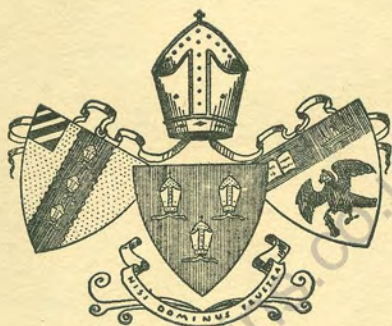


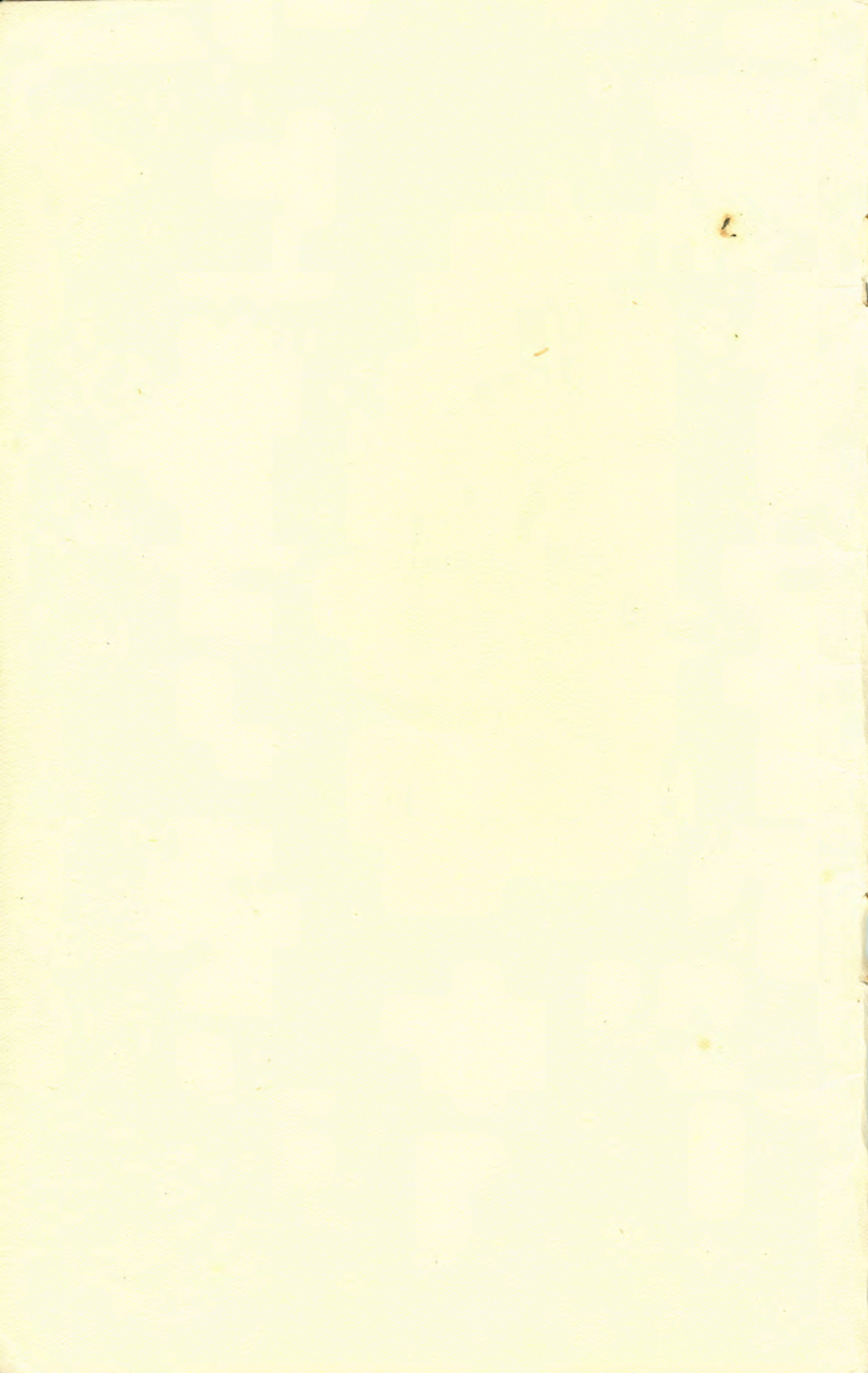
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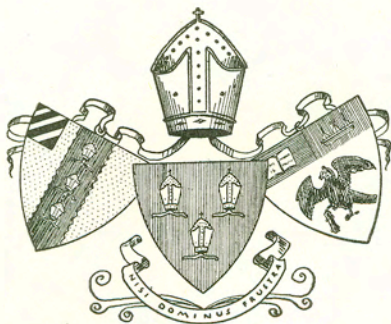
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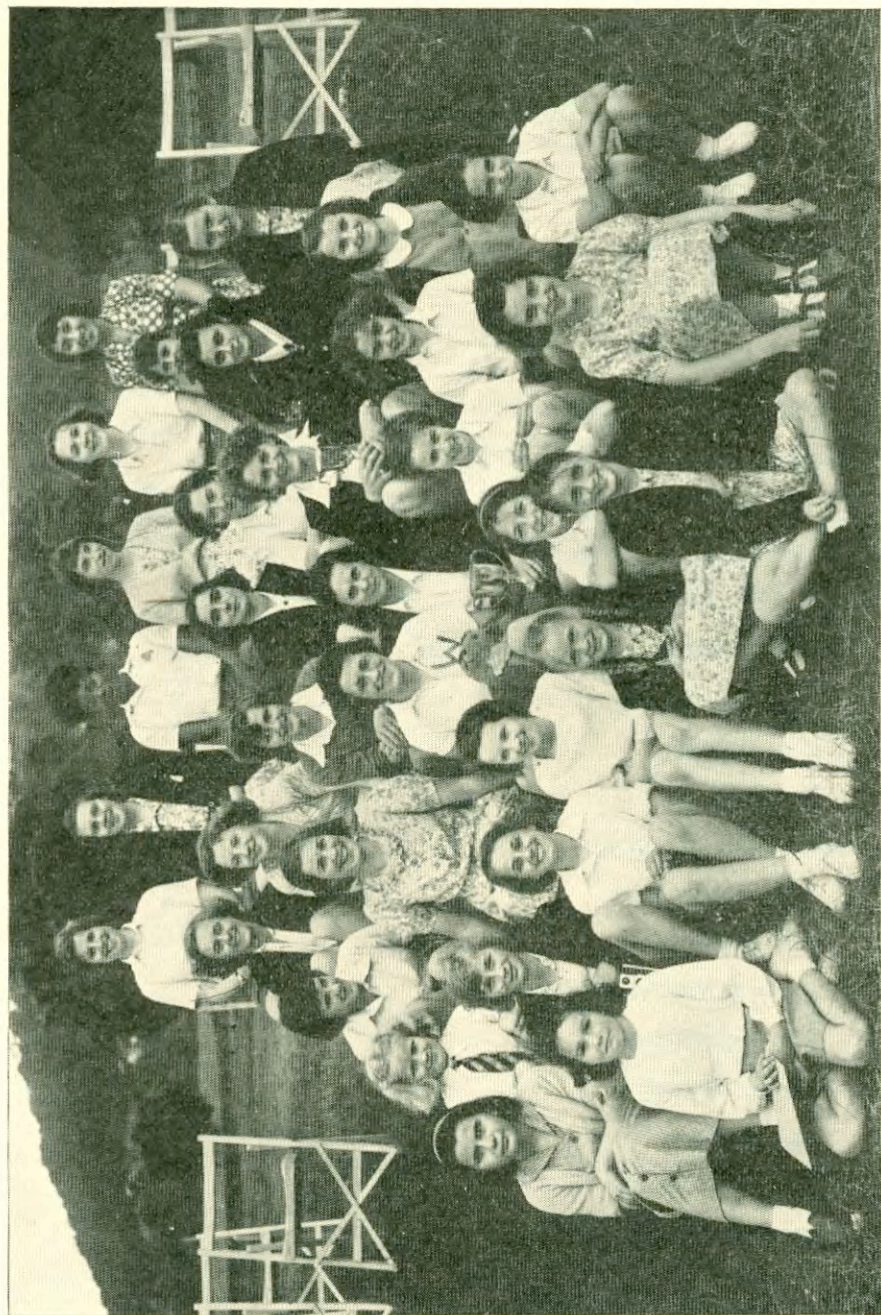
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SCHOOL NOTES, MAY, 1952

WE have had such an eventful year, that it is difficult to know which things to mention. In the Summer Term 1951 the usual Sports and Speech Day was held. In the Sports Jill Cartwright, Arminda Cherry-Downes and Gillian James won the Victor Ludorum awards for Senior, Middle-School, and Junior competitors respectively. Wilson House won the cup. The Guest of Honour was Miss D. W. Sprules, former Headmistress of the Haberdasher's Aske's School, Acton. She gave an inspiring address which she called "The Torch Race".

