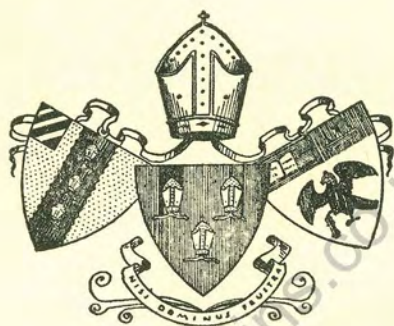


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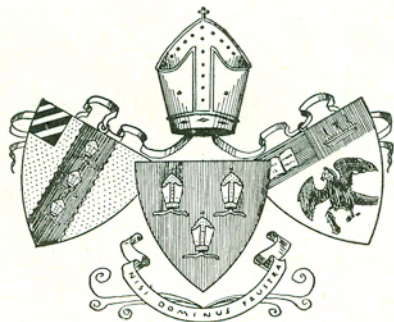


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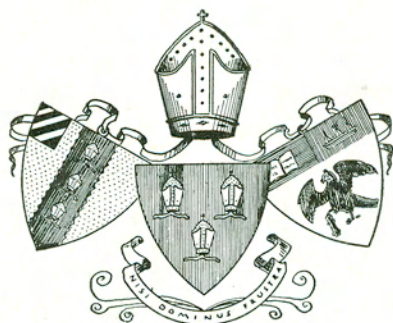


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SCHOOL NOTES

DURING the Autumn and Spring Terms, the School has enjoyed some interesting talks by visiting lecturers, as well as a piano-forte and a song recital which were thoroughly appreciated. We have enjoyed, too, our own film shows in the Common Room. House Music and Gymnastic Competitions have again been keenly contested, and among activities for the Lent Fund, III Remove inaugurated a Prose and Verse Speaking Competition, the finals of which were heard by the School. The Literary and Dramatic Society under the spirited direction of Angela Holder, has invited members of the Staff to one or two Play-reading productions. We all congratulate Angela on her achievement in gaining a place at Cambridge, and wish her success in the future.

Acknowledgments

We thank the following schools for sending us copies of their magazines: Abbotsholme; Lady Manners School, Bakewell; Leeds Girls' High School; St. Helena School, Chesterfield.

LETTER OF THE HEADMISTRESS

27th May, 1954

My dear Old Girls,

I write with the Old Girls' week-end at the School still vividly in my memory. It was a smaller gathering than usual but an extremely united and friendly one. We missed Miss Flood very much but quite realised that a journey from Devon to Derbyshire and back within three days would involve an undue expenditure of strength and vitality. We are so glad to hear of all her diocesan work and her many interests. We welcome Rosemary Taylor as the new Old Girls' Secretary and hope the interest of the job and the contacts it brings will compensate for its ardours. We are deeply grateful to Stella Allen for her ten years unselfish and competent service in this office.

Many Old Girls will be sad to hear of the death of Miss Grenfell, School matron for many years. She left on account of bad health with which she struggled courageously for a long time. Two years ago she had an operation which gave her relief and after this enjoyed really good health. The end came very suddenly in her sleep on April 2nd. We remembered her name in Chapel the Sunday after I received the news of her death in a letter from her niece. May she rest in peace.

Our Guest of Honour on Speech Day, July 3rd, will be Her Grace the Duchess of Devonshire who is now one of our Parents. I hope we shall see many Old Girls here on that day, if not at the Prize Giving at 11.30 at any rate at the Sports at 2.30 p.m. The Garden Fete, to raise funds for the Friends of St. Elphin's, is now an annual event and is to be held on the last Saturday in September. We hope to see Old Girls then and shall be very grateful to receive contributions from them; especially for the Parcel Stall. Any parcels sent for this stall are not unwrapped but sold as parcels at a flat rate of one shilling. Last year we could have sold at least twice as many as we received. We owe this good idea to Monica Daws.

You will be glad to hear that St. Elphin's has at length revived its associations with Cambridge as Angela Holder has gained a place at the Third Foundation and goes up in October to read English. She will be one of the fifteen foundation students. Jill Goodwin, who went up to St. Hugh's last October, was awarded a State Scholarship and a County Senior Scholarship on her G.C.E. results. Margaret Salter who is taking Law at Liverpool gained a Lancashire County University Scholarship and Eileen Eckersall has been awarded a Derbyshire County Exhibition and is to read Social Science at Manchester.

It is a great pleasure to see so many Old Girls back at School at the week-ends. I hope this custom will never be allowed to drop.

With love and best wishes to you all,

Yours affectionately,

E. E. STOPFORD.

P.S.—Old Girls may like to have the address of Miss Grenfell's niece. It is Mrs. O'Daly, 6b Forsyth Path, Sheerwater, Woking, Surrey.

SUCCESSSES IN PUBLIC EXAMINATIONS, 1953

Scholarships

- E. F. Eckersall .. Derbyshire County Exhibition. SOCIAL SCIENCE. Manchester University.
T. A. Goodwin .. State Scholarship. Derbyshire County Major Scholarship. MODERN LANGUAGES. St. Hugh's College, Oxford.
C. M. Salter .. Lancashire County University Scholarship. LAW. Liverpool University.

The General Certificate of Education, 1953

Advanced Level

- M. J. Daws .. English Literature.
E. F. Eckersall .. English Literature; History and Scripture Knowledge.
T. A. Goodwin .. Art; French (with Distinction); German.
A. C. Holder .. English Literature (with Distinction); History
J. K. Odamtten .. English Literature.
H. N. Riley .. Chemistry; Zoology.
C. M. Salter .. English Literature (with Distinction); History and French.
J. V. Sheard .. Art.

Ordinary Level

The following girls passed in four or more subjects:

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| H. M. Prince. | S. M. K. Williams. |
| J. L. Adey. | D. M. Bean. |
| J. M. Bewlay. | M. J. Dawson. |
| M. K. Clamp. | R. M. Sands. |
| J. M. Cleaver. | A. A. Cherry-Downes. |
| J. Gartside. | G. E. Coe. |
| M. Gartside. | D. J. Collyer. |
| B. M. Gothard. | J. A. Cordingley. |
| R. Line. | J. R. Craig. |
| E. M. B. Lloyd. | E. R. Pickering. |
| R. J. Prince. | M. F. Platten. |
| E. J. Reid-Smith. | A. L. Potter. |
| J. A. Shipman. | J. A. Scott. |
| E. M. Singleton. | C. V. H. Smith. |
| C. Symmers. | E. M. Swift. |
| S. A. Williams. | J. A. Wood. |

Associated Board of Royal School of Music

June, 1953

Grade VI Intermediate	J. M. Cleaver, C. A. Atkinson.
Grade V Higher	G. H. M. Wilkinson, E. M. B. Lloyd.
Grade IV Lower	J. Atkinson.

December, 1953

Grade III Transitional	E. M. Bourne (<i>Violin</i>). J. Tuckwell (<i>Piano</i>), Distinction. M. E. Busby.
Grade II Elementary	J. M. E. Watson, M. J. Dams.
Grade I Primary	D. M. Smerdon, J. M. Heath, P. M. Willis.
Grade IV Lower	C. A. Lunn, with Merit; C. Line.
Grade V Higher	M. R. T. Sockett; A. Lomas.

