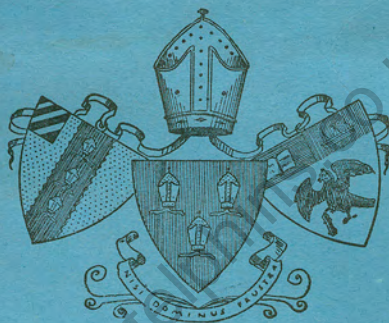


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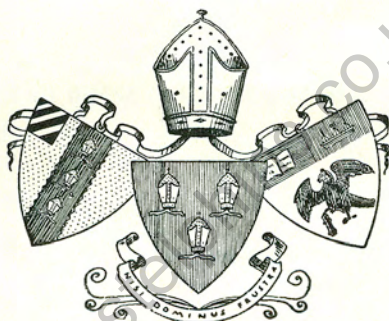


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The Right Reverend Charles Claxton, Lord Bishop of Blackburn
Chairman of Governors 1960-1971

THE BISHOP OF BLACKBURN

Mr. Hopkins, Chairman of the Finance Committee writes:-

THE PAST TEN YEARS have been a period of quite tremendous growth and development at St. Elphin's. A new dormitory block has been built, a new hall and kitchens provided while a magnificent new gymnasium is now in use and, during the past year, the new teaching block has brought greater comfort and efficiency to the academic activities of the school. Quite obviously, many people have had a hand in this tremendous growth. However, it is no mere coincidence that this leap forward in the appearance and the reputation of the school should have taken place during the tenure of the chairmanship of the committee of management by Charles Claxton, Bishop of Blackburn.

He took over the chairmanship in November 1959 whilst he was still Bishop of Warrington and, fortunately for the school, retained the office when he was translated to Blackburn in 1960. His personality, his outgoing positive friendliness, has been the cement binding together the different forces working for the good of the school, and his drive and determination to get things done have brought the work to successful fruition.

The time has now come for the Bishop to retire from his diocese and from the chairmanship of St. Elphin's and we are quite sure that in his retirement he can look back with pride on what he has achieved for the school during the past ten years. It is sometimes said that the hour creates the man; in this case it is truer to say that the man created the hour and that St. Elphin's is a more gracious, a more efficient and a happier school because of his chairmanship. Those of us who have served with him on the Governing Body are going to miss that shrewdness and "gravitas", combined with that delightful sense of humour and those great gusts of laughter which are so characteristic of him. We shall hope to see him and Mrs Claxton at St. Elphin's functions in the future; in the meantime we salute the man and his tremendous achievement for the school with admiration and gratitude.

Mr. Thornton, a Governor and the Treasurer of the Society of the Friends of St. Elphin's writes:-

1960 WAS A VITAL YEAR in the history of St. Elphin's School for it was in this year that the Right Reverend the Bishop of Warrington undertook the Chairmanship of the Governors of the School. He injected his optimism and wise counsel into all aspects of the School, and with the enthusiastic support of the newly-appointed Head Mistress, Miss Robinson, a forward-looking policy was actively pursued.

With the Bishop as President of the Friends of St. Elphin's School, a major Appeal, on a national scale, was launched at Chatsworth in 1962, with the help of the Duke and Duchess of Devonshire. Owing to the success of this, in 1963 Her Royal Highness the Princess Margaret formally opened the Stopford Hall and a new Dormitory Block, which was built at the same time, at a cost of over £40,000. Since then the Gymnasium was built in 1968 and the Isobel Burgess Teaching Block in 1969, costing together over £90,000. Throughout all this time these obvious signs of progress were matched by developments in all aspects of School life so that it is increasingly modern, happy and successful. In spite of his appointment as Diocesan Bishop of Blackburn several years ago, which greatly increased his work and responsibility, and in spite of attendances in the House of Lords, the Bishop has been, during all this period, the adviser and helper in every improvement.

He is retiring next year, and the School cannot but be the poorer for the loss of this kindly and exceptionally wise man who has done so much to make St. Elphin's a first-class School.

I have enjoyed many kindnesses at his hands and I shall miss our games of golf at Matlock, which he usually managed to win, largely, I'm afraid, because he had his own set of Rules!!

Happy Retirement! You leave us in very good heart, my Lord Bishop.

SCHOOL OFFICE HOLDERS: 1969-70

Head Girl:	Melanie Pass
Deputy Head:	Rosalind Pledger
Senior Prefects:	Eileen Perrens Ann Shentall
Prefects:	Judith Ashcroft Sarah Davys Angela Dickinson Louise Garside Sarah Gow Jane Gutch Esmé Harrison Rosemary James Anne Leek Marjorie Linsley Amanda Murray Dalene Potter Susan White
(Summer '70):	Anne Bird Elizabeth Cory Sally Horne Linda Hounsfield Diana King Susan Measures
Sub-Prefects:	Gillian Bisbrown Janet Collins Julia Davenport Ruth Ennals Susan Lees Elizabeth Mallison Jane Walker-Smith Nina Wagstaff

FIXTURE LIST

September 1969—July 1970

AUTUMN TERM

September

Tuesday	16th	TERM BEGINS
Saturday	20th	Film: "Carry on Doctor"
Saturday	27th	Sponsored Walk Film: "The Captain's Table"

October

Thursday	2nd	Harvest Festival
Saturday	4th	Film: "Carve Her Name with Pride"
Saturday	11th	Visiting Day Parents' Meeting
Saturday	18th	Hallé Concert Film: "The Wind cannot Read" Opening of the Isobel Burgis Teaching Block by Her Grace the Duchess of Devonshire
Saturday	25th	Film: "Follow that Camel"
Tuesday	28th	3.00 p.m. Recital: Miss Iris Loveridge
Friday	31st to 5th Nov.	HALF TERM (Including Speaker's Holiday)

November

Saturday	8th	R.S.C.M. Festival in Derby Cathedral Film: "The Wonderful World of the Brothers Grimm"
Sunday	9th	Junior Concert
Saturday	15th	Hallé Concert Film: "The Riviera Touch"
Sunday	16th	Bishop of Hulme
Saturday	22nd	Film: "Rough Night in Jericho"
Saturday	29th	Visiting Day: Bazaar

December

Thursday	11th	Senior House Drama Competition
Friday	12th	Junior Carol Service
Saturday	13th	Hallé Orchestra — The Messiah
Sunday	14th	Senior Carol Service
Monday	15th	Christmas Dinner
Tuesday	16th	TERM ENDS

SPRING TERM

January

Tuesday	13th	TERM BEGINS
Saturday	17th	Film: "Lord of the Flies"
Saturday	24th	Film: "The Sandpiper"
Saturday	31st	Visiting Day

February

Wednesday	4th	L VI and U VI Science Visit to Royal In-
—Thursday	5th	stitution, London
Friday	6th	Hallé concert
Saturday	7th	Field course in Geography
		Recital by Mitzi Lawton
		Film: "Hamlet"
Wednesday	11th	Ash Wednesday
Sunday	15th	Economics "Any Questions"
Friday 20th—	23rd	HALF TERM
Wednesday	25th	Kennedy Scholarship Examinations
—Friday	27th	
Saturday	28th	Film: "Billy Budd"

March

Saturday	7th	Field course for Geography
		Film: "The Truth About Spring"
Friday	13th	Matlock Operatic society "Oklahoma"
Saturday	14th	Visiting day. Party to Wembley
Tuesday	17th	Confirmation: The Bishop of Derby
Friday	20th	Hallé Concert
Saturday	21st	Film: "Carry on up the Khyber"
Sunday	22nd	Palm Sunday
		Recital: Florence Hooton and David Martin
Wednesday	25th	Inter-House Dancing Competition
Thursday	26th	Geographical field course

END OF TERM

SUMMER TERM

April

Thursday	23rd	TERM BEGINS
Saturday	25th	Old Girls' Reunion in Manchester Film: "The Ghost Train"

May

Saturday	2nd	11.00 a.m. Lecture by Professor Allen on Nuclear Physics Film: "Rough Night in Jericho"
Sunday	3rd	Evensong: The Bishop of Liverpool
Thursday	7th	Ascension Day: Picnic for L.V down, in afternoon
Saturday	9th	RSCM Festival: Melbourne Film: "A Town Like Alice"
Saturday	16th	Film: "Grayfriar's Bobby"
Sunday	17th	Whit Sunday
Saturday	23rd	Visiting Day
Sunday	24th	Film: "The Long Arm"
Thursday	28th	Corpus Christi: Holy Communion 6.15 p.m.
Saturday	30th	Film: "Simba"

June

Wednesday	3rd	Governors' Meeting at School
Friday	12th	HALF TERM
Friday	26th	St. Elphin's Day Warrington Walks for L.III

