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EDITORIAL.

WE are glad to be able to say that a response has been made to the appeal for better contributions in last term's Editorial. We have received a larger number, and the majority have been of a fairly good standard.

We wish to take this opportunity to remind all Old Girls that they are now to send their news straight to the Editor, and we shall welcome any contributions from them.

We should like to thank Miss Holliday for the Games Reports, and to acknowledge the Magazine from The School of St. Mary and St. Anne, Abbots Bromley.

VALETE.

Miss Taylor, Miss Hall, Miss Lambourne, M. Longden, R. Skeet, D. Kiddell, I. Robson, M. Carr, J. Balcomb, R. Roseveare, P. Henstock, A. Evans, N. Huck, M. Lang, C. Hannah, J. Nock, J. Popple, H. Boorman, M. Illsley.

SALVETE.

Miss Hammond, Miss Davenport, Miss Longmire, Miss Look, K. Edmunds, M. Goodman, J. Robson, M. Robson, P. Smylie, E. Appleby, J. Bounds, M. Jones, J. Chamberlain, D. Edwards, M. Chambers, J. Hughes, F. Heny, O. Mort, G. Eames, D. Lloyd, J. Lloyd, H. Farmer, B. Bradshaw.

LIST OF PRIZE-WINNERS.

SCHOOL PRIZES

(For very good general work throughout the year):

Form VIa.—P. Davies, D. Kiddell, M. Pheasant, R. Roseveare.

Form VIb.—P. Henstock, M. Lang, C. Nash, J. Otway.

Form Va.—C. Gethen, C. Maurice-Jones.

Form Va Remove.—B. Brotherton, C. Pennell.

Form Vb.—J. Kiddell, S. Cartwright, N. Henstock.

Form IV.—M. Jones.

Form IIIa.—H. Gilbert, R. Jones.

Form IIIb.—B. Barrow, M. Astin.

Form II.—D. Rapson.

Music.—C. Maurice-Jones, A. Tansley.

Art.—M. Illsley.

Gardening.—P. Henstock.

Magazine Article.—J. Varvill.

NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR DOMESTIC SUBJECTS.

Betty Chamberlain (Preliminary Housecraft Certificate).

MUSIC.

EXAMINATIONS OF THE ROYAL SCHOOLS OF MUSIC.

Grade I.—Mary Finch, Joan Bradfield.

Grade II.—Rhianon Jones (Distinction), Patricia Cliffe, Helen Karn, Mary Hodgson, Barbara Thorburn.

Grade III.—Stella Allen, Margaret Owen, Annette Harris.

Grade IV.—Mary Maurice-Jones, Barbara Marrison, Audrey Tansley.

Grade V.—Joan Kiddell, Cynthia Pennell.

Grade VIII.—Joan Balcomb.

HOUSE AWARDS:

Work Shield—Powys.

Order Shield—Powys.

Dormitory Order Shield—Wilson.

Hockey Cup—Wilson.

Lacrosse Cup—Powys.

Gymnastic Cup—Wilson.

Music Cup—Kennedy.

Tennis Cup—Kennedy.

Cricket Cup—Kennedy.

Sports Cup—Powys.

COLLEGE ENTRANCES:

Society of Oxford Home Students—(English), M. Pheasant.

Langdale Hall, University of Manchester—(History), D. Kiddell.

University of Reading—(Art), M. Illsley.

University of Manchester—(History), R. Skeet.

University of Manchester—(Modern Languages), P. Henstock.

University of Liverpool—(English), M. Lang.

Chelsea College of Physical Training—M. Longden.

Royal Academy of Music—J. Balcomb.

St. Thomas' Hospital, London—(Massage), I. Robson, M. Roseveare.

The Wellgarth Nursery Training College—N. Huck.

Battersea Polytechnic, London—(Domestic Science), A. Evans.

Froebel Training Department, Belvedere High School, Liverpool—C. Hannah.

EXAMINATION RESULTS

HIGHER SCHOOL CERTIFICATE, NORTHERN UNIVERSITIES'

JOINT BOARD—FULL CERTIFICATE.

- R. Skeet : *Principal Subjects*—History, English ;
Subsidiary Subjects—French, Latin.
 J. Taylor : *Principal Subjects*—Greek (Good), Latin (Good) ;
Subsidiary Subjects—English, Greek and Roman History.

“ LETTERS OF SUCCESS ”—HIGHER SCHOOL CERTIFICATE

Subsidiary Standard :

- M. Carr—English, French, Latin.
 P. Henstock—English, French, Latin.
 I. Robson—Domestic Science.

NORTHERN UNIVERSITIES' JOINT BOARD—MATRICULATION AND SCHOOL
 CERTIFICATE.

MATRICULATION CERTIFICATES :

- C. Gethen (*Good*)—English, Scripture, French ; (*Credit*)—Latin, Botany, History.
 C. Maurice-Jones : (*Distinction*)—French, Mathematics ; (*Good*)—Latin,
 English, Music : (*Credit*)—Botany, Chemistry, Scripture.

SCHOOL CERTIFICATE :

- E. Burnett : (*Good*)—French ; (*Credit*)—Botany.
 N. Carr : (*Credit*)—Scripture, English.
 C. Hannah : (*Credit*)—History, Botany, English.
 M. Illsley : (*Good*)—Scripture ; (*Credit*)—English, History, Geography, Art,
 Botany.
 V. Rowlands : (*Credit*)—Scripture.

THE SCHOOL PRIZE-GIVING, 1934.

On Tuesday, July 24th, the Annual School Prize-Giving was held. Arrangements had been made for it to take place out of doors, but, owing to heavy rain on the day, it was held in the Whitworth Institute, after a hasty rehearsal.

A Commemoration Service was held in the School Chapel in the morning, at which members of the School and the Committee were present. The Rev. G. W. Skeet, the School Chaplain, took the Service, and the address

was given by the Bishop of Warrington, as Canon Spencer Elliott was unable to come.