March, 1954

Grade VIII Final	J. M. Cleaver.
Grade V Higher	M. I. Ellison, A. P. Watts, J. Atkinson.
Grade III Transitional	A. Bailey, P. E. Ward.
Grade II Elementary	M. J. Elgar; M. E. Knowles, with Distinction.
Grade I Primary	R. Thornton, P. A. Morley, O. H. Dunkeley.

The Guildhall School of Music and Drama

Elocution

July, 1953

Grade V Higher	D. Burrows, A. Cherry-Downes, S. Silk.
Grade IV Advanced	M. Salter, J. Reid-Smith, S. Thornton, with Merit, H. Schonhut, with Merit, A. Wortley.
Grade III Lower	Mary James, with Merit.
Grade II	
Upper Elementary	A. Lomas, with Merit, S. Grimes.
Grade I Elementary	B. Latham, with Merit, P. Smith, with Merit, M. Smart, with Merit, K. Williams, with Honours, S. Pimlott, with Merit.
Preliminary Grade	H. Hadfield, with Merit, J. Allen, with Merit, J. Grimes, C. Symmers, J. Hick, C. Smith.

THE SCHOOL CHAPEL, 1953-54

WE were all very sorry to lose the Rev. C. Storrs-Fox, our School Chaplain, at the end of the Autumn Term. He had been Chaplain for six years during which he prepared many girls for Confirmation. Besides taking our Services at the beginning and end of each Term, he conducted several Quiet Days which were greatly appreciated by all girls who shared them. The Chapel was beautifully decorated with fruit and flowers for the Harvest Festival which was Mr. Storrs-Fox's last Service in the School Chapel. We hope he will have every happiness as Vicar of Buxton.

At the end of the Autumn Term, we had the Service of Nine Lessons and Carols, which was a very happy beginning to Christmas. The following Term, Father Paul Miller, who has recently come from Staveley to Matlock Parish Church as Curate, conducted the Lent talks, and we were very pleased to have Father Charles over for a week-end the same Term.

The Chapel Choir was invited to a Festival held in Bakewell Parish Church on 31st May. The assembled choirs of three hundred voices were conducted by Mr. T. H. Mosley, the church organist. Evensong was very enjoyable and it was an experience for the School choir to have the added richness of tenor and bass voices.

On the Wednesday after Whitsun, the Bishop of Derby came to take the Confirmation Service which was attended by many parents and friends of the thirty girls who were Confirmed. The candidates were prepared by the Rev. C. Cave, Vicar of South Darley, who has officiated as temporary Chaplain since the Spring Term.

MADELEINE HOGG, VIa.

THE KENNEDY LIBRARY

WE returned in the Summer Term to find that Mr. Palfreyman's skill had provided us with three new sections—eighteen shelves in all, which had been badly needed for some time. A redistribution of the books was quickly completed by members of the Library Committee, and a complete set of the novels of Sir Walter Scott brought out from the obscurity of the Librarian's desk.

The following books have been purchased for the Library this year: *The Ascent of Everest*, by Col. Hunt; *Prophecy and Religion*, by J. Skinner; *Storming the Citadel*, by E. Moberly Bell; *2nd World War*, Vol. VI, by Churchill; *The Orchestra Speaks*, by Shore; *Moths of the British Isles* (2 vols.) by South; *Social Life of Insects*, by Imms; *Wasps, Ants and Allied Insects*, by Step.

We are most grateful for all gifts to the Library, the most recent of which is four volumes of Thomas Hardy, an addition to a former gift.

But each Term still sees its list of books missing from the Library. We must appeal to each girl to show her appreciation of the free access to these shelves, by a careful and regular check on the books in her possession.

THE GRAMOPHONE CLUB

DURING the past year the Club has had many enjoyable meetings under the leadership of Miss Harrison to whom we are very grateful for giving up so much of her spare time. This is the Club's third season and we feel it has been a successful one as the membership has increased considerably. We have had many and varied programmes and the committee was gratified to see such large attendances. Occasionally members give small donations and this year we have been able to buy two records in memory of Kathleen Ferrier, *Rest in the Lord* and *Woe unto you*, which have been enjoyed by members on Sunday afternoons, the time appointed for our meetings.

The Gramophone Club would like to take this opportunity of thanking the various parents for their generous gifts of records, which have been greatly appreciated by all members during the past year.

R. PATTERSON	} Committee.
M. SWIFT	
F. PLATTEN	
B. GOTHARD	

LETTER FROM NIGERIA

SINCE we arrived in the country, we have spent all the time touring. I am very fortunate though, because my husband had done an eighteen month tour before this one and that has made life much easier for me. We are stationed in the Northern region with Kaduna as our H.Q., but so far we have been touring small towns and villages in the Middle Belt which is included in the Northern region. I find this life very interesting because we certainly see plenty of the country and I am amazed how quickly the time passes. During March we expect to go to Sokoto in the far north and tour there for six months and afterwards return to Kaduna for a time.

The climate is not nearly so bad as one expects it to be. This is the dry season at present but it is the few weeks before the rains start at the end of May when it really does get hot. We shall be in Sokoto then with a temperature of 120°F. in the shade.

For the first two months I had a very efficient cook and steward with no household worries at all, but after the two months the cook left and as we were not able to get another I had to attempt to cope. Cooking with a wood fire, with no chimney, and two empty kerosene tins as an oven is not quite the same as a gas stove, but I am beginning to make progress. We are both well, and not suffering too much from my amateur efforts.

We travel in a Morris Oxford kit car when we are touring, and we pack all our belongings on the back and needless to say we are filled to capacity. As we are at present away from Kaduna for five months we have to have sufficient with us to last that time.

There are no such things as shops in most of the places we visit. We can buy meat in the local market, and fruit too, but the rest of our food comes in a mail order from Lagos once a month, so it is just too bad if I forget something as I do quite frequently.

I am not able to get a nursing post here as I have had no midwifery training, but I find I frequently have to render First Aid to all sorts of people for cuts and internal complaints.

We have had one very interesting trip, when we went up the River Niger in a launch for a week. My husband had some work to do in some of the villages alongside the river. Road travelling is not good in this country and it was very pleasant to be transported by a launch. It was on this trip I saw my first two crocodiles, my husband shot at one but it wasn't sufficient to kill it. In two of the villages we visited we saw two new tribal Chiefs being installed by the Resident of Kabba Province. They were very impressive and colourful scenes; only the African men appear at these ceremonies, the women are not allowed to watch.

JEAN OTTERENSHAW (*née* Watson).

