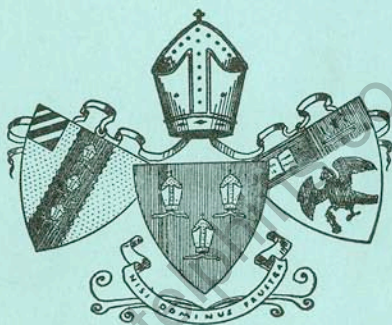


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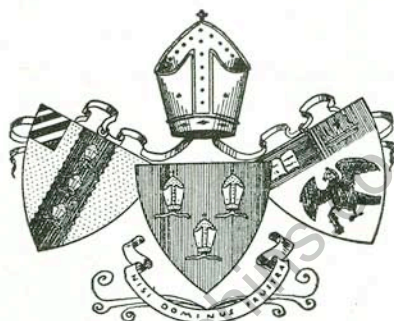


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THE CHAIRMAN,  
THE NEW BISHOP OF BLACKBURN,  
GIVES HIS BLESSING TO THE  
DIOCESE AFTER HIS  
ENTHRONEMENT.

October 6th, 1960.

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## SCHOOL OFFICERS — 1960-61

**Head Girls:** HELEN BROWN (Autumn and Spring Term);  
JOAN TOMLINSON (Summer Term).

**Deputy Head Girl:** KATHLEEN MOSLEY.

**Prefects:** R. Baker, F. Beard, R. Briddon, J. Howe, H. Lunn,  
J. Mattison, P. Tuckwell, E. Ward, J. Wright, J. Bailey,  
E. Evans, A. Glover, J. Holmes, S. Howard, B. Jones,  
E. Linnell, S. Mackenzie, S. Prince, E. Speakman, S. Thomas,  
J. Walker, P. Watson, J. Williams.

**Sub-Prefects:** J. Tanner, C. Clague, P. Goodman, M. Heelis,  
R. Jackson, J. Keal, M. Laing.

## EDITORIAL

Thanks to the numerous efforts made during the year to raise money for the Appeal Fund we are all very pleased to hear that the walls of the school Hall will be rising in the autumn.

The annual bazaar was held in November and was again very successful. It was opened by Mr. Hadfield, of the Derbyshire Stone Company and we raised the sum of £700.

The Friends of St. Elphin's organised a barbecue on July 1st, with sideshows and stalls, as well as the usual meat and sausages. The weather proved kind and as it was Visiting Weekend we were pleased to see many parents there. After all expenses had been paid the final total was £400 — a very gratifying result.

As her contribution to the Hall Fund, Miss Flood, who was Headmistress here from 1910-1933, has written and printed her memoirs which were sold at the Barbecue and may also be obtained on Speech Day and at the Old Girls' Reunion. They provide an interesting record of the early days of our school; a review of the book may be found later on in the magazine.

At the beginning of October Miss Robinson, Miss Lamb and the two head girls were privileged to attend the Enthronement of our Chairman as Bishop of Blackburn.

We were very pleased to hear that Elisabeth Ward has been accepted at St. Clare's Hall, Oxford, and Rosemary Baker has been offered a place at Birmingham University. This year is also notable for the large number of girls who have been accepted at Training Colleges.

The Sixth Form was invited to a dance at Denstone in the Autumn term and also attended the annual Speech Day dance in June. Abbotsholme School came here for a dance with the Upper Fifth on June 14th after it had been postponed from last term owing to an outbreak of mumps.

We have had two Forums this year, one conducted by the Provost of Derby in the Autumn Term, the other by the Diocesan Youth Chaplain, the Rev. B. J. Rofe, in the Spring Term. Both discussions proved interesting and enlightening and were much enjoyed by all those present.

The end of the Autumn Term saw the traditional House parties. On the last night of term the candle-lighting ceremony was held in Chapel and was followed by the Christmas dinner when Major and Mrs. Bazzard, who were leaving us, were presented with gifts from the school and teaching and domestic staff.

For the Christmas holidays the School was given Scripture Knowledge questions of varying degrees of difficulty. Perhaps some of the clergy fathers recollect solving these problems for their daughters . . . ?

The Upper Sixth have this term enjoyed the privilege of sleeping in "Rosedene," which adjoins the Staff house. The two Swedish girls who arrived on June 12th are sleeping there and are enjoying the homely atmosphere. Next term the Sanatorium will be moved to "Rosedene" as the Junior School is to move into the present building.

As is usual in the summer term the school went out for picnics on Ascension Day, visits being made to such places as Lincoln Cathedral and Alton Towers.

A team from St. Elphin's won the South Peak Inter-Schools Swimming Gala in June and we were very pleased and proud to hear that several girls had been selected to represent this area in the County Gala.

This term has seen the addition of boaters to our school uniform which look especially attractive with our blue silk dresses and white gloves.

Much to everyone's delight Chloë presented Miss Robinson with three pups, MacDonald, MacDuff and MacBeth, just before half-term. Needless to say, their progress has been followed with great interest by the whole school.

We are very proud of Betty Jones and Rosalind Jackson who have both won prizes in the recent Brooke Bond Tea Competition. After being awarded prizes for the best entries in the school, we heard that Betty had won second prize in the essay group and Rosalind third prize in the art group from the whole of Derbyshire. (Specimens of Rosalind's art can be seen later on in the magazine).



We should like to take this opportunity of congratulating Mrs. Chastney on her recent marriage and wishing her and Miss Burgess, who has just become engaged, every happiness in the future.

This term we have to say goodbye to Miss Howell, Mr. du Feu, Miss Kemp and Miss Taylor and we give them our best wishes for the future. Our greetings are extended to Miss Francis, who will be senior French mistress next term, and Miss Parkinson, who will be assisting Miss Smith in the English department.

ROSEMARY BAKER and  
JOAN TOMLINSON.

## SPEECH DAY, 1961

For the first time this year a Commemoration Service was held in the morning of Speech Day. By the kindness of Bishop Sinker, we were able to use his beautiful Church at Bakewell and what a magnificent setting it was. Few of those who attended the Service will forget the dignity of the ceremony, the fine singing of the Choir, augmented for this occasion, and the inspiration of the address given by the Chairman, the Bishop of Blackburn. The Order of Service was as follows:

Processional Hymn: Thy hand, O God, has guided. A. & M. 256.

Invocation. The Lord's Prayer.

Psalm. Nisi Dominus. 127. First Lesson. The Head Girl.

Te Deum. Second Lesson. The Deputy Head Girl.

The Canticle of the Sun. St. Francis of Assisi. 125.

Creed. Collects.

Anthem. The Lord is my Shepherd. Schubert. Prayers.

Hymn: All people that on earth do dwell. A. & M. 166.

Address: The Lord Bishop of Blackburn.

Hymn: Praise, my soul, the King of Heaven. A. & M. 365.

Speeches followed in the afternoon, the Visitor this year being the Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Education. The Duchess of Devonshire was among the platform guests and Miss Flood, who was paying a visit to the School. It was a happy thought of the Chairman to ask Miss Flood to say a few words to the parents.

The finals of the Sports were run off after tea and then most of the girls went home with their parents, leaving the Sixth and Upper Fifth to act as hostesses to the Old Girls who were already assembling for the Reunion.

The following extract is taken from the Head Mistress's Report:

## MISS ROBINSON'S REPORT

### SPEECH DAY: July 22nd, 1961

Miss Robinson gave a warm welcome to the visitor, Mr. Kenneth Thompson, Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Education; to the Duchess of Devonshire, "whose interest in the School continues even after her daughter has left it"; and to Miss Flood, a former Head Mistress of the School, who was attending the first Speech Day after twenty-eight years of retirement. Miss Robinson congratulated Miss Flood upon her Memoirs, which she had written at the great age of eighty-three and which many parents had already enjoyed reading.

Referring to Miss Hudson, Head Mistress of St. Elphin's from 1933-1941, news of whose death she had recently received, Miss Robinson said:



MISS HUDSON

"During her eight years of office, Miss Hudson did a great deal for the School. Her scholarly impact upon the Sixth Form, her invigorating personality, her passion for beauty in all forms, left an indelible impression upon the School. To Miss Hudson we owe, through the generosity of Major Fletcher, the Common Room: to Miss Hudson we owe the beauty of the Chapel in its present state. Much of the lovely furniture about the School reveals her flawless taste. She died in office, as Principal of Hockerill Training College, last month. We remember her among the benefactors of the School.

At the end of her report upon the year's work and activities, Miss Robinson addressed her last remarks to the parents:

"There is a great deal of talk about insecurity these days and many youthful failings and delinquencies are attributed to a sense of insecurity as a result of the modern world, with its threat of bombs and annihilation; it is but a poor excuse. There is a far worse, more insidious and more dangerous source of insecurity which threatens the young much more immediately, and that is the lack of the firm guidance of discipline. We have, I think, passed through the phase when parents have been afraid of repressing or thwarting their children, and much harm was



done during this phase. To lay upon children the fearful burden of having to make decisions which they are unfitted and incapable of making owing to their age and lack of experience, of having to grope after and form their own standards without the knowledge of absolute values and standards, is not a kindness but a positive danger. For children, nothing is truer than "the nightmare of unlimited freedom," and much sorrow is brought upon parents because of their misunderstanding of this freedom, which they so readily put into the hands of their daughters and which, alas, is so frequently abused by them simply because they have not the power to use it well. The freedom which we, in this School, aim at giving children, comes from the recognition of fundamental principles and absolute values. We try to teach them that freedom, in its true sense, always brings responsibilities, responsibility towards parents, towards the School, towards the community. This is our aim and I beg you parents to support us in it so that our girls can go out at the end of their school days subject only to the perfect law of liberty and able to use their freedom as responsible citizens of the world.

### THE FRIENDS

I think this is a fitting place to pay a tribute to the Friends of St. Elphin's School, particularly to Mr. Linnell, the Chairman; Mr. Thornton, the Treasurer; Mr. Speakman, the Secretary, and the Committee.

It would be impossible to give a correct estimate of the number of hours, days and weeks that this Committee has sacrificed on behalf of this School. For eleven years the Friends have striven to collect sufficient money to complete the new Hall and at last this project is going to be fulfilled and very soon we hope to see the walls arising.

During the three years that I have been here, the Friends have sponsored a fresh Appeal, which was launched by the Duke of Devonshire at Chatsworth. They produced two excellent brochures to send out to thousands of people and the Fund today stands at about £26,000 in cash and covenants.

Supported by the parents of Fletcher House, they organised a splendid Barbecue at School here last Saturday. The bulk of the money has been made since the Appeal was launched in May last year and all will agree that this is a remarkable achievement. But what we most value is the steadfast devotion, unflagging efforts and wholehearted enthusiasm which the Friends bring to their task. I could tell of very many meetings held here in School throughout the year and I have never had a moment's doubt that their zeal and determined efforts will reap a condign reward.

On behalf of us all, Governors, parents and School, I extend heartfelt gratitude to our Friends.

—P. M. ROBINSON.

## MEMOIRS OF MISS FLOOD

Through the fascinating memoirs of Miss Margaret Flood, we catch a glimpse of another era in education when in Leeds Girls' High School, little girls began Latin as soon as they could read well, obviously revelling in Woodford's "Epitome of Cæsar" and indelibly imprinting truths like "Omnis Gallia divisa est in tres partes" and being sent to sit ignominiously on the back bench for having translated "supplicium" as "supplication" instead of "punishment." It is a relief to find that Billy, a fine black cat, attended the classes.

Under the scholarly Miss Kennedy, at the Clergy Daughters' School at Warrington, Miss Flood's classical training proceeded rapidly, not, however, to the neglect of hockey players in "red blouses, red Tam o' Shanters and long navy skirts, very convenient for those keeping goal." The academic standards were exacting, being designed to meet the needs of examinations and to secure Honours for all those who were highly gifted. She recalls with pride not unmixed with pain Miss Kennedy's exacting methods in Greek translation based on a principle which certainly has value: "I am not here to teach you, but to see that you learn." Although examination successes attained a high level, Miss Flood felt that original thinking was discouraged by such methods.

