Yours affectionately,

MARGARET L. FLOOD.

CHAPEL ACCOUNTS FOR 1924.

RECEIPTS.	£	s.	d.	EXPENDITURE.	£	s.	d.
Balance, 1923 - - -	6	17	5½	Mowbray, Candles - - -	10	6	
Repayment, Hymn Books - - -	2	1	3	„ Hymn Books (half re-			
Collections, 1924 - - -	62	13	9	paid) - - -	4	2	6
				Farris - - -		4	3
				Rev. R. Griffiths, Diocesan Fund	3	0	0
				Ford and Son, Altar Wine - -	2	1	11
				Mowbray, Candles - - -		11	0
				General Decoration Fund - -	15	0	0
				Miss Milroy's Decoration Fund -	10	0	0
				Additional Curates' Fund - -	4	0	0
				British Columbia Loggers' Hospl.	5	0	0
				Univ. Mission to Central Africa -	5	0	0
				Whitworth Hospital - - -	3	0	0
				S. Dunstan's Carol League			
				(Blinded Soldiers)	3	0	0
				S.P.G. - - -	5	0	0
				Waifs and Strays - - -	5	0	0
				Diocesan Quota - - -	1	10	0
				Melanesian Mission - - -	1	15	6
				Balance in hand - - -	2	16	9½
	£71	12	5½		£71	12	5½

CHURCH DECORATION FUND (GENERAL), 1924.

RECEIPTS.	£	s.	d.	EXPENDITURE.	£	s.	d.
Residue of Legacy from the late				To Harold King, M.A., for the			
Canon Binney - - -	109	2	9	S. Dunstan Society - - -			
Collections in Chapel, 1923-1924	30	0	0	Panelling Sanctuary and Chancel	205	19	6
Altar Fund - - -	4	0	0	Altar Fittings - - -			
Thankoffering from a Parent - -	11	11	0	Curtains - - -			
Students, 1924 - - -	1	0	0	Frontals, Stoles, etc. - - -			
Private Gifts: Two Members of				Carpet and Kneelers - - -			
the Committee, Staff, Girls,				Balance in hand towards com-			
Parents - - -	55	17	6	pleting work - - -	39	8	4
Flower Fund - - -	3	0	0				
Old Girls - - -	30	16	7				
	£245	7	10		£245	7	10

MISS MILROY'S DECORATION FUND.

RECEIPTS.	£	s.	d.	EXPENDITURE.	£	s.	d.
Total Receipts: Chapel Collec-				Paid to Miss Milroy - - -	60	0	0
tions from 1921, and Gifts -	68	11	10	Wildgoose (Scaffolding, etc.) -	2	2	0
				do. do. - - -	1	4	0
				Mrs. Kirkham (Board) - - -	2	2	0
				Balance in hand - - -	3	3	10
	£68	11	10		£68	11	10

SCHOOL NEWS.

AUTUMN TERM.

When we came back to School this term we found that the new heating apparatus had not yet been installed, and workmen and pipes were very much in evidence. As accommodation in the School was so difficult it was fortunate that the weather was kind to us, so that we were able to be out playing games almost every afternoon.

The week before Prize Giving, Mr. Perkins came as "prophet," and gave us a very interesting lecture on "Westminster Abbey as a Benedictine Monastery." We all enjoyed this very much and several of the slides were excellent. The lantern rose nobly to the occasion, and the oxygen tank held out with great fortitude, whereas on other days it has been known to play the most extraordinary pranks.

Prize Giving this term will be remembered by us as the time when Miss Jex-Blake (former Principal of Girton College) first came to S. Elphin's. She distributed the prizes, and it is needless to say how much the School appreciated her visit. Half-term followed shortly after Prize Giving and we were especially grateful for being allowed to have a holiday at all this year, after the ten weeks break in the summer.

Miss L. Milroy also came to lecture to us, and spoke about the wonderful old Abbey at Glastonbury. We enjoyed her lecture immensely and found it all too short.

Canon Willis came as a "prophet" once this term, and the School was very sorry to hear that this was his last visit to S. Elphin's. He has always taken such an interest in the School that the least we can do is to say how very grateful we are for all that he has done for us.

Miss Snowdon gave us a lecture on "Elizabethan and Jacobean Music." Mr. Goss sang songs which were much appreciated by the School, and Miss Snowdon played some of the compositions of the periods on which she was lecturing.

One Saturday, towards the end of term, the Staff gave us a Concert, which was all the more appreciated as it was a complete surprise. Among many other interesting items, Miss Flood sang us "The Songs of the Hebrides." As a grand finale the Staff played Haydn's Toy Symphony with great spirit. This was applauded again and again!

Another great surprise came to us before the end of term, as we were suddenly told that Miss Kendall's String Quartette was coming to pay another visit to the School. Their programme was as delightful as usual, and ranged from the compositions of Haydn, the earliest writer of quartette music, to the most modern works of all.

After indefatigable coaching by Miss Gregson, the School was at last ready for the Carol Service on Sunday, December 14th. Miss Flood and Miss Foster sang beautiful solos from the "Messiah."

This term we have had the opportunity of taking up all kinds of hand-work as a free-time occupation, and at the end of the term there was an exhibition of all the work that had been done. Miss Holdom and Miss Bailey are much to be congratulated on the results.

Miss K. Milroy has finished four of the panels with which she is beautifying the Chapel and hopes to have completed the work on the East wall by the end of next term.

The Debating Society has been carried on as usual this term, and we are very grateful to Miss Sweeting for accepting the position of President. At the last meeting we had a Sharp Practice and a good many members took part in it and contributed towards making it a success.

SPRING TERM, 1925.

There were no House Plays this term, since they have, for various reasons, been postponed till the Summer Term.

On the 24th February the Confirmation was held, and two days later Miss Flood left School for Italy, where she went for a rest.

This term was very rich in lectures. There were two lectures on Musical Appreciation, one by Miss Gregson and the other by Miss Deas. Miss Gregson told us about the lives and the music of Bach and Handel, and Miss Deas about Haydn and Mozart. Both were illustrated, chiefly by the gramophone, but also by a few songs.

On March 14th Rev. Jocelyn Perkins gave a most interesting lecture on the Royal Standard. Beginning at Norman times he traced its development and changes until the present time.

Mrs. Diana Watts paid us her second visit on March 18th. Her lecture was extremely interesting and dealt mainly with the geometrical side of perfectly balanced movement and with perfect muscular repose.