July

Friday	3rd	Parents' Dinner Dance
Saturday	4th	Visiting Day — Junior Speech Day — Sports and Barbecue.
Sunday	5th	Choir to Derby Cathedral for Sung Eucharist Evensong 6.15 p.m.: Bishop of Stockport
Tuesday	7th	Inter-House Swimming Gala
Thursday	9th	Inter-Schools Swimming Gala
Saturday	11th	Visiting Day Junior School Play
Sunday	12th	2.30 p.m. School Concert
Saturday	18th	Senior Speech Day. Speaker: Miss Reader- Harris, Headmistress of Sherborne School for Girls

CALENDAR OF MATCHES

Autumn Term—Hockey

November 8th: Henry Fanshaw: 1st XI drew 3—3
2nd XI won 4—0

November 27th: Ernest Bailey: 1st XI won 2—0

Junior House Netball

1 Powys 2 Pigot 3 Selwyn

Senior House Netball

1 Pigot 2 Kennedy 3 Selwyn and Wilson

Spring Term—Hockey

February 28th: Ecclesbourne: 1st XI Drew 3—3
2nd XI won 1—0
Under 15 XI lost 0—5

Inter-House Hockey

1 Wilson and Pigot 2 Selwyn 3 Kennedy

Summer Term—Tennis

May 2nd: Aberdare Cup Match: St. Helena's 1st VI lost 1—2

May 9th: Ecclesbourne: 1st VI won 9—0
2nd VI won 7—2

June 6th: Anthony Gell: 1st VI won 9—0
2nd VI won 8—1

July 11th: Nicholson Bowl Tournament: St. Elphin's were runners-up

Inter-House Tennis

1 Wilson 2 Powys 3 Pigot

Senior Tennis Tournament

Singles: Senior:- Fiona Graham
Runner-up:- Judith Ashcroft
Intermediate:- Nicola Roe
Runner-up:- Jane Pearson
Junior:- Jane E. Smith
Runner-up:- Jennifer Batty

Swimming

June 19th South Peak Swimming Gala: St. Elphin's won all trophies awarded

July 7th: Inter-House Swimming Gala

1 Kennedy 2 Wilson 3 Selwyn

July 9th: Inter-Schools' Swimming Gala: St. Elphin's won

Rounders

Inter-House Rounders: 1 Kennedy 2 Powys 3 Wilson

Sports Day

1 Wilson 2 Selwyn 3 Pigot

School Teams

1st XI Hockey: R. James, J. Bird, J. Gutch, D. Hine, M. Linsley (capt.)
A. Bird, M. Pass, N. Strawson, F. Graham, A. Murray (vice-capt.),
R. Woodhouse.

2nd XI: J. Ashcroft, Judy Smith, J. Dunn, S. Crowther, S. Measures (capt.)
A. Needler, C. Ross, A. Dickinson (vice-capt.), M. Moore, A. Lee,
L. Hounsfield.

Under 15 XI: L. Barbour, P. Thornton, B. Gill, J. Kemp, I. Spencer-Jones,
S. Warburton, J. Pearson, J. Emmitt (capt.), P. Allen, E. Fourie, J.
Whitton.

1st VI Tennis:

1st couple: J. Ashcroft, M Linsley

2nd couple: F. Graham, D. Hine

3rd couple: J. Grundy, B. Mitchell

2nd VI: Tennis:

1st couple: S. Measures, P. Wallen

2nd couple: N. Roe, J. Rowland

3rd couple: J. Pearson, C. Chalk

L. Hounsfield and J. Moorhouse also played.

Swimming Team

J. Burton, G. Proffitt, S. Edeson, M. Moore, V. Blackwell, S. Pell, A. Lee,
E. Fourie, N. Roe, A. Foulds, P. Ellis, R. Woodhouse, P. Allen, S. Robinson,
J. Bennet, L. Ledingham, A. Wood, K. Gunthardt, B. Reed,
J. Allen, M. Ball, K. Arnold.

EDITORIAL

"A FABRIC HUGE ROSE LIKE AN EXHALATION": these words of Milton might aptly describe the rapid completion of the Isobel Burgis Memorial Building which we have been using throughout the year with all the advantages of its modern technical facilities. There have already been two inaugural lectures on historical and scientific topics: a talk on Seventeenth Century French Salons by Mr. David Maland and an illustrated lecture on Nuclear Physics by Professor Allen of Baliol College, Oxford. All the seniors enjoyed the privilege of sharing the learning of these enlightened speakers.

Besides our Chairman, the Bishop of Blackburn, the Bishops of Liverpool, Stockport and Hulme have paid official visits. We feel honoured that in June, Miss Robinson was made a Diocesan Lay Reader at an impressive ceremony in Derby Cathedral, and has already given help on Sunday evenings in several Derbyshire churches. St. Elphin's .00, has joined in the movement towards Church Unity with members of the Sixth Form attending a Benediction Service at the Presentation Convent in Matlock and welcoming Convent Sisters and girls on a return visit to Evensong in our own Chapel. We have enjoyed a new form of service, 'Time and Eternity' combining modern music, readings and meditations. The choir also took part in a Sung Eucharist in Derby Cathedral.

The athletic achievement of the girls has brought renown to the school through the Swimming Galas and the Derbyshire Tennis Tournament. St. Elphin's again won the trophy in the Inter-Schools' Swimming Gala and distinguished itself in the Peak Swimming Contest after which two of our girls were asked to compete in County Trials.

Undaunted by a few painful memories of blisters in last year's Sponsored Walk, we again proved our stamina by completing another twenty-mile course over the beautiful Derbyshire hills, to raise £1,500; this sum with the proceeds of the Christmas Bazaar augmented by an auction sale helped to pay off the debt for the Gymnasium. The fruitful products of the Domestic Science room on Sunday afternoons when Miss Robinson and the Sixth Form had been at work brought in more money from cake-lovers among St. Elphin's parents and friends.

In contrast with the informal enthusiasm of the Barn Dance of last year's Upper Sixth, our socials were conducted with more decorum, as Denstone College and Repton were greeted by glamorous young ladies in long evening dresses. Other socials were held at Trent College and at St. Elphin's when the Third and Fourth Forms welcomed a party of boys from Stancliffe Hall for tea and tennis one afternoon.

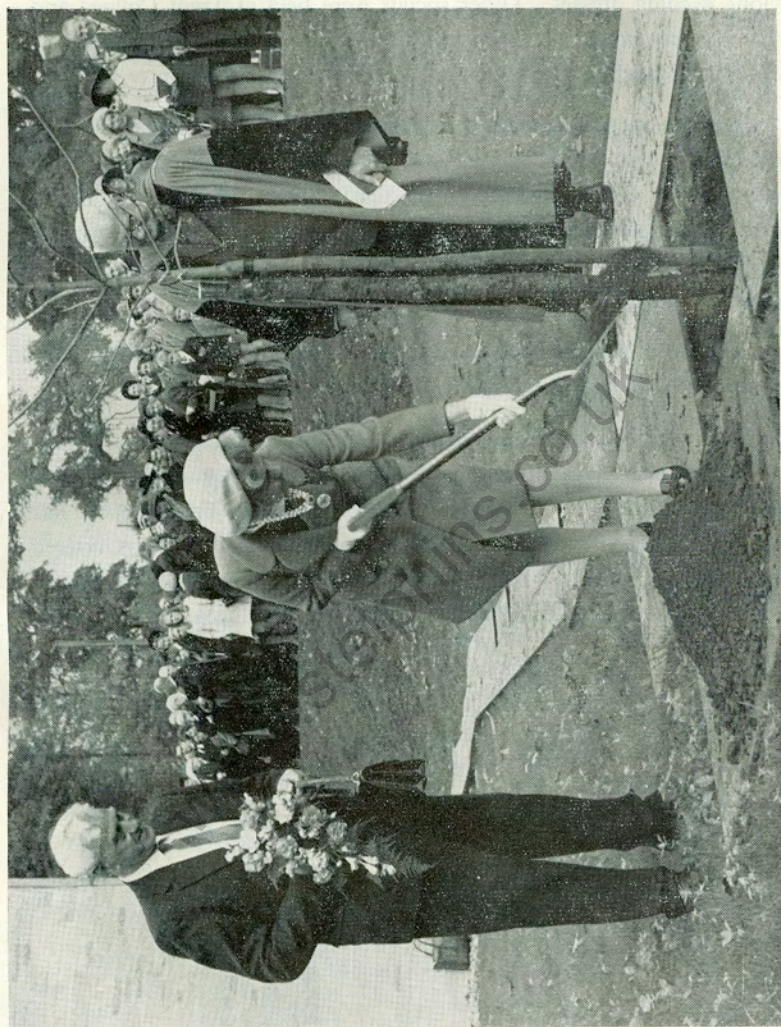
In addition to the happy excitement of the Inter-House Drama Competition, the Junior School gave a delightful performance of "The Snow Queen", a dramatisation of the tale by Hans Christian Anderson. Under the experienced direction of Miss Watts the young actresses revealed a captivating range of talent in voice and dramatic ability especially enjoyable at the end of term.