In the afternoon the Prize Giving took place. The Bishop of Warrington presided, and in his speech welcomed the Bishop of Chester, who had kindly come to present the Prizes. He remarked upon the progress which had been made in the School during the year, and mentioned some of the changes which had taken place.

Miss Hudson, in her annual report, after welcoming the Bishop of Chester, and the parents and friends of the girls, gave a short account of the School activities in every direction in the past year, mentioning the Examination Results, and the achievements gained on the Athletic side. She passed on to speak of the aims of the School, in a higher sense than that of outward distinction, and emphasised the ideals and principles on which everything was carried out.

The Bishop of Chester then gave his address, which was very much enjoyed by everybody, and, as his chief point, mentioned the five essentials of school life—"The initial letters of these, when combined spelt the word 'Cards.' " He would place first a love of culture, which included a trained mind—a mind that could think clearly, speak clearly, and write clearly. Half the trouble in the world was created by people either not saying what they meant, or not meaning what they said. The second word was athletics, the training of the body as well as the mind. They had just learned from the report of Miss Hudson that girls from St. Elphin's had distinguished themselves in athletics, and his lordship congratulated them.

The next essential was religion—the education of the soul. Religion was, in fact, the completion of the first two essentials, culture and athletics. It was not necessary to enlarge upon it in a school like St. Elphin's, as was evidenced from the admirable report they had just heard. The fourth essential was discipline, which was the first result of a trained body, mind and soul. No one could have failed to notice its effect among the girls. Instead of being a horror or a terror as it was in the old days it was the natural outcome of a sound training.

Lastly he wished to emphasise the importance of service, the natural conclusion of a trained body, mind, and soul, well-disciplined, to make their individual contribution to the family, social and public life, to their highest end."

The Bishop afterwards handed the awards to the prize-winners. After which Mr. J. E. Secker moved a vote of thanks, which was seconded by Archdeacon Crick.

Members of the School then gave a short entertainment, and when this was over everyone returned to the School for tea, and to see exhibitions of needlework, arts and scientific experiments.

SCHOOL NEWS.

AUTUMN TERM, 1934.

TERM began on September 20th.

September 26th, Mr. Clarke from the Kodak Company gave a lecture on "The Wonderland of Photography," illustrated by lantern-slides.

September 28th—30th, Re-union week-end, when about forty Old Girls came to the School. On Saturday evening the Dramatic Society gave a second performance of "Dear Brutus."

October 1st, a lecture on "The Times" was given.

October 20th, Rev. Nigel Scott of the St. Pancras House Improvement Society showed a film illustrating the work of the Society in Somerstown.

October 26th, Miss Gill gave a lantern lecture on the "Development of English Church Architecture," illustrated by her own photographs.

November 1st, Half-Term Holiday. In the morning an Inter-Form Hockey Tournament was played, in which the Sixth Form were the winners. The whole School, including the Juniors, went to a cinema in Matlock in the afternoon. After tea, members of the School gave a musical entertainment, and ended the day by dancing till bed-time.

November 4th, Rev. Canon Southam gave a lantern lecture on "The Holy Land."

DRAMATIC SOCIETY REPORT.

Committee:

<i>President</i>	Miss HAMMOND.
<i>Secretary</i>	P. DAVIES.
<i>Mistress of the Wardrobe</i> ...	B. WRIGHT.

House Representatives:

<i>Kennedy</i>	P. FLETCHER.
<i>Powys</i>	W. ELLISON.
<i>Wilson</i>	T. MACLAREN.

It was with great regret that the Society said goodbye to Miss Taylor to whom it owes all its successes of the past four years. We wish to welcome Miss Hammond who is our new President.

"Dear Brutus" was presented on the last Saturday of the Summer Term by the following cast:

Lob	S. ALLEN
Matey	C. GETHEN
Mr. Coade	R. ROSEVEARE
Mr. Purdie	P. FLETCHER
Mr. Dearth	P. DAVIES
Mrs. Coade	J. TAYLOR
Mrs. Purdie	M. CARR
Mrs. Dearth	R. SKEET
Joanna Trout	W. ELLISON
Lady Caroline Laney	B. RENWICK

The performance was very successful, and was repeated at the Old Girls' Reunion in the Christmas Term. Several of the cast had left School, but Ruth Skeet and Ruth Roseveare were able to come back and M. Lindsey took Mary Carr's part. At this performance many visitors were present, and their generous contributions helped to restore the fallen fortunes of the Society.

KENNEDY HOUSE REPORT.

THE beginning of a new School year brought several new members to Kennedy. It seems rather out of place to welcome them at this stage of term, but we hope that by now they feel really at home in Kennedy.

The Summer Term proved a successful one for Kennedy on the games field. We won both the Tennis and the Cricket Cups, and great keenness was shown by non-members of the teams as well as by members in turning out to practices. We were not so successful on Sports Day, although several events were won by members of the House.

I am not going to say anything about the Work and Order in the House last term, as it was a very bad chapter altogether and all three Shields are conspicuously absent from Kennedy House Study. However, some signs of improvement have been shown, although the standard is still far from satisfactory.

We are very grateful to J. Kiddell, who, with the help of Miss Longmire, produced the attractive heading for the House Notice Board.

I should like to wish the House the best of luck in Examinations, and also to remind them that even the best of luck is no good by itself!

P. N. B. DAVIES.

WILSON HOUSE REPORT.

WE were very sorry to lose Marjorie Longden, Margaret Lang, our Vice-Head, Constance Hannah, a member of the Committee, and the other members of Wilson who left at the end of last term. Marjorie has been the Head of Wilson for two years, and we should like to thank her very much for all she has done for the House, and we wish her success in the future.

We were very glad to welcome the seven new girls into the House, and the two members who have moved into Wilson from the Junior School.