Several girls entered for the Matlock Bath and District Musical Festival. These were some of the results: Duet, under 14, Jacqueline Cleaver and Dorothea Bean, 2nd; Duet, under 16, Madeleine Hogg and Sallie Hitchen, 2nd; Erica Singleton and Judith Shipman, 3rd; Sight-reading, under 15, Jacqueline Cleaver, 2nd.

The Swimming Sports were held for the first time for several years, and were a great success. The proceeds of the School Play, "The Zeal of Thy House", £34 13s. 8d. and of the sale of work held on Sports Day, £35 6s. 0d., were equally divided between St. Helen's Church and the School Building Fund.

At the end of the Summer Term we were very sorry to say good-bye to Mrs. Williams, who had done so much to foster art and drama in the School, and Miss Hunt, whose work as English Mistress and Sacristan will be gratefully remembered by many of the staff and girls.

In the Spring Term all the forms again made a great effort to collect money for the Lent Fund, and the School was kept amused for many Saturday evenings.

During the Autumn and Spring Terms several visits were made to Sheffield and Nottingham to concerts and plays. At Christmas, Jill Goodwin paid a very enjoyable visit to Germany which was arranged through the School.

The most exciting event of the year was the return of Miss Stopford from South Africa at the beginning of the Summer Term, 1952. She had spent the Spring Term abroad and was able to study at first hand the colour problems of the Union about which we had heard at a conference held at School the previous autumn.

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SCHOOL PREFECTS, 1951—52

JILL CARTWRIGHT, *Head Girl*.

JANET ECCLES, *Deputy Head Girl*.

MURIEL DUCKWORTH, ROSEMARY SEPHTON, JILL GOODWIN,
MARGARET TRENDALL, PAULINE SCHONHUT, PATRICIA BLAKE.

LETTER OF THE HEADMISTRESS

2nd June, 1952

Dear Old and Present Girls,

I write with happy memories of the Old Girls' Week-end fresh in mind. It was such a pleasure to welcome girls of so many generations. The fact that they all had so much in common gave one a cheering sense of the continuity of the School. It was delightful to have Miss Flood here again and her infectious enthusiasm was a tremendous contribution to the week-end. We congratulate her on the appreciation with which her commentary on St. John's Epistle has been received and hope she will follow it up by other commentaries which will be greatly valued by all Old and Present Girls who follow a scheme of daily Bible reading.

The Editor of the Magazine has asked me to include in my letter some account of the time Miss Gregson and I spent in South Africa so I suggest that those who have already heard the tale should skip the ensuing paragraphs!

We set sail from Southampton on December 27th and at once ran into that furious gale which wrecked the *Flying Enterprise*. After four days' tossing, including a night in which the ship was forced to heave to in the Bay of Biscay, we reached the beautiful island of Madeira and from that time until we returned to Southampton on April 18th, we had a most delightful and interesting trip. As we went out as guests of the Mirfield Mission, we made our headquarters at Johannesburg, after a few days sight-seeing at Capetown, at St. Benedict's, the Mirfield Retreat and Conference House. From here we were taken to see Sophia Town, Orlando, Shanty Town, and the other notorious native locations so well described in "Cry the Beloved Country". Here the Mirfield Fathers, helped by the Wantage Sisters, are doing magnificent work among surroundings of such discomfort and squalor as might well make life sub-human. The Mirfield churches on these locations stand out as landmarks on account both of their size and of their beauty. They are filled to overflowing every Sunday and the African singing is a thing of real beauty. It is unaccompanied but does not lose by this, as Africans instinctively sing in parts as do the Welsh. Later we stayed for the inside of a week at the Jane Furze Hospital in Sekekuneland, itself a native reserve. The people there are still mostly heathen and it is uphill work for the Mirfield Fathers who have a small Priory in the hospital compound but one feels that the ceaseless effort and devoted care for the people in the hospital and schools must bear fruit in the end.

At Penhalonga, in Southern Rhodesia, Mirfield runs a very flourishing mission. It is situated in glorious mountain country on the borders

of Portuguese East Africa. Here is one of the finest of the Mirfield churches, that we saw, built by native labour to the design of Father Baker, the present Superior there. There are schools and a Training College with boarding hostels for boys and girls and the standard achieved would bear comparison with that of any similar institution in England. The Fathers also do parish work in a very wide area of the surrounding country. Penhalonga is a beautiful place which gives one a strong impression of happiness and energy. We thoroughly enjoyed too, the fortnight we spent at Modderpoort, the Kelham Mission, at the kind invitation of Father Hume, now the Provincial out there. We were very glad to see Father Hume again and he gave us a wonderful welcome. He drove us twice over the border to Basutoland, the "South African Switzerland", where he has worked for many years. We saw the Kelham Mission there and another outpost is being opened up by Father Stroud. There is an air of freedom and independence about Basutoland, a British Protectorate, which we found very pleasant after the rather depressing atmosphere in the Union. Unfortunately Basutoland is over-populated and a drought means that many of the men and boys must sign on to work in the gold mines at Johannesburg. Wonderful work is carried on at the Modderpoort mission which, like Penhalonga, consists of a Training College, secondary and primary schools, and boarding hostels for boys and girls. These missions are bright spots in the gloom brought about by the policy of racial segregation which is so remorselessly carried out by the present government in the Union. It is tragic to know that the excellent educational work of the missions is threatened by the latest government report on African Education. South Africa demands all our prayers and Christian workers are urgently needed out there, if the present policy of "apart-heid", dictated by fear, is not to end in total disaster for white and black alike.

One of the happiest and most restful times we had on our trip was when we stayed with Kathleen Ayers (née Berwick) at her home in Bulawayo. Mr. Ayers is an architect and he and Kathleen together, designed their attractive house. They have three very nice children and we thoroughly enjoyed staying in a home after all our visits to Communities. Miss Gregson particularly enjoyed hearing Hilary and Lorraine practising and thought well of their musical ability! Kathleen and her husband were extremely kind to us and actually arranged for us to fly to Fort Victoria so that we could see the Zimbabwe ruins. We hope to see them during their stay in England this summer.

It was wonderful for me to be able to leave St. Elphin's with a light heart knowing all would be well with Miss Lloyd as acting-Head, ably supported by Miss Jasper as Second Mistress and Miss Bean in charge of secretarial matters. Miss Lloyd has been appointed Headmistress of Brackley School. We shall say good-bye to her with much regret but feel proud of her appointment and I personally look forward very much to meeting her at the Headmistresses' Conferences.

It is more than time to say good-bye to you all. I hope many of you will be able to be present on July 5th, which is to be Speech and Sports Day, ending with a tennis match between Old and Present Girls.

Yours affectionately,

E. E. STOPFORD.

SUCCESSES IN PUBLIC EXAMINATIONS

General Certificate of Education, 1951

Advanced Level

Julie Aldridge	..	Advanced Standard in English Literature and French.
Ruth Doxey	..	Advanced Standard in Music.
Margaret Edwards	..	Advanced Standard in Scripture.
Betty Lavender	..	Advanced Standard in English Literature.
Janet Storrs-Fox	..	Advanced Standard in English Literature, History and French
Ann Watson	..	Advanced Standard in English Literature.

Ordinary Level

The following girls passed in five or more subjects:

Shirley Bolton.
Monica Dawes.
Eleanor Lawson.
Joyse Odamtten.
Jean Preston.
Virginia Storrs-Fox.

Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music

Pianoforte

- Grade VI.** Jean Preston, Dorothea Bean, passed with Merit.
Jacqueline Cleaver, Lesley Smedley, passed.
- Grade V.** Jennifer Booth, passed with Merit.
Carol Atkinson, Clare Storrs-Fox, Margaret Salter,
Mary Bennett, passed.
- Grade IV.** Marylyn Lloyd, Carol Mann, Pauline Thompson,
Rosemary Line, passed

Theory

- Grade V.** Norah Riley, Dorothea Bean, Lesley Smedley, Sallie Hitchen, Jacqueline Cleaver, passed.