SCHOOL HOLIDAY IN SWITZERLAND

IT was with extreme excitement that we met in London, bound for our holiday abroad. We left Victoria in the afternoon and arrived in Folkestone about six o'clock; we passed through the Customs and so on board where we were given different papers to fill in. This done, we found a place for our luggage then waited to begin our crossing to Boulogne. It was a lovely evening with a cool breeze and as we moved out, we could see the sun shining on the white cliffs. As we drew farther away from the land, the sea began to swell until every now and then, an extra large wave would sweep over the side and catch all those standing by the rail. Dusk was falling as we approached Boulogne and we could see the lights twinkling against a darkening sky. We had landed by eight and left at nine o'clock on our night journey by train. At Basle, we had breakfast of hot coffee, rolls and butter and cherry jam. The next stage of our journey took us past Lake Geneva, on to Martigny where, from the platform we could see the almost perpendicular mountain railway leading up the tree-covered slope. Along this track we travelled to reach Les Marécottes the Alpine village which was our destination.

We were met at the little station by our host who told us to leave our luggage to be collected later. Our hotel was a large wooden chalet with many wooden balconies commanding a wonderful view of the valley and surrounding peaks. When we had had a wash and decided where we should sleep, it was time for tea. Before it began to grow dark we had a look round the village and returned to the hotel for dinner. From the dining-room we had a magnificent view of the mountain which soared above us, clad in the warm green of fir trees.

During our stay we went on several very interesting excursions: those we remembered most clearly were the visits to Chamonix and Montreux, our first experience of a glacier, and the journey up the mountainside by ski-lift. Chamonix is over the French border and after an enjoyable run on the mountain railway, we looked round the town and the shops. The main street was lined with stalls laden with souvenirs; in one place sat a young lady in national costume making

lace—beside her, on a table, were hand-made lace, gloves and mats. From one end of the street was a magnificent view of Mont Blanc which dominated the whole landscape. Indeed, Chamonix with its many chalets was a most attractive place.

We were driven to the Trient Glacier in a bus which went at a terrific pace, through streets, round hair-pin bends, the horn playing a furious and almost continuous tune the whole way. It was a beautiful walk up to the glacier which looked wonderful in the sunshine, with a large ice-cave all blue in the inside, from which issued a swiftly-flowing stream. Although the day was very hot, the stream was icy cold. It seemed odd to be able to sun-bathe beside a glacier.

During our day in Montreux, we went off in parties, each in our own way for a picnic lunch, then went swimming in Lake Geneva, which was most enjoyable; everyone had great fun. After the swim, we were again attracted by the shops where we saw some of the most beautiful embroidery and lace. That day, we did not arrive back in the hotel till after dark. On Sunday, some of us took the mountain-railway to Finhaut farther on and after some coffee, set out to walk across the mountains; at one point, we lost our path and consequently were a little late for dinner that evening. Then again, we walked down the mountain to Martigny and enjoyed looking around; but as some had developed blisters with walking, we decided to return by train.

The ski-lift was quite an experience. We had to jump into the single chairs which were suspended by wires, while they were moving. As we travelled slowly up the face of the steep slope, snow-clad mountains gradually rose into view, their jagged peaks outlined sharply against the brilliant azure of a cloudless sky. Suddenly we caught sight of Mont Blanc with all its massive beauty, the dazzlingly white peak catching the light of the afternoon sunshine. Sometimes one had queer sensations looking down on the trees and rocks below, and feeling the swinging of the chair when one moved a great deal.

For the whole ten days of our stay in Switzerland the weather was glorious except for the last day when it began to grow colder. We had a meal and left Les Marécottes about four o'clock. At Lausanne, during the hour's wait for our train to Basle we had coffee and sandwiches before packing into three compartments for the eleven hours' journey to Calais. We tried to get some sleep and just as the majority had dozed off, the ticket collector came round shouting, "Billets! Billets!" We were most annoyed that of all the hours of that journey, he should choose to wake us up in the middle of the night with his "Billets!" At Calais we passed through the French Customs and then on to the boat which was crowded. We had a very smooth crossing and it was delightful to see the white cliffs of Dover welcoming us home again.

On the train up to London, we were aware of the smallness of England compared with the Continent; it was a very pleasant feeling. In London we all said hasty goodbyes and hurried off to our trains having thoroughly enjoyed the whole holiday in Switzerland.

J. ADEY.
R. PATTERSON.

HOUSE REPORTS

GRESFORD HOUSE

WE were all very sorry to say goodbye to Lesley Smedley at the end of the Summer Term and we wish her the very best of luck for the future.

Although this year has not been as successful as last year we won the Day Order Shield at the end of the Autumn Term and the Boarding Order Shield at the end of the Spring Term.

We also won the Cricket, Tennis and Hockey cups after some very close and exciting games.

The work has been of a low standard this year, but we hope this will improve.

As usual it was wet for House Picnics so instead of visiting "Black Rocks" as we intended, we went to the cinema at Chesterfield where everyone enjoyed the film.

I would like to thank the committee and House for their helpfulness in all House activities and I wish them the very best of luck for the future.

<i>Captain</i>	..	..	JUDY SHIPMAN
<i>Vice-Captain</i>	..	..	HILARY SCHONHUT
<i>Appointed Member</i>			CAROLINE SYMMERS
<i>Elected Members</i>	..		JOYCE WOOD
			ANN PARRY

KENNEDY HOUSE

WE were sorry to lose Jill Goodwin at the end of the Summer Term after two years of captaincy, and wish her every success up at Oxford.

This year has not been a very satisfactory one from the point of view of work and order, although both improved during the latter half of the Spring Term.

We won the Badminton and Junior Netball cups, but lost the Tennis, Cricket and Senior Netball cups in close finals. In the Sports we came second to Wilson, thanks to the enthusiastic coaching of the Gartside twins.

The very best of luck in the future, Kennedy.

<i>Captain</i>	..	..	ELIZABETH PICKERING
<i>Vice-Captain</i>	..	..	RUTH PATTERSON
<i>Appointed Member</i>			MARIE DAWSON
<i>Elected Members</i>	..		BRIDGET GOTHARD
			SHIELA GRIMES

FLETCHER HOUSE

AT the end of last year's House Report I spoke of Fletcher maintaining its usual low level. During this year the work has very much improved and last Term we won the Work Shield for the first time since 1944. This standard must be maintained with Fletcher's previous consistency.

Unfortunately Fletcher's Order seems to have suffered from the strain of this effort. Although we won the Order Shield for the year, this was more from other Houses' failings than our own virtue. In games particularly Fletcher is handicapped by being so much smaller than the other Houses. The Tennis, however, was promising; and the Hockey, too, but the teams were very young. When they are seniors their experience should carry us to the top. We were particularly pleased that we won the Rounders Cup for this is a Junior Cup and the strength of our House is in our Juniors. The Netball was disappointing but creditable; the Juniors winning one match and drawing the other, but unfortunately not getting to the final on goal average. (The difference was only one goal.)

In everything Fletcher is a united and enthusiastic House and I hope that success will crown her efforts in the future.

<i>House Captain</i>	..	ANGELA HOLDER
<i>Vice-Captain</i>	..	ROSEMARY SANDS
<i>Committee</i>	..	MARIE PEPPER
		BRIDGET NEVILLE

POWYS HOUSE

THE House Work has improved considerably in the last year; we won the Work Shield in the Summer and the Autumn and were second in the Spring Term. The Day and Boarding Orders are still very poor, however, and a united effort must be made if they are to improve.