On the following Wednesday Mrs. Aitkin gave a most fascinating lecture about the life among the Red Indians, who live in little villages perched on rocky hills rising from the plains near the Colorado River. In the evening she told some delightful stories that are told by the Indians themselves.

This term the School was afforded a new interest, in the form of an Inter-House Musical Competition, which took place on the last Monday of the term. To everyone's great surprise and pleasure, when the day arrived, it was discovered that Miss Gregson had very kindly presented a handsome Silver Cup. The Houses competed in the following order: Wilson, Kennedy, Greenall, Powys. There was considerable variety in the performances. Wilson had a very varied programme, and among the items there was a pretty folk-song and an attractive dance. Kennedy had two songs which were musical settings of the poems in *When we were very young*. They were very pretty. Greenall was materially assisted by the possession of violins. Powys had the great triumph of singing the unison song—*The Seekers*—best of any

House. There was great suspense until Miss Forbes announced that Greenall House had won the Cup. The order was as follows:—Greenall, 77 per cent.; Powys, 72 per cent.; Wilson, 71 per cent.; Kennedy, 64 per cent.

M. WHITE.

PRINCEPS MAGISTRA COLLEGAE SUAE FIDELISSIMAE. S.P.D.

Videbatur mihi et discipulis sextae classis tibi litteras dare ut certiozem te facerem qualis fuisset reditus meus ineunte mense Septembri. Forsitan memineris quanto in periculo per totam hiemem proximam fuerimus frigore pereundi: statui igitur noniam veteres aquae calidae canales reconcinnare, sed de novo facere. Hinc illae lacrymae: nam his in temporibus morae incredibiles nos impediunt quominus id quod volumus consequamur. Simulac ludus a studiis refrixit mense Quintili aderant structores, sed tam tardi sunt fabri ut nondum opus confecissent cum rediimus. Redeo equidem, feriis refecta, sed quid video? Undique res agitur multis structoribus: in Atrio in alis plurimos invenio. Conor mihi moderari sed valde difficile: redemptorem verbis placidis sed non neglegendis cohortata sum: ille mihi fidem faciebat se velle nobis placere. Eheu! Quam fallax hoc genus omne! Quid quaeris? Quadraginta dies frigus horribile patiebamur: discipulae aliae ad alias regiones domus se recipiebant si qua igni frui possent. Tandem praefurnium in loco positum aestum gratissimum dedit: quo gaudio primo salutavimus, quam mox lugere incepimus: nam anhelitus miserabilis nos omnes afflixit. Quid multa? Speramus brevi canales opus proprium perfecturos, sed cum tot sententiae quot homines sint, difficile est omnibus placere.

Res Elphinianae ita se habent: si vis scire quid ipsa faciam, curis diversis paene confecta sum; in spe tamen vitam dego.

Vale

A.D. III ID NOV.

M.L.F.

[Venia M Tulli scripserim].

REPORT ON OLD GIRLS' GUILD.

MARCH, 1925.

We are now in the fourteenth year of the Guild, and I do not think that its thirteenth year, which ended last September, brought any special piece of ill-luck.

At the present moment the total number of members is 255, showing an increase of five since this time last year. Of course, a good many new ones have joined since last March, whilst on the other hand we have lost some through resignation or death. The resignations, which we

are always sorry to report, are : Clara Henn, Mrs. Rimes (*née* Amy Salkeld), Mrs. Scholey (*née* Grace Marcon), Nancy Butterworth, Mrs. Robbs (*née* Nellie Moore), and Dorothy Harris. The Reunion at Warrington, amongst many other good turns that it did us, brought in three new members, i.e. Mrs. Pollitt (*née* Dora Bell), Mrs. Barradill-Smith (*née* Edith Reynolds), and Anna Devinney, and we are also extremely glad to say that Evangeline Fish and Mrs. Pearson (*née* Bella Wilcockson) rejoined the Guild. We also welcome Dorothy Wilkins and Grace Milner as new members. I think I am right in saying that there are girls who left the School last Christmas who will be wishing to join, but as their names are not yet to hand it has not been possible to enrol them as yet. The Treasurer sends the following Balance Sheet for March, 1924, to February 28th, 1925 :

RECEIPTS.				EXPENDITURE.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Balance in hand	-	-	23 7 4	School Magazine Fund (May)	-	15 18 9	
Subscriptions for 1924	-	-	43 2 6	Postage on Magazines	-	0 15 3	
				Postage on Chapel Fund Appeal	0	10 0	
				Postage on Reunion Invitations	0	12 0	
				Postage on Magazines	-	0 12 0	
				Grant towards Luncheon Ex-			
				penses at Warrington	-	1 15 0	
				Reunion Invitations	-	0 16 9	
				School Magazine Fund (October)	7	13 0	
				Secretary's Expenses	-	0 4 9	
				Treasurer's Expenses	-	0 4 0	
				Sub-Secretaries Expenses	-	1 17 1½	
				Balance in hand	-	£30 18 7½	
						35 11 2½	
	£66	9	10			£66	9 10

Perhaps some of you will be expecting to receive our biennial list of names and addresses of the members of the O.G.G. with this Magazine, and by rights this should be so, but this year it will be published with the Autumn Number of the Magazine instead. So will the Sub-Secretaries kindly notice that they have before them the task of collecting, very accurately, early next August, all addresses, home and working, of all the Old Girls on their list. I think, perhaps, this will divide the work more evenly than doing it in March. I should be very grateful if they could let me have their lists in by the middle of August (together with news for the Magazine) as it takes some considerable time to draw up the complete list of names and addresses ready for the printers. I should also be very glad to hear any expressions of opinions from Old Girls as to whether they wish to include in the list the "occupation" of each member. This was done last time, and some Old Girls seemed to think it an excellent idea, whilst others did not at all care for it. If anyone has any opinion to give on the matter, will they let me know before August comes in, so that the Sub-Secretaries

may know exactly what to do in the matter. It is well that there is a nice little sum of money in hand, as the printing of these lists is rather an expensive item.

Several letters have reached me recently complaining that there are not sufficient "Letters from Old Girls" in the Magazine, and that if there were more of these it would so much increase the interest of the Magazine for members of the Guild. This is very true, but the remedy lies with the Old Girls themselves. For instance, I know that a considerable number of them have been asked to write an account of their work, or on other subjects of interest, so that it could be printed in this Magazine, but in each case the answer has been a refusal. One says "I have no time," another says "I have nothing to write about," a third says "I can't write good English," and yet a fourth, by this morning's post, says "It is quite an impossibility." The consequence is that, with the exception of a "Letter from Cambridge," there is not a single article from an Old Girl (so far as I know) been sent in for this number. It would be such a help if some of us would come up to the scratch, and send in articles for the Magazine. Surely, amongst 255 members, "it cannot be an impossibility for someone to find time to write something interesting in good English"!!