Our warm congratulations go to Miss Flood on her 92nd birthday and we hope she will enjoy many more happy years.

After seven years of quiet and efficient service Mrs. Willies will be missed when she leaves this term with our good wishes for added domestic happiness. With regret, too, we say good bye to Miss Edwards who has been Gresford House mistress for four years, to Miss Gostellow, Gresford House Matron, and to Miss Jenkins from the Science Staff who leaves to gain wider experience. Our best wishes go with them all.

MARJORIE LINSLEY

U.VI.



The Duchess of Devonshire Plants a Commemorative Tree
at the opening of the Isobel Burgis Building

THE OPENING OF THE ISOBEL BURGIS BLOCK BY THE DUCHESS OF DEVONSHIRE

WITH THE HELP of Isobel Burgis's legacy, St. Elphin's School has made a stride towards the ideal in education by building the Isobel Burgis Block. Here the girls can gain a deeper insight into their subject and enlarge the background for their work, discovering the very different qualities of Science and Arts. In the History room for example the wall charts bring life to historical events, and battles may be planned in the sand-tray, while in the Mathematics room, the great amount of working area makes practical work possible. Domestic Science, too, plays a larger, more integral part in the school curriculum, and the Sixth form have even progressed to Cordon Bleu cookery.

The Block was opened on a rainy October day by the Duchess of Devonshire. Having been presented with flowers by Anna and Nicholas Leaney, she proceeded to the Stopford Hall where the opening speeches were made. Miss Robinson recalled the first St. Elphin's girls from Warrington who walked up the drive to found their school, facing very different conditions from those which are enjoyed by staff and girls today. The Duchess of Devonshire remarked on the functional beauty of the furniture which is made from natural wood, and the way in which the Building itself blends with the Derbyshire landscape; it was a refreshing change to see natural materials in this age of plastic and synthetic products. On a previous visit, she enjoyed the French audio-visual film of M. Dupont in his shower.

The Governors, Friends and Staff proceeded to the Block where the blue-ribboned key was turned in the lock, and the Building pronounced open. After the Duchess, with the aid of the Bishop of Blackburn, had planted a tree to commemorate the occasion, the processions were led inside to examine the work on display, while, since a Visiting Day had been granted, the eager pupils quickly cleared the school and were away with their parents.

JANE GUTCH
U.VI

THE SCIENCES IN THE NEW BLOCK

Certainly the new teaching block has brought a 'new look' to Science teaching at St. Elphin's. In addition, the former dining room has recovered some of its old glory with removal of the partitioning. This is the new Biology room.

For those who have yet to visit the new block, surprises lie in store. There is a large and airy new Chemistry laboratory, dare one say with excellent fume-cupboard facilities? It seems a far cry from the old lab. that girls remember from the past. No more can that claustrophobic feeling of suffocation grip the school corridors when sulphur gases are in preparation. The new Chemistry is far from the school buildings and Miss Robinson and the housemistresses can at last breathe in comfort and perhaps with a sigh of relief.

The new General Science laboratory is an end room and with windows on both sides it offers scope for possible future development of experimental Biology for Junior forms. Already it is invaluable in the Nuffield-oriented courses in Physics and Chemistry in the lower forms of the Senior School.

The new Physics laboratory completes the trio of Science rooms in the new block, although this and the Chemistry adjoin a large preparation room where apparatus can be kept, experiments set out and Sixth form girls can work on special experiments at all times.

Mention must be made of the photographic dark room which is part of the Physics laboratory. This has meant that girls have been having the opportunity for practical experience in photographic techniques and form by form, this is being introduced into classes.

Already more girls are having the opportunity of studying the sciences in the school and these new facilities must surely place St. Elphin's in the forefront of girls' schools as regards its Science laboratories.

The new Housecraft room provides fine facilities for those girls intending to make Domestic Science their career. Situated on the ground floor, overlooking the tennis courts, it is well equipped with modern cookers, sink units and large working surfaces. The room has been designed in eight separate kitchenettes and these give more opportunity for individual cooking experience.

The new Needlework room, formerly the Physics laboratory, gives more room for dressmaking and is a welcome improvement on our previous accommodation.

F.H.S.

SENIOR SPEECH DAY

SPEECH DAY this year, 18th July was graced by pleasant weather, first for the annual Commemoration Service in Bakewell Parish Church when the Lord Bishop of Blackburn gave the address, and afterwards at School for the Prize Giving and Speeches in the Stopford Hall.

The Bishop of Blackburn welcomed Her Grace the Duchess of Devonshire, the School Visitor and a valued and well beloved friend of the school, and the Guest of Honour, Miss Reader-Harris, Headmistress of Sherborne School for Girls who had been a distinguished President of the Headmistresses Association and Chairman of many Education Committees on which her wisdom and experience had earned respect and gratitude. He first called upon Miss Robinson to give her annual report on the school in the course of which she again stressed this stimulus to the school's work, of the latest extension, the modern teaching block and went on to affirm her conviction of the need for instruction in religious principles and in compulsory attendance at Chapel when, in the present permissive society, moral standards among young people were challenged or rejected.

After distributing the prizes, Miss Reader-Harris in her address to the school and parents chose as her theme the almost universal plea of not having time. She held her audience as much by her charm and elegance as by her wit and humour. She certainly left most listeners with a conscience awakened to the many occasions on which a very little time would have sufficed for a trifling kindness or thought for others which would have meant much in some human distress or difficulty. Miss Reader-Harris firmly endorsed the Headmistress's comments on the value of religious training for the young who were about to make their way in the modern world.

The speeches of the Head Girls were received with lively appreciation and the school responded enthusiastically on hearing that a whole holiday had been granted at the Speaker's request; this day was to be added to the half-term break.

After the Speeches tea was served on the terrace, before the school, with happy speed, left with parents to enjoy the summer holiday.

JUNIOR SPEECH DAY

THE JUNIOR SPEECH DAY was held this year on Saturday, 4th July. We were grateful to Mr. Linnell for sparing time from his busy life as a Councillor, to preside over our Prize Giving.

We were disappointed that Miss Lilian Board, who was to have been our Guest of Honour, was unable, after all, to be with us owing to illness. Great was our delight, however, when Mrs. Linnell, at short notice, offered to take her place. Mr. and Mrs. Linnell have been closely connected with St. Elphin's both as parents and 'Friends,' for many years.

Mrs. Linnell said that she felt rather like Alice in Wonderland. She told the incident of the Caucus Race. As, in the story Alice had distributed comfits for prizes to everybody, when it was not known who had won the race, so Mrs. Linnell kindly presented the Juniors with sweets for all, to be enjoyed after the Prize Giving.

By means of a charming story, she told us that things may not always turn out as we plan, but if we mean it when we say in our prayers 'Thy will be done', we can be sure that God will use us in the way he thinks best, and we must not be disappointed if we can't always do the job we would like.

Mrs. Linnell returned to 'Alice' for her concluding remarks. Referring to when the Dodo presented Alice with her own thimble, Mrs. Linnell continued, "And the story goes on 'as she could not think of anything to say, she simply bowed and took the thimble, looking as solemn as she could'. As I can't think of anything else to say either, I think that is the best thing I can do."

After distributing the prizes and certificates, Mrs. Linnell was thanked by Brenda Cox, the Head Girl of the Junior School.

To complete the proceedings, Yvonne Denwood sang to us.

