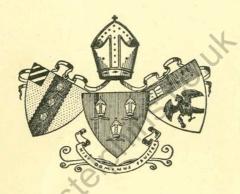
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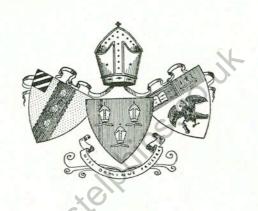


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The chairman (the Bishop of Blackburn) and the Headmistress with the visitors, the Master and Mistress Cutler, and the Duke and Duchess of Devonshire.

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SCHOOL OFFICE HOLDERS-1959-60

Head Girl: ANNE HODSON. Deputy: JOAN TOMLINSON.

Prefects: M. Hilsden, J. Watson, R. Baker, K. Marker, M. McBarnet, M. Knowles, L. Kime, R. Meadows, F. Robertson, V. Seldon, A. Toone, E. Ward, A. Savage, H. Brown, K. Mosley, R. Thornton.

Sub-Prefects: F. Beard, F. Dagger, S. Greenhalgh, J. Howe, H. Lunn, B. Jones, P. Storer, P. Street, S. Thomas, A. Thorne, P. Tuckwell, J. Wright.

EDITORIAL

This has been a very successful year from the academic point of view as three girls have gained entrance to Oxford—Mary Hilsden to Lady Margaret Hall to read English; Jacqueline Watson to St. Anne's College, Oxford, also to read English; and Emma Cavendish, a pupil of this school for five years, to St. Anne's College, Oxford, to read History.

The Bishop of Warrington, Dr. Claxton, was welcomed as our new Chairman of the Governors on the day of the Christmas Fair, November 28th. There was a short service in Chapel before Miss Mayhew-Jones, an old girl, opened the bazaar. Each house was responsible for its own stall which consisted mainly of articles made by members of the house and the valuable contributions for three stalls from generous parents. It was satisfying to learn that our efforts did not go unrewarded as, this year, we reached the record total of £600.

It was with pride and pleasure that we learned in the summer term that Dr. Claxton had been appointed Bishop of Blackburn and we are gratified to hear that he will still remain our Chairman.

Two performances of the Easter and Passion Music from the "Messiah" were held in Denstone College Chapel and Bakewell Parish Church on March 13th and 19th respectively. Both the performances and the rehearsals with Denstone College were greatly enjoyed.

Once again a party visited Paris in the Easter holidays. This time, Miss Leyland, Miss Taylor and Miss Jeffrey took the party which consisted mainly of the Lower V. Miss Smith with

Miss Lamb and Miss Hewitt has taken a party to Oberammergau in the summer holidays.

On May 6th, Princess Margaret's wedding day, we watched the service on television in the morning and then went out on house picnics in the afternoon.

Miss Robinson's production of "Electra" was held on May 21st and 22nd in Matlock Town Hall and we were pleased to see a full house at all three performances. There is to be a fourth for the Old Girls during their Reunion week-end at the end of term.

The Staff play, "Quality Street," by J. M. Barrie, was held on Sports Day, July 2nd, and again many parents stayed to see the performances at 2.30 and 7.30. This effort resulted in a further contribution to the Hall Fund.

During the year, Dr. Matthews gave his usual lectures to the Lower V in the Spring term and to the leaving girls in the Summer.

As is customary, we had two Swedish girls, Boel Hall and Agneta Hallberg during the Summer term to improve their English; they certainly speak more fluently now.

A cocktail party was given at Chatsworth House on May 11th by the Duke of Devonshire to launch the appeal for money for a new school hall and other extensions, the foundations of which, it is hoped, will be laid in the autumn.

There have been changes in uniform; for example, attractive new corduroy dresses have replaced the former Viyella frocks and at last a regulation uniform has been instituted. In addition to these changes in uniform there have also been changes concerning visiting week-ends, as "sleeping-out passes" were introduced in the Spring term to enable girls who live near enough to spend Saturday evening at home and to save their parents from having to fetch them out again on Sunday morning.

We send best wishes for happiness to Miss Leyland who has left us to be married; to Miss Millett, the "Miss Phoebe" of our "Quality Street," whose interest in drama will be sadly missed in school; to Miss Taylor whom we congratulate on her recent engagement. Miss Parker has already taken up duty in her new school in Germany; and finally to Mrs. Prouse we wish a smooth and happy path to house-hunting before her husband's return from abroad.

To our Head Girl, Anne Hodson, and to all the band of Prefects in Upper VI to whom the school owes so much, we send best wishes for happiness and success in whatever they undertake and look forward to seeing them return to visit us at some not very distant date.

JOAN TOMLINSON (Upper VI) ELISABETH WARD

EXTRACT FROM HEADMISTRESS'S REPORT

This year we meet for the first time under a new Chairman, until very recently the Bishop of Warrington. From the first moment of his appointment as Chairman, last autumn, the Bishop took the School firmly under his wing and his frequent visits, official and unofficial, have been very much welcomed and always enjoyed. His concern for the well-being of the School, his dynamic energy in planning for its future, the confidence he inspires and above all, the humanity and the warm friendliness of his nature, make him not only a splendid Chairman but a much valued friend to us all. When the news came of the Chairman's translation to Blackburn (far too soon after his appointment as Chairman) we all shared in the feeling of pride at the honour bestowed on him, although our feelings were tinged with some sorrow at the thought that the heavy responsibilities to be laid upon his shoulders might possibly make his visits less frequent; but we know certainly that his interest in the School and his concern for its welfare will be unimpaired and I have assured the Chairman that we, at least, at St. Elphin's, will be as light a burden to him as possible.

We welcome too, most warmly, the new Bishop of Derby as a member of the Governing Body. Already the Bishop has shown his interest in the School by speaking on our behalf at Chatsworth at the launching of our Appeal; he has paid his first official visit to the School this term when he Confirmed forty-seven of our candidates. We hope that the Bishop and Mrs. Allen will be frequent visitors at St. Elphin's.

We welcome Dr. Bennett who is doing duty for Dr. Forster, our Medical Officer, during his year of absence in New Zealand.

As I look back upon this past School Year, it is with a feeling of great thankfulness. It seems to me that we have been travelling along a road which has led, for the most part, through most pleasant places. Of course there have been rocks along our way but these have been smitten. There have been times. too, when we have scaled the heights. Translated into more concrete language, the even tenor of our life here, the pleasant routine of the working day, our beautiful Chapel Services, our Games, our pleasures and excursions, the beauty of our countryside and the hills, the remarkably good health of the School throughout the year and an empty Sanatorium, and above all, the happiness of the children and their fundamental goodness, all go to make up the pleasant picture. The success of some of our senior (and junior girls) has made us scale the heights and all the time we feel the good hard road beneath our feet as we advance in knowledge and wisdom and understanding.

In September we shall be opening with greatly increased numbers. We have in mind many exciting building schemes over the next five years but for our immediate purpose we have two new classrooms in the process of erection and the Governors have bought us a house in Grove Lane for some of the Staff. These are welcome additions to our buildings.

The work of the School has received the greatest incentive it is possible to receive, that is, the example and splendid

achievement of the senior girls.

You have seen, I hope, three names emblazoned in gold upon our Honours Board: those of Mary Hilsden, Jacqueline Watson and Emma Cavendish. In these days of fierce competition when the spires and pinnacles of Oxford and Cambridge remain no more than a dream for most of the candidates who aspire to them, and only a handful of places are available for many hundreds of candidates, no fewer than three girls from this School have gained places at Oxford and one with a Scholarship; Mary Hilsden first won a State Scholarship on the results of her General Certificate of Education, then she was awarded a County Major Scholarship and finally she gained a place at Lady Margaret Hall to read English, an outstanding record for one girl. Jacqueline Watson headed the Exhibition Winners at St. Anne's College, Oxford and was subsequently elected to an Abbott's Scholarship; she will also read English. Emma Cavendish, at the remarkably early age of sixteen, gained a place at St. Anne's to read History. We congratulate all these girls on their achievements.

The Kennedy Scholarship this year was awarded jointly to Judith Earle and Rachel Taggart. We congratulate them and wish them well in the future.

There was another kind of height scaled this year, to my mind one of the most outstanding achievements of the year: this was the performance by our girls, together with Denstone boys, of Handel's "Messiah." One performance was given in Denstone Chapel and one in Bakewell Parish Church. It was not an easy task for our girls to achieve for they had no experience of this sort of thing, or, indeed, of conducted singing; the excellence of their performance was the result of much hard work on many Sunday afternoons spent rehearsing with Miss Thompson in the Common Room and later in joint rehearsals with the boys. We are most grateful too, to Mr. Lethbridge, the Music Director of Denstone, for his wonderful work.

The efforts of the Friends of St. Elphin's during this past year have redoubled in intensity. We owe a great debt of gratitude to the Committee for their unceasing and untiring work; above all to Mr. Linnell, Mr. Speakman and Mr. Thornton. This year has seen the launching of the big Appeal to bring our building and equipment up to the standard of modern requirements. For ten years you have been hearing about a new Hall which has not yet materialised. Well, it is going to materialise. And I want to express our thanks to the Duke of Devonshire for his great kindness in launching the Appeal from Chatsworth, in May, and for his continued support of the

Appeal. It was a most happy and auspicious occasion. Our own efforts in School with the Christmas Bazaar produced the astounding figure of £600 and we are most grateful to the parents who supported us so generously by their stalls and by their purchases. I must express our thanks to those parents who have worked so hard on our behalf in their local groups and to those who raised money for the Fund by Coffee Mornings and other activities. I have had many cheques sent to me by the organisers of these activities and we are most grateful to them.

Now we have reached the end of another stage. After the holidays we shall take to the road again with strength renewed, with high hopes and cheerful hearts, thanking God for all the blessings He has bestowed upon the School during the past year and trusting in His good purposes for us in the year that lies ahead.

SUCCESSES, 1959-60

MARY HILSDEN—University State Scholarship. Entrance to Lady Margaret Hall, Oxford. (English).

JACQUELINE WATSON—Abbott's Scholarship. Entrance to St. Anne's College, Oxford. (English).

EMMA CAVENDISH—Entrance to St. Anne's College, Oxford. (History).

JUDITH EARLE and RACHEL TAGGART— Kennedy Scholarships.

KAREN MARKER-Whitelands Training College, London.

VIVIENNE SELDON—Homerton, Cambridge.

ANNE HODSON-St. Thomas' Hospital, London.

ROSEMARY MEADOWS-Radcliffe Infirmary, Oxford.

NORTHERN UNIVERSITIES' JOINT MATRICULATION BOARD

GENERAL CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION, 1960

Passes at Advanced Level-

ROSEMARY BAKER—History ('A' Level and Scholarship), Latin, French.

KAREN MARKER-English, History, Art.

MARIA McBARNET—English.

VIVIENNE SELDON-English, History, Geography.

JOAN TOMLINSON-English, French.

ELISABETH WARD—English, History, Geography.

PASSES AT ORDINARY LEVEL

Eight subjects-

Josephine Holmes Philippa Watson Sandra Howard

Seven subjects— Susan Mackenzie

Six subjects— Betty Jones

Anne Glover
Five subjects—

Rosalind Jackson Patricia Storer

Four subjects— Marjorie Heelis

Susan Thomas
Three subjects—
Jane Bailey
Elizabeth Evans

Two subjects—
Anne Eliott
Pamela Goodman
Jean Hewitt

One subject—
Eleanor Bowser
Monica Brammer
Felicity Pemberton
Carole Saxby
Jane Walker

Elizabeth Linnell

Elspeth Watts

Erica Speakman

Jill Williams

Catherine Spencer-Richford Anne Thorne

Margaret Laing Anne Lowe Jennifer Lloyd Margaret Stewardson

CHATSWORTH APPEAL PARTY: May 11th, 1960

IN order to raise money for the School Hall, the Friends of St. Elphin's decided to launch an appeal and the Duke of Devonshire very kindly held a cocktail party at Chatsworth for this purpose.

Twelve girls accompanied by Miss Robinson and Miss Mayhew-Jones, an old girl of the School, attended the party which was held in the Duke's private apartments overlooking the world-famous Emperor Fountain which we were delighted to observe was playing specially for the occasion.

Among the many people present were Lady Elizabeth Cavendish Bentinck, John Betjeman, the Master Cutler of Sheffield, and, representing the Friends of St. Elphin's, Mr. Linnell, Mr. Speakman and Mr. Thornton. As it was a fine evening refreshments were served on the terrace outside the drawing-room as well as indoors.