Otherwise, this year has been fairly successful and there has been a particular improvement in games; we reached the finals of the Inter-House Hockey and Netball matches, and were second in the Badminton matches and Gym. competition. In the Spring Term we gained the Music Cup, and should like to thank S. Hitchen for her help and efficiency as Music Captain.

Unfortunately, the last House Picnic was cancelled owing to wet weather, and the School had to descend upon the Chesterfield cinemas. However, the House Party at Christmas was a great success and seemed to be thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Finally, I should like to thank Pat Hodgson for her excellent captaincy last year, and also the committee and the House for their help and enthusiasm in all House activities.

Very best wishes for the future.

<i>Captain</i>	..	MADELEINE HOGG
<i>Vice-Captain</i>	..	SALLIE HITCHEN
<i>Appointed Member</i>		ALISON BAINBRIDGE
<i>Elected Members</i>	..	SHEENAGH WILLIAMS
		JANET BUTTERTY
		KATHERINE SHEPHERD

SELWYN HOUSE

THIS year for Selwyn has been somewhat disappointing inasmuch as we have the talent to do great things and at the moment seem to be rather unsuccessfully scratching the surface. We know that Selwyn is capable of holding Shields for the Term but having won the Shield for the first half of term the general tendency is to rest on our laurels and consequently we lose Shields during the second half of Term.

The outstanding feature of the year for us has been the winning of the Gymnastics competition, much to everyone's amazement and most of all our own.

Dorothy Burrows' loss is felt. We thank her for her undying enthusiasm. The remedy lies in our House motto which members would do well to bear in mind.

<i>House Captain</i>	..	J. CLEAVER
<i>Vice-Captain</i>	..	T. HADDOCK
<i>Committee Members</i>		J. ADEY
		J. BOOTH
		M. SWIFT

WILSON HOUSE

WE were sorry to lose Monica Daws at the end of last Summer Term and we wish her the best of luck in the future.

This year we have maintained a fairly good standard although there is still room for improvement particularly the Work. We won the Boarding Order Shield for the Autumn and Spring Terms.

With the help of Joyce Odamtten and Mary Vere-Lawrie who won the Senior and Junior Victrices Ludorum we gained the Sports Cup for the tenth successive year, a remarkable achievement of which we are all very proud. We also won the Senior Netball and Gym. Cups and lost the Music Cup to Powys by only four marks.

I should like to thank the committee for their unfailing and generous help and I leave you with my best wishes for the future.

<i>House Captain</i>	..	MARGARET CLAMP
<i>Vice-Captain</i>	..	THEA BEAN
<i>Committee</i>	..	FELICITY PLATTEN
		CYNTHIA CLAMP
		SANDRA THORNTON
		MOLLIE BARSBY

GAMES REPORTS

TENNIS, 1954

AS it is early in the Term we have had few matches. We beat Broadgate School and Earnest Bailey, which shows that the standard is higher than it was last year. But in the Derbyshire Schools Tournament we were opposed by experienced players whom we were unable to equal.

This year the senior school has had Tennis coaching, from which no doubt they will benefit.

The Team:

JACKIE CLEAVER, *Captain*

ELIZABETH PICKERING, *Vice-Captain*

SALLIE HITCHEN

SANDRA THORNTON

GILLIAN MOSLEY

SUSAN PIMLOTT

HOCKEY, 1953-54

THE defence maintained their usual high standard, the backs playing well as a pair and the halves forming an effective link between defence and attack. The forwards showed a great improvement in their approach work and also remedied a bad fault in their previous lack of shooting power.

The results were not too bad, but we feel that they would be far better with more match practice. The team did very well in the North Derbyshire Tournament when they won their section. Unfortunately, however, they were beaten in the final by Wirksworth G.S.

Captain S. HITCHEN

Vice-Captain .. J. CLEAVER

TEAM

<i>Goal</i> S. GRIMES	<i>Right Wing</i> .. G. WHITEMAN
<i>Right Back</i> .. H. SCHONHUT	<i>Right Inner</i> .. C. SYMMERS
<i>Left Back</i> .. E. PICKERING	<i>Centre Forward</i> .. S. PIMLOTT
<i>Right Half</i> .. M. HOGG	<i>Left Inner</i> .. S. HITCHEN
<i>Centre Half</i> .. J. CLEAVER	<i>Left Wing</i> .. G. MOSLEY
<i>Left Half</i> .. J. SHIPMAN	<i>Reserve</i> .. R. SANDS

RESULTS

Wirksworth G.S.	(H) Lost	0-3	Claycross G.S.	(A) Lost	1-3
Ernest Bailey G.S.	(H) Won	11-1	Ernest Bailey G.S.	(A) Won	7-2
Lady Manners G.S.	(A) Lost	1-4	Old Baileans	(H) Won	5-0
Goals for: 25			Goals against: 13		

CRICKET, 1954

THE standard so far this season has been rather low but there are a few promising players. As yet we have had only the one match, against Derby Ladies' Cricket Club when we were beaten. On this occasion the fielding was generally poor but the bowlers and batsmen put up a good fight. With a good deal more practice in the nets, and particularly on the field, the whole team should be much improved.

A. BAINBRIDGE.

TEAM

A. BAINBRIDGE, *Captain*

E. PICKERING, *Vice-Captain*

R. SANDS

J. CLEAVER

M. CLAMP

B. GOTHARD

H. SCHONHUT

J. SHIPMAN

G. MOSLEY

J. GRIMES

S. PIMLOTT

12th man: D. BEAN

ORIGINAL CONTRIBUTIONS

IF I CAN . . .

If I can fill the world with life
Dream-brimmed, rushing to create
A beauty which transcending strife,
Gives glory that uplifted strikes
The blunted mind to sparking life.

If I can use this golden time
To fill my mind, to give in truth
A part of what I am, and climb
The fleeting hours of transient light
And so bewitched live all my time.

If I burn up the hours in flames
Of bliss that from the stars alight,
Then Death can hold no bitter claims
Of wasted years. So will I kiss
Still unafraid the dark beyond the flame.

GILL SHORLAND-BALL, *Upper Va.*

TH' ENLIGHTENED WAY

The candle holds up praying hands
To the pale, flat moon swinging high,
Deep in the darks of the distant sky;
Hands that flutter and beg, sad hands
Crying for they know not what; still
The restless longing of the soul
For the safety of a sure goal,
For the end of ceaseless strife.

GILL SHORLAND-BALL, *Upper Va.*

A CORGI AND HER PUPPIES

ON the evening of the 31st May, our Corgi, Penny, was very restless, and when we shut her up for the night, we had high hopes that her puppies would be born before morning. Sure enough, an hour later, we heard squeaks coming from the cupboard where Penny slept. We thought we could hear four puppies, but in the morning found that there were only three, one of which had been pushed to the back of the box and must have died during the night. Penny was not as reluctant to leave her puppies as we had expected; and when we left her alone in the house for an hour, we expected to come back and find her sitting quietly with them.