The House showed great spirit in games last term, although we were unfortunate in not winning any cups. Constance Hannah was awarded House-Colours for Cricket and Tennis.

We won the Dormitory Order Shield for last year, and so far this term Wilson is doing well in work, order, and dormitory order, and I hope we shall continue to do so.

E. BURNETT.

POWYS HOUSE REPORT.

WE succeeded in retaining the Work and Order Shields throughout the Summer term, so we began this year as the possessors of two Shields. So far this term we have shown no signs of keeping them, but I hope that, by the efforts of all the House, our prospects may become brighter.

Four members of the House are to be congratulated for passing Public Examinations—Ruth Skeet and Joan Taylor, the Higher School Certificate, Catharine Gethen, Matriculation, and Veronica Rowlands, School Certificate.

Keeness was also shown in games and athletics last term : although we could not gain either the Cricket or Tennis Cup, we gained the Sports Cup. Wendy Ellison and Beryl Renwick are congratulated for gaining their tennis colours.

We were sorry to lose Ruth, and the members of the Committee and sixth forms who left last term, but we wish them all success in the future.

Five members of 3A and two new girls are welcomed to Powys.

E. JACKSON.

ORIGINAL CONTRIBUTIONS

A CHRISTMAS HYMN.

ALL hail to that Almighty Child,
True God in Fesh arrayed,
Now born of mother meek and mild,
And mid the cattle laid!

That Love Eternal, which once burned
Our teeming world to make,
To save the race of man has yearned
This lowly form to take.

So, in the silence of the night,
The Sacred Gift is sent ;
And ranks of Angels at the sight
Look down in wonderment.

And now the Shepherds blest have sped
To seek His humble throne ;
While Sages from afar are led
His sovereignty to own :

Thus Heaven's King from pride concealed,
From Judah's scornful eyes,
To men of faith will be revealed,
The Simple and the Wise.

Nor lacks the Royal Babe more praise,
For, in the purple sky,
The flaming hosts ecstatic raise
Their golden symphony.

The Stars of Morn, which sang when Earth
Was freed from Chaos fell,
Sang not such songs as greet the Birth
That breaks the bonds of Hell.

So may we rear our hallowed song
To join the choirs above,
In concord with that ardent throng
To hymn the God of Love.

V. C. HAMMOND.

A WINTER EVENING.

THE sun has already set—an orange orb amidst the gray wintry clouds. As the last flickers of light fade, the bare, stark skeletons of the naked trees stand outlined against the sky. The birds have all gone early to rest, and dead stillness reigns.

The dew begins to fall—the frost sets in—and soon the landscape will be white with rime. The stars come out, one by one, with pale frosty light. And now darkness has fallen, and they glitter brilliantly in the extreme blackness of the sky.

Soon, over that western hill, a faint glow will rise, heralding the approach of the moon, who will before long be here, to lighten all the land.

She has come! The frosted trees and fields are silver and shining, the light throws long clear shadows over the valleys, and in supreme power she sails over a world that is spell-bound by the beauty she reveals.

J. TAYLOR, VIA.

No. I am tired of looking at the sky,
 Tired of the glories and the majesty,
 Tired of the ceaseless stream of purple blood
 Flowing above the hills, the silent calm,
 The hollow, crystal circle of the night.
 Ever it flaunts this flagrant majesty,
 Crying its homage of infinity.
 Crushed, ravaged sunsets, pure, pellucid dawns,
 Hard, brittle nights and twilights wrapped in grey.
 Eternities of weary pageantry
 Creeping their round about a dusty world.
 No. I am tired of looking at the sky.
 The sky is sordid in its sumptuousness,
 And I would find a still more pristine god.

P. FLETCHER, VIB.

FONTAINEBLEAU.

Now the last of many days,
 All beautiful and bright as thou,
 The loveliest and the last is dead,
 Rise memory, and write its praise!

P. B. SHELLEY.

A wanderer is man from his birth.
 He was born in a ship
 On the breast of the river of Time ;
 Brimming with wonder and joy
 He spreads out his arms to the light,
 Rivets his gaze on the banks of the stream.

M. ARNOLD.

And when the sun begins to fling
 His flaming beams, me, goddess, bring
 To archéd walks of twilight groves,
 And shadows brown that sylvan loves,
 Of pine, or monumental oak,
 Where the rude axe with heavéd stroke
 Was never heard the nymphs to daunt,
 Or fright them from their hallow'd haunt.

J. MILTON.

When down the stormy crescent goes,
A light before me swims,
Between dark stems the forest glows,
I hear a noise of hymns :
Then by some secret shrine I ride ;
I hear a voice, but none are there.

TENNYSON.

Look at the stars! look, look up at the skies!
O look at all the fire-folk sitting in the air!
The bright boroughs, the circle-citadels there!
Down in dim woods the diamond delves! the elves' eyes!

G. M. HOPKINS.

The splendour falls on castle walls
And snowy summits old in story,
The long light shakes across the lakes,
And the wild cataract leaps in glory.

TENNYSON.

A casement high and triple-arch'd there was,
All garlanded with carven imageries
Of fruits, and flowers, and bunches of knot-grass,
And diamonded with panes of quaint device,
Innumerable of stains and splendid dyes,
As are the tiger-moth's deep-damask'd wings ;
And in the midst, 'mong thousand heraldries,
And twilight saints, and dim emblazonings
A shielded scutcheon blush'd with blood of kings and queens.

KEATS.

Well may they speak! That Francis, that first time,
And that long festal year at Fontainebleau!

BROWNING. C. GETHEN, VIB.

PREP.

A SHUFFLE, a sigh, a whisper, a cough.
It's nearly dusk, but the lights are still off ;
I look up, and see, over countless heads
The beautiful pinks, and the fiery reds
Of an Autumn sunset dying away
'Twixt the blackened boughs of the garden trees :
Where the last few leaves in the evening breeze
Rustle and dance, in a frightening way ;
Lovely Summer has gone, they seem to say
And this is the end of another day . . .
The lights are switched on, I can see no more.
Only books and desks, and a littered floor.