Having made this grumble, let me pass on to the more pleasant announcement that we believe Miss Flood is going to invite us all to Darley Dale for the Reunion this year. Many of the Old Girls enjoy revisiting S. Elphin's on these occasions, and as it was impossible for Miss Flood to have us last year, we shall look forward to it all the more this time.

H. M. THATCHER

(Secretary of Old Girls' Guild).

TO AN IDOL.

What are you pondering behind that brow?
Why do you stare, with glittering, down-cast eyes,
Stony and fixed? What creed of centuries
Embodied you, secretive even now?
Can gazing, rapt, across the years, allow
Space for the picture of some shrine to rise,
The quivering air and brooding heat that lies
Beyond the heavy, scented shade, where bow
The brown-skinned worshippers, with perfumed mist
From joss-sticks curling up? This do you see,
Incomprehensible, of orient fate
And mystery the symbol? Do you list
For the distant hum of the plains, O Mystery,
O exiled thing of stone, inanimate?

M. H. MARSHALL.

A CRITICISM OF POWYS HOUSE PLAY.

In the Autumn Term Powys House presented their Play, "The Treasure Seekers," to the School, and the actors adapted themselves to the various parts very successfully.

The Bastable children, whose parts were taken by M. Marshall, M. Warburton, M. Cheese, M. Oliver, S. Ogle and A. Moore, entered thoroughly into the spirit of the Play, and apparently enjoyed acting quite as much as the audience enjoyed the looking on.

P. Charlton, as Lord Tottenham, K. Hewettson, as Albert-next-door, and B. Skene, as the Maid, were quite "at home" with their parts, and gave very spirited performances.

M. Pitts, as the Uncle from India, and E. Edington, as Albert's Uncle, did not make quite enough of their parts. D. Pinchin, as the Butcher, and M. Moore, as Mr. Bastable, suited their parts well, but might have spoken up a little more.

M. Barton, as the Sunday School Superintendent, was very good indeed, and her pious horror at sight of the sherry bottle brought down the house. M. Scott took the part of Mrs. Mallow.

Powys' Play was admirably suited to the House, and it was well finished off, and gave much amusement to the School.

PRIZE GIVING.

Prize Giving this year needs some especial comment as Miss Jex-Blake, former Mistress of Girton College, made her first visit to S. Elphin's and came to distribute the prizes for us.

The Prize Giving itself was most successful, and many people remarked that it was the nicest that we had ever had. There was a large number of visitors, but the Gymnasium, in which the event took place, showed a remarkable amount of elasticity, and everyone managed to find a seat.

After tea the visitors returned to the Gymnasium for a short entertainment. Members of the choir and singing rows sang "John Gilpin," and there was also a violin solo by Maevie White, a Polish dance by eight of the School's best dancers, a pianoforte duet by E. Douglas and Miss Pleming, Plastic Poses by M. Milner and B. Chaff, and a pianoforte solo by Miss Pleming.

May we conclude by hoping that Miss Jex-Blake will not let this visit to S. Elphin's be her last, as we all enjoyed having her amongst us, and should be very much pleased to welcome her again.

THE ENTRANCE OF NIGHT.

The sunset illumined the anchored fleet,
 And the dying wind mourned low,
 The twilight deepened and ocean's beat,
 Monotonous, even, slow,
 Faded and faltered.
 Then in the East the moon ascended,
 Tipping with white the moaning bar,
 Telling the world that the day was ended,
 And flashing a diamond from every spar.
 And in the heavens, large and soft-eyed,
 Mellowed by distance, yellow and bright
 Stars peep, and at one bound
 Cometh Night.

K. Woods (Ub Lower).

THE REUNION.

It has been suggested that we should insert in the Magazine three accounts of the Warrington Reunion: one by a "real old Old Girl" (which seems to be the term applied to those S. Elphinites who left the School before Miss Kennedy's time), one by a medium Old Girl, and one by a more modern one, so as to get the impressions left on Old Girls of all the different standings. In accordance with this we print below three accounts of it.

I.

The postponement of the Reunion from Sept. 13th to Saturday, Oct. 11th, was a lucky thing for those of us who were able to attend, for the latter day was one of the few lovely days of 1924. It really was a glorious day—brilliant sunshine and a clear blue sky the whole day. Even dear, dirty old Warrington looked quite a nice place and seemed to have washed her face and put on a smile to welcome us once again. Certainly the place looked cleaner and brighter than memory had pictured! About thirty Old Girls turned up. We met at the Winmarleigh Café in Sankey Street, and what a buzz of conversation there was as old friends met and exchanged greetings! A very good luncheon was served at 1.30 p.m. We were sorry that Miss Flood was not able to be present. In her absence the "oldest girl" presided at the Business Meeting which followed. The object of holding the Reunion at Warrington was to give an opportunity to Old S. Elphinites to visit once more the old School buildings before probable demolition. Owing to the fire which happened earlier in the year, parts of the old buildings are not safe, and it is considered necessary to pull down a considerable portion. It was with mingled feelings that we gazed upon the old place. There was a look of

great desolation about it all, with part in ruins, and the rest empty of human beings and furniture, and all dusty and dirty from disuse. The hope was expressed by many that it would be found possible to turn the old building to some public use rather than pull it down, for it is a building of some dignity and character. By the kindness of the Principal of the Training College we were allowed to wander all over the School buildings, and many were the reminiscences called forth by the sight of old familiar rooms and corners. It had been intended to hold Evensong in the School Chapel, but this was impossible owing to the fact that all the furniture and appointments had already been removed. However, by the kindness of the Rector we had the pleasure of having it in the Parish Church. To some of us the old Church held tenderer memories even than the School Chapel, for we had daily worshipped there long before the School Chapel was built. Evensong THERE formed a fitting ending to a Reunion so full of memories both sad and gay. The thanks of all who were present are due to those who helped in any way to make the Reunion of 1924 so pleasant and enjoyable.

L. A. CRASS.

II.