P. A. LAVENDER

PRIZES

FORM PRIZES

Upper VI	..	..	..	..	..	Marjorie Linsley
Lower VI	..	..	..	..	..	Elizabeth Cory
Upper VA	..	..	..	..	..	Bridget Mitchell
Upper VB	..	..	..	..	..	Alison Orme
Lower VA	..	..	..	..	..	Judith Howard
Lower VB	..	..	..	..	..	Lindsay White
Lower V Remove	..	..	..	..	..	Gillian Kerr
Upper IVA	..	..	..	..	..	Philippa Allen
Upper IVB	..	..	..	..	..	Penelope Thornton
Lower IVA	..	..	..	..	..	Annabel Seddon
Lower IVB	..	..	..	..	..	Alison Ross
Upper IIIA	..	..	..	..	..	Jennifer Batty
Upper IIIB	..	..	..	..	..	Janine Fairnie

HEADMISTRESS'S PRIZES FOR GOOD PROGRESS IN WORK AND CONDUCT

Upper VI	..	..	..	..	..	Jane Gutch
Lower VI	..	..	..	..	..	Lisa Williams
Upper VA	..	..	..	..	..	Susan Swindells
Upper VB	..	..	..	..	..	Sarah Park
Lower VA	..	..	..	..	..	Judith Swindells
Lower VB	..	..	..	..	..	Judith Bennett
Lower V Remove	..	..	..	..	..	Sally Robinson
Upper IVA	..	..	..	..	..	Jane Booth
Upper IVB	..	..	..	..	..	Elaine Burton
Lower IVA	..	..	..	..	..	Mary Thomas
Lower IVB	..	..	..	..	..	Jane Fricker
Upper IIIA	..	..	..	..	..	Alison Monier-Williams
Upper IIIB	..	..	..	..	..	Ruth Bisbrown

SUBJECT PRIZES

	<i>Senior</i>	<i>Middle School</i>
Scripture	Brijangana Singh	Barbara Hopkin-Evans
English	{ Jane Gutch Sarah Davys	Mary Clare Thompson
History	Diana Hine	Gillian Alton
Geography	Bridget Mitchell	Jennifer Whitton
Economics	Brijangana Singh	
French	Jane Gutch	Elizabeth Sheldon
German	Amanda Murray	
Latin	Jane Gutch	Dorothy Anson
Mathematics	{ Lisa Williams Ruth Ennals	Patricia Smail
Physics	{ Anne Bird Sarah Gow	Philippa Allen
Chemistry	Eileen Perrens	Shehnaaz Shivji
Biology	Patricia Elliott	Caroline Kirkham
Art	Jane Oldfield	Jane Woolley
Music	Janet Moorhouse	Cheron Wilkins
Domestic Science	Jane Dunn	Jane Ramsay
Speech and Drama	Alison Orme	Mairi Ball
Physical Education	Marjorie Linsley	Isobel Spencer-Jones

SPECIAL PRIZES

The Chairman's Prize	Anne Leek
Greenhall Prize for Religious Knowledge ..	Marjorie Linsley
The Treasurer's Prize for History	Rosalind Pledger
The Treasurer's Prize for Steady Work ..	Jane Walker-Smith
Hamilton Memorial Prize for Art	Sarah Davys
Gregson Memorial Prize	Susan White
Henry Andrew's Prize for Domestic Sciences	Jane Walker-Smith Sharon Robinson
Henry Andrew's Prizes for Needlework ..	Jane Woolley Julie Wheatley
The Treasurer's Prize for Special Services to the School	Melanie Pass Rosalind Pledger
Dr. Scott's Leaving Prize for the best Scientist.	Patricia Davenport Pat Richardson
The Pass Prize for English	Stephanie Revill
Thorpe Cup Essay Prize	Jane Gutch

EXAMINATION SUCCESSES

Entrances to Universities, Colleges and Hospitals

All candidates passed in the University Entrance Test in the Use of English.

Conditional places at Universities, 1970

Sarah Davys: Lancaster University, to read English and French

Louise Garside: Liverpool University, to read pharmacology

Sarah Gow: London University, Chelsea College to read pharmacology

Jane Gutch: Manchester University, to read Latin

Esmé Harrison: Sheffield University, to read Sociology with Psychology

Marjorie Linsley: Nottingham University, to read Theology with Philosophy

Amanda Murray: Exeter University, to read German

Eileen Perrens: Newcastle University, to read Bacteriology

Rosalind Pledger: Newcastle University, to read Psychology

Dalene Potter: Warwick University, to read French

Nursing

Anne Leek: St. Thomas's Hospital

Susan White: St. Thomas's Hospital

Training Colleges

Judith Ashcroft: Anstey College of Physical Education

Rosemary James: Whiteland's College of Education

Ann Shentall: Birmingham College, for Orthoptics

Kennedy Scholarships

£100 — Helen Stoppard

£100 — Fiona White

Coxon Scholarship

Gerda Camenisch

Sixth Form Scholarships

£150 — Elizabeth Cory

£150 — Lisa Williams

Successes in 11+ Examination 1970

Jennifer Batty

Brenda Cox

Margot Hopkin-Evans

Julia Pearce

Judith Prescott

Gillian Rainsberry

Denise Redmile

Sarah Robinson

Sally Round

GENERAL CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION—1969

Advanced Level

E. C. Bates	...	...	English Literature; French; Scripture
H. R. Colebrook	...	...	Geography; Biology
P. A. Davenport	...	...	Chemistry; Biology; 'O' Physics with Grade A for Practical Physics
C. M. I. Daybell	...	...	English Literature; Scripture
J. M. Dickman	...	...	Mathematics; 'O' Economics
S. A. Eltoft	...	...	English Literature; Scripture
J. M. Ervine	...	...	English Literature; French; Geography
G. M. Evans	...	...	Biology; English Literature
V. L. Gerard	...	...	Geography
H. J. Hepworth	...	...	Biology; 'O' Mathematics
M. M. Jones	...	...	English Literature; Latin; 'O' French
S. M. Revill	...	...	English Literature; French; German; Special Paper in French Grade 1
P. A. Richardson	...	...	Physics; Biology; Chemistry
E. D. Robinson	...	...	English Literature; Geography
H. N. Robinson	...	...	Biology; 'O' Geography
A. E. Wells	...	...	Mathematics
J. M. White	...	...	Art; Geography
C. M. A. Williams	...	...	Economics; History; Mathematics

Ordinary Level—Candidates with passes in three or more subjects

Upper VA

B. A. Beard	...	...	English Language; English Literature; History; German; French plus Oral Grade A
M. A. Bird	...	...	English Language; English Literature; History; Geography (A); French (A); Latin; Mathematics (A); Physics (A); Chemistry; Biology (A)
G. E. M. Bisbrown	...	...	English Language; Geography; History; Mathematics (A); Physics/Chemistry; Scripture; Biology
J. S. Coates	...	...	Scripture; English Language; History; English Literature; Biology (A); Art; Geography

J. P. Collins	...	...	Scripture; English Language; English Literature (A); Music
E. S. Cory	...	...	Scripture (A); English Language; English Literature (A); Geography (A); History (A); French (A); Latin; Mathematics (A); Physics (A); Chemistry; Biology (A)
J. A. Craven	...	...	English Language; English Literature; French; Mathematics; Biology; Geography (A)
J. H. Davenport	...	...	English Language; English Literature (A); History; French (A); German; Latin; Mathematics (A); Physics/Chemistry (A); Biology
R. P. Ennals	...	...	English Language; English Literature (A); History; French; German; Latin; Mathematics (A); Physics/Chemistry (A); Biology
N. A. Ford	...	...	English Language; English Literature; Geography; History; French; Mathematics; Biology; Art; Latin
L. E. Furniss	...	...	Scripture; English Language (A); English Literature (A); Geography; History; Mathematics (A); Physics/Chemistry; Biology
E. M. Helliwell	...	...	Scripture (A); English Language; English Literature; Geography; Mathematics (A); Biology; Art (A)
S. A. Horne	...	...	English Language; English Literature (A); Geography; French; German; Latin; Mathematics (A); Physics/Chemistry; Biology (A)
L. M. Hounsfield	...	...	English Language; English Literature (A); Geography; French; Latin; Mathematics; Biology; Art
D. M. E. Jackson	...	...	Scripture; English Language; English Literature; History; French; Mathematics; Biology
B. J. Knight	...	...	English Language; Geography; History; French; Biology; Art
S. C. Lambert	...	...	Scripture (A); English Language (A); English Literature (A); Geography; History; French; Biology (A); Art; plus French Oral Grade A

S. R. Lees	...	...	English Language; English Literature; Geography; History; French (A); German; Latin; Mathematics; Biology (A)
S. M. Lodge	...	...	English Language; English Literature; Geography; French; Latin; Mathematics; Physics/Chemistry; Biology (A)
S. E. Measures	...	...	English Language; English Literature (A); Geography; French (A); German; Latin; Mathematics (A); Physics/Chemistry; Biology (A)
J. F. Mitchell	...	...	English Language; English Literature; Geography; History; French; German; Latin; Mathematics; Biology
J. Moorhouse	...	...	Scripture; English Literature; English Language; Geography; French; Biology; Music
S. L. Nicol	...	...	English Language; English Literature (A); History; French; Biology; Spoken English (A); plus French Oral
J. Oldfield	...	...	English Language; English Literature; Geography; French; Mathematics; Biology; Art
J. E. Rowbottom	...	...	English Language; English Literature (A); Geography; History; French; Latin; Mathematics (A); Physics/Chemistry; Biology (B)
J. E. Smail	...	...	English Language; English Literature (A); Geography; History (A); French; Latin; Mathematics (A); Physics/Chemistry; Biology (A)
J. Smith	...	...	English Language; English Literature; Geography; French; Biology; Art; plus French Oral (A)
P. A. Storey	...	...	Scripture (A); English Language; English Literature; Geography; French; Biology (A)
L. A. Williams	...	...	English Language (A); English Literature (A); History; French (A); German; Latin (A); Mathematics (A); Physics/Chemistry; Biology (A)