During the course of the evening speeches were made by the Duke of Devonshire, the Bishops of Warrington, Chester and Derby and by the Master Cutler, whose lady will be the guest of honour on Speech Day; they all praised the work of the School and emphasised the necessity for raising funds to continue and extend it.

After the speeches, we distributed appeals before the guests went to see the Chapel and then we reluctantly departed. But before we left, the Duke presented us with illustrated guides to Chatsworth, a gracious gesture, much appreciated by us all.

JOAN TOMLINSON (Upper VI).

GIFTS TO THE SCHOOL

WE wish to acknowledge with thanks the following gifts:

To the Kennedy Library: Classics text books, and two Liddall and Scott Lexicons (The Rev. D. S. Davies, The Rectory, Lockwood, Huddersfield).

Books for Library and two old copies of the School Magazine (Mrs. D. Trott, 54 The Nook, Newton Park, Chester).

"A Walk with Destiny" (Churchill). (Gail Anderson).

Cambridge Modern History (The Rev. A. J. Mullett, All Saints' Vicarage, Oldham).

Children's Gardening (presented by the author). (Mrs.

Luana M. Wells, N.D.H., Tudor House, Ripley, Surrey).

Modern Greece (Mrs. Felicity Hay, 4 Barrack Lane, The Park, Nottingham).

Miscellaneous books (Mrs. I. Merrill, Clarendon House, Brin-

cliffe, Sheffield).

"The Country Parish Today and Tomorrow" (presented by the author). (The Ven. The Archdeacon of Newark, Red House, Ranskill, near Retford, Notts.).
"The Eye of the Beholder," by Lance Sieveking; Inventors

of our World, by J. G. Leithallser (Rosemary Meadows).

Visitors' Book (Judith Hick and Anne Howard).

Silver Cup for High Jump (Jill Dixon and Rosemary Hill). Japanese Doll for Museum (Mrs. E. L. Parry-Evans, Singapore).

HOUSE REPORTS

Fletcher

House Mistresses: Miss Parker and Mrs. Prouse.

House Captain: Vivienne Seldon.

Vice-House Captains: Karen Marker & Rosemary Thornton. House Prefects: Jane Wright, Kathleen Mosley, Penny Street, Rosemary Briddon, Elizabeth Linnell, Josephine Holmes.

AT the beginning of the Autumn term we welcomed Miss Parker as our new House Mistress and Mrs. Prouse as assistant House Mistress.

This has been a hard-working year in all fields of activity. The work of the House has maintained its high standard, greatly helped by Rosemary Johnson's excellent work results and we are striving to regain the Work Shield.

In the Autumn term the annual bazaar was held, each House having its own stall and produce. For many weeks each member of the House worked industriously making stools and cane baskets, under the instruction of Miss Parker. Numerous attractive stools were displayed on the day of the Sale and Fletcher raised large sums of money for the School Hall.

A new feature on this year's timetable has been one period each week of Drawing Room. The last lesson on Wednesday afternoon, Fletcher spend with Miss Robinson, when she reads Cronin's "Keys of the Kingdom" to us. This has been very enjoyable.

Towards the end of term the House Drama Competition was held and "One Morning Very Early" was produced by Rosemary Thornton and Kathleen Mosley. Although Fletcher was not

placed, the cast showed great enthusiasm.

Much of the Spring Term was spent in practising for the School production of the "Messiah," but we were also able to find time for the House netball and hockey matches. After several hard-fought matches we were eventually placed third in the hockey, but were not as successful in the netball matches. In the Junior netball matches however, Fletcher reached the semi-finals, the younger members of the House showing much greater stamina than the Upper V and Sixth!

The Summer term has as usual been filled to capacity. On May 31st the new Bishop of Derby took the Confirmation Service and three members of the House, Susan Joel, Caroline Slater and Jean Arthurton were among girls confirmed.

Most of June was spent in hard work for examinations and these now being over, we have again turned to the Sports field.

On Sports Day Fletcher were placed fourth and since then we have been diligently practising for the House Tennis and Cricket matches. The junior members of the House again distinguished themselves by reaching the semi-finals of the Inter-House Rounders Competition.

The House is also practising for the Swimming Gala, receiving great help from Miss Parker. This competition has been revived after many years and several members of the House are discovering unrealised aquatic capabilities both willingly and otherwise!

Thus the year draws to a close in which Fletcher has been successful in the majority of the year's activities.

VIVIENNE SELDON.

Gresford

House Mistress: Miss Lamb.

Vice-House Mistress: Mademoiselle Keller.

House Matron: Miss Holmes. House Captain: Joan Tomlinson.

House Prefects: Anne Hodson, Rosemary Meadows, Jill Williams, Philippa Watson,

House Sub-Prefect: Felicity Pemberton.

WE are all very proud of Jacqueline Watson, house captain, 1958-59, who was accepted at St. Anne's College, Oxford, at the

end of the Spring term, and were delighted to hear later that

she had won the Abbott's Scholarship.

The house has done quite well in both work and games this year. We managed to get into the finals of the hockey matches but were beaten by Kennedy, who also beat us in the senior netball. The junior netball team was really very enthusiastic and played very well in the matches but was just beaten by Selwyn in the finals. Excellent teamwork was evident in the rounders and the team won the cup after playing very hard in all its matches. The cricket team showed much enthusiasm but was beaten by Powys in the first match. The sports were enjoyed by all those taking part, although we were not placed.

There have been no competitions this year apart from the Drama Competition in the Autumn Term. We chose scenes from "The Firstborn," by Christopher Fry, for our production this year and succeeded in coming third in the finals. We were very grateful to Jill Williams who, as wardrobe mistress, pro-

duced some colourful and effective costumes.

Gresford combined with Kennedy in providing entertainments to raise money for the Lent Fund and apart from the usual hockey match against the staff—always greatly enjoyed by both players and spectators!—we sold sweets, UV gave a fancy dress dance and L IV put on scenes from "David Copperfield."

From next term onwards Orchards House will no longer exist, as Kennedy and Gresford are splitting up. Kennedy will have Rotherwood as their house, with Mademoiselle Keller as house mistress, while we are staying in Orchards with Miss Lamb as our house mistress. We shall be very sorry to say goodbye to Kennedy but look forward to being on our own again.

We are all very grateful to Miss Lamb, Mademoiselle Keller, Miss Holmes and Miss Leyland for their unfailing help and kindness throughout the year.

JOAN TOMLINSON.

Kennedy

House Mistress: Miss Lamb.

Vice-House Mistress: Mademoiselle Keller.

House Matron: Miss Holmes. House Captain: Lynn Kime.

House Prefects: Frances Robertson, Rosemary Baker, Helen

Brown, Mary Niblock, Rosalind Jackson.

House Sub-Prefects: Anne Glover, Elizabeth Evans.

THE past year has been very successful. Mary Hilsden was awarded a State Scholarship on the result of her Advanced level examinations, and at the end of the Autumn term we were all very pleased to hear that she had gained a place at Lady Margaret Hall, Oxford. We are very pleased that Sandra Howard has been awarded the Parnell Scholarship, and Rachel Taggart the Kennedy Scholarship. Owing to the unfailing house en-

thusiasm throughout the year, we won the hockey and senior netball cups last term.

There was great competition among all the houses on July 2nd, Sports Day, Kennedy coming second. We are very proud of Margaret Stewardson who won the hundred yards cup, and shared the Senior Victrix Ludorum with Christine Clague; and of Heather Bond who won the long jump cup and the Middle School Victrix Ludorum.

On Princess Margaret's Wedding Day we went to Newstead Abbey, near Nottingham, for house picnics. Everyone had a most interesting and enjoyable time. On May 31st the new Bishop of Derby came to take the confirmation service for the first time. Forty-seven girls were confirmed, including nine from Kennedy.

LYNN KIME.

Powys

WE opened this year with Anne Savage as House Captain. During the Autumn term, our interests were turned towards working for the Fête and, as a result of the many efforts during the term, we were able to raise £30 towards the final total.

Everyone enjoyed working for the Inter-House Dramatic Competition. We chose to do the first Act of Shaw's "Arms and the Man," and, after many hilarious rehearsals, involving anything from a fashionable Bulgarian family to a lusty crowd offstage, we managed to come second in the competition. We must not omit to mention all the valiant back-stage workers who managed to convert the "Rec" stage into a fashionable Bulgarian lady's bedroom, complete with a pelmetted verandah.

We were all sorry to lose Anne at the end of the term and held a farewell party for the house in her honour.

At the beginning of the Spring term Patience Tuckwell took over the office of House Captain. Since it was the Lent term, once again our aim was to raise money—this time for the Refugee Fund to which the House contributed £16. Amongst the many efforts, toffee was sold, cars were cleaned, and a table tennis tournament was held.

The annual inter-house hockey and netball competitions took place. The hockey was captained by Christine Watson who has also gained a place in the Derbyshire Junior team as centre-forward, of which we were very proud. Unfortunately, we were unable to hold the badminton competition and, on account of "The Messiah," the music competition was provisionally abandoned.

Towards the end of term, to our delight, Anne Savage came back to see us, and presented us with a beautiful clock for the House Room.

The weather at the beginning of the Summer term was very

favourable and encouraged out-door activities, including gardening, rounders, tennis, cricket, swimming and sports, and resulting in Sally Black's winning the Junior Victrix Ludorum on Sports Day.

Miss Harrison invited the Prefects to a strawberry tea on June 19th, and the Sixth Form entertained the Lower Fourth to a picnic in the grounds later on in the term.

Five girls were confirmed in Chapel by the new Bishop of Derby, on May 31st. They were: Miranda Toach, Anne Walker, Barbara Riley, Gillian Smith and Elizabeth Mullet. Margaret Baldwin was also confirmed, at home, on Mothering Sunday.

On the whole, the year has gone well, and we are now an independent House. We should like to thank Miss Harrison, our House Mistress, and the Matrons, Mrs. Jarvis, Miss Graham and Miss Kemp. Although we have not had first-class results in the various competitions, we have enjoyed working for them and we feel the House has grown united in doing its utmost to "stick together for the sake of Powys House."

House Mistress: Miss W. G. Harrison.

House Captain: P. Tuckwell. Vice-House Captain: F. Beard.

Prefects: J. Tanner, E. Speakman, S. Prince.

Sub-Prefects: E. Bowser, D. Llewellyn, S. Williams.

Cricket: P. Tuckwell, D. Llewellyn.

Rounders: V. Wenter, G. Bews (not placed).

Tennis: H. Smith.

Swimming: P. Tuckwell.

Sports: E. Speakman, M. Laing, 3rd. Hockey: C. Watson, M. Laing, 3rd. Netball: E. Speakman, M. Laing, 3rd. Drama: P. Tuckwell, D. Llewellyn, 2nd.

Selwyn

House Mistress: Miss H. Thompson.

Assistant House Mistress: Miss E. Winder.

House Matron: Miss Taylor.

House Captain: Marguerita Knowles.

Prefects: Stephanie Greenhalgh, Frances Dagger, Anne Thorne, Jane Bailey, Patricia Storer and Susan Thomas.

THE many advantages of being an independent house have now been fully realised and appreciated by everyone. We moved into Darley Lodge in September 1959, with Miss Thompson as House Mistress.

For the house Drama competition we chose to do three scenes from Shakespeare's, "The Taming of the Shrew," with which we won the inter-house Drama Cup. We felt it an honour that we should be asked to produce it again in Matlock Town Hall as St. Elphin's contribution to the World Refugee Year.

We retained the Sports Cup this year, Christine Clague making a valuable contribution by winning the 220 yards and the Senior Victrix Ludorum cups. We have also been successful in winning the junior Netball cup, reaching the finals in the senior Netball and junior Rounders.

On May 30th, 14 Selwyn girls were confirmed in the school chapel by the new Bishop of Derby.

Our contribution to the Lent effort was a 'Café Continental.' Besides a wealth of variety in refreshments, much amusement was afforded by individual entertainments, notably a solo from Miss Thompson! Our enterprising efforts raised £15.

Over £600 was raised from the Christmas Bazaar on November 28th, when each house contributed by preparing individual stalls. Selwyn topped the bill with £72 from our three produce stalls and from Father Christmas who, complete with reindeer, proved a great attraction to both young and old.

There is room for improvement in our school work, but Rosalind Seville has maintained an excellent standard and both she and Isobel Murray were highly commended in the Kennedy Scholarship examination.

It is reassuring to feel the wholehearted team spirit with which the house works in all activities and I hope that Selwyn will repeat their successes in 1961.

MARGUERITA KNOWLES.