THE SCHOOL CHAPEL, 1951—52

Summer Term

The most important event of this term was the Confirmation Service, which took place on the traditional Wednesday after Whit Sunday. The Bishop of Derby confirmed fifty candidates, prepared by Mr. Storrs-Fox, the School Chaplain, in the School Chapel. Afterwards he gave a short talk to the parents of the candidates.

On the fourth Sunday after Trinity the newly-confirmed made their first Communion, after the Quiet Day, or preparatory retreat.

A plaque in memory of Constance Mabel Thorpe, an Old Girl of St. Elphin's, was dedicated and unveiled in the Recreation Room. The plaque also commemorated all those who had been confirmed in the Recreation Room during the time when it was the School Chapel.

The School Choir was invited by our former Chaplain, Canon H. H. Dibbin, to sing Evensong in his church at Stavely. The School Sacristans and Servers accompanied the Choir.

Christmas Term

On October 21st, Trinity XXII, the School attended Sung Eucharist at St. Helen's, Darley Dale.

Father Charles Preston, S.S.F., held a Mission in School from November 5th-7th. He gave a series of four very interesting and helpful addresses entitled; "Why on Earth am I on Earth?" "What a Fool I Am", "Help! Help!" and "Thank God"!

A requiem was sung in chapel on the morning of All Souls' Day. On All Saints' Day there was a celebration of Holy Communion in the morning in Chapel.

The Christmas festivities at the end of term included a Nativity play acted by the Juniors and produced by Mrs. Feather and Miss Cope, and a service of Nine Lessons in the Chapel. On the last night of term there was a Carol Service in the Common Room followed by the traditional Candle-lighting ceremony before the Crib in the Hall.

Spring Term

On the morning of February 8th a Requiem for the soul of H.M. King George VI was said in the School Chapel. On the day of the King's Funeral, February 15th, a Memorial Service was held.

During Lent, we had a series of Services on every Wednesday beginning on Ash Wednesday. Father David, S.S.F., took the services and gave five talks under the headings; "Two Trees", "Two Sons", "Two Attitudes", "Two Gestures", and "Two Sinners".

We were very sorry to say good-bye to Father Andrews. St. Elphin's would like to thank him for all that he has done for the School as the Visiting Father from Kelham. Father Ball takes his place.

ANN DAWS.

A CONFERENCE ON THE COLOUR QUESTION

On December 5th the Sixth Form and Upper Fifth with the Lady Manners Sixth Form spent an interesting day listening to talks on the Colour Problem and discussing the points that were raised. Introducing the subject, Mr. Camp showed us how the present situation and the policies of the parties in South Africa had developed. After a short break Mr. Perrins spoke to us about his experiences as a teacher and chaplain at a school in Uganda where the problem exists although less acutely than in South Africa. We divided into groups to discuss six questions set by the speakers, but we found it almost impossible to keep to one question at a time as they were all inter-related. We decided that one of the main causes of the trouble was the lack of education for the Africans and the Europeans' fear of losing their supremacy. We saw that relations between employers and employees were very difficult as the employers were always Europeans and the employees African.

In the afternoon Miss Lindsay spoke to us about the plight of coloured students in this country and how they became discouraged by our attitude to them and she appealed to us to try to break down this barrier. The group leaders reported on the various discussions and it was obvious from these reports that this complex problem will need much more thought and consideration before it will be satisfactorily solved. The conference ended with a service in Chapel when prayers were said for the Africans and those trying to help them.

A LETTER FROM MISS HUNT

At the end of the Summer Term we were very sorry to lose Miss Hunt, who left to take a course at the William Temple College, Hawarden. She sent this letter for inclusion in the Old Girls' Section of the Magazine, but as we think it will be of interest to present girls as well, we are printing it here.

William Temple College,
Hawarden,
Near Chester.

April 25th, 1952.

Dear Girls,

"The aim of the College is to give students a sound grasp of the Christian Faith and its bearing upon thought and events in the world today. It is the conviction of those who have founded it that the Church has a witness to bear which is relevant to individuals and society at every point. Such witness cannot be borne without a true understanding of the Christian Faith, of the world in which the Gospel is to be preached, and of the ways in which it is to be presented. The courses given in the College are designed with these needs in mind."

When I first read these words, from the Prospectus of the William Temple College, about a year ago, I did not realise what a call to launch out into the deep they really were. My reason for leaving St. Elphin's last July was to study Divinity for a year in order that I might be qualified to teach Scripture. I have found that there is so much to learn that I am going to stay two years. The Biblical Studies here have a depth, a vitality, and a relevance to the whole of life, which make me wish I could have taken the course before I was entrusted some years ago with the responsibility of teaching Scripture to the Middle School forms at St. Elphin's.

Our work here includes Biblical Studies, Church History, Christian Doctrine, and 'an introductory study of Man and Society', which means Psychology, and the history and present working of our systems of Central and Local Government and of the social services. Besides attending lectures and writing essays, we have visited an Employment Exchange, a Housing Manager's Office, a Local Authority's Home for Children, a Child Welfare Centre, and a hospital. From time to time, professors from various universities have come to lecture to us on such subjects as Greek Philosophy, Marxism, Existentialism and Contemporary Literature.

I wish that some of you would come to the College, to take either a One-year or Two-year course, or one of the shorter courses which take a term or a month. You would find yourselves among people who work in hospitals, in factories, in offices; social workers and Church workers as well as teachers. Some of you must miss the School Chapel—not only its worship, but the relation between that worship and the rest of school life. In your college, school, hospital or office, and among your friends, there are probably many for whom the Christian Faith has little or no meaning; and you may have felt the foundations of your personal faith shaken by the perplexities, fears, anxieties, and excitements of the world in which we live. You

may have found that your vision of God has grown dim through your contact with those who do not believe in Him. You may have found in your local church a congregation which is truly a worshipping community. Or you may not have done so. Even if you have held on faithfully to prayer and church-going, you may have felt (I think the words are Father Hebert's) that "the Church has the key of the street, and very often uses it to lock itself in". Here in the William Temple College, I have found the Church using it to let itself out. That is why I have spoken of my coming here as a launching out into the deep, and why I wish that some of you could come here. For we are taught and helped to seek that vision of God, that sense of His presence, that experience of His indwelling, which issue in a deeper understanding of other people, and in that love for them, that identification with them—which make it possible to pray for them and help them. It is to serve these ends that we are engaged in our theological and social studies.

With my love to all those of you whom I know.

MARGARET HUNT.

THE INTER-HOUSE DRAMA COMPETITION

WE held our Inter-House Drama Competition in December again. Four of the Houses performed two plays, Gresford and Fletcher only one. Last year the best play from each House competed in the finals, Miss Flint being adjudicator, but although two new Houses have been formed since last December, four plays only competed in the finals.

The final presentations were:—An adaptation from "The Scarlet Pimpernel" performed by Fletcher; a scene from "Pygmalion" by Kennedy Seniors; "The Princess and the Woodcutter" by Kennedy juniors; and a scene from "Little Women" by Selwyn House.

Fletcher's presentation, which won the cup, had some outstanding individual performances and the whole production had an added polish and finesse that perhaps some of the others lacked. Tania Butler was admirably cast in the rôle of the Scarlet Pimpernel. Angela Holder as Marguerite clearly showed that she has great dramatic talent and Margaret Trendell and Shirley Lees as Chavelin and Ffoulkes both acted very commendably.

Kennedy Junior's performance of "The Princess and the Woodcutter" was awarded the junior dramatic prize. All the actresses acted with spirit and seemed to enjoy themselves thoroughly the whole time. Perhaps the most outstanding performance was given by Mary Rose Sockett as a plump, worried and fussy little King. Anna Watts was the queen and Gillian Mosely the princess.

"Little Women" performed by Selwyn House was a charming and competently acted performance. Unfortunately time only allowed the performance of the scene where the March family receive the letter from Mr. March. Jill Craig played the mother, but everyone was so well cast and played with such zeal that nobody stood out from the rest of the cast.

Kennedy Senior's production of the famous drawing room scene from "Pygmalion" caused much mirth and once again the whole cast looked as if they were perfectly at home in their parts and were enjoying every moment.

