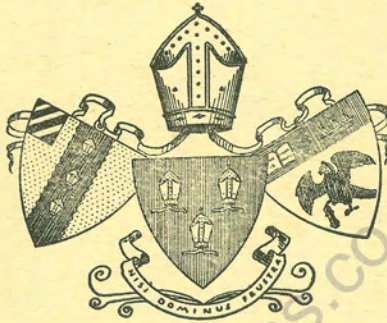


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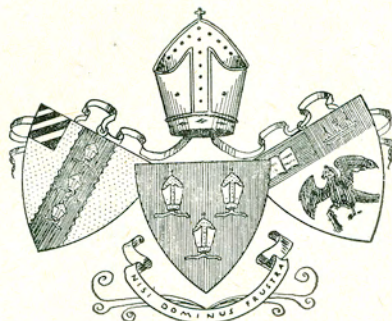


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EDITORIAL

IN accordance with the wish expressed by the Old Girls' Guild, we are trying to publish the Magazine in July instead of in September. The events of the Summer Term this year will therefore not be reported in this issue. As we are trying to produce a shorter magazine, we regret that we cannot include all the Original Contributions sent in by past and present members of the school. Instead of the usual Chapel report, we are printing "The Way of the Cross," impressions of a Passion Play presented in the School Chapel, which all who saw it found most moving.

Acknowledgements

We thank the following schools for sending us their School Magazines : S. Mary and S. Anne, Abbots Bromley, Lady Manners School, Bakewell, Leeds Girls' High School.

10th May, 1950.

My dear Old and Present Girls,

In last year's letter I told you that we were looking forward to celebrating Speech Day on our own premises, as it had at last become possible to hire a marquee. It was a very happy occasion and we gained a much greater feeling of leisure by not having to organise a double journey to and from a hall in Matlock. Our visitors enjoyed having tea on the Terrace and in the Rose Garden. Speech Day is now to be an annual festivity. This year it is to be held on July 15th with another good friend of the School as Guest of Honour—Mr. Briggs the former County Director of Education. That evening we are holding the second performance of "The Gondoliers" in Bake-well Town Hall so we hope many of our visitors will stay on for this.

We have increased our premises since last year by the erection of three really good class-rooms, just beyond the Kennedy Library. We are hoping to add four more this summer, releasing more rooms for dormitories in the main building. We are very grateful to the Old Girls for the gift of a new Sanctuary carpet which is part of the Memorial to the two members of the Guild who were killed in the war. We are hoping to have this dedicated on June 18th, the Sunday after Sports Day, when we expect to have a fair number of Old Girls staying at the school and in the neighbourhood. We thank Miss Flood very much for her welcome gift of a studio photograph of herself to be hung in the School.

Our Parents' Meetings continue to be lively and interesting. In the autumn, "Books and Reading in Home and School" was the subject at both meetings; last term we had one large meeting when Mrs. Rawlinson gave a wise and witty talk on "The sort of person I should like my daughter to be," and this term we are discussing the vexed question of "Punishment" and "How can home and school combine to produce the Christian parent of the future?"

The school has been taking a more active part lately in parish affairs. Some of the Sixth and Upper Fifth hold Sunday School classes for children on the Hooley Estate, the St. Helen's Missionary Society has met at the school for the last two terms and every fortnight an interesting Bible Circle is held in my room, under the guidance of the Rector, attended by members of the parish and of St. Elphin's Staff. We welcome this closer connection with our Parish Church and hope that it may continue and develop to the mutual advantage of school and parish.

This letter is already too long so I must end. I hope to see Old Girls at the school for week-end visits whenever they can come.

Yours affectionately,

E. E. STOPFORD.

SCHOOL PREFECTS, 1949—50

PAULA THOMAS, *Head Girl*

ELIZABETH STORRS-FOX, *Deputy Head Girl* (Autumn Term)

MARY HOPKINS-JONES, *Deputy Head Girl* (Spring Term)

JOAN SWINDLE VALERIE PURDY PAMELA DAVIES (Autumn

MARY PICKERING ELIZABETH ROWE ANN WATSON Term)

AVETE, September, 1949

Miss Lloyd, French Miss Kyle, Geography Miss Pratt, History

Miss Neill, Biology Miss Lane, Physical Training

SUCCESSES IN PUBLIC EXAMINATIONS

College Entrance, 1950

Elaine Owen. Exhibition at Royal Holloway College, London. Botany
Joan Gregory. Bedford College, London. Physics
Rosemary Hadfield. Westfield College, London. Modern Languages

Higher School Certificate Examination, 1949

M. Aitchison
J. Gregory
S. Hetherington
E. Owen (Good in Botany and Zoology)
C. Soutter (Good in Botany and Zoology)

School Certificate Examination

(with "Very Goods" gained)

J. Aldridge. English Language
J. Barber. English Language and English Literature
A. Bosson
J. Coop
P. Davies
P. Donald. English Literature
R. Doxey. Mathematics
M. Edwards. Scripture
P. Hayward. English Language and Art
M. Hopkins-Jones
P. James
S. Kendall
B. Lavender. English Language, English Literature, History, Latin,
Mathematics and Art
M. Lawton
S. Lewis. English Language, English Literature and Scripture
A. Lyon. English Language
C. Phillips
M. Pickering
W. Pidduck. Scripture
E. Rowe
J. Scott. English Literature
J. Storrs-Fox. English Language
M. Strafford. Art
P. Thorne
S. Thornton. English Literature, Scripture and General Science
J. Waddington. English Literature, History and Scripture
A. Watson

Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music Pianoforte

Grade VII.	Advanced	Joan Barber Ruth Doxey Margaret Cardno
Grade V.	Higher.	Jean Preston. Pass with Merit Thea Bean. Pass with Merit

Grade IV. Lower. Lesley Smedley. Distinction
Sally Hitchen. Pass with Merit
Jacqueline Cleaver

Organ

Grade V. Higher. Ruth Parsons

Theory of Music

Grade V.
A. Daws
J. Barber
L. Wheeler

The Guildhall School of Music and Drama

Lower Grade
C. Phillips (with Merit)
A. Hebditch
P. Whitfield

THE JUNIOR SCHOOL NATIVITY PLAY

At the end of the Christmas Term, Miss Davies produced a simple Nativity Play, performed by the Juniors. The children who had no part in the play formed a choir, which was trained by Miss Harrison. Between the scenes, carols, accompanied by Miss Clarke, were sung. The play was so beautiful that the Juniors were asked to present it again in January, when their parents came to see it.

The opening carol was "How far is it to Bethlehem?" and the curtains opened to reveal Simon, the innkeeper, greeting the travellers who had come to Bethlehem for the taxing. The day was windy and cold. Two people were admitted to the inn, but two more appeared, one of them a woman. Simon was protesting that there was no room, when the woman stepped forward, and said, "The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want." Simon was surprised, and then he remembered that the stable was empty, save for the oxen. He offered it to the travellers, Mary and Joseph.

Mary said, "Lift up your heads, O ye gates, and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors, and the King of Glory shall come in." As she and Joseph went to the stable, Simon, puzzled, muttered, "The King of Glory, in my stable? Poor woman!"

The next carol was, "When the herds were watching." The curtains opened to disclose shepherds huddled for warmth, round a fire. One remarked, "It is warmer in Bethlehem where men lie close."

Suddenly, an angel appeared, bringing the good tidings, and the shepherds got up and went to Bethlehem, all except one, who did not see the angel, and thought the other shepherds were all mad. Then the children forming the choir sang, "Glory to God in the Highest." The scene was followed by, "O little town of Bethlehem."