W. ELLISON, VA.

ON TAKING MATRIC.

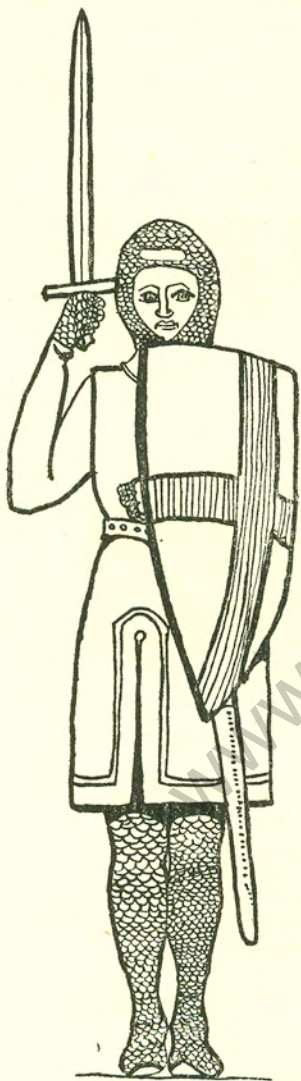
WHEN you're taking matric. you can't help but know,
As everyone seems to tell you so,
You have to work from morn till night
Without a moment for respite.
If one took the exam. on games and sports
In neat white blouses and nice short shorts,
Some people might pass that otherwise couldn't ;
Though I know I'd be one of the ones that wouldn't.
But when the thing's over they all say, alas!
Because in the end you've just failed to pass.

J. A. SMITH, VA.



THE FIRST CRUSADE.

(From the Diary of Sir Richard FitzAlan, Knight).



Jerusalem to-morrow. . . .

CLERMONT.

To-day I went to a great meeting in Clermont where this is written. Pope Urban called it, and so great was the throng of people that no building could hold them. We held the council in the open square of the town. Peter the Hermit pale from hardships and much fasting, told us of the sufferings of the Christian pilgrims in the Holy Land. It recalls some of the horrors I myself saw when I went on my pilgrimage, when we adopted Isabelle. My wife is with me, as is the child. All those of knightly rank have decided that we must gather an army and go to the relief of the Holy Land. Duke Godfrey de Bouillon is to be the leader of this enterprise. . . .

SOUTHAMPTON.

We heard Mass at daybreak and received the Red Cross to fix upon our surcoats. We are to start on the long voyage to Acre to-morrow. My dear wife is very brave about it, as is Isabelle. They have been a great comfort to me. We are all going to the ships to-morrow and I am taking my best horse, Roland. My eldest son is going as my squire.

OFF SOUTHAMPTON.

We are now all in the ships with our horses and squires. Ours is the largest ship and in the castles we have twenty-five men, all very good archers. . . .

PALERMO.

We have put in here having made the voyage with a fair wind. We need to replenish our stock of food and to repair the ships. We have been kindly received by the people and have had dishes which we have never tasted before.

ACRE.

Three years from to-day we embarked. We have taken three years to come from England, which seems so far away now. There are no fields and green trees here, but all is wasted and arid desert. There are mosques instead of churches. We have lost about two-thirds of our men. Duke Godfrey has joined us, having come by land. We start for

Oh! how hot it is. We are all grievously stricken by the heat. Our hauberks are hot and burdensome. Most of our men are dying from fever, and many are tortured by thirst. . . .

We have arrived outside the gates of Jerusalem. From the walls, the Turks pour down tar and pitch and great stones on our heads.

We cannot scale the walls. Duke Godfrey has a stout heart and encourages us marvellously. He reminds us constantly of the cry that rang from a thousand lips at Clermont—God with it—and we take fresh courage.

THREE WEEKS LATER.

We have succeeded in scaling the walls and have killed all the Moslems in the city. Then barefoot we marched to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre to return thanks. Some of us are to remain in Jerusalem to defend the walls. I am going home. Duke Godfrey has refused to be called the King of Jerusalem. He will not wear a crown of gold in the city where our Lord wore a crown of thorns. He has taken the title: "The Defender of the Holy Sepulchre."

A FEW YEARS LATER.

I am back safe at home. It is springtide and very pleasant after the sunbaked streets of the Holy City. I have heard to-day, to my great sorrow, that the Turks have captured Jerusalem again. The Pope urges us to raise an army, and retake the City. We may have to go out again.

I wonder if I shall.

M. HAND, VB.

FLANDERS.

For four long years of war and strife
England's bravest men did fight,
To France they went and gave their life:
And now some lie in Flanders.

These men they gave their life and knew
Perhaps they went for ever;
And of those men are not a few
Who still remain in Flanders.

And so when four long years were past
And deadly war was over,
Our men came home again at last,
But mourned for those in Flanders.

E. APPLEBY, VB.

SING-SONGS.

SING a song of blue-bells near the elfin-grot,
Sing a song of scabious and forget-me-not,
Sing a song of blue-tits, and king-fishers in flight,
Sing a song of blue sky on a moon-lit night.

Sing a song of ocean waves tossing up and down,
Sing a song of dew-drops on the thistle-down,
Sing a song of silver streams, glistening crystal clear,
Sing a song of moonlight playing on the mere.

Sing a song of sunshine all the live-long day,
Sending forth her shining rays to make the children gay,
Sing a song of golden corn waving in the breeze,
Sing a song of primroses in among the trees.

SHEILA DAVIDSON, IV.

THE old man stared over the valley. To-day was his seventieth birthday ; but, since his wife died, twenty years ago, no one had ever given him a present, or so much as wished him : " Many Happy Returns of the Day."

He scarcely spoke to anyone nowadays, except when he went to the tiny village store to buy groceries. The villagers thought him mad, and the little children ran away at his approach.