But when we arrived back, Penny greeted us at the door. We thought this queer and on going to look at the puppies, we could find none. Eventually they were discovered on the drawing-room sofa where Penny must have taken them after climbing over the top of the boarding which had been erected to keep her in. As soon as we began to go near the puppies, Penny growled and then turned and snapped at one of them. We thought it better not to disturb her any more, but we moved her box into the knee-hole of the study desk, where we knew she had wanted to have her puppies in the beginning; we hoped she would move there. By mid-day we had almost given up hope, but when we next looked in, she was on the study chair with the puppies. As they were in a most precarious position on the edge, we quickly put a cushion below in case one of them fell off. Late in the afternoon we called Penny out and I went in to have a look at the puppies which Penny had now moved to the box. I was very surprised to see two more. Unfortunately one had been born dead, but the other was a lovely puppy, much larger than the others and with a white band round his neck.

The next morning, the three puppies were still alive although one was very weak as Penny seemed to have a dislike for it and kept pushing it to the back of the box, where it became cold. That afternoon we could not find the weakling anywhere, and later discovered that Penny had removed and killed it. We found the remains in the arm-chair.

We called the remaining two Sapper and Reemy, Sapper being the one with the white collar. Unfortunately he, too, met a sad fate. Penny treated him as she had the other puppy. We were very sorry about this, as he probably would have grown to be a magnificent dog.

By this time we realised that Penny was not a good mother and decided to bring Reemy up by hand. We fed him with a baby's bottle on special milk and cod liver oil. At first we had to feed him every two hours during the day and every three at night; but later, less frequently. When Reemy was a fortnight old, the veterinary surgeon docked his tail and clipped his dew-claws. This made him much weaker and during the next few days, we had to give him a great deal of glucose to strengthen him.

We put a piece of netting over the box to keep him in and one day he became a bit too venturesome and tried to bite through the netting which became caught all round his nose. I found him there squeaking with pain. It was scarcely credible that so young an animal could make such a noise.

At three weeks, he opened his eyes; but not till several weeks later did he begin to hear. As he had become very anaemic with our hand-feeding, the veterinary surgeon gave him vitamin injections which strengthened his weak legs.

When we re-introduced Reemy and his mother, Penny was actually scared and backed away from him. We do not know why Penny behaved so oddly, but we have proved for ourselves that it is possible to rear a puppy 'by hand', although we certainly thought his chances were very small when we began.

ANGELA RICKARDS, *Middle V.*

THE BEST HOUR OF THE DAY

I LIKE two hours of the day best but of the two I think I prefer bed-time. After supper I like seeing how quickly I can wash and undress although I think it is exciting to have pillow-fights and other fun.

Going to bed at home is definitely not so pleasant. It is an old house that I live in and there are sudden creaks and horrid, frightening noises that simply petrify me. On a windy night, things go from bad to worse. Windows rattle, doors slam and the trees in the garden shudder and groan. When I was small I used to imagine that there were witches and horrible things creeping into my bedroom. Now I sing and whistle loudly and hope for the best.

At school though, it is very different. There are people going along the passages until late, and even if I am awake I am most probably not the only one among so many girls.

There are three reasons for my liking bed-time. First it is a day nearer going home at half-term or the end of term. Secondly, I have the feeling that another day is gone whether I have enjoyed it or not and I nearly always feel very tired. Lastly, if I am quick, I like to read some inviting book. If I read a very exciting story for some time before I try to sleep, I cannot get to sleep and toss and turn for ages. When I finally do fall asleep I have bad dreams and wake up and sometimes yell and wake everybody else. Once I had to sleep in the same bed-room as my brothers. I had a big supper and read an exciting book before I went to bed. About mid-night I woke up yelling, after having a nightmare. Now I keep to funny, or at any rate not frightening books—and then, to sleep.

DOROTHY OWEN, *Lower V.*

EASTER SONG

On Easter Day our Lord was risen,
Risen from the dead.
I dreamed I saw His angels two
One at His feet and head.
'Twas they who told dear Mary then,
And John and Peter, too;
Here on this day our anthems sing
With joy the wide world through.

Oh! Easter is the Gate to Spring
When little flowers come out,
And little fleecy new-born lambs,
Go jumping round about.
The birds begin to build their nests,
The rooks come in at dawn,
Behold! The King of all appears
Upon this shining morn.

KAREN MARKER, *Lower IV.*

THANKS

As I walk over the dewy grass,
The flowers open wide their heads ;
The dew is white, and clear as glass.
 My heart I raise
 And I give praise,
For the beauty which comes to pass.

The thrush now sings down by the mill,
The cuckoo calls from far away,
I hear the larks and how they trill.
 My heart I raise
 And I give praise,
For the beauty sent by God's will.

I see the trees which blossom bear
Whose fresh, green leaves enjoy the air
And flowers with their fragrance rare.
 My heart I raise
 And I give praise,
For all God's love and this His care.

To God, my thanks for everything
Which makes me, too, feel light and gay.
My cares away from me I'll fling
 My heart I raise
 And I give praise,
For the beauties of the Spring.

CHRIS HUDSON, *Lower Va.*

THE RIGHT ROAD

The road that always turns to the right
Is such a gay and beautiful sight,
 With trees and flowers,
 Steeple and towers
Which are gay and bright in the sunlight.

The road that always turns to the right
Is such a gay and beautiful sight
 With bells that ring,
 And birds that sing
And trees that rustle all the night.

The road that always turns to the right
Is such a gay and beautiful sight
 With sunbeams that shine,
 And houses so fine
That the whole world glows in the clear Spring light.

MARGARET HODSON, *Lower Va.*



AN OLD SCHOOL FRIEND

OLD GIRLS' CHRONICLE

Secretary's Notes

I SHOULD like to take this opportunity to thank Stella Allen, on behalf of all the Old Girls, for all the work and interest she has put into the Guild since she took over the job of Secretary ten years ago. As I am beginning to realise, even at this early stage, there is more to the backroom work of this post than I thought, and I know what a vast amount she has done to keep the Guild together towards the end of the war and the succeeding years. At the Reunion at St. Elphin's in April, Miss Stopford presented her with the *Oxford Book of French Verse* as a small token of our appreciation and I know that the thanks of all of us go with that.

A small, but select company of Old Girls managed to go to the April reunion, when we had plenty of time to catch up with the latest news of everybody. We thank Miss Stopford very much for the wonderful hospitality we had. We were only sorry that Miss Flood was unable to be present with us, and look forward to seeing her at the London reunion in October.

It is hoped that a Manchester reunion will again be possible in the not-so-distant future, as two Old Girls have volunteered to do what they can to gather the clans together, so if those living in that area can contact each other it should be possible to hold it as a regular meeting again.

To come down to business level: a number of enquiries have been made concerning the blazer badges of the O.G.G. As all estimates from firms to have these made are too high, we have decided that we cannot have any more made, as the cost would be too prohibitive to probable buyers. Metal badges are available and may be obtained from Mary Goodman or myself, price 2/6 each.