For the third scene, two little angels in white were waiting with folded hands to draw the curtains. The shepherds made their way along the stage outside the curtains. When they were drawn back, they stood looking at the scene before them, while "Away in a manger," was sung

Mary was bent over the cradle, with an angel on either side of her, and Joseph behind. The first shepherd stepped forward to offer his cloak for warmth for the Child, the second laid down his crook, and the third gave his pipes. Then, one of them, looking out, said, "See, shall not kings to him come?"

Miss Harrison played, "We three kings of Orient are," softly on the piano, and Mary Jenkins, Elizabeth Rowe, and Miss Clarke sang the parts of the three kings. At the commencement of each of the verses sung by a king, a king entered slowly, carrying a gift, which he gave to one of the angels. He then knelt.

As, "We three kings," finished, the shepherds entered at the back, and the angel appeared. Then the cast and the children sang, "In the bleak mid-winter," and the curtains closed.

We are very grateful to Miss Davies, Miss Harrison, Miss Clarke, and the Juniors for giving us so beautiful a presentation of the Christmas story.

MADELEINE HOGG, *Lower Va.*

"THE WAY OF THE CROSS"

DURING Lent "The Way of the Cross," an extract from "The Mystery of the Finding of the Cross," by Henri Ghéon was presented in the Chapel, by the Vicar and Curate of Tideswell and some of their parishioners. Prayer and the singing of the hymn "O Sacred Head, sore wounded" preceded the play.

The play was presented without any scenery. The players used mime, and tone of voice to make their impression upon the audience. They acted as contemporary spectators of the Crucifixion, or as Christians meditating upon the Passion at any time, and as actual participants.

The First Station showed the condemning of Jesus. Speaking as Pilate and as Christian spectators, the players told the story. We saw the Christ betrayed by His followers and deserted by His friends. We heard the savage cry of the Jerusalem crowd, "Crucify Him, Crucify Him." We heard Pilate's weak excuses. We saw the injustice of it all.

Then the play moved on to the next Station in which the Cross was laid upon Jesus. Here the players tried to show the terrible dragging weight of the Cross, the painful labouring steps, each step a separate horror, and the strain upon Our Lord's body, so that the rather casual pity which we feel would be shown its real object and be humbled.

In the Third Station of the Cross, Jesus fell. Here the players represented the two reactions of the people, the one of pity, and the other of brutal indifference. Christ had fallen upon a clod of earth in His way. A man's hard scornful voice rang out saying that someone had put it there. What did it matter? And then it changed suddenly and became frightened and humble: "O forgive me Lord, it was my pride."

The Fourth Station showed the prophecy of Simeon coming to pass, and the sword of sorrow piercing Mary's heart.

The Fifth Station showed the compelling of Simon the Cyrenian to carry the Cross.

The Sixth Station was the story of Veronica who took pity upon Jesus and wiped His face with her veil, and as she looked at her veil afterwards, saw the imprint of His features upon the cloth.

The second fall of Jesus was next shown. Here the players tried to show by their voices and gestures how much He suffered, how difficult the uphill road and how hard the ground and the hearts of the people.

At the Eighth Station, Jesus spoke to the Daughters of Jerusalem, the women who came to mourn and weep because of His death. "Weep for yourselves and for your children."

Then Jesus fell for the third time, and the Christians mourned for Him, and the soldiers hustled Him on.

By the Tenth Station, Jesus had arrived at Calvary, and was stripped of His garments ready for crucifixion.

Then the lights dimmed as He was nailed to the Cross. The voices of the executioners sounded harsh and loud. Everyone who listened realised that having nails driven through your hands and feet was not just words upon paper. but real pain and torment. Then they mocked Him in hateful, jeering voices, screaming and shouting in their delight because He was at last defeated: "If Thou be the Son of God, come down from the Cross."

The lights were put out altogether and almost complete darkness filled the Chapel. Nothing could be seen, but the voices still went on, "My God ! My God ! Why hast Thou forsaken Me ?" and "Of a truth, this man was the Son of God," and then it was all over, and He was dead.

The disciples and the Holy Women came to take down His body. They talked quietly and sorrowfully, seeming stunned by their grief.

The Last Station showed the Rising from the tomb. It was still dark when the women came to embalm the body. Then the light shone upon the angel, as he gave the glad news that the Christ was risen. And then the Chapel was light again as they cried joyfully, "Alleluia, Alleluia," and the organ caught up their song in the hymn "Christ the Lord is risen again."

A. Daws, *Upper Va.*

RECOLLECTIONS OF ST. ELPHIN'S SCHOOL IN THE SIXTIES

(Contributed to the 1921 number of the School Magazine)

SOME few items of history connected with the Clergy Daughters' School, S. Elphin's, at Warrington, even before the sixties, may be of interest, and I insert them here as I have before me an old prospectus of the school, probably the first issued.

It is interesting in more ways than one, and the notes I have from an "Old Girl," Sadie Oldfield, fit in with others stated in the schedule. Items in the needful Inventory of each girl are also amusing when looked at from the point of view of the writer, who was in the school in the eighties ! How much more then in the eyes of today ?

The prospectus has at its head a beautiful engraving of the building as it stood when founded in 1844.

Now to return to our Old Girls of the sixties. At this time Bishop Powys (Sodor and Man) was one of the three Bishop patrons, and the chief governess (as the Head was then called) was a personal friend of the Bishop, who had been formerly Rector of Warrington, and very well-known and highly revered. Miss Groom was a lady of stately mien and of medium height, hot-tempered, but always just ; strict, but very kind, especially to the motherless. She had a merry laugh, and was much beloved by the girls, many tears being shed when she left. She was the very essence of honour. She looked most queenly in the evening in her black velvet dress and the cap which she always wore. Under her régime the girls were very happy. The routine followed by the girls of that day was : 6 a.m. (summer and winter) rising ; 6.45 a.m., callisthenics ; 7 a.m., prayers, followed by breakfast ; 8 a.m., service in the Parish Church and bed-making on return ; then letters (Valentine's Day was a great occasion !) ; 1 p.m. dinner (the food was good, especially the plum puddings) ; afternoon lessons till tea. The little ones skipped so many times for exercise every evening in the play-room ; they also played ghosts ! Prayers were said each evening in the great school room, and the elder girls did lessons after tea till supper time.

The Blue and White Dormitories of our day were then called the East and West Attics. The Bishop's room (dormitory) was so called from the fact that in those days Bishop Powys and his daughter often visited the school, and he slept in that room.

The terms were "Half-years" (called Halves), only Christmas and Mid-summer holidays ; but every first Thursday in the month was a holiday and visitors' day. "Tuck-boxes" were allowed, and Horehounds were the favourite sweets. Mrs. Hughes was Matron, and mothered the girls in the kind sweet way we knew later. The school was formed in Five Divisions, No. 1 being the top. All lessons were held in the Great Schoolroom, each division being stationed in a particular part of the room. The Headmistress had her special platform, with table and chair beneath the stone bracket which held the small clock ; another Governess had her desk near the fireplace. The little ones had small benches without backs, and during lessons a book was placed on the girls' heads to cultivate a graceful carriage. Concert nights were held in the library.

In reading the inventory of that day, such items as : one pair of clogs, one Holland pinafore or black silk apron (for children) ; elder pupils, two black aprons, two pockets ("Grannies" we called them), a *new* umbrella, three or four night-caps ! One dessert and one tea spoon, two plain straw bonnets—white bonnet ribbons for Summer and dark blue for Winter—strike one as odd nowadays. The bonnet of those days was poke-shaped with little white caps worn inside ; side curtains of stuff in five box pleats, with the ribbons, completed the whole. The girls trimmed them each Spring and Autumn themselves. So old-fashioned they looked in them, that they were asked in the train homewards, "Are ye Friends?"