MANY changes have taken place during the past year, since the last publication of the Magazine. It did not take long to settle in to Darley Lodge, and as time went on our new "Home from School" became more and more a reality.

Miss Graham did much to help us as Matron during the winter terms, and Miss Taylor has proved herself a very worthy successor, entering into all our activities with keen interest.

We installed a T/V in the House Room, much to the appreciation of everyone, and having a kitchen enables us to prepare tea at the week-ends, with the pleasure of guests from other houses to visit us.

The garden, with its wildness in certain areas, has been a great attraction during the wonderful weather of the summer term, and gardens by form groups have been an additional interest.

Our dormitories are undergoing a "spit and polish" in the form of painting cupboards and lockers attractive colours chosen by ourselves—primrose, pale green and pale pink.

We have a lively set of girls, entering into all House activities with zest, under Marguerita Knowles' leadership. We look forward to another successful year.

Fourteen of our number were confirmed this term, bringing our confirmed numbers to all but three in the House.

For the Old Girls' week-end, we welcome into Darley Lodge Jill Dixon, Jennifer Glover, Elizabeth Wass, and Helen Wright. Wright.

We must say "au revoir" to Marguerita, Stephanie Greenhalgh, Patricia Storer, Anne Thorne and Helena Koval, and wish them happiness and success in the future.

H. THOMPSON (House Mistress).

Wilson

House Mistress: Miss Jeffrey.

House Matrons: Miss Kemp, Miss Graham.

House Captain: Maria McBarnet.

House Prefects: Anne Toone, Elisabeth Ward, Judith Howe, Hilary Lunn.

House Sub-Prefects: Joy Mattison, Betty Jones, Monica Brammer, Jennifer Lloyd.

HAVING been joined with Powys House since May 1959 to form School House, Wilson was once again established as an independent house at the beginning of the year, under the care of Miss Jeffrey. Fifteen members of the House sleep in Rotherwood with Miss Kemp as their matron, and the remainder are in dormitories in the main building. In the Autumn term we lacked the benefits of a House Room, but were invited to use Powys' during the evenings. However, in the Spring we were given a room of our own, for which we have received many gifts. Margaret Watson very kindly gave us a magnificent lamp, a wireless was given by Mr. Lloyd and Susan Appleby presented a lampshade. For these and several other presents we are very grateful.

Our thanks go to Miss Smith for the interest she has shown in the house throughout the year, and especially for her work in the house garden, which under her care is now a blaze of colour.

We were all very pleased to hear that Judith Earle gained the Kennedy Scholarship in the Spring term. Her work has always been an asset to the house. On May 30th seven members of the house were confirmed in the school chapel by the Bishop of Derby. They were: J. Carter, M. Milne, T. Douglas, F. Donald, J. Earle, J. Cottrell and S. Darlington.

For the drama competition this year we chose several scenes from J. M. Barrie's "Mary Rose," and despite the fact that we were not placed in the finals everyone enjoyed the practices. In tennis we came third, in hockey fourth, and in other sports the enthusiasm of the house always made up for the disappointment of not winning many cups. The "Chapel Chars" are especially commended for the enthusiasm with which they did their work. The Lent Fund took up much time during the Spring term, and the Upper V's excelled themselves in organising numerous entertainments, thus collecting £15.

Next year the house is to be enlarged, and girls will occupy the dormitories of back-landing. The house room will also be removed to dormitory 17. We are grateful to Miss Jeffrey and the house matrons for the work they have done during the past year in all house activities, and I wish the house all success in the future.

MARIA McBARNET.

Margaret Flood

House Mistresses: Miss Lavender and Miss Hewitt.

Assistant House Mistress: Miss Millett.

Matron: Miss Stanford.

House Captains: S. Garrett (Autumn), L. Conway (Spring

and Summer).

House Prefects: B. Waterhouse, P. Whittington, H. Wilson, E. Fleming, S. Skelton, J. Bazzard, F. West, M. Culey.

Rounders Captain: L. Conway. Swimming Captain: C. Walters. Leader of the Choir: P. Whittington.

On June 6th, 1959, Miss Flood came for the Inauguration Ceremony of Margaret Flood House and very kindly gave us her name, and chose bright red and grey for our House tie. The House consisted of both boarders and day-girls in the forms from Upper III downwards; but in September the day-girls became a House on their own, and are now the junior branch of Fletcher.

We are quite self-contained in the Junior Wing where we sleep in Fox and Willis and have made the two Air Raid Shelters into pleasant sitting-rooms. Our two tortoises, Electra and Orestes, who were given to us by Miss Robinson, live on the Green. Electra is nearly always missing. At the week-ends we can also be seen on the Green where we sun-bathe in our swim-suits, play under the hose, and have a picnic tea. The last week-ends of the term were not fine enough for this, but we were well occupied painting our dormitory furniture.

On Saturdays the House is allowed to use the School swimming bath and this gave practice to our swimming team, who were unfortunately beaten by Junior Fletcher—by only three points! We were determined to play our part in the field of sport, and were this year privileged to take part in the Inter-House Rounders matches.

The junior members of the House have a Drawing-Room with Miss Robinson on Sundays after tea, and often watch television.

We have our week-day Chapel in the Common Room now with Junior Fletcher. It is taken by the House Mistresses and by Miss Robinson on Wednesdays. Several members of the House prepare the room and we have our own choir and Chapel readers. The choir has twice been privileged to lead the School at Evensong in Chapel when the Senior Choir was out. We are also privileged to take care of the Lady Chapel.

Several special events stand out: the welcoming party for new girls; the Christmas party for which Miss Flood provided

the crackers; a performance of "Brother Dusty Feet" for the Lent Fund; the outing to Chatsworth on Princess Margaret's Wedding Day (we forgot the buns); and the lovely Confirmation Service when four of our girls were confirmed.

We celebrated our first birthday on St. Margaret's Day. Miss Flood provided exciting things to eat and Pauline Thompson made a cake. One "Margaret" lit the candle and the other "Margaret" cut the cake. Toasts were proposed by the prefects: first to Miss Flood, then to the House Staff, to those leaving the House and, of course, to the whole House.

We are sorry to lose 29 girls who are going up to Senior

Houses and we hope they will be very happy.

CHAPEL REPORT

THIS year has seen a blending of new developments with older traditions. Because of the increased size of the School, the Margaret Flood and Junior Fletcher Houses now have their daily morning service in the Common Room and they take a great pride in making it "just like Senior Chapel." Another new custom begun last Autumn was the celebration by the Chaplain of a Corporate Communion at the beginning of term and this service has now become a regular part of our Chapel life.

On October 28th the School welcomed at a short service the new Chairman of the Governors, the Right Reverend Bishop of Warrington (now Bishop of Blackburn) who has become a real friend to us all.

Our two traditional services, the Harvest Festival on October 8th and the Service of Nine Lessons and Carols on December 13th were, as usual, "highlights" of the term and we thank once more the organist and choir for their continued high standard of music.

During the Lent term an interesting course of Lent talks was given by the Rector of Darley Dale and the Chaplain's Confirmation Class met every Friday.

During the Summer term a record number of forty-seven candidates was confirmed by the new Bishop of Derby, the Right Reverend Geoffrey Allen, and during the Old Girls' week-end at the end of term we were pleased to see so many old friends both in the congregation and acting as choir and servers.

We thank all the priests who have taken our services during the year and welcome the new custom of inviting one clergy parent every term. We were sorry to hear of the death of our old friend, Bishop Rawlinson, who during the years when he was Bishop of Derby, confirmed many members of the School.

Our thanks also go to all members of the School who have worked hard in Chapel this year, in the choir or as readers, Sacristans, servers and cleaners. Their work has done much to make our Chapel the centre of School life.

M. LAMB.

THE SOCIAL SERVICES

AT the beginning of the Spring term, it was decided that the Social Services should be reorganised. After discussing this with Miss Robinson, Miss Harrison, helped by representatives from each house, took charge of the services.

Throughout the term, each house made a special effort to raise money, using enterprising ideas. Members of Orchards House made and sold sweets and cakes, and organised a Fancy Dress competition, among other things, raising £22 7s. Fletcher House also had a sweet stall and together with individual efforts raised nearly £20 12s.

Powys House organised a table tennis tournament as their main effort, and raised £16. Wilson House challenged the staff to a netball match, which, as can be imagined, was a great success. The proceeds of this and of smaller efforts produced £15 5s. Members of Selwyn House, in one afternoon, made £14 19s. with their traditional Café Continental, which is always very popular. Lastly, Margaret Flood House, as well as giving enthusiastic support to the other houses, managed to contribute £2 15s. to the fund. This money, together with that already in hand, totalled the magnificent sum of £114 16s. 9d., £75 of which was sent to the World Refugee effort, to swell the Matlock total—this being our main interest.

The remaining money will be distributed throughout the year, in response to the numerous appeals which we always receive, especially around Christmas time. We usually send donations to funds supporting such causes as Cancer Research, the Pestolozzi Children's Village, Mentally and Physically Handicapped Children, and Research into Poliomyelitis to mention only a few.

On behalf of the committee, I should like to thank the staff and the school for their efforts which have produced more money for the Lent Fund than ever before, and I should like to stress that this was entirely without support from outsiders. The raising of this money was enjoyed by everyone concerned, and the pleasant task of distributing the results of our hard work is very satisfying.

HELEN BROWN (L VI Secretary).

THE SCHOOL MUSEUM

IT is little more than a year since the School museum was inaugurated but we have already assembled a small but interesting number of exhibits. One of the most interesting and valuable is the gold stud, presented by Miss Robinson, which once formed part of the decoration of an ancient Greek sword.

We are also much indebted to Mr. Kitchen, the Headmaster of Lady Manner's School, for the gift of several most fascinating examples of Maori craftsmanship. Of particular interest are one or two fish-hooks, fashioned from wood, bone, mother-ofpearl, feathers and twine. Although they are probably no more than about a hundred years old they are the work of a Stone Age people and in the opinion of the curator of the Sheffield Museum, who was so kind as to examine them, they are very similar to those used by Neolithic man, in the district around our School, ten thousand years ago.

The gifts of a roe deer's skull with antlers, besides a wellpreserved skull of a badger by Mr. Fawcett, a Westmorland naturalist, and the magnificent antler of a fallow deer by Allison and Heather Bond, bring to mind a picture of the Britain our

ancestors knew.

The minerals, part of the collection of the late Mr. J. M. Lee, a Wiltshire Prizeman in Geology, are a valuable asset, particularly to the scientists, as a constant reminder that the things we value so much, from soap and toothpaste to television sets and hair clips have to be won from the raw materials Nature supplies in such abundance.

The gift or loan of dolls, dressed in the national costumes of various countries, has been the means of our arranging a display which has been of particular interest to the younger

girls.

As curator, I wish to thank those who have contributed so generously to the Museum and hope that every member of the School will be alert to the possibilities of increasing its usefulness and attraction.

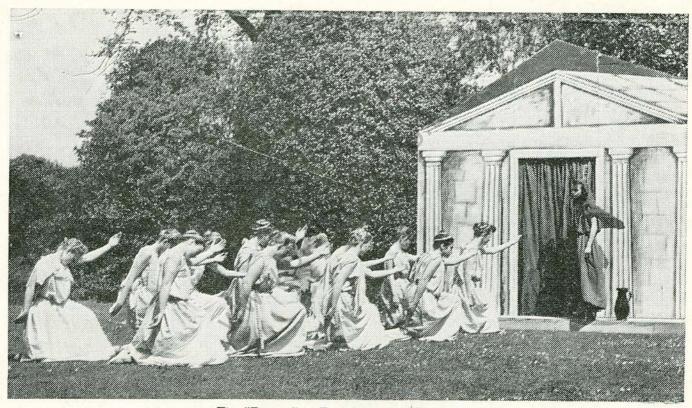
N. LEE (Curator).

LIBRARY & DRAMATIC SOCIETY

IN the autumn term the inter-house dramatic competition was held. After hard work throughout the term a variety of plays was produced. Kennedy House chose scenes from "She Stoops to Conquer," by Oliver Goldsmith; Fletcher a one-act play, "One Morning Very Early," by Johnson and Agg; Gresford from "The First-born," by Christopher Fry; Wilson from "Mary Rose," by J. M. Barrie; Powys from "Arms and the Man," by G. B. Shaw; and Selwyn, the winning house, did scenes from Shakespeare's "The Taming of the Shrew," which in the summer term proved very successful when reproduced at Matlock Town Hall in aid of the Refugee Fund.