He wasn't such a bad old fellow, really, and it hurt him terribly to think that the children were scared of him. He had had a son, fifty long years before, but the boy had died when he was only three.

The sun was setting. The trees stood out black against the red glow in the sky. As the glow faded, the old man turned, and stumbled down the rough cart track, in the wake of the departing day.

H. GILBERT, IV.

ST. FRANCIS.

ST. FRANCIS went one day for a walk,
He said to his friar : " I now must talk
To those birds there, about their God,
To teach them to love and to pray in the sod."

The Friar said : " Here will I stay."
So away went the saint without delay,
To preach to birds as he did to men,
To bless the sparrow and bless the wren.

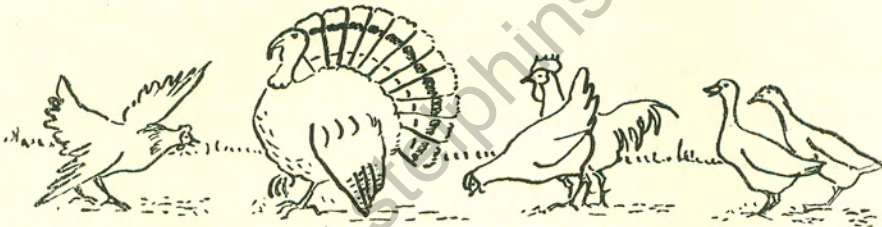
" Brothers and sisters, thank the Lord
For your plumes so gay and backs so broad ;
Thank Him for life, and heaven above,
But, most of all, his heavenly love."

B. CRICK, IV.

THINGS I LOVE.

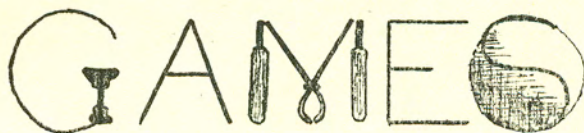
I LOVE to wake up in the morning
And feel the bright warm sun,
I love to read in the evening
When the sun has finished his run.
I love to wake up at dead of night
And see the light of the moon,
I love to count the endless stars
And see the dawn break soon.
I love to see the sky go grey
For soon there'll be some snow,
And after that the Spring will come
And lovely flowers grow.
But what I love the very best
Is the happy, sparkling Spring,
When all the woods are fresh and green,
And the cuckoo comes to sing.

J. BOUNDS, IV.

THE FARMYARD.

THE farmyard was in a great flurry because Mrs. Henrietta Hen had lost her family of eleven pretty little balls of yellow fluff. She was very upset and ran about here and there, and actually bumped into His Majesty the Turkey Gobbler, which very much ruffled his feathers. Egbert, the cockerel, felt very worried, and chased Henrietta about trying to find the lost family. Derick Drake walked about in a lordly manner, thinking he was helping greatly. The search continued, Henrietta's clucks getting louder and quicker, but nowhere were the missing ones to be found. In the end Henrietta's throat got so sore from calling so much that she decided to go to the old cow-pond to have a drink. With the old Turkey Gobbler strutting proudly behind, Egbert, Derick Drake and a few more farmyard folk, she set off. When she arrived at the pond, lo and behold! there were her family all thoroughly enjoying themselves on the water. They were ducklings! after all Henrietta's careful bringing up! At first she felt like deserting the poor innocent little things, but in the end her motherly love triumphed, and she drove them off the pond, and looked after them once again just as tenderly as before.

B. BARROW, IIIA.



TENNIS.

ALTHOUGH we were continually hearing complaints about the shortage of water during the Summer Term, we had no complaints as far as the Tennis was concerned. The weather was warm and dry and we had a great deal of Tennis. The courts were much improved and were, I think, showing the results of the previous year's weeding and rolling which was so energetically carried out by the Tennis VI.

The standard of school tennis is certainly higher. The Juniors are showing better style, more speed and quick net play. They were also much keener than last year, and spent most of their free time on the courts. The chief faults in school tennis at present are : lack of good placing of the ball and slow footwork. Strokes are greatly improved, but more tactics should now be introduced into the game. The Tennis VI were fairly good, and had very good results in the few matches we did play before mumps upset our fixture list. The House Matches revealed much hidden talent and it was encouraging to see how much the Middle School had improved. Kennedy House showed the results of good hard practice and determination and fought well to retain the Tennis Cup.

There were even more entries for the Tennis Singles Tournament than last year and we were pleased to see some of IIIA coming forward and standing up to the Seniors. C. Hannah's success in winning the Singles Tournament was no surprise to us. She was easily the smartest player in the School, and we shall miss her very much next season.

CRITICISM OF FIRST VI.

1st Couple.

P. DAVIES (Captain).—Play is steady and shows good style, but footwork is too slow for game to be really good.

R. SKEET.—Although both forehand and backhand drives are excellent the good all round standard of last year was not steadily maintained.

2nd Couple.

M. LONGDEN (Vice-Captain).—Drives are still weak but on the whole play is very steady and speed on the court is good. Match play was excellent and the results most satisfactory.

C. HANNAH.—Service is fast but not always reliable. Drives and net play are excellent. A great asset to the Tennis VI.

3rd Couple.

I. ROBSON.—A steady and quick player. Drives and service have improved, but net play is weak. Style poor.

W. ELLISON.—A very promising player although footwork is very slow. Drives are fairly good; placing is excellent.

2ND TENNIS VI.

<i>1st Couple.</i>	J. WELLS (Captain)
	B. RENWICK.
<i>2nd Couple</i>	M. LINDSEY
	V. HEWITT
<i>3rd Couple</i>	B. WRIGHT (Vice-Captain)
	M. ILLSLEY

3RD TENNIS VI.

C. GETHEN (Captain)
B. STEPHENS (Vice-Captain)
M. LANG
M. JONES
B. IRVING
B. BROTHERTON

HOUSE TENNIS TEAMS.