A few old silver spoons used to be among the others in my days, and it was an honour to use one. They evidently were the belongings of former pupils ; initials and names were engraved thereon, such

as M.W., Mary Teague, Caroline, E.H., etc. The school provided spoons, but less valuable, though efficient, so we had not to take our own. These same "Old Girls" wore black silk spencers or shawls, with white frocks, white cotton stockings, mittens, and the Quakerish bonnets; and very neat and quaint they looked . . .

In the time of the cotton famine the elder pupils went to the relief of the townspeople, and helped with soup making.

Rev. Stubbs was Clerical Principal then, and prepared these girls for confirmation. One of them had the "Christian Year" given to her by Keble himself. (Three of Mr. Stubbs' daughters were later pupils of the school).

I, who wrote this, hope that these notes on "Memories in the Sixties" will prove interesting to readers of today.

Yours "Of the Eighties,"

LOUI CHAMBERS.

THE ELISABETH VON THADDEN SCHOOL

THIS year many letters were again exchanged between our girls and those of the Elisabeth von Thadden School. I was very glad to be able to establish a new personal link by staying for four days in the school itself last September. Both staff and girls gave me a warm welcome and it was a joy to speak to them about our school as they showed such a keen interest in every aspect of our life. The second day of my visit was the anniversary of the execution of the former headmistress, Elisabeth von Thadden, at the hands of the Nazis. This tragic event was commemorated by a simple act to which the girls contributed music and recitations, and whose main feature was a talk by Dr. Marie Baum, one of the governors, who gave a vivid character-sketch of this courageous personality. Every year this day will be commemorated in a similar way. Truly, in such a school there is no danger of any Nazi ideas ever gaining ground! Altogether I was much impressed with everything I saw in the school: the high standard of academic achievement, the active sense of responsibility, fostered in the girls, concerning political and spiritual reconstruction, the ever-ready service rendered to all in need of help of whom there are so many, and all this combined with much gaiety and a general atmosphere of happiness. I felt that we can be really proud to be in touch with this school.

I also had the opportunity of seeing Frl. Born and her splendid school at Bochum. She still speaks with warm appreciation of her visit to us two years ago and has kept a keen interest in our affairs.

Now Shirley Cowing has been staying with her pen-friend in the Easter holidays and returned full of stories of her enjoyable and interesting experiences. Her pen-friend is coming to stay with her in August. We hope that this is only the first of a great number of exchanges between us and the Elisabeth von Thadden School and that so, in our small way, we may be able to contribute towards international good-will and understanding.—M.O.

FLETCHER HOUSE

FLETCHER is beginning to make a stand for herself in school life, and even though we have yet to win a games award, there has been a marked improvement in all games. In the hockey semi-final, playing against Wilson, we were beaten by one goal.

We have now held the Order Shield for three successive years. Last term, thanks to a University entrance, that of Joan Gregory, rather than hard work on the part of the house, we came second in work.

This year an Inter-House dramatic competition was held. The House, especially Wensley Hall, worked for this with great enthusiasm. The scenes acted were from "The Merry Wives of Windsor" and the "Pyramus and Thisbe" play from "A Midsummer-Night's Dream". The junior members of the House did some scenes from "Robin Hood."

At the end of the Autumn Term we were extremely sorry to lose Elizabeth Storrs-Fox, who had been an excellent House Captain, and had done much for the House in every way.

J. SWINDLE.

House Committee

<i>House Captain</i>	..	JOAN SWINDLE
<i>Vice-Captain</i>	..	ANN WATSON
<i>Appointed Members</i>	..	JANET STORRS-FOX MARGARET TRENDALL
<i>Elected Member</i>	..	JULIE ALDRIDGE
<i>Appointed Member</i>	..	DOREEN LEVER

KENNEDY HOUSE

THIS year the work of the House has remained poor, and we all feel that everyone is capable of a higher standard. Other activities have been entered into with great zest. We won the Lacrosse Badminton and Netball cups. The Boarding Order Shield has been retained, but the day order needs much improvement.

The Dramatic competition has been one of the most outstanding events of the year. Each House presented three plays. The junior members of Kennedy performed part of J. M. Barrie's "Peter Pan." This was the play chosen for the final adjudication, although the Banquet and Sleep-walking Scenes from "Macbeth," played by the senior members, were performed again on the final day, but not for adjudication. A scene from "Oliver Twist" was our third play. The result of the play was not the winning of the cup, but closer unity among all the members of the House.

M. PICKERING.

House Committee

<i>House Captain</i>	..	MARY PICKERING
<i>Vice-Captain</i>	..	JUDY COOP
<i>Appointed Member</i>	..	JILL SCHANSCHIEFF
<i>Honorary Member</i>	..	MURIEL DUCKWORTH
<i>Elected Members</i>	..	PAT MOORCROFT RUTH TUDOR-JONES

POWYS HOUSE

DURING this year the order has not improved. It is to be hoped that this will be remedied in the future. We still retain the Work Shield, thanks to the efforts of the untiring few, but the result could be made much better if the whole House worked.

During the Autumn Term Mrs. Williams introduced a Dramatic competition between the Houses in which we did very well. The whole House took part in a pantomime, written by members of the House, called "A Journey in Pantomime Land." June Thorpe produced "The Bishop's Candlesticks" with the Middle Fifth. The Trial Scene from "The Merchant of Venice," produced by Mary Hopkins-Jones, who also gave a very fine performance as Shylock, with Pat Hayward as Portia, won the cup for us.

We were very fortunate in having seven members of the School First Eleven, including the Captain, in our team, and we retain the Hockey Cup. We lost the Junior Netball, but the team played a good game and proved that they can be good losers.

P. THOMAS.

House Committee

<i>House Captain</i>	..	PAULA THOMAS
<i>Vice-Captain</i>	..	MARY HOPKINS-JONES
<i>Appointed Members</i>	..	PAT HAYWARD ANNE CARSON
<i>Honorary Member</i>	..	RUTH DOXEY
<i>Elected Members</i>	..	ANNE LYON ELIZABETH TODD

WILSON HOUSE

IN the Autumn Term, 1949, Pamela Davies was our House Captain. It was a term of steady progress, as we came second in both Work and Order. At the end of that term we had the Inter-House Drama competition, in which Wilson came second. All of our plays were produced by Pamela Davies; two scenes from "Oliver Twist," in which members from all the forms took small parts; "Rejuvenation," performed by the Middle School; and "Archibald," by the younger members of the House.

Pamela Davies left at the end of the Term, and we were all very sorry to say 'goodbye' to her. I am sure the House wish to join me in thanking her for all she did during the time that she was our House Captain.

During the Spring Term, the standard of work has fallen considerably and we are now third. We are still second in both Day and Boarding Order, but even so the results were not good.

In December, the Inter-House hockey matches were played. In the semi-finals we beat Fletcher 1—0, but in the finals we lost to Powys 6—1. This Term we were second in the Middle School Netball and third in Badminton. Again we beat Fletcher in the Lacrosse matches, 7—1, and after playing a very exciting game against Kennedy in the finals we lost to them 9—3.

V. PURDY.

House Committee

<i>House Captain</i>	..	VALERIE PURDY
<i>Vice-Captain</i>	..	ELIZABETH ROWE
<i>Honorary Member</i>	..	JILL CARTWRIGHT
<i>Appointed Member</i>	..	WENDY PIDDUCK
<i>Elected Members</i>	..	MARGARET EDWARDS
		SHIRLEY THORNTON

HOCKEY

THE standard of play has greatly improved this season. The shooting has become more accurate and the defence even stronger. We won all our matches in the Autumn Term. In the Spring Term we entered for the Derbyshire Hockey Trials. The team played well and achieved good results. We came top of our section with seven points out of a possible ten. We thus reached the semi-finals. We were then beaten by Tupton Hall Grammar School.