Jill Goodwin who played Eliza showed us again her prowess in the dramatic field and her part, which is at the best of times not easy to play, was executed with a truly professional touch. Angela Willatt as Higgins' mother gave a very convincing performance and also Janet Collyer who was Higgins.

This year we had a panel of adjudicators, all members of the staff. Miss Stopford was chairman, Miss Lloyd deputised for her some of the time, and other members of the panel were Mrs. Feather, Miss Pratt, Miss Hawkins and Miss Roberts.

We thank them very much for their help and precious time spent judging these presentations.

D. WESTBROOK, VIA.

HOUSE REPORTS

FLETCHER HOUSE

AT the end of the Summer Term we were sorry to lose Ann Watson and Janet Storrs-Fox who had been joint captains of Fletcher.

After a great deal of hard work and practice we won the Cricket and Drama cups and were second in the gym competition.

Our order has improved considerably but the standard of work in the House is deplorably low. It is a pity that the improvement which has recently been shown in games is not also evident in work. I hope this improvement will be shown shortly.

Very best of luck in the future, Fletcher.

MARGARET TRENDALL, *Captain.*

Vice-Captain .. VIRGINIA STORRS-FOX

Hon. Elected Member ANGELA HOLDER

Appointed Members.. SHEILA BLYDE

SHIRLEY LEES

Elected Member .. TANIA BUTLER

GRESFORD HOUSE

LAST Summer Term we were sorry to lose our first house captain Elizabeth Lavender and we all wish her the best of luck in the future.

During the past year results in work and order have been somewhat disappointing although the work is steadily improving. I feel a greater effort could be made in order if only every member of the house would pull her weight.

Swimming sports were held for the first time last Summer Term and we were very pleased when we won the cup. We also reached the finals of the tennis and junior and senior netball. I hope that

Gresford will be encouraged by our first successes in games and continue to do well in the future, improving in work and order.

PAULINE SCHONHUT, *Captain.*

<i>Vice Captain</i>	..	DIANA WESTBROOK
<i>Appointed Members</i>	..	GILLIAN PROCTER
		LESLEY SMEDLEY
<i>Elected Members</i>	..	ROSALIND WILLIAMS
		MARGERY BALL

KENNEDY HOUSE

IN Summer, we lost Ruth Tudor-Jones, who had been House Captain for a term. We all wish her the best of luck in the future. In the Autumn term we produced two plays for the Drama Competition, both of which were in the finals, and had a most enjoyable House Party.

The work, which was very bad in the Autumn, improved during the Spring, but a great deal of effort must be made in both work and order by every person in Kennedy.

The weather was too bad to play the Hockey Finals at the end of term, so it was decided that Kennedy and Wilson should share the cup.

JILL GOODWIN, *Captain.*

<i>Vice Captain</i>	..	RACHEL GRIMES
<i>Appointed Members</i>	..	EILEEN ECKERSALL
		ANGELA WILLATT
<i>Elected Member</i>	..	HAZEL PRINCE

POWYS HOUSE

THROUGHOUT the year, our work and order have improved considerably. These last two terms we have been top in work and Boarding Order and second in Day Order. These results show the unity which has been obtained.

We hold the tennis and Gymnastic Cups and great enthusiasm has been shown in all games by the house.

We were very sorry to lose Anne Carson and we thank her for everything she did for Powys, especially in the gym.

The House Picnic and Christmas Party were a great success and were enjoyed very much.

We have now got our own House Song and motto—"Manners maketh Man".

All the best of luck in the future.

ROSEMARY SEPHTON, *Captain.*

<i>Vice Captain</i>	..	PAT HODGSON
<i>Appointed Members</i>	..	CLARE STORRS-FOX
		MARGARET CARDON
<i>Elected Members</i>	..	RUTH SHEPHERD
		ANNE HEBDITCH

SELWYN HOUSE

ALTHOUGH we did not succeed in winning any Games cups, Selwyn has shown great enthusiasm in all practices and matches. We were second in the Swimming, which we held for the first time. We gained the Boarding Order Shield at the end of the Summer Term, but I feel that the House is not so enthusiastic and willing to make a great effort in Work and Order as we are where games are concerned.

We were sorry to lose Judith Clarke and Diana Wells at the end of the Summer Term and Anne Carlisle at the end of the Christmas Term.

Good luck for the future.

M. DUCKWORTH, *House Captain*.

Vice Captain .. J. ECCLES

Appointed Members .. D. BURROWS

M. SALTER

Elected Members .. M. BEELEY

W. WATERHOUSE

WILSON HOUSE

WE were very sorry to lose Margaret Edwards, our former House Captain, in the Summer Term, and we join in wishing her the best of luck for the future.

We won the Sports Cup for the eighth time in succession and we were third in both the gymnastics competition and swimming sports, which were held for the first time for many years. We managed to get into the cricket finals but lost the cup to Fletcher.

Our work improved a great deal and we managed to gain the work Shield and also the Day Order Shield, for the year.

We won both the Senior and Junior netball cups in two very thrilling finals against Gresford and we also won the badminton cup. Owing to bad weather conditions, the hockey final could not be played and it was decided that Kennedy and Wilson should share the cup.

JILL CARTWRIGHT, *House Captain*.

Vice Captain .. PAT BLAKE

Appointed Member .. JO. CARTWRIGHT

Honorary Members .. MONICA DAWS

NORAH RILEY

GAMES REPORTS

CRICKET, 1951

WE had very few games this season, our first being against Sheffield Training College. Sheffield were all out for twenty-eight runs and we only had time to get eighteen runs for one wicket before play was stopped by rain.

The match against Abbots Bromley was unfinished because of rain. We batted first and scored eighty-nine runs for five wickets, declared, but Abbots Bromley were unable to bat.

We went to see three first class matches: the South Africans v. Nottinghamshire; the Australians (women) v. the Midlands (women);

and the first Test Match at Trent Bridge. I know many of us benefited from watching these matches, but, even so, the average batting standard was not very high. Our main strength was in our bowling but this was not backed up by the fielding.

If we can strengthen the batting power of the team and also improve the standard of fielding, our next season should be successful.

The team was as follows:

<i>Wicket keeper</i>	..	..	E. ROWE
<i>Point</i>	..	..	M. EDWARDS
<i>Cover Point</i>	..	..	R. GRIMES
<i>Slips</i>	..	..	R. DOXEY, <i>Vice-Captain</i>
<i>Mid-off</i>	..	..	M. DAWS
<i>Mid-on</i>	..	..	P. CUNNINGTON
<i>Mid-wickets</i>	..	..	A. CARSON
<i>Square Leg</i>	..	..	M. LOVELL
<i>Deep</i>	..	..	JILL CARTWRIGHT, <i>Captain</i>
<i>Long Leg</i>	..	..	L. SMEDLEY
<i>Change</i>	..	..	T. BUTLER

HOCKEY, 1951—52

WE began the season well by winning our first two matches, one against Lady Manners 2—1, and the other against St. Ronan's 3—2. In a return match against Lady Manners we were beaten 3—0 and in two matches against Derby Training College, we lost 6—1 and 6—0. Many matches were scratched and, as we were unable to have an Old Girls' hockey match, we had a badminton match against them, which ended in a draw. We ended the season with the hockey tournament and came fourth in our section with five points out of a possible twelve points. However, the 'highlight' of the season was the annual hockey trials and Arminda Cherry-Downes gained a well-deserved place in the Junior Derbyshire XI as right-back.

The weather during this season has not allowed the team much hard continuous practice leading to a match but, even so, the team was not as strong as last year's. The defence was strong and the forwards were backing up well but the weak spot in the team was the lack of some really good strong shooters. If this weak spot could have been remedied, I think we should have had a more successful season.

JILL CARTWRIGHT, *Captain*.

Members of the School Hockey 1st XI were:—

<i>Goal</i>	..	..	S. BLYDE
<i>Right Back</i>	..	..	A. CHERRY-DOWNES
<i>Left Back</i>	..	..	JILL CARTWRIGHT, <i>Captain</i>
<i>Right Half</i>	..	..	J. CLEAVER
<i>Left Half</i>	..	..	R. GRIMES, <i>Vice-Captain</i>
<i>Centre Half</i>	..	..	M. DUCKWORTH
<i>Right Wing</i>	..	..	S. HITCHEN
<i>Right Inner</i>	..	..	M. DAWS
<i>Centre Forward</i>	..	..	L. SMEDLEY
<i>Left Inner</i>	..	..	H. PRINCE
<i>Left Wing</i>	..	..	P. BLAKE

TENNIS, 1951

WITH the exception of one member, the team for 1951 was the same as that for the previous season. As a result of being together for two seasons, the couples played with better understanding and considerable improvement was shown.