After many arduous rehearsals under Miss Robinson, the "Electra" of Euripides was performed in Matlock Town Hall on the 20th and 21st of May to most appreciative audiences. On the 20th, Friday, there was a special Schools' performance, and on the 21st parents attended both performances. Local papers showed a keen interest in the play which was repeated to the Old Girls during the reunion at the end of term.

The staff, amidst all their tutorial occupations managed very successfully to perform Barrie's "Quality Street," rehearsals



The "Electra" of Euripides - May, 1960.

(Photo by courtesy Matlock Mercury Ltd.)

for which were held most mysteriously under the direction of Miss Smith, when the rest of the school was safely abed. The proceeds went to augment the Hall Fund.

Never before has the School had such a full dramatic pro-

gramme in one year.

PATIENCE TUCKWELL (L VI).

The "Electra" of Euripides

This moving performance of the "Electra" of Euripides, in its dignity and its moments of poignant feeling, went far to convey something of the religious spirit in which the Greek plays were conceived and acted. So assuredly have the young performers assimilated the spirit of those they portrayed that the audience could forget their age in the fine rendering by Patience Tuckwell of the humiliation and bitterness of Electra, and of Orestes' final realisation of his terrible duty. Helen Brown, the Messenger, held the attention throughout her lengthy account of the slaughter of Aegisthus by the power and variety of her tone and gesture—a difficult feat. Marguerita Knowles made a striking and queenly Clytemnestra whose voice met the demands of this testing role.

The youthful grace and charm of the Chorus of Argive maidens brought the relief of both contrast and sympathy by their music and dancing, with Jennifer de Gruyther as a fine chorus leader. The setting, too, was one of unobtrusive dignity until those striking effects of lighting revealed the final stark black of rock above which the Gods appeared to pronounce the doom of the mortals whose sufferings we had shared. One could listen and look, with undiminished interest to the fourth performance of the play which gripped the Old Girls at the end of term, for these young actors had certainly gained much of lasting value from having shared in such a memorable production.

"Matlock Mercury" Critique of "Electra"

ALL who were present in Matlock Town Hall last Saturday are immeasurably indebted to the Headmistress, staff and scholars of St. Elphin's School for the great service they have done to the cause of true drama by presenting the two thousand years old—but ageless—"Electra" of Euripides in Matlock Town Hall.

With matricide as its theme, this might be thought strong meat for a schoolgirl cast; but certainly not by those who saw the school's production of "Oedipus in Colonus" three years ago. As then, a young team responded magnificently to its challenge.

With what mature understanding and appreciation this company of teenagers played out this saga of revenge and of the

hollowness of the victories it wins!

Here was a feast for the eyes as well as for the ears; here was food for deep thought and an underlining of eternal truths;

a strange harmonising of loves and hates, of tenderness and vio-

lence, of heroism and human frailty, of war and peace.

Abiding are the memories that this "Electra" will leave; of the sheer beauty in simplicity of the Greek costumes and of lovely young gold-braided heads; of beautiful patterns of colour and form; of the stately majesty of the spoken—as well as sung—words; and finally, among a worthy company of votaries at the shrine of Greek drama, of an-old-before-her-time Electra, passing shriven into exile, "soft-eyed at last."

The play was produced by the Headmistress, Miss P. M. Robinson. Miss Helen Thompson was accompanist, and Miss

Zoe Parker was stage manager and wardrobe mistress.

Cast

Peasant, Patricia Storer; Electra, Patience Tuckwell; Orestes, Anne Hodson; Pylades, Joan Tomlinson; Old Man, Mary Niblock; Boy, Rosalind Seville; Messenger, Helen Brown; Clytemnestra, Marguerita Knowles; Castor and Polydeuces (Gods), Rosemary Thornton and Vivienne Seldon; Attendants of Orestes, Elspeth Watts and Felicity Pemberton; Trojan Captive Women, Monica Brammer and Marjorie Heelis.

Chorus of Argive Maidens — Leaders, Rosemary Meadows and Jennifer de Gruyther; Chorus, Alison and Heather Bond, Frances Dagger, Stephanie Greenhalgh, Sandra Howard, Judith

Keal, Diana Llewellyn, Patricia Murray, Shan Williams.

THE P.E.N. CLUB

THIS year we have only been able to fit in one meeting of the P.E.N. Club each term, partly owing to examinations and partly because we could find no week-ends free of previous fixtures. On October 20th last Autumn term we all met at five o'clock in Miss Robinson's room. At the previous meeting, nine topics for contributions had been suggested, and everyone present brought a composition on one or other of these subjects. Before we began to read them aloud, we listened to a delightful verse by Rosalind Jackson and Betty Jones of UV, thanking us for allowing them to attend one of the meetings of the Summer term. The most popular subject proved to be "Autumn Glory." although we all agreed that every composition came up to the P.E.N. Club's usual standard. Having decided that the meeting for the Spring term should be held on February 14th, we naturally set "Valentines" as the subject. As this would appeal to everybody, we hoped to see more visitors at the next meeting.

Strangely enough, none of the original members of the P.E.N. Club had been inspired, and no one managed to produce a Valentine. We had invited two members each from L VI, U V, and L V, and fortunately five of them had brought contributions. These were very welcome in the absence of compositions by the members. To compensate for this, we invited our visitors to

suggest subjects for the meeting in the summer term.

At this meeting, on July 17th, there were seven visitors from the same forms as before. Two of the visitors had brought contributions on the subjects set the previous term, and there were also two poems from original members. It was decided that for the meeting next term, members should write the first scene of a play, or the first chapter of a book, with a view to continuing them at future meetings.

We should all like to thank Miss Robinson for allowing us to hold our meetings in her sitting room. We have all enjoyed listening to the many excellent contributions brought forward by members and visitors alike, and hope that the P.E.N. Club will continue to thrive.

ROSEMARY BAKER (Upper VI).

MUSIC

OUR greatest achievement this year has been the performance of the Easter and Passion music from Handel's "Messiah," with the boys of Denstone College. The singing, after many weeks of hard work and patient practice, reached a very high standard under the direction of Miss Helen Thompson, to whom we attribute the success of our enterprise. Two performances were held: one in Denstone College Chapel on 13th of March, and again on the 19th, in Bakewell Parish Church. On both occasions there was a large and appreciative congregation. Our efforts proved most rewarding and we look forward to further industry in this field for the future.

In the Christmas term we were pleased to welcome back Evelyn Rothwell who gave us a most entertaining recital on the oboe. We had, too, an enjoyable afternoon's amusement when Miss Rosemary Rapaport and Miss Elsa Cross played and sang some well-known music, old and new.

The choir visited Derby Cathedral during the winter for a festival, highlighting the series of similar gatherings of both school and parish choirs belonging to the Royal Schools of Church Music. We sang some beautiful music arranged by Sidney Nicholson, and the service was attended by the Bishop of Derby.

On June 18th the choir went to a second choir festival at Ashbourne when a short address was delivered by the Rev. David Evans. The following Sunday we went to Tideswell Parish Church to hear Evensong sung by the boys of Smallwood Manor. The service was concluded with several anthems including Schubert's arrangement of "The Lord is my Shepherd," recently sung at the Royal wedding.

This year there were many entries for the Matlock Musical Festival, but our successes were predominant in the elocution classes; this we owe to the energies of Miss Watts.

As so much time was taken up by the "Messiah," there was no Singing Competition held this year.

The School Orchestra, under the direction of Mr. Walker, has enjoyed regular practices of anything from folk song to operatic accompaniment.

I should like to take this opportunity of thanking all the music staff for their help and the interest that they have taken in all the musical activities of the school.

MARGUERITA KNOWLES.

GUIDES AND BROWNIES

NOW that day girls are included in the Brownie Pack, we meet on Fridays in the lunch hour.

We have done some solid work as well as having fun and games. Most of the Brownies have won their golden bars and Anne McInnes and Ann Lewis reached Golden Hand standard and "flew up" to Guides.

The Junior Wing was used as a Pack Holiday House for Derby Brownies so ours made them a map of the area.

As this is Jubilee Year, the climax of our activities was the County Camp at Chatsworth Park over the Whitsun week-end. Eight of our Company attended and were able to have a close-up view of the Chief Guide and hear her address the gathering of 1,700 Guides. We also attended the Pageant of the Life of Lord Baden Powell, done by the Scouts who were also at Chatsworth Park. The Derbyshire Guiders had issued a challenge, which we accepted, and we worked hard to raise our standard of campcraft and so achieved two Red Arrows to display on the gateway to our camp. A "Cock-of-the-Company" Competition was the final test and this was won by the Wrens, Leader Imogen Earle.

We congratulate Sally Donne on winning her First Class Badge and All-Round Cords.

We are now privileged to mount the Colour Party for hoisting the School Flag with ceremony on State occasions.

We thank Mr. Seville for his welcome gift of rope and Mr. Needham for the beautiful Trefoil he has so kindly given us for an inter-patrol trophy. This will, indeed, be an incentive to further progress next year.

K. A. HEWITT.

LECTURES AND FILMS

IN the Autumn term last year we had several very interesting lectures. On October 12th Mr. Prins spoke to the Upper School on "The Beauty and Necessity of Modern Art," and illustrated his talk with colour slides of many pictures by famous modern artists. The next day we were very fortunate in that Miss Evelyn Rothwell, Lady Barbirolli, came to give us an oboe recital. She also very kindly explained a little of how the oboe works and how it is played.

On October 21st Mr. Grant gave a lecture on Soviet Russia, and showed how the Communist system had developed. One of the most enjoyable talks we had was given by Mr. Hall on November 19th. He showed us a film and many colour slides of Gough Island, in the South Atlantic. We heard about the scientific settlement on the island, and the wild life found there; the slides especially were very impressive and showed much of the wonderful scenery.

In the Spring term we did not have much time for lectures, since most of our free time was taken up with "Messiah" rehearsals. We had a welcome visit from Miss Rosemary Rapaport and Miss Elsa Cross, who gave us a very enjoyable recital, the former playing the violin and the latter the piano. Father Bodger, who is well known to the school for his most interesting and amusing recollections of missionary work in the Pacific, showed us a film on January 24th, about the island where he has spent much of his life, New Guinea. We all enjoyed this, and were much impressed by the work which is done by missionaries there.

We have also had a great variety of films this year. The younger members of the School especially were thrilled with the Walt Disney cartoon film, "Alice in Wonderland," last Spring term. The whole School enjoyed "Carry on, Nurse," and "Never take no for an answer." We have also had two war films, "Reach for the Sky," and "Carve her Name with Pride," and these were greatly appreciated by the older girls. We were extremely fortunate in the Autumn term to see the only surviving copy of the most famous film of Shaw's, "Pygmalion," with the late Leslie Howard as Professor Higgins. Owing to the fame of "My Fair Lady," the story was well-known to all, and the film, although old, was greatly enjoyed.

ROSEMARY BAKER (U VI).

GAMES AND SWIMMING

This year the first Hockey XI maintained a consistently high standard and worked at all times with the essential team spirit and co-operation which is imperative for success.

Unfortunately many fixtures for the Netball VII had to be cancelled owing to the bad weather. Our practices, however, were not wasted as we reached a high standard and worked together as a team with enthusiasm and energy. Our thanks go to Mrs. Booth who gave up much time in coaching us.

The School Cricket XI is an exceptionally young team this year and great experience was gained in the match against Derby Ladies when, after a hard fought game we were narrowly defeated. The final fixture this term is the annual match with the Fathers on Speech Day when we will endeavour to hold our own.

In tennis there is great competition for a place in the first VI and we have many promising players for next year. The present team is very keen and has maintained a consistently high standard throughout the season.

We had a most successful swimming season and in the South Peak Swimming Gala were placed second to Woodlands. As a result, R. Seville, A. and H. Bond and J. Eliott were selected to swim for the South Peak in the County Gala. R. Thornton was also chosen to dive in the Senior Section.

- R. Seville came second in County Junior Diving.
- R. Thornton came second in County Senior Diving.
- M. Stewardson came fifth in County Senior 100 yards breast stroke.

In the House Swimming Gala, held on 16th July, Wilson was first in the Seniors with 40 points; Junior Fletcher first in the Juniors with 27 points.

Janet Eliott, who gained 11 points and swam in the Senior and the Middle School Relay Race did exceptionally well.

In the Inter-School Gala, St. Elphin's won convincingly with 12 out of 18 firsts, giving a total of 70 against the second, Woodlands with 52 points.