The Reunion was held at Warrington on October 11th, 1924. Some Old Girls expressed surprise that we had not arranged to have one there before, but I suppose it was the fact of hearing that the old School buildings were to be demolished that brought us up to the scratch of arranging a gathering at Warrington, so that we might visit our old haunts once more. The meeting was not a large one, but was representative of the various periods of S. Elphin's. There were nine of Miss Beal's Old Girls there, five who were there both in Miss Beal's and Miss Kennedy's time, one who was with Miss Kennedy and Miss Flood, and four who were with Miss Flood only. The list of those present is as follows:—Lucy Crass, Eleanor Howell, Mrs. Pollitt (*née* Dora Bell), Mrs. Barradell-Smith (*née* Edith Reynolds), Mrs. Kaye (*née* Florrie Matthews), Mona Parke, Amy Bell, Loui Chambers, Mabel Chambers, Mrs. Garnett (*née* Winnie Harry), Helen Thatcher, Anna Derrnny, Annie Jones, Evangeline Fish, Mrs. Openshaw (*née* Muriel Melville), Muriel Clayton, Mrs. Pearson (*née* Bella Wilcockson), Netta Ince, Elsie Ince, Mrs. Hughes (*née* Muriel Coope), Lucy Coope, Mrs. Griffiths (*née* Margaret Ashton), Jessie Burman, and Winnie Wilkinson. The following had also accepted the invitation but were prevented at the last minute from coming:—Susan Howell, Daisy Swann, Winnie Knight, and Frances Smith. The Reunion began with luncheon at 1.30 at the Winmarleigh Café, and we were very pleased to welcome, as our guest, Mr. Darby, who for many years was so interested in the music of the School, and still maintains his interest in S. Elphin's. After luncheon the Business Meeting was held, and a detailed account of this will be found on another page. Then we all made our way to the former School buildings, and hardly had we turned in at the Avenue (which is now no longer an Avenue, as most of the trees have been cut down),

than we were met with the familiar face of Lidiard's daughter. It will interest many to know that Mr. and Mrs. Lidiard and family are still living at S. Elphin's Cottage, and we are told that it is the greatest source of grief to Mr. Lidiard that the buildings are to be pulled down.

Miss Bazeley, the Principal of the Training College before the fire occurred, had kindly given us permission to go over the old School buildings, and accompanied us thither, and I think she was under the impression that she was going to conduct a melancholy and sentimental party—but not so—we had soon scattered in all directions, some upstairs, some downstairs, laughing at old remembrances, calling to mind old names such as “the shiny,” “the den,” and other familiar phrases, and if there was a feeling of sadness in some of us at seeing the forsaken and forlorn rooms, it was not allowed to be revealed, and I heard Miss Bazeley remark afterwards that she was so glad to see that it was all pleasant memories that took possession of our minds.

Of course, a good many changes have been made in our part of the buildings since the Training College took them over. What used to be the music rooms have been made larger by knocking two into one; part of Mrs. Hughes' room (where many remember the *very* hard horsehair sofa, and also the chapters of the Welsh Bible which they had read to them during the hours of sickness) had been partitioned off; and the spiral staircase leading down to what was the dining-room during the latter part of the time at Warrington had been removed and the entrance boarded over, so I suppose the room was altogether disused. I think nearly every Old Girl was able to pick out the exact spot in the dormitory where she slept during the main part of her School days. The Head Mistress' Room still filled some of us with awe, as did also the Committee Room! You must realize that there had just been a sale by auction at the School, and the place was absolutely devoid of all furniture, but I think all the C.D.S. Girls could see it in their mind's eye exactly as it used to be furnished.

We visited also the Chapel, and it really was rather sad to see this, too, quite empty, all the pews gone, organ sold, electric light cut off, etc. The Terrace was much the same as it always was, except that the laundry has been removed, and the space it used to occupy is now included in the Terrace. From just outside the Chapel one could get a full view of the damage done by the fire to the Central Block of the Training College. It is on account of the fire that the whole of the buildings have been abandoned, because so much has been rendered unsafe. It was suggested that our part of the buildings should be turned into a Secondary School, but the Educational Authorities condemned them as unsuitable. And so it was with great sorrow that we learnt that the whole of the buildings are to be pulled down. It has been decided to erect a new Training College on a site at Liverpool, to take the place of the Warrington one, as no doubt most of you will know.

Having left the School, we went to the Parish Church, and renewed our acquaintance with that. The Rector (the Rev. E. Willis, son of Canon Willis, whom many of us knew so well) had kindly arranged for us to have

Evensong, and we had it in the Side Chapel, just by the Memorial Screen, erected in memory of Canon Willis' daughter (Miss Cicely Willis). This Evensong was, I think, the happiest part of the Reunion. Mr. Darby played the organ for us, and it was through his encouragement that we sang the Magnificat and two hymns, in spite of our small numbers. The hymns were

"O Lord, how joyful 'tis to see
The brethren join in love to Thee,"

and

"Through the night of doubt and sorrow,"

both of them very suitable to the occasion. It was altogether a happy little Service, and I do not think we should have felt the Reunion was complete, without meeting together in the House of God.

After the Service many farewells were exchanged, and we all dispersed to our various homes.

H. M. THATCHER.

III.

DEAR S. ELPHINITES.

Miss Thatcher has asked me to send you a short account of the School Reunion which was held at Warrington—from the point of view of a recent Old Girl.

Alas! I fear I am not so recent as she thinks: I myself am astonished to discover that nine years have elapsed since I left School. However, the Reunion had its interests for all of us.

First, let me say how sorry we all were that Miss Flood was not with us. I hope we may be more fortunate on some future occasion.

The Reunion party consisted chiefly of very jolly old "Old Girls," most of whom were unknown to me, and also of Mr. Darby. It was very interesting to compare notes about our respective school days and to hear of the successes of other Old Girls in their various walks of life. One felt proud to belong to this company of busy people.

After lunch we all went to visit the old School buildings. One could not help realizing how much more fortunate are the present S. Elphinites, who are privileged to enjoy the delightful house and gardens at Darley Dale. Yet the old School buildings are not without their fascination: there are beautiful old leaded windows and eerie corkscrew staircases which doubtless had their uses for purposes of hide and seek. I myself searched out the various rooms of which I had heard tell in my early days at Darley Dale.

There is one large imposing school-room, a dining-room where there were crickets on the hearth, the "Sister's Dormitory," the "Bishop's Bathroom," and Miss Kennedy's sitting-room. The "Sister's Dormitory" is a most remarkable room; it is divided into a series of double cubicles by several windows set in pretty little alcoves, each cubicle having a window to itself. I was disappointed in the "Bishop's Bathroom" and could not think how it came to possess so imposing a title.