As last year, in 'The News of Old Girls', we have omitted to put the name of each sub-secretary who sent in news, so that there is a little more space; groups are arranged as far as possible in order of seniority, though there may be an occasional mishap here and there!
47, Mayfield Road,
Moseley, Birmingham 13.
May, 1954

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

REUNION, 1954

Please note the following date: **OCTOBER 9th, 1954** when the London Reunion will be held at the Y.W.C.A. Central Club.

MEETING OF THE SOUTH-WEST BRANCH AT EXETER, MAY 22nd, 1954

A group of St. Elphinites living in Somerset and Devon has, by forming a South-west branch, with its own president and committee, started something a little new in the way of local reunions and which may perhaps serve as a model to Old Girls in other parts of the country.

We have now held four reunions, and the branch is some thirty strong. At the Exeter meeting on May 22nd, we mustered eighteen for a buffet lunch at Hill, Palmer and Edwards'. When we started the

branch in 1951 we were given a small grant from O.G.G. funds, but we aim at being self-supporting financially, and this year, by making a charge of four shillings per head we were able to cover all the reunion expenses and to have a small balance over towards postage. (We are not all members of O.G.G.).

At the Exeter meeting the following officers were elected to run the branch and plan future reunions:

President: Miss Flood

Vice-President: Dorothy Fitch (*née* Shaw)

Secretary: Stella Allen (The Roof-tree, Somerton, Somerset)

Committee members: Lettie Marris (*née* Farmer), Marjorie Nicol, Marjorie Gardener (*née* Longden).

Other members present were: Alix Berwick, Jeannette Reynolds, Aineen Ball, Jill Bettison (*née* Popple), Robin White (*née* Fitch), Katharine Price (*née* Robinson), Dorothy and Mabel Norris, Lena Nicol, Frances Watson (*née* Smith), Mary Johnson and Joan Trapnell (*née* Martin).

We hope in future to hold reunions alternate years in Taunton and Exeter, so if you are likely to be in or near Taunton in the Spring of 1955, do get in touch with the Secretary and come and join us if you can.

S. M. ALLEN.

NEWS OF OLD GIRLS

Staff

Miss Flood, now back in Exmouth, has been elected to the Diocesan Conference, and to the P.C.C. of All Saints' Church, Exmouth. She is already the Church librarian and gives talks to the Mothers' Union. Miss Flood has recently made contact with a Mrs. Page, who was formerly a member of Warrington Training College (under Canon Morley Stevenson) shortly before the School moved to Darley Dale.

Miss Just, who teaches languages at Burnham-on-sea, is at present (April) visiting friends in France.

Miss Hunt is teaching Scripture at Edgbaston Church of England College in Birmingham.

Edith Chandler (*née* Phelips), is sister-in-charge of the Homes for widows and daughters of Officers in the Services, at Wimbledon.

Ursula Lee (*née* Crawshaw) has a daughter who is one of six British Sisters at the Princess Tsahai Memorial Hospital, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, where Ethiopian nurses are trained.

Grace Sutton (*née* Simpson) is living in Oxford and would welcome any St. Elphinites who are there.

Elaine Woodhouse looks after her aged father and lives in the Lake District.

Winifred Sweeting (*née* Bagshaw) has a son who is a Medical student and a daughter who is doing a secretarial course. Both are training in Leeds.

Winifred Thomson (*née* Wilkinson) has a grandson, who was born in July.

Margaret Glen Bott is a Gynaecology specialist in Nottingham. **Winifred Thompson** has a good Practice also in Nottingham.

Violet Sutcliffe has recently had a broken arm. We send good wishes for a speedy recovery.

Mary Bailey is now a Nursing Sister working for the National Coal Board in the Manchester area.

Alix Berwick has recently been transferred as an H.M.I. from Leeds to Dorset (see addresses). She would be very glad to see any Old Girls who are in the neighbourhood who can get in touch with her by letter or 'phone. Telephone No. Wimborne 755. She is now a probationer campanologist in her spare time.

Mary Illsley is still doing her Physiotherapy training at Birmingham and has another eighteen months there.

Marjorie Gardener (*née* Longden) is busy running the house and looking after her two sons.

Stephanie Jones is living in Swansea with her parents who have now retired. She works in a nearby hotel doing the snacks and savouries, and other high-class cookery!

Jean Johnson (*née* Rowe), writes that she has her hands full with her son Mark, now two, and her daughter Clare aged ten months.

Mary Cliffe now has a house of her own in Leicester (see addresses).

Joan Kiddell spends all her free time on music, and has recently been taking part in performances of 'Trial by Jury' and 'H.M.S. Pinafore'.

Mary Goodman is still Headmistress's secretary at the Edgbaston Church of England College in Birmingham.

Stella Allen is now teaching part-time in a school in Taunton. She is another keen bell-ringer and practises wherever she can!

Kathleen Wilson is still secretary to a Member of the Stock Exchange, and in her spare time is a member of the Mermaid swimming club.

Helen Gilbert is on the staff of St. Godric's Secretarial College, Hampstead, where she now has a flat.

Peggy Denning (*née* Clarke) has left Weston-super-Mare, as her husband has become manager of the Worthing branch of the Westminster Bank.

Joyce Marchant Brooks gained her M.Sc. in Psychology last July. She has had two pictures hung by the National Society at the Royal Institute Galleries, and two hung by the United Society of Artists at the R.B.A. Galleries this March.

Diana Rapson is still Secretary to one of the Personnel Officers in the World Health Organisation in Geneva. Her job is mainly concerned with the selection of secretaries. She hears occasionally from **Sylvia May** and **Sylvia Moser**, from **Lucy Tyson**, who is teaching, and **Gillian Kelly** (*née* Burrows) who has a daughter Susan.

Jeanette Reynolds is matron of a boys' Preparatory School in Bideford.

Biddy Quinlan (*née* Yates) has moved to Cambridge, which she likes very much. Her husband is at Addenbrookes Hospital.

Flora Bissett-Smith is back in England after spending two years as a Rotating Interne in a New York Hospital. She is now Assistant Medical Officer at The Royal Manchester Children's Hospital.

Joan Newcombe (*née* Brittain), who was married last July, had **Muriel Hinde** (*née* Jones), as her Matron-of-Honour. Joan is living in Norwich, where she has met **Jean Aitkins** (*née* Pearson). Their husbands play golf together.

Alyson Bradfield. We send our sympathy to Alyson and Jane, whose mother died last summer. Alyson is now running the Palace and finding it very much a full-time job!

June Hannant (*née* Burr) has another daughter, now a year old, named Hilary Rachel . . . 'the roundest, merriest little soul one could hope for'. June sends news of **Rachel**, who is now working in Liverpool.

Mary Hibbins is a Children's Visitor, working for the Devon County Children's Dept. in Torquay. She finds it very strenuous work, but is thoroughly enjoying it.

Jean McGregor (*née* Beauchamp) is now a hard-working mother. Her daughter Karen was born last September. **Alyson Bradfield** is a Godmother.

Pamela Scott and **Jean Hutchinson.** If anyone has their present addresses would she please contact **Betty Martin** who wants to get in touch with them.

Fay Smith (*née* Trickett), is very busy with her two sons, the younger of whom was born in March.