In health matters, the standard was certainly below modern requirements; and in the last bout of scarlet fever which caused the removal of the School from Warrington, a wing of the actual school had to be kept for the sixteen cases. Discipline was rigid; the supreme disgrace was that of having to write name and offence in the "Black Book" for anything considered a moral fault. The younger girls were in awe of Miss Kennedy; awareness of her personality came in the Middle School years and developed into admiration and affection among the seniors, especially the VIth Form and Prefects. That Miss Flood emerged from her years as Student Teacher with a First Class in Latin, Greek and French, with Distinctions in the Cambridge Higher Locals and a First Class in English Language and Literature also with Distinction and, in addition, won a Goldsmiths' Scholarship in Classics, to be held at Girton, Cambridge, speaks for itself of the results of such a régime.

One is not surprised that girls were occasionally overstrained. This was certainly pioneer work in women's education. Miss Kennedy's religious instruction at Divinity lessons remained an inspiration for many throughout their lives.

Her rigorously chaperoned Cambridge days at Girton bring back renowned names: Miss Jex-Blake, Dr. Sidgwick, Dr. Duff and Dr. James Adam, each with a contribution for the develop-





The Headmistress, Miss P. M. Robinson, snapped on her way to Speech Day with (left to right) the Duchess of Devonshire, the Bishop of Blackburn (Dr. C. Claxton), Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Thompson and Bishop G. Sinker.

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ing intellect of the student. How well we can sympathise with the stress of learning parts in the Greek of Sophocles for a production of "Antigone." The freedom to think for oneself at Cambridge in beautiful surroundings, she did appreciate.

Then came the return to Warrington, to her old school as Classics Mistress under Miss Kennedy, where the system had changed little. She developed scarlet fever in the first term, probably owing to infection from a student who had returned to work too early. So Spartan was the régime that she actually went on teaching during the onset of the fever, until bed and treatment were imperative. But this outbreak was the blessing in disguise which led to the removal of the school to the present premises in Darley Dale Hydro, near Matlock, in the summer of 1904, where more freedom to walk and bicycle in the beautiful surroundings could be indulged.

Now, too, came the admission of lay pupils and the naming of the School "St. Elphin's" after the Parish Church at Warrington. The Chapel, then known as the "Tin Tabernacle" was our present Recreation Room. We hear, too, in 1906 of a Science Mistress joining the staff for Chemistry and Botany. But Miss Flood, who aimed at becoming a Head Mistress, with some difficulty managed to induce Miss Kennedy to help her to secure a temporary appointment as Classics Mistress at Bradford Girls' Grammar School during the absence of the regular teacher. After one term, she was appointed Head Mistress of Truro County Secondary School for Girls; and on the death of Miss Kennedy in February, 1910, Miss Flood was successful in gaining the Headship of her old "beloved St. Elphin's," preferring the richer, many-sided life of a boarding school to that of the day schools in which she had served. This office she held for twenty-three years. There she gradually instituted many changes to lessen the rigour of conditions for pupils and staff. Tennis courts, cricket and hockey and lacrosse grounds were levelled. In 1916 the old stables of the Hydro were converted into the Chapel as we now know it; and it is of interest that on one of the stones of the old stables was found the Sacred Monogram I.H.S.

To the Prefect system already in being, Miss Flood added the House system, although this could as yet be only an artificial system which has become a reality in our own day under Miss Robinson.

The difficulties of food and "black-out" during the 1914-18 war were coped with and after that war in 1920 the new Junior Wing was constructed according to the latest design, with sunshine, open-air and good heating. This addition to the School



was last year named "Margaret Flood House" in honour of its founder—twenty-seven years after her retirement in 1933.

In retirement, the indefatigable Miss Flood generously re-directed her energies to cultural and religious activities with young people, secretaryships, work on the Bath and Wells Diocesan Committee and in the 1939-45 war, she had a family of three children, two little girls and a boy from Poplar as evacuees at Glastonbury. Now, declaring herself really "retired," she is still in touch with school, writes to Miss Stoppard and Miss Robinson and is to be our honoured guest at the O.G. Reunion at St. Elphin's at the end of this term when the real difficulty will be to prevent a lady of such vitality from doing far too much.

These memoirs are of the greatest interest to all who know St. Elphin's; they not only cover a vital phase of the school's development, but offer a challenge to the modern generation in the field of scholarship.

## THE ENTHRONEMENT OF THE LORD BISHOP OF BLACKBURN:

October 6th, 1960

It was a great privilege to be invited to go with Miss Robinson and the Head Girls, Joan Tomlinson and Helen Brown to the Enthronement of the Right Reverend C. R. Claxton ("our bishop" to St. Elphin's) as Bishop of Blackburn.

After a pleasant early morning drive during which the passengers' map reading, after some early mistakes, began slowly to improve, we took our places in the South Transept of Blackburn Cathedral at 10.30 a.m.

The Enthronement Service was a happy blend of formality and homeliness. First came the processions of the Cathedral Chapter and Diocesan Clergy (among whom we were pleased to see some friends of the School). Then the civic dignitaries, splendid in official robes and headgear, took their places and last and alone after the rousing singing of "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" and the National Anthem came the Bishop as a suppliant before his people asking "Open me the gates of righteousness that I may go into them and give thanks unto the Lord," to be heartened a few moments later by his people's response, "We wish you good luck in the Name of the Lord."

Thus encouraged, the Bishop made a formal petition to the Chapter to be admitted to the Bishopric and after his solemn

declaration "to be faithful to this Cathedral Church of St. Mary the Virgin," he was installed by the Provost "into the real, actual and corporal possession of the Bishopric of Blackburn and of all its rights, dignities, honours, privileges and appurtenances whatsoever."

The Bishop's first pastoral act in his own Cathedral was the celebration of Holy Communion and in his first address to his diocese he spoke of the great part which the Church was called on to play in a modern industrial area.

The service ended with a Te Deum and we went forth rejoicing, conscious of having attended not only a ceremony of ecclesiastical and civic dignity, but the welcome of an affectionate family to its Father in God.

M. LAMB.

## SUCSESSES - 1960-61

### Entrances gained—

ROSEMARY BAKER—Entrance to Birmingham University (History).

ELISABETH WARD—Entrance to St. Clare's College, Oxford. (English).

FRANCES DAGGER—Westhill Training College.

JUDITH HOWE—Ripon Training College.

JANE WRIGHT—Ball's Park Training College.

LINDA WHITWORTH—St. Gabriel's Training College, London.

HILARY SMITH—St. Godric's Secretarial College, London.

CAROLE SAXBY—Nottingham College of Arts and Crafts.

JANE WALKER—Nottinghamshire Farm Institute.

SUSAN MACKENZIE—Guy's Hospital, London.

JILL WILLIAMS—Manchester Royal Infirmary.

MARGARET LAING—Manchester Royal Infirmary.

### Internal Scholarships—

BETTY JONES and PHILIPPA WATSON—Powys Scholarship.

SANDRA HOWARD—Parnell Scholarship.

ANNE COLIN—Kennedy Scholarship.

## NORTHERN UNIVERSITIES JOINT MATRICULATION BOARD

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KATHERINE ALLINSON

CATHERINE PALFREYMAN

CATHERINE CHALMERS

FELICITY WATSON

JEAN ELSE



## GIFTS TO THE SCHOOL

- We wish to acknowledge with thanks the following gifts:—
- Books for the Kennedy Library and Margaret Flood Library.  
(Mr. and Mrs. Schulz).
- Books for the Kennedy Library and for the Senior Fiction Library. (Miss Flood, Mrs. D. M. Hodges, Mrs. I. N. Merrill).
- Hastings' "Dictionary of the Bible" (The Rev. R. J. Stanford).
- For the Chapel Library: "Sparrows of the Spirit" (by the author, The Ven. the Archdeacon of Newark).
- Two Bible markers for the Chapel, made by Major Hodson.
- Framed photograph of the Bishop of Blackburn. (Miss P. Storer).
- Clothes for Acting Cupboard. (Miss A. Stephanie Jones).
- Native weapons: bow and arrow and harpoon. (Sqn./Ldr. N. Fletcher).
- Materials for the Bazaar for Margaret Flood and Wilson House. (Miss M. Mayhew-Jones).
- Map of Roman Britain. (J. A. Walker, Esq.).
- For the Kennedy Library: Bound volumes of the "Times" Illustrated. (Mrs. Mattison).

## MUSIC & ELOCUTION

- The Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music, 1960-61—**  
Elaine Crossland gained Distinction in Grade I and 12 girls gained Merits in all grades up to Grade VI.
- The Guildhall School of Music and Drama, 1960-61 —** Rosalind Seville gained Special Honours in Grade 4A Elocution and seven girls gained Merits in various grades.
- The Buxton Music Festival, May 1961 —** Felicity Watson and Rosemary Barrow gained first place for piano duet (under 12 years). June Holland gained first place for Bible reading, (under 16 years).
- The Matlock Music Festival, June 1961 —** Penelope Thornton gained first place in open Bible reading; Pamela Stubbs, girl's elocution, under 14 years; June Holland, girl's elocution, under 15 years; Penelope Lofthouse, open elocution.

## CHAPEL REPORT

It is much appreciated by us all that the Chairman, the Right Reverend the Lord Bishop of Blackburn continues his visits to the Chapel, and takes such an interest in all we do. These visits included the Confirmation which was such a memorable occasion for the forty-eight candidates and friends. Their First Communion was made on Whit-Sunday at a special service attended by some of their parents, the House Mistresses and House Captains. At breakfast afterwards the candidates were waited on by their House Captains.

Other traditional services have taken place as usual. The gifts from the Harvest Festival were taken to twenty old age pensioners, and they were much appreciated. At the end of the term the Service of Nine Lessons and Carols pointed our thoughts to Christmas. This year the Candle Lighting Ceremony took place in Chapel where the crib had been arranged by Junior School. It seems appropriate that this lovely ceremony which is the focal point of our Christmas festivities should take place in Chapel, which has been the centre of our school life for generations past.

The Lent Services were taken by the Vicar of Matlock, Mr. Armitage, and the Junior Houses held their own services in the "Common Room" Chapel. The Blessing and Distribution of Palms on Palm Sunday brought the Spring Term and Lent to a close.

We were pleased to welcome such a large number of Old Girls to the Re-union and to share once again our worship in the School Chapel. Miss Flood's words were an inspiration to all who heard her.

During the year, at the Bishop's request, there have been some changes in the Chapel Services and it has been made possible for those on early duty to receive Communion at the Sung Eucharist. The Service of Mattins is sung three times a term.

We are very grateful to Miss Thompson, our organist, for all the time and energy she devotes to the choir, and I am sure that all who take part in our services must be greatly inspired by the high standard achieved.

We should like to take this opportunity of thanking the Chaplain and all other visiting clergy who have given up so much of their valuable time, most especially the clergy parents who have stepped in, often at short notice to take our week-end services.

Our thanks also go to the many girls who have rendered such valuable assistance as Servers and Sacristans. Their high



standard of dignity and reverence are an inspiration to the younger ones who are training to take over the responsibility in their last years at school. To our enthusiastic bands of helpers, better known as "the Chapel Chars" we say many thanks for the hard labour put in with mops and electric polisher every Saturday morning. These girls and those who are responsible for the flowers take a very real pride in keeping our Chapel beautiful.

Many girls are indebted to Miss Smith for the thoughtful training she gives to the Readers, and the result is a high standard. Amidst her many other duties, she still finds time to give advice and encouragement, especially to the less experienced.

It is with regret that we record the death of Miss Hudson. She devoted much of her time and energy to the developing and beautifying of the Chapel, and many of the things that are in constant use are her gifts.

G. JEFFREY.

## SOCIAL SERVICES REPORT

In these days when the tendency of young people is to take all and give nothing, it is very heart-warming to think that our girls have the imagination to appreciate the sufferings of others and to accept some personal responsibility for helping to relieve them.

The Houses all worked very hard. Selwyn had their usual successful Café Continental. "The way to a man's heart is through his stomach!" Fletcher worked hard at home, making sweets and cakes which sold rapidly during school break. Gresford held their fancy dress competition in which several highly original efforts caused much laughter. Kennedy showed their prowess in cake-making. Wilson held their games matches against staff. Powys appealed to our higher instincts with the production of two plays and all houses did much "odd jobbing" and held various matches against staff. We should like to congratulate Margaret Flood on their splendid effort; several cases of real personal sacrifice were brought to our notice.

In addition to our usual efforts we had an emergency appeal for the "Congo Relief Fund" and were able to send £23 17s. at short notice.