Last, but not least, I must tell you a little of the delightful old Chapel. I was obliged to hurry away, so that details are not impressed on my mind. The atmosphere was one of peace and tranquillity as the soft autumn sunlight filtered in through really beautiful dark stained glass windows. It is sad to think that the building is about to be destroyed. I am unable to describe the Service which was held in the Parish Church, as I left early to catch my train.

I hope that what I have told you may be of some slight interest to those who were unable to be present, and that I have not been too verbose.

Yours affectionately,

MURIEL HUGHES (*née* Coope).

N.B.—May we be allowed to answer the above remark about the "Bishop's Bathroom?" When the School was first founded by Bishop Powys, he himself resided in the School and this Bathroom was kept for his own private use. Such at least was the tradition always held amongst us in the old C.D.S. days, and though we cannot absolutely rely on it, we believe there is truth in it. Likewise the "Bishop's Dormitory" is supposed to have inherited its name because it was originally the Bishop's Bedroom.

TWILIGHT.

Have you no fear, when you cross the mysterious bridge,
Spanning the gulf which divides the dark night from day?
Red is the west; on the woods is a warm golden glow,
Twilight, and dimness, as shadows all lengthen and grow.
Hour of suspense, far behind, all is dusky and grey.
What is in front, no one knows, but all gaze on that shore,
Hopeful, expectant, yet dreading the knowledge of more.
Have you no fear, as you cross this mysterious bridge?

Have you no fear, when you see the mysterious shore?
Do you not wonder, and tremble, at what it may hold?
Day is the dimming faint shore left behind, and alone;
Yonder is night, not yet come from the misty unknown.
Twilight, with Beauty, and Wonder, and Myst'ry untold!
Star after star softly steals through the dusky grey sky;
Twilight then deepens, for night is already so nigh.
Have you no fear, when you see this mysterious shore?

Who is the Weaver of Dusk, with his shuttles, all three?
One is of Beauty, another is Wonder, and last—,
Finest of all, is deep Mystery, full of strange awe,
Making expectant the eyes which are bent on this shore.

Will it mean dreams of great joy, when the anchor is cast?
Weaver of Dusk, it was dreams which thou wovest last night.
Swift and yet silent each day thine approach, but to-night—,
Can it be Whispers of Death, from the shuttles, all three?

D. PINCHIN.

LETTER FROM CAMBRIDGE.

The elderly are wont to shake their heads and say "In my young days work came first and play second; but now-a-days it is nothing but play": and the young reply "In these days of efficiency play itself is work." Even so the elderly critic would still find Work (with a capital W) occupying the chief place at Girton, but "Play," though relegated to the "off moments," has its place. The "fresher," by rising early in the morning during her first term, soon acquires proficiency in hosing and knot-tying to fit herself as a member of the Fire Brigade. Narrow-mindedness is not to be encouraged: hence for those interested in Politics, the three political clubs present, I understand, attractive programmes: the eloquent, upon payment of the sum of 6d. per term, may debate, actors may act, singers may sing; the budding Social Worker may learn all about the Women's University Southwark Settlement from skilled speakers and, while listening, can be suitably employed in making doll's clothes for the children's Christmas party. An extensive catalogue would be wearisome, but the chief of all societies yet remains unmentioned—that is the Student Christian Movement. It has been described as "A Society of young people who are learning how to pray together as well as how to play together." To speak of its serious side would take far too long, and besides it can easily be found described elsewhere. Its "play" takes the form of a big Social or Picnic every term. At the former we have charades and sing-songs—riotous and noisy songs, and at the picnic we have races or play net-ball—a tall man with a bucket on his head makes an excellent goal.

All these do take some time, I admit, but one cannot work all day, and when people talk about College days being the happiest time of one's life, I often murmur with T. R. Glover:

"Oh Liddell and Scott and Lewis and Short
This much I declare is true,
The happiest hours I've spent were those
I ought to have spent with you."

MAY MAYHEW-JONES.

SCHOOL CONDITIONS.

AUTUMN TERM

A turbid and tropical temperature
Pervades S. Elphin's School,
And hastening, hurrying, working men
Have changed our feeling cool.
And a hectoring, harrowing, hammering,
Is what we hear all day
Whilst the scuttling, scurrying sons of toil
Take ancient pipes away.

There's the ceaseless, senseless, sound of song
On every hall and stair,
Whilst the lazy, lingering, working men
Continue their repair.
And a doubtful, dripping, dropping sound
Proceeds from every pipe,
And a mess which frantic flurrying ones
Are called upon to wipe.

A doubtful, dubious, downcast air,
Is filling all around,
That in the dreadful, darkening night
We may perchance be drowned.
With doleful, dolorous, sense of gloom
A bath in "wing" we take,
For fear some busy, bothering man
May enter by mistake.

Perchance in following future days,
Again we may be calm,
Whilst a deep, delicious, sense of warmth
Steals on us like a balm.
So a helpful, hopeful view we'll take
That at a date anon,
The stately School will be re-piped
When workmen all are gone!

M. ATKINS.

19 QUEEN'S TERRACE,

S. JOHN'S WOOD, N.W.8.

12th March, 1925.

DEAR MISS FLOOD AND OLD GIRLS,

Although I am told that Secretarial work, as a means of livelihood, is no longer a possibility for me at present, at any rate, I am now settled once more in London and have taken over again the Secretaryship of the Information Bureau from the capable hands of my substitute, Mrs. Craven Garnett. The task is at present by no means as arduous as one could wish, but in that the Bureau continues to be called upon in various ways quite frequently, one cannot but feel that its existence is justified.

From the financial point of view we are not making much headway, so that the presentation of a Balance Sheet in the usual way would appear a little ludicrous. It has seemed to me, therefore, more practical to explain to you in this letter exactly how we stand—the books can be examined, if requested, at any time, of course. I have received, in all, 12s. 6d. as donations, which has been put towards postage: there remains up to the time of writing a balance of 2s. 4d. So far I have supplied the stationery myself, as also the few necessary books, etc. I, fortunately, have access to a great deal of information on the various points with which the Bureau claims to deal, gratis, though, naturally, were there money to fall back upon, the possibilities of help could be extended proportionately. It is clear from the small balance that remains to us, that we shall soon be overdrawn for postage alone. I am, as you will appreciate, more than willing to meet this at present, but it is not a satisfactory state of affairs. As I have already stated, I am most anxious to set our Bureau on a sound financial footing, without laying the burden of the upkeep necessarily on those who make use of it. In very many cases these are the people whom it is our aim to help without any cost to themselves. It is obvious that such people will only too gladly contribute towards the funds of the Bureau whenever they may be in a position to do so. To those who are not likely to need its services, surely it offers an unobtrusive way of helping other S. Elphinites, and of founding worthy traditions for a "living" S. Elphin's Guild of Service, on lines similar to those already established by the Old Girls of many of the best Secondary Schools in the British Empire.

