

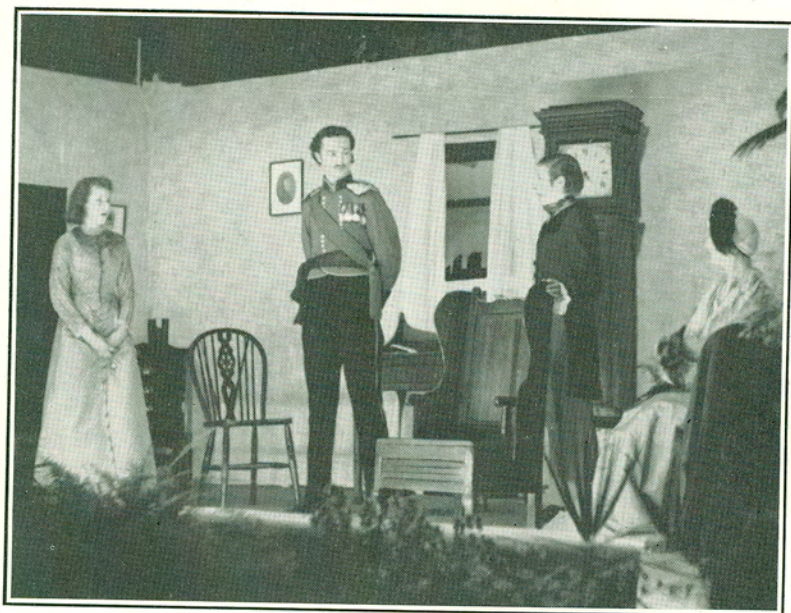
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EDITORIAL.

THE School have a strong inferiority complex about their powers of expressing themselves in prose or verse. Therefore the Magazine Committee is compelled to tell people who wail:

“What’s the use of my doing anything? I can’t write,”

that their efforts of whatever kind, are eminently desirable. In consequence we are snowed under with contributions, few of which are good, and most of which are impossible. We admit that we are in part responsible for these insane scribblings, but we would like to point out that if the School would shake off their defeatism, and really concentrate for half-an-hour, the standard of the Magazine would improve, the School would waste less paper, and we should waste less time in reading worthless efforts.

This year the constitution of the Magazine has been changed, as the Old Girls have claimed a third of it. This means that we can print less than in former years, and that the choice between mediocre contributions becomes more difficult. There must be some talent somewhere in the School. Please bring it to light.

We would like to acknowledge Magazines from:—St. Mary’s and St. Anne’s, Lady Manner’s School, Leeds High School, Chapel Allerton High School, St. Anselm’s.

We would like to acknowledge the accounts of ‘Pride and Prejudice,’ and of ‘Ruddigore’ and to thank Miss Joscelyne for the Lacrosse, Miss Walker for Tennis, Miss Clark for Cricket, and Miss Tadman for the Hockey Reports.

We would like to thank Mrs. Flinn for the Old Girls’ news.

VALETE. (SPRING TERM, 1938).

Miss Ashley, Miss Joscelyne, S. Cartwright, A. Harris, D. Lewis,
M. Maurice-Jones, J. Ramsden, B. Ramsden.

(SUMMER TERM, 1938).

Miss Bullivant, Miss Clark, Miss Dunkerley, Miss Johnson, Miss Just,
Mrs. Walker, S. Allen, J. Bounds, P. Cartwright, P. Cliffe, S. Cooper,
S. Davidson, B. Ellison, M. Goodman, L. Hallam, M. Hand, M. Heath, M. Jones,
J. Kiddell, S. O'Donnell, J. Orme, B. Renwick, F. Rowe, B. Sheldon,
M. Robson, M. Tait, A. Tansley, B. Thorburn, A. Ward, J. Wells.

(AUTUMN TERM, 1938.)

J. Crossley, J. Wood.

SALVETE. (SPRING TERM, 1938).

M. Firth, D. Lewis.

(SUMMER TERM, 1938).

Mrs. Walker, D. Allen, J. Cartmell, M. Crawley, J. Morris, A. Owen,
I. Cresswell, B. Martin, M. Martin, M. Williams.

(AUTUMN TERM, 1938).

Miss Bankes, Miss Cox, Miss Knott, Miss Rees, Miss Swift, Miss Tadman,
C. Adams, E. Clark, F. Collins, M. Corsbie, M. Jones, P. Lawrence, P. Lambert,
J. Martin, M. Martin, M. McCombie, P. Pickering, S. Raven, J. Rowe,
M. Smith, R. Taylor, P. Van den Hurk, M. Williams, K. Marris, A. Bradfield,
J. Bradfield.



The School Chronicle

SCHOOL PREFECTS.

Summer Term, 1938.

Mary Goodman, *Head Girl*.

Frances Adams.

Joan Kiddell.

Stella Allen.

Beryl Renwick.

Mary Jones.

Autumn Term, 1938, and Spring Term, 1939.

Frances Adams, *Head Girl*.

Elizabeth Evans.

Helen Karn.

Helen Gilbert.

Kathleen Wilson.

Mary Jones.

SUMMER TERM, 1938.

May 6—School began.

May 18—Lecture on Palestine by the Rev. J. R. Spittal.

May 24—Lecture on The Nursing Profession, by Miss Hayter.

May 28—Performance of "Pride and Prejudice."

June 5—Play-reading of "The Zeal of Thy House," given by Mr. Bradfield.

June 8—School Confirmation, taken by the Lord Bishop of Derby.

June 10—Miss Hudson took the Lower VIth to Chester for the week-end, where they were the guests of Canon and Mrs. Southam.

June 18—School Sports' Day and Old Girls' Reunion.

June 21—Lecture about the work of the Society of the Sacred Mission at Parson Cross, Sheffield, given by Father Roseveare, who is in charge of the work there.

July 4—Higher School Certificate and School Certificate Examinations.

July 25—Staff performance of "Arms and the Man."

July 26—Speech Day.

July 27—End of term.

AUTUMN TERM, 1938.

- Sept.* 21—School began.
- Oct.* 8—Lecture on Air-raid Precautions by Miss Gill.
- Oct.* 11—Lecture Talk by Brother Douglas, Head of the Order of Saint Francis in England.
- Oct.* 12—Song recital by Peter Upcher.
- Oct.* 31—Most of the Senior School went to Chesterfield Parish Church to hear the Russian Choir sing parts of the Russian liturgy.
- Nov.* 1—Half term.
Staff *v.* School Hockey Match.
Presentation by each form of a scene from Shakespeare.
- Nov.* 6—Father Scott showed the School a new film of the High Mass of Thanksgiving at St. Pancras during the summer, and the opening of the new flats by the Duchess of Gloucester.
- Nov.* 7—Lecture on the Aborigines of India by Mrs. Glossop of the S.P.G.
- Nov.* 19—Father Hume showed the School a film of the Society of the Sacred Mission, Kelham.
- Nov.* 22—Herr Paul Brann brought his Munich Marionette Theatre to the School to present a Nativity play.
- Dec.* 11—Miss Hudson took the VIth form and VA to Staveley to have tea with Father Dibben.
- Dec.* 18—The Carol Service.
- Dec.* 19—The Juniors presented a Nativity play.
Miss Hudson's Party.
- Dec.* 20—End of term.

SPRING TERM, 1939.

- Jan.* 18—Term began.
- Jan.* 30—Lantern lecture on The Oxford Movement given by the Archdeacon of Chesterfield.
- Feb.* 4—Performance of "Ruddigore."
- Feb.* 13—Lantern lecture on English Church Architecture given by Miss Gill.
- Feb.* 15—Lecture-talk given by Sister Barbara of the Oxford Mission to Calcutta.
- Feb.* 16—Half term.
Performance of "Macbeth" by the English Classical Players.



Two Scenes from "Pride and Prejudice."



Two Scenes from "Ruddigore."

VISITORS.

SPRING TERM, 1938.

N. Williams, I. Robson, B. Clapham, D. Stephens, B. Stephens, E. Pitts, N. Henstock, Miss MacMath, J. Robson, J. Gamble, Miss Thorpe, Miss Conrady.

SUMMER TERM, 1938.

Miss MacMath, M. Cliffe, M. Roseveare, R. Roseveare, S. Cartwright, H. Stone, B. Clapham, E. Jackson, Miss M. Johnson, Miss Thorpe, D. Kiddell.

AUTUMN TERM, 1938.

P. Cliffe, M. Hand, M. Goodman, J. Bounds, Miss Conrady, Miss Griffiths, Miss Pope.

SPRING TERM, 1939—M. Goodman, J. Wood.

SPEECH DAY, 1938.

Prize-giving was held in The Whitworth Hall. The Bishop of Derby presented the prizes, with Bishop Tubbs in the Chair.

In her speech, Miss Hudson said that it is the task of education to combat the increasing loss of vitality encouraged by the insinuating agencies of modern life, and that the temptation to think by proxy is increasingly strong.

The Bishop of Derby said that the world changes, but there is one thing that does not change; that is the perpetual struggle between good and evil. Faith in God is needed, if anything is to be made out of life.

Mrs. K. M. Fletcher and Canon Southam proposed the votes of thanks.

After tea in School, there was a programme of Music arranged by Miss Gregson and given by the Choir. After this most of the School went home with their parents, though a few stayed on until the next day.

"PRIDE AND PREJUDICE."

The School is to be congratulated on the excellent performance of Jane Austen's sentimental comedy, which was given in the Summer Term. Visitors who saw the play enjoyed the finished production and the sense of humour shown by the whole company, but members of St. Elphin's were best able to appreciate the clever casting. Lack of space forbids a detailed criticism, but we all enjoyed H. Gilbert as the 'heavy father' with a bark worse than his bite. J. Bounds as the fond mamma, M. Hand as the frivolous Lydia, J. Orme as the dashing Colonel, and L. Hallam as the imperious Lady Catherine de Bourgh. Competent interpretations of the proud and prejudiced were given by M. Chambers, R. Davidson and P. Bell. B. Barrow's 'Mr. Collins,' if a trifle over-drawn, provided a great deal of amusement. The stage management was excellent and the scenery and costumes so good that it was difficult to realise that we were not in a professional theatre.

"ARMS AND THE MAN."

On the last Monday of the Summer Term, the Staff presented "Arms and the Man," with the following cast:—

Raina	...	...	...	...	...	Miss DUNKERLEY
Catherine—her mother	...	...	...	...	...	Miss ROBINSON
Laura—her maid	...	...	...	...	...	Miss BUCKLEY
The Chocolate Cream Soldier	...	...	...	...	...	Miss JOHNSON
Russian Officer	...	...	...	...	...	Miss MORTON
Nicola, the butler	...	...	...	...	...	Miss JOHNS
Major Paul Petkoff, her father	...	...	...	...	...	Miss JUST
Major Sergius Saranoff...	*	...	...	...	...	Miss CLARK

The performance was "the hit of the season"; the transformation of the Staff was complete. We would like to thank them very much for a most enjoyable evening.

"RUDDIGORE."

CAST :

Sir Ruthven Murgatroyd (disguised as Robin Oakapple)	M. JONES
Richard Dauntless	 R. DAVIDSON
Sir Despard Murgatroyd	 L. WELLS
Old Adam	 H. GILBERT
Rose Maybud	 O. MORT
Mad Margaret	 M. CHAMBERS
Dame Hannah	 E. EVANS
Sir Roderic Murgatroyd	 J. CHAMBERLAIN

Those who saw the performance of "Ruddigore" on February 4th, were agreed that this performance excelled all others of its kind which they had seen done by the School. Clearly a great deal of work had been put into the preparation of the opera by Miss Gregson, and all the members of the cast, and they are to be congratulated on an entertainment which gave unceasing delight, from beginning to end.

It is true that disaster threatened the show, owing to the illness of one of the cast, but Miss Cox stepped in and filled the role of Dame Hannah. To her our thanks are especially due.

All the parts were cast with remarkable appropriateness: the dainty, demure little Rose Maybud was in the true Gilbert and Sullivan tradition. The success of the performance owed much to the work of Mary Jones, who by her playing of the difficult part of the lovesick Robin Oakapple, no less

than by her realistic portrayal of the agonies of the Bad Baronet of Ruddigore, did so much to keep alive the interest of the play. The vigorous and nautical foster-brother, Richard, was an effective tonic and brought the salt tang of the sea to our nostrils; the singing and dancing, no less than the acting, of this part were quite one of the most delightful features of the opera.

It was hard to realise that we were still within the walls of St. Elphin's, and not those of a much grimmer establishment, as we watched the antics of poor Mad Margaret. This part was very cleverly acted, as was the scene between Sir Despard, relieved of the curse, and a little-less-mad Margaret.

The ghostly scene in the portrait gallery, where the ancestors stepped out of their frames, was a triumph for the producer and stage manager, the mistress of the wardrobe, the electrician, and last, but not least, for the Ancestors themselves. The latest baronet, Sir Roderic, especially, curdled our blood by his grim devotion to duty.