### Individual House efforts :

Selwyn .....	£19 0 0	Margaret Flood	£13 9 1
Fletcher .....	£18 5 0	Wilson .....	£8 17 4
Kennedy .....	£17 0 0	Catechism Play	£6 10 9
Gresford .....	£14 10 0	Upper VI .....	£2 14 2
Powys .....	£14 0 0	Anon. ....	13 4
Total £114 19s. 8d.			

As we had £2 17s. 9d. in hand this brought us to the satisfying total of £117 17s. 5d.

We have sent the following cheques:—

£50 to the Oxford Committee for Famine Relief, earmarked "Congo Appeal."

£10 to Cancer Research, earmarked for Children's Section.

£5 to St. Pancras Housing Society.

This leaves us with a balance of £52 17s. 5d. for our usual Christmas donations.

Congratulations, school! May your efforts never grow less.

## MUSIC REPORT, 1960-61

This year we have been fortunate enough to attend four concerts in Sheffield City Hall. All were given by the Hallé Orchestra, but each time under different conductors; thus we were able to see and compare the different techniques of each.

Parties also went to Derby in the Easter term to recitals given by Colin Horsley, the famous pianist, in the City Art Gallery. On October 20th, we had a very welcome return visit from Miss Mitzi Lawton, who gave us a most enjoyable and varied programme, including pieces set for this year's G.C.E. syllabus.

This year also saw the revival of the Gramophone Club for all those who are interested in listening to good music. We meet on Sundays after lunch in the Common Room for an hour, and hear a selection of gramophone records chosen previously by the committee, which is representative of all forms who attend the meetings. Miss Thompson and Miss Harrison have been very generous in lending us records from their own collections; we are also very grateful to them and to Miss Jeffrey for giving up their free time during the meetings of the Club.

On the 17th December last year the Upper School went to Matlock to see the Amateur Operatic Society's production of "White Horse Inn," the rest of the school attending the matinée next day. We all enjoyed it, for the colour and gaiety as much as for the very tuneful music.

Under Mr. Walker's enthusiastic guidance the school orchestra has continued to make progress, and will be playing in the school concert at the end of term.

The Chapel Choir has sung on special occasions throughout the year. At the annual Carol Service we were able to hear two delightful but little-known carols, while for the Confirmation service the Choir sang Schubert's setting of "The Lord is My Shepherd," which is also being sung at the Commemoration Service in Bakewell Church on Speech Day. In June the Royal Schools of Church Music held a Choir Festival of 250 voices at Bakewell, taking the form of Evensong, in which St. Elphin's



Choir took part. Representatives of the Choir and Singing Rows from L.V. downwards also sang at the recent A.C.S. Diocesan Festival Service, being Choral Eucharist, on June 28th, again in Bakewell Church.

This year we have had many opportunities of enjoying good music, not only on gramophone records, but also at the concerts and recitals we have attended. We should all like to take this opportunity of thanking the music staff for making this possible, and of assuring them of our real appreciation.

ROSEMARY BAKER.

## THE P.E.N. CLUB

The Club this session has a variety of contributions from members and guests. At the last meeting of July, 1960, it was decided that members should bring the opening chapter of a novel or scene of a play. These were to be continued at subsequent meetings.

Our guests at the meeting of December 4th were from Lower and Upper V. Anne Rogers, being fortunate enough to live within twenty miles of the Brontë country, read some stimulating "Reflections on Hawarth Parsonage." The decision of our former meeting proved most rewarding. Betty Jones led off with a tale introduced by a tragic situation which led her heroine into a kaleidoscopic review of her youth. A second effort from Susan Thomas was the story of an animal lover which broke off at the point where an injured seal was found.

The next meeting saw further developments of our novels, this time continued by different authors. Susan Thomas read a second chapter of the first novel which in her hands was shaped into a broken war romance. As was to be expected this development did not quite meet the approval of the original author. Joyce Tanner continued the second novel and left us with a mysteriously injured French boy to complicate the plot. Our guest, Roberta March-Penny read the opening chapter of a novel, "It is not always May," set in Scotland and Patience Tuckwell wrote a play called "The Theme for Two Voices," which has been printed elsewhere in the magazine. Carol Barron wrote a poem on "Life," and Sylvia George wrote one on "Impressions of War." Anne Rogers and Shan Williams provided disarming criticism for this meeting with "An Apology to the P.E.N. Club."

These efforts in the field of fiction had obviously stirred the incipient genius of our members; for we are delighted to congratulate Betty Jones on having won second place in the county in a Brooke Bond Tea Competition, while Roberta March-Penny won a book token prize.

JOYCE TANNER (Secretary).

## DEBATING SOCIETY

The Debating Society was launched this session by the Lower VIth. With Miss Smith as chairman, a committee of seven was formed to be responsible for the choice of subject for debate and appointment of leaders and seconders: Betty Jones (president), Susan Mackenzie (secretary), Marjorie Heelis, Pamela Goodman, Rosalind Jackson, Philippa Watson.

We suggested having meetings every fortnight on Saturdays at 5 p.m. but found how impossible that would be in the light of the many weekend activities and it was agreed that debates should be held on free Saturdays. It was decided to extend an open invitation to the Upper VIth and Upper Vth.

The first motion for debate for October 29th was "That Racial Discrimination is Necessary"; leader for the motion, Pamela Goodman; seconder, Christine Watson; leader against the motion, Patience Tuckwell and seconder, Faith Beard. This proved a hotly contested debate as Pamela, who had recently returned from a holiday in South Africa, dwelt mainly on the inferiority of the coloured races in education and cleanliness. Patience, on the other hand, expounded her theories on the equality of all men in the sight of God.

From the first it was obvious that most people's sympathy lay contrary to the motion. On more occasions than one, Miss Smith had to act as the guardian of the peace for there was a violent and vigorous argument. Attracted by the liveliness of the debate, Miss Robinson was moved to enter and stayed to record her vote at the end of the proceedings. By the end of the debate faces were flushed and tempers were getting rather frayed, although I think that everyone had enjoyed it. The result was, as expected, a large majority against the motion.

The motion for the second debate was that "The Best Things in Life are Free"; the leader for the motion was Christine Dunn, seconded by Kathleen Hoole; the leader against the motion was Sandra Howard, seconded by Betty Jones. This was scheduled for the beginning of the Spring term but had to be cancelled owing to the showing of a film in the common room. It is hoped that this debate will be held at the end of this term.

Next year we are hoping to have more frequent debates and there is the possibility of an inter-schools debate with Abbots-holme to which we are all looking forward with keen interest.

BETTY JONES (President).

## LECTURES AND FILMS

This year has been notable for the wide variety of films and lectures. Among the most interesting of these were Mr. R. Faulkner-Taylor's lecture on the "Derbyshire Dales," in which he told us many fascinating things about the flora and fauna of



the Derbyshire Dales, accompanied by some colourful and vivid slides. Mrs. Buchanan gave us a talk on the Pestalozzi Children's Village which is of added importance and interest to us now that one has recently been established in England as well as Switzerland. Many of us were able to buy ladybird badges from Mrs. Buchanan which now decorate our blazers as ample proof of the support the school has given to the fund. Also there was a lecture by James Hall, B.Sc., F.R.G.S., on "Greece, Mediaeval and Modern," which gave us an insight into a country which we tend to think of nowadays as being wrapped up in the mists of classical mythology. Miss Robinson's travels in the Holy Land were fully and interestingly illustrated by colourful slides taken by herself. Not only were the girls privileged to see these, but the parents of the daygirls in an "At Home."

Our appetite for music was greatly stimulated by a piano recital by Mitzi Lawton which was enjoyed by all the school and provided an incentive to practise for all aspiring concert pianists in the school. We also had a careers talk by Miss I. F. Hilton which gave every help in making a choice of the occupation we are going to follow. This lecture was of especial use as it was not confined to a single subject and we were able to ask questions afterwards to which Miss Hilton was able to give us most satisfactory answers on many varied topics. The senior girls were given a lecture on careers the Forces can offer to the school-leaver, by Sqn. Officer Binns who advocated a career in the W.R.A.F. in particular. Capt. Lawson-Smith kindly visited the school to give us a lecture on Deep Sea Diving and its perils.

The films we have been shown this year have been so varied that all tastes have been catered for. "Le Bourgeois Gentilhomme" brought the brilliant spirited acting of the "Comedie Francaise" to us at school. Mr. Stuart Keen came to the school to show us "The Young Mr. Pitt," which gave us a clear picture of one of the most famous British prime ministers in history. "Carry On, Constable," treated us to a film crammed with hilarious British comedy. The fans of thriller films were truly thrilled by Alfred Hitchcock's exciting "The Lady Vanishes" and no doubt the rugged Teutonic good looks of Hardy Kruger in "Bachelor of Hearts" caused many a flutter in a St. Elphinian heart.

Dr. Matthews has given his lectures to separate forms and to the leaving girls, and we have had some forums conducted by visiting clergy in which questions were put and duly answered.

JOSEPHINE HOLMES and ELIZABETH LINNELL.



THE BONNET.



THE BOATER.



WRONG ANGLE.



## TRIP TO LONDON: July 12th, 1961

Miss Burgess made up a party of twelve girls from the Latin sections of Lower Sixth and Upper Fifth forms and accordingly, accompanied by Mrs. Rotter and Mrs. Chastney, we set off on the morning of July 12th to catch the 8.29 train from Matlock Station. As a day girl, I joined the party at Matlock Station and so I was not privileged to see my fellow travellers as nebulous forms creeping in the eerie dawn to a breakfast at 7.15.

Safely on the train we whiled away the time by reading or merely gloating over the fate of our comrades who were left at school. About half an hour before we reached London we abandoned all plans of a late lunch and ate our packed lunches provided by the school, there and then, on the train. On arriving at St. Pancras we were all gasping for liquid in some form or other and made a bee-line, led by Miss Burgess and with Mrs. Rotter and Mrs. Chastney bringing up the rear, for the Cafeteria. Our thirst having been satisfactorily quenched by British Railways' tea, coffee or mineral waters we were ready for our visit.

The most important item was an exhibition of Roman art in Britain, and this was our first stopping-place. We went by underground to St. Paul's. Emerging to street level, we found it was raining and had to don mackintoshes—the only time during the whole day even though it was a showery day—but we had only a short walk to the exhibition which was held at Goldsmiths' Hall, off Cheapside. We found the exhibition extremely interesting as it was not so extensive as to be tedious and Miss Burgess proved to be an excellent guide and told us many interesting things about the articles of Roman or Celtic art, with Roman influence. The pieces of mosaic were especially to be admired. There were some exhibits and some huge photographs of pieces of mosaics which were too large to be shown at the exhibition.

After that we walked to St. Paul's Cathedral where we looked round one of the most famous landmarks of the London skyline. Some of us braved the spiral flights of staircases and mounted to the Whispering Gallery, others climbing even higher to obtain a magnificent view over London from an outside gallery. We left St. Paul's behind us and queued for a bus. Once safely installed on the regulation red London bus we were rewarded with the conductress's astonished expression as Mrs. Chastney asked for fifteen tickets to Charing Cross. The bus took us down Ludgate Hill, along Fleet Street and down the Strand to Charing Cross Station where we alighted.

After a satisfactory visit to Lyons' Corner House, we walked on, down Whitehall past Horse Guards Parade and New Scotland Yard, arriving at the Houses of Parliament. There we waited for some time surrounded by the babble of foreigners impressed or unimpressed by the grandeur of the great metropolis and our boaters. At last we were ushered into the House of Lords and allowed to listen from the gallery to the speakers. Then we crossed the road to Westminster Abbey and went inside this great and beautiful cathedral. Evensong was in progress, but after the service was over we had a chance to see a little of the interior of the cathedral.

There was no time to do any more sightseeing, but we had to return to St. Pancras by underground, and so to Matlock on the 6.50 train, arriving at Matlock at 10 o'clock. It is with thanks to Miss Burgess, Mrs. Rotter and Mrs. Chastney that we look back on an enjoyable trip to London.

ELIZABETH LINNELL (Lower VI).

## GAMES REPORT

### Hockey

1st XI: K. Mosley, J. Carter, P. Goodman, P. Watson, S. Howard, H. Lunn, A. Bond, C. Dunn, C. Watson (Captain), H. Bond, P. Dagger. N. Cowman, Jen. Wright, J. Walker, J. Mattison and S. Fisk also played.