ANNE CARSON, *Captain*.

The members of the School 1st XI were :

<i>Goal</i>	..	..	J. CLARKE
<i>Right Back</i>	..	..	P. THOMAS
<i>Left Back</i>	..	..	J. CARTWRIGHT
<i>Right Half</i>	..	..	M. HOPKINS-JONES
<i>Centre Half</i>	..	..	M. LOVELL
<i>Left Half</i>	..	..	A. CARSON, <i>Captain</i>
<i>Right Wing</i>	..	..	R. DOXEY
<i>Right Inner</i>	..	..	P. HAYWARD
<i>Centre Forward</i>	..	..	E. ROWE
<i>Left Inner</i>	..	..	A. WILSON
<i>Left Wing</i>	..	..	J. SCHANSCHIEFF, <i>Vice-Captain</i>

LACROSSE

ALTHOUGH no Lacrosse matches were played this season, as the result of the School's being in quarantine for German measles and an epidemic of influenza, the House matches showed a marked improvement in play. Members of the teams were keen and enthusiastic, showing determination and good team work.

The members of the School Team were :

<i>Goal</i>	..	..	J. MACHIN
<i>Point</i>	..	..	M. LOVELL
<i>Cover Point</i>	..	..	A. WRAY
<i>3rd Man</i>	..	..	M. GALLIMORE, <i>Vice-Captain</i>
<i>Left Defence Wing</i>	..	..	J. CARTWRIGHT
<i>Right Defence Wing</i>	..	..	A. CARSON
<i>Centre</i>	..	..	S. BRAYBROOKE
<i>Right Attack Wing</i>	..	..	J. COOP, <i>Captain</i>
<i>Left Attack Wing</i>	..	..	A. WILSON
<i>3rd Home</i>	..	..	P. HAYWARD
<i>2nd Home</i>	..	..	J. CLARKE
<i>1st Home</i>	..	..	L. SMEDLEY

JUDY COOP.

“THE WHITE LIE”

ANNA came into the room, holding a kitten affectionately, and chattering to it about some incident which had arisen while they were playing in the garden. Seeing her father sprawling in an armchair, she gently put the kitten down and clambered on to her father's knee.

“Daddy, play Ride-a-Cock-horse with me,” she said. So they held hands and her father's knee began to go up and down and Anna went up and down with it. As she went faster, she began to laugh light-heartedly and dimples began to appear. Her hair fell over her face and she tried to blow it back again, her blue eyes twinkling merrily all the time.

“Not so fast, Dobbin, or you will lose a shoe,” she said to her father when they were going very fast indeed. The pace slackened and they just jogged along comfortably.

“Daddy, I want to ask you a question,” she said, after they had been jogging for a little while.

In this time her whole face had changed, like a cloud passing before the sun on a summer's day. Her dimples had gone and her eyes had lost their twinkle. She looked a little worried and unusual lines crossed her forehead. The expression on her father's face was similar but mingled with inquiry. Anna removed these lines with the tips of her fingers but she did not change her own expression.

“Daddy, why haven't I a mother?” she inquired as she traced, with her index finger, the outline of one of the flowers on her summer frock. She did not see the pained expression which crossed her father's face, neither did she understand why he was silent.

“Auntie said she was in hospital. What is that?”

“Hospital is a place where people go when they're ill.”

“Is Mummy ill?”

There was no answer.

Her father was thinking of his wife, before and after she was taken to a mental home. He had had hopes of her recovery, but now she had had a relapse and despair had drowned hope.

He could hardly bear to think on her inability to recognise him or the other facts which pointed to her incurability.

“Daddy, why are you so thoughtful?” Anna said, rather alarmed. “She is not sleeping in the cold earth, is she?” As she said these words, the tears came up and hung glistening on her eyelashes as she waited for the word, which would cause them to fall, or dispel them.

She laid her head on her father's chest and said once more, “Is she sleeping in the cold earth?”

“Yes.”

RUTH BERRY, *Upper Va.*

OLD GIRLS' CHRONICLE

Reunions

AT the London Reunion, held on October 15th, 1949, when the Chair was taken by Miss Flood, Miss Stopford and thirty-six members were present. At the Manchester Reunion, April 15th, 1950, when Margaret Griffiths was in the Chair, thirty-four members were present.

London Reunion, 1950

Miss Flood has kindly booked a room at the Y.W.C.A., Great Russell Street, London, for the afternoon of Saturday, October 14th, 1950. Please make a note of the date.

Miss A. E. Bell

We reprint below some extracts from an Appreciation sent to the *Manchester Guardian* in the week following Miss Bell's death :

"The death of Miss Amy Elizabeth Bell, the first headmistress of Harpurhey High School, Manchester, has brought sorrow to many people, some of whom have little in common except their affection for one who gave unstintingly in kindness and friendship . . .

To Manchester she brought the spirit of Oxford, strenuous pursuit of the things of the mind in an atmosphere of friendship and beauty . . . Hers was no mere sentimental yearning by Irwell for her lovelier Thames. She brought beauty of spirit, of heart, of an ordered calm of life wherever she went. This was the inner core, but it gives little hint of that rare personality—the twinkling eyes, the merry laugh, the relished anecdote. It suggests nothing of her intense joy in children, of the drawer of toys in that delightful sitting-room, explored by so many children with utter content. There is a medical student at Manchester University today who used to think of Miss Bell as another little girl. She was contemporary with us all.

She was a unique headmistress and friend. Her life, public and private, was a radiant commentary on the beloved words *Dominus illuminatio mea.*"

St. Elphin's Memorial Fund

THE appeal for contributions to provide a War Memorial in the form of a sanctuary carpet and a book of remembrance for the School Chapel met with the good response of £70 14s. 6d. The carpet, a plain light green one, was ordered by Miss Stopford, with approval of the London meeting, from Heal's Contracts Ltd., of Tottenham Court Road, and has been delivered at the School. It is to be dedicated on June 18th. The cost was £44 19s. 8d., so we still have about £25 to provide the book of remembrance, and after that there should still be something left. If members still know names of any Old Girls who have died and whose names should go in the book, please send them to the secretary. Ella Baines (*née* Thorpe) suggested at the London meeting that a tablet should be put up in the School recreation room to record the fact that it was once the School Chapel ; if there were not enough money left over from the Memorial Fund, Mrs. Baines generously offered to give the tablet herself. The suggestion was approved by the meeting.

GAMES REPORT 1949-50

IN spite of many difficulties, the Old Girls usually manage to get a team together for the termly match, but, as yet, we have not succeeded in winning one ! The Hockey in November was again won by the School, 7—0, although the Old Girls put up a good show. Unfortunately the Lacrosse match had to be cancelled in the spring, but it is hoped that Cricket and Tennis matches will be arranged for the Summer Term, and a Hockey gathering in the Autumn. I should be glad to hear at any time of people who would like to play in all or any of the matches.

Several Old Girls have distinguished themselves in the sporting world, and we offer our congratulations to :

ANN GEE (late of Fletcher) selected for Derbyshire Hockey XI and as a reserve for the Midlands XI.

FAY SMITH (*née* Trickett) who has captained the Derbyshire Netball VII this season.

JOAN PARR and JOAN TRAPNELL (*née* Martin) both of whom have played for Devon since they left College, the latter also playing cricket for the West of England.

ROSEMARY TAYLOR has also played for Worcestershire this season.

Congratulations, too, to all the athletes who have represented colleges, clubs or counties and about whom or which we have not heard.

ROSEMARY TAYLOR,
Hon. Games Sec., S.E.O.G.G.