Once again the weather proved disappointing and forced us to cancel the majority of fixtures, but we did quite well in those that were played.

SHEILA BLYDE, *Captain*.

1st couple ..	..	..	S. BLYDE, <i>Captain</i> .
			S. BRAYBROOK
2nd couple ..	..	..	J. THORPE
			M. GALLIMORE
3rd couple..	..	..	J. MALLALIEU
			J. CLARKE
Reserve ..	..	..	A. WILSON

SUCCESES IN SWIMMING, 1951—52

Award of Merit

P. BLAKE	M. TUDOR-JONES
JILL CARTWRIGHT	R. TUDOR-JONES
J. CLARKE	D. WESTBROOK

MISS ENOCH

Bronze Medallion

JO. CARTWRIGHT	S. BOLTON
A. CARSON	S. LEES
A. WRAY	A. LYON
S. DUKE	A. WATSON
E. ROWE	S. BRAYBROOK
R. SHEPHERD	A. HEBDITCH

J. MALLALIEU

BADMINTON, 1951—52

THIS year we formed a School badminton team. Although we only had two fixtures the standard of the School and House teams was considerably higher than in previous years. We found our small court our greatest handicap and welcomed an opportunity of playing on a full-sized court at Rowsley Club. We won our home match against the Club 6—3 but lost the return match 4—5.

The Inter-House matches were won by Wilson after some very exciting games.

Team ..	..	..	RACHEL GRIMES, <i>Captain</i>
			MONICA DAWS
			JILL CARTWRIGHT, <i>Vice-Captain</i>
			MURIEL DUCKWORTH
			JACKIE CLEAVER
			LESLEY SMEDLEY

"THE MESSIAH"

SHALL we ever get there? This was the thought which occupied the minds of most of us as the bus rolled along the road. Inside the vehicle varied opinions were being given about what "It" would be like. The atmosphere was tense and excitable and the sudden sound of the "Voice of Authority" put a stop to the chatter, whilst the tickets were distributed.

Eventually we did arrive at the City Hall in Sheffield. There were hundreds of people streaming up the steps, so we joined the eager throng and soon found ourselves in the large oval-shaped hall with its glittering chandelier suspended from the ceiling.

The choir, which was already seated, wore black and white evening dress and many of the members seemed to be just as interested in gazing at the audience as we were in gazing at them. Having finally settled ourselves, we found, much to our disappointment, that the platform was rather high and we could only see the tops of the performers' heads as they were seated behind the orchestra. The members of the latter strolled in, took their seats and tuned in their instruments, which were highly polished for the great occasion.

The audience held its breath waiting in suspense for the appearance of Sir John Barbirolli and the soloists. At last they entered and after "The King" the audience settled down, after a little interval of coughing and nose-blowing. Sir John, after gazing round the tightly, but comfortably-packed hall, waited until there was complete silence, then he raised his baton and the overture to the Messiah began.

The oratorio was divided into three sections, the first being under the titles of "The Prophecies", in which the solo voices of Parry Jones, tenor, Stanley Clarkson, bass, and Gladys Ripley, contralto, were introduced, and the "Nativity", in which Ena Michell, soprano, made her debut. In the full choruses it was a joy to watch Sir John, for he was mouthing the words with great zest and his face showed his enjoyment.

The second section was called "The Passion" and "The Resurrection". The choir concluded the first part with "Lift up your heads, O ye gates" which ended with the triumphant words "He is the King of Glory, the Lord of Hosts".

It seemed as though the interval would never end, but it did, however. On the return of the choir and orchestra the audience settled down once more to hear "Christ Triumphant" which contained the famous "Hallelujah Chorus". At the opening chords everyone rose to his feet, following the tradition set by George II when he, hearing the first performance, stood up in respect for the wonderful music.

The headings of section three were "The Life of the World to Come" containing the beautiful soprano air, "I know that my Redeemer liveth," and the trumpet solo, and the "Adoration of the Lamb" which ended with the stirring "Amen" chorus.

The applause was tremendous. Time after time the soloists made their bows and when at last Sir John returned alone, a storm of clapping greeted him, for he really deserved the praise for conducting his first "Messiah."

Many of our party were insensible to everything but the wonderful

music they had heard and they even seemed to move mechanically. When asked on their return for an account of the "Messiah" they only answered, "It was wizard."

L.A.S.

ORIGINAL CONTRIBUTIONS

THE CITY BY NIGHT

THE shadows lie across the cobbles, quite still and black—shadows of houses, quaint houses, dirty, with low roofs; shadows curved and shadows pointed, thrown from left and right by the street lamp on to the filthy ground. Night is pushing in, surrounding all with her silent army of shades. Round the top of the dimly lit street lamp a tiny mist eddies and curls with long grey fingers, trying to clutch at any unwary being who dares to break the silence of night.

If I climb the hill and look down on the great city at night, millions of tiny lights from street lamps, buses and cinemas wink back. The long slender arms of the factory chimneys reach up, trying to touch the moon. One sends up a rosy flame, scattering sparks, which rival the stars in their short-lived beauty, into the surrounding night. Houses, like a colony of sleeping ants, cover the ground. In the parks, no longer places of joy and gaiety, laughter and noise, the grasses whisper to one another as the night wind tickles them. Trees thrust their branches, like so many spiders' webs, up into the velvety darkness.

A bat drops with a tiny 'plop' on to a twig. An owl swoops silently upon its scurrying victim. And on the dirty streets, the factories, the parks, a pale moon looks down.

TESSA HADDOCK, *Upper V Alpha*.

THE DREAMBOAT

The dreamboat comes a-sailing
Upon a sea of stars,
It makes its way to sun and moon,
And Jupiter and Mars.
It sometimes stops a while to take
The children from this world,
Then in its misty way it floats,
With golden sails unfurled.
It glides through many foreign lands,
Where many strange things are,
And you may pick the flowers there,
Or catch a shooting star.
And children play in meadows green,
And sing and laugh all night.
And angels come to play with them.
In shining robes of white.
Then back they sail to earth again,
And then, when comes the day—
"I had a lovely dream last night",
You hear the children say!

ALISON HALL, *Upper IV*.

A ROYAL VISIT TO MERYTON

As two characters might have viewed it

Mrs. Bennet

I declare the Royal Visit put me into quite a flutter! Only think of their Majesties coming to our town of Meryton! I thought it very obliging of them. Jane and I had the great good fortune to be taking a little exercise along the road, when their carriage passed, and we saw both their Majesties very plainly. In fact, I believe no one else of our acquaintance saw them quite as plainly as we. The Queen was a most refined and genteel lady, but not at all handsome, in fact, I should not have known her for the Queen at all, had I not seen the crest upon the carriage door. The King was very stout and ugly, but only think, my dear, he gazed at Jane most searchingly, and quite twisted himself into a knot, looking after her when the carriage had gone past. Not but what Jane is worth looking at, though I say it myself, but we were most flattered by His Majesty's notice, especially as he had forgotten that Sir William Lucas had ever been presented to him, and he paid no attention at all to the Lucas girls.

Mr. Collins

I was exceedingly overcome by their Majesties' gracious proposal to visit Meryton and hastened to pay my respects as soon as they arrived. Her Majesty I found a most charming lady, embodying all virtues. She is, I believe, a very devoted mother to her children. She smiled most graciously upon me, and wished me to convey her respects to Lady Catherine upon my return to the Vicarage. I did not have the opportunity to speak to the King, but he was, I believe, most condescending to all who met him. My cousin, Mrs. Bennet, was most delighted by His Majesty's doing her the favour of noticing the elder Miss Bennet, but I had misgivings as to whether His Majesty was quite desirable, as I had heard some shocking reports of his conduct. I therefore did not delay in informing Mrs. Bennet of my misgivings, with all due apology for the implied insult to her eldest daughter.

MADELEINE HOGG, *Upper Va*

THE HIGHWAYMAN

CLATTER! Clatter! went the Night Mail through the silent and deserted villages and towns. The solitary passenger tried to sleep, but vainly, for the coach, unsprung, jolted and rattled. He was, as far as it was possible to make out, an elderly man, much muffled in a greatcoat, with pince-nez on his nose through which he tried to read by the faint light of the glittering lantern. Suddenly a shout cut the air. At once the traveller leapt to his feet, while the coachman cracked his whip at the panting horses. They strained at the traces, dragging the heavy coach as fast as they could. But—"Stand and deliver!" rang through the frosty air. The coachman slowed the coach to walking pace.