May I, in conclusion, say that the above address will find me until further notice, and that I shall be delighted to see Old or Present S. Elphinites, who live in London or are there temporarily, either in a "frivolous" capacity or in my capacity as Secretary of our Bureau. As I do a great deal of my work at my own flat, I am generally able to arrange to fall in with other people's free times.

Yours sincerely,

CICELY C. WRIGHT

(Secretary, S. Elphin's Old Girls' Information Bureau).

PHAETHON.

Young Phaethon boldly grasped the reins in hand,
He shook them, deaf to all Apollo's cries,
And then the chariot left the Olympic strand,
And soared upon its journey through the skies.

Too soon the fiery coursers found their head,
And rearing swiftly left their wonted way.
Their driver, reeling, saw the sea outspread
Below, above the broad blue heavens lay.

Now soaring till the clouds began to smoke,
Now rushing meteor-like towards the land,
Phaethon in terror dropped the reins, and spoke
In prayer to Phoebus, stretching out his hand.

But his vain cry was drowned by that of those
Who from the scorched earth called to Zeus' name,
And the all-powerful God, roused from repose,
With thunderbolt swift to the rescue came.

He struck young Phaeton from the sun's great car,
Checking the mighty horses' fiery stride,
And downwards hurled him like a falling star,
In punishment of his presumptuous pride.

C. NOAKES (V.B.).

BUSINESS MEETING OF OLD GIRLS' GUILD.

The annual Business Meeting was held after the Reunion luncheon at Warrington, on October 11th, 1924. In the absence of our President, Lucy Crass was elected Chairman. The Minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted, as was also the Balance Sheet for the year ending February 29th, 1924. This showed a balance in hand of £23 7s. 4d.

Three new Sub-Secretaries were appointed, i.e. Muriel Clayton (in place of Marian Hilton, resigned), May Mayhew-Jones (in place of Agnes Glennie, resigned), and Irene Bullock to act as Sub-Secretary to the Old Girls who have recently left the School. Some discussion took place as to the advisability of lowering the annual subscription, and it was finally decided to lower it to 3s. It was announced that Cicely Wright was able to resume the Secretaryship of the Old Girls' Information Bureau; and the meeting was concluded with various votes of thanks.

M. THATCHER

(Secretary of Old Girls' Guild).

S. ELPHIN'S SCHOOL, WARRINGTON.

Our readers will be interested to hear the latest news of the whole block of buildings, School and Training College combined. The Town Council has bought the site for £8,000 and a purchaser has bought the materials (and undertaken the pulling down of the buildings) for £700. Since then, it has been reported that some of the Town Council want to keep our half of the place and use it for some purpose, but this is not yet certain. The Chapel has been given to the Rector, and also enough land to have a bowling green. The East Window of the Chapel has been promised to S. George's for their new chancel; and the Altar and Frontals are to be given to the new Chapel which the Grammar School are going to erect on a Latchford site. Messrs. Greenall and Whitley have bought Fairfield House.

H.M.T.

A CHILD IN THE MIDST.

Little Jesus came to play
With me, just the other day;
I was playing all alone
(Feeling rather dull, I own).
Then the day grew wondrous bright—
I wondered what had caused the light
Till I saw Him standing near—
(I hadn't known that He was there).
I asked Him, "Shall we play at ball?"
He answered, "You choose, first of all."
Afterwards a race we ran,
I run faster than He can.
He seemed quite glad to think I'd won,
And smiled and said, "How fast you run."
Then we sat down and had a rest,
I asked what game He liked the best,
And if in fairies He believed
And really I was quite relieved
When He said, "Yes, of course I do."
He showed me where the violets grew
And where a thrush's nest lay hid
The bushes and the briars amid.
When at last I had to go
(I must go in at twelve, you know)
I asked Him to look out for me
In Heaven, lest I should lonely be.

We're going to have another race
 In Heaven. He knows a lovely place
 Where we can play, and p'raps He'll beat
 Me, running in a golden street.
 I'm glad that He was little, too,
 And just as small as us, aren't you?

R. KING (VIb).

GAMES REPORT.

BY MISS S. PIERCE-HUGHES, *Games Mistress.*

Autumn Term.

HOCKEY.

"Every dog has his day" is a statement which contains an element of truth, and certainly is a maxim which can be applied with truth to the Hockey of last term.

The wonderful weather afforded ideal opportunities for practice, and that, combined with the keen enthusiasm of the girls, could have but one result—success.

Not only has the team showed remarkable progress, but the general standard of play throughout the School has been considerably raised. The team, which maintained an unbeaten record throughout the term, deserves our warmest congratulations.

The first match against S. Anne's, which ended in a draw, was well worth seeing, both sides playing good hockey. The match against The Grange, Buxton, had to be abandoned after ten minutes play, owing to bad weather and the condition of the field. The ten minutes "mud-splashing" appealed to the humour of the girls and they thoroughly enjoyed it.

Next term, Lacrosse will take the place of Hockey, with the exception of the match against the Old Girls. We are sorry to lose some of the prominent members of the team and are hoping that they will be replaced by good players, so that we may put up a good fight against the Old Girls.

Criticism of the First XI.

C. NOAKES. Always plays well in matches and shows great promise.

R. PAIN. Most reliable; has good clean hits.

E. DOUGLAS. Shows great determination and clears well.

M. ATKINS. Steady and reliable.

D. CHAFF. Excellent style; plays very good hockey.

E. LATHAM. A new player; has shown great progress and should be a useful member of the team.

K. BALLACHEY. Very much improved; has done well.

C. ELING. On the whole plays well; should try to combine better.

M. HYATT. Keen and energetic; requires more steadiness in front of goal.

R. BREWSTER. Good; should study more the tactics of the game.

M. SCOTT. Showed great improvement; should try to be quicker on the ball.

NET BALL.

Net Ball practices have been going steadily during the term. No matches were played, but we hope to arrange several for the Spring Term and we trust the result will be as gratifying as that of the Hockey team.

SCHOOL HOCKEY TEAMS.