All this important individual work was ably supported by a most charming chorus of professional Bridesmaids, who sang their songs with great vivacity, and by the dashing Bucks and Blades of the village.

Our thanks and congratulations are due to Miss Gregson and to all who helped her in the preparation of the opera, and to the members of the cast who so ably responded to her training.

MISS HUDSON'S PARTY.

On December 19th, Miss Hudson gave her annual party. First, at 5-30, all the Upper School played paper games in the Rec., while the Juniors had their own games in the new schoolrooms. Then we had an exciting Treasure Hunt all over the school, until 7 p.m., when we went over to Chapel to have a beautiful service, during which each Form President put up a candle before the crib. Supper followed. It was a jolly meal; everyone was in the best of spirits. Miss Hudson and Canon Bradfield presented the prizes for the competitions. To end a very enjoyable party, dancing was held in the Rec., which was attractively decorated for the occasion.

PETER UPCHER'S SONG RECITAL.

On Wednesday, October 12th, Mr. Peter Upcher gave us a most original performance of miscellaneous folk songs of different countries, which he had himself collected on his travels. He brought many effective changes of costume, and his repertoire included unusual English, French, German, Scottish, American, and Polish Yiddish songs. Such songs as the American and Scottish nursery rhymes, "Norah built dat Ark," and "Mouse's Wedding," caused great amusement, and it was most unfortunate that the programme had to be shortened, owing to limited time. Mr. Upcher brought with him an accompanist, Mr. John Hammond, who played two pianoforte solos by Bach.

THE MARIONETTE NATIVITY PLAY.

Once again the age old story was told, but this time in a novel way, when Herr Paul Brann's marionettes performed his own version of the Nativity play to the School on November 22nd. As in the old medieval cycle plays, humour was blended with the beauty of the nativity story: the three long-tailed devils, the burly, red-faced innkeeper, and the three shepherds were an effective foil to the quiet reverence of the scenes between Joseph and Our Lady. The puppets were very beautifully carved and dressed, and were manipulated most skilfully; every little movement was expressive. The singing, both of the soloists and of the choir was excellent. We hope that the Convent, St. Ronan's, Stancliffe, and the many parents who came to the performances, enjoyed it as much as we did.

CHESTER WEEKEND.

Canon and Mrs. Southam and Miss Hudson drove VIB over to Chester on June 10th. We were distributed among various hospitable houses in Chester. Bishop and Mrs. Tubbs', Canon and Mrs. Newbolt's, Canon and Mrs. Sinclair's, and the Bishop's Messengers'.

On Saturday morning we explored Chester, and Canon Southam showed us over the Cathedral.

In the afternoon Mrs. Southam arranged a river trip, and we picnicked near Eaton Hall.

On Sunday, after Holy Communion in the Cathedral, we spent the morning in further sightseeing, and in the afternoon we had tea in Canon and Mrs. Southam's caravan, and returned to Chester in time for Evensong.

We were driven back on Monday, after a very enjoyable weekend, and we should like to thank very much indeed Canon and Mrs. Southam, and everyone else who gave us their hospitality.

STAVELEY.

On Sunday, December 11th, Miss Hudson took the VIth form and VA over to Staveley to have tea with Father Dibben. After tea we were taken round his lovely Jacobean house and shown where the ghost, known as 'The Green Lady,' walks. We went to Evensong in the Parish Church, round which we were taken before the service began. We should like to thank Miss Hudson and Father Dibben very much indeed,

Chapel Chronicle

OFFICIATING CLERGY (SUMMER TERM, 1938).

May 8—Rev. J. R. SPITTAL.
 Rev. J. KNIGHT.
 May 15—Rev. CANON R. SINCLAIR.
 May 22—Rev. CANON SOUTHAM.
 May 26—(Ascension Day). Rev. J. R. SPITTAL.
 May 29—Rev. N. SCOTT.
 June 5—Rev. H. W. BRADFIELD.
 June 12—Rev. CANON SOUTHAM.
 June 19—Rev. P. HUME.
 June 26—Rev. CANON SOUTHAM.
 July 3—Rev. CANON SOUTHAM.
 July 10—Rev. CANON SOUTHAM.
 July 17—Rev. H. DIBBEN.

(AUTUMN TERM, 1938).

Sept. 25—Rev. H. DIBBEN.
 Sept. 29—Rev. J. P. NEWELL.
 Oct. 9—Rev. J. FIELDER.
 Oct. 16—Rev. J. R. SPITTAL.
 Oct. 23—Rev. J. FIELDER.
 Rev. H. DIBBEN.
 Oct. 30—Rev. H. DIBBEN.
 Nov. 2—(All Souls' Day). Rev. H. DIBBEN.
 Nov. 6—Rev. N. SCOTT.
 Nov. 13—Rev. R. CARRICK.
 Rev. H. DIBBEN.
 Nov. 20—Rev. P. HUME.
 Nov. 27—Rev. H. DIBBEN.
 Dec. 11—Rev. R. CARRICK.
 Dec. 18—Rev. CANON H. W. BRADFIELD.

(SPRING TERM, 1939).

Jan. 22—Rev. H. DIBBEN.
 Jan. 29—Rev. J. FIELDER.
 Feb. 5—Rev. J. FIELDER.
 Feb. 12—Rev. H. DIBBEN.

SCHOOL CONFIRMATION.

Confirmation was held in the School Chapel on June 8th. The Right Reverend The Lord Bishop of Derby administered the Sacrament.

CANDIDATES FOR CONFIRMATION.

Mary Kathleen Astin, Elizabeth Lock Kingdom, Jean Anne Hughes, Helen Mary Dean, Jill Annette Shaw, Felicity Forster, Fay Heny, Nora Sidney Lindsey, Meryl Chambers, Mary Rosalind Havelock Davidson, Joan Rodham White, Betty Currie, Jean Eleanor Pearson, Pamela Doreen Bordass Bell, Dinah Patricia Roe, Constance Mary Maddison, Gillian Mordaunt Burrows, Lucy Tyson, Joyce Palmer Sargent, Margaret Laurina Gwentlian Aubrey-Cound, Helen Spencer Sargeant, Sheila Mary Lambert, Hilda Ozenbrook, Florence Robinson.

GIFTS TO THE SCHOOL.

Mr. Knight, of Wellingborough, has made a silver lavabo dish and wafer box for the Credence Table in the Chapel.

The Sisters of Bethany, at their School of Embroidery in Lloyd Square, London, have made a new green altar frontal which has been made to the design of Mr. Comper. It is of green silk damask, with blue and gold orphreys.

Miss Hudson bought, while in Florence this Autumn, a terra-cotta Relief of the Christ Child, by Andrea Della Robbia. It is a copy not of the well-known Reliefs in Florence, but of a little-known work by the same sculptor at Arezzo. It is adorned with a corona of fruits, and has been hung in the corridor on the first floor of the School.



XAMINATION RESULTS

JOINT MATRICULATION BOARD.

HIGHER SCHOOL CERTIFICATE EXAMINATION.

Full Certificate.

Stella Allen. French very good. English good. Latin and History.
Patricia Cliffe. Botany good. History and English.
Joan Kiddell. Latin, Pure and Applied Mathematics, Chemistry, Music.
Beryl Renwick. English and History good. French.

Letters of Success.

Frances Adams. English, French, German, History.
Sheila Davidson. English, French.
Helen Gilbert. Latin, English, French.
Mabel Hand. English, French, German.
Mary Jones. French, Pure Mathematics, Botany.
Helen Karn. Latin, English, French.
Sheila O'Donnell. English.

SCHOOL CERTIFICATE EXAMINATION.

Joan Brix. *Credit* in Scripture, Geography, Botany, Art.
Pauline Cartwright. *Credit* in Scripture, English Language and Literature,
Geography, Botany, Art, Domestic Subjects.

Sheila Cooper. *Credit* in Scripture, English Literature, Geography, German.

Elizabeth Ellis. *Credit* in Scripture, English Literature.

Elizabeth Evans. *Credit* in Geography.

Marie Jones. *Distinction* in English Literature. *Credit* in English Language, Scripture, History, French, Latin.

Jillian Orme. *Distinction* in Scripture. *Credit* in English Literature, Geography, Botany, Art.

Barbara Thorburn. *Credit* in Scripture, English Language and Literature, German, French, Botany, Art.

Kathleen Wilson. *Credit* in English Language, Scripture, French, Latin.

ASSOCIATED BOARD ROYAL SCHOOLS OF MUSIC, 1938.

Final Grade. M. Chambers, Pass with Credit. M. Goodman, Pass.

Intermediate.—O. Mort, Pass. M. Coveney, Pass.

Higher.—J. Donaldson, Pass. M. Ashe, Pass.

Transitional.—J. Storm, Pass.

Primary.—M. Yates, Pass with Credit. E. McCarthy, Pass with Credit.
R. Mitchell, Pass.

Rudiments of Music, Grade IV.—D. Edwards. M. Coveney.



House Chronicles

KENNEDY HOUSE REPORT.

Since the last publication of the Magazine there has been a great change in the House. At the end of the Summer Term we lost many valuable members. Joan Kiddell, who has been Head of House for the last two years, left to read for an Honours degree at Manchester University, and I am sure we should all like to wish her the very best of luck in her future career.

Three committee members also left :—Mary Goodman, Stella Allen, and Patricia Cliffe—as well as Leslie Hallam, Jillian Orme, Joan Bounds, Mary Heath, Anne Ward and Marjorie Tait.

In order to make up for the number of people who had left us, fourteen new members came into the House at the beginning of the Autumn Term :—J. Allison, Joan Bradfield, Alyson Bradfield, Elizabeth Clark, Margaret Cadge, Muriel Jones, Pamela Lawrence, Pamela Lambert, Katherine Morris, Sara Raven, Muriel Smith, Rosemary Taylor, Phyllis Van den Hurk, and Jean Wallis ; I hope they will be very happy in the House. Mary Williams entered the House at the beginning of the Summer, and Jean Wood left at the end of last term.

There were less Examination successes than usual last year, but congratulations go to Patricia Cliffe for gaining Full Higher School Certificate ; to Helen Karn for Letters of Success ; and to Joan Brix and Elizabeth Ellis for School Certificate.

At the end of the Summer Term we obtained both the Order and Dormitory Order Shields, but were a long way behind Wilson in the Work.

The honour of winning the Lacrosse Cup for the first time since 1923 came to us in the Spring, and Margaret Clarke, Elizabeth Ellis and Mary Goodman were awarded Colours, but unfortunately both the Badminton and Dancing Cups were lost to Powys.

We hardly dare mention that all of the four cups, which are awarded in the Summer Term were lost by Kennedy ; but Tennis Colours were awarded to Mary Goodman, Jean Wood, Margaret Clarke and Jane Wells ; and Cricket Colours to Jean Wood and Elizabeth Ellis.

Last term because of the weather, we were only able to play one Hockey Cup match, which was against Wilson, and we won. Colours were awarded to Elizabeth Ellis, Luana Wells and Ailsa Moore for the Season's play.

A great deal of energy was put into Dancing practices, but unfortunately the Cup was lost to Powys. Colours went to Betty Bradbury, Luana Wells

and Joyce Sargent, and Badminton Colours to Frances Adams and Betty Bradbury. We carried off the Badminton Cup.

This is the first time Badminton and Dancing Colours have been awarded, and Swimming and Gymnastic Colours are also going to be introduced.

We should especially like to congratulate Jill Shaw upon obtaining the new Work Badge with a total of 250 points for the term.

Try hard Kennedy to get all three Shields this year and a few more Cups.

Good luck for the rest of the year.

FRANCES ADAMS.

COMMITTEE.

Head of House—F. Adams.

Appointed Member—P. Clarke.

Vice-Head—H. Karn.

Elected Members—E. Ellis, B. Barrow.

POWYS HOUSE REPORT.

We were very sorry to have to say good-bye to Stella Cartwright at the end of the Spring Term. Her place was taken for the Summer Term by Beryl Renwick who had previously been Head of the House for two years. We would like to wish them every success in the future.

We were also sorry to lose :—Mabel Hand, Marie Jones, Sheila Davidson, Pauline Cartwright, Sheila Cooper, Barbara Ellison and Jean Crossley, but were glad to welcome ten newcomers into Powys :—Francine Collins, Ida Cresswell, Alison Mackonochie, Joan Martin, Monica Martin, Joy Morris, Anthea Owen, Daphne Owen, Sheila Wildgoose, and Mavis Yates.

The following people deserve hearty congratulations on their examination successes :—Beryl Renwick, Mabel Hand, Marie Jones, Sheila Davidson, Pauline Cartwright, Elizabeth Evans and Sheila Cooper.