Under 15 XI: P. Glover, L. Qualters, B. Riley, J. Woodiwiss, E. Roch, J. Elliott, C. Jephson, S. Joel, R. Johnson, J. Kenning, Gl. Hughes. Reserve, B. Williams.

Match results—Oct. '22: 1st XI—Anthony Gell's Grammar School, drawn 0-0; Nov. 19: 1st XI—Lady Manners', Bakewell, lost; Under 15 XI, lost 1-0. Inter-house match results: 1st—Gresford and Wilson.

Unfortunately eight matches had to be cancelled owing to the condition of the pitches, so perhaps it was through lack of match experience that the 1st XI hockey team did not play their best in the County Hockey Tournament at the end of the Spring Term. The team came second in their section of five, but gained valuable experience from participating.

Colours: Re-won: K. Mosley, C. Watson, J. Carter.

New Colours: P. Goodman, N. Cowman, P. Watson, H. Lunn.

### Netball

1st VII: A. Bond, S. Howard, F. Pemberton, P. Dagger, G. Gibson, J. Walker, A. Elliott.



2nd VII : H. Freeman, S. P. Thomas, S. Fisk, J. de Gruyther, J. Walton, E. Crossland, C. Barron. Res.: C. Jephson.

Match results : Nov. 12 : 1st and 2nd VII's, Matlock Convent : 1st VII won 21-5 ; 2nd VII won 20-4.

Inter-house match results : Senior Netball : 1st Kennedy ; Junior Netball, 1st Kennedy.

Colours : Re-won : F. Pemberton, P. Watson, P. Dagger, S. Howard. No new colours were awarded.

## **Tennis**

1st VI : A. Bond, H. Bond (1st couple), F. Dagger (capt.), P. Dagger (2nd couple), N. Cowman, G. Gibson (3rd couple).

2nd VI : J. Walker (capt.), J. Bailey (1st couple), G. Hughes, J. Canter (2nd couple), A. Cropper, D. Lockwood (3rd couple).

Match results : Apr. 29 : 1st VI—Anthony Gell's Grammar School, won 52-47 ; May 6 : 1st IV—Matlock Convent, cancelled ; May 13 : 1st VI—Lady Manners', Bakewell, won 69-30 ; May 27 : 1st VI—Abbotts Bromley, won 58-41 ; June 10 : 1st VI—Anthony Gell's Grammar School, lost 43-38 ; June 24 : 1st VI—Lady Manners', Bakewell, won 52-47 ; 2nd VI—lost 47-52 ; July 8 : 1st VI—Ernest Bailey, won 63-36.

Inter-house match results :

Colours : New colours—F. Dagger, P. Dagger, N. Cowman, H. Bond, A. Bond, G. Gibson.

## **Gymnastics**

An Inter-House Gymnastics Competition was held at the end of the Spring term. House gym captains chose a team of ten girls to represent their House, and they were responsible for the training of their team. This was no easy task as the competition was based on modern gymnastics, which the girls have been learning for two terms only. The captains and their teams are to be congratulated on the way they worked, and the results which they produced. The competition was judged by Mrs. Westbrook from Matlock Training College, and she placed Kennedy House first, with Powys very close runners-up.

Gym Colours : P. Watson, S. Black, L. Conway, C. Speakman, Jen. Wright, E. James, P. Dagger, J. de Gruyther, S. Eyre, J. Elliott, L. Greer, M. Kenning. S. Fisk, S. Rush, E. Scrase, C. Watson, B. Riley, M. King, A. Bond, S. Joel, L. Berry, H. Bond, J. Granger, P. Lofthouse, R. Seville.

Junior Colours : W. Black, C. Chalmers, K. Allinson, A. Barbour, J. French, L. Glover.

## POWYS HOUSE REPORT

House Mistress : Miss Harrison.

Deputy House Mistress : Mrs. Chastney.

House Matron : Miss Atkinson.

House Captains : P. Tuckwell, F. Beard.

Deputy House Captain : E. Speakman.

Prefects : J. Tanner, S. Prince, M. Laing, G. Bews, S. Williams.

Sub-Prefects : E. Bowser, A. Rogers, B. Riley.

This is the end of our first year as a self-contained House. At first we felt the break from Wilson and missed many friends, but we are now accustomed to and enjoy our independence.

In the Autumn Term we were happy to have Miss Betteridge join us as our deputy house mistress and great interest was taken in the occasion when she became Mrs. Chastney. We were also joined by eight new girls from our own Margaret Flood House who were Jane Bazzard, Susan A. Thomas, Susan Garrett, Barbara Waterhouse, Katherine Andrews, Margaret Cully, Lorna Conway and Frances West. We had a happy house-warming party for them which was enjoyed by all. This was a term of parties : we had a Hallowe'en party and we finished with our usual Christmas Party when Joyce Tanner, as well as Cook, gave us a cake.

All our free time was taken up with preparations for the fête and we were pleased with the sum of £50 which we raised. Again the Powys stall of the girls' own work was very attractive.

At the beginning of the Spring Term we welcomed Miss Atkinson as our own House matron ; she has become an indispensable friend to us all.

This is the term of great effort for the social services. The drama section thoroughly enjoyed producing two short plays, ably assisted by the rest of the House in many capacities. With the addition of individual and form efforts, we raised £14 as our share of the final total.

The summer term is always a pleasant one, full of outside activities, busy with games and sports practices.

May 19th was a happy day for many when fifteen of our girls were confirmed. No doubt they will remember with nostalgia the special breakfast of bacon and egg which they had after their First Communion !

We were lucky in having a beautiful day for the prefects' strawberry tea held in the Rose Gardens. Colour snaps were taken before the strawberries were touched to remind us during the bleak months of winter that summer will come again.



We were proud when Margaret King was chosen to swim in the County Gala.

Though we have not yet been successful in bringing home a cup, everyone has worked very enthusiastically with admirable team spirit. We feel sure that our turn for success cannot be long delayed.

We have been pleased to see the great improvement in courtesy, behaviour and obedience shown by the majority of the girls in the House. We hope this improvement will continue.

P. TUCKWELL and F. BEARD.

## GRESFORD HOUSE REPORT

Housemistress : Miss Lamb.

Assistant Housemistress : Miss Burgess.

House Matron : Miss Dobson.

House Captain : Joan Tomlinson.

Vice House Captains : Jill Williams and Philippa Watson.

House Prefects : Carole Saxby, Felicity Pemberton, Jane Walker, Ann Coburn.

Sub-House Prefects : Wendy Bolton, Kathleen Hoole and Carol Owen.

Gresford House became independent once more when Kennedy moved into Rotherwood at the beginning of the year, leaving us in Orchards.

The Autumn Term was mainly devoted to making and collecting work for the annual bazaar. The grand total amounted to £700, to which Gresford, with a household stall, contributed £40.

The games competitions were reserved for the Spring Term, for the Senior and Junior Netball and the Hockey matches were all played off then. The Hockey seemed to favour us this year for we got into the finals and played against Wilson, the game ending in a draw. After a re-play the score was still the same so both Houses decided to share the cup. In the gym competition we tied, again with Wilson, gaining 84 per cent.

On the first Saturday of the same term we gave our usual Fancy Dress Dance, determined to be the first House with a new effort. It went down very well and we made just over £2. We also had a hockey match against the staff and Jill Williams, helped by members of the U V, L V and U IV, organised cake-making which greatly increased our funds.

The work results, both in examinations and team work, have been particularly good this year and we are hoping to win the work-shield at the end of the summer term. We were very pleased to hear that Philippa Watson is sharing the Powys Scholarship with Betty Jones.

Judith Meeke, Patricia Mountford, Judith Rich, Sylvia Rush, Beryl Williams, Kathleen Williams and Harriet Wilson were confirmed in chapel by the Bishop of Blackburn on May 19th.

The House Room is in the process of being painted and we hope finally to have pale primrose walls and dove-grey and white paintwork.

JOAN TOMLINSON.

## SELWYN HOUSE

House Mistress : Miss H. Thompson.

Assistant House Mistress : Miss E. Winder.

House Matron : Miss J. Taylor.

House Captain : Frances Dagger.

House Prefects : Susan Thomas, Jane Bailey, Susan Mackenzie, Christine Clague, Anne Lowe, Nona Cowman, Gillian Gibson.

The school year opened with a House-warming party to welcome eight new girls into Selwyn. In the Autumn term, our efforts were concentrated on making the Christmas Bazaar a success and our produce stall realised £75. We owe much of this sum to the generous gifts and purchases of Selwyn parents. In the Spring term, we held another very popular Café Continental for the Lent Fund, which, with wage-earning contributions by the younger members, brought the total to £19.

House matches and competitions took place in the Spring term, when we came second in both the gym and senior netball.

The Summer term began with rather cold and disappointing weather, but practices for tennis, sports, rounders and cricket soon started in earnest. The enthusiasm of everyone has been most encouraging to the various captains and when the matches are played, we hope for pleasing results. It is worthy of note that both Rosalind Seville and Christine Tew were selected to take part in the County Swimming Gala on July 1st, Rosalind being placed first in the diving.

On May 19th, our Chairman, the Bishop of Blackburn confirmed Sandra Bolton, Jennifer Crocker and Rosalind Seville in the School Chapel.

We have received two very welcome presents to the House during this year. Marguerita Knowles gave us Yogi, a pale blue budgerigar (our House Colour) which has proved a constant source of interest. Rosemary and Anne Thorne gave us an attractive picture for the House Room.

We must regretfully say "Goodbye" to Miss Taylor, who has "shepherded" us through four terms, always with the greatest interest in our welfare and successes; to Frances Dagger, our Captain, who has done much to foster discipline and enthusiasm ;



to Jane Bailey (Vice-Captain), and to Christine Clague, Helen Freeman, Anne Lowe and Jane Neil. We thank them for their many and varied contributions to House activities, wish them God-speed, and look forward to their visits, when they will always feel welcome and at home.

FRANCES DAGGER (Captain).  
H. THOMPSON (House Mistress).

## WILSON HOUSE REPORT

House Mistress : Miss Jeffrey.

Assistant House Mistress : Miss Whitehead.

Captain : Judith Howe.

Vice-Captains : Hilary Lunn and Joy Mattison.

Prefects : Betty Jones, Joan Hindley, Anne Lavin, Judith Keal.

Sub-Prefects : Marigold Milne, Beverly Turney, Silvia George, Judith Carter.

We were sorry to say goodbye to M. Brammer, J. Cottrell, L. Kluger, J. Lloyd, M. McBarnett, A. Toone, J. Whittam, who left us at the end of the summer term and we welcomed thirteen girls from Margaret Flood House at the commencement of the new school year. Elisabeth Ward, who succeeded Maria as House Captain, left us at Christmas. She had rendered much valuable assistance and worked hard for Wilson and we wish her every success at St. Clare's Hall, Oxford next Autumn, where she will be studying for a University degree.

Joanna Granger, from Selwyn House, joined us during the Spring term and we are pleased with the high standard she has achieved in all games. Elizabeth Berrett, Katherine Wells and Maria Kelso, the three new girls this year, have brought our numbers up to forty-one.

As the House has increased in size this year we began the Autumn term sleeping in Back Landing. Miss Jeffrey has a room very much in the midst of us. The House Room was transferred from Central to Dormitory 17, which makes us quite self-contained.

We were pleased to welcome Miss Whitehead as Assistant House Mistress ; she takes a great interest in all our activities and we hope she will remain with us a long time.

On the first Saturday of the Autumn term, we celebrated our independence as a separate House by having a party, when we welcomed Miss Whitehead and our new girls. It was a joyous occasion and Elizabeth and the prefects organised games which everyone enjoyed. We all did justice to Miss Farnham's good cakes and sandwiches. By the end of it everyone was quite exhausted and ready for bed. There was no doubt that the new girls felt quite at home in Wilson.

May 19th was a memorable occasion for the six girls confirmed in the School Chapel by the Bishop of Blackburn, the School Chairman. They were: J. Lucas, J. Holmes, C. Walters, H. Fisher, E. Berrett and J. Granger.