R. Thornton was Captain.

M. KNOWLES V. SELDON (Upper VI)

Hockey Results

October 3—Convent 1st XI won 5-0
October 17—Ernest Bailey 1st XI won 6-1
December 5—Anthony Gell's Grammar School 1st XI
lost 3-4
December 12—St. Helena's, Chesterfield 1st XI lost 0-1
January 16 Lady Manner's Under 15 XI won 3-1
March 26—Anthony Gell's Grammar School 1st XI
drew 2-2

1st XI

*J.	Watson	(Capt.)
	Mosley	

A. Savage

P. Watson

P. Street

H. Lunn

M. Knowles

*C. Watson

*V. Seldon

P. Dagger *J. Carter

* Colours gained.

Under 15 XI

P. Glover

E. Roche

D. Llewellyn

G. Gibson

H. Bond A. Bond

S. Fisk

N. Cowman

C. Dunn

A. Niblock

J. de Gruyther.

Netball Results	
October 24—Ockbrook 1st	VII lost 6-20
	chool 1st VII won 17-9
	School 2nd VII lost 9-14
	won 20-7
	II won 14-9
1st VII	2nd VII
*M. Knowles (Capt.)	A. Hodson (Capt.)
*F. Pemberton	H. Smith
*M. Stewardson	G. Gibson
*J. Watson	J. Walker
*P. Watson	A. Eliott
*P. Dagger	H. Bond
*S. Howard	A. Bond.
* Colours gained.	
Tennis Results	
May 14—Anthony Gell's (Grammar School 1st VI
July 9-Convent 'A' VI	won 53-46 won
July 16—Lady Manners 1s:	t VI won
	.), F. Dagger, P. Dagger, H. Smith,
	Walker and C. Watson have each
played). * Colours ga	
Cricket Result	imed.
	XI lost
ist Ai—"V. Seldon (Capt.), K. Mosley, P. Street, P. Tuck-
well, J. Howe, *F. Ro	bertson, *J. Carter, H. Lunn, H.
Bond, A. Bond, P. W	atson. Reserve: D. Llewellyn.
~ (V)	

SCHOOL EXCURSIONS

Paris

"PARIS IN THE SPRING"—what wonderful pictures those four words conjure up in the minds of some of us! For myself, I have only to close my eyes and I am back again, amid golden sunshine, in that immortal city of Paris. Our visit lasted six days, and I have never known six days to pass so quickly, nor have I managed to fit so many activities into such a short space of time.

We left Victoria Station on Monday, April 4th, and went down to Newhaven, where we boarded the boat which was to take us to Dieppe. After a seemingly interminable stretch of time the boat steamed out of Newhaven harbour and into the Channel. The crossing was smooth and without mishap. Upon arriving at Dieppe we climbed into a waiting train which puffed its way through the French countryside until it brought us into the Gare St. Lazare in Paris. There we were met by a coach, and somewhat wearily we clambered aboard and the coach started off through Paris.

Before we reached our destination, the Institution de Madame Gay, we were able to see quite a lot of Paris on our way through. While we were in Paris we were staying at this school, so upon arriving we were taken to our room. We all slept in one huge room on the fourth floor which had the most superb view from one of its windows, from which one could see right out over Paris. By then we were beginning to feel the pangs of hunger, so we fortified ourselves with a sumptuous meal after unpacking our clothes.

After our meal we decided to go out and see the bright lights of this famous city, so after a journey by Metro, we found ourselves at the Place de la Concorde, admiring Napoleon's obelisk. We focussed our gaze on the Arc de Triomphe. Who would think that that well-illuminated arc was a mile-and-a-half away? That is how we found ourselves walking up the Champs Elysées to the Arc de Triomphe, and I think I can safely say that all of us slept quite soundly that night.

The next morning, which was Tuesday, we were taken round Paris by coach to see some of the old and some of the new sights. Only once did we alight from the coach, and that was to see the Church of the Madeleine. In the afternoon we split into two groups, one group going to Montmartre, and the other to a Dior dress show. I was lucky enough to be in the party going to the dress show. We sat in a tiny room which was stiflingly hot and were shown some beautiful clothes, the pièce de résistance being a pair of jewelled toreador pants which were designed for the shimmer amongst us.

On Wednesday morning the weather had become as hot as an English summer, and there wasn't a cloud in the sky, as there had been on the previous day when it had been close and cloudy. With the sun shining down from a clear blue sky we walked along by the bank of the Seine before taking a trip up the river and round the Ile de la Cité on which the famous Notre Dame is situated. Disembarking from the boat, we continued our walk along the bank of the Seine until we reached Notre Dame. After walking round this very ancient church we returned to the school for lunch. In the afternoon we visited the Zoo, where we saw a wonderful collection of animals, including some very comical penguins.

The next day we went by train from the Gare des Invalides to the Palace of Versailles, where we spent the whole day. Versailles is a magnificent sight, not only the Palace itself, but also the gardens with their many statues. On Friday morning we all went shopping and bought presents for those at home; and in the afternoon we again divided into two groups: those who went to Montmartre before going to the Dior show, and vice versa. I went to Montmartre in the afternoon, and our party climbed some very steep steps up to the gleaming white church of the Sacré Coeur. After visiting Sacré Coeur we found we would not have time to go around Montmartre, so unfortunately we had to miss seeing this world famous home of many artists.

The next morning was scheduled for going up the Eiffel Tower and I think some of us had misgivings at the thought of going up all that way, but it was without fear that we admired the wonderful panorama which fell away beneath us as the cable car began to rise up the tower.

In the afternoon we visited the Palais de la Découverte, which is a modern science museum, which I am sure was most fascinating to those who are scientifically minded. In the evening some of us went to the Opera. The Opera is a most wonderful building, with luxurious furnishings and a beautiful chandelier suspended from the ceiling.

On Sunday morning we went to a service at Notre Dame, after visiting the Sainte Chapelle. The Sainte Chapelle is a tiny church with stained glass windows of many hues. Each of the windows depicts a scene from the Bible, and as the sun shines through the windows, multiple colours are cast on to the floor. In the afternoon we visited the Louvre. In the evening we sadly packed our cases, and tried to pack in those things which had fitted in so well when we were packing to come away.

The next day we left the Gare St. Lazare to return to England. This time the crossing was a little choppy, and by the time the coastline of England had come into view the rain was drizzling. By the time the boat had reached Newhaven harbour all our number had regained their normal colour. We passed easily through the Customs, and boarded the train to London, from where we went our diverse ways.

I had a wonderful time, and shall be able to look back upon my visit to Paris with pleasure, thanks to Miss Leyland, Miss Taylor, Miss Jeffrey and Miss Millett who were in charge of this excursion.

ÊLIZABETH LINNELL (Upper VA).

Oberammergau and Austrian Tyrol

WE, that is three members of staff and 18 girls, left London on the afternoon of August Bank Holiday Monday and, after travelling for two days and a night across Belgium and Germany, arrived at Oberammergau.

The village nestles at the foot of thickly wooded mountains and is overlooked by a large, luminous cross. Although we were greeted by rain on our arrival it could not hide the multicoloured houses, often depicting scenes from the Passion of Our Lord, nor the long-haired men in leather shorts riding ancient bicycles. We were warmly welcomed by our hostesses who went to a great deal of trouble to ensure that we were well-fed and comfortable.

At 6 o'clock the following morning we attended Holy Communion in a packed Church. On our way to the service we saw people of different races and denominations flocking to their Churches and queueing to get in.

The Passion Play itself is an experience I shall never forget. The suffering of Our Lord was movingly portrayed, not only by words and actions but by music too. The reality of the whole performance was amazing and a little frightening; eleven hundred people on the stage shouting "Crucify Him!" is an unforgettably frightening thing.

Too soon we had to leave Oberammergau and its happy, hospitable people and travel on to Austria. Our destination was Barwies, a pretty village an hour's journey from Innsbruck. Our main trip whilst we were at Barwies was a coach trip over the Brenner Pass to Italy on which we saw the Dolomites, a great many battlefields and the Italian policemen's way of handling a road accident. We also went to Innsbruck where we bought souvenirs and explored the town and, on our last afternoon there, we visited the Fern Pass.

On the whole, the weather was English but I am convinced that we would have enjoyed ourselves even if it had rained continuously.

We arrived back in London without mishap after 10 days of hilarious fun and pure enjoyment. I know that all members of the party join with me in thanking Miss Smith, Miss Lamb and Miss Hewitt for giving us a really enjoyable holiday and administering to our stings, bites, rashes, luggage and financial troubles.

BETTY JONES (U V A).

The Passion Play

OBERAMMERGAU is a small village tucked cosily away in the mountains of Southern Germany. This year, however, it is seething with the peoples of the world, for the inhabitants are once more carrying out the vow, to which they have dedicated themselves.

The vow was sworn by their forefathers in the war—and plague-stricken days of 1633 from which they were delivered safely. In gratitude for this, every ten years the Passion Play is performed.

In 1860 the most spectacular play script, which is still used today, was written by J. A. Daisenberger on the basis of the old texts.

To the visitor who is lucky enough to stay in the home of one of the players it is an added pleasure and help in understanding the concept of the whole play.

The visit usually begins in the traditional manner, by attending Holy Communion at one of the small and crowded churches. Even then, at 6 o'clock in the morning, the streets are already alive with many of the 5,000 people of different races and creeds who go to make up the audience.

How magnificent, that in this age of unease and discord, so many people should, with one thought only, converge upon this humble village! At 8.15 a.m. the play begins and as the chorus walks onto the stage a sudden dramatic silence fills the massive auditorium and a wonderful atmosphere is immediately created, mentally transporting each person back through the ages to the time of Christ. Everyone in the village, old and young alike takes part, and at one time there are 1,100 people on the stage.

"The Last Supper," "The Betrayal by Judas," and "The Crucifixion" are startlingly realistic, but is is impossible to claim

any one scene to be the best; all are equally inspiring.

The play ends at 5.30 p.m. and a quiet, much impressed and

thoughtful crowd emerges into the evening sun.

The wonderfully successful impact of the play upon the audience is due undoubtedly to the fact that the actors take a whole year to grow themselves into their parts.

A visit to the play is an awe-inspiring experience.

ROSALIND JACKSON (UVA).

ST. ELPHIN'S OLD GIRLS' CHRONICLE

LETTER OF THE HEADMISTRESS

MY DEAR OLD GIRLS,

I am writing this letter with the memory of the recent Jamboree Reunion very fresh in my mind. It was a most happy gathering over the week-end and I was particularly pleased to see representatives of all epochs of the School's life present. I told Miss Stopford that she "made" the week-end.

It was a great disappointment to us all that Miss Flood was not able to be at St. Elphin's for this Reunion but I am sure she was wise to take her doctor's advice not to undertake the journey this year after the worry she has recently experienced. The Pencarwick Hotel, which is her home, has changed hands and she was uncertain of her future plans. But the telegram Miss Flood sent was evidence enough that her thoughts were with us all the time and she told me how thrilled she was to receive ours. Miss Hudson's Old Girls, too, will be sorry to hear that in response to my invitation to her, I received a note from her secretary to say that Miss Hudson was undergoing a major operation and would require a long convalescence.

It was resolved at the General Meeting, held on Sunday afternoon, to treat this year's Jamboree Reunion at School as a "trial run" and, as it was generally voted a success, to have another one next year and after that to hold it biennially. I hope very much that it will be even more successful next year and that many more will come.

You will read the chief items of news in the pages of the Magazine. I will only say in my letter to you what a wonderful year this last one has been, with Oxford entrances and Scholarships, with the steady development of the House system and of the School. This year we are beginning with a new Staff House in Grove Lane, and with Kennedy House moving to Rotherwood and being self-contained down there just as Selwyn is self-contained at Darley Lodge. Mademoiselle is the new House Mistress. We also have a new classroom to complete the block.

We have plans for future building and the new Hall is rapidly coming within our reach. I know that you will be delighted to hear that, with Miss Stopford's permission, it will be called the "Stopford Hall."

I feel that we can go forward this year with great thankfulness for all the blessings we have received in the past year and with encouragement and hope for the year that is beginning for us.

My love and best wishes to you all.

Yours sincerely, P. M. ROBINSON.

SECRETARY'S NOTES

BY the kind invitation of Miss Robinson, a very enjoyable reunion was held at School during the week-end of 23rd to 25th July. On behalf of all Old Girls who were present, I should like to thank Miss Robinson for her excellent hospitality; and to her staff for the tireless way in which they devoted themselves to our comfort. For those of you who were unable to be present this year, may I suggest you come next July when Miss Robinson has kindly invited us all for the week-end of 22nd to 24th July: Speech Day is to be on Saturday, 22nd July. Please mark your 1961 diary accordingly, and do come: you can be sure of a welcome change from household chores, office work, etc.!