	KENNEDY.	POWYS.	WILSON.
<i>1st Couple</i>	P. DAVIES (Capt.) V. HEWITT	R. SKEET (Capt.) I. ROBSON	M. LONGDEN (Capt.) B. STEPHENS
<i>2nd Couple</i>	J. WELLS M. ILLSLEY	W. ELLISON (V. Cpt.) B. RENWICK	C. HANNAH (V. Cpt.) M. LINDSEY
<i>3rd Couple</i>	C. M. JONES (V. Cpt.) F. ADAMS	B. WRIGHT C. GETHEN	M. LANG B. BROTHERTON

TENNIS CUP MATCHES.

Kennedy	{	Kennedy	{	Kennedy
v.		v.		
Powys	{	Kennedy	{	6-3
		5-3 (<i>unfinished</i>)		
		Wilson		

SCHOOL SINGLES TOURNAMENT.

Bye	M. M. Jones	B. Thorburn			
Bye	B. Thorburn	3-6, 6-1, 6-1			
Bye	P. Cartwright		B. Chamberlain		
B. Chamberlain	B. Chamberlain	B. Chamberlain	6-1, 6-0		
M. Hand	6-2, 6-0	6-2, 6-0			
J. Varvill	J. Varvill			F. Adams	
J. Lloyd	6-1, 6-0	F. Adams		4-6, 6-5, 6-0	
F. Adams	F. Adams	6-0, 6-0			
B. Bankes	6-5, 6-3		F. Adams		
J. Nock	J. Nock		6-0, 6-4		
J. Kiddell	6-2, 6-0	S. Allen			
B. Stonehouse	S. Allen	6-2, 6-4			
S. Allen	6-2, 6-4				
B. Wright	B. Wright				
K. Jones	6-1, 6-0	P. Davies		R. Skeet	
P. Davies	P. Davies,	6-0, 6-1		6-3, 6-2	
P. Henstock	w.o.		P. Davies,		
D. Kiddell	J. Wells		6-2, 6-0		
J. Wells	6-1, 6-0	J. Wells			
M. Carr	M. Carr	6-2, 6-0		R. Skeet	
N. Carr	6-1, 3-6, 6-1			6-1, 6-1	
M. Lindsey	M. Lindsey				
N. Huck	6-4, 6-1	W. Ellison			
B. Irving	W. Ellison	6-5, 6-4			
W. Ellison	6-4, 6-2		R. Skeet		
S. Cartwright	B. Crick		4-6, 6-3, 6-2		
B. Crick	6-1, 6-3	R. Skeet			
R. Skeet	R. Skeet	6-0, 6-1			
A. Evans	6-0, 6-0				
J. Taylor	J. Taylor				
A. Smith	6-0, 6-3	J. Taylor			
J. Popple	J. Popple	4-6, 6-2, 6-4			
M. Hare	6-2, 6-2		M. Lang		
B. Harrison	M. Lang		6-1, 3-6, 6-3		
M. Lang	6-2, 6-5	M. Lang			
M. Jones	M. Jones	6-3, 6-3			
E. Burnett	6-0, 6-1				
C. Hannah	C. Hannah			C. Hannah	
J. Balcomb	6-0, 6-0	C. Hannah		6-2, 6-1	
R. Roseveare	R. Roseveare	6-0, 6-0			
E. Jackson	6-5, 6-1, 7-5		C. Hannah		
B. Stephens	B. Stephens		6-1, 6-1		
B. Brotherton	6-4, 6-4	V. Hewitt			
V. Hewitt	V. Hewitt	5-6, 6-3, 6-4.			
C. Pennell	6-4, 6-3			C. Hannah	
I. Robson	I. Robson			5-6, 6-1, 6-4	
C. M. Jones	6-0, 6-0	I. Robson			
B. Renwick	B. Renwick	6-3, 6-3			
A. Harris	6-1, 6-1		I. Robson		
R. Fitch	C. Gethen		6-3, 6-2		
C. Gethen	6-1, 6-4	C. Gethen			
E. T. Foyan	E. T. Foyan	6-4, 6-4			
B. Clapham	6-1, 6-4			M. Longden	
M. Longden	M. Longden			6-0, 6-4	
B. Lane	6-0, 6-0	M. Longden			
M. Illsley	M. Illsley	6-2, 6-3			
D. Crick	6-2, 6-2		M. Longden		
Bye	H. Gilbert		6-0, 6-0		
Bye	A. Tansley	A. Tansley			
		6-1, 6-0			

CRICKET.

CRICKET this year was somewhat overshadowed by tennis, partly because of the Juniors' sudden interest in tennis, and our lack of cricket fixtures. We were looking forward to a Junior Cricket Match (14 and under) with St. Ronan's but it had to be postponed because of mumps. We had only one outside match, with Parkfield Cedars, in which we were thoroughly beaten. As this was at the very beginning of the season I think it disheartened the team, especially as we had no more matches in which to renew our confidence. The scores of the House Matches were very even, Kennedy House winning the Cup by one run. We congratulate Kennedy also on their keenness and good fielding. We were able to raise a Staff XI, combined with VIB, for a Mock Cricket Match on Ascension Day. It was a great success and thoroughly enjoyed by the Staff and School. The greatest feature of the day was the arrival of the press photographer.

The School has improved in bowling, but the fielding is slow and poor. Some of IIIA are very keen and have made a good beginning, but a great deal of hard work will be necessary next year to put school cricket on the same footing as the tennis.

CRITICISM OF FIRST XI.