We were not very successful in the Spring Term, but in the Summer Term we won the Sports and Swimming Cups. Rosalind Davidson was the *Victor Ludorum* for the second time. In the Autumn we were defeated both in Dancing and Badminton, but we won the only Hockey match we played. We won the Dormitory Order Shield for the term. Keep it up Powys and win it for the year !

This term we are determined to do our best both in school and on the games field.

I want to take the opportunity of wishing Powys the very best of luck for the future. I feel very confident in handing over the captaincy to Elizabeth Evans, and know that she will do everything to maintain Powys' prestige.

K. WILSON.

We are all very sorry to say good-bye to Kathleen at the end of this term. I should like to take this opportunity of thanking her for all she has done for Powys and of wishing her the best of luck for the future.

E. EVANS.

COMMITTEE.

Head of House—K. WILSON.

Appointed Member—J. Chamberlain.

Vice-Head—E. Evans.

Elected Members—M. Dallimore.

R. Davidson.

WILSON HOUSE REPORT.

Last Spring Term, owing to infection, there was no Gym. competition, but the House still had plenty to work for. After a great deal of hard practising we won the Singing Cup. We were not quite so successful in the Badminton and Lacrosse. I should like to congratulate the Lacrosse team on the excellent combination, and Barbara Thorburn, Jean Pearson and Phoebe White on gaining their colours.

In the Summer we managed to win two cups, the Tennis and the Cricket. Meryl Chambers and Jean Pearson were awarded their Tennis and Cricket Colours and Betty Sheldon Tennis Colours.

At the end of the year we won the Work Shield. The Order and Dormitory Order were very bad throughout the year, but have now improved considerably. At the end of the Autumn Term we were top in both Work and Order.

In the Autumn we won the Dancing Cup. Meryl Chambers and Olga Mort were awarded Dancing Colours. Jean Pearson and Mary Jones were awarded Badminton Colours.

We should like to congratulate Helen Gilbert and Sheila O'Donnell on gaining Subsidiary, and Barbara Thorburn on her School Certificate; also Meryl Chambers on achieving an Honourable Mention in Final Grade of the Associated Board Royal Schools of Music.

In the course of the year we have been pleased to welcome five new girls:—Mary Firth, Pamela Pickering, Jean Rowe, Christine Adams and Dorothy Lewis.

We were sorry to lose Marion Robson, Barbara Thorburn, Sheila O'Donnell, Frances Rowe, Audrey Tansley, Betty Sheldon, Joan and Betty Ramsden and Dorothy Lewis. We wish them all the best of luck for the future.

I should like to take this opportunity of withing all Wilsonites the best of luck for 1939.

MARY JONES.

COMMITTEE.

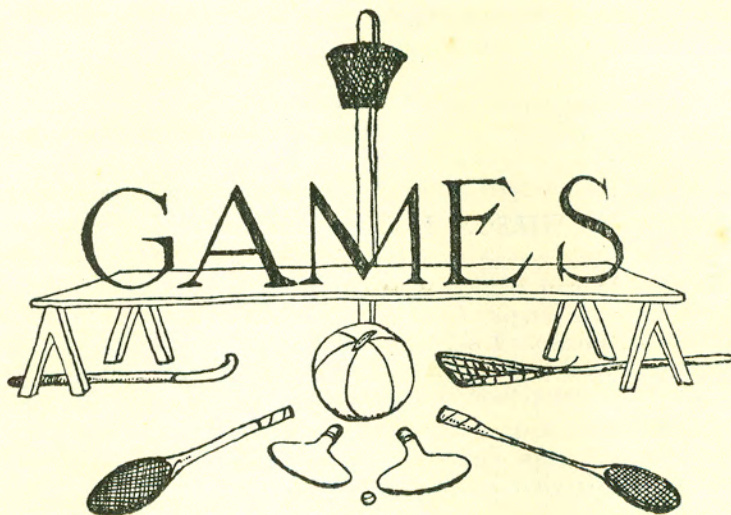
Head of House—M. Jones.

Appointed Member—M. Chambers.

Vice-Head—H. Gilbert.

Elected Members—D. Edwards,

O. Mort.



LACROSSE, 1938.

At last we seem to have done something in the Lacrosse season. For two years we have been hampered by bad weather and a poorly drained field; but during this Spring Term we have had admirable weather, and owing to a rearrangement of the time-table on two afternoons a week (we are very grateful to the Staff who were inconvenienced by this), we have had an exceptional amount of Lacrosse practice.

Our first match was rather an eye-opener. We lost to Levenshulme High School 14—3, and discovered that we could not throw, catch, dodge or shoot. Everyone improved enormously during the last month or so, a few changes were made in the team, and by the time we played Leicester Ladies the team was definitely good. This was anybody's game, but we finally lost by 9 goals to 10.

Owing to epidemics we were unable to play all our matches, but the season ended with some really good House matches, which, at times, were not so frenzied and rough as House matches are sometimes inclined to be. Powys and Kennedy were equal in matches and goals, so that we had to have a replay—which Kennedy finally won.

P. M. JOSCELYNE.

1ST XII CRITICISM.

M. ROBSON. Rather erratic at stopping balls, but has an excellent clearing pass.

P. CLARKE. Has improved greatly during the term. Intercepting very good indeed.

M. HAND. Is inclined to get rather frenzied when checking, but can throw and mark well.

M. JONES. Has played consistently well. An energetic and reliable defence player who fully deserves her Colours.

A. HARRIS. Annette dodges and throws well, but is inclined to hold the ball too long before passing.

S. CARTWRIGHT. Stella plays with determination. She marks well, but is unable to vary her passes.

S. DAVIDSON. Although Sheila has not played in any school matches, the committee felt that her play towards the end of term was definitely at 1st XII standard. Catching and passing good.

B. THORBURN. A quick player with a very accurate catch.

P. CLIFFE. Cradling and dodging very good indeed. Combines well when playing centre.

F. ADAMS. A steady player with a powerful shot. Plays well with the other homes and fully deserves her Colours.

B. RENWICK. Beryl dodges and catches very well, but her shooting should be more accurate.

J. PEARSON. A useful member of the team as she can adapt herself to a variety of places in the field. Stickwork good.

2ND XII.

B. Barrow.
H. Gilbert.
P. Cartwright }
E. Evans.
R. Davidson.
Jane Wells.
E. Ellis.
P. White.
J. Harris.
M. Astin.
M. M.-Jones.
M. Chambers.
M. Goodman.

3RD XII.

A. Tansley.
C. Maddison.
P. Cartwright }
E. Evans
G. Holland.
K. Wilson.
F. Rowe.
O. Mort.
J. Wood.
G. Eames.
L. Tyson.
B. Currie.
M. Ward.

HOUSE TEAMS.

KENNEDY.

B. Barrow.
G. Holland.
P. Clarke.
M. Astin.
E. Ellis.
*J. Wood.
P. Cliffe.
Jane Wells.
G. Eames.
F. Adams (Capt.).
M. M.-Jones.
M. Goodman.

POWYS.

S. Cooper.
M. Hand.
E. Evans.
R. Davidson.
K. Wilson.
S. Cartwright.
S. Davidson.
P. Cartwright.
A. Harris (Capt.).
*J. Harris.
B. Renwick.
M. Dallimore.

WILSON.

M. Robson.
C. Maddison.
H. Gilbert.
M. Jones (Capt.)
E. Edwards.
F. Rowe.
P. White.
B. Thorburn.
L. Tyson.
J. Pearson.
O. Mort.
M. Chambers.

* L. Wells played one match. * B. Currie played one match.

LACROSSE FIXTURES.

Jan. 29—Levenshulme High School	...	...	Away	Lost 14—3
Feb. 12—Old Girls	...	...	Home	Won
Feb. 26—Leicester Ladies' Lacrosse Club	...	...	Home	Lost 9—10
Mar. 12—Duffield Ladies' Lacrosse Club	...	...	Away	Scratched.
Mar. 26—2nd XII v. Notre Dame Convent	...	...	Home	Scratched.

CRICKET REPORT.

Cricket once again suffered through lack of coaching. The 1st XI had only one match, but played together quite well as a team. Since it is not possible to have many fixtures the interest must lie chiefly in the House matches. There is some promising material in the junior forms, and if this is encouraged, there will be very useful players in House and School teams.

CRITICISM OF THE 1ST XI.

M. ROBSON (Captain). A painstaking captain. She bowled steadily, but her batting was reckless at times.

F. ADAMS. A very steady and useful all-round player.

M. JONES. A steady and useful player.

J. WELLS. A stylish bat, an accurate bowler, and a very quick and neat field.

M. HAND. An altogether satisfactory player. Her batting was stylish, but weak in execution.

H. GILBERT. A steady field: batting rather stiff.

J. PEARSON. Bowling and batting good: excellent in the field.

R. DAVIDSON. Batting technique improved steadily: excellent in the field.

B. RENWICK. Batting rather stiff: slow in the field.

M. CHAMBERS. Batting very stylish but needs strengthening.

HOUSE CRICKET XI's.

WILSON.	KENNEDY.	POWYS.
J. Pearson.	J. Wells (Capt.).	M. Hand (Capt.).
M. Chambers.	F. Adams (Vice-Capt.).	B. Renwick.
M. Robson (Vice-Capt.).	E. Ellis.	R. Davidson (Vice-Capt.)
M. Jones.	M. Goodman.	S. Cooper.
H. Gilbert (Capt.)	J. Wood.	S. Davidson.
O. Mort.	S. Allen.	E. Evans.
P. Bell.	L. Wells.	M. Dallimore.
S. O'Donnell.	M. Clarke.	J. Harris.
L. Tyson.	G. Holland.	J. Lloyd.
D. Edwards.	G. Eames.	D. Lloyd.
S. Lindsey.	M. Astin.	K. Kershaw.

Wilson won the Cup.

TENNIS.

The first six have shown great keenness and have won all their matches this season. The second six have attained a good standard of play, but unfortunately their two matches were cancelled owing to bad weather. The Juniors played well in two junior matches v. The Grange, Buxton, and the Convent.

Wilson won the House Tennis Cup.

TEAM CRITICISM.

M. ROBSON. Attained a good standard of play. Very steady. Awarded Colours.

M. R. JONES. A good steady player. Her service improved towards the end of the term.

F. ADAMS (Captain). A good all round player, but must get more strength behind all her shots.

B. RENWICK. Steady and reliable, but must hit harder and place with better judgment.

S. COOPER. A very promising player with a good strong drive.

B. SHELDON. A fast service and a good drive. Should improve considerably with more practice.

GENERAL CRITICISM. The whole team should hit harder and be more courageous both in net play and running up to the net. They might place to better advantage, and the backhand drive needs practice.

SCHOOL 2ND VI.

1st Couple—M. Goodman.
M. Clarke.

2nd Couple—F. Rowe.
J. Wells.

3rd Couple—J. Wood.
B. Barrow.

JUNIOR TEAM.

A. Ward.
L. Tyson.

D. Lloyd
J. Harris.

D. Ward.
S. Lindsey.

HOUSE TENNIS TEAMS.

WILSON.
1st Couple—M. Robson.
M. R. Jones.

2nd Couple—F. Rowe.
B. Sheldon.

3rd Couple—J. Pearson.
M. Chambers.

POWYS.
B. Renwick.
S. Cooper.

K. Wilson.
S. Davidson.

B. Currie.
M. Dallimore.

KENNEDY.
F. Adams.
M. Clarke.
J. Wells.
M. Goodman.
J. Wood.
B. Barrow.

TENNIS AND CRICKET FIXTURES

1st v. Worksworth	...	...	...	Home (Tennis)	Won
1st v. Chesterfield	...	...	...	Away (Tennis)	Scratched
2nd v. Chesterfield 2nd	...	...	...	Home (Tennis)	Scratched
2nd v. Fathers	...	...	...	Home (Cricket)	Scratched
1st v. Clay Cross	...	...	...	Away (Tennis)	Won
1st v. St. Anselm	...	...	...	Away (Cricket)	Lost
Junior Tennis v. The Grange 1st	...	...	...	Away	Lost
2nd v. The Grange 1st	...	...	...	Home	Scratched
1st v. St. Ronan's 1st	...	...	...	Away	Scratched
1st v. Convent 1st	...	...	...	Away	Won
Junior Team v. Convent Junior	...	...	...	Away	Won

SPORTS' DAY.

Sports' Day was held on June 18th, and a large number of parents, and about twenty Old Girls were present. Powys won the Cup, and Rosalind Davidson was *Victor Ludorum*. The Fathers' Cricket match, which was to have been played after tea, had to be cancelled owing to the rain.

HOCKEY.

FIXTURES. 1st XI.