The Highwayman came riding up. He rode a black mare, and the

coachman shivered as he recognized "Black Bess," Dick Turpin's famous mare. Dick, for it was he, jumped off his horse. He was a handsome, lithe young man, tanned by the weather.

The shivering traveller was summarily ejected from the coach, which now appeared a haven of refuge to him. The highwayman searched him and cantered off, leaving the coach to proceed on its jolting way. Or so it appeared. However, the traveller had scarcely settled himself once more, when a shot rang out. He heard an agonised scream and saw the coachman drop to the ground. Scarcely had the scream died, while the smoke of the shot still hung in the air, when another shot rang out, severing the horses' traces, and setting them free, so that the coach began to go backwards down the long hill. Faster and faster it went, careering madly down, and down, ever nearer to the thousand foot drop at the bottom of the hill. The traveller, struggling frantically, succeeded in opening the door. But his courage failed as he saw the road rushing past him.

He glanced round, hoping against hope that some miracle might save him from the awful death coming nearer every second. Suddenly the coach seemed to slow down. Was it wishful thinking? No! The coach slowed down, turned at right angles and—toppled over.

GILLIAN SHORLAND-BALL, *Lower V.*

CORBAR COTTAGE

Corbar Cottage is situated on a moor, beside a little stream. Long years ago an old woman had lived there, and it was whispered that she was a witch. Since her mysterious death nobody has lived there.

One dark night a man on horseback rode over the moor to visit a sick friend on the other side. His horse fell, and lamed his leg, and seeing a light flickering in the cottage the man went towards it to obtain help. He approached the door and knocked. There was no answer, deathly silence reigned, while the light continued to flicker. He knocked again a second time, "Is there anybody there?" he said, but nobody came to the door.

Cautiously he stole to the window and peeped over the sill. He was horrified by what he saw.

A skeleton was sitting slumped over a table on which a light was flickering. Everywhere there were cobwebs and dust. Outside an owl hooted, but no other sound broke the stillness of the night.

Then the wind began to whisper through the ivy covering the walls of the cottage. Suddenly the chimney began to smoke and the little cottage looked really quite friendly, but all at once the skeleton arose, and, seizing a broom, began to sweep the floor vigorously.

Slowly dawn crept over the sky, and the little house became silhouetted against the pale morning sky, the flickering light went out and the chimney stopped smoking.

All was silent, not even a mouse stirred. It seemed as if the whole world had stopped to admire the beauty of the arriving day. Then the sun appeared, bright as some huge candle in the hand of a motionless giant, sending its warming rays to scatter the gloomy shadows of night.

Birds began to waken in the ivy, as though they had been touched by the fingers of the rising sun. A cuckoo uttered its monotonous call from the branches of a huge old oak tree, and suddenly the whole world was awake, rejoicing in the joy of living.

All, that is, except the man and his horse who both lay dead beneath the window of the cottage.

FRANCES JACKSON, *Lower V.*

END OF TERM

(Dedicated to Miss Bean on her harassing ends of term).

A flurry, a scurry, everyone's in a hurry,
With their cases, equipment and gear;
A haring, a scaring, everyone is tearing
All down the stairs like a weir.

All pushing and crushing, every girl's rushing,
Knocking dazed mistresses down;
With the mistresses pouting, every girl's shouting,
There are smiles for a change, not a frown.

With their clean shoes gleaming, every girl's screaming,
"Hooray for the last day of term!"

With the girls quaking, all the staff shaking,
Saying, "Won't you girls ever learn?"

With clean necks inspected, and tickets collected,
They climb in the 'bus once again;
And down at the station there's quite a commotion,
As they bag themselves seats in the train.

And huffing and puffing, the train is now chuffing,
With school-girls all shouting hoorays;
So . . . rid of the riot, the school will be quiet,
And remain very peaceful for days.

JENNIFER BOOTH, *Lower V.*

OLD GIRLS' CHRONICLE

Secretary's Notes

SINCE the last magazine was published three reunions have been held, as follows: in London on October 13th, 1951 (51 members present), at Taunton (S.W. Branch) on April 22nd, 1952 (11 members) and at St. Elphin's for the week-end of April 26th to 28th, 1952.

At the St. Elphin's reunion, at which Miss Flood was the guest of honour, about 35 Old Girls stayed either one or two nights, and several more turned up for a short time. We should like to thank Miss Stopford for offering us once more such excellent hospitality, and Miss Gregson, Miss Jasper and Miss Bean for the tireless way in which they devoted themselves to our comfort and entertainment. We are most grateful,

too, to Father Storrs-Fox and Canon Dibben for sparing time to take Sung Eucharist and Evensong for us on the Sunday. For 8 a.m. Holy Communion we were taken (by bus!) to St. Helen's Church, Darley Dale. The week-end programme also included a talk by Miss Stopford on her recent visit to South Africa, a business meeting, a choir practice and the singing of excerpts from Gilbert and Sullivan operas, these last two items organised of course by Miss Gregson.

At the meeting Rosemary Taylor resigned her position as Games Secretary, on completing her three years' term of office, and Monica Cooke, now at Dartford P.T. College, was elected in her place. Resignations had also been received from the following sub-secretaries: Joan Richardson (*née* Clarke), Jean Watson and Rosemary Newell, and their groups were taken over by Winifred Sweeting (*née* Bagshaw), Audrey Lavender and Mary Davidson respectively. Betty Lavender has become sub-secretary to the 35 new members who left school in 1951. Many thanks to all these volunteers!

It was decided to act on the proposal of Dorothy Hodges, made in a letter read at the London reunion, that a board inscribed with the names of all headmistresses of St. Elphin's from 1844 to the present day should be put up in the school.

The tablet given by Mrs. Ella Baines (*née* Thorpe) in memory of her sister is now in place in the Recreation Room; it bears the following inscription:

In proud and loving memory of CONSTANCE MABEL THORPE who with many others was confirmed in this room when it was the School Chapel. "Blessed are the pure in heart".

The circulating library, which Grace Holland started last year for members of the Prayer Circle, is continuing, and Grace would be glad to add new members to her list. She would also be very grateful for the loan or gift of devotional books for the library; they should be sent to her at the Physiotherapy Department, East Surrey Hospital, Redhill, Surrey.

Further reunions are being planned, as follows: at the Y.W.C.A. Central Club, London, on Saturday, October 11th, 1952; at Deller's Cafe, Taunton (S.W. Branch) on or about Saturday, April 25th, 1953. Notices will be sent out nearer the time.

Numbers at recent reunions have been most encouraging, and to those older members who still hesitate to come for fear they may not find any of their contemporaries present, I would quote the words of another 'older' member who came to a reunion after an interval of many years: "I now know that it doesn't matter *when* you were at St. Elphin's—you just *belong* . . ." I think other Old Girls would confirm this, and tell you that even supposing you knew *no one* at a reunion (which is unlikely), you would still be sure of a welcome.

STELLA ALLEN,

May, 1952.

Hon. Secretary, S.E.O.G.G.

GAMES REPORT

A hockey match had been arranged for February 2nd, but owing to bad weather it could not be played, and a badminton match was substituted. I am pleased to relate that the result was a draw at 90 points all. The following people played: R. Taylor, A. Cartwright, A. Carson, R. Doxey, J. Schanschieff and E. Rowe. Margaret Edwards cheered us on and kept the score! I am most grateful to those who came during that bad weather, and from such great distances.

Congratulations this season to:

Joan Parr who is playing for Essex 1st XI (hockey) and is secretary of the County Umpires' Association.

Jo. Trapnell (*née* Martin) who is playing hockey again, and captain of Westward Ho! Ladies Hockey Club.

Ann Gee, now in London, playing for Civil Service 1st XI, and further reserve for the South XI.

Elizabeth ("Ginger") Rowe is participating in several spheres of sport at Derby Training College.

Rosemary Taylor has played for Worcestershire 1st and 2nd XI's this season.

ROSEMARY E. TAYLOR,
Games Secretary.