Upper VB

F. M. Anderson	...	...	Scripture; English Language; English Literature; French; Biology; Art
J. Bird	...	...	English Language; Geography; French; Biology; Art
B. Brook-Taylor	...	...	Scripture; English Literature; Geography; Biology
A. P. Colley	...	...	Scripture; English Literature; Geography; Mathematics; Biology
F. Fairclough	...	...	English Language; English Literature; Scripture; Mathematics; Biology
B. L. Grierson	...	...	Scripture; Geography; Mathematics; Physics/Chemistry; Biology; Music
E. J. Hanley	...	...	Scripture; English Literature; Geography; Biology
D. M. Henry	...	...	English Language; English Literature; Geography; French; Biology; Art
C. M. Kay	...	...	Scripture; English Language; English Literature (A); Geography; Biology; Domestic Science
K. E. Little	...	...	Scripture; English Literature; History; Biology
E. M. A. Mallison	...	...	Scripture; English Literature; Geography; Biology; Physics/Chemistry
A. L. Odlin	...	...	Scripture; Biology; Domestic Science
H. M. Ramsey	...	...	Scripture; English Language; English Literature; French; Biology; Domestic Science
J. W. Smith	...	...	Scripture (A); English Literature; Geography; Biology; Art; Domestic Science (A)
G. A. Wagstaff	...	...	English Language; English Literature; Biology; Domestic Science
N. J. Westcombe	...	...	Scripture (A); English Literature; Geography; French; Biology

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Advanced Level

S. Davys	...	...	English Literature; French; Art
A. R. Dickinson	...	...	Geography
C. L. Garside	...	...	Chemistry; Biology; 'O' Physics
S. A. Gow	...	...	Physics; Chemistry; Biology
J. K. Gutch	...	...	English Literature; French; Latin
E. J. Harrison	...	...	Geography, Economics; 'O' German
R. A. James	...	...	Religious Knowledge; English Literature; Geography (A)
A. J. Leek	...	...	Geography; 'O' English Literature
M. B. L. Linsley	...	...	Religious Knowledge; English Literature; Geography (A)
A. J. Murray	...	...	English Literature; German; Biology
M. S. Pass	...	...	English Literature (A) with Special Paper in English; French; Geography
E. A. E. Perrens	...	...	Physics; Chemistry; Biology
R. M. Pledger	...	...	English Literature; French; History
D. J. Potter	...	...	Religious Knowledge; English Literature; French
G. A. Shentall	...	...	English Literature; Geography; 'O' Biology
S. E. White	...	...	English Literature; Music

Ordinary Level

Upper VA

J. M. Batt	...	...	Religious Knowledge; English Language; English Literature; French; German; Mathematics; Biology
A. F. Beddoes	...	...	Religious Knowledge; English Language; English Literature; History; Geography (A); Mathematics (A); Physics; Chemistry; Biology
C. J. Blackshaw	...	...	Religious Knowledge (A); English Language (A); English Literature; History (A); Geography; French; German; Mathematics; Biology; Music

P. M. Elliott	...	...	Religious Knowledge (A); English Language; English Literature; History; French; Mathematics; Chemistry; Biology
F. M. Graham	...	...	Religious Knowledge; English Language; English Literature; Geography; French; Mathematics; Physics with Chemistry; Biology
E. J. Grundy	...	...	Religious Knowledge (A); English Language; English Literature; Geography; History (A); French (A); German (A); Latin (A); Mathematics (A); Biology (A)
C. N. Henderson	...	...	Religious Knowledge (A); English Language (A); English Literature (A); History (A); French; Latin; Mathematics (A); Physics; Chemistry; Biology
D. M. Hine	...	...	Religious Knowledge (A); English Language (A); English Literature (A); History (A); French (A); Latin (A); Mathematics (A); Physics; Chemistry; Biology (A)
J. Howard	...	...	English Language (A); English Literature (A); History (A); French (A); German; Latin (A); Mathematics (A); Physics; Chemistry; Biology (A)
S. E. Ibbotson	...	...	Religious Knowledge (A); English Language; English Literature; History; French; Latin; Mathematics; Biology
B. L. Mitchell	...	...	Religious Knowledge (A); English Language (A); English Literature (A); History (A); Geography; (A) French (A); German (A); Latin (A); Mathematics (A); Biology (A)
J. M. Parlby	...	...	English Language (A); English Literature; Biology
L. A. Pharo	...	...	Religious Knowledge (A); English Language (A); English Literature; History; Geography (A); French; Latin; Physics with Chemistry; Biology
C. A. Ross	...	...	Religious Knowledge; English Literature; History; Biology
S. Swindells	...	...	English Language (A); English Literature; History; French (A); German; Latin (A); Mathematics (A); Physics; Chemistry (A); Biology (A)

W. F. Todd	...	...	Religious Knowledge (A); English Language; English Literature; History (A); Geography; French; Latin; Mathematics (A); Chemistry; Biology (A)
G. J. Vincent	...	...	English Language; English Literature; History; Geography; French; Mathematics; Physics; Chemistry; Biology(A)

Upper VB

J. O. Adams	...	...	Religious Knowledge; English Literature; English Language; Geography; Food and Nutrition
C. M. R. Baker	...	...	Religious Knowledge; English Literature; Food and Nutrition
S. L. Crowther	...	...	English Language; Art
S. J. Dunn	...	...	Religious Knowledge; English Literature; History; Geography; French; Biology
D. A. Furness	...	...	English Language
C. R. Jowett	...	...	English Language; English Literature; Food and Nutrition
A. J. Lee	...	...	English Language; Mathematics
M. H. Moore	...	...	Mathematics; Needlecraft and Dress
A. P. L. Orme	...	...	Religious Knowledge (A); English Language; English Literature; Spoken English; History; French; Biology
S. C. Park	...	...	English Language; English Literature; Geography; Biology; Food and Nutrition
A. Protheroe	...	...	English Language; French; Mathematics (A); Biology
A. B. Siddall	...	...	English Language; Biology
J. L. Tootell	...	...	Religious Knowledge; English Language; English Literature; Spoken English; French
P. J. Wallen	...	...	Religious Knowledge; English Literature; History; Geography (A); Biology; Food and Nutrition
J. W. Woolley	...	...	English Literature; Geography; Mathematics; Biology; Needlecraft and Dress; Art

GUILDHALL

SPEECH AND DRAMA EXAMINATIONS

July 1969 — March 1970

Special Honours were gained by the following girls:

Preliminary Grade	Ann John Susan Blair
Grade I	Caroline Walker
Grade II	Mairi Ball
Grade III	Cheron Wilkins

Honours by the following girls:

Preliminary Grade	Suzanne Orme Jill Thornton
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29 girls gained merit in Preliminary — Grade V.

41 girls passed in Grades Preliminary — Grade 6A.

Choral Speaking

3 Choirs gained merit in Grades I — III

1 Choir passed in Grade II

MUSIC

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Distinctions were gained by:

Cheron Wilkins Grades I and II Piano
Brenda Cox Grade I Piano
Rachel Howard Grade IV Piano
Carole Blackshaw Grade VI Theory of Music
Josephine Dickinson Grade VI Theory of Music
Susan White Grade VIII Theory of Music
Grade IV Organ

In Piano and Singing:

14 girls gained Merit in Piano and 2 in Singing Grades I—VII
20 girls gained Passes in Piano and one in Violoncello Grades
I — VI.

In Theory of Music

10 girls gained Passes Grade I — VIII, and 5 had full marks.

GIFTS TO THE SCHOOL

Rev. A. K. Bisbrown: "Lancashire — the First Industrial Society", by
C. Aspin, for the Kennedy Library.

Mr. Hine: £25 for the History section of the Kennedy Library and a
Silver Cup for Tennis.

Mr. Norman Lee: A book and cheque for the Kennedy Library.

Mr. Pass: A Prize of £10 per year for the best English scholar.

Mr. Mosley: "The Complete Poems of Scott" for the Kennedy Library.