At the informal meeting held at School on 24th July, it was suggested that the A.G.M. should in future years be held in the summer; on alternate years at St. Elphin's during the reunion week-end, and on every other year in May to be followed by a cocktail party. This year's reunion at School was to be regarded as a trial run. These suggestions are being put on the agenda for the October meeting.

At the A.G.M. in London last October Patricia Mayne was elected Assistant Secretary: I am indeed grateful for her assistance.

It has now been agreed to print the magazine in conjunction with the school year, i.e. September to September. In future years therefore, the magazine will be sent to you in October. In this year's magazine you will see we have 55 new members: this is splendid, but you will appreciate it includes the school-leavers for July 1959 and July 1960. I should however like to add a word of thanks to Miss Robinson for her energies in enrolling new members, we are most grateful.

May I remind those of you who have not yet contributed to the Friends of St. Elphin's that it is not too late. I am sure you all realise the urgent need for our help, and all gifts, however small, will be very much appreciated.

Finally, I should like to make a plea for the co-operation of every Old Girl. It would help so much if you would all try to acknowledge my letters and notices: when typing some envelopes I sometimes feel "What is the point of sending this one? I shan't get a reply." It would also facilitate our records if you would kindly notify me when changing your address. If anyone can help me with those "lost" (listed later), I should be grateful.

Our A.G.M. is to be held this year in London on Saturday, 8th October, 1960, at the Y.W.C.A., Great Russell Street, at 2.30. Do try and come.

MARY SAPWELL,

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

TREASURER'S NOTES

AS a result of the printing dispute, second reminder notices were not sent out as usual this year to those in arrears with their subscriptions. Consequently, more subscriptions than usual are overdue. In addition to this, several annual members have become life members as a result of the increased subscription rates, and the majority of new school-leavers have become life members through the new system of enrolment at School. The resultant decrease in the current account, together with the increased cost of the magazine, has made it necessary to borrow £20 from the deposit account in order to make the current account balance. However, if there is an average response to the first 1960 reminder notices, it should be possible to repay the loan early in the year, without affecting the 1960 accounts.

Although it may mean that we will have to review our method of accounting at the next A.G.M., the increase in the life membership is in itself a highly desirable state of affairs. and it will be seen that, even after the deduction of £20, the balance in the deposit account is considerably higher than that

of last year.

ELIZABETH LAVENDER, (Hon. Treasurer, S.E.O.G.G.).

As certain Life Members of the Old Girls whose membership is of a date previous to that of the increase in membership subscription, have expressed a wish to pay a further contribution towards the O.G. funds, we should like to make it known to all such members that any further contributions will be much appreciated and should be sent to the Treasurer: Miss E. Lavender, West View, Bishop's Lydearn, Taunton, Somerset.

RE-UNION AT DARLEY DALE, JULY 1960

I THINK that the words of Rupert Brooke concerning a place he dearly loved express very well the emotions felt by the considerable number of Old Girls who gathered at St. Elphin's on this occasion. "And is there honey still for tea?" asks Brooke. "Do you still have fish and stodge on Friday, stew on Saturday, boiled eggs on the last morning of term?" "Does Annexe tea still exist?" These and many other questions bubbled from our lips.

Such questions were followed inevitably by "Do you remember ?" and the week-end was spent by most of those present in a positive orgy of memories.

"I remember having 3d, a week pocket money. One halfpenny was for Chapel collection and when one was confirmed the allowance was 6d." Riches indeed, but alas 31d. now went on collections!

"Do you remember the projector that ran on a mixture of gases and was liable to explode if given its feed in the wrong proportions? And the light went out if the pipe was trodden on. How annoyed the lecturers used to get when the room was plunged in darkness. I always got the slides upside down, too."

"This was the Chapel once. When I was here it was Chapel dormy; it wasn't so draughty in those days. Some seniors slept in the Museum; it hadn't become the Museum then of course."

"I shall never forget the phosporous fire in the Chem. lab. How difficult it was to stop people crawling all over that enormous fire-engine. The brigade, or rather one bit of it, watched all night but alas there was no further outbreak."

Now for the events of the week-end. Saturday began with Prize-Giving followed by lunch and then tennis and cricket matches and the dispersal of the majority of the school to the welcoming bosoms of their respective families. The visiting O.G.'s were meanwhile busily occupied in catching up with years of gossip. Dinner was preceded by a short service in the Chapel. How wonderful it was to be back once more in that familiar and much loved place.

After dinner Miss Stopford proposed a toast "The School," and this was seconded by Judith Tuckwell. Miss Smith likening us to angels of varying degrees of seniority called for "The Old Girls" and this was seconded by the retiring Head Girl.

Later we were entertained by a performance of the School's production of "Electra." This was received with great enthusiasm both for the standard of acting and for the sound and lighting effects.

When Miss Robinson bid us goodnight and advised an early night most of us felt that this was sound advice. Whether many followed it is, however, open to considerable doubt. Certainly Miss Farnham is to be congratulated on the calm way in which she suffered the invasion of her kitchen by thirsty maidens and matrons in search of tea.

Sunday began with Holy Communion conducted by the School Chaplain who later also took the ten o'clock service. A choir of Old Girls and School led the singing.

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A further opportunity for gossip came after the second service when we gathered in the common room for coffee. Later some of our number were taken by Miss H. Thompson on a con-

ducted tour of Selwyn's new abode, Darley Lodge.

After lunch we gathered for an unofficial meeting of the Old Girls' Guild. Miss Stopford took the chair and began the meeting by paying tribute to some Old Girls and friends of the school who died recently. She mentioned particularly Bishop Rawlinson who confirmed so many St. Elphin's girls, and the Bishop of Bath and Wells, a great friend to the school. She then explained that as an unofficial gathering we could only in fact make suggestions which might then be put to the A.G.M. as the opinion of a large number of members.

These suggestions were as follows: That in future the A.G.M.

should be held in the summer on each alternate year at St. Elphin's during a week-end similar to that arranged this year. That next year another week-end such as this should be arranged so that more O.G.'s may be apprised of it and persuaded to come along. That on every other year the A.G.M. should be held in London round about the end of May and should be followed by a cocktail party. Miss Robinson kindly agreed to the suggestion that this year's meeting should be regarded as a trial run and that a similar week-end should be arranged next year providing that the number attending increases substantially. She reiterated her offer to turn the San into a crêche, so bring your families along next year.

Gossip was the order of the remainder of the day. After supper hymn singing was conducted by Miss H. Thompson in the Common Room. Let it please be noted, and this is the important point, the correct tunes were used. More gossip followed—it was quite extraordinary how everyone managed to talk so much.

Finally, may I say the most important things. I am certain that all who were present spent a very happy week-end and left feeling a renewed pride and joy in our school. We are all most grateful to Miss Robinson for making this reunion possible. We thank, too, all those connected in any way with the organisation of the event. It therefore only remains for me to say, may we enjoy many more such gatherings, and to beg those of you who did not join us to come next year and enjoy a night or two either in or out of one of the old familiar beds.

JEAN DONALDSON.

SOUTH-WEST GROUP OF THE O.G.G.

ON Saturday, 14th May, twelve membersof the S.W. Group met at Taunton, again by the kind invitation of Mrs. Fitch, whose hospitality in throwing open her house to us in this way is always so much appreciated.

Miss Flood was our guest of honour, and was brought from Exmouth by Miss Thouless in her car.

After an excellent lunch, Miss Flood read out to us some interesting passages of school news from Miss Robinson's recent letter to her, and everyone then joined in discussion of school affairs past and present, and particularly of the Appeal sent out this Spring.

After an early tea and biscuits we went our various ways home. Other members present were: Miss Burchnall, Alix Berwick, Lena Nicol, Muriel Wells, Marjorie Gardener (née Longden), Eleanor Blakelock (now living at Tisbury, Wiltshire), Stella Allen, Betty Martin, Joan Trapnell (née Martin) and, in the afternoon, Simon Trapnell, aged two months.

STELLA ALLEN.

GAMES REPORT

UNFORTUNATELY, Mrs. Booth was unable to offer me dates for Old Girls' hockey and badminton matches which I had hoped to arrange for the Autumn and Spring terms. As a result of this our only Old Girls' match was the annual tennis match which was played on Speech Day, when the School 1st VI defeated the O.G.'s team by six matches to three.

I hope to be able to arrange both hockey and badminton matches next year. It would be greatly appreciated if O.G.'s would reply immediately when asked to play.

SALLIE C. HITCHEN (Games Secretary).

EXTRACTS OF LETTERS FROM ABROAD

"FOR the past 13 years I have been working at St. Stephen's Hospital for Women and Children in Delhi. Medical facilities have greatly improved in this capital city and there are specialists in all fields. Our hospital is becoming widely known as a maternity hospital, though other cases are treated there as well. So we senior medical staff have perforce become Obstetric and Gynaecological specialists—and very interesting the work is too, both in its preventive and operative aspects. There were nearly 2,500 babies born in the hospital in 1959 and they take some looking after, though they may stay in the hospital for only two days during the busy months.

S.P.G. supports our hospital and diocese as it does many other hospitals and dispensaries in India. Every one of them needs more staff—doctors, sisters, dispensers, secretaries and evangelists prepared to turn their hands to housekeeping and all sorts. There are not yet enough Indians who are willing to fill the vacancies. The resources are not yet enough locally to pay good salaries—so English folk are still very much needed—committed to serve God in whatever He may require. Now is the opportunity, now is the urgency. We who work in Delhi know the failings of the Church; we are terribly conscious of our own failings, but we see also great victory, partly realised, but certain if only enough men and women are committed to Christ.

Anyone coming to Norwich—do please look me up—my sister Mary Garrett lives very near but in July it is likely that she will move to a small town 14 miles away."

RUTH ROSEVEARE.

"WE have much to praise God for in these troubled times, as well as much heart-break. The whole of Congo is in a state of turmoil with the African trying his wings. There are political parties by the score. This time of trial has also been one of blessing in that it has again shown our Church leaders to be men of faith and courage. They have been unafraid to denounce that which is bad.

Here at Yalemba the Church and School leaders have requested us not to leave here as they say the Church folk need us and welcome us among them, whatever we may hear to the contrary from other sources.

Easter was a time of blessing, and the church was full to overflowing. At the communion service there were so many people present that there was an insufficient number of cups to go round. At 6 a.m. Peter had the joy of baptising eight people, including the wives of two of our Bible School students."

JOAN MANICOM (née Swindle).

"ENGLAND, and Derbyshire in particular, seems a long way off at this moment, for it is 7.30 a.m., my husband left to go to work an hour ago, and the sun is pouring down upon our tropical planted garden. It seems so strange to me, even now, to

begin the days so much earlier than at home.

We live in a bungalow on the Costa Bolivar, Venezuela, as this side of Lake Maracaibo is called. Life is highly organised. with American products in the supermarkets and shops, with a good Social Club. When I first arrived, we drove along a road which seemed to my eyes to be bordered by nothing but cacti, broken only by a thorn tree, with vultures. The house is an old wooden one on stilts. In spite of my husband's fears, I loved the house which had a verandah and shuttered windows and was very cool. Our neighbours are mostly Venezuelan, and very kind, but conversation is necessarily limited by my lack of Spanish. For the first time since I was about fourteen, I seem to have as much time as I want for reading. We are both devouring books on South America and wondering how we can possibly visit Cuzco or any other remnants of Inca civilisation. Mexico is more possible as we might be able to come home that way. How fortunate we are! One luxury we have is the airmail edition of "The Times" so that we don't feel too cut off from home.

I was delighted to read of Jackie Watson's scholarship. St. Elphin's always crops up in unexpected ways. Before I came out here my job took me to Liverpool where I stayed in the De Gruyther household for three weeks, though unfortunately I never met Jennifer. I came out on the same ship as Mrs. Whittington who has a daughter, Pauline, at St. Elphin's. Then I discover that another acquaintance here and I have a mutual friend in a girl who was once at the school.

With love and best wishes to St. Elphin's."

ROSEMARY BOOTH (née Sands). (1944-55).

IN MEMORIAM

MURIEL CLAYTON.—Our old friend Muriel—better known to her own generation of St. Elphinites as Nudoe—died on Thursday, 11th June, after six or seven weeks in hospital. She was cremated at Bristol on 15th June.