BOOK REVIEW

"THE MESSAGE OF LOVE." By **Margaret L. Flood, M.A.**

The Epistles of St. John have always held a strong appeal for the mystic and the scholar, and Miss Flood, in "THE MESSAGE OF LOVE" (Thoughts based on the First General Epistle of St. John), makes this two-fold approach to her subject. While she has the mystic's sense of the reality of the contact of Divine Love, the plan of the book is concise and lucid and her style has an engaging ease and clarity. One might almost say that it has the "grace seasoned with salt" that St. Paul recommends to his Colossian converts.

She sub-divides the book into the headings: The Light of the World, Out of Darkness, The Central Theme, Lawlessness, Sanctification, The Means of Grace, and Eternal Life; and she develops her subject with deep spiritual insight and sound theological knowledge. Throughout the book she lays stress on the supreme authority of the One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church and the discipline and obedience incumbent on its members—a welcome and salutary note in these days when a vague and muzzy benevolence "without form and void" so often masquerades as Christianity. The book may be read and re-read and forms excellent material for prayer and meditation. It is, in the literal sense of the word, inspiring, breathing new life and meaning into words that have, to some of us, become dulled by familiarity.

St. John was writing in the period that ushered in the downfall of ancient civilization, and the times in which we live have a disquieting

resemblance to that period, but the "MESSAGE OF LOVE" brings also a message of hope. As the Bishop of Chester says in the foreword to the book:

"There is only one ultimate 'Victory which overcometh the world—even our faith.' The passage of the centuries has vindicated the message of St. John."

(The book costs 3/10d. post free and may be obtained from Miss M. L. Flood, Radden Stile Cottage, Exmouth, Devon.)

March, 1952.

R. C. LAMBURN.

NEWS OF OLD GIRLS

Staff

Miss H. W. McKenzie has retired from regular teaching, and has taken evening classes in "French for Foreigners" in Sheffield.

Helen Goodman (*née Karn*) met **Mrs. Davies** (formerly **Miss Joscelyne**) in Kidderminster last summer. Mrs. Davies and her husband live at a farm near Droitwich. They have three sons.

Miss Holmes-Walker is Sub-Warden at St. Andrew's Hall, Reading.

Muriel Clayton's group

Bertha Hedley has recently been to Florida, and may return to England this year.

Dorothy Reynolds flew to East Africa last year for her daughter's wedding in Uganda.

Eileen Appleby's group

Irene Bullock has a temporary teaching post at the Roan School, Greenwich.

Mary Gamble's group

Sybil Osmond (*née Wells*) has a part-time post with the International Federation of Agricultural Producers, writing reports on the supply position of agricultural requisites.

Evelyn Young, the sister of **Muriel Rose** (*née Stavert*) helps her husband, who is a schoolmaster, to produce school plays, and designs and makes most of the costumes herself.

Betty Abdy (*née Birkett*) has moved with her husband (now retired from the Navy) to an experimental farm in Surrey.

Margaret Carmichael's group

Diana Eyre, at a Teacher Training College in Ibadan, has recently been lent to a similar college at Owo, where there are only about ten Europeans.

Joan Lloyd's group

Margaret Nash is a biochemist at the Christian Medical College Hospital, Vellore, South India.

Larema Ayerst (*née Fisher*) does voluntary Children's Case committee work in Islington, and is on the Harrow Marriage Guidance Council.

Joan Lloyd is Night Sister in charge of the Victoria Home, Southport.

Marjorie Gardener's group

Margaret Griffiths (*née Ashton*) is to play golf for the North v. the South (Veterans!) at Mid-Surrey in June.

Mary Illsley hopes to take a Physiotherapy training at Queen Elizabeth's, Birmingham, in November.

Mary Goodman's group

Heather Reeves is teaching at St. Wystan's Prep. School, Repton.

Betty Irving has gone out to the Whitby Memorial Pisgah Mission Station in Natal.

Frances Trower-Foyan's group

Luana Wells is a Horticultural Consultant, working from her home.

Jean Johnson (*née Rowe*) is married to a G.P., and lives at Stockbridge, Hants. Her sister **Frances** is also married, and lives in Perthshire.

Stephanie Jones is living at home, and learning about the bakery trade.

Mary Astin's group

Janet Chamberlain is secretary and chauffeuse to the Rector of Wolverhampton.

Dorothy Edwards is doing Moral Welfare work in Bermondsey and Rotherhithe.

Ailsa Moore is Sister of the Manchester University Health Service.

Pamela Pickering is Assistant Children's Officer in the Doncaster division of the West Riding.

Mary Astin is Senior House Surgeon at the Fulham Maternity Hospital.

Joan Trapnell's group

Joan Tyas (*née Harris*), a qualified Dental Surgeon, has gone out to Canada with her husband, who has a post at Vancouver University. They have a small son. Her sister **Annette** is married and lives at Wimborne, Dorset.

Joyce Brooks has passed her B.Sc. (Special, London) in Psychology with subsidiary Anthropology, from Birkbeck College, and is reading for her M.Sc. In addition to this, she is having a Hadfieldian reductive analysis, and doing a course on the Rorschach inkblot test, besides writing a short article on Psychology in a local weekly paper.

Joan Brittain's group

Flora Bisset-Smith is now a fully qualified doctor, and is doing a two-year 'internship' at the Rochester Medical Institute, New York.

Pamela Lawrence recently returned from Canada after a year's nursing at Toronto General Hospital.

Jill Prooth (*née Patrick*) has left the Civil Service and is doing a post-graduate course at the Maria Grey College.

Biddy Quinlan (*née Yates*) is living in Newcastle-under-Lyme. Her husband is Senior Registrar in Orthopaedics at the North Staffs. Royal Infirmary.

Kathlyn Peate's group

Patricia Mayne is secretary to the Director of a small importing firm in London.

Betty Martin's group

Buntly Stubbs (*née Martin*) qualified S.R.N. at Manchester Royal Infirmary before leaving to be married. She is now living in Malta.

Betty Carson has just sat for her final organ exam. Her fiancé is going back into the Army, and they hope to be married this year.

Linette Rice is working with the Ferguson Company in Carlisle. She sends news of **Sheila Parmiter** (*née Wildgoose*), who is married and has one child.

Rosemary Taylor has left her post at Birmingham University and is now Laboratory Steward at West Bromwich Grammar School.

Fay Smith (*née Trickett*) and her husband are having a house built at Knowle, between Birmingham and Warwick.

Betty Martin is living at home and teaching at Goodleigh, Devon.

Mary Davidson's group (taken over from Rosemary Newell).

Angela Daff is nursing near home at Retford, and hopes to go abroad soon.

Mary Hibbins is doing welfare work at a Children's Home at Collingham, Notts.

Elizabeth Jackson is a private secretary in a Manchester firm.

Jennifer Lucas is reading English at Oxford.

Elizabeth Swain is practising Physiotherapy at Buxton.

Rosemary Newell has obtained her B.D.S., and is working at the Dental Hospital as a House Surgeon. She hopes to take up a school appointment with Cheshire County in July.

Mary Davidson is secretary to the Deputy Clerk of the Lancashire County Council.

Audrey Cunningham's group

Susan Hare has obtained her degree in History at Oxford, with Second Class Honours. She is now a Library Assistant at Royal Holloway College, and intends to study for her diploma in librarianship at University College next October.

Elizabeth Lamont is in her third year at the Manchester Regional College of Art.

Rosemary Smith has completed a course in Commercial Art at Derby School of Art. She is honorary secretary for the W. Derbyshire Young Conservatives.

Elizabeth Perry is in the Health Department of County Hall, Northampton.

Monica Cooke finishes her training at Dartford College of Physical Education in July, and has accepted a post at Brentwood School, Southport, for the autumn.

June Brooker is a Home Service Adviser for the N. Thames Gas Board.

Chris Gordon is taking her final exams. in Occupational Therapy this summer.

Mary Bevington is Assistant Secretary to the Borough Welfare Council, Chesterfield.

Wendy Lambert (*née Bainbridge*) lives in St. Albans, where her husband is a Horticultural Lecturer at the Institute of Agriculture.

Audrey Cunningham (*née Gardner*) is living in Chesterfield. Her husband is a Chartered Accountant working for the National Coal Board.

Susan Hetherington's group

Susan Kendall has begun her general nursing training at Edinburgh Royal Infirmary.

Shirley Lewis is at Mrs. Hoster's Secretarial Training College.

Jennifer Pooler is in the Editorial Department of Reuter's News Agency, Fleet Street.

Josephine Richards is a shorthand typist to a firm of Nurserymen.

Susan Hetherington takes her 2nd M.B. at Manchester University in June.