We were most grateful to Miss Mayhew-Jones, an old Wilson-ite, the many parents and former members of Wilson who kindly sent us money and articles for our stall at the Christmas Bazaar. Our Household and Toilet stall looked most attractively decorated in red and white. Many visitors supported this stall and ours was one of the first stalls to be "sold out." We made £40, thanks to everyone's generosity.

During the Spring term there were more efforts to raise money—this time for the Lent Fund. Lower IV contributed much to this in their rôle as "boot blacks"! We do feel, however, that a little more effort could have been made by the other forms and hope next year there will be a bigger "drive" to bring in money.

The high standard of play and the enthusiasm shown by the younger members of the House brought the Junior Netball team second this year. An enthusiastic team practised during all available moments for the Gymnastic Competition but unfortunately we were not placed. The hockey team under the captaincy of Hilary Lunn triumphantly shared the cup with Gresford after an exciting and strenuous re-play.

Last summer, the Inter-House swimming competition was revived after a period of many years. This was held at Matlock Lido and Wilson returned triumphant with the cup. We were very pleased with the way the team distinguished itself.

We are very pleased that Susan Darlington and Katherine Wells were chosen to swim in the County Swimming Gala and that Janet Elliott captained the Under Fifteen school team which entered for the South Peak Gala and returned victorious with the shield. We are very proud that they have brought us this honour, and hope that Wilson will continue to distinguish itself at swimming.

We should like to take this opportunity to congratulate Betty Jones on winning the Powys Scholarship for gaining the best work result of the clergy daughters.

We were very sorry to say goodbye to Miss Kemp, our matron, who left us in July and we wish her happiness and good health in her retirement. She has done a great deal for the House, and has set a very high standard of tidiness in all the dormitories, which we hope will long remain. We hope she will return from time to time.



Finally, I should like to thank the House mistresses for all the work and trouble they have taken over the House this year and to let them know how much we appreciate it. Those of us who are leaving wish Wilson good luck and hope that the enthusiastic spirit which is increasing will lead to great success in the future.

J. HOWE (Captain).

G. JEFFREY (House Mistress).

## KENNEDY HOUSE REPORT, 1960-61

House Mistress: Mlle. Keller.

House Matron: Miss Foy.

House Captain: R. Baker.

Vice-Captain: H. Brown (Christmas and Easter); A. Glover (Summer).

Prefects: R. Jackson, E. Evans, S. Howard, C. Spencer-Richford.

Sub-prefects: C. Dunn, A. Niblock, L. Whitworth.

At the beginning of the school year, Orchards House was divided into its two former units, Kennedy and Gresford, Gresford remaining in Orchards and Kennedy being transferred to Rotherwood. Thus we became the second House to move out of the main school buildings. We celebrated our arrival in our new house by holding a House-warming party on the first Saturday of term. Indeed the Christmas term was marked by parties in Rotherwood, for we held another after half-term, and of course the customary Christmas party on the last Saturday.

In the Christmas term the Bazaar was held, and most of the House worked hard for our stall which looked very attractive on the day. Our thanks are due also to all those parents who so kindly gave gifts for the stall. In the Easter term we devoted our spare time to making money for the Lent Fund, by making and selling chocolate crispies and toffee, and by holding two dances. Our effort was rewarded by our earning £17 in all, the third highest total.

This year three girls in Kennedy, E. Langwell, A. Mullaart and P. Garside, were confirmed in the school Chapel by the Bishop of Blackburn.

On the sports side the year has been a successful one for Kennedy. Last term we won both the Junior and the Senior Netball cups, and also the Gym cup, in spite of the fact that we are the smallest house. We are very proud of E. Langwell, of U IV, who was among those from school who were chosen for the area team in the county swimming sports. We hope these successes will be continued in the future.

ROSEMARY BAKER.

## FLETCHER HOUSE REPORT

House Mistress : Mrs. Taylor.

Deputy House Mistress : Mrs. Hare.

House Captains : Kathleen Mosley and Jane Wright.

House Prefects : Rosemary Briddon, Josephine Holmes, Elizabeth Linnell.

Sub-House Prefects : Ruth Dean, Pat Wigfull, Jennifer Wright.

At the beginning of the Autumn Term we welcomed Mrs. Taylor as our new House Mistress.

We were very pleased to welcome the Upper Thirds into Senior Fletcher at the beginning of the year and they have supported the house very enthusiastically.

The standard of work has improved throughout the year and at the end of the Spring Term we had gained third place for the Work Shield. Once again we should like to thank Rosemary Johnson for her excellent work results.

In the Autumn Term the annual bazaar was held and Fletcher's contribution was a sweet stall and a plant stall to which each member of Fletcher contributed generously, raising a large sum of money.

The junior forms of Fletcher were able to enjoy a Drawing Room with Miss Robinson on Wednesday afternoons this year.

In the Spring Term a considerable amount of money was raised for the Lent Fund. Fletcher contributed by personal efforts at home and by selling sweets, over £18.

During this term, in the netball and hockey matches, the senior netball team unfortunately lost both, although the standard of play improved. The junior netball team showed exceptional enthusiasm and won one of their two matches. The hockey team also played extremely well and with great enthusiasm, winning one match and narrowly losing the other. Also during this term the gym competition was revived; the team were very enthusiastic but were unplaced.

On May 19th, the Bishop of Blackburn took the confirmation service and twelve members of the House, V. Bouchier, J. Orwin, J. Clarke, J. Blackwell, J. Collinge, R. Gibbons, D. Seldon, P. Thornton, M. Bannister, V. Field, R. Johnson, V. Parkin, were confirmed.

Now that the usual examinations are over we are busy practising for the House tennis, cricket, sports and swimming competitions.

We should like to thank the Fletcher parents who worked so hard to make the Barbecue a success. Miss Robinson has had two most enjoyable "At Homes" for Fletcher parents.

J. WRIGHT and K. MOSLEY.



## MARGARET FLOOD HOUSE

House Mistresses : Miss Lavender and Miss Hewitt.

Assistant House Mistress : Miss Howell.

Matrons : Miss Stanford and Miss Studart.

House Captain : Elaine Scrase.

Vice Captains : Jacqueline Davies (Autumn), Christine Parry-Evans (Spring and Summer).

House Prefects : Christine Parry-Evans, Jacqueline Davies, Elizabeth James, Lorna Davis, Elizabeth Hartley, Anne Horwood, Ann Sheppard Jones, Elizabeth Russell, Clare Cox.

House Sub-Prefects : Felicity Watson, Catherine Chalmers, Catherine Palfreyman.

From the beginning of this year we have been able to take ballet. We wear white tunics. In the Autumn, cloaks were introduced as part of the school uniform. Each House has its own house colour in the hood. The younger part of the House have blue bonnets; Upper III have boaters.

We now have blue athletic shorts which prove very cool for sun-bathing on the green, when we are not wearing swim-suits.

At the Bazaar our House had a toy stall which we called the "Noah's Ark." We did very well and raised £43.



At the end of the term we had a Christmas Party. Miss Flood sent us all crackers which we all pulled together at the end.

Each week in Lent, Miss Hewitt took us for Lent Services. At the end of term the Upper III and Lower IV did a Passion Play produced by Miss Hewitt.

At the end of the Spring term we were taken to see the "White Horse Inn" at Matlock; it was great fun.

At the Confirmation Service four of our House were confirmed—Rosemary Barbour, Clare Cox, Catherine Spread and Megan Murphy.

Of the people who took the Eleven-plus six of our House have passed so far.

Our House gardens have become very gay now. Many have contributed to them and they are coming on well.

Next term the Junior part of the House, that is Lower III downwards will move into Willow Dene which is the present "San"; this is because all Fox and Willis will be occupied by Upper III.

At the end of term, Miss Flood is coming, and on July 20th we will celebrate our House birthday.

Felicity Watson and Rosemary Barrow won 1st prize at the Buxton Music Festival.

At the Matlock Music Festival K. Parry Evans and P. Moxon won silver medals and most of the people who entered won certificates.

ELAINE SCRASE

CHRISTINE PARRY-EVANS.

## ORIGINAL CONTRIBUTIONS

### THEME FOR TWO VOICES

ACT ONE: (The first voice is tired, as if the owner had not recovered fully from some terrific ordeal. It is the voice of a young man of about 20).

VOICE:

I wonder in the summer do they practise at the nets,  
"Till the warm June evening shadows come,  
And the angry flame-like sun sets behind the hills?  
I left it all behind me—familiar routine,  
Friends, places I knew—and loved.  
And it is gone—fled from me and no more than a dream.

2nd VOICE:

Yes, it's still the same as it always was;  
Cold water, iron bedsteads and your old cloak in its corner.  
Though it might seem to you a little different  
Nothing has changed much since you went off  
To shoulder a rifle with the others.



When one heard of the deaths, there was a service.  
And your name was read out, along with other fellows'  
brothers.

I do not think you would have liked it much,

—And now you are dead.

I never cried when they told me,

I just found a quiet spot and sat down by myself,

To think about you. It never did any good to cry.

Besides I had to think, to sort things out.

Tell me—what is it like to die?

Do you still like strawberry jam?

And does your face come out in spots still, if you eat  
bananas?

You cannot tell how curious I am.

I wish I knew what you looked like now,

I cannot imagine you different from the tall, dark soldier

You were when you went away.

1st VOICE :

Plunged into war, I don't know how

I stuck the first few days. But soon one

Grows accustomed to the death and horror—

And men all clutching at life.

We were beasts because we wanted to live

And to emerge victorious from the strife.

And so we killed each other

And young men, straight from school, lay dying and

Bloody in the trenches.

2nd VOICE :

Don't be a fool! It's all over now; don't dwell on the past.

Answer my question.

1st VOICE :

And all the time an impending cloud

Over our heads; any moment the alarm would sound

The signal to go and get killed—

It was almost a relief, in the end, to feel the bullet

And to crash, clawing the air, to the ground.

2nd VOICE :

Answer me. What is it like to be dead?

1st VOICE :

But there was the other side of it too.

The heroes, the gallant, young soldiers, all willing to

Die, or do their best to win;

Their cheerful, shining faces, their wide, bright eyes,

The way they talked of golf, tennis and the test match

When battle and probable death were just round the corner.

But no one could forget the damp, damp heat and the flies.

2nd VOICE :

Can't you hear me ? Answer my question.

1st VOICE :

No-one could forget the misery of that !  
The days when it was so very, very hot  
That our shirts stuck to our backs  
And it was then that the flies wouldn't leave us alone.  
Flies are never on anyone's side but the winners.  
And the other kind of day, when it rained on our upturned  
Faces, as we lay sweating in the trenches ;  
We began to wonder what kind of sinners  
We were to have deserved this Hell of ours—  
Always hot and damp, and shivering with fever.  
It wasn't the actual fighting that I loathed so much—  
It is never so bad to kill, you know,  
When you cannot see them die, when you do not even  
Have time to find out who they are—  
It was that climate that made us long for an English summer  
For cricket on the shore and swimming together in the sea,  
For a summer that was never too hot, when one  
Could have a nice brown skin without blistering all over.  
Lots of fellows died, not from wounds, or killed in action,  
But from heat and malaria and thirst.  
I was never sure which agony we hated most,  
Which of the Hells was worst :  
Flies, or heat, or the damp, close weather  
That dulled our brains, and made us think of home.

2nd VOICE :

Brother, tell me, what is it like to be dead ?  
Are you in heaven ? What is it like ?