Some time ago, she and her sister Evelyn, whom she had been nursing devotedly for years, had been accepted at a home for elderly ladies, but when the doctor called to see them into the home, it was only Evelyn who went there, for he sent Muriel immediately into hospital, where, her brother writes, "she very soon deteriorated rapidly, physically and mentally."

It must have been January 1900 when Muriel came to St. Elphin's, and was placed in Form IV, where I had preceded her by one term. She soon out-stripped us all at Latin and French and most other things, and was head of the form most weeks. After mid-summer we both did a "Double-jump" into VA, where we had to choose between Greek and German as our third language. Muriel took Greek, and I took German. We both became student-mistresses, but owing to financial reasons poor Nudoe had to leave School. However, she continued her studies at home, went up to Cambridge to take her B.A. exam., and so she got her degree.

She lived a quiet, helpful, cheerful life. As a friend, she was most faithful in corresponding. From 1907, when we parted, we only met once more, which was at Miss Kennedy's funeral in 1910, just before I went out to Japan. But Nudoe did write interesting letters, and no-one could have had a more faithful friend.

"TROTTIE" (Dorothea E. Trott).

AUDREY SPINK. All Old Girls who knew Audrey Spink will have learnt with sorrow of her death on 9th March, 1960.

Miss Spink was educated at The Laurels, Rugby, and later went to St. Hugh's College, Oxford, where she obtained her degree in Classics. Her first teaching post was at St. Elphin's from 1915-19, and she then joined the Staff of The Alice Ottley School, Worcester. In 1931 she was appointed Senior Mistress of Sowerby Bridge Grammar School and remained in that position for 25 years until her retirement.

Miss Spink was a first-rate teacher and also a sensible friend to all those who came under her care. I have testimony of this from those who were her pupils. One writes, "How good her lessons were and what happy memories I have of her"; another "She was a very good friend to me and helped me very much at different times, right from the time when she was our Form Mistress." Personally I always found her a loyal colleague and I greatly valued her unstinted service to the School. I saw her not very long ago, and we had a happy talk over old times.

R.I.P.

MARGARET L. FLOOD.

REVD. ROBERT WHEELER WHITTINGTON. The sympathy of Old Girls will, I know, be extended to Cicely and Doris Whittington on the death of their father on 13th March, 1960. Mr. Whittington was Rector of Darley from 1905-1920, during which time he was Assistant-Chaplain to St. Elphin's. He prepared

many of those who are now Old Girls for Confirmation and First Communion, and always took a very real interest in them.

Both he and Mrs. Whittington (who was a member of the Ladies' Committee) were exceedingly good friends to me personally and to the School generally. He lived to be 93 and Cicely told me not long ago that he was still able to take services in the Church of the Parish in which he lived. We join our thankful memory of him to that of St. Helen's Church for his good work in Darley Dale.

R.I.P.

MARGARET L. FLOOD.

THE BISHOP OF BATH & WELLS. With the death of Dr. Bradfield, St. Elphin's has lost a good friend. Both his daughters were educated at the school and Alyson was a pupil during my first four or five years, her elder sister, Jane, having left.

The Bishop, then Archdeacon of Croydon, was a devoted father and tried to visit Alyson every term when he took Sunday duty for us. He once told me that he and Alyson regularly went to Matlock Bath for high tea on the Saturday afternoons of his visits!

Anyone who saw the Coronation on television will remember the kind and fatherly way in which the Bishop helped the young Queen through the intricate service and this seemed to me to be thoroughly characteristic of him.

Two of Dr. Bradfield's week-ends coincided with crises in his own life. He came to us immediately after the death of his great friend, Archbishop Temple. This was, of course, a great personal sorrow to the Archdeacon and I feel sure that any Old Girls who were in Chapel that Sunday will remember the morning address he gave on the life and character of William Temple.

On a later occasion, the Archdeacon was faced with a difficult crisis in his own life. He had been offered an extremely attractive post, with everything to commend it to him from a personal point of view, but he felt that he himself was not really fitted for the work. It was a hard decision to come to, with many reasons to tempt him not to refuse. He made up his mnid, during the week-end, that he was not justified in accepting work for which he felt, in his own estimation, that he was not really suited. He declined. How glad I was when later I read that he was to be the Bishop of Bath and Wells.

He was a great and good man and the world is poorer for his passing. Our hearts go out to Jane, Alyson, and their brothers. St. Elphin's has gained yet another friend in the fellowship of those who have departed this life in the faith and fear of God. I hope his name will be remembered with those of our other friends and patrons on All Souls' Day.

May he rest in peace.

E. E. STOPFORD.

THE BISHOP OF DERBY. By the sudden death of Dr. A. E. J. Rawlinson, on July 17th, his birthday, the school has lost a true and valued friend.

Dr. Rawlinson was a scholar of international repute and author of many learned books. He played an important part in the movement for the reunion of the Churches and many of you will remember the vivid account he gave us of his visit to Russia and his delight in the pectoral Cross presented to him by the Patriarch of the Church in Russia. We could not fail to be conscious of his brilliant mind and his keen sense of style, both in his confirmation addresses and in his personal conversation, but I am sure that most of us remember him above all as someone of very great kindness who, year by year, confirmed each candidate by her christian name and informed the solemn occasion with the fatherly affection he felt so sincerely for the young. It was his invariable practice to have a talk with the fathers and mothers at the end of the service and to them he spoke not as preacher to congregation but as a parent to fellowparents, showing true appreciation of their difficulties and complete understanding of their desire to do the very best for their children.

He was indeed a beloved Father in God to us all and we were greatly privileged to have him as our Bishop for so many years.

We cannot recall his visits without thinking of Mrs. Rawlinson, who so often accompanied him, as well as frequently coming by herself to give one of her wise and witty talks to parents or girls. We deeply sympathise with her and I am sure you have remembered her in your thoughts and prayers. It is a hard separation for her after "forty-one years of unbroken happiness," as she expressed it in her letter to me but, with the dauntless faith one would expect of her, she writes of "the sure and certain hope that it is only goodbye for the present." We are very glad to know that, on Mrs. Rawlinson's last visit to him at Barts, he told her what a delight it had been to him to be told by one of the nurses as she washed him that she had been confirmed by him at St. Elphin's.

I know that many of us will be thinking of him on All Souls' Day and will remember him when we sing one of our favourite hymns:

"As for my friends, they are not lost;
The several vessels of thy fleet,
Though parted now, by tempests tost,
Shall safely in the haven meet."

E. E. STOPFORD.

NEWS OF OLD GIRLS

JOYCE BROOKS is reading for her Law degree as an external student of the London University. She already has her

Psychology M.Sc. degree.

MARIA CHALONER (née Dawson) is living at Aspley in Nottingham, where she is very busy learning to be a curate's wife, and is also teaching at a local school. She sends news of Judith Robinson (née Sheard) who attended her wedding last July with her husband.

JILL DERRY (née Lloyd-Turner) was married last September. Her husband is a pharmacist. Ingegard Odar (Nina), who spent a week with Jill before her marriage, is hoping to

qualify as a doctor in two years' time.

JILL DIXON is at present at St. Godric's Secretarial College, Hampstead, doing a year's basic course. At the end of the course, Jill will either be staying in London, or going to

Australia for two years.

JOAN DOOLE (née Gregory) was married last December in Darley Dale. She and her husband, who is a District Officer in Tanganyika, are now living at Moshi in the Northern Province, where Joan says "it is most civilised compared to Western Province with a proper butcher's shop and good milk delivered daily in bottles."

JEAN FISHER (née Hutchinson) sends news of Elizabeth Styles (née Hewitt) who stayed with her last autumn. Elizabeth has three sons; of Elizabeth's sister, Jane, who is living near School, and who has a young daughter; and of Avis

Barrow who has a young baby.

ALISON HALL finishes at Homerton College, Cambridge this summer, and hopes to start library work in September.

JILL HENSON (née Schanschieff) is at present living in Northampton, where her husband is an architect. They are, however hoping to move to Worthing shortly.

ANNE JAMES (née Wilson) and family sailed for Nyasaland in March this year, after being in England for nearly a year.

PAMELA JEFFERIES is completing her fourth year at Guy's Hospital, having just become a S.R.N. She is now hoping to go to Great Ormond Street Hospital.

PAULINE JONES (née Thompson) had a son last November: her aunt, Dr. Winifred Thompson, is Godmother to the baby. Pauline would very much like to have news of, or see, any-

one living in Wales.

MARY JENKINS (née Tudor Jones) enjoys life in Llanidloes and is a member of the Women's Institute and the W.V.S.; the latter she takes quite an active part in. She sends news of Rachel Horder (née Grimes) and Betty Hood (née Turner) who are both well.

MABEL KNIGHT (née Hand) is now out in Singapore, with her husband and son of 9, where they will be for three years. Her two daughters are at boarding school in England and

- going out to Singapore for their summer holidays. Mabel would be delighted to show around any Old Girl who arrives in Singapore.
- MARGARET LAITHWAITE'S (née Owen) baby daughter was recently christened by Joan and Barbara Thorburn's brother; had an Old Girl as its Godmother; and wore a frock loaned by another Old Girl.
- JOAN MANICOM (née Swindle) is leading a very busy life in the Belgian Congo. In addition to her household duties, and two young children, she is teaching art and English in the teacher training school and is also Headmistress of the Infants' School.
- BETTY MARTIN is going on an exchange visit to America for the next Academic year, sailing in August 1960. She is going to Norwalk, Connecticut, and would be pleased to hear of any St. Elphinites in that part of America. (Norwalk is about 50 miles N.E. of New York).
- CLARE MORSE (née Lovell) had a daughter last October.
- LUCINDA NEGUS is still training at Great Ormond Street Hospital and plans to live at home when she leaves at the end of this year: she will probably practise midwifery at a nearby hospital in Essex.
- HAZEL PRINCE has been helping at home on the farm since she finished her midwifery training in Birmingham last summer.
- BIDDY QUINLAN'S (née Yates) husband was appointed Orthopaedic Surgeon to Scarborough Hospital and District at the end of 1958, and they are all enjoying living near Scarborough.
- MARY REEMAN is leaving Salisbury Training College in July, and is starting teaching in Cheshire in September.
- HEATHER REEVES has been teaching Speech Training and Dramatic Art at Huyton College for Girls, in Liverpool, since September 1958, and is enjoying it very much.
- ANGELA RICKARDS is now a Third Officer in the Women's Royal Naval Service.
- JUDITH ROBINSON'S (née Sheard) husband is to be Ordained on Trinity Sunday 1960 in Chester, and then serve his first curacy at St. Andrew's, Cheadle Hulme.
- MARY SCUDAMORE (née Jones) sends news of her sister Kathleen Carey who has recently arrived home from Australia and is living in Derby until she returns to Melbourne in the autumn.
- CATHERINE SMART is taking her Theology final examinations at Manchester in June 1960.
- EILEEN SMART (née Whittaker) leads a very busy life. Besides undertakingthe many duties of a parson's wife, she is also Divisional Commissioner and Camp Trainer of the Girl Guides.

- MARGARET SMART is studying medicine at Liverpool University.
- MARY SWIFT has passed her R.S.C.N. and is staff nurse at The Royal Liverpool Children's Hospital. She sends news of Ruth Patterson who is doing her midwifery training at Queen Charlotte's, London; and of Susan Heyes who has become engaged.
- ROSEMARY TAYLOR is Godmother to Mary Aitchison's (née Davidson) son, Michael Ian. Rosemary has given up hockey for the time being, and now plays tennis all the year round with the Mersey Bowmen Club in Liverpool, and played in their 2nd VI several times last summer. She has recently been elected an Associate of the Institute of Science Technology. Rosemary sends news of Miss M. Hervey who is now teaching Maths. at Benenden School, Kent; of Miss M. Longmire who is teaching Art at Aigburth Vale H.S., Liverpool, where she has been for nine years; of Miss M. Hurst who is Senior Science Mistress at Pendleton; and of Mrs. Jackson who lives at Stanley, Co. Durham, where her husband is Vicar.
- GEORGINA THOMAS'S (née Coe) daughter, Elizabeth, was christened on Whit-Sunday, and has Fr. Ball has her Godfather.
- DR. WINIFRED THOMPSON is Godmother to her great nephew, Peter Anthony Jones, who was christened at Maesevyglan Church on 31st January, 1960.
- MISS E. M. THOULESS has retired from teaching, and is now living in Exmouth.
- FRANCES TROWER-FOYAN (née Adams) has adopted a little girl, Wendy
- BARBARA WARD is continuing to enjoy life in Kampala, and finds the work at Mulago Hospital most interesting. She spent three weeks' local leave in February in the Rhodesias, visiting Lusaka, Victoria Falls, Salisbury and the Kariba Dam. She became engaged in March to Ralph Baer, who runs the Blood Transfusion Service at Mulago Hospital. They are planning to be married in Wales next April, and then returning to live in Kampala for a year or two.
- CATHERINE WEST-TAYLOR (née Hutchinson) was married in London in June. Catherine has recently been assistant press officer of the Government-sponsored Council of Design in the Haymarket, London. Catherine has in recent years played lead in a musical comedy at the Piccadilly Theatre, London, and the Theatre Royal, Bristol, and has also had the rare distinction of being a scholar of the French Republic and studied singing under Pierre Bernac in Paris. Her husband is secretary of the York Academic Development Trust.