Paula Thomas's group

Pam Davies is a student supply teacher in Stockport schools, and goes to Derby Diocesan Training College in September.

Judy Coop has begun training in Physiotherapy at Ancoats Hospital, Manchester.

Pay Hayward is to begin a three-year course in Froebel teaching at the Rachel McMillan Training College, Deptford, in September.

Pat Rowarth is receptionist and secretary to a doctor in Hartington.

Mary Pickering is training in Physiotherapy at Liverpool.

Paula Thomas is at the Medical School at Manchester.

Betty Lavender's group (1951)

Mary Bennett is at the Northern School of Music, Manchester.

Shirley Bolton is training to be a Nursery Nurse at the Old Chester Road Day Nursery.

Susan Braybrooke is at a Technical College.

Anne Carlisle hopes to take a post as Assistant Matron at a school, before beginning her Nurse's training at St. Thomas's Hospital.

Anne Carson is at Bedford P.T. College.

Judith Clarke, at present working in a bank, hopes to take a

Nursing training before joining the Police Force.

Pat Cunningham is taking a Secretarial course at Leicester Technical College.

Ruth Doxey is studying for a degree in Music at Nottingham University.

Margaret Edwards is taking a Domestic Science course in Manchester.

Mary Gallimore is at St. Godric's Secretarial College, Hampstead.

Biddy Gordon is at the Bradford Civic Theatre School.

Mary Jennings is working for her General Certificate at Portland House School, Leicester.

Ruth and Mary Tudor Jones are taking the Institutional Management Course at the Manchester College of Housecraft.

Rachel Kingdon is taking a year's Secretarial course in Sheffield.

Eleanor Lawson is working for her G.C.E. (Advanced) at the Friary School, Lichfield.

Jillian Lloyd-Turner hopes to go to Birmingham Technical College for two years, before beginning her Domestic Science training.

Mary Lovell has a post under the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries.

Ann Lyon is training as a Children's Nurse at the Royal Liverpool Children's Hospital.

Lucinda Negus, before beginning her Nurse's training at the London Hospital, is helping at a Children's Convalescent Home in Switzerland.

Ann Rees is at the Royal Latin School, Buckingham.

Elizabeth Rowe is at Derby Training College.

Jill Schanschieff is at Mrs. Hoster's Secretarial College.

Rosemary Stanford is doing a year's training at the Mary Wood School of Beauty Culture, London.

Shaen Stuart-Buttle is at a finishing school in Switzerland.

June Thorpe is studying at Nottingham Technical College before beginning her Social Science training.

Elizabeth Todd has begun her Nurse's training at the Preliminary Training School for Bart's.

Ann Watson has begun her Children's Nurse's training at the Preliminary Training School for Great Ormond Street Hospital.

Diana Wells is taking a Secretarial training.

Anne Wilson is doing a year's practical work in London, before beginning her College training in Horticulture.

Stella Woolliscroft is helping on her father's farm.

Betty Lavender goes to Liverpool University in October, to study for a degree in Architecture.

BIRTHS

On December 15th, 1950, to Biddy Quinlan (*née* Yates), a second daughter—Susan.

On December 26th, 1950, to Margaret Broun (*née* Wontner-Smith), twin daughters.

- On February 21st, 1951, to June Hannant (*née* Burr), a daughter—Katherine Elizabeth.
- On June 16th, 1951, to Meryl Turner (*née* Chambers), a second daughter—Harriet Cobden.
- On June 17th, 1951, to Dorothy Tredwell (*née* Kiddell), a son—Jonathan Hewins.
- On August 13th, 1951, to Elizabeth Styles (*née* Hewitt), a son—David John.
- In December, 1951, to Jean Johnson (*née* Rowe), a son—Mark.
- On December 24th, 1951, to Mary Murray (*née* Coveney), a daughter—Rosemary Elizabeth.
- On March 10th, 1952, to Marjorie Gardener (*née* Longden), a son—Timothy James Anderson.
- On March 11th, 1952, to Bunty Wincer (*née* Ray), a son—Mark Robert.
- On April 15th, 1952, to Frances Trower-Foyan (*née* Adams), a son—Michael.

ENGAGEMENTS

- Between JOHN FERNLEY NEWCOMBE and JOAN BRITTAİN.
- Between JOHN EVANS and ELIZABETH JACKSON.
- Between R. MALCOLM HINDE and MURIEL JONES.
- Between JOHN DOUGLAS SPOUGE and PAMELA LAWRENCE.

MARRIAGES

- ✓ BARRETT—COLLINS. On December 15th, 1951, at Stoke Poges Church, Buckinghamshire. Sidney G. Barrett to Francine C. A. Collins.
- ✓ CUNNINGHAM—GARDNER. On September 22nd, 1951, at Holy Cross Church, Morton, Derby, James Clark Cunningham to Audrey Jean Gardner.
- ✓ HOLDEN—MANSFIELD. On November 24th, 1951, at St. Thomas's Church, Heaton Chapel, Derek John Holden to Patricia Kathleen Mansfield.
- ✓ LAMBERT—BAINBRIDGE. On September 7th, 1951, at Salebury Church, Lancashire, Ian Lambert to Wendy Bainbridge.
- ✓ MCINTYRE—DOMVILLE. On September 6th, 1951, at St. John's Church, Walton, Near Warrington, Alan H. McIntyre to Joan Domville.
- ✓ STUBBS—MARTIN. On August 18th, 1951, at All Saints Church, Ecclesall, Sheffield, Kenneth Stubbs to Isabel (Bunty) Martin.
- ✓ WILSON—ELLIS. On May 3rd, 1952, at Holy Trinity Church, Malvern, Peter Wilson, M.R.C.V.S. to Elizabeth Ellis.

DEATH

- ✓ JOHNSON. On January 20th, 1951, as a result of pneumonia, Rose Mary Johnson (*née* Gardiner), wife of the Reverend Canon W. R. Johnson, vicar of St. Peter's, Congleton, Cheshire.

TREASURER'S REPORT

IN order to leave more space for news of Old Girls I do not propose to print a complete Balance Sheet this year, though it is, of course, available for anyone who is interested to see the accounts in detail. Both these are in the Post Office Savings Bank and the balance in the Current Account on December 31st, 1951 was 11/5d., and in the Life Subscriptions Account £393 19s. 2d.

As all the annual members will know it was decided at the Reunion in London last October that the subscription should be raised to 5/- from January 1st, 1952, owing to increased costs, and this should make it quite possible to make both ends meet.

You will see details of the "Friends of St. Elphin's Society" elsewhere in the magazine, and the Old Girls' Guild has undertaken to pay £5 per year for seven years to the Fund. The custom of paying 10/- a year towards the upkeep of Miss Kennedy's grave, which was unfortunately discontinued some time ago, is to be revived immediately.

I append below a list of Old Girls who, in spite of reminders, have not paid their subscriptions for two years or more, and whose names we must, therefore, regretfully cross off the membership list this year. I always hate having to do this and very much hope that their friends who read this may persuade them to pay their arrears and be re-instated. We regret, too, that magazines cannot be sent to Old Girls whose current subscription has not been paid by the date of publication. Those concerned have been notified and sent a second reminder.

Our total "live" membership is now 431, made up of 267 Life Members and 164 Annual Members.

The Treasurer's lot is not always a happy one, but most of you write and send me your subscriptions so cheerfully and promptly that it more than compensates for the few unpleasant tasks which fall to my lot!

MARY D. GOODMAN,
Hon. Treasurer, S.E.O.G.G.

Resigned 1951-52

G. Birchenough (*née* Robertson), M. Burton (*née* Peters), A. Evans, M. Henry (*née* Dallimore), P. Holmes, N. Johnson (*née* Hunt), G. Kelly (*née* Burrows), J. Kilvington (*née* Clarke), S. Lambert, B. Lee (*née* Rhodes), P. Rowarth, D. Selby.

Crossed off for non-payment of subscriptions

J. Cable, A. Cartwright, I. Cresswell, E. Crosbee (*née* Chamberlain), B. Eves, J. Grove (*née* Nock), R. Hindley (*née* Sproston), D. Hervé, M. Keane, M. Lang, M. Murray (*née* Coveney), J. Parr, M. Phillips, M. Taylor, D. Williamson, E. Williamson, M. Wood (*née* Ashe).

Re-joined 1951-52

D. Tredwell (*née* Kiddell), H. Woodcock.

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