THE PRAYER CIRCLE

The aim of the Prayer Circle is to form a complete chain of prayer for the work of the School and for past and present members of it. Most members choose a certain day of the week for their intercession, others not binding themselves to this. All members make the School their special intention at Holy Communion on the Sunday after Ascension Day. Several years ago members were asked to renew their promise if they still wished to belong to the Circle ; unfortunately there was a very small response, and the present rota is as follows :

Sunday : Grace Holland

Monday : Stella Allen, Mary Lancelot

Tuesday : Present School, Irene Bullock, Adelaide Milligan

Wednesday : Pamela Lawrence

Thursday : Eleanor Blakelock, Joyce Brooks

Friday : Mary Goodman, Elizabeth White (*née* Evans)

Saturday : B. Phelps, Edith Chandler (*née* Phelps)

11th of each month : Ruth Roseveare

I do hope that when they see this list some old members may rejoin, and many new ones may wish to join. If you do, please send your name and the day you choose to the Prayer Circle Secretary, and the Prayer leaflet, consisting of two prayers and some suggestions for intercession, will be forwarded to you.

GRACE H. HOLLAND,
49 Station Road, Desborough,
Kettering, Northants

Keep your address-book up-to-date by noting the following changes and additions :

LAREMA AYERST (*née* Fisher) : 132, Green Lane, Northwood, Middlesex.

MARGARET BARRETT (*née* Bacon) : 20, Ray Court, Shrewsbury Road, London, W.2.

SADIE BROADBENT : 44, Churchgate, Southport, Lancs.

MARGARET BROWN (*née* Wontner-Smith) : Hill House, Hackney, Nr. Matlock.

JEAN CABLE : Brabyns House, Marple, Cheshire.

B. KATHLEEN CAREY (*née* Jones) : Barrowby Rectory, Grantham.

MURIEL CURTIS (*née* Lester) : The Vicarage, Beaufort Road, Ealing, W.5.

DOROTHY EDWARDS : Frittenden Rectory, Tonbridge, Kent.

MARY GARRETT (*née* Roseveare) : c/o The Rev. Canon W. H. Roseveare, Rose Hill, Albury, Nr. Guildford, Surrey.

ELEANOR JONES (*née* Burnett) : 5, Westminster Terrace, Douglas, Isle of Man.

RUTH ROSEVEARE : c/o The Rev. Canon W. H. Roseveare, Rose Hill, Albury, Nr. Guildford, Surrey.

MISS GREGSON : Hill View Cottage, Harston, Nr. Cambridge. (Holidays).

SHEILA HANDLEY : Arnold House, Brincliffe Hill, Psalter Lane, Sheffield, 11.

SUSAN HETHERINGTON : Windy Ridge, Whalley Road, Pendleton, Nr. Clitheroe.

MISS HUDSON : 2, The Row, Henham, Essex. (Holidays).

JOAN HUGHES : The Firs, Sunte Avenue, Haywards Heath, Sussex.

BETTY IRVING : Mount Hermon Missionary Training College, 39, Mount Avenue, Ealing, W.5.

MRS. V. Y. JOHNSON (*née* Hunt) : Colinton Rectory, Edinburgh, 13.

MISS C. M. JOHNSON : 63, Cairns Road, Sheffield, 10. (Holidays).

C. of E. High School for Girls, Sunderland, Co. Durham. (Term).

JOAN KIDDELL : 185, Belmont Road, Bolton.

MRS. A. O. N. LEE (*née* Ursula Crawshaw) : Bayton Vicarage, Nr. Kidderminster.

MARGARET LEWIS (*née* Harris) : 69, Sheen Court, Richmond, Surrey.

MONICA E. MARTIN : 62, Stanhope Gardens, London, N.4. (Term).

ANN MICKLETHWAITE : 425, Whirlowdale Rd., Millhouses, Sheffield, 11.

MARY MURRAY (*née* Coveney) : 5, Favell Road, Sheffield, 3.

ROSEMARY NEWELL : Far Hills, Chester Road, Woodford, Cheshire.

MARY and RITA PHILLIPS : 104, St. Julian's Farm Road, W. Norwood, S.E.27.

FREDA PLANT : "Lyndon," 59, Westcotes Drive, Leicester.

MARGARET RUSSON : "Avondale," Crowhill Drive, Mansfield.

JOYCE SAUNDERS (*née* Smith) : "Bredon," Clifford, Poynton, Cheshire.

FAY SMITH (*née* Trickett) : 108, St. Chad's Road, Derby.

JOSEPHINE STORM : The New Cheltenham Road School, Glos.

MURIEL TOUCHE (*née* Winckley) : Stane House, Ockley, Surrey.

PATRICIA SKINNER (*née* Towers) : 25, Kenwell Drive, Bradway Nr. Sheffield.

BETTY WATSON (formerly Mrs. McMillan, *nee* Sheldon) : Church Farm, Kettlethorpe, Nr. Saxelby, Lincolnshire.

KATHLEEN WILSON : 112, Kenilworth Court, Putney, S.W.15.

BUNTY WINCER (*née* Ray) : 180, Nacton Road, Ipswich, Suffolk.

CARRIE WINTRINGHAM (*née* Howe) : "Oakdene," Humberston Avenue, New Waltham, Nr. Grimsby, Lincs.

RUTH GARNETT

VALERIE IRVINE-FORTESCUE

STELLA SIMKINSON

} have resigned.

NEWS OF OLD GIRLS

Staff.

Miss H. W. McKenzie has a temporary post at Letchworth Grammar School, Herts. In London, recently, she met **Miss Lambourne**, who is now lecturing at the School of Dramatic Art.

Miss E. A. Just is teaching at Gardenhurst School, Burnham-on-Sea, Somerset.

Miss C. M. Johnson is headmistress of the C. of E. High School for Girls, Sunderland, Co. Durham. We apologise for omitting her name from the address-book. (See addresses).

Helen Thatcher's group.

Gwendolen Beech (*née* Wilson) has just lost her husband, whom she nursed during an illness of nearly two years. They had been married for thirty years. We should like to offer her our sympathy.

Muriel Clayton's group.

Gwladis Culmer (*née* Barnes) is now living at Brook House, Woodbridge, Suffolk. She had her eighth grandchild last year.

Dorothea Trott is back in Tokyo.

Margaret Griffiths (*née* Ashton) is resigning her sub-secretaryship after a good many years. Marjorie Gardener (*nee* Longden) and Joan Lloyd have kindly consented to add her members to their lists.

Muriel Touche's group.

Ursula Lee (*née* Crawshaw) left Burma in 1939 after seventeen years, and has been living at Bayton Vicarage, Kidderminster, since 1940. She writes that Burma is a lovely country, and is very sad to think of it in its present state. Her elder daughter has just finished training at Bart's.

Joy Melly (*née* Steele) has four children and is a grandmother. Her eldest son is in the Navy (Lieut.-E.), and has a three-year appointment in Malta dockyard.

Doris Rogers (*née* Steele) is also a grandmother.

Muriel Touche (*née* Winckley) is moving in July to Stane House, Ockley, Surrey.

Irene Bullock is running a guest house, with a friend, at Storrington, Sussex.

Margaret Carmichael's group.

Joan Hughes is working for Dr. Barnado's Homes as Boarding-out Visitor in Surrey and Sussex.

Pat Miller (*née* Nash), whose son was born on the same day as Prince Charles, received a magnificent food parcel from Princess Elizabeth. She went to Switzerland in February with her sister **Diana**, and learned to ski. Her sister **Margaret** sailed for China on September 3rd, and has finally reached Hankow after being held up four months in Hong Kong. She is to teach Chinese students bio-chemistry and laboratory technique. The post is under the auspices of S.P.G., and is at the Union Hospital, Hankow.