Oct. 8—Wirksworth Grammar School	...	...	Home	Won 3—2
Oct. 15—St. Ronan's	...	...	Home	Draw 1—1
Oct. 22—Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School, Ashbourne	...	...	Home	Won 3—1
Oct. 29—Ernest Bailey Secondary School	...	...	Home	Won 8—0
Nov. 5—Eliminating Trials, Chesterfield				
Nov. 19—Old Girls	...	...	Home	Won 5—2
Nov. 26—St. Ronan's	...	...	Away	Lost 2—5
Dec. 3—Burton High School	...	...	Away	Lost 1—5
Dec. 10—Chesterfield High School	...	...	...	Scratched

2nd XI FIXTURES.

Oct. 22—The Grange, Buxton	...	...	Away	Won 4—2
Dec. 10—Chesterfield High School	...	...	...	Scratched

The 1st XI are to be congratulated on a very successful Hockey season. Out of eight matches, four matches were won, one drawn, and two lost. The last match of the season had to be scratched.

The team played well, showing keenness and enthusiasm.

We shall be very sorry to lose both our Captain and Vice-Captain, who have been very helpful members of the team, and also several other valuable members. We hope that they will be able to carry on with their hockey, and return again to play against us as Old Girls.

The 1st XI played at Chesterfield in the Junior County Eliminating Trials. Three members of the team were selected for the Final Trials which were held at Derby, M. Jones being chosen as a reserve for the Junior County Team.

The 2nd XI are to be congratulated on winning their only match of the season. They have played well against the 1st XI and maintained a good standard through the season.

Unfortunately, owing to bad weather, only two out of the three House matches were played. The results were:—Powys 1 goal; Kennedy, 1 goal.

CRITICISM OF THE 1st XI.

L. WELLS (Goal). Good. Has done well during her first season as 1st XI goal. Is reliable and thoughtful.

H. GILBERT (Right Back). Steady player, marking and tackling good.

E. EVANS (Left Back). Played steadily more at the beginning of the season than the end. Tackling good but passing too slow.

J. PEARSON (Right Half). Marking and tackling good. Passing inaccurate, but showed improvement towards the end of the season.

F. ADAMS (*Capt.*). (Centre Half). A helpful and reliable captain. Has maintained an excellent standard throughout the season.

J. WOOD (Left Half). A useful member of the team. Steady and thoughtful player, making good use of her speed.

R. DAVIDSON (Right Wing). Steady improvement throughout the season resulting in really good play with excellent centre passes.

L. TYSON (Right Inner). Combines well with accurate passing. Shooting weak, but a keen player who should do well next season.

M. CHAMBERS (Centre Forward). More control needed. Passing rather inaccurate but shooting can be good.

M. JONES (Left Inner). A reliable member of the team. Played very well throughout the season.

E. ELLIS (Left Wing). A keen player but stickwork needs practise. Play not consistent enough.

2nd XI.		3rd XI.
<i>Goal ...</i>	A. Moore.	B. Currie.
<i>R. Back ...</i>	M. Clarke (Capt.)	J. Brix.
<i>L. Back ...</i>	J. Lloyd.	S. Moser.
<i>R. Half ...</i>	J. Hughes.	J. Chamberlain (Capt.).
<i>C. Half ...</i>	K. Wilson (Vice-Capt.).	D. Edwards (Vice-Capt.).
<i>L. Half ...</i>	J. Martin	H. Karn.
<i>R. Wing ...</i>	B. Bradbury.	M. Crawley.
<i>R. Inner ...</i>	O. Mort.	G. Holland.
<i>C. Forward ...</i>	M. Astin.	M. Ward.
<i>L. Inner ...</i>	M. Dallimore.	G. Eames.
<i>L. Wing ...</i>	J. Harris.	C. Maddison.

HOUSE HOCKEY TEAMS.

WILSON.		POWYS.	KENNEDY.
<i>Goal ...</i>	J. Pearson.	B. Currie.	L. Wells.
<i>R. Back ...</i>	H. Gilbert (V.-Capt.)	J. Lloyd.	M. Clarke.
<i>L. Back ...</i>	S. Moser.	E. Evans.	J. Brix.
<i>R. Half ...</i>	J. Hughes.	J. Chamberlain.	A. Moore.
<i>C. Half ...</i>	M. Jones (Capt.)	K. Wilson (Capt.).	F. Adams (Capt.).
<i>L. Half ...</i>	D. Edwards.	J. Martin.	J. Wood (V.-Capt.).
<i>R. Wing ...</i>	M. Crawley.	R. Davidson (V.-Capt.).	B. Bradbury.
<i>R. Inner ...</i>	L. Tyson.	D. Lloyd.	G. Holland.
<i>C. Forward ...</i>	M. Chambers.	M. Ward.	M. Astin.
<i>L. Inner ...</i>	O. Mort.	M. Dallimore.	G. Eames.
<i>L. Wing ...</i>	C. Adams.	J. Harris.	E. Ellis.

C. Adams unable to play. Substitute C. Maddison.



ORIGINAL CONTRIBUTIONS

THE STAIRS.

Slowly I climbed the creepy stair,
 Something creaked : Who's there ? Who's there ? "
 " What did you say ? " Daddy shouts from below.
 " I was only singing." Daddy said, " Oh—
 Well, goodnight little one, remember your prayers."
 " Good-night, Daddy." I continued upstairs.

I ran up the last few steps of the stair.
 Then I pretended that I didn't care—
 That I wasn't frightened of seeing a thief,
 Or a man with a gun. Ah, what a relief.
 I've switched on the light, and there's nobody there,
 I hate going up that creepy dark stair.

J. PEARSON, VA.

FLU.

The days in bed, the days in bed
 When burning forehead raved and raged,
 When grew the ache of throbbing head,
 When fever rose and limbs felt aged.
 Eternal dullness grips me still,
 Nor want I food to gild the pill.

Place me in room, secluded gloom,
 Where nothing save the 'Flu and I
 May see my snuffling, streaming rheum.
 There, wretched, let me wipe my eye.
 A life of peace shall ne'er be mine
 Oh, bring you glass of medicine.

THE STORMY NIGHT.

It's a dark night,
 Rain a-pouring,
 It's a wild night
 Wind a'roaring.
 Rain like pattering footsteps running,
 Swiftly, quietly, drenching, stunning.
 The fierce wild gale,
 While shadows prowl,
 Will sometimes wail
 And sometimes howl.
 Oh, you wild night,
 Oh, you rough night.
 Oh, you cruel night,
 Bitter, cold night
 You're so noisy ;
 I'm so frightened.
 Oh, for daylight
 The world brightened!

H. A. REEVES, IIIb.

CROC-WALKS.

One fine and frosty afternoon
 For croc. walks we did go.
 The progress—to quote someone else—
 Was sure, but *very* slow.

The leaders ambled side by side
 And talked about the weather.
 At the rate we went I thought that we
 Would be walking in twos forever.

It was a fine and frosty day,
 (I said that once before),
 When we reached the gate of St. Elphin's School,
 Vowing never to leave it more.

We limped in at the nearest door,
 And the staff was heard to say :
 " That really *was* a lovely walk
 You must lead again someday."

J. CARTMELL, Vb.

THE LITTLE DANCERS.

It is a cold, dreary day in a narrow, dirty street down which traffic hardly ever comes, because it is in the heart of the slums. Clouds of smoke hang over it like some dirty blanket. At the doors stand women talking with each other and holding smeary-faced babies in their arms. Now down the road comes a small boy on a home-made scooter, with something extraordinary like saucepan lids for wheels. He is very ragged, like all the other children; his dress is an old red pullover, with one elbow showing his grimy arm, and a pair of much darned and patched trousers. Everywhere there is rubbish—bits of newspaper and orange-peel and old pieces of wood. The houses on either side look dismal and dark: their net curtains are in urgent need of a wash. An old woman comes down the road, hugging her scarf which goes closely over her head and shoulders. Her face, with its hollow cheeks and deep lines, spells poverty.

But the dusk falls, and people begin to go in to their houses. Lights appear, one by one, and slowly the street becomes less dismal. Suddenly, as dusk thickens into night, there come from an alley the strains of a barrel organ. The owner, a dark old man, probably an Italian, pushes it into the street, to where the rays of light from a tavern window flood the pavement. From out of one of the houses run two bright-eyed little girls. They begin to dance, their shabby shoes treading the pavement as lightly as spirits. From behind a cloud comes the pale moon and smiles gently upon the pretty scene: the two ragged children, holding their faded dresses, and dancing to the merry organ tune. The children are grave and sedate, though, for they are in the land of "Let's Pretend."

J. REYNOLDS, Lower IV.

THE WIND.

"Wind, wind,
Glorious wind,
Where are you going to-day?"
"To the rusty moors, with the heather and gorse,
And fleet sun shadows to play."

"Wind, wind,
Frolicsome wind
What will you do at night?"
"At night I will sleep where merry stars peep
Thro' the velvet folds of the sky.
And there I will stay, till the break of day
And the birds' merry songs call me once more to play."

M. MARTIN. IIIA.

P.C.

The bell has rung. The School has gone to bed,
 Yet through the empty rooms a figure stalks,
 irate, bowed down with clothing, fruit, and books
 And other mess the untidy scholar leaves
 To go to forfeits, rightly confiscated.
 In this old cupboard lies a noble hoard,
 Result of duty by the Prefects done,
 Oddments and rubbish left to rot in the term
 Till with the last day comes a final clearance.
 Thus every night the Prefect creeps about,
 Loathing the wretched fate that makes her round
 Full fifteen minutes, not the normal ten
 That it should take to do. And 'tis the fault
 Of those who leave their clothing draped about,
 Oblivious quite of all that it entails
 In order-marks and punishments galore.
 And so the prefect, wakeful still so late,
 Wearily pours an endless stream within
 The cupboard, very needlessly too full,
 If only School would tidy up at night!

H. GILBERT, VIA.

SNOWFLAKES.

Slowly, softly, ever falling
 Silencing all sounds on earth ;
 Nature in a white robe palling
 All her children ; giving birth
 To countless snowflakes, gently falling
 To be marred by filth on earth.

A sudden breeze—They all go whirling,
 Racing restless through the trees,
 Ceaseless, tireless, carefree, twirling
 O'er the screes.

Then a lull, and they are sinking
 All unhurried to the ground,
 Mystic'ly their touch is linking
 Autumn unto Winter. Sound
 Is deadened as they, sadly sinking,
 Whitely shroud the sleeping ground.

J. SHAW, VA.

THE THIRTY YEARS' WAR.

(From the year 1618 to 1648 Central Europe was in a state of chaos. Ferdinand, Holy Roman Emperor, was determined to crush out all Protestantism in Germany. One of his successfully cruel generals—Tilly—besieged the Protestant town of Magdeburg, and, on breaking in, massacred 30,000 people. No ardent Protestant could stand by inactive, whilst this went on. Gustavus Adolphus was no exception).

The peaceful land of cows and gentle hills,
Of rustic folk and their self-centred lives,
Of small-talk and the gossip of old wives,
Whilst husbands tend the fields against all ills,
Was shaken and disturbed from this, her sleep.
The able men their oaken chests unnailed ;
The old stood by, their faces strangely paled ;
All Sweden's women drew aside to weep,
As, one by one, old guns and rusty swords
Where scrubbed and polished, after much advice,
And worn by all the sensible and wise.
At first with whispers, then, with trembling words
War was rumoured over hill and dale,
Through mountain, windy moor and shady vale.

These men soon bade farewells, and from their shore
Sailed o'er the Baltic's rough and angry foam.
What cared they, if the seas they were to roam
Would wash them to this new-found evil, War ?
They were keen to hear the clash of steel on steel,
The stumbling hooves of horses well-nigh spent.
What matter if they knew not where they went ?
Their king had brought them here by his appeal ;
They came, then, willingly, for in his voice
They heard a spur strike hard at all their hearts
And Austria's Archduke, with his cunning arts,
Roused in them lust for war ; they had no choice.
They knew the Protestant religion was at stake,
And that alone made them their firearms take.

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Years passed : men fell, in agony to die.
Crimson were all the stagnant pools of mud.
At last the King, hewn down, lay on the grass.
And, questioned who he was, as life did pass,
" King of Sweden, I," his proud reply,
" And faith of Protestants seal with my blood."
His noble face shone with a triumph grave.
Christ's soldier ! Like his Master, glad and brave,
He died ; each soldier, now in League with Hell,
Fought grimly on, and killed, till he too, fell.

R. BISSET-SMITH, VB.

CAMELIA THE CAMEL.

Camelia was a camel small,
Of very slight renown ;
She'd always lived a quiet life
And never been to town.

In those days, as of course you know,
A camel did not own
A lump or hump upon his back ;
She just had skin and bone.

One day she bumped into a wall,
And made a little lump
Upon her back, which hurt and hurt,
Then grew into a hump.

She dared not tell her mother, lest
She'd put on iodine,
The lump it grew and grew till 'twas
The biggest ever seen.

All day and night the lump it grew,
It was a sorry sight.
At last she told her mother dear
Of this, her dreadful plight.

Too late she came to her mamma,
Ma could not heal the lump ;
And so Camelia was the first
To have a camel's hump.