1st VOICE :

Heaven ? It is like cool water rippling in the breeze, little  
brother,  
Like the sun setting behind the hills  
In reds and yellows and blues ;  
Like the sky on windy days,  
Frothy, full of something indefinite ;  
Like sea-birds calling when our old boat pulls into the  
harbour at Purth Clais  
And you dabbling your brown hands in the water ;  
Like a clear, cold night,  
With trees rumbling and whispering  
And the stars all bright, and twinkling,  
Like the dog bounding beside me  
His eyes shining, his tongue hanging out—with pleasure,  
Because he is happier than ever before ;



Like lying in the sun, by the river, watching the trout  
Darting behind stones, and jumping down falls;  
Like an autumn day, with the wind in ears, hair, eyes,  
Like strawberry jam, roast beef, fireside teas,  
Clear blue paint, sardines, blackberry pies;  
Like a warm bed in the morning, and a  
Hot bath at night;  
Like you and me, racing over the sand at Carfai  
And out of sight into the sea;  
Like music and poetry, sacred as these,  
As we felt when we went to our first circus—  
We had never seen anything so wonderful—  
Like the humming of industrious bees  
Round a line on a warm summer day;  
Like winning a game of Racing Demon, like Christmas  
morning,  
Like all the best things we've ever loved together,  
little brother,  
That is what heaven is like.  
We are not so very far away,  
You and I; when you are steering our little boat  
Into the harbour, I am with you at the helm;  
When you sleep, warm and comfortable, at home  
I am lying awake in the next room  
Listening to your restless, childish tossing and murmuring,  
Just as I always used to.  
When you suddenly realise the beauty of the evening sky,  
The stars, the wind, I, too, could cry  
With joy; and when your eyes shine  
With pleasure at some new-found happiness  
All your troubles are mine.  
And when nothing is right, when you are miserable,  
When your head throbs, and you are weary and tired;  
Walk out on the hills, when the wind is wild,  
And the sun red,  
And the water below troubled and choppy  
So that our boat bounces up and down in the waves.  
And my voice will float to you, from the sea,  
From the sand, from the red sky and the green  
Will come over the hills and the heather  
Everything we ever loved, little brother, you and I together.  
Is still ours, and for ever.

## **FREEDOM ?**

WHAT is freedom ?  
From where does it come ?  
Rushing down the mountains  
Blowing in the treetops  
Fierce,  
Powerful,  
Freedom, where I can say what I like  
Do what I think  
Act and feel elated  
Uplifted, powerful,  
Full of joy.  
Nothing can buy freedom  
She travels to those whom she pleases.  
Onwards ever onwards  
Rushed are we,  
Having but brief glimpses of her supple strength  
Hoping, ever hoping.

ELEANOR BOWSER, VI B.

## **JACK FROST**

JACK FROST is a sprite,  
He flies through the night,  
With fingers so light,  
He makes things white.

White stars are twinkling,  
Jack Frost is sprinkling,  
His dust all around,  
On the trees and the ground.

P. DAVENPORT, Form II.

## **A HORSE AND CART**

UP the streets and down the lanes,  
With his master whirling,  
And jogging the reins ;  
Through the country, up the hills,  
Past the farms, past the mills,  
Rocking and rumbling,  
With dusty roads crumbling ;  
Past the town, merry and gay,  
All the children out to play,  
Then through the farmyard he does come  
When at last he reaches home.

STELLA JOHNSON, U IV.



## THE STRANGE SEA

THE world is full of the strangest things  
But the strangest of these is the sea ;  
Its richer than even the richest king  
And a king is never so free.  
The seagull, with its plaintive cry  
Soars high above the waves ;  
The sea goes rolling with a sigh  
Over the golden sands, God gave.  
It thrusts its way upon the shore  
With waves of towering height  
But when its strength is there, no more,  
The seagulls cease their flight.  
They glide upon the waters of that great and wonderful sea  
And no-one in the whole wide world could ever feel so free.

JENNIFER CROCKER.

## THE LIGHTHOUSE

STILL the lighthouse stands, desolate and white  
Above the crumbling rocks and endless deep ;  
The gulls, their wings dampened by the spume, sweep  
High above the waves, raging at their height.  
Forlorn, alone, the keeper tends the light,  
While on the sea the wild white horses ride  
Their frenzied way on the incoming tide  
And the beam outspreads its path into the night.  
How many times did those dread rocks devour  
A mother's pride, her joy her, only son  
Before the light shone out from its high tower?  
And now, after the setting of the sun,  
Keeps them in peaceful safety hour by hour  
Till they return at last, and work is done.

RACHEL TAGGART.

# **ST. ELPHIN'S OLD GIRLS'**

## **CHRONICLE**

### **LETTER OF THE HEADMISTRESS**

My dear Old Girls,

We have just enjoyed a very happy Reunion at School. Old Girls of all generations were present as well as our Sixth and Upper Fifth Forms, who acted as hostesses. I am so glad that many Old Girls had the opportunity of being present at the Commemoration Service in Bakewell Parish Church in the morning—a most inspiring Service and one that we hope to repeat every year. Miss Flood was our guest of honour and we were delighted that she has been able to pay us a long visit to see her House. We did really overwork Miss Flood: she spoke to the School at the last Assembly on Friday; to her great surprise and pleasure, the Bishop called upon her to address the gathering on Speech Day from the platform; she gave a short talk in Chapel on Sunday evening at Evensong; but she enjoyed every minute of her visit. We do congratulate her upon the Memoirs which we have all enjoyed reading. They have had a very good reception everywhere.

We were so sad that Miss Stopford was not able to join us for the Reunion and our thoughts are with her at this time; but Miss Gregson is convalescing, after two operations, and we send our very best wishes to them both. We sent a telegram of loyal greetings during the week-end and flowers to Miss Gregson.

Last month we received the news of Miss Hudson's death and an appreciation will be found in this Magazine. We remembered her at the Early Service on Sunday and the Bishop mentioned her also in his address at the Commemoration Service. I hope that all Old Girls will respond to the appeal which is being put out for a permanent memorial in some form in memory of Miss Hudson.

You will read most of the School news in the pages of this Magazine. We have tried to show you something of the additions to the School uniform by the illustrations; the new boater is popular and looks very smart.

We have had a very busy and satisfying year and we are all looking forward to the building of the new Hall very soon.

My love and best wishes to you all,

Yours affectionately,

P. M. Robinson.



## REUNION AT DARLEY DALE, JULY 1961

The fact that about sixty Old Girls of many different generations, some even accompanied by their children, attended the Reunion this summer shows that the decision to have one at Darley Dale for the second year in succession was fully appreciated.

As last year, it overlapped with Speech Day. Those who were fortunate enough to be within travelling distance were able to attend the Commemoration Service at Bakewell Parish Church on Saturday morning, at which the Bishop of Blackburn gave the address, and also the Speeches and Sports in the afternoon.

Some of us, however, could only arrive in time to join the party at tea on the Terrace, where the excitement began of seeking out old friends among the crowd.

In the evening a short Service in the Chapel was followed by dinner, after which Miss Robinson presented the School Sports Cups. She then proposed a toast: The Queen. Miss Flood proposed the toast of the School, which was seconded by Alix Berwick. The toast of the Old Girls was proposed by Miss Harrison and seconded by Rosemary Baker.

Later in the evening we were entertained by very lively scenes from "Macbeth" performed by the Upper Fifth. The weirdness of the Weird Sisters was subtly enhanced by their scene having to take place in almost complete darkness after one of the footlights had begun to emit a thin and sinister column of smoke! The acting was done with great gusto and enjoyment and was much appreciated by the audience.

The evening ended with a refreshing cup of tea and an exchange of reminiscences in the Staff dining-room.

On Sunday morning there was a Service of Holy Communion at 8.15, at which Miss Hudson was especially remembered. This was taken by the Bishop of Blackburn, as was also the Choral Eucharist at 10. At the latter Service he gave a most helpful address and we are very grateful to him and Mrs. Claxton for staying on with us until midday on Sunday.

After coffee in the Common Room we held our Annual General Meeting. Miss Robinson took the chair, and conveyed to the Old Girls a kind message from Miss Stopford and Miss Gregson, who were unable to be present owing to the latter's illness, and it was decided to send Miss Gregson some flowers from us all. Miss Robinson then told us something of the plans for the new Assembly Hall buildings and the progress of the building fund, to which all profits on the sale of Miss Flood's Memoirs are to go. Miss Flood also spoke and expressed her pleasure at being at the Reunion. She reminded us that it was a rather special occasion, for it was the 50th anniversary of her

founding of the Old Girls' Guild in 1911. Arrangements were made for a Sherry Party in London to take place in April 1962, and other matters of business were concluded.

The afternoon was a most enjoyable one. Some of us took the opportunity to revisit old haunts like Ladygrove before going on to the games field to watch a Tennis Match and a Fathers' Cricket Match. Tea was brought out to us on the field.

At Evensong there was the very happy experience of an address by Miss Flood, so fittingly expressing the continuity of the essential spirit of St. Elphin's.

After supper Miss Robinson very kindly showed us her interesting coloured photographs of Palestine and then we all joined in hymn-singing conducted by Miss Thompson.

We were extremely sorry that Miss Stopford and Miss Gregson could not be with us, and especially for the reason of their absence. But in other respects it was a very happy Reunion. It was a great joy to have Miss Flood among us, and we were most fortunate in the weather. We have to thank Miss Robinson and her Staff for having given us such a kind welcome and for all they did to make the Reunion such a success. We thank too the girls who helped to entertain us and waited on us at meals, and all those active on our behalf behind the scenes.

I think we all feel a very special affection for St. Elphin's and it is a great delight to find each time one returns and amid the changes and developments inevitable and indeed essential to a living, growing organism, the fundamental spirit remains as we knew it, some of us many years ago. One was especially conscious of this in the Services in Chapel—so vital a centre of the School life, and so vital a part of our Reunion.

E. M. Thouless.

## SECRETARY'S NOTES

By the kind invitation of Miss Robinson a reunion was held at School from 22nd to 24th July. We offer our grateful thanks to Miss Robinson and her staff for the excellent arrangements made for our comfort. It was a really happy week-end. It was a pleasure to have Miss Flood with us at the reunion this year, especially as it was the 50th anniversary of her founding of the Old Girls' Guild in 1911. We do congratulate her on her memoirs: if you haven't ordered your copy yet, I still have a number for sale, price 5/6d.

We were indeed sorry not to see Miss Stopford at the reunion, and particularly sorry to hear of Miss Gregson's illness. We do wish the latter a speedy recovery.

Miss Hudson will be remembered by those who were at School in her time, not so much as a rigid disciplinarian as a person of very great kindness who was able to win the



affection and loyalty of her girls, and to set them an example of devotion to great ideals. I enclose a notice about a Memorial to Miss Hudson which I am sure many of you will wish to subscribe to. Could you let me have your contributions by, say, 1st November, please? I will let you know later what form the memorial will take: if you have any suggestions, I should of course be glad to hear of them.

As you will see elsewhere in the magazine, the subscription rates were discussed at the July meeting, and it was the unanimous decision of all present that we should have to raise the subscription rates from 1st January 1962. I am sure you will understand the need for this when you compare them with other schools.

It was very exciting to see the plans in July for the new School Hall which is shortly to be started. You will all realise the costs involved, and I need hardly say that any help you feel you can give will be very much appreciated.

The School Bazaar this year is being held on 25th November. Your presence and/or your gifts will be much appreciated.

Our A.G.M. next year is to be in London on 28th April 1962. Further details will be sent to you nearer the time, but it is intended to hold the meeting at 5 p.m., followed by a Sherry Party at 6 when it is hoped that as many Old Girls as possible will come and bring with them their husbands and friends.

Thank you for all your help and co-operation in answering my letters and notices during the last year; the response has been most encouraging, and I am very grateful.

Mary Sapwell

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

59 New Cavendish Street,  
London, W.1.

## TREASURER'S NOTES

As a result of increase in the cost of the magazines and in the Secretary's and Treasurer's expenses, it was necessary again to transfer £20 cash from the deposit to the current account in order to preserve a balance in the latter at the end of the year. It was also found necessary to transfer 2/9d. per life member instead of the usual 1/9d. from the deposit to the current account.

I am most grateful to Mr. Milton, of the Midland Bank Executor and Trustee Company in Reading, who is the husband of Phoebe Milton (née Melville-White), for his valuable advice on the questions of the investment of our capital and our liability to income tax. Acting on his advice and that of our auditor

and bank manager, £500 of our life subscription account has been transferred to a deposit account with the Abbey National Building Society. This will bring in a tax-free income of  $3\frac{1}{2}$  per cent per annum.

It will be seen that there has again been a considerable increase in the number of new life members, which is most desirable.

The donation of £2 from a life member, who joined the Guild before the subscription rate was increased, is much appreciated. Many thanks also to all those annual members who faithfully pay up promptly year by year.

I am most grateful to my predecessor, Mary Goodman, for her valuable assistance, and for her readiness to help and advise me in the light of her long experience.

Elizabeth Lavender

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

Connaught House,

Bishop's Lydeard,

Taunton, Somerset.

Subscription rates at present :—

Life member ..... £3 13s. 6d.

Annual member ..... 7s. 6d.