M. LONGDEN (Captain)—(*Slips*).—An excellent fielder and a useful left-handed bowler. Batting fair.

R. SKEET (Vice-Captain)—(*Mid-on*).—A reliable fielder and a good bowler. Batting weak.

P. DAVIES (*Mid-off*).—Batting very steady. Has developed a good forward drive. Fielding very slow.

P. HENSTOCK (*Square Leg*).—A good and reliable batsman. Fielding fairly good.

V. ROWLANDS (*Wickets*).—A very quick and neat wicket keeper. Batting fairly good but not always reliable.

C. HANNAH (*Point*).—A fairly good all-round player.

C. GETHEN (*Mid-wickets*).—Quite a useful bowler and fielder, but batting poor.

M. ILLSLEY (*Longstop*).—Has improved tremendously this season. A good and steady bowler, but batting very doubtful.

B. STEPHENS (*Change*).—Batting much improved and fairly good. Bowling very disappointing and far below last season's standard.

B. IRVING (*Deep*).—A very promising player. Bowling good and fielding excellent.

V. HEWITT (*Cover-point*).—Fielding and bowling good. Batting improving but still very doubtful.

SECOND XI.

<i>Cover-point</i>	M. Lindsey
<i>Point</i>	C. M. Jones (Vice-Captain)
<i>Slips</i>	N. Huck
<i>Mid-on</i>	M. Owen
<i>Mid-off</i>	A. Smith
<i>Square-leg</i>	F. Adams
<i>Deep</i>	E. Jackson
<i>Mid Wickets</i>	W. Ellison (Captain)
<i>Longstop</i>	K. Jones
<i>Change</i>	D. Crick
<i>Wickets</i>	J. Wells

THIRD XI.

B. Renwick
E. Trower Foyan
N. Carr
D. Kiddell (Captain)
B. Brotherton (Vice-Captain)
B. Bankes
J. Popple
M. Lang
M. Cliffe
R. Fitch
M. Jones

HOUSE CRICKET TEAMS.

	KENNEDY.	POWYS.	WILSON.
<i>Cover-pt.</i>	M. Illsley	R. Skeet (Captain)	C. Hannah
<i>Point</i>	C. M. Jones	C. Gethen	R. Fitch
<i>Slips</i>	N. Huck	S. Cartwright	K. Jones
<i>Mid-on</i>	D. Kiddell	B. Renwick	E. Trower-Foyan
<i>Mid-off</i>	A. Smith	B. Bankes	B. Brotherton
<i>Square-leg</i>	F. Adams	P. Henstock	M. Lindsay
<i>Deep</i>	V. Hewitt (V. Cpt.)	B. Irving	J. Popple
<i>Mid-wkts.</i>	N. Carr	W. Ellison	M. Lang
<i>Long-stop</i>	M. Owen	E. Jackson	B. Stephens (V.Cpt.)
<i>Change</i>	P. Davies (Captain)	D. Crick	M. Longden (Capt.)
<i>Wickets</i>	J. Wells	V. Rowlands (V. Cpt.)	M. Jones

CRICKET CUP MATCHES.

Kennedy	}	Kennedy	Kennedy	}	Kennedy
v. Powys			v. Wilson		
		5 runs			1 run

SCHOOL FIXTURES. SUMMER TERM, 1934.

May	5—Modern School	...	...	Home	Tennis	Won 9—0
"	12—Patons and Baldwins	...	...	Home	Cricket	Scratched
"	19—Parkfield Cedars	...	...	Home	Cricket	Lost 52—19
"	26—St. Ronan's	...	...	Home	Tennis	Won 5—4
June	2—The Grange	...	...	Away	Tennis	Won 7—2
"	9—Old Girls	...	...	Home	Tennis	Won 9—0
"	16—The Convent	...	...	Away	Tennis	Scratched
"	23—SCHOOL SPORTS' DAY.					
"	30—Wirksworth Gr. School	...	...	Home	Tennis	Scratched
"	7—Ashbourne Gr. School	...	...	Home	Tennis	Scratched
"	14—The Grange	...	...	Home	Tennis	Scratched
"	21—St. Ronan's	...	...	Away	Tennis	Scratched

SCHOOL SPORTS' DAY.

SPORTS' DAY was held on Saturday, June 23rd, and we were very pleased to welcome some of the parents for the first time. The Sports' Cup was won again by Powys House. A new feature of this year's Sports was the awarding of the *Victor Ludorum*, which was won by B. Stephens with 20 points.

The results were as follows :—

Powys	...	...	...	57.5
Wilson	...	...	...	55.5
Kennedy	...	...	...	46.5

REPORT OF OLD GIRLS' GUILD.

THE Guild has now an approximate membership of 310. The new members are Marjorie Longden (Sub-Secretary), Ruth Skeet, Dorothy Kiddell, Ruth Roseveare, Ida Robson, Peggy Henstock, Nora Huck, Ann Evans, Jill Popple, Margaret Lang, Mary Carr, Constance Hannah, and Joan Nock.

May I thank all those who responded so nobly to my rather drastic appeal for addresses by return of post? There are still some which have not come in, so I have had printed the old addresses, most of which are probably correct. If there are any errors, would the Old Girls concerned please write and tell me?

The Balance Sheet of the Guild is not yet ready, so it will be printed in the next Magazine.

MARGARET C. HOUGHTON,

Secretary and Treasurer, S.E.O.G.G.

OLD GIRLS' RE-UNION.

AN Old Girls' Re-union was held at St. Elphin's during the week-end September 28th to September 30th, by kind invitation of Miss Hudson.

The following Old Girls' were present :—

Kate Thorp, Loui Chambers, Helen Thatcher, Mary Wright, Diana Stephens, Lorna Clamp, Dorothea Flinn (née Robbs), Katharine Scott, Constance Eling, Marion Prince, Barbara Burnett, Dorothy Fitch (née Shaw), Dorothy Hodges, Gwladis Culmer (née Barnes), Netta Ince, Ruth Skeet, Jean Rhodes, Joan Hughes, Margaret Houghton, Ruth Roseveare, Mary Gamble, Sybil Wells, Mary Morgan (née Taylor), Peggy Allsop, Doris Fletcher (née Butler), Elvira Edington, Ida Robson, Eileen Whittaker, Dorothy Kiddell, Frances Hatfield, Mary Stephenson.