HOUSE REPORTS

Gresford

<i>House Mistress:</i>	Miss Edwards
<i>Vice-House Mistresses:</i>	Mrs. Woolliscroft, Miss Jenkins, Mrs. Johnson
<i>House Matron:</i>	Miss Gostellow
<i>House Captain:</i>	J. Gutch
<i>Vice-House Captain:</i>	S. Gow
<i>Prefects:</i>	B. Brook-Taylor, R. Ennals, J. Davenport, J. Oldfield, E. Mallison, L. Williams, J. Batt, S. Ibbotson
<i>Sub-prefects:</i>	G. Vincent, S. Park, S. Swindells, J. Powell, J. Swindells, A. Kastoryano

FIRST OF ALL, we say good-bye to Miss Edwards, who has been our House Mistress for three years. Her friendly presence has been a support to members of the House in times of trouble. We hope that she will like our farewell gift of a vase and that she will remember Gresford with pleasure.

Miss Gostellow, whose pungent, peppermint-flavoured wit has perseveringly quelled the spirited inhabitants of Fox dormitory every night for three years, is also leaving us. Peppermints and crockery have been given to her, in hope that she will appreciate them. A pair of hiking-socks has been awarded to Miss Jenkins, who as dispenser of the House's pocket money has held an important position in the hearts of the girls.

Our hearty thanks and best wishes go with all three.

The Lower VI sitting room was liberally plastered with baked beans when we held our annual Christmas party, which was a riotous success as always.

This year, the Lent efforts were arranged on a different basis, the accent being on individual effort instead of formal entertainment. The younger forms are highly commended for their Herculean labours to raise money although some of the older members of the House quailed before the challenge of earning £1.

In the sporting field the inevitable happened. Because of the loss of certain members on which we relied heavily, we did not distinguish ourselves in spite of the valiant efforts of the teams and their coaches.

We welcome Miss Dunk as Gresford's next House-mistress and wish her and Gresford the best of luck in the future.

J. GUTCH
SARAH GOW

Kennedy

<i>House Mistress:</i>	Mrs. Styring
<i>Vice-House Mistress:</i>	Mrs. Outram, Mrs. Scott Mrs. Tulley
<i>Matron:</i>	Mrs. Denwood
<i>House Captain:</i>	M. Murray
<i>Vice-House Captain:</i>	L. Garside
<i>Prefects:</i>	J. Craven, G. Bisbrown, J. Dunn, A. Orme, J. Burton, V. Blackwell, A. Siddall
<i>Sub-Prefect:</i>	C. Ross, N. Strawson

AT THE BEGINNING of this year we welcomed Mrs. Styring as our House Mistress and Mrs. Denwood as matron. We also received many new girls and we were afraid at one point that Kennedy would soon be camping out in Tom's field!

As usual the House excelled themselves in all sporting activities and we came third in the hockey. The matches were a repetition of last year's and they ended up more as mud baths than skilful games of hockey. We were particularly grateful to Sally Robinson who formed an almost impenetrable goalkeeper and the balls rebounded from her in all directions as if from some mighty spring.

The netball matches too were played under unfavourable conditions. The courts were like ice-rinks and we used up most of our stamina in trying to keep our balance. However this fact did not defeat us and we managed to come second.

Sports day turned out wonderfully and the sun inspired us all to run faster. The junior and intermediate teams seemed imbued with boundless energy and put us seniors to shame for we were rather slowed up with a little excess weight!

I'm sure all Kennedy must have been propelled by jet power in the swimming gala, for everyone swam with astonishing speed and we were thrilled when we won the cup which was presented to me by a rather splashed headmistress!

Most of the House's enthusiasm was directed towards the production of the drama, "A Christmas Carol." Owing to many practices and the eagerness displayed by all the cast we gained third position. Once again the whole House took part and none of the cast were wooden figures but were inspired with vivacity. We were, of course, all very proud of Jane Dunn who in her splendid portrayal of the Charwoman won the individual drama cup.

This year we had a House dancing competition. The atmosphere of the ballroom was artistically captured as several girls danced round the gym with unbelievable grace. As they flitted past I immediately thought of the thunderous sound they usually make when descending front stairs in pursuit of their meal. Marie-Louise Orme and Alison

Cramond are especially to be congratulated on their splendid performance of the military two-step for which they gained full marks. Vicky Blackwell arranged a rather ingenious formation; however, the steps proved too complicated and we lost ourselves in a complex maze of steps.

I would like to take this opportunity of thanking the House for all their support and to wish them the very best of luck in the future.

A. MURRAY

Pigot

<i>House Mistress:</i>	Miss Pickering
<i>Vice-House Mistresses:</i>	Miss Smith, Miss Morris Mrs. Fearn
<i>House Captains:</i>	Dalene Potter, Linda Hounsfeld
<i>Vice-House Captain:</i>	Judy A. Smith
<i>Prefects:</i>	Jane W. Smith, Evelyn Hanley Beverley Grierson, Brijji Roy Singh
<i>Sub-Prefects:</i>	Charmaine Ross, Diana Hine

THIS YEAR has been a most exciting and rewarding year for Pigot. We were pleased to welcome some new girls from abroad, Brijji Roy Singh, Yasmin Hamir, Nadia Jivraj, Rosemin Manji, Shehnaaz Shivji and Hamida Jivraj, plus the three former members of Margaret Flood House.

We have been triumphant in various events this year, such as the inter-House Netball and the Hockey. Both teams practised hard and deserved their reward.

Pigot came a close second in the House Drama by rendering 'The Old Curiosity Shop' by Charles Dickens, and our hearts swelled with pride when Mary Thomas won the individual cup for her performance as the precocious maid.

At the bazaar this year we made a total of £40 on our bottle stall which included everything from ink to champagne.

Two girls were confirmed this year from our house, Helen Stoppard and Kathleen Hill.

In the summer term Pigot unfortunately, did not retain the sports cup, but nevertheless we came third and were quite content. Maureen Moore and Diana Hine both won individual Cups.

Although we were placed fourth in the swimming gala, our team tried hard and we were pleased.

We have felt proud of Pigot this year, for everyone has been most helpful and enthusiastic. The House would also like to thank Melanie Pass, who has been a busy and active member of the House even though she had to fulfil her role as Head Girl. Good luck to all those who are leaving at the end of the year, and 'Vive Pigot'!

DALENE POTTER

LINDA HOUNSFELD (House Captains)

Powys

<i>House Mistress:</i>	Miss I. Spence
<i>Vice-House Mistress:</i>	Miss C. Addison
<i>House Matron:</i>	Miss Morton
<i>House Captain:</i>	Rosalind Pledger
<i>Vice-House Captain:</i>	Anne Leek
<i>Prefects:</i>	Sarah Davys, Esmé Harrison, Janet Collins, Diana King, Jane Adams, Amanda Lee

THIS YEAR the arrival of Miss Spence as House Mistress brought invigorating changes into Powys House! For example, in the first week she had the whole House, including VI Form, out for a hockey practice!

Her enthusiasm encouraged the House to practise hard and aim high. Our first success was the winning of the Junior Netball Cup. The junior half of the House is indeed to be congratulated on all the hard work they have done this year. Their efforts in their own competitions and on Sports Day boosted the House's morale considerably. We are proud of all of them, especially of Penny Thornton, as captain of the junior teams and our swimming champion, Elaine Fourie.

The senior half of the House have been more successful in non-sporting events. Sarah Davys dramatised one of Dickens' more complex novels, *Martin Chuzzlewit*. The production of the drama took much time and effort. The Bazaar stall and the running of the Coffee Mornings were also undertaken by the seniors and Powys has done exceedingly well in all money-raising events this year. Janet Collins' cushion manufacturing should be mentioned at this point as a rewarding original effort.

All members of the House have been helpful and enthusiastic throughout the year; however, their natural vivacity is not always appreciated off the games field. Therefore Miss Spence and Miss Morton have always been busy occupying their time in various ways. They have been on long walks with the House during the Summer term; with the help of strolling minstrels in the woods these have been most enjoyable!

Finally, I would like to thank Anne and Sarah for their support during the year and also wish all our leaving girls happiness in the future.

ROSALIND PLEDGER (House Captain)

Selwyn

<i>House Mistress:</i>	Miss H. Thompson
<i>Vice-House Mistress:</i>	Miss K. Dunk
<i>House Matron:</i>	Miss D. Redfern
<i>House Captains:</i>	Susan E. White, Angela R. Dickinson
<i>Vice-House Captain:</i>	Marjorie Linsley, Ann Shentall
<i>Prefects:</i>	J. Ashcroft, F. Anderson, S. Lees, N Wagstaff, C. Henderson, W. Todd, A. Beddoes
<i>Sub-Prefects:</i>	A. Needler, S. Robshaw, E. Weston

WE WERE PLEASED to welcome many new girls throughout the year. In the Autumn Term Janet Cox, Penny Ellis, Isabel Spencer-Jones, Jane Boden, Janet Bolton, Judith Sykes and Sally Ward. In the Easter Term Corinne and Sonja Randall and in the Summer Term Glynis and Desree Proffitt and Deborah Lee.