1st XI.		2nd XI.
C. Noakes	Goal	K. Hewetson
E. Douglas (vice-capt.)	Right-Back	M. Williams
R. Pain	Left-Back	R. Toone
M. Atkins (capt.)	Right-Half	E. Edington (vice-capt.)
D. Chaff	Centre-Half	B. Chaff
E. Latham	Left-Half	M. Woodhouse
K. Ballachey	Right-Wing	B. White
C. Eling	Right-Inner	H. Husband
M. Hyatt	Centre	R. King
R. Brewster	Left-Inner	K. Wiggins
M. Scott	Left-Wing	M. Hudson (capt.)

LACROSSE.

Easter Term.

Although the School has done well in out-door games, such as Hockey, Tennis, etc., the game of Lacrosse has been for some reason treated with a contempt it certainly does not deserve, for, besides the strenuousness necessitated in its exercise, it is one of the most sporty games and hard knocks are frequently given and taken.

During the last term, however, I am glad to report a decided revival of interest in Lacrosse and considerable enthusiasm is evidenced in its play. Indeed, it is exceedingly gratifying to notice the decided improvement in style as a consequence, and, if this is continued, we can look for teams of no mean order in the School. In all things, games and other pastimes, as well as the more serious occupations of life, plodding and hard work are necessary

preliminaries to success, but the satisfaction derived from the knowledge of something well done more than repays the drudgery involved. We see this term the result of the practices, uninteresting perhaps in themselves, of previous terms, and we feel that we are well on the way to being amply repaid for the time devoted to those practices. I am confident that having now placed their feet firmly on the lower rungs of the ladder the girls will not rest satisfied until they have attained a high state of proficiency, and that the School will not only hold its own with its contestants, but that they will take the lead as exponents of the game.

Although the term which has just come to an end is the "Lacrosse" term the girls were obliged to indulge in two games of Hockey. I say obliged, as their self-respect left them no alternative. The School Staff had the temerity to issue a challenge to the pupils and the only course open to the latter was to take up the gauntlet and show the Staff that such a step could not be taken with impunity. Not wishing to be too severe, the girls' team, with great magnanimity, let them down very lightly by allowing them to win one of the two events, and deserve credit for allowing the Staff to retain their self-esteem.

An interesting Lacrosse match took place between the School team and that of S. Anne's and S. Mary's, when, very unfortunately, our team was badly beaten—judging by the score—17 to 2. The result, however, in no way represents the relative skill of the two teams, and there is no doubt that, but for ill-luck, our score would have been very much higher. I would place on record the fact that the team played exceedingly well throughout the match and they have no cause to be disheartened by the result.

Criticism of the First XII.

E. SMART (*Goal*). Very much improved during the latter part of the term.

R. PAIN (*Point*). Steady, sound player and can generally be relied upon, but should concentrate more upon the game.

B. CHAFF (*Cover-Point*). Very sure, but might play with more life.

C. ELING (*3rd Man*). Plays with much determination and might be expected to do well if her skill improved.

E. LATHAM (*Centre*). Quite a good player, but should devote more attention to the art of the game.

R. KING (*3rd Home*). Plays a moderate game, but should make an effort to become more skilled.

M. SCOTT (*2nd Home*). A player who knows how to handle her crosse with good effect.

M. ATKINS (*1st Home*). We look to her with confidence at goal, but she should take steps to improve her field play.

H. BLACKSTONE (*Right Defence*). Full of pluck and plays a good game generally.

M. HYATT (*Right Attack*). A good and most reliable player.

E. EDINGTON (*Left Defence*). More practice would improve her play, but as it is she does moderately well.

R. BREWSTER (*Left Attack*). If her skill equalled her speed would make an excellent player.

SCHOOL LACROSSE TEAMS.

1st XII.		2nd XII.	
E. Smart	Goal	M. Williams	
R. Pain	Point	E. Douglas	
B. Chaff	Cover-Point	M. Woodhouse	
C. Eling	3rd Man	M. Marshall	
E. Latham	Centre	C. Ford	
R. King	3rd Home	M. Hudson	
M. Scott	2nd Home	B. White	
M. Atkins (capt.)	1st Home	K. Wiggins	
H. Blackstone	Right Defence	J. James	
M. Hyatt	Right Attack	H. Husband	
E. Edington	Left Defence	K. Hewetson	
R. Brewster	Left Attack	G. Rushton	

HOUSE HOCKEY TEAMS.

Greenall XI.		Kennedy XI.		Wilson XI.	
G.	S. Broadbent	M. S. Jones		C. Noakes	
R.B.	Miss Mount	M. Williams		N. Samble	
L.B.	R. Pain (capt.)	E. Douglas		G. Myres	
R.H.	R. Medcalf	B. Chaff (vice-capt.)		M. Atkins	
C.H.	Miss Pleming	Miss Littlebury		E. Latham	
L.H.	L. Morris	D. Partington		M. Reilly	
R.W.	B. White	G. Rushton		C. Ford	
R.I.	R. Bradshaw	H. Husband		R. King (capt.)	
C.	K. Wiggins	Miss Emptage		M. Hyatt	
L.I.	M. Woodhouse	H. Blackstone		K. Dewhurst	
L.W.	M. Hudson	J. Griffiths		K. Ballachey	
		M. Fisher (capt.) <i>abs.</i>			

Powys XI.

G.	E. Smart	R.W.	M. Cheese
R.B.	R. Toone	R.I.	R. Brewster
L.B.	H. Fairhurst	C.	Miss Pierce-Hughes
R.H.	M. Marshall	L.I.	C. Eling
C.H.	E. Edington	L.W.	M. Scott
L.H.	M. Oliver		D. Pinchin (capt.) <i>abs.</i>

HOUSE LACROSSE TEAMS.

	Kennedy.	Powys.	Wilson.	Greenall.
Goal.	M. Williams	E. Smart	P. Kirk	K. Mayfield
Point.	H. Blackstone	C. Eling	M. Reilly	Miss Pleming
C.-Point.	B. Chaff (vice-capt.)	H. Fairhurst	N. Samble	R. Medcalf
3rd Man.	M. S. Jones	M. Oliver	C. Noakes	M. White
Centre.	D. Partington	M. Marshall	R. King	R. Pain (capt.)
3rd Home.	E. O'Ferrall	M. Moore	K. Lane	B. White
2nd Home.	H. Husband	K. Hewetson	M. Atkins	L. Morris
1st Home.	J. Griffiths	M. Scott (capt.)	R. Hyatt	K. Wiggins
L. Defence.	J. James	M. Cheese	I. Marshall	M. Woodhouse
L. Attack.	G. Rushton	E. Edington	M. Hyatt (vice-capt.)	C. Fearnley
R. Defence.	E. Douglas	Miss Pierce-Hughes	K. Dewhurst	N. Pooler
R. Attack.	Miss Elwell	R. Brewster	C. Ford	M. Hudson
	M. Fisker (capt.)		E. Latham (capt.)	
	absent		absent	

We should like to take this opportunity of congratulating Greenall and Powys House for their success in the Cup Matches. Greenall won the Hockey Cup at the end of the Autumn Term, and Powys won the Lacrosse Cup at the end of the Easter Term.