M. CRAWLEY, Upper IV.

I sat on a stile and waited,
And waited, and waited,
I sat on a stile and waited,
And watched the clouds scud by.
They were heavy, and dark and low'ring,
And glowering and soaring,
But light as a hairbell flowering,
As the wind made them fly.

The clouds made the sun, who was sinking,
Seem blinking, and winking,
As he was slyly slinking
Through his golden gates, to rest.
The river swiftly swirling,
And curling, and twirling,
Mirror'd, as they went whirling,
The clouds, and the golden west.

E. EVANS, VIb.

A CAROL.

A stable quiet, a manger small,
 Jesus is born, the Lord of all.
 Mary's heart is full of love
 For her Son come from above.
 Joseph sees with quiet pride
 The kind blue eyes that open wide.
 The cattle watching from their straw
 Survey the babe with wond'ring awe.
 Unseen angels hover near,
 Looking on the visage dear.
 Jesus is come for our salvation
 But receives no salutation.
 Little knows this mother mild
 That our Lord, her little Child,
 Will die upon a wooden cross,
 To save us all by her great loss.

J. CARTMELL, VB.

COLOUR.

I wonder what the world would be
 If I were blind, and could not see
 The colours beautiful and bright
 Which Nature painted dark and light ;

Look upon the rainbow fair
 Wonder at its beauty rare ;
 See the sky of azure blue
 Change to some deep violet hue ;

The forests green and flowers gay,
 Which brighten every traveller's way ;
 The deep blue sea and golden sand,
 Both tinted by the Master's hand.

How wondrous are the colours too,
 Of emeralds green and sapphires blue
 Rubies red and precious gold,
 Amber gold and coral bold.

O pity on the one whose sight
 Is only darkness—never light,
 Whose veiled eyes shall never see
 The things that mean so much to me.

J. DONALDSON, VIB.

On the Cornish moorlands
 Wandering at dark,
 Strange shapes rise to meet you,
 Hark! A lone dog's bark.
 Piercing through the blackness
 A light goes swinging by,
 Shining out so brightly,
 'Neath the evening sky.

'Tis the ghosts of miners
 Coming from their work,
 A'swinging o' their lanterns
 In the misty murk.
 Landmarks on the wasteland,
 Tin mines old and worn,
 They are dead and useless,
 Deserted and forlorn.

M. SMITH, VB.

THE WIND AT SEA.

The wind once arose from his sleep
 And said, "I'll go over the deep ;
 The deep blue sea, that's the place for me."
 So up he got with a leap.

"I've had enough of ginger-bread stalls,
 And all the fun, with my sudden squalls,
 Upsetting the fruit, making cows look mute,
 And blowing girls' hats over walls.

I'm going off to the billowy sea ;
 The billowy sea's the place for me,
 I'll tumble each wave, make sailors look grave,
 And travellers spill their tea."

J. ALLISON, IIIA.

CRYSTAL SCULPTURE.

With proudly curving crests of purest white,
 All glittering diamond-like 'neath frosty sun,
 And glistening with an iridescent light—
 Ah! see what Nature's architects have done.

The Frost and Wind have moulded into shape
 From lacey snowflakes tenderly at rest,
 A thousand billowing drifts of every shape,
 With knife-sharp edge, or softly curling crest.

And high on every bank droop folds of snow,
 Great undulating curves all crystal-hewn,
 With delicate traceries fretted out below,
 Like fairy grottoes shimmering 'neath the moon.

And every wall along each country lane
 Is draped with clinging frills of whitest lace,
 And far beyond it, and beyond again,
 Untrodden, virgin snow veils Nature's face.

J. SHAW, VA.

To the Editor,

ST. ELPHIN'S, DARLEY DALE, MATLOCK.

MADAM,

2.2.39.

As one whose studies have been most rudely and frequently interrupted by the impact of a ball of paper on the head, I venture to complain in your journal of those who, although much addicted to sport, lack what is, I believe, technically known as 'a straight eye.'

There is a wastepaper basket by the library fireplace. At the close of prep. that basket is empty and the fireplace is full of paper. More paper lies on the floor where it has dropped far from the basket as it has been flung aimlessly into the air when finished with. It nearly always hits someone as it descends.

There are, Madam, some people in this School who have occasional moments of intelligence. Is it permissible to disturb their rare fragments of connected thought by hitting them on the head with rubbish destined for the waste paper basket?

Yours etc., 'SERIOUSLY INJURED.'

To the Editor,

ST. ELPHIN'S, DARLEY DALE, MATLOCK.

DEAR MADAM,

30.1.39.

My feelings compel me to write a protest against that scourge of modern times—the BELL, and for this no more appropriate periodical could there be than your most excellent organ.

Man, we are told, may not live by bells alone, but, if you will give this matter your serious consideration for one moment, you will admit that some of us approach very nearly to this parlous state of affairs. We eat, we sleep, we walk, we work, we play—all at the clamorous urging of an insistent BELL. It rouses us untimely from our slumbers; it bids us seek our couch when we would fain linger awhile longer at our books. When we are bored to exhaustion by a lesson, we must plod along until such time as the BELL chooses to extract us from our misery; and on those rare occasions when we are enjoying our classes (this happens about twice a year), the sound of the strident BELL cuts across our pleasure, dashing the cup of joy from our lips ere we have fairly tasted of it, and plunging us anew into an abyss of unrelieved *ennui*.

What would happen if there were no bells? We should rise, eat, sleep, work, and be bored just the same, without the continued irritation of a booming, twanging, jangling BELL. If curious sounds *must* be made at regular intervals, and there are those, dear Madam, who in their hide-bound prejudice insist upon this point, then let us at least be original and regulate our lives by the tootling of a trumpet, the howling of a hooter, the bellowing of a bull, the shrieking of a siren, the bursting of a bomb, the murmur of a mandoline, the screech of a saxophone, the call of a cuckoo, or the drone of a dromedary. Come what may let us abolish the BELL.

I could, dear Madam, fill pages with these my lamentations, but lo!—the BELL has rung and I must away. How long, ah me! how long are we to suffer the monstrous indignity of the importunate BELL?

Yours etc., 'INDIGNANT.'

HOWLERS.

A blackboard is a large black surface used by the mistress to indicate to the pupils what she is talking about.

(Staff comment—we have often wondered ourselves!)

Il était devenu aveugle pendant qu'il mangeait son dîner
(Regrettable French custom of eating with the knife).

Deux grands oeufs se sont présenté chez Daudet
(Not bad ones, we trust).

Cum scirent se interfectos esse progressi sunt.
(They are dead, but they won't lie down).

She had to submit to the yolk.
(We have met eggs of this kind before).

KLAGELIED.

Ich weiss wohl was soll es bedeuten,
Dass ich so traurig bin ;
Vorüber sind Weihnachtszeiten,
Ich muss in die Schule jetzt hin.

Die Luft ist kühl, und es dunkelt
Aus Mitlied mit meinem Pein.
Wie schön auch die Sonne nun funkelt;
Ich muss in die Schule hinein.

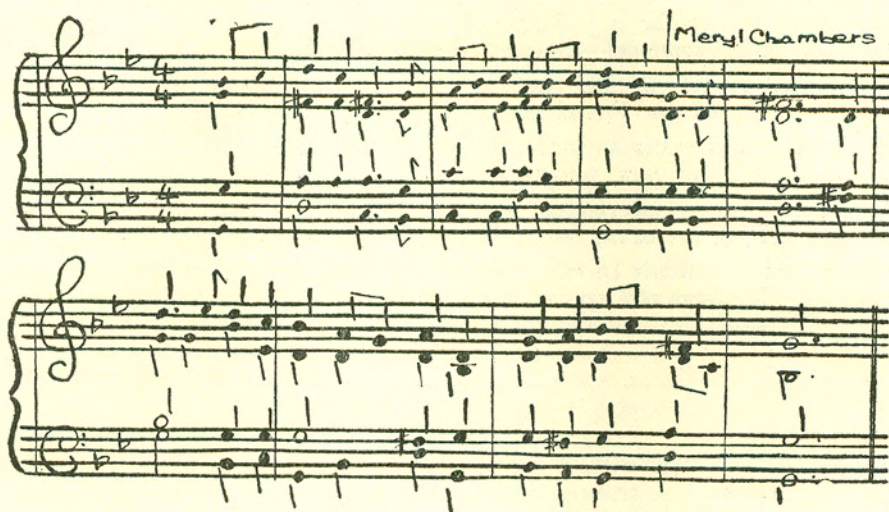
Der Koffer im Vorsaal sitzt,
Gefüllet wunderbar.
Und regnet es, donnert und blitzet,
Zurück in die Schule ich fahr.

Der Zug an dem Bahnsteig stehet,
Die Ferien sind vorbei,
Und über die Felder wehet
Ein' traurige Melodei.

Ach! wär' ich in einem Schiffe,
Und segelte über die See!
Oder hätte ich nur die Grippe!—
Doch wieder sur Schule ich geh.

Die Eltern mich dazu zwingen,
Und ich kann nichts daran.
Umsonst ist mein Sträuben und Ringen,
Ich muss in die Schule voran.

—nach HEINE (weit hinter nach).



The Maker of the sun and moon,
The Maker of our earth,
Lo! Late in time, a fairer boon,
Himself is brought to birth!

Humblest was all creation then,
When God so gave increase;
And Christ, to heal the hearts of men,
Brought righteousness and peace!

O perfect Love, outpassing sight,
O Light beyond our ken,
Come down through all the world to-night,
And heal the hearts of men!

L. HOUSMAN.

Old Girls' Chronicle

Editor—MRS. FLINN.

ST. ELPHIN'S SCHOOL,
DARLEY DALE, Near MATLOCK.

14th October, 1938.

DEAR OLD GIRLS OF ST. ELPHIN'S,

Mrs. Flinn has asked me to write a letter to you in this number of the Magazine, and I am delighted to do so. I think most of you know that at the last Summer Re-union held here at the School we decided upon certain small points of re-organisation. We all feel that these alterations will help to restore some vitality to the Old Girls' Guild, and that they will help members to keep in closer touch with the School and with each other. I have had very encouraging accounts of the Northern and Southern Re-unions held in October. I should have liked to have been present, and I hope next year to be free from school engagements on the dates chosen.

May I urge all Old Girls who can manage it, to come to the Re-union at the School in June? The last two we have attempted to organise were not exactly a success. To make such a Re-union profitable it is necessary to have a fairly representative assembly, and also sufficient numbers to justify the trouble and labour involved in the organisation. I believe that a Re-union at the School is by far the best method of keeping any Old Girls' Guild vigorous: it makes for continuity, and it is interesting for Old Girls who have left to see the present life and activities of the School. Many of you are doing interesting and important work, and it is good for my present girls to be able to talk with you and to hear about the jobs in which you are engaged.

At the next Summer Re-union I hope we may arrange an Old Girls' Tennis Match on the three new hard courts which we are laying down this Autumn. These are going to be a great asset to the School. I should also like to show the Old Girls our beautiful new Common Room, which has been built as a memorial to Major Ernest Fletcher, and the two stone class-rooms which now take the place of the old glass conservatory.

May I add, in conclusion, that if any Old Girl cares to come to visit the School at the week-end and in term-time, I am always delighted to see her, and I can generally give her hospitality. Many of you are not free from your work to come to the Summer Re-union, but some of you might manage an odd week-end. I hope any who would like to do this will feel themselves welcome at any time.

Please accept my best wishes to you all, and please try to make the Summer Re-union a real success.

Yours very sincerely,

MILDRED HUDSON,

LETTER FROM MISS FLOOD.

34, WELLS ROAD,

GLASTONBURY.

9th January, 1939.

DEAR OLD GIRLS,

First let me wish you all a Happy New Year. It seems almost selfish to think of a Happy New Year for ourselves, when we know that there is so much terrible unhappiness and suffering in the world. Still we must help to create as much happiness as we can for others, and so most truly for ourselves, by willing sacrifice and service in whatever form we find the opportunity presented to us.

I want to thank all those friends who have sent me letters, cards or calendars this Christmas. I try to reply to individuals, but I must ask those of you whose greetings have not been acknowledged to forgive me, and accept my thanks in this letter. I have been unusually busy with my G.F.S. work and my Mother has been ill and is almost blind, so that she has needed much care.

The Glastonbury Branch of the G.F.S. has performed Benson's Nativity Play, 'No Room in the Inn,' which we once did at St. Elphin's, when Miss Thouless took the part of Our Lady, and I that of St. Joseph. The girls did it very well indeed and entered into the true spirit of it all.

I was glad to meet some old friends at Darley Dale in June, when about sixteen of us had luncheon together at the Whitworth Institute. I also attended the London Group's Luncheon in October, and this week I have met some of my 'Old Staff' for a very short time. It was a great pleasure, but I had on each occasion much less time than I should have liked, as I cannot be away from home long at present. I do trust that the new arrangement for Manchester and London Groups of Old Girls will be the means of larger numbers meeting together every year. I shall always do my best to come when I can.