Once again we took an active part in the Sponsored Walk, Ann Shentall contributing the highest total of £59.

At the Bazaar, Miss Thompson boosted our effort with her unusual assortment of jams which increased our sale of groceries, and with the aid of the Fur and Feather Stall, we raised the grand total of fifty-seven pounds.

This year the whole House took part in the Drama Competition, with the adaptation of Dickens' 'Great Expectations', gaining third place. Enthusiasm was at its peak in the Dancing Competition in which we were placed second overall, with special mention for Paula Evans and Karen Gunthardt who came first in their Group.

In the Easter Term, Sally Machin, Barbara Hopkin Evans, Jane Adams and Ann Burgess were confirmed. Once again Selwyn won the Courtesy Cup for the year.

In the Inter-House Hockey Matches, we reached the semi-finals, but did not manage to retain the cup. Netball was played in unfavourable conditions and here we also reached the semi-finals. The Swimming team competed with great zest, with our seniors outstandingly winning the last relay, raising our score to third position. In the sports, Paula Evans won the Junior Victrix Cup very deservedly, and the House came second.

Finally the House would like to wish all leavers success in the future and all those leaving hope that Selwyn will maintain its good House Spirit.

SUSAN E. WHITE
ANGELA R. DICKINSON

Wilson

<i>House Mistress:</i>	Miss Rees-Jones
<i>Vice-House Mistress:</i>	Miss Hilton
<i>House Matron:</i>	Mrs. Taylor
<i>House Captain:</i>	E. Perrens
<i>Vice-House Captain:</i>	R. James
<i>Prefects:</i>	E. Perrens, R. James, S. Measures, E. Cory, A. Bird, S. Horne, J. Moorhouse, A. Odlin, D. Henry, P. Elliott, F. Graham

THE BEGINNING of this year was marked by the return of Mrs. Taylor after a long absence during which the whole House realised just how much Wilson needs her.

In the Autumn Term we began to work for House funds, each girl aiming to earn 10/-, and most of the House succeeded.

Wilson's sweet stall at the Christmas Bazaar raised £84 1s. 7d. this proved to be the largest amount raised by any stall.

The drama competition was held at the end of term and our production of 'Oliver Twist' won us the cup for the second year in succession.

The outstanding event of the spring term was the winning of the Hockey cup. We came joint first with Pigot after an excellent match.

A number of our girls were presented for confirmation and as usual Mrs. Taylor's beautiful flowers helped to make the day a success.

At the very end of this term we had a greater surprise in the shape of the dancing cup. We never knew we were so dainty!

In the Summer term the House continued to work for the House fund. Three more cups came our way on Sports Day; the House even won the Sports cup. Lydia Gooch won the Middle High Jump Cup and Rachel Woodhouse the intermediate Victrix Ludorum. Our successes were crowned when we were placed second in the swimming competition — our highest place in seven years.

As can be seen Wilson excelled itself this year rising to every occasion and always giving of its best. We hope they will continue to do so in the future.

E. PERRENS

R. JAMES

Margaret Flood

<i>House Mistress:</i>	Miss Lavender
<i>Assistant House Mistress:</i>	Miss Reeves
<i>House Matron:</i>	Mrs. Cattermole
<i>House Captains:</i>	Sally Round (Autumn) Rosemary England (Spring) Brenda Cox (Summer)
<i>Prefects:</i>	Gillian Rainsberry, Margôt Hopkin-Evans, Joanna Allen, Elizabeth Atwell, Yvonne Denwood, Amanda Smith, Rachel Thornton, Julie Race

WE HAVE HAD nine successful candidates in the eleven plus examination this year. Sally Round has succeeded at nine years, and is our first under-age candidate.

The Lower III have enjoyed mathematics and French lessons in the new teaching block this term. The Block was opened earlier in the year by the Duchess of Devonshire, who planted a tree to commemorate this occasion.

This year the chaplain, as always, has made sure that the juniors have attended all the important services in the Christian year.

The harvest festival was held on 22nd October. The Form Presidents carried gifts at the head of the procession. We were all delighted and very amused when in the service, the chaplain pulled from under his seat a large marrow, named Dolly.

At the carol service, some time after, a member of the kindergarten, Heather Wilderspin, read a lesson. This new experiment worked well.

We have had a very successful swimming year. We have gained 18 bronze and 4 silver medals.

On Sports Day Victoria Byers won the Dobson Junior Sports Cup, after gaining two 1sts. and one 3rd. This is the second year running in which a member of Form 1 has won this cup. The Team Cup went to the Green Team.

On Speech Day the Warrington Speech and Drama trophy went to Joanna Allen, the Mosley Cup for Courtesy went to Amanda Smith, and the Music cup went to Brenda Cox.

We would like to thank Mr. and Mrs. Julian Board for offering to give us another Team Cup.

The Sponsored walk was held on 27th September. This was in aid of the School Gymnasium. Joanna Allen and Sally Round are to be congratulated on completing the full twenty miles, whilst still in Junior School.

Lynda Comber, in the second form, is to be commended for completing thirteen miles.

At the annual bazaar the Junior School made £69 18s. 11d. coming third, against the senior Houses. This total has beaten all previous records.

At Lent we all worked hard doing odd jobs around the house. The Lower III put on a short performance of the play "Little Women". This raised a little money. We made £45 0s. 3d. This total again has beaten our past record.

We have been on many enjoyable outings this term. For our first on Ascension Day, Form II and Form I went to Castleton. We would like to thank Mrs. Thomas for her kind hospitality to the first form on this occasion. The Lower III went to Hardwick Hall near Chesterfield. We learnt a lot about Bess of Hardwick on our visit. We have enjoyed many picnics on One Tree Hill and Flash with Mrs. Cattermole, our matron. The climax of these outings was our visit to Monsal Dale where forty black beetles—we all wore swim suits—swam, paddled and climbed the hill in most beautiful sunshine.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all parents for their kind gifts to the Junior School. We thank Mr. Davey for kindly offering to pay a subscription to The Children's Book Club, this enabling us to have a new book each month; Mrs. Cory for two beautiful coloured encyclopedias; Mrs. Mosley for two books for our library, and Mr. and Mrs. Walters for the adding device which Mrs. Willies now uses in Form I.

We always think of Miss Flood. I would like to thank her for all her letters and cards; each has its turn on the House notice-board. We pray for her often, and we remember her especially on a Wednesday.

We would like to thank Miss Robinson for taking such an interest in all that the juniors do. We have enjoyed many hours either in her drawing room or on the games field, and thank her very much for giving up so much of her time to us.

We are very sorry to be saying, "Good bye," to Mrs. Willies, Mrs. Cattermole and also Miss Bowering. We wish them every success in the future, at home or in other schools.

We would all like to say a very big thankyou to Miss Lavender, who has worked all through the year to make it a happy one for us. We all thank her very much for the delicious strawberry party which she held on 5th July to celebrate her birthday.

Now, we have come to the end of yet another year. All hope that the next will be as happy and prosperous as this has been.

BRENDA COX (House Captain)

CHAPEL NOTES

ON SATURDAY, JUNE 13th, during the Sung Eucharist in Derby Cathedral the Bishop admitted the Head Mistress and another lady as Diocesan Lay Readers. As this was the first time women had been admitted to the Office, the Readers wore newly designed smart grey habits adorned with their badges of Office, and the national press recorded the event. Since that date the Head Mistress has been out to several of the local Parishes to exercise her ministry, and on July 5th the Provost invited her to read the Epistle at the Sung Eucharist in the Cathedral at which the School Choir were present.

During the Autumn Term we held the Harvest Thanksgiving Services for Seniors, Juniors and the Kindergarten. In December we had the two Carol Services; the Senior Carol Service was by candlelight, and we were pleased that the Bishop of Blackburn and Mrs. Claxton could share it with us.

In the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity I took a small party from the Sixth Form to a Service at the Presentation Convent High School, and a party of Sisters (including the Mother General) and girls came to our Sunday Evensong. The visits were conducted in a most cordial atmosphere. I was invited to preach at Hackney Methodist Church, and the Methodist Minister gave three excellent addresses on Fridays in Lent. Such contacts with other Christian Communion are a great encouragement to our prayers for Unity.

The School was in residence for most of Holy Week, and on Palm Sunday we had the traditional Ceremonies and Procession before the Sung Eucharist. In the evening we followed a service devised by the Royal School of Church Music called 'Time and Eternity' which we found both devotional and instructive. The daily celebrations of Holy Communion during the week were well attended.