JUMPING COMPETITION.

The medal for High Jump was again won by Kathleen Wiggins, who cleared 4ft. 7in. with very good style. May we congratulate her.

NEWS OF OLD GIRLS.

CISSIE COTTINGHAM wishes to thank all Old Girls who have so kindly helped her by giving orders for sweets, jumpers, etc., and she would like to make it known that she now makes gloves, and sealing-wax beads and pendants, etc., and would be very glad of any orders. Her address is 14 Clarence Road, Bickley, Kent.

NELLIE ROBBS (*née* Moore) has given up her post as Matron of S. Elphin's School on account of bad health.

MAUD REED is bringing out another book early in May, entitled "Camilla—a Latin Reading Book for the Second Year." Her former book ("Julia") met with a sale of 3000 copies in the first year, which the authoress considers "satisfactory, but not sensational."

DORIS REED is in Canada, working for the Hudson Bay Company.

WINNIE REED has gone to Vancouver for a year's holiday. Her address is: c/o Mrs. W. J. Riley, 4815 Belmont Avenue, Point Grey, Vancouver.

RACHEL REED has done two years' training for Stage-dancing, and is now at Steadman's Academy in London.

CICELY WRIGHT is working up a language connection in London (French, German and Elementary Italian). She will be glad to coach any Old S. Elphinites, their children or their grand-children at reduced terms! Her address, until further notice, is:—19 Queen's Terrace, S. John's Wood, N.W.8.

MARION HILTON (*née* Hickling) is in Switzerland with her husband who is taking duty there as English Chaplain at one of the hotels.

DOROTHY NORRIS is teaching at Kippington House, Sevenoaks.

MURIEL CLARKE is Vice-Principal at Kippington House, Sevenoaks.

ISABEL GARNETT hopes to sail from China *en route* for England in August on a year's furlough.

GRACE SCHOLEY (*née* Marcon) has returned to England from Canada for a few months. She expects to return to Duncan in July.

MABEL HODGES was second out of 37 in the first year examination in Nursing, and fourth out of 34 in the final examination. She is now Staff Nurse in a Men's Surgical Ward in S. Bartholomew's Hospital.

GRACE BLAKELOCK is in South Africa, assisting a lady missionary worker. Her address is:—c/o Miss Stedman, S. Andrew's Cottage, P.O. Box 9, Thaba, N'Chu, Orange Free State.

GRACE HARRIS is teaching French at the High School, Normanton.

MURIEL CLAYTON has written a book of short stories, entitled "A Gust of Wind." It is published by A. H. Stockwell.

DORA ROUNTREE hopes to take up work in September as Diocesan Worker for the Lichfield Diocesan Association for Preventive and Rescue Work. She will probably live in Stafford.

MARIE GREENWOOD is Secretary to an architect in Manchester.

AGNES GLENNIE sailed for New Zealand on January 8th, and is teaching music and training the choir at Marsden Diocesan School for Girls.

DOROTHY KING has passed the London Intermediate Arts, and is at S. Mary's College, Durham, reading for Final B.A. History.

MABEL BATTERSBY has been appointed House mistress of S. Hilda's P.N.E.U. School at S. Leonard's-on-Sea.

PEGGY ALLSOP is going, after Easter, to train as a Nurse at the Derbyshire Royal Infirmary at Derby.

DOROTHY BACHE is studying Classics at Manchester University.

MARGARET MILNER is at Liverpool Physical Training College.

CHRISTINE OGLE is a Home Student at Oxford.

PEARL ARMSTRONG is at the London School of Economics, training for a Hospital Almoner at S. Thomas' Hospital.

AINEEN BALL (*née* Hodgson) has been in England for the last few months with her husband. They are returning to India in June.

JEAN BAXTER is Classical Mistress at the Chapel Allerton High School.

NANCY FORBES is doing work at the British Broadcasting Company at Edinburgh.

DORIS WHITTINGTON has passed the Shorthand Teachers' Diploma.

DOROTHY COLLIER is doing Secretarial work at the Morris Motor Co., Cowley, Oxford.

CECILIA FREEMAN is doing Crèche work.

SHEILA LESTER has passed Examinations in Medical Gymnastics and Medical Electricity, and is now working at Artificial Sun Treatment in an Orthopaedic Hospital at Oswestry.

DOROTHY WEBB is in charge of the Service Department of the Old Bleach Linen Co., Ltd., Randalstown.

BIRTHS.

In January, 1924, to Mrs. Scholey (*née* Marcon), a son (Christopher Marcon).

On November 18th, 1924, to Mrs. Lee (*née* Ursula Crawshaw), a son (Robert Desmond).

On February 20th, 1925, to Mrs. Gass (*née* Winifred Rhodes), a son (Joseph Wilfred).

MARRIAGES.

On September 25th, 1924, by the Right Rev. W. D. Reeve, Assistant Bishop of Toronto, Henry Fiennes-Clinton to Catherine Thomason.

On October 8th, 1924, at S. John's Church, Salmon Arm, Canada, by the Rev. F. W. Wheeler, Arthur O. Wheeler to Emmeline Savatard.

On December 31st, 1924, at S. Bride's, Old Trafford, Manchester, by the Rev. A. F. Smith, Colin Sinclair Lyon to Dorothy Thomason.

On February 4th, 1925, at Poulton-le-Fylde, Rowland Henthorne to Alice Greenwood.

DEATHS.

On December 20th, 1924, Molly Woodhouse, R.I.P.

Betty Wilkins, R.I.P.

A special request has been made by the Old Girls that each year, as fresh changes are brought about in the School, the name of the Head Girl and the names of the Heads of Houses should be inserted in the Magazine.

<i>Head Girl.</i>	<i>Head of Wilson House</i>	-	-	Margaret Atkins.
	<i>Head of Kennedy House</i>	-	-	Ethel Douglas.
	<i>Head of Powys House</i>	-	-	Mary Marshall.
	<i>Head of Greenall House</i>	-	-	Margaret Hudson.

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