It has been pleasant to have had several Old Girls to see me here in Glastonbury; Dora Rountree, Margaret Lang, Joyce and Beryl Renwick and others. Dorothy Fitch (née Shaw) is a fairly near neighbour as her husband is now Archdeacon of Taunton. I have seen her more than once here, and I am having luncheon with her in her new home next Monday, all being well.

I am always delighted to welcome any old St. Elphinites, in these days of motoring we are easy of access, and on the main road from the North and Midlands down West, though as to the train-service the less said the better.

Many 'Old Girls' who knew Miss A. F. Tayler will have heard with regret that she died in the early part of this past year. She had however been in ill-health for some time so that we can really be very glad for her that she has been set free. All of us who knew her were well aware of her loyal and unceasing work for the School, and we valued her through 'coaching' for our examinations. I can say 'our' for I was myself one of her pupils, not only in childhood's days in Leeds, but when I was a Student preparing for Cambridge Higher Locals. *Requiescat in pace.*

Yours affectionately,

MARGARET L. FLOOD.

LETTER FROM MISS FLOOD.

As from

34, WELLS ROAD,

GLASTONBURY.

31st January, 1939.

DEAR OLD GIRLS,

Since I wrote my first letter to you in which I spoke of my Mother's increasing weakness and blindness, she has passed away.

All of you who knew her (and that means many generations of Old Girls), will know what a wonderful Mother I have lost. I owe everything to her self-sacrifice which enabled me to have a first-class education.

She faced death as she faced life with courage and serenity and with a most sure and certain hope of the life to come.

Requiescat in pace.

Yours affectionately,

MARGARET L. FLOOD.

Deaths.

On January 19th, 1939, at 34, Wells Road, Glastonbury, aged 82, LUCY MARGARETTA FLOOD, for fourteen years Second Mistress of St. Elphin's School. R.I.P.

IN MEMORIAM. MRS. FLOOD.

(*Second Mistress, St. Elphin's, 1896—1910*).

To have faced life not only with an unflinching courage but with a serenity, even gaiety, of outlook from early womanhood until death, to have accepted without complaint family responsibilities, to have shown unswerving loyalty towards those in authority under very difficult conditions, and to have been completely self-denying in the carrying out of life's duties—surely this summarises a character of no mean calibre. And that it is a fair estimate of the character of Mrs. Flood, whose death at the end of January last must have brought a sense of personal loss into the hearts of a very large number of Old St. Elphinites, cannot be gainsaid.

In her twenties, Mrs. Flood had to combat difficulties which called for untold grit and strength of purpose. Left with practically no private means and a small daughter to bring up and with no specific training behind her, she was thrown almost entirely on her own resources. By means of sheer determination and the sympathetic help and advice of Miss Kennedy, at that time Headmistress of the Leeds Girls' High School, Mrs. Flood succeeded in passing a sufficient number of groups in the Cambridge Higher Local to qualify her for admittance to the teaching profession, which was one of the few professions open to the women of those days.

In 1896, Miss Kennedy accepted the post of Headmistress of St. Elphin's School and invited Mrs. Flood to join her staff as Second Mistress, in which capacity she remained until Miss Kennedy's death in February, 1910. Mrs. Flood then consented to carry on as Acting-Head until July, 1910, when she had the satisfaction of 'handing over the reins' to her daughter, Miss M. L. Flood, who had been appointed to succeed Miss Kennedy as Headmistress of St. Elphin's.

Looking back it is obvious that the position of second Mistress of St. Elphin's during the last years at Warrington could have been no sinecure. The general conditions of the school were unsatisfactory and the financial situation unstable. When it was decided to move the school to Darley Dale, the practical side of the removal was entirely in Mrs. Flood's hands and it was carried out without a hitch. At the same time her part in the life of the School during term-time had to be maintained. In addition to a heavy teaching time-table, this included acting as sole *confidante* to the Headmistress, control of both teaching and domestic staff and full responsibility for the welfare, equipment and morale of the School as a whole.

Of all the duties enumerated, it is probable that that of confidential advisor to Miss Kennedy was the most exacting and at the same time the most delightful, since Miss Kennedy was not only a genius but also a very human and affectionate woman. It seems singularly *à propos* that a new appreciation of Cosima Wagner, a standing example of self-abnegation and subordination of powers to the cause of genius, should have been published

during these last few weeks, for there is a certain similarity between the genius of the world-famous musician, Richard Wagner, and that of that pioneer of Headmistresses, Catherine L. Kennedy. In both cases genius took the form of a driving force which went straight towards its goal, taking little account of the 'impedimenta' on the way. As it was Cosima Wagner who intervened to stay, or at any rate lessen, the dangers of her husband's ruthless course, so, in a lesser degree, it was Mrs. Flood who stepped in to curb the enthusiasms of her friend and Headmistress. It was for Miss Kennedy to pull up the tone and the standard of work of the school, but it was Mrs. Flood who kept a watchful eye on the weaklings, who prevented the quick-brained type from over-pressure and who calmed down irate staff and parents. And it was due to Mrs. Flood's tactful care that Miss Kennedy, a delicate and highly-strung woman, lived long enough to achieve her mission. To know the part she had played in bringing this about and to witness her daughter's successful career, this would be ample compensation for a woman of Mrs. Flood's character.

After leaving St. Elphin's, Mrs. Flood continued to hold responsible posts for some years until she, Miss Flood and the late Miss Kathleen Foster set up house in the peaceful atmosphere of Glastonbury. It is good to know that to the very end her mind remained alert and unimpaired and that when the end came it was as though the soul just slipped away from the tired body. The sympathy of St. Elphinites will go out to Miss Flood in her lonely sorrow. There can, however, be no remorse nor regret in her grief since she has been able during her Mother's life-time to show full appreciation of her life of sacrifice and has the satisfaction of knowing that this sacrifice has not been in vain. 'All sorrow enriches: it is, moreover, the necessary accompaniment to the adventure of life.'

C.C.W.

2nd February, 1939.

BUSINESS MEETING, JUNE 1938.

The Business Meeting was held in School on Saturday, 18th June, 1939. Those present were:—Miss Hudson in the Chair, Mary Bailey, Stella Cartwright, Barbara Clapham, Mrs. Flinn (Dorothea Robbs), Beryl Freeman, Mary Gamble, Joyce Gibbs, Mrs. Griffiths (Margaret Ashton), Margaret Houghton, Mary Johnson, May Mayhew-Jones, Jean Rhodes, Mary Roseveare, Ruth Roseveare, Helen Thatcher.

The first item to be discussed was the School Magazine. It was resolved that the Old Girls' section should be at least one third of the Magazine. There should be a special Old Girl Editor for this section and all news should be sent to her by the second week in February. Mrs. Flinn (Dorothea Robbs) was elected as the first Magazine Editor.

The Secretary reported that several members had appealed for the reinstatement of a Life-Membership subscription. After some discussion it was resolved that the plan was not satisfactory from the financial point of view, and the annual subscription of three shillings was to remain.

The reorganisation of the Guild was then discussed, as the Secretary found that she would no longer be able to continue either in this capacity, or in that of Treasurer. It was agreed that the administrative work should be split up so that more members could take an active part in the administration of the Guild. The Secretary reported that many members complained that under the existing scheme of Re-unions at which most of the time was taken up with a Business Meeting, there was not time to move about and talk with one's friends. It was resolved therefore that there should be only one business meeting per year which should take place at an annual Re-union in the School, at Miss Hudson's kind invitation.

There were to be two purely Social Re-unions, one in the North and one in the South, and a Social organiser was to be appointed for each district. The Northern Re-union was arranged as a tea from 3-0—6-0 p.m. on the 8th October. Mrs. Griffiths was elected to organise this, and to find suitable accommodation, etc.

The position of Southern organiser was not filled, but the Secretary was instructed to write to several people whose names had been suggested.

With regard to the position as General Secretary and Treasurer, it was pointed out that the two offices were more convenient in one, and the General Secretarial work should be considerably lightened as there would be no Magazine or Re-union work with which to deal. It was proposed that Irene Bullock should fill these two offices, but as she was not present at the meeting, the Secretary was instructed to put the matter to her before the next meeting in June, 1939.

MARGARET C. HOUGHTON.

Hon. Secretary and Treasurer, O.G.G.

THE RE-UNION.

The next Re-union will be held at St. Elphin's on June 17th. The business meeting will take place at 2-15. There will be an Old Girls' Tennis Match.

Will everybody please accept this as the only intimation and make a note of the date. All who intend to come are asked to notify Miss Hudson by June 5th. If anyone can bring along a non-Guild Member, please do so.

The compilation of a new Address List is an urgent necessity. Muriel Clayton has very kindly undertaken to do this work. As well as the home and working address, we are also anxious to have the dates of the period which everyone spent at St. Elphin's. This will help in future re-arrangement of Sub-Secretaries' Lists.

Will everybody please, as soon as they read this paragraph, send a postcard to Miss MURIEL CLAYTON, 16, East Lea Road, Bath, Somerset.

Stating—1. Home address.

2. Working address.

3. Dates of years spent at St. Elphin's.

4. Names and addresses of any Non-Guild Member of whom they know.

These postcards must be in by the end of May.

Anyone who neglects to send a postcard will have her old address printed.

ST. ELPHIN'S OLD GIRLS' GUILD.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FROM

December 13th, 1937 to January 12th, 1939.

RECEIPTS.	£	s.	d.	PAYMENTS.	£	s.	d.
Balance in hand ...	1	17	8	Miss Kennedy's Grave Fund	0	10	0
Subscriptions ...	22	16	0	Magazines and Postages	17	19	1
				Hon. Sec., Postages ...	1	0	0
				Sub-Secs., Postages ...	0	6	6
				Balance in Bank ...	4	18	1
	£24	13	8		£24	13	8

MARGARET C. HOUGHTON,

Hon. Secretary and Treasurer.

MISS KENNEDY'S GRAVE FUND, 1937-1938.

1937 RECEIPTS	£	s.	d.	1937 PAYMENTS.	£	s.	d.
Cash in hand ...	0	11	6	Christmas Wreath ...	0	5	0
O.G.G. Fund (1936-37)...	1	0	0	Cleaning grave (1936) ...	0	15	0
B. Lund (donation) ...	0	2	6	1938			
1938				Christmas Wreath ...	0	4	0
H. Thatcher (donation)	0	2	6	Flowers (Re-union) ...	0	2	0
Grant from O.G.G. Fund	0	10	0	Cleaning Grave (1937) ...	0	15	0
H. Sumner, M. Snook (don.)	1	0	0	Balance ...	1	5	6
	£3	6	6		£3	6	6

N.B.—This Fund is (except for a yearly grant of 10/- from the Old Girls' Guild Fund) entirely dependent on voluntary contributions. As this is a rather precarious source of income, I shall always be very pleased to receive donations from any of Miss Kennedy's old girls who are able to send anything to the fund.

November, 1938.

R.M.W.

BLAZER BADGES ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS.	£	s.	d.	EXPENDITURE.	£	s.	d.
Carried forward ...	2	6	0½	Postage (including that			
Seven Badges sold ...	1	4	6	for Manchester Tea) ...	0	7	6½
				Balance in hand ...	3	3	0
	£3	10	6½		£3	10	6½

F. H. M. GRIFFITHS.

NORTHERN TEA.

On Saturday, October 8th, Old St. Elphinites met in Manchester. I think we are all very much indebted to Lucy Crass for introducing us to the Ladies' Club, as they allowed us to use their comfortable lounge.

I should like to apologise to those Northerners who did not receive an invitation to this gathering. I sent out 100 notices, obtaining the names from our rather out of date 'addresses.' Forty-seven only, replied, and of these, twenty-six were able to come.

We were very sorry that School business prevented Miss Hudson from coming, and Miss Flood was not able to journey north again this year.

As no 'business' meeting was held we had plenty of time to talk to each other, and we discovered that amongst us we represented the year 1879—1935.

It was decided that we should try to hold this tea party every year in Manchester on the second Saturday in October, and I hope all who read this will put this engagement in their diaries at once. Alice Jones is to make the arrangements in 1939.

Those present were:—Miss Spink, Louie Chambers, Mabel Chambers, Daisy Swann, Lucy Birch-Jones, Muriel Hughes (née Coope), Dorothea Flinn (née Robbs), Katharine Black (née Scott), May Mayhew-Jones, Dorothy Reynolds (née Srawley), Jessie Burman, Irene Bullock, Margaret Nash, Alice Jones, Connie Bagshaw, Doris Fletcher, Diana Stephens, Mary Bailey, Joan Cheese, Joyce Gibbs, Margaret Houghton, Veronica Rowlands, Esther Jackson and Margaret Griffiths (née Ashton). F. H. M. GRIFFITHS.