Betty Wareham (*née* Carson) moves around the countryside with her officer-husband, so warns her generation of St. Elphinstones to be fortified against a possible invasion when she is in their area! She sends news of her sister **Anne**, who starts teaching at Scarborough High School in September.

Rosemary Taylor was Captain of Worcestershire 2nd XI County hockey team last season, and is playing cricket for Warwickshire this summer. She is taking a post at Edgbaston Church of England College and Edgbaston High School in September.

Betty Martin is leaving her post in the far north of Northumberland and returns to warmer Devon, where she has a teaching post for September in Barnstaple.

Angela Daff is now Hospital Sister at Welbeck College, where boys from all walks of life are trained for the technical branches of the army, prior to going to Sandhurst. She is very happy there.

Elizabeth Evans (*née* Jackson) has a baby daughter called Caroline Rosemary, **Rosemary Newell** is one of the Godmothers. Elizabeth spends all her time being a dutiful housewife, and feeding and bathing the baby.

Gwen Owen is pursuing acting and this year had the chance of broadcasting and televising for the first time.

Elizabeth Rumboll (*née* Swain) is leaving her job of teaching spastic children at the end of April, and is going to be a full-time housewife. She is expecting a baby at the beginning of July.

Betty Laurent (*née* Vernon) has moved from Bournemouth to St. Mawes, Cornwall, where her husband has the management of two hotels.

Mary Davidson became engaged at the end of March and is getting married on August 4th. She left her job with the Lancashire C.C. at the end of April, in order to get some much needed cookery practice! She will still live at Lytham St. Annes after she is married.

Jean Otterenshaw (*née* Watson) is out in Nigeria with her husband who is in the Colonial Audit Dept. She sent an interesting account of life out there.

Audrey Lavender is now on the staff at St. Elphin's.

Barbara Ward has passed Part I examination of the Ch.B. and is taking Part II at Lewisham Hospital.

Rosemary Laphan (*née* Chadwick) is living in Vancouver, Canada. When her husband is ordained in a year's time, they are going up to the frozen north, to work under the Bishop of the Yukon.

Anne Cartwright is working as a Physiotherapist at Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge. In her spare time she sings in one of the College choirs, belongs to the University Musical Society and the Theatre group.

Con Whitton (*née* Rust) spends a lot of time hunting, and met **Anne Cartwright** at a point-to-point recently.

Dina Plumley (*née* Selby) and her husband are working at Leicester Royal Infirmary, where he is a doctor.

Rosemary Hadfield obtained an Honours degree in French last July, and is teaching English conversation in Nancy. In September, she goes to Cambridge to do a year's Post-graduate teaching course.

Mary Bevington has left Chesterfield and is now an Administrative Assistant in Leicester city welfare department.

June Brierley is personal assistant to the manageress of a restaurant in Birmingham. She is living in the same Y.W.C.A. Hostel as **Mary Gallimore**, who is doing secretarial work in a Birmingham firm.

Stella Holland is teaching three-year-olds at the Central Nursery School, Derby.

Patricia James is secretary and receptionist to a group of dental surgeons in Leicester.

Susan Kendall passed her nursing finals in February, and is staying at Edinburgh Royal Infirmary for a further year.

Josephine Richards is secretary to her father who is an estate agent.

Catherine Soutter is continuing her studies in clinical medicine at the Royal Free School of Medicine, London.

Joan Waddington is now S.R.N., and is working at the Christie Hospital, Manchester.

Peggy Whitfield is teaching in Gloucester, and is a Superintendent of a kindergarten Sunday School.

Susan Hetherington is doing paediatrics for three months, and has just finished three months' midwifery, having delivered twenty-three healthy babies!

Jennifer Chorlton is secretary to a solicitor in Lincoln's Inn, and is thoroughly enjoying life.

Beryl Eves is a harpist with the B.B.C. Northern Orchestra.

Pamela Holmes is a receptionist at the Peacock, Rowsley.

Valerie Purdy is in her last year of physiotherapy training at Edinburgh. She sees **Ann Bosson** sometimes.

Shirley Thornton is at King's College, London, doing Science.

Joan Swindle passed her Froebel finals last June and is teaching at St. Mary's School, Calne. She is engaged to a missionary, and hopes to be married next year. When married, they will be living in the Belgian Congo.

Pat Hayward is doing Froebel at the Rachel McMillan Training College in Deptford.

Mary Hopkins-Jones is nursing at St. Thomas's Hospital.

Maria Lawton has gone out with her family to live in Buenos Aires.

Shirley Lewis has a secretarial post in London.

Margaret Notley is nursing at Hove General Hospital.

Carolyn Phillips has a secretarial post in London.

Mary Pickering is doing physiotherapy at the Royal Southern Hospital, Liverpool.

Joyce Scott is nursing at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, London.

Mary Bennett has just taken her L.R.A.M. at the Northern School of Music at Manchester.

Shirley Bolton is training for nursery teaching at Crewe College.

Judith Clarke and **Lucinda Negus** are nursing at the London Hospital.

Biddy Gordon, who takes her teacher's diploma at the Northern Theatre School, Bradford, in July, has been touring with the Northern Children's Theatre.

Mary Tudor-Jones is demonstrating cookery for Cadbury's at Cambridge.

Rachel Kingdom is working for a veterinary surgeon in Cambridge with **Mary Lovell**.

Eleanor Lawson is training at St. Katherine's College, Liverpool.

Brenda Gibbs (*née* Must) was married last Autumn and now lives in London.

Jillian Lloyd-Turner is studying science at Wolverhampton Technical College.

Elizabeth Rowe has her first teaching post near her home in Rochdale.

Pam Davies is doing well at Derby Training College.

June Thorpe is studying for a Social Science degree at Edinburgh.

Elizabeth Todd is nursing at St. Thomas's Hospital.

Ann Watson is working at the Middlesex Hospital, and has been working under **Kathleen Kershaw**, who is now sister-in-charge of the surgical ward at the County Branch of the Hospital for Sick Children.

Anne Carson will complete her training at Bedford P.T.C. in July.

Anne Wilson has just taken her first professional examination in physiotherapy, at the Western Infirmary, Glasgow.

Jill Schanschieff is working in a solicitor's office in Northampton.

Rosemary Stanford is the beauty specialist at Louis and Bernard in Manchester. She sends news of **Brenda Edwards** who is doing office work in Manchester.

Ruth Adams is working on her father's farm.

Tania Butler is taking a secretarial course in London.

Chris Baker is a shorthand-typist in Boots' Head Office in Nottingham.

Sheila Blyde is market-gardening at home. She played cricket for the Midlands last season.

Margaret Cardno is studying at the Northern School of Music, Manchester.

Greta and Marjory Carson are both student nurses.

Joanna Cartwright is studying the piano and clarinet in Nottingham.

Ann Carlisle is training at St. Thomas's Hospital.

Ann Daws is taking 2nd M.B. at St. Mary's Hospital, London.

Muriel Duckworth starts teaching in September.

Janet Eccles is taking 2nd M.B. at the London Hospital Medical School.