Sylvia Lloyd is now an Inspector in the Children's Department of the Home Office, involving inspection of Homes, Nurseries and boarding-out arrangements. She has moved north again, but has only found temporary accommodation near Manchester.

Joyce Renwick's group.

Ruth Roseveare returned to Delhi in January. She was home for the London reunion last October, and said then that she frequently sees **Miss Froggatt**, also working in Delhi.

Mary Goodman's group.

Barbara Thomason (*née* Bankes), who lives near Cheltenham, has taken up her work as a District Nurse again.

Betty Irving has left Gloucester Royal Infirmary, and is now training for missionary work at the Mount Hermon Missionary Training College, Ealing.

Hazel Foster is a Sister at St. George's Hospital, London.

Stella Allen and **Mary Goodman** are godmothers to the son of **Beryl West** (*née* Renwick). (See Births).

Anne Sutton (*née* Ward), at Bakewell, is kept very busy with her two children (see Births). Her husband is a veterinary surgeon.

Esther Jackson is back in Tanganyika, after spending a year in England to take the Diploma in Public Health. She went back to do Maternity and Child Welfare, and was expecting to go to Dar-es-Salaam again or possibly Tanga, two hundred miles further north.

Mary Goodman, who is Headmistress's secretary at Edgbaston C. of E. College for Girls, met **Veronica Lawton**, who is a member of the Carl Rosa Opera Company, when the Company was in Birmingham recently.

Frances Trower-Foyan's group.

Jean Kennard (*née* Donaldson) was present at Jane Bradfield's wedding in February. After the honeymoon the bride and bridegroom spent a day with Jean at Berwick St. James before sailing for Malaya.

Helen Goodman (*née* Karn) is living quite close to **Dorothy Tredwell** (*née* Kiddell) in Kidderminster. She saw **Joan Kiddell** too when she visited Dorothy at Easter. Joan now has a flat in Bolton.

Margaret Clarke is godmother to the son of **Phoebe Milton**

(née Melville White), born in January. She writes that **Betty Currie** is now married and has a flat in Alderley Edge, Cheshire. **Mary Murray** (née Coveney) will leave Oxford after Whitsuntide, when her husband is to be ordained. (See addresses).

Jean Rowe has been working at the military hospital at Wuppertal, Germany, since February, (with B.A.O.R.), and is enjoying it. Her sister **Frances** is working in Scotland.

Mary Scudamore (née Jones) is busy looking after her two children (see Births) and a doctor's household at Sandiacre, Notts.

Stephanie has been helping her for nearly a year, but is now at home looking for a job. **Kathleen**, now Mrs. Carey, is living in part of Barrowby Rectory, Grantham.

Meryl Turner (née Chambers) will soon be moving to Winchester, where her husband has obtained a post in the County Architect's office. When Princess Margaret visited the Salford Electrical Instrument Works in March, Meryl's daughter Elizabeth (aged 3) was to have presented the bouquet, but at the last moment was too shy, and gave the bouquet to her aunt and said "Hullo" to the princess!

Kathleen Wilson is secretary to a member of the London Stock Exchange. (See addresses).

Joan Brix has recently returned from South Africa, where she was nursing.

Mary Astin's group.

Dorothy Edwards is training for Moral Welfare work, and her term-time address is: The Josephine Butler Memorial House, 34, Alexandra Drive, Liverpool, 17. Her father has moved to a living amongst the hop gardens and fruit farms of Kent (see addresses).

Helen Gilbert has obtained her degree at London University, and is now taking a secretarial course. Her father is retiring shortly and moving down to Beaconsfield.

Elizabeth Kingdon says the first year of farming has gone well. She is busy gardening and catering for huge appetites, and has learnt to drive the Fordson Major. She has now 160 head of poultry, all reared by herself.

Ailsa Moore had a look round the world last year, when she was Nursing Sister on a troop ship. She visited Montreal, Niagara, Sarnia, the outskirts of Detroit, Hong Kong, Port Said, Aden, Colombo and Singapore. She is now Nursing Sister in the Medical Department of Oldham and Son Ltd., Denton.

Elizabeth White (née Evans) has two children (see Births). She lives in Hong Kong, as her husband is in the Water Police, in charge of No. 1 Police Launch, which led the chain of boats to meet the *Amethyst* and also had the honour of taking Lady Mountbatten round the St. John's Ambulance Brigade outposts in the New Territories.

Joyce Wright (née Sargent) is living in Falmouth. Her son, Anthony (aged 2), has an intense interest in boats, and is going to sail in Daddy's yacht for the first time this year.

Joan Trapnell's group.

Joyce Marchant Brooks passed her subsidiary Anthropology exam. at Birkbeck College (London) last November, and is now sitting for the Finals. This is an evening college, and Joyce has had a job in the day-time as well, and found it very tough going.

Joyce Dawson (*née* Cartmell) and her husband are leaving Freckleton Training College, which closes down in July, and are going to Northern Ireland in September. (See Births).

Mary Henry (*née* Dallimore) has met **Nora Huck**, who is now living in Lewes and is a ward sister at the hospital. (See Births).

Grace Holland is still in the Massage Department at Kettering Hospital but is leaving soon, and hopes to get job in the South. She runs a Youth Club, which she is taking to Stratford in June to see *Henry VIII*. She goes to Italy for her holiday in July.

Margaret Lewis (*née* Harris) has just moved into a new flat in Richmond.

Joan Parr is now teaching P.T. in Southend.

Josephine Storm has been tracked down at last. She is teaching at the New Cheltenham Road School in Gloucestershire, after teaching for three-and-a-half years in Bristol.

Joan Tyas (*née* Harris) and her husband are both working at Manchester University. (See Marriages).

Joan Trapnell (*née* Martin) and her husband are having a house built further down the road where they now live, at Bideford, and hope to move in at the end of June.

Joan Brittain's group.

Pamela Lawrence has taken Part I of the C.M.B. exam. at the Jessop Hospital, Sheffield, and is going to work in a hospital in Canada for a year, beginning in October.

Muriel M. Jones, who was working part-time at the Merchant Taylors school, recently returned from a winter sports holiday at Klosters, where she learned to ski, and practised her School Certificate French !

Flora Bisset-Smith is now in her final year of Medicine at Manchester. She was godmother to the second child of **Margaret Dickenson** (*née* Crawley).

Joan Brittain is the Radiographer at the Victoria Hospital, Work-sop. She met **Peggy Wood** (*née* Ashe) and her husband in Don-caster recently, and heard that **Margaret Caldwell** was engaged.

Kathleen Peate's group.

Margaret Broun (*née* Wontner-Smith) has married the Director of Music at her school, and has three step-children, aged 9, 7 and 5.

Betty Martin's group.

June Burr is leaving her Art School this summer, and taking up a teaching post in Norwich.

Bunty Martin. After taking a course of Institutional Management, Bunty went to the Manchester Royal Infirmary to train as a nurse. She is now in her third year, and hopes to get married at the end of it. (See Engagements).

Jean Beauchamp is working in Harley Street, for two pathologists. She is engaged to a dentist practising in Haywards Heath, where they hope to get a house. (See Engagements).

Betty Carson is now deputy-organist at Middlesbrough Parish Church. She sees quite a lot of Mrs. Jackson, who is living in Middlesbrough with her husband and two children.

Barbara Clegg has left St. Christopher's, Letchworth, where she was an assistant matron, and is now in a private post as children's nurse at Seaford, Sussex.

Mary Davidson. In between a busy life of letter-writing, Mary manages to run a secretarial job in Preston, spend hostelling holidays with Bob and Betty Carson, and go to plenty of dances and shows. In her own words, "life fairly beetles along" !