A most enjoyable Old Girls' Luncheon was held on Saturday, October 29th, at the Women's Service Restaurant, Westminster, London S.W.1. The following were present:—Miss Flood, M. Clayton, F. N. Carr, E. Farmer, M. Goodman, E. Hunt (née Carter), M. Hodges, M. Hilton (née Hickling), M. Houghton, Miss Hudson, Mrs. Herbert, C. M. Johnston, M. Mayhew-Jones, R. E. Johnston, D. Kaye, J. Kaye, R. C. Lamburn, G. Leigh (née Calthrop), J. Melly (née Steele), M. Nightingale (née Nasu), D. E. Norris, Mrs. Paley Scott (née Scott), M. Richardson, M. Roseveare, R. Roseveare, K. Rountree, S. Rogers (née Steele), J. Renwick, H. R. Stevens (Miss Theobald), M. Snook (née Fletcher), M. Touche (née Winckley), H. M. Thatcher, S. Wells, M. Wells, M. Trevor Williams (née Pollock Hill), W. Watkins (née Knight), R. M. Wright, M. Willett. A most representative gathering, ranging from hoary Warringtonians like myself to youthful creatures who looked as if they had left School last week. Several had come from long distances to the Re-union, and we all much enjoyed meeting each other again. After an excellent lunch (anonymous donors had kindly presented sherry, cigarettes, and cyder cup), Miss Flood made a short speech, in which she told us something about her life and social work in Somerset (where, as she said, she is by no

means a "lady of leisure") and described the work that Old Girls of the School were doing in various parts of the country. Messages expressing regret at not being able to be present were read from Cicely C. Wright, Miss Gascoigne and Miss Spink, and a very hearty vote of thanks was passed to Joy Melly (Joy Steele) who had so ably organised the luncheon. A message of affectionate greeting was sent by the meeting to Mrs. Flood, then the company split up into small groups for gossip and reminiscence. It was altogether a most enjoyable Re-union and one that most pleasantly renewed our bonds to our old School and each other.

RAY LAMBURN.

The following List of Suggestions has been sent to me by a group of Old Girls who were at the London Re-union. Some of them were actually discussed at the last business meeting, but I am putting them forward as they will probably come up again in time.

1. The Re-union should always be held on the 2nd Saturday of November.
2. Old Girls should not be crossed off the address list if they have not paid their subscriptions up to date.
3. Could Old Girls send in addresses of friends who are not members.
4. To save expense could not Old Girls purchase a news leaflet as the Magazine itself is of little interest to those who left School for some time.
5. A new system of subscriptions—for instance, a definite sum such as 10/- to be paid on leaving School.
6. Joy Steele (née Melly) is willing to receive any suggestions that would ensure the success of future Re-unions and representation of all ages of Old Girls.

Cicely Wright has been asked to make known to present and past St. Elphinites that she is hoping to open a branch of the Cicely C. Wright Educational Agency (50, Great Russell Street, W.C.1.), in Manchester in the near future. Her object is to facilitate the chances of applicants for posts of an educational nature, living in the North of England and in Scotland and Ireland, of obtaining interviews for posts, since it is obvious that, in the present circumstances, those candidates whose homes or working addresses are within easy access of London obtain precedence in the matter of being called up for interviews. This scheme cannot, however, be put into operation until the necessary funds to cover overhead charges are forthcoming. The present annual income of the Agency is barely sufficient to meet the needs of running the London offices, of which the expenses are very heavy in view of the personal and selective basis of its organisation. Since the Agency has a purely educational function, there will never be any question of trying to amass profits: when profits accrue, these will be used solely to increase the scope and efficiency of the Agency. Full particulars of the various

branches of the Agency's work, showing the special features which distinguish it from the other existing educational Agencies, can be obtained from the office on application to the Secretary.

Hints for Young Candidates on the Writing of Letters of Application,
by CICELY C. WRIGHT.

Application for copies of this pamphlet should be sent, prepaid, to the Secretary, Cicely C. Wright Ltd., Educational Agency, 50, Great Russell Street, London, W.C.1. Copies cannot be sent on approval.

1 Copy (post free), 6d. ; 25 copies (post free), 10/- ; 100 copies (post free), 35/-.

I feel I should like to mention just how much Cicely C. Wright helped me some years ago. On my return from South Africa I was told by various well-known educational agencies that my only hope was a job in a private school. However, I poured out my troubles to Cicely, and in a day or two I was sent for to one of the big L.C.C. Schools for an interview. I received from the Headmistress the impression that for any one personally recommended by Miss Wright an interview was the merest formality. I would recommend to any St. Elphinites in a similar plight to take their difficulties immediately to Cicely Wright.

EDITOR.

GAMES FIXTURES FOR 1939.

Lacrosse—February 18th, 1939.

Tennis—June 17th, 1939.

Hockey—November 4th, 1939.

Lacrosse—February 17th, 1940.

I should like to take this opportunity to ask Old Girls to make a note of the dates of our matches and to let me know if they are willing to play. Please do not wait to be asked as it does not matter if you have not played since you left School. Address your postcards to M. Longden, St. Breock Rectory, Wadebridge, Cornwall.

St. Elphin's 1st XI v. Old Girls. November 19th, 1938. It was unfortunate that so few of the Old Girls were able to be present at the Annual Hockey match. Thanks, however, to the Staff and members of the 2nd XI a very enjoyable match was played. The weather was very kind to us but the field was extremely muddy owing to the rain the previous week. That did not damp our spirits and we struggled to our full extent. As usual the 1st XI were the victors and St. Elphin's is to be congratulated on its efficient team this year. I would specially like to mention the play of F. Adams at centre half. The Old Girls opened the attack and were successful in scoring during the first five minutes. However, apart from one other goal the School defence was too strong for us.

Score—St. Elphin's 1st XI 6, Old Girls 2.

J. TANSLEY.

ENGAGEMENTS.

C. BRADLEY to JOHN MILNES.

B. SWAYNE to JOHN BULLEN.

MARRIAGES.

BETTY BIRKETT to Lieut. A. B. ABDY, R.N., at the Parish Church, Salcomb.
April 20th, 1938.

DOROTHY BUCKLEY to G. E. P. HORNBLOWER, M.A., at Madron Cornwall.
May, 4th, 1937.

ELEANOR BURNETT to A. C. JONES, at St. Gabriel's Church, Middleton
Junction. October 4th, 1938.

DIANA CRICK to the Rev. I. D. EDWARDS, at St. Peter's Church, Edgmond,
near Newport, on August 17th, 1938.

PHYLLIS N. B. DAVIES to ERIC BOYES, at Northwood Parish Church.

IRENE DOUGLAS to the Rev. M. MORRIS, at Fulwood, Preston.

MARY HYATT to W. BURT, July 29th, 1937.

MAIRI MARSHALL to HENRY DENNISON, at St. Chad's Church, Far
Headingley, Leeds, on June 25th, 1938.

CONNIE SWANN to KENNETH THOMPSON, B.A., at St. Mary's Hulme.
July 22nd, 1938.

JOAN TAYLOR to ARTHUR J. BROWN, Fellow of All Souls', Oxford, on
December 28th, 1938.

SHEILA TAYLOR (Staff) to R. NIBLETT, at St. Philip and St. James Church,
Cheltenham, on August 10th, 1938.

MURIEL SMART in March, 1937 (no further particulars).

EILEEN S. WHITTAKER to DONALD ARTHUR SMART, M.A., at St. Anne's
Church, Manchester, on September 12th, 1936.

BIRTHS.

On October 13th, 1937, at Ash House, Caton, Lancaster, to KATHERINE
BLACK (née Scott). Twin girls, Katherine and Margaret.

To MARY FLETCHER (née Woodhouse), a daughter, Diana Mary, on May
13th, 1938.

On January 26th, 1939, to DOROTHEA FLINN (née Robbs), a daughter, Isobel.

On May 19th, 1938, to ROSEMARY EMMET (née Marshall), a daughter.

KATHLEEN HARE (née Mayfield) wife of JOHN HARE, of Brayfriars Crescent,
Beverley, a daughter, Mary Elizabeth, on January 11th, 1938.

On June 17th, 1937, to MARY OWEN (née Calthrop), a son, Noel Francis.

On February 2nd, 1937, to MARJORIE RONEY-DOUGAL (née Hyatt), a daughter, Pauline Francis.

On June 25th, 1936, to JOYCE SAUNDERS (née Smith), a son, Barney Mercer.

On March 10th, 1938, to EILEEN SMART (née Whittaker), a daughter, Catherine Helen Lindsay.

On September 3rd, 1938, to LUCY UNWIN (née Bidlake), a son, Hugh Walter Haldane.

On September 13th, 1937, at 1, Makepeace Avenue, Highgate, to MARGARET TREVOR-WILLIAMS (née Pollock-Hill), a daughter.

On July 11th, 1937, to DOROTHY PATTERSON (née Colver), a daughter, Anna Ruth.

DEATHS.

On July 22nd, 1938, ANNIE CHAMBERS, at the Cottage Hospital, Clevedon. MURIELLE HOLDITCH, in Canada.

FANNY JOHNSON (no particulars).

Miss A. F. TAYLER (St. Elphin's Staff).

ROSIE WILLETT, whilst working in Africa.

NEWS OF OLD GIRLS. *Contributed by MARY BAILEY.*

AUDREY BELL is at home, and a good deal of her time is taken up with Guide work. She has a company of 28 Guides.

HELEN HONE has a post in Seaford, looking after two children.

VERA MURDOCH did children's nursing for four years, but gave it up after passing her final exams. She is now in Martin's Bank in Burnley.

CHARITY JOHNSTON is teaching in an elementary school in Hackney, where about 60 per cent. of the children are Jewish, many of them being foreign, and finds it interesting to come up against the Jewish question so closely.

MARY PALMER is resident music mistress at Overstone (P.N.E.U.) School, Northants.

HELEN STONE has been on the staff of the Bedford Froebel Training College for the last two years. At the moment she organises and runs a Kindergarten of about 30 children in one of the practising schools. She recommends the College very highly to any St. Elphinite wishing to take up Froebel work.

LAREMA AYERST (née Fisher) is at present living in Lytham, and would be glad to see anyone from St. Elphin's who happens to be in the neighbourhood.

Her address is King Edward VII School, Lytham. Tel. Lytham 6459. She has a baby daughter, 12 months old.

MARY BAILEY took the London University Diploma in Librarianship, and is one of the Technical Assistants at the Headquarters, in Preston, of the Lancashire County Library.

JOAN LLOYD is a probationer at the Liverpool Royal Infirmary.

SYLVIA LLOYD is working in connection with the Girls' Village Home, Barkingside.

JOAN PALMER is a Trinity King Nurse and is at present at King's Lynn.

KATHLEEN MURDOCH was married in September, 1937.

MARY STEVENSON was married in December, 1938.

BARBARA PALMER is now Classics Mistress at the Paddington and Maida Vale High School.

MABEL CHAMBERS. Everybody will sympathise with Mabel and Loui Chambers in the loss of their eldest sister Daisy, who died in the Clevedon Cottage Hospital on July 22nd. Their new address is 6, Old Hall, Ashbourne.

MURIEL CLAYTON has lately removed to Bath, which she likes. She has very kindly taken on the work of compiling the new address list. She went to the London Re-union and was also present at St. Elphin's in June.

BARBARA SWAYNE is going to Canada in April for six months, with Eva Hasell's Sunday School Caravans.

C. ELING has passed the City and Guilds of London Teachers' Cookery Examination (1st Class), and is now Lecturer and Demonstrator for the National Milk Publicity Council for Nottinghamshire, Leicestershire and Rutland.

If anyone knows the present address of CHERRY FORD will they send it to C. Eling as letters sent to Exmouth have been returned.

Contributed by DOROTHEA FLINN (Robbs).

I had a most interesting letter, in reply to my S.O.S. from EDITH CHANDLER (née Phelips). She was then back in Shanghai after being on leave in England. She spoke of the war as being almost over and described the horrors experienced by the women who have been evacuated to Hong Kong, and there suffered from Cholera epidemics and Typhoons. She has a small daughter Hilary, and I shall certainly be glad to hear that they have got safely through this dangerous time.

KATHLEEN BARDSLEY has moved to Cornwall as H.M. Inspector of Schools, her new address being Kenegie Hotel, Gulval, Penzance.

We all offer our sympathy to MARY JOHNSON, who lost her Mother last September. Mary is keeping on her house at Dorchester at present and has DOROTHY PINCHIN and another of the Staff living with her.

JESSIE BURMAN's Mother also died last year. I see her family often as we are quite near neighbours.

B. CHAMPION has moved into her own house at Ashby de la Zouche.

I should be very much obliged if any one sending contributions to the Magazine would write it out on one side of the paper only, as otherwise it has all got to be re-copied before going in. My own bit of news consists of a new daughter Isobel—and the more exciting, as my small son is now quite grown up being ten years old!