Quite a number arrived on the Friday and spent the evening in School. On Saturday morning, in spite of rain, there was a Hockey Match, Old Girls' v. Present Girls which resulted in a win for the latter.

The match was followed by a Re-union Luncheon at the Whitworth Hotel. After lunch, a Business Meeting was held in the School; a separate account of this follows.

On the Saturday night the School gave an excellent and enjoyable performance of Barrie's *Dear Brutus*; this was followed by dancing for the Seniors and Old Girls. The evening was voted a great success.

Many Old Girls stayed for Sunday, and attended Services in the School Chapel, which were conducted by Mr. Skeet.

The Re-union was thoroughly enjoyed by all present and we are extremely grateful to Miss Hudson for giving us such a good time. The next Re-union at St. Elphin's will be eagerly anticipated by everybody.

MARGARET C. HOUGHTON.

THE BUSINESS MEETING.

This was held in the School on the Saturday afternoon. Miss Hudson presided.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. Arising out of these Minutes the Scholarship Fund was discussed. It was decided to abandon the Fund as it had not been found to be a practical proposition.

It was decided that in future the offices of Secretary and Treasurer should be combined. As Margaret Houghton was the only Old Girl who had consented to be nominated for the post of Secretary of the Old Girls' Guild (in place of Helen Thatcher, the retiring Secretary), she was unanimously elected to be the new Secretary and Treasurer of the Guild.

The list of Rules of the Guild, as arranged in 1923, was revised, and, by the time this report is in print, each member of the Guild should have received a copy of the amended rules.

Mrs. Morgan (née Mary Taylor) was elected a Sub-Secretary in place of Elvira Edington (who had resigned), and Mrs. Flinn (née Dorothea Robbs), who was asked to be Sub-Secretary in place of Mollie Walker (also resigned), did not see her way to accept the office at the Re-union but has since agreed to do so.

It was resolved that in future a Re-union be held in alternate years at the School, and that in the other years one Old Girls' Luncheon be held in London and another in Manchester.

MARGARET C. HOUGHTON,

Secretary and Treasurer, O.G.G.

H. M. THATCHER'S PRESENTATION.

AMOUNT received £10/17/0. The money was spent on an easy chair, a suitcase, and a travelling clock, and these articles were sent to Helen Thatcher together with a list of those who subscribed.

W.M.G., R.M.W.

SCHOLARSHIP FUND AND NEWS OF OLD GIRLS.

Subscriptions in 1932	...	...	...	...	£7	15	6
Subscriptions in 1933	...	...	...	...	0	14	0
Subscriptions in 1934	...	...	...	...	0	17	6
					£9 6 0		

This sum was sent to Elizabeth Rhodes to help towards her training as a Missionary at Selly Oak.

In her acknowledgment, Elizabeth Rhodes writes: "It is awfully nice to feel that I am being helped by a St. Elphin's Fund, as it was while I was there that I first received my inspiration to do Missionary work."

ELLA ASTON (Thorpe) is running a Cafe called "The Singing Kettle" at Lloc, Holywell—between Chester and St. Asaph—in partnership with two friends and would always be glad to see St. Elphinites.

CICELY WRIGHT has bought the Agency of Norman Knight and Co., Ltd., in which is incorporated the Future Career Association. She has changed the name to Cicely C. Wright, Ltd., and transferred the offices to 50, Great Russell Street, London, W.C.1., which is also now her permanent private address. In addition to finding posts for teachers, school matrons and school secretaries, the Agency has an advisory department which recommends schools to parents and guardians, without charge. Full particulars can also be obtained of good Domestic Science and Secretarial Training Schools. Only Schools and places of Training are recommended of which the Agency has first-hand knowledge through careful investigation.

ALIX BERWICK is now Classics Mistress at Queen Margaret's School, Scarborough.

MARJORIE NICOL is now Senior Mistress at The Grammar School, Tavistock.

BARBARA PALMER is now Classics Mistress at Rochester Grammar School for Girls, Kent.

PAT NASH is studying for the diploma of Licentiate of Dental Surgery at the Dental Hospital, Manchester.

NANCY WILLIAMS has passed her 1st M.B., CH.B., in the Medical School at Liverpool University.

PEGGY ALLSOP has passed the examination of the Royal Sanitary Institute for Health Visitors' Certificate, and is now Health Visitor in Worcester.

MARGOT JONES has obtained a 2nd Class Honours in the final Honours School of Modern History at Oxford.

BIRTH.

On July 14th, 1934, at Crossfield Drive, Worsley, to Mr. and Mrs. J. H. RICHARDSON (née Joan Clarke), a son.

HOUSE COMMITTEES.

<i>Kennedy :</i>	<i>Head of House</i> ...	...	P. Davies.
	<i>Vice-Head</i> ...	...	C. Maurice-Jones.
	<i>Appointed Committee</i> ...	...	P. Fletcher.
	<i>Elected Committee</i> ...	...	N. Carr and V. Hewitt.
<i>Powys :</i>	<i>Head of House</i> ...	...	E. Jackson.
	<i>Vice-Head</i> ...	...	V. Rowlands.
	<i>Ex-Officio Members</i> ...	...	J. Taylor and W. Ellison.
	<i>Appointed Committee</i> ...	...	D. Crick.
	<i>Elected Committee</i> ...	...	C. Gethen and B. Irving.
<i>Wilson :</i>	<i>Head of House</i> ...	...	E. Burnett.
	<i>Vice-Head</i> ...	...	M. Lindsey.
	<i>Appointed Committee</i> ...	...	T. Maclaren.
	<i>Elected Committee</i> ...	...	C. Pennell and K. Jones.

SCHOOL PREFECTS.

P. Davies, E. Jackson, E. Burnett, J. Taylor, V. Rowlands, W. Ellison.

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