Jean Hutchinson is now an S.R.N. doing Part II of her Midwifery training at Sheffield, and sits for her Finals in June. She has seen **Pat Towers** (see Engagements) and **Pete Parker** recently, both engaged. She herself is engaged, but is so close, she won't even reveal his name ! All that is known is that he is a medical student.

Margaret Russon (see Engagements) is teaching in a technical school, and preparing her trousseau. (See Addresses).

Elizabeth Styles (*nee* Hewitt) leads a busy life as a farmer's wife, and writes very cheerfully of the rural conditions—no electricity drinking water to be fetched by horse in a churn, etc., etc.

Rosemary Taylor, working in the Botany Department of Birmingham University, at Easter had to officiate with slides and practical demonstrations at a conference for teachers on Modern Botany. (See Games Report).

Jean Waddell sits for her S.R.N. at Leicester in June. She sees and hears of old St. Elphinites, *viz.* **Margaret Holderness**, working as a dress designer in Leicester, **Hazel Bembridge**, doing the same in Nottingham and **Freda Plant** who is living in Leicester. She hears from **Liz Swain** at the York General Hospital. They are hoping to go to the continent for their holiday this year, together with **Angela Daff**.

Dorothy Wallace is supervisor of two School Meals centres in Sheffield, and is responsible for about 1,200 school dinners each day !

Linette Rice is sitting for her Social Administration Finals in June. She hopes to take up Personnel Management.

Betty Martin is in her final year at London University, and is taking a training course in Infants' Teaching. She has been secretary of the London S.C.M., and has done some visiting in Stepney. She hopes to get a job in Devon, near her parents, who are busy house-hunting. She sees quite a lot of **Mary Hibbins**, who is working for her Finals in June.

Rosemary Newell's group.

Jennifer Lucas is going to teach for the Summer Term, prior to going up to St. Hugh's College, Oxford, to read Natural Sciences.

Barbara Bull is engaged to be married. She was doing Physiotherapy at Buxton, last year.

Kathleen Armstrong is in her 2nd year at Dartford P.T. College.
Rachel Burr is in the W.R.N.S.

Angela Daff, now S.R.N., is about to take a course in Neurological Nursing, in London.

Erica Hancock took her degree in English at Birmingham last summer. She is engaged to a theological student.

Elizabeth Jackson finishes her secretarial course at the end of May.

Molly Keane is working at the National Book League in London.

Gwenllian Owen is studying Drama at R.A.D.A. She is interested in Scenery design.

Rosamond Sapwell is nursing at Bart's.

Betty Vernon has given up farming, temporarily, and is taking a commercial course in Bournemouth.

Sheila Wood is secretary at a hospital near home.

Margaret Wallis is living at home.

Barbara Wray is a private secretary near home.

Rosemary Newell is in her 4th year of Dentistry at Manchester University. (See addresses).

Jean Watson's group.

Ann Micklethwaite is at the Central Commercial College in Sheffield until July, and is then to work as secretary to her father.

Beryl Pates is working for the Ministry of Town and Country Planning in the County Court Area planning office at Chesterfield. She is engaged to be married.

Gillian Robertson is doing secretarial work in Bakewell at the County Agricultural Executive Committee office.

Patricia Stockdale is a Dental Receptionist in St. John Street, Manchester.

Joan Swift is studying for a B.A. degree at Sheffield University.

Patricia Wheeldon is taking a secretarial course at Peterborough.

Eileen Bartram is still at Sheffield University, studying for a B.A. degree.

Mary Bennett is at a Drama School in Birmingham, and says she has a vague promise of a job at the end of term.

Jane Cox is in her 2nd year of Medicine at Manchester University.

Ann Crosthwaite is at Oakham as nursery governess to the Headmaster's daughter. She is leaving at Christmas and hoping to get a job abroad.

Marjorie Domville, while finishing her Domestic Science course, is doing hospital cooking for 50 convalescents.

Pamela Holmes is spending a year at home. In September she starts a course at Manchester school of Domestic Science.

Audrey Lavender is taking a training in Froebel teaching at Birmingham.

Mollie McCombie is training as a nurse at the General Hospital, Nottingham, and takes her Finals next year.

Jean Watson is training as a nurse at University College Hospital, London, and takes her Finals next year.

Audrey Gardner's group.

Margaret Radford is taking up Journalism, and training as a reporter with the *Derbyshire Times*.

Pamela Gamble, studying Physiotherapy in Manchester, hopes to take her Finals in November.

Mary Bevington has passed her Intermediate (B.A. Admin.) exam. in Social Studies, at Nottingham University and takes Part I of her Finals this year.

June Brooker is studying Domestic Science in Sheffield.

Elizabeth Perry has finished her training, and has post as secretary in the main office of the University College Hospital Medical School, and likes her work very much.

Monica Cooke is training at Dartford P.T. College.

Susan Hetherington's group.

Margaret Aitchison is in her first year at Sheffield University, studying English, French, German and Latin.

June Brierley, after working in a private hotel in Buxton as general assistant to the manageress, is now studying Domestic Science at Gloucester.

Pamela Ellis is training as a nurse at the Middlesex Hospital.

Joan Gregory is going to Bedford College in October, to read for a B.Sc. special degree in Physics.

Stella Holland is beginning the Nursery course at Derby Diocesan Training College in September.

Susan Kendall is nursing at the Princess Margaret Rose Orthopaedic Hospital, Edinburgh.

Elaine Owen has won an Exhibition in Botany at Holloway College, and will go there in October to read for an Honours Degree in Botany.

Jennifer Pooler has been studying languages, and in September is going either to start a secretarial training or go to Germany.

Josephine Richards is still at school. In September she hopes to take a business course at a college at Nottingham.

Sheila Simms-Reeve hopes to finish her secretarial course in the summer.

Catherine Soutter is studying for her 1st M.B. at the Royal Free School of Medicine.

Joan Waddington is nursing at the County Hospital, York. She has recently headed the list of successes in an examination.

Susan Hetherington is studying for her 1st M.B. at Manchester University. (See Addresses).

ENGAGEMENTS

MCGREGOR—BEAUCHAMP. Harvey McGregor to Jean Winefred Beauchamp, of Chelmsford Road, S. Woodford, London.

JOSLIN—RUSSON. Bernard A. J. Joslin, of Maldon, Essex, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Joslin, to Margaret Russon.

SKINNER—TOWERS. Alfred Skinner, Jnr. to Rona Patricia Towers. The wedding will take place at All Saints' Church, Ecclesall, Sheffield, on June 6th, 1950.

STUBBS—MARTIN. Kenneth Stubbs, R.N., to Bunty Martin.