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Life member ..... £5 5s. 0d.

Annual member ..... 10s. 0d.

## MISS FLOOD'S MEMOIRS

I am delighted to record that I have been able to send a cheque for £41 to The Friends of St. Elphin's School Fund through my "Memoirs." This sum has been made up through direct sales to Old Girls, through Miss Robinson's sales to members of the School, Staff and girls, at the Barbecue, and on Speech Day, and through sales to personal friends. There have also been special donations from some of my Old Girls and friends. This result has far exceeded my expectations, and I believe that there may be further sales, e.g., at the School Bazaar in November.

I should like to thank Miss Thouless for her voluntary help in typing my handwritten manuscript. I must indeed thank



Sybil Osmond (née Wells), who transacted all the business of production and I could not have had more competent and readily-given help. Mary Sapwell gave all the help possible in her busy life, but Sybil personally was mainly responsible for collecting and despatching the booklet.

I must also thank Miss Robinson, former members of the Staff and Old Girls who wrote the letter to introduce the Memoirs.

I can only say that I enjoyed writing down these scattered memories, and that I am overwhelmed by the interest shown in them.

I send my love and thanks to all my supporters.

Your affectionate "Friend of St. Elphin's",

Margaret L. Flood.

A number of copies of Miss Flood's memoirs are still available, and may be obtained from Mary Sapwell or from me, price 5/-, or 5/6d. including postage. As all costs of production have now been paid, the full purchase price for these copies will be passed on to The Friends of St. Elphin's. I hope that at least 36 more copies will be ordered so that the total profits can be raised to £50.

Sybil Osmond.

## GAMES REPORT

This year we did not play a hockey match against the school, but at the Old Girls' week-end in July we had a very pleasant tennis match against them, which we won 5-4!

We hope next year to be able to arrange both hockey and tennis matches again.

We are very grateful to Sallie Gedye (née Hitchen) for all the hard work she has done as Games Secretary in these past years, and we wish her every happiness in her married life.

Jacqueline Watson

(Games Secretary).

Hockliffe Rectory,  
Leighton Buzzard,  
Bedfordshire.

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

Our reunion this year, on Saturday, 15th April, was a small one, only ten of us being present, so we decided that next time we would choose a date early in May, i.e., during term, in the hopes of catching some members who teach in the West Country but live elsewhere.

We again enjoyed the kind hospitality of Mrs. Fitch, at Eden Grove, South Road, Taunton, and again Miss Flood was brought from Exmouth by Miss Thouless in her car. Other members present were: Miss Burchnall, Miss Sweeting, Muriel Wells, Marjorie and Lena Nicol, Stella Allen and Robin White (née Fitch), who drove down from Farnham with her family that morning.

After the usual splendid lunch we had coffee in the drawing-room, and Miss Flood read to us letters received from Miss Robinson (including an air-letter from the Holy Land), and from Miss Stopford, with news of the recently-started N.W. Group. Another interesting letter was from Betty Martin, one of our most regular members at these gatherings.

Miss Flood also spoke of the arrangements being made for the duplication of her Memoirs, and it was agreed that we should try to bring these to the notice of any old St. Elphinites we knew who were not members of the O.G.G. and therefore would not receive a notice about them.

After an early tea we made our way home.

Stella Allen.

### *Ex umbris in veritatem*

MILDRED EDITH HUDSON

Headmistress 1933-1941

*Ex umbris in veritatem*—Miss Hudson chose these words for her book-plate, which was designed by her friend Miss Gill. It shows a small sailing-ship in dark seas, heading purposefully along a narrow pathway of light streaming down on to the water from a crucifix in the sky beyond.

It was this consistent sense of purpose and direction, backed by an enthusiasm and vitality in all she did, that made Miss Hudson such a wonderful person to have as headmistress, especially for her VIth form, who saw her most and shared a large measure of her confidence. For her there was no going halfway in religion: it must be either the mainspring of one's life or nothing at all; life was centred in worship, and worship centred in the Eucharist. One of her favourite expressions was "absolutely convinced," and it was with the courage of her



convictions that she insisted, sometimes in the face of opposition, that she must teach what she believed to be the truth. She made a very clear distinction between real Christianity and a conventional religion of respectability, and she invited to preach or lecture Christians of the quality of Father Basil Jellicoe. Meeting such people in Drawing-room and joining in discussions with them and Miss Hudson, who had a first-class grasp of many subjects, was a precious experience.

Miss Hudson loved to repeat that Christians should be child-like but not childish, and she herself had certainly retained a childlike and spontaneous delight in all things beautiful, whether it was the Derbyshire countryside, Italian painting, Gothic architecture, T. S. Eliot's poetry or Russian church music. Her enthusiastic admiration of Garibaldi and the heroes of the Risorgimento obviously sprang from a mystical fervour akin to theirs. Her warnings against the opposite attitude, that of "middle-aged cynicism" and the closed mind, were received by girls of seventeen with some amusement, but none the less treasured up and remembered. Woolly thinking, slovenliness and sentimentality were anathema to her, and she would say that many people had wish-bones where they ought to have back-bones, and that the achievement of anything depended largely on wanting it badly enough.

So that others could share in the enjoyment of beautiful things, Miss Hudson brought back from Italy the lovely Della Robbia tondo now hung in the hall; then there were play-readings of "Murder in the Cathedral" and "The Zeal of Thy House" given by Mr. Bradfield (later Bishop of Bath and Wells); little outings would take place at short notice to Staveley, Chesterfield or Derby, and above all there were the delightful Chester week-ends, arranged with the co-operation of Canon Southam.

All this, however, was not intended to produce just a veneer of so-called culture; Christian culture must go right through everything and show itself in action, just as Miss Hudson's own love of beauty and order expressed itself in everything she did, from the adornment of Chapel worship—she shared the view of the Curé d'Ars that nothing was too rich for use in God's House—right down to the perfect lettering of her notices. Its constant aim was—

"God to aggrandise, God to glorify"—

words she had underlined in her copy of Gerard Manley Hopkins's poems.

Even Miss Hudson's mannerisms were all part and parcel of her vigorous and forthright character: her habit of stressing a point in teaching by saying it two or three times in different ways, her constant repetition of your Christian name in conver-

sation, as if she wanted to get through to the real you (and she usually got through, too), and always her jaunty and challenging "Come in!" in answer to a knock at the Drawing-room door.

For all this and much more, for her uncompromising boldness, for her joyous enthusiasm and for the wholeness of her life, crowned by a courage and loyalty carried right through to the end, Miss Hudson will be remembered with deep gratefulness, now that she has finally passed out of the shadows into a greater reality.

*Te Deum laudamus.*

S.A.

## NEWS OF OLD GIRLS

BETTY ABDY (née Birkett) and her husband are now rearing "teenage turkeys," and wishes that more people would eat them at times other than Christmas!

BARBARA BAER (née Ward) was married on Easter Monday at St. David's Cathedral. Two of her bridesmaids were her sister, Christine, and Mary Sapwell. Barbara has now returned to Uganda, where her husband runs the Blood Transfusion Service at Mulago Hospital in Kampala.

KATHLEEN BARDSLEY is a member of the S.W. Devon Divisional Education Committee, and finds it a very interesting experience. She is also treasurer of the village Women's Institute.

ANNE BELL (née Hebditch) is now married, has a son Nicholas, is living in Nottingham, and would be pleased if any O.G. living in the area would get in touch with her.

MARY BEVINGTON has been appointed Lecturer in Social Studies at Leicester University.

DIANA BIRKUMSHAW (née Wells) was married last November, and is still carrying on her job as secretary to the County Secretary of the Derbyshire Branch of the National Farmers' Union.

MARGARET BROWN (née Wonter-Smith) sends news of her family. Jill is in her fourth year at Art College; Patsy won a County Scholarship to Durham and is reading Fine Arts; Jeremy is at Abbotsholme; and the twins and Richard are doing well at their local schools. Margaret sends news of Lucy Tyson, who is a near neighbour of her sister in Ifield, Sussex: Lucy is married, and teaching in Crawley.

IRENE BULLOCK is still teaching at St. Mary's School, Gerard's Cross.



- MARGARET CARMICHAEL (née Houghton) has a daughter Margaret going to St. Elphin's in September 1961.
- BARBARA CLEGG has recently been home to England for a month, and while here met Patricia Vazon and Molly McCombie. Betty Martin visited Barbara in Denver in July for a week-end.
- JILL DERRY (née Lloyd-Turner) is still working for a doctor. She would be glad to meet any O.G. living in or near Sutton Coldfield.
- GENONE DUNKLEY is in her second year at Great Ormond Street Hospital, and enjoying it very much.
- DOROTHY EDWARDS is Social Worker and Adoption Officer for the Cambridge Association for Social Welfare.
- ANN ENTWISTLE (née Lyon) finds life as a G.P.'s wife busy, especially with two young children. She would like to hear from any O.G.s living in or near Widnes.
- ELIZABETH EVANS (née Jackson) is now living near Wolverhampton, and has Audrey Cunningham (née Gardner) as a near neighbour. Mary Hibbins is a frequent visitor.
- SHEILA FOXON (née Davidson) is living in Hatfield New Town, where her husband works for de Havillands. Sheila worked there for a short time after they were married in the Personnel Department. They now have an eighteen-month-old son, Marten Jeremy. Her parents have retired and are living in Charmouth, Dorset. Sheila's sister, Rosalind Johnson, lives in Reading, is married to an architect, and they have three children aged nine, three and fifteen months.
- SALLIE GEDYE (née Hitchen) was married in August and had Pat Hodgson as one of her bridesmaids. Sallie is living in Durham, and is going to teach at Durham High School.
- MARGARET GLEN BOTT was awarded the O.B.E. in the Queen's Birthday Honours List in June. Many congratulations on this splendid achievement! Quoting from "The Guardian Journal" of 10th June, it says, "Margaret Glen Bott, a Nottingham surgeon, a magistrate for 24 years, was the city's second woman alderman, appointed in 1956."
- ALISON HALL is now working at the Library of the University of Birmingham, and working for Library Association exams. She is also having piano lessons at the Birmingham School of Music, and hopes eventually to take a Royal Schools diploma.
- SANDRA HARCUS (née Thornton) is now living in Youlgreave, where her husband is in General Practice.

CONNIE HARDWICK'S (née Kaye) daughter Diana, has now left St. Margaret's, Bushey, and is training for three years to be an Auctioneer and Estate Agent in Cambridge. Connie is teaching at Kingshott School, a boys' preparatory school near Hitchin, and is enjoying it very much.

JENNIFER HEATH sends news of Ruth Wiffin who is married, is living in Worcester, and has a son.

MURIEL HINDE (née Jones) finds her two children of six and three keep her busy, but she did manage to have a week in Spain away from the family last September.

STEPHANIE JONES is kitchen supervisor at Llwyn-y-Bryn Girls' High School, where she has been since March. She sends news of her sister, Kathleen Carey ("Beaky"), whose husband has retired from the R.A.F., and is now Rolls-Royce's liaison officer for Australia and New Zealand.

MARGARET JOSLIN (née Russon) moved to St. Ives last September, where her husband is headmaster of the local Secondary School. Margaret is returning to teaching in September. If any O.G. lives near or is visiting St. Ives, Margaret would be delighted to see them.

MARGARET LANE, who has been a Professed Sister (Sister Lucia Margaret) in the Benedictine Community of The Salutation Blessed Mary the Virgin, has now made her Profession in Solemn Vows, and will in future be known as The Rev. Dame Julian O.S.B. This ceremony took place on 29th May in the presence of the Visitor to the Community, The Right Reverend the Lord Bishop of Oxford. The Mother Prioress of this Anglican Community of St. Benedict, writes that Sister Lucia has a great love for Julian of Norwich—hence the additional name.

MOLLIE McCOMBIE sends news that Pat James has had a second son.

JOAN McINTYRE (née Domville) is moving in the autumn to Lichfield.

BETTY MARTIN has been on a one-year Teacher-Exchange in U.S.A. She has found it interesting, and in some respects a shattering experience. She has found it very formal and regimented, with very little freedom for either teacher or pupil. When school finished in June, Betty went on a seven-week tour making for California, calling on Barbara Clegg in Denver on the way, and returning via New Orleans and the Great Smoky Mountains.