Contributed by M. GAMBLE.

We were interested to see the following in a newspaper during the Summer :
“ During this afternoon a girl, JILL POPPLE, swam the three miles' wide treacherous estuary of the river Humber, from New Holland to Victoria Pier, in 1 hour, 25 minutes. Over 200 people welcomed her when she reached Victoria Pier.

SYBIL WELLS has a post as statistician in a large engineering firm in Peterborough. She says that she finds the work most interesting. She certainly seems to get plenty of variety in her work, for it includes working out the stresses and strains on new engine designs, selling diesel engines at the Commercial Motor Show, studying stores systems, and making out marketing reports.

It is most interesting to hear of an old St. Elphinite who has had the courage to enter an almost new sphere of work for women, and we wish Sybil every success.

MARJORIE WHITESIDE writes : “ I have recently been out to Canada for six months with one of Miss Hasell's Western Canadian Sunday School Caravans. Miss Hasell has been doing Sunday School Work out in Canada for twenty years, and has twenty caravans in Western Canada which go out to their respective bases with two girls in each van—one is a teacher and the other a driver. Both teachers and drivers are required, and one offers oneself for six months—April to October—and all expenses in Canada are paid, also travelling expenses if one cannot afford to pay them. The teachers have to be over 25 years of age and should either have had a Sunday School training or else possess a thorough knowledge of Scripture, and the task of the teacher is to teach the children what they would learn in a Sunday School if they lived here in England. The distances are so great out there that a parish is usually about the size of a County in England (roughly 40 miles by 60 miles). This makes it impossible for the priests to get round to all the houses, and the families cannot get to Church very often when the Church is about 30 odd miles away, along a road that is just an earth trail cut through the bush or over the prairie, and which turns into a mud track when the rain comes.

I went as a driver, and *loved it*. The drivers must be efficient and experienced in driving, and must undergo a short garage course in England so that they know something about car engines if anything goes wrong when they are in the wilds and far from civilisation. The driver also has to cook, and generally look after the caravan *en route*, and both teacher and driver should be very strong as it is a pretty tough six months. For any old St. Elphinite who enjoys an open-air life, doesn't mind roughing it, and who would like an exciting and often hair-raising six months, this is just the ideal job for her. The work is, of course, honorary, and one is asked to help with expenses, if possible.

I was sent to one of the far away parts—in Western Alberta—that had only just recently been opened out for settlers. They were still moving in, and so it was in an absolutely natural state with very few roads, and these so-called 'roads' were just earth trails. I feel sure that six months like those I spent in Canada would appeal to some old St. Elphinites, and if any of you wish to know further particulars I should be pleased to write to them. My address is Marjorie Whiteside, Stony Dale, Field Broughton, near Grange-over-Sands.

NOEL JACKSON has passed the Final State Examinations and is a State Registered Nurse. She is now working as a District Nurse in Sleaford.

The Beatrice Goodwin Prize of the Royal Academy of Music has been awarded to VIOLET D. PLEMING, the Firs, Denby Village, Derbyshire. She has also won two medals at the Royal Academy of Music and hopes to become a graduate of the Royal School of Music.

I have recently been in touch with WINIFRED ORR. She sends greetings to any St. Elphinites who may remember her. She is most anxious to get into touch with Monica Pearson. If any St. Elphinite can supply Winifred with the address would they kindly write to her direct at Lansoar, Bramley, near Guildford.

I should like to take this opportunity of welcoming an old St. Elphinite who has just rejoined the Old Girls' Guild—Mrs. JONES (née Kathleen Woods). Kathleen's husband is now Head Master of Fylde Farm School, Poulton-le-Fylde, Blackpool. The School consists of over 130 boys who are trained for artisans, carpenters, gardeners, etc. Kathleen had a very anxious time at the School about three months ago, when part of it was burnt down.

We also send our greetings to Mrs. AYERST (née Larema Fisher). She has just joined the Old Girls' Guild. Her husband is Head Master of King Edward VII School, St. Anne's-on-Sea. Larema is most anxious to get into touch with any old St. Elphinites who live near St. Annes.

BETTY BIRKETT is now in Hong Kong with her husband and expects to be abroad for nearly three years.

ELEANOR BURNETT is now living in the Isle of Man, and her address is 28, Westbourne Drive, Douglas, I.O.M.

Mrs. NIBLETT's address is now 81, Osborne Road, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

GLADYS TEMPERLEY was decorated by the King in June, 1937, with the Order of the Royal Red Cross. She has been one of the four Principal Matrons in India and has now retired from the Queen Alexandra Nursing Service.

MAUD LAMB came home from India, for reasons of health, some years ago, and is now living with her two sisters in Bath.

WINIFRED GARNETT has changed her address to Western Terrace, Long Preston, Yorks. She has been very busy nursing her son who has been ill for some time.

Contributed by F. H. M. GRIFFITHS (Ashton).

CATHERINE FIENNES CLINTON (née Thomason) writes from Ontario, enclosing a snap taken in 1936 of her son Henry who was then only six. He was skating on a patch of ice in their garden, about 20 feet square, which they had flooded for him. She says she is merely being a mother and housewife, but spends some time in the garden, where they grow all manner of vegetables, including tomatoes and Indian corn.

Miss SPINK is teaching at the Sowerby Bridge Secondary School, where she has a form of 35 boys and girls about 12½ years of age.

NANCY THOMASON is still Headmistress of St. Monica's School, Clacton-on-Sea.

DAISY and LILY SWANN live with their Mother near Manchester. The former is a great social worker, and does a great amount of Church and Missionary work.

LUCY BIRCH-JONES has been living at home for some little time, but is now teaching at the Altrincham County High School.

LUCY COOPE is living at home.

MURIEL HUGHES (née Coope) has obtained a diploma in Psychological Medicine, and is now Hon. Clinical Assistant in the Psychological Department of Manchester Children's Hospital.

The rest on my list never answered, but I do hope they will have something to say next year:—E. Macdonald, M. Moore, D. Wilkins, M. Nash, S. Dolby, F. Ogle and M. Williams (née Thomason).

I had quite an interesting and in some cases amusing job during the crisis, I did a house to house visitation to find out the accommodation people had which could be used for housing those from the danger zones. At the moment I am preparing to remove, and my address in the future will be Laurel Bank, Arthog Road, Hale, near Altrincham.

SHEILA O'DONNELL is studying Shorthand, Typing, French and English for two years at a Secretarial College in Southport.

MARY PETERS is now Matron at Milner Court, Sturney, Kent. the Junior School of King's School, Canterbury.

BERYL DREW has completed her three years' Course at Liverpool P.T. College and gained her Diploma in December. She is now Games Mistress at the Warren School, Worthing.

CYNTHIA BRADLEY is engaged.

PEGGY MOORE is training to be a Missionary at the C.M.S. Training College at Stoke Newington.

M. HOUGHTON has passed the Board of Education Examination in the Principles of Teaching and School Management, therefore holds the Graduate Art Teachers Diploma of the Board (A.T.D.). She has been appointed Art Mistress under the Lancashire County Council at the Wade Deacon Grammar School, Farnworth, Widnes.

VIDA JONES is running a private Massage Practice from Bron Hanl, Llanfechain.

CYNTHIA NOAKES is now Assistant Classical Mistress at the Leeds Girls' High School, Headingley, Leeds.

If there any old St. Elphinites anywhere near Cambridge, Mrs. HORN-BLOWER (Dorothy Buckley), lives only 16 miles away and would be very pleased to see them. Her address is:—Long Cottage, Castle Camps, Cambridge.

ANNE EVANS has done eight-day training in Princess Mary's R.A.F. Hospital, Halton, in connection with V.A.D. work. She has had to give up Nursing and has been training during the past year for secretarial work.

CONSTANCE HANNAH, qualified in July and is now teaching at St. Margaret's School, Streetly.

MARY ILLSLEY has an apiary of 20 colonies, which kept her busy all the Summer. She reared some Yellow Queens from pure Italian stock, but works mainly for surplus honey.

MARGARET LANG obtained her B.A. in General Studies in 1937, and the following year her Diploma in Education at Liverpool, and is now looking for a job.

JOAN NOCK has just finished her training as a children's nurse, at "The Infants' Hospital," Vincent Square, London. She also passed her State Preliminary Examination there.

MARJORIE LONGDEN has obtained her Diploma of Physical Education and the Chartered Society of Massage and Medical Gymnastics. She is now teaching at Truro High School.

Contributed by D. PINCHIN.

JOAN WARBURTON is teaching (P.N.E.U.) at Dunmow Hall, Newton-in-Bowland, near Clitheroe. "The school is run by a medical psychologist, for awkward or difficult children, though there are a certain number of perfectly normal ones as well. The youngest child is five and the oldest a boy of 18. The school is co-educational, and at present about two-thirds of the pupils are boys. Most of them are from homes where the parents are divorced or separated; some are adopted children who have been mismanaged, and there are also occasionally children who have been up before Children's Courts for truancy from school, general wildness, etc., and have been sent here by the Board of Education. The place is perfectly lovely—right in the country, Clitheroe, which is our nearest town, being eight miles away. The school has large grounds, and the children are out all the time they aren't doing lessons."

In what seems rather a story-book fashion, Joan became engaged to the son of the Principal last March. He has just taken his finals in Medicine, and they hope to be married before the Summer.

MARY WARBURTON (Mrs. Brian Fleming), has now been married for three years. Her husband has a partnership just outside Leeds. They have a little boy of two, called Jon, who is just like his mother—very fair, and *very* noisy.

BARBARA SWAYNE lives at home and leads a very full life, training the Choir, playing the organ, acting as her father's secretary, running the house, etc. She is also President of the Ripon Diocese branch of the G.D.A. and does a great deal of work in connection with this. She and Joan Warburton one day went over to Settle to look up Miss Burchnall, who is teaching at the High School there.

MARY DISNEY (Mrs. Grace), is married to a doctor, and lives in London, Ontario. She is very happy indeed there, and finds the people most hospitable and friendly. She hopes to be in England for the Summer. She has a baby boy (Robert), born last Christmas, who, by all accounts and snapshots, seems very fit and flourishing.

JOAN COLVER is back on the staff of the Froebel Training College at Bedford, where she was a student.

FRANCES OGLE assisted by various members of her family, runs a very successful P.N.E.U. School at Sandown, I.O.W.

MOLLY SWAYNE has had various nursing jobs, but just recently has been at home herself, recovering from an illness. She may soon be going out to Ceylon to visit her brother.

ROWAN WILKIN is in London, studying Law.

ELIZABETH RHODES is still working in Chester as the S.P.G. Organising Secretary for the diocese. She leads a pleasant, if hard-working life, driving round the countryside in a car provided by the S.P.G. (This she used for her holiday, and on her return was met on the doorstep by a policeman—issuing a summons against her, for driving against the traffic lights at Shepton Mallet, on August 15th, of which offence she was completely unaware).

JOAN CHEESE lives at home and calls herself a jobbing gardener. She works about seven hours a day at 9d. an hour. She has recently passed the A.R.P. examination

EVELYN STAVERT recently married a schoolmaster who teaches in Blackpool, where they have a very pleasant house, most efficiently managed by Evelyn.

MOLLY CHEESE is Ward Sister of a large women's surgical ward at Preston Royal Infirmary. This Infirmary is an important centre for Radium work. Two years ago a modern maternity hospital was opened; this stands in the Infirmary grounds and is run in conjunction with the Infirmary.

G. CALTHROP (Leigh) is leaving Lewisham and going to live in Lancaster. Her temporary address is 1, Woodlands, South Road, Lancaster.

M. WILLIAMSON is a trained, certificated woman worker with the Bishop's Licence. She is at present attached to the Society of Christ and Blessed Mary the Virgin which is a Durham Society of trained lay workers.

ALICE JONES has changed her home address to "Yan Yak," Windermere, her working address is still the same, but she has taken a flat for herself at 1, Lancaster Gate, Pendleton, Salford 6.

ELSIE INCE has resigned her post in Palestine and is now working as Pharmacist at St. Paul's Eye Hospital in Liverpool.

KATHARINE SCOTT has twin daughters who are not at all alike. She has just caught her first salmon in the Lune, and finds her time very much occupied with babies, gardening, and being secretary to the local Tennis Club.

BERTHA HEDLEY, who was in the VIth form about 1906 and later on the Staff, writes from Canada that Murielle Holditch has recently died in Canada where she has lived for over thirty years on the Staff of the Rupertsland College.

CHRISTINE OGLE is studying at the London School of Dramatic Art.

Miss DUFF, an old member of Staff, is now Principal of the Training College, Norwich.

THE EDITOR regrets that, owing to lack of space, it was not possible to print the original contributions by Charity Johnston, Mary Roseveare and Charlotte Mayhew-Jones.

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