BIRTHS

AITCHISON.—On 14th October, 1959, to Mary (née Davidson), a son, Michael Ian.

DAKIN.—On 5th December, 1959, in Nairobi, to Judith (née Clarke), a second son, Andrew Mark, brother for Timothy.

FISHER.—On 14th February, 1960, to Jean (née Hutchinson), a daughter, Tessa Ann.

HENSON.—On 10th June, 1958, to Jill (née Schanschieff), a son, Nicholas Paul.

JAMES.—On 14th August, 1959, to Anne (née Wilson), a third son, Simon Humfrey, brother for John and William.

JENKINS.—On 26th July, 1959, to Mary (née Tudor Jones), a daughter, Caroline Jane.

JONES.—On 12th November, 1959, to Pauline (née Thompson), a son, Peter Anthony.

LAITHWAITE.—On 30th December, 1959, to Margaret (née Owen), a daughter, Charlotte Helen.

LAYBOURN.—On 27th May, 1959, to Dorothy (née Wallace), a second daughter, Judith Helen.

MALMSTROM.—On 27th May, 1959, to Margaret (née Wallis), a daughter, Fay.

MANICOM.—On 4th June, 1959, in Congo, to Joan (née Swindle), a son, Hugh Nigel, a brother for Hilary.

MORTON.—On 1st January, 1960, to Ann (née Bosson), a daughter, Dianne Victoria, sister for Julien and Guy.

ONSLOW.—On 3rd August, 1959, to Marjorie (née Domville), a second son, Mark Loftus Domville.

ROBINSON.—On 2nd March, 1960, to Judith (née Sheard), a son, Timothy Hugh, a brother for Sarah.

THOMAS.—On 6th April, 1960, to Georgina (née Coe), a daughter, Elizabeth Jane.

TRAPNELL.—On 19th March, 1960, to Joan (née Martin), a son, Simon John, brother for Martin, Janine and Robin.

WARREN.—On 12th June, 1959, to Elizabeth (née Perry), a son, Hugh James.

ENGAGEMENTS

Between SALLIE HITCHEN and NICHOLAS GEDYE. Between GILL SHORLAND-BALL and DONALD HERBISON-EVANS.

Between BARBARA WARD and RALPH BAER.

MARRIAGES

CHALONER—DAWSON.—On 18th July, 1959, at St. Catherine's Church, Burbage, Leicestershire, Marie Dawson to the Revd. Stephen Chaloner.

DERRY—LLOYD-TURNER.—On 10th September, 1959, Jillian Lloyd-Turner to Helmar Derry.

DOOLE—GREGORY.—On 12th December, 1959, at Darley Dale, Joan Gregory to Peter Doole.

MACKENZIE—FOSTER.—On 26th September, 1959, Ann Foster to Robin A. Mackenzie.

OLIVE—THOMPSON.—On 6th February, 1960, at Eastbourne, Mary Thompson to Raymond Olive.

RENDELL—WATTS.—On 14th November, 1959, Anna Watts to John Rendell.

WEST-TAYLOR—HUTCHINSON.—On 16th June, 1960, at Holy Trinity Church, Prince Consort Road, London, by the Bishop of Dorchester, assisted by the Revd. Philip Hutchinson (brother of the bride) Catherine Hutchinson to John West-Taylor.

DEATHS

BATEMAN, Rosamond Eleanor (née Medcalf), on 22nd February, 1959.

BOTELER, Ethel (née Boothe), on 22nd August, 1959.

BRADFIELD, Dr. H. W., on 1st May, 1960, Bishop of Bath and Wells.

CLAYTON, Muriel, on 11th June, 1959.

GLENNIE, Agnes, on 13th February, 1954.

GLENNIE, Hilda Margaret, on 5th August, 1957.

RAWLINSON, Dr. A. E. J., on 17th July, 1960.

SPINK, Audrey, on 9th Mar., 1960. (Classics Mistress 1915-1919). WHITTINGTON, Robert Wheeler, Priest, on 15th Mar., 1960. (Rector of St. Helen's, Darley Dale; Assistant Chaplain of

the School 1905-1920),

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES DURING THE YEAR 1959-60

Phyllis Adams Sandra Allen Gail Anderson Diana Brook-Taylor (née Lloyd)

Audrey Buxton Audrey Cain (née Rushton)

Jill Cartwright

Miss Conway-Davies

Jill Dixon

Oenone Dunkley

Mary Else

Jean Fisher

(née Hutchinson)

Mrs. Goucher

Stephanie Greenhalgh

Judith Hick Rosemary Hill Mary Hilsden Anne Howard
Anne Hodson
Diana Llewellyn
Jennifer Lloyd
Karen Marker
Maria McBarnet
Margaret McDonald
Rosemary Meadows
Pamela Morley
Mary Niblock
Ruth Patterson
Joyce Perkins

Joyce Perkins Joyce Platt (née Tansley)

Mary Reeman Frances Robertson Anne Savage Vivienne Seldon Margaret Stewardson

Patricia Storer

Audrey Tansley Miss Thompson Anne Thorne Rosemary Thorne Janet Hill Miss Jasper Menella Jee Lynn Kime Helena Koval Marguerita Knowles

Susanne Lane Rosemary Line Rosemary Thornton Anne Toone Hilary Toy Judith Tuckwell Jacqueline Watson Margaret Watson Elspeth Watts Helen Wright

Resignations

Isabel Garnett Ruth Phillips

Betty Hood (née Turner)

Members who cannot be traced

Please notify the Secretary if you can help with the addresses of the following:

Arlene Bailey Lvnn Clark

Muriel Rose (née Stavert) Mary Rutterford (née Lovell)

John McIlldowie

Stella Hancock (née Holland) Margaret Thatcher (of Vancouver).

(née Ballachev)

The following Old Girls have had to be crossed off the membership as they have not paid their subscription for two years:

Marjorie Eliott (née Moor) Joan Lloyd

May Gould (née Slack) June Hincks (née Brooker)

Mary Rutterford (née Lovell) Pamela Spouge (née Lawrence)

FOR YOUR ADDRESS BOOK

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

ELLA BAINES (née Thorpe)—"Little Ashton," Codford, Nr. Warminster, Wiltshire.

KATHLEEN BARDSLEY-Craigmoor, South Brent, Devon. JOYCE BROOKS-Low Walls, Blackthorn Village, Nr. Bicester,

JUNE BULGIN (née Thorpe)-19 Brookmead Way, Orpington, Kent.

JUDITH DAKIN (née Clarke)—The Rectory, Marsham, Norwich, Norfolk (parents' address).

DR. ANN DAWS-Hackney Hospital, London, E.8.

JILLIAN DERRY (née Lloyd-Turner)—185 Lichfield Road, Four Oaks, Sutton Coldfield.

MURIEL DODD-Stone Walls, Diddies Road, Stratton, North Cornwall.

JOAN DOOLE (née Gregory)—c/o District Office, Moshi, Tanganyika.

- JEAN FISHER (née Hutchinson)—84A Bocking Lane, Sheffield 8. SUSAN HARE—9 Philbeach Gardens, London, S.W.5.
- BERTHA HEDLEY—c/o Bank of Commerce, Fort and Douglas Streets, Victoria, B.C., Canada.
- JILL HENSON (née Schanschieff)—57 Billing Rd., Northampton.
- JOAN HUGHES—7 Linden Avenue, Prestbury, Cheltenham, Glos.
- MISS C. M. JASPER-173 The Slade, Headington, Oxford.
- EFFIE JONES—c/o Mrs. F. M. Johnston, Bungalow 16, Quebec Hall, Dereham, Norfolk.
- PAULINE JONES (née Thompson)—Blaencwm, High Street, Fishguard, Pembrokeshire.
- MABEL KNIGHT (née Hand)—c/o Chief Engineer's Office, A.M.D.G.W., H.Q.F.E.A.F., R.A.F. Station Changi, Singapore 17.
- MARY LANCELOT-11 Arundel Road, Southport, Lancs.
- JOAN MANICOM (née Swindle)—E.P.I. Kimpese, Bas Congo, Belge.
- GWEN MARKBY—"Lorna Doone," Winters Lane, Ottery St. Mary, Devon.
- PHYLLIS MOLYNEUX—Moberley School, Wimborne Minster, Dorset.
- CLARE MORSE (née Lovell)—50 Barton Road, Ely, Cambs.
- ANN MORTON (née Bosson) Tangletrees, Regent Close, Wilmslow, Cheshire.
- DOROTHY MULLINER—Grove House, Private Nursing Home, Dent-de-Lion Road, Garlinge, Margate, Kent.
- MARY OLIVE (née Thompson)—17 Iden Street, Hampden Park, Eastbourne.
- MARJORIE ONSLOW (née Domville)—Brambledene, Highlands Road, Barton-on-Sea, Hampshire.
- JOYCE PLATT (née Tansley)—Norbury, Granville Avenue, Newcastle-under-Lyme, Staffs.
- OLGA PUTNAM (née Mort)—24 Redhill Lodge Drive, Arnold, Notts.
- BIDDY QUINLAN (née Yates)—Stonebridge, Deepdale, Scarborough, Yorkshire.
- ANN REES-260 Bridgewater Road, Wembley, Middlesex.
- JILL REID (née Chorlton)—Bonhill Cottage, Crouch, Nr. Borough Green, Kent.
- LINETTE RICE-11 Fort Road, Northolt, Middlesex.

- ZELA RIDLEY (née Wragby)—13 Westminster Road, Burn Bridge, Harrogate, Yorkshire.
- PAT ROWBOTHAM (née Blake)—6 Bridge Lane, Appleton, Cheshire, via Warrington.
- JUDITH ROBINSON (née Sheard)—c/o The Priory, Cheadle Road, Cheadle Hulme, Cheshire.
- GILL SHORLAND-BALL—The Vicarage, East Retford, Notts.
- ISABEL STUBBS (née Martin) 5 Byron Close, Fareham, Hampshire.
- WINIFRED SWEETING (née Bagshaw)—"Larkfield," Portinscale, Nr. Keswick, Cumberland.
- AUDREY TANSLEY—Whitegates, Boundary Lane, Congleton, Cheshire.
- GLADYS THOMAS (née Crane)—Brickhouse Farm, Sandhurst, Hawkhurst, Kent.
- MISS E. M. THOULESS—Flat 4, 7 Morton Crescent, Exmouth, Devon.
- SHIRLEY THURMAN (née Thornton)—48 Bryn Road, Brynmill, Swansea, Glam.
- DOROTHEA TROTT—46 Weston Avenue, West Molesey, Surrey.

 ELIZABETH WARREN (née Perry)—75 Southfield Rd., Duston,
 Northampton.

ST. ELPHIN'S OLD GIRLS' GUILD

Statement of Accounts for Year Ending 31st December, 1959

CURRENT ACCOUNT					£	s.	d. d.
m. D.L	£	S.	d.By	Reunion Expenses (net)—London	1	11	9
To Balance brought forward (Jan. 1st, 1959)	1	15	0	School Magazines	57	6	5
Annual Subscriptions	18	10	0	Miss Kennedy's Grave Fund		10	0
Transferred from Life Subscriptions A/c—				Secretary's Expenses		12	3
Cash,	20	0	0	Treasurer's Expenses	3	0	4
358 Life Members at 1/6d	26		0	Games Secretary's Expenses		9	6
25 Life Members at 1/9d		-	9	"Book of Remembrance"		12	9
Interest, 1958	15	5	7	Balance carried forward (31st Dec., 1959)	3	8	4
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Life Subscriptions	89	7	6	25 Life Members @ 1/9d	2	3	9
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Interest, 1959	8	9	0	Balance carried forward (31st Dec., 1959)	545	1	11
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Certified correct: (Signed) E. T. BLUNDELL. 30th June, 1960. Chartered Accountant.

Ivy Cottage, Charlton, Hitchin, Herts.