PAT MAYNE is Godmother to Freda Hawkes' (née Plant) son, Michael Andrew.

LUCINDA NEGUS is working as a staff midwife in Braintree. She hopes to go to Australia next year.



JOAN NEWCOMBE's (née Brittain) daughter has Muriel Hinde (née Jones) as one of her Godmothers. Jean Aitkens (née Pearson) and her husband have recently been to stay with Joan. She has also met Norah Kaye (née Riley), who lives nearby and who now has three small sons.

MARY REEMAN is leaving St. Stephen's C. of E. Controlled Junior School, Congleton, in July, and starts teaching at Ramilles Hall, preparatory school for boys, in Cheadle-Hulme in September.

ANNA RENDELL's (née Watts) husband is a Merchant Navy officer, who is studying for his Master's Ticket at Liverpool.

NANCY RHODES is still Librarian at the University of Nottingham School of Agriculture, is living at Kegworth, and now has her own bungalow, car, and even a cat!

ANGELA RICKARDS is a Personnel Selection Officer in the W.R.N.S., stationed near Plymouth.

MARY SCUDAMORE (née Jones) has moved to a small modern house which has been converted from stables.

SUZANNE SILK has obtained a B.Sc. (Special Honours) degree in Physiology and Biochemistry at Southampton University, and became engaged on Graduation Day. She starts work at the Pharmaceuticals Division of I.C.I. at Wilmslow in August. Suzanne sends news of Susan Rollison (née Hayes) who is living in Rugby, and is expecting a baby; and of Elizabeth Bourne, who has qualified as a Radiotherapist at Barts.

MARGARET SYRETT (née Bowers) has had a very busy summer with her husband in The Middlesex Hospital for several weeks for a major operation. We send our best wishes for his speedy recovery, Margaret. Her son starts school in January next.

ROSEMARY TAYLOR has been playing tennis regularly for the Mersey Bowmen Club second team in Liverpool. She is going as deputy leader with a school party to Interlaken in August.

ELIZABETH WARREN (née Parry) sends news of Miss Ferguson, who visited them last summer. Miss Ferguson has been teaching at a school near Northampton for seven years, but is now at Huyton, where Heather Reeves is also teaching.

DORIS WHITTENBURY-KAYE is kept busy with 75 boys in the school, but enjoys it very much.

CICELY WHITTINGTON is living with her sister at West Farleigh in Kent, where her father had been Vicar from the time he left Darley Dale until his retirement in 1939. Her father died in March 1960 at the age of 93.

## BIRTHS

- BELL.—On 15th June, 1961, to Ann (née Hebditch), a son  
Nicholas Charles.
- ENTWISTLE.—On 9th September, 1960, to Anne (née Lyon) a  
daughter, Helen Margaret, a sister for Jonathan.
- HANDFORD.—On 13th January, 1961, to Rachel (née Kingdon),  
a son, Paul William.
- HAWKES.—On 6th October, 1960, to Freda (née Plant), a son,  
Michael Andrew.
- HUMPHREYS.—On 31st January, 1960, to Ruth (née Tudor  
Jones), a daughter, Emma Jane, sister for Sarah Anne.
- JENKINS.—On 8th August, 1961, to Mary (née Tudor Jones),  
a daughter, Susan Elizabeth, sister for Caroline Jane.
- MACKENZIE.—On 3rd August, 1961, to Shirley (née Lewis), a  
son, James Courtney, brother for Fiona.
- NEWCOMBE.—On 3rd May, 1960, to Joan (née Brittain), a  
daughter, Alyson Clare.
- QUINLAN.—On 10th February, 1961, to Biddy (née Yates), a  
third daughter.

## ENGAGEMENTS

Between SUZANNE SILK and ROWLAND DIGGLE.

## MARRIAGES

- BAER—WARD.—On 3rd April, 1961, at St. David's Cathedral,  
by the Archbishop of Wales, assisted by the Bishop of St.  
David's, the Dean of St. David's, and the Archdeacon of  
Carmarthen, Barbara Ward to Ralph Baer.
- BELL—HEBDITCH.—On 24th September, 1960, Anne Hebditch  
to John Bell.
- BIRKUMSHAW—WELLS.—On 30th November, 1960, Diana  
Wells to Stephen Birkumshaw.
- GEDYE—HITCHEN.—On 12th August, 1961, Sallie Hitchen to  
Nicholas Gedye.
- HARCUS—THORNTON.—On 9th January, 1960, at All Saints'  
Church, Matlock, Sandra Thornton to Dr. Wilson Harcus.
- McKEAG—LINE.—On 1st April, 1961, at Woodford Church,  
Rosemary Line to Ian McKeag.

## DEATHS

- ABRAHAM, Jeanie Furse, on 26th September, 1960 (daughter  
of Bishop Abraham, one-time Vicar of Bakewell).
- CORNS, Alice Chester (née Hickling), on 24th September, 1960.
- HUDSON, Mildred Edith, on 23rd June, 1961. Headmistress,  
1933-1941.
- WRIGHT, Joyce (née Sargeant), on 10th October, 1960.



## MEMBERSHIP CHANGES DURING 1960/61

### New Members

Jane Bailey	Hilary Lunn
Rosemary Baker	Joy Mattison
Dorothea Bean	Judith Molyneaux
Ruth Bowser	Kathleen Mosley
Monica Brammer	Jane Neil
Rosemary Briddon	Susan Prince
Helen Brown	Carole Saxby
Christine Clague	Catherine Spencer-Richford
Frances Dagger	Miss P. M. K. Sweeting
Elizabeth Evans	Joyce Tanner
Wendy Ford	Joan Tomlinson
Pamela Goodman	Patience Tuckwell
Marjorie Heelis	Jane Walker
Kathleen Hoole	Elisabeth Ward
Judith Howe	Christine Watson
Hilary Jackson	Lynda Whitworth
Rosalind Jackson	Mary Wilde
Rosalind Johnson	Jill Williams
(née Davidson)	Jane Wright
Ann Lowe	

### Resignations

Mrs. Heelis (née Pierce-Hughes)	Norah Kaye (née Riley)
Jean Hughes	Anna Rendell (née Watts)

### Members crossed off for non-payment of their subscription for two years

Sandra Allen	Patricia Cunningham
Francine Barrett (née Collins)	Margaret Rafique (née Hawes)
Judith Cordingley	Mary Swift

### Members who cannot be traced

Miss C. M. Adamson	Anne Dunbar-Dempsey
(Staff, 1918-1922)	(née Macfarlane)
Agnes Doig	Pat Harby (née Smylie)
Muriel Duckworth	

## FOR YOUR ADDRESS BOOK

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

BETTY ABDY (née Birkett)—Knowle End Cottage, Kingsclere, Nr. Newbury, Berkshire.

PHYLLIS ADAMS—13 Walnut Tree Crescent, Forest Town, Nr. Mansfield, Notts.

BARBARA BAER (née Ward)—P.O. Box 43, Kampala, Uganda, E. Africa.

ANNE BELL (née Hebditch)—Rhodesia, Park Avenue, Plumtree Park, Nottingham.

DIANA BIRKUMSHAW (née Wells)—Flat 6, 68 St. Helen's St., Chesterfield.

ELEANOR BLAKELOCK—Pythouse, Tisbury, Salisbury.

DIANE CLARKE—Ashburne Hall, Fallowfield, Manchester, 14.

DOROTHY EDWARDS—9 Petersfield, Cambridge.

PAMELA EDWARDS (née Gamble)—50 Boundary Road, Illovo, Johannesburg, S. Africa.

ELIZABETH EVANS (née Jackson)—50 Mount Road, Tettenhall Wood, Compton, Wolverhampton, Staffs.

MARY GARRETT (née Roseveare)—25 Station Road, Reepham, Norfolk (NOR 69x).

SALLIE GEDYE (née Hitchen)—7 Pimlico, Durham City.

HELEN GILBERT—2 Sandy Road, Hampstead, London, N.W.3.

DORA GLENNIE—36 St. John's Ave., Putney, London, S.W.15.

SANDRA HARCUS (née Thornton)—"Whytecote," Youlgreave, Nr. Bakewell, Derbyshire.

JENNIFER HEATH—The Nurses' Home, Liverpool Royal Infirmary, Pembroke Place, Liverpool 3.

MARY HIBBINS—21 Denton Road, Meads, Eastbourne, Sussex.

RUTH HUMPHREYS (née Tudor Jones)—The Garth, Kirkby Overblow, Nr. Harrogate, Yorkshire.

MARY JENKINS (née Tudor Jones)—Troed-Y-Rhiw, Garden Suburb, Llanidloes, Montgomeryshire.

MARY HOPE JOHNSON—Cantal, West Cliff Road, Charmouth, Bridport.

ROSALIND JOHNSON (née Davidson)—Wildwood, Warren Road, Woodley, Reading.

MARGARET JOSLIN (née Russon)—Paddock's End, Trelyon, St. Ives, Cornwall.

MARGARET KNAPMAN (née Aitchison)—Buckleigh Cottage, Fremington, Nr. Barnstaple, N. Devon.

SUSANNA LANE—Ashdon Rectory, Saffron Walden, Essex.

GWEN LEIGH—169 Tennal Road, Birmingham, 32.



- MARGARET MALMSTROM (née Wallis) — Husmansvagen 6, Lund, Sweden.
- JOAN MANICOM (née Swindle)—Eureka, Christchurch Road, New Milton, Hampshire.
- ROSEMARY McKEAG (née Line)—4 Acre Lane, Cheadle Hulme, Cheshire.
- MARGARET McDONALD—The Nurses' Home, The Churchill Hospital, Headington, Oxford.
- JUDITH MOLYNEAUX—256 Old Clough Lane, Roe Green, Worsley, Manchester.
- PATRICIA PHILCOX (née James) — "Pipers," 74 Gregories Road, Beaconsfield, Bucks.
- NANCY RHODES—97 Whatton Road, Kegworth, Derby.
- MARGERY ROBINSON (née Clapham)—Overdale, Green Lane, Glusburn, Nr. Keighley, Yorkshire.
- ROSEMARY RUNCIMAN (née Hadfield)—c/o Mylncroft, Mylnhurst Road, Sheffield 11.
- MARY SCUDAMORE (née Jones)—Rutland Grove, Sandiacre, Nottingham.
- GRACE SUTTON (née Simpson)—60 Hurst Hill Road, Cumnor Hill, Oxford.
- MISS P. M. K. SWEETING—47 Downs Cote Park, Westburn-on-Trym, Bristol.
- MISS E. M. THOULESS—Flat 8, 16 Cyprus Road, Exmouth, S. Devon.
- CICELY WHITTINGTON — Dove's Cottage, West Farleigh, Maidstone.
- MARGARET WILLIAMS (née Pollock-Hill)—Greengates, Lodon Drive, Wargrave, Berkshire.

# ST. ELPHIN'S OLD GIRLS' GUILD

## STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1960. CURRENT ACCOUNT

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Balance brought forward, 1st Jan. 1960	3	8	4	By Re-union Expenses (net)	1	9	0
Annual subscriptions	29	2	6	School Magazines	72	12	6
Transferred from Life Subscription A/c—				Miss Kennedy's Grave Fund		10	0
Cash	20	0	0	Secretary's Expenses	26	10	3
391 Life Members @ 2/9d.	53	15	3	Treasurer's Expenses	5	5	4
4 Life Members @ 1/6d.		6	0	Balance carried forward, 31st Dec., 1960	8	14	6
Interest, 1959	8	9	6				
	£115	1	7		£115	1	7

## LIFE SUBSCRIPTIONS ACCOUNT

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Balance brought forward, 1st Jan., 1960	545	1	11	By Transfer to Current Account:			
Life Subscriptions	126	9	3	Cash	20	0	0
Sale of Metal Badges	1	10	0	391 Life Members @ 2/9d.	53	15	3
Donation	2	0	0	4 Life Members @ 1/6d.		6	0
Interest, 1960	19	8	8	Interest, 1959	8	9	6
				Donation to "Friends of St. Elphin's"			
				Fund, 1960	5	0	0
				Balance carried forward, 31st Dec., 1960	606	19	1
	£694	9	10		£694	9	10

(Signed) E. T. BLUNDELL (Chartered Accountant).  
93 Highfield Lane, Hemel Hempstead,  
Hertfordshire. 28th July, 1961.