BIRTHS

- On February 25th, 1949, to Joyce Dawson (*née* Cartmell), a daughter—Gillian Phyllis Janet.
- On May 26th, 1949, to Mary Henry (*née* Dallimore), a sister for Christopher—Patricia Ann.
- On July 21st, 1949, to Felicity Hay (*née* Forster), a son—Charles Edward.
- On February 27th, 1950, to Joyce Houghton (*née* Gibbs), a daughter—Felicity Mary, sister for Michael, Roger and Elizabeth.
- On July 20th, 1949, to Beryl Layton (*née* Drew), a fourth daughter—Rosemary Beryl.
- On January 12th, 1950, to Phoebe Milton (*née* Melville White), a son—Stephen Melodie.
- On November 24th, 1949, to Mary Ruth Scudamore (*née* Jones), a daughter—Ruth, sister for John.
- On February 20th, 1950, to Anne Sutton (*née* Ward), a daughter—Rowena Jane, sister for Valerie.
- On March 7th, 1950, to Beryl West (*née* Renwick), a son—Roger William Horner, brother for Frances Mary Horner.
- On May 21st, 1947, in Hong Kong, to Elizabeth White (*née* Evans), a son—John William.
- On September 16th, 1949, in Hong Kong, to Elizabeth White (*née* Evans), a second son—Phillip Gilderoy.
- On January 23rd, 1950, to Marjorie Gardener (*née* Longden), a son—John Nicholas Longden.
- In March, 1949, to Larema Ayerst (*née* Fisher), a daughter—Caroline, (her fifth child).
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MARRIAGES

- TYAS—HARRIS. On December 20th, 1949, James P. I. Tyas, of Whaley Bridge, Derbyshire, to Joan Harris.
- MURRAY—COVENEY. On December 14th, 1949, at St. Michael's Church, Macclesfield, Mr. Murray to Katherine Mary Coveney.
- PRESTWICH—CARTMEL. On September 14th, 1949, at St. Cuthbert's Church, Lytham, James A. Prestwich to Pamela Cartmell.
- WATSON—MCMILLAN. On November 1st, 1949, at All Saints' Church, North Collingham, Notts., by the Rev. L. Shorland-Ball, John Wilmot Watson to Betty McMillan (*née* Sheldon).
- WALLEN—DEMAINE. On June 23rd, 1949, at St. Michael and All Angels' Church, Bramhall, Michael John Wallen to Helen Demaine.
- BROUN—WONTER-SMITH. On November 5th, 1949, at the Parish Church, Yeadon, Leeds, Kenneth Francis Broun to Diana Margaret Wontner Wontner-Smith.
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DEATHS

- BELL. On February 3rd, 1950, suddenly, from a heart attack, Amy Elizabeth Bell, first headmistress of Harpurhey High School, Manchester.
- RIDGEWAY. On January 22nd, 1950, as the result of an accident, Margaret Ridgeway (*née* Shaw).

TREASURER'S REPORT

AS you will see from the Statement of Accounts we have just managed to finish the year 1949 with a balance on the right side. This is largely due to the generosity of several Old Girls who gave substantial donations to the funds, and to all those who sent contributions towards the cost of printing the new Address Book, I do want to thank all of you very much indeed. I hope I am forgiven for not sending individual receipts for all the stamps and 1/- Postal Orders which showered in !

I am sorry that the Life Membership Subscription has had to be raised to £3 3s., but owing to greatly increased costs, etc., it was essential to increase either the Life or the Annual Subscription. After a long discussion at the Business Meeting at the last Old Girls' Reunion in London, and with the help and guidance of an Old Girl who is an Actuary, it was decided to leave the Annual Subscription at 3/-, and to increase the Life Subscription by one guinea. 1/- per Life Member will now be transferred from the Life Subscriptions (or Deposit) Account to the Current Account annually. It was with regret that we made this decision, but I do think that you will all agree that our subscriptions are still low when compared with those of many other schools.

Every annual member will have received a reminder notice earlier in the year stating exactly how much she owed in subscriptions, and I have had an excellent response to that reminder. There are still, however, a number of Old Girls who are rather badly in arrears, particularly among the younger members, and as it is clearly not an economical proposition to continue to send magazines and notices in such cases, however much we would like to give them a further period of grace, from now on we must regretfully impose more strictly the rule that an Old Girl whose subscription is two years in arrears shall cease to be a member of the Guild. This magazine will therefore only be sent to members who have paid up to the year 1948 inclusive.

This may sound rather like "preaching to the converted," because if you are reading this you have obviously received your magazine, but it may be that you have friends or know of other Old Girls to whom this applies. (I think the remedy is obvious, and we shall be only too glad to re-instate their membership again !).

There are two things that I should like to say especially to sub-secretaries. First thank you all for the way in which you have collected (I nearly wrote "extracted" !) subscriptions from your members for so many years, and in nearly all cases sent them on to me so promptly.

Secondly, I rather think that one or two sub-secretaries have got an odd 3/- P.O. or so tucked away at the back of a drawer, and if that is the case I should be awfully grateful if you would send them along, because it is rather hard for one of your group to be told that she is in arrears, when in fact she knows that she has paid her sub-secretary up to date.

I know Treasurers' Reports are inclined to be dull things but I do hope that you have persevered to the end of this, and that you will forgive me for being rather fierce, because while we do not in any way want to accumulate funds just for the sake of showing a good balance, at the same time to be in a precarious financial state is a miserable thing for everybody. We have never got to that stage yet, and if I know anything about Old St. Elphinites I don't think we ever shall !

MARY D. GOODMAN,

Hon. Treasurer, S.E.O.G.G.

" THE FAIRIES "

Do you know the pretty dell
Where the bluebells ring their knell,
Where the fairies and the wood-nymphs dwell ?
If you don't, I pity you,
I do, I do, I do.

Do you know the little ring
Where the fairies dance and sing
And their bells go ting-a-ling ?
If you don't, I pity you,
I do, I do, I do.

I hope you know the fairies' land
With such pretty golden sand,
With cool breezes gently fanned
If you do I'll be so glad,
But if you don't I'll be so sad.

JEAN DONALDSON, *Lower I.*

" WHERE I LOVE TO BE "

I love to be beside the sea,
And watch the waves roll up at me.

I love to be upon the sands,
That look at me with golden bands.

I love to be in many places,
That seem to look at me with faces.

MARY ROSE SOCKETT, *Junior School.*

ST. ELPHIN'S OLD GIRLS' GUILD Balance Sheet—Year ending 31st December, 1949
CURRENT ACCOUNT

RECEIPTS		PAYMENTS	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
To Balance (1/1/49) brought forward ..	18 14 9	By Reunion expenses—Hire of Room,	
" Subscriptions ..	23 7 0	Tips, etc.—London Reunion ..	3 5 6
" Donations towards cost of printing		Tips—Domestic Staff—Reunion at	
Address Book ..	3 11 0	St. Elphin's ..	2 10 0
" Sale of Metal O.G. Badges ..	2 16 0	Printing Address Book (600 copies)	22 8 0
" Sale of O.G. Blazer Badges (via		School Magazines (422 copies) ..	44 9 2
Mrs. Griffiths) ..	5 2 10	Postage on Magazines ..	2 12 4
" Donations ..	10 10 0	Envelopes for Magazines ..	16 8
" Transferred from Life Subscriptions		Duplicating (Reunion invitations) ..	14 5
Account (200 Members at 1/-) ..	10 0 0	Secretary's expenses—Postage and	
Interest on Life Subscriptions		Stationery ..	4 5 7
Account* (years 1943-1948 incl.)		Treasurer's expenses—Postage and	
transferred to Current Account ..	14 15 8	Stationery ..	1 17 0
Interest at Bank ..	1 0 7	Sub-Secretaries' expenses ..	2 7 1
		Balance (31/12/49) carried forward	4 12 1
			<u>£89 17 10</u>

*By an oversight this interest was not transferred each year for the years 1943 onwards. In future the interest will be transferred annually.

LIFE SUBSCRIPTIONS ACCOUNT

RECEIPTS		PAYMENTS	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
To Balance (1/1/49) brought forward ..	233 17 2	By Transferred to Current Account	10 0 0
" Subscriptions ..	48 6 0	1/- per Life Member (200 at 1/-)	
" Interest at Bank ..	6 5 2	" Transferred to Current Account	
		Interest on Life Subscriptions	14 15 8
		Account (years 1943-1948) ..	
		" Donation—Temporarily paid into	
		Life Subscriptions Account now	5 0 0
		transferred ..	
		" Balance (31/12/49) carried forward	258 12 8
	<u>£288 8 4</u>		<u>£288 8 4</u>

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