Ann Foster is taking an Arts degree at Reading University.

Freda Goodier is working at Lancashire Steel works after training at a commercial school.

Anne Hebditch has finished a secretarial course, and is now at home.

Jean King is a School Meals supervisor, under Sheffield Education Committee.

Shirley Lees is working in Williams Deacon's Bank.

Janet Rowarth is secretary to a youth club, and helps on her father's farm.

Pauline Schonhut is working for her father until the summer, and then getting a secretarial job.

Diana Westbrook finishes her training at Weymouth College in July, and then begins teaching in the South.

Angela Willatt is taking a Domestic Science course in Sheffield.

Jill Cartwright takes Part I of her finals at Nonnington C.P.E. in the summer.

Hazel Prince and Joyce Scott are training at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, London.

Rosemary Prince is studying at Derby Technical College.

BIRTHS

On July 8th, 1951, to Cynthia Morgan (*née* Bradley), a son—Andrew John Adam.

On January 6th, 1953, to Jane Hargreaves (*née* Cox), a son—Timothy John.

On June 4th, 1953, to Jean Johnson (*née* Rowe), a daughter—Carol, sister for Mark.

On June 18th, 1953, to Sheila Holdridge (*née* Simms-Reeve), a son—John Richard.

On September 14th, 1953, to Jean McGregor (*née* Beauchamp), a daughter—Karen Margaret.

On October 23rd, 1953, to Joan Trapnell (*née* Martin), a daughter—Robin Joanna, sister for Martin and Janine.

On November 28th, 1953, to Elizabeth Evans (*née* Jackson), a daughter—Caroline Rosemary.

On December 20th, 1953, to Wendy Lambert (*née* Bainbridge), a second daughter.

- On January 21st, 1954, to Helen Wallen (*née* Demaine), a second son—Philip George.
- On February 9th, 1954, to Peggy Denning (*née* Clarke), a daughter—Jean Margaret.
- On March 10th, 1954, to Audrey Cunningham (*née* Gardner), a daughter—Isabel Jane.
- On March 12th, 1954, to Fay Smith (*née* Trickett), a second son—Richard Anthony.
- On March 24th, 1954, to Esme Baker (*née* Feaster), a daughter—Cheryl Margaret.
- On April 8th, 1954, to Gwen Grantham (*née* Bembridge), a son.
- On April 24th, 1954, to Bunty Stubbs (*née* Martin), a son.

ENGAGEMENTS

- ✓ Between MARY DAVIDSON and WILLIAM A. AITCHISON.
Between PATRICIA JAMES and CEDRIC R. PHILCOX.
Between JILL SCHANSCHIEFF and TONY HENSON.
✓ Between JOAN SWINDLE and PETER J. MANICOM.
Between DIANA WESTBROOK and WILLIAM BURGESS, R.N.
Between ANNE WILSON and RICHARD JAMES.

MARRIAGES

- not mhr. ✓ FLETCHER—PIDDUCK. On March 20th, 1954, at Christ Church, Stockport, Wendy Pidduck to Geoffrey Edward Fletcher.
- HARGREAVES—COX. On April 16th, 1952, at Ringway Parish Church, by Bishop Tubbs, then Dean of Chester, Jane Cox to Lt. David Hargreaves, R.N.
- ✓ HINKS—BROOKER. On February 6th, 1954, at St. Alban's Church, Wichesley, June Brooker to Peter C. Hinks.
- ✓ NEWCOMBE—BRITTAİN. On July 4th, 1953, Barbara Joan Brittain to Dr. John Fernley Newcombe.
- ✓ OTTERENSHAW—WATSON. On June 27th, 1953, at Bakewell Parish Church, Jean Watson to Michael Frederic Otterenshaw.
- ✓ ROBINSON—CLAPHAM. On March 31st, at Keighley Parish Church, Helen Margery Clapham to E. H. V. Robinson.
- ✓ WINFIELD—FOSTER. On June 5th in Rhodesia, Hazel Joan Foster to Oswald Winfield.

DEATHS

- ✓ DEVINNEY. On February 8th, 1954, at Dunkeswell Abbey, Devon, Anna G. H. Devinney, in her 76th year—a life-long member of the Guild, who entered the School in 1887. R.I.P.
- GRENFELL, A. A. Suddenly on April 2nd, 1954, at Pendine, Carmarthen.—School Matron, 1933-1942.

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„ Sale of Metal Badges	..	..	1	15
„ Interest at Bank, 1953	..	..	10	14
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TREASURER'S REPORT

Following a notable example set earlier this year, I have no important changes to announce in the financial arrangements of the Old Girls' Guild! As you will see from the Balance Sheet, our accounts are in a satisfactory state, though we have nothing to be complacent about, and the annual and life subscriptions of 5/- and £3. 3s. 0d. respectively remain the same as in previous years.

May I remind all annual members that their subscription is due each year on January 1st, for the ensuing year? There are approximately 450 members of the Guild, of which 150 are annual members, and each year I have to send out about 130 reminder notices and 50 second reminder notices. This is part of my job and I don't mind the work a bit, but I do mind the waste of money on unnecessary postage, so please put my address in your diary *now* and make it one of your New Year resolutions to pay your subscription in January.

I am glad to say that only a few Old Girls have had to be crossed off the membership as they have not paid their subscription for two years or more. (See list below). I always dislike having to do this and hope that their friends who read this will see if they can persuade them to rejoin.

52 Salisbury Road,
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MARY D. GOODMAN,
Hon. Treasurer, S.E.O.G.G.

Resigned 1953-54

N. Henstock, J. Lossius (*née* Lowe).

Crossed off for non-payment of Subscriptions

J. Barker (*née* Prooth), M. Barratt (*née* Bacon), P. Donald, P. Holden (*née* Mansfield), P. Scott, M. Trafford.

Reminder for Sub-Secretaries

Expenses for postage, etc. may be claimed from the Treasurer—
52 Salisbury Road, Moseley, Birmingham 13.

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

BETTY ABDY (*née* Birkett), 1 Slate Hall Farm, Lolworth, Cambridge.

DOROTHY ALLEN (*née* Beswick): The Haven, Colonel's Lane, Chertsey, Surrey.

EILEEN APPLEBY: Grove Cottage, Kelham, Newark, Notts. (After Aug. 1st).

FRANCINE BARRATT (*née* Collins): 7 St. John's Park, Blackeath, S.E.3.

ALIX BERWICK: The Garden Flat, Westfield, Wimborne Minster, Dorset.

FLORA BISSETT-SMITH: The Skin Hospital, Quay Street, Manchester.

MARGARET BROWN (*née* Wontner-Smith): Churchdown, Bath Road, Chippenham, Wilts.

ANNE CARLISLE: The Master's Lodge, St. Cross, Winchester, Hants.

MARGARET CARMICHAEL (*née* Houghton): 16 Deva Terrace, Chester.

EDITH CHANDLER (*née* Phelips): D.I. Queen Alexandra's Court, Wimbledon, S.W.19.

JUDITH CLARKE: The Nurses' Home, The London Hospital, Whitechapel.
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