We have made some experiments this year. I have been using the new experimental Calendar based on the three Festivals of Christmas, Easter and Pentecost; this simplification of the Christian year has been strange, but I think will prove beneficial. I have found the closer relationship between the Collects and the Epistle and Gospel and readings at Evensong most helpful. At the 8.30 a.m. Holy Communion we have brought the Altar forward, and I have taken the first part of the Service from the Priest's Stall and then celebrated the Eucharist in the westward

position. The Prefects now take the Morning Prayers on Monday. Formerly the Houses chose a special subject for this day with Psalm, Hymn and Lesson and now a Prefect from each House in turn takes the Service. This is no longer considered an experiment but a beneficial improvement.

This year we have been pleased to welcome the Bishop of Hulme, who celebrated the Sung Eucharist on November 19th; the Bishop of Liverpool and Mrs. Blanch on May 3rd when the Bishop preached at Evensong, and the Bishop of Stockport on July 5th. We also had an illustrated talk on the educational work of the Church of South India from Miss Kitchen who was in this country on leave.

The Confirmation was held on March 17th when thirty-one candidates were presented to the Bishop of Derby. Some of the girls made their First Communions on Palm Sunday, while others waited until Easter Sunday when they could attend their Parish Churches with their parents. The Confirmation provided the occasion for the new Diocesan Bishop to visit the School and we were delighted to meet him and Mrs. Bowles, and pray for a long and happy association.

These notes do provide me with the opportunity of thanking all those who have contributed so much to the life of the Chapel during the year. Miss Morris for her general supervision of Chapel arrangements, the ready help of the Head Sacristan and the members of the Chapel Guild, Miss Thompson, who each year, works wonders with the Choir, Miss Smith for her untiring patience in rehearsing the readers each week and all others who in so many ways uphold the beauty and dignity of our Services.

DAVID PRYTHERCH

Confirmed on March 17th by the Bishop of Derby: Jane Adams, Gillian Alton, Karen Arnold, Alison Bates, Ann Burgess, Margaret Cory, Alison Cramond, Caroline Eccles, Carol Emmitt, Diana Farley, Alison Foulds, Elaine Fourie, Helen Gill, Kathryn Hassall, Kathleen Hill, Barbara Evans, Judith Howard, Diana King, Caroline Kirkham, Sally Machin, Deborah Measures, Rosemary Monckton, Lesley North, Jane Pashley, Elizabeth Piccaver, Jane Powell, Annabel Seddon, Louise Shields, Helen Stoppard, Sara Swaby, Tonia Way; Ruth Bisbrown by the Bishop of Lancaster in her Parish Church.

SOCIAL SERVICE REPORT

ONCE AGAIN the school has been active in its work for the social service, Mrs. Styring taking over its leadership and encouraging the girls in their efforts to raise money.

Members of the Sixth Form have again been visiting the old ladies in Darley Dale amongst whom the produce of the harvest festival was distributed, and many of the Upper Sixth will be extremely sad at leaving their friends after visiting them every week for two years. We were happy to entertain these ladies and a party from Sydnop Hall to a tea-party at the end of the Christmas term, and to have them with us for the Junior candlelighting service.

Donations this Christmas were gladly made to a varied number of organizations: £4 was sent to the Friends of Great Ormond Street; to Dr. Barnardo's; to the Church of England Children's Society; to Cancer Research; to the Simon Community and to the Pit Ponies' fund. £5 was donated to the Leprosy Mission and to the National Benevolent Fund for the aged and £3 was sent to each of the Sunshine Homes, St. Dunstan's the P.D.S.A. and Deep Sea Fishermen.

Instead of the usual Lent effort as organised by each House, a new system was evolved whereby each girl was set the target of raising £1. Happily many members of the school set about this task with genuine enthusiasm, but some failed to respond to the call and the total amount raised was notably less than the previous year.

Of the £288 raised, £50 was sent to Shelter; to the A.C.C.M.; to the All Saints Fund for the aged and to the Earnest Bailey Children's Home. £25 was sent to help Autistic Children and a further £25 was given for the care of Mentally Handicapped people.

In the summer term a Flag Day was held for the Dr. Barnardo's Homes.

On July 6th, the senior half of the school took part in a sponsored walk on behalf of the Spastics Society. A three-mile circuit in Chatsworth Park had been prepared for this walk, and many girls tramped a hot and dusty seven circuits, the worthiness of the cause adding a great incentive to walk the extra miles.

The Upper V form will be visiting the Kingsway Hospital in Derby on July 9th, and, through the kindness of the matron, will learn of the valuable work and teaching done amongst mentally-handicapped patients.

1970 has been a fairly encouraging year, but the disappointing result of the Lent Effort has marred its success. We hope that next year this will be remedied, and that all will realize just how much money is needed to bring happiness into the lives of those who are less fortunate than ourselves.

M. LINSLEY

MUSIC REPORT

WE WERE very sorry to lose Miss Thompson as Director of Music, and were glad to welcome Miss Rees-Jones in her place.

During the year we attended four of the Sheffield Philharmonic Concerts. We also enjoyed a piano recital by Miss Iris Loveridge, and a programme entitled 'Listening to Music' by Miss Mitzi Lawton for the younger listeners.

An interesting recital given by Florence Hooton, Cello, David Martin, Violin and Ian Lake, Piano, was enjoyed by all. This was a very varied programme ranging from Haydn to Shostakovich. Mr. David Martin introduced the pieces and made interesting comments. Another piano recital given by Aydin Onaç was much enjoyed.

Miss Thompson has worked hard to keep up the standard of the choir. At the end of the Spring term we had a very impressive Evensong in Chapel with meditations, readings and anthems representing the Christian Year. During the Summer term the choir sang the Eucharist at Derby Cathedral and attended an R.S.C.M. festival at Melbourne.

We had two school concerts during the year, a Senior and a Junior one, and it was encouraging to find so much talent and enthusiasm.

We are pleased to find that Music continues to play a large part in the school activities and we hope that the enthusiasm will be even greater when we are given our 'promised' new music block.

M. REES-JONES

HOUSE DRAMA REPORT

THE INTER-HOUSE DRAMA COMPETITIONS were held, as usual in the Autumn Term, and this year the junior members of each House were allowed to take part.

Some individual performances showed promising talent; especially that of Mary Thomas as the expressive 'Marchioness' in Pigot's 'The Old Curiosity Shop'. Mary, only in lower IV, won the individual cup, and Jane Dunn was commended for her boisterous performance as a charwoman in Kennedy's 'A Christmas Carol'.

Six ambitious attempts to commemorate the Dickens centenary might have been improved by a postponement of the performances until 1970, the real year of the centenary. There was not a single play which could not have benefited from further time for reading, dramatization and rehearsal.

Wilson came first with their typically enthusiastic 'Oliver Twist', produced by Rosemary James. Pigot's 'The Old Curiosity Shop', produced by Linda Hounsfield, was a close second, and tied next came three houses; Kennedy's 'A Christmas Carol' produced by Amanda Murray, Powys' 'Martin Chuzzlewit', produced by Sarah Davys, and Selwyn's 'Great Expectations', produced by Marjorie Linsley. Gresford came sixth with 'Nicholas Nickleby' produced by Jane Gutch.

The most noticeable mistake made by all six houses, and especially the last four, was the failure of the actors to speak up, and the resulting slackening of the pace. This, of course, may be blamed upon the bad acoustics of our theatre-cum-dining hall but in future we must try hard to overcome this obstacle. I also hope that the interest in drama may be continued not only within the Houses but also in the combined efforts of the whole school, and that there will be yet more acting opportunities for the enthusiastic.

SARAH DAVYS U.VI

PHYSICAL EDUCATION REPORT

A BALANCED EDUCATION in both mental and physical activities is essential for the welfare of every pupil; for this reason physical education must be treated with its rightful respect. Under the guidance of Mrs. Fearn and Miss Davy a varied programme of sports has been established and the general standard attained is most promising.

Yet again, the hockey season fell into fierce conflict with the weather, the latter repeatedly claiming victory, and only three fixtures could be played. The 1st and 2nd XI did not concede a match, thirteen goals being scored for the school and six against, and the under 15 XI, although they played only one match, gained valuable experience from their defeat. The skill of Diana Hine and Rachael Woodhouse was often seen to lead the school to victory and both girls show great promise as match players. The Staff v School exhibition match which resulted in a 1-1 draw (Mrs. Johnson being the umpire) proved many truths about each team and provided the school with twenty minutes' hilarity.

The Badminton club continued to function throughout the winter, and members of the Sixth Form joined the parents and Friends for a weekly match.

Netball and Hockey House matches were contested with the usual raucous enthusiasm, Pigot House claiming both the senior netball and hockey cups, sharing the latter with Wilson House, and Powys House proudly carried off the Junior netball trophy.

The house with the nimble feet, as revealed by the Dancing Competition, is Wilson.

Mr Lee has continued to coach the tennis teams, his patient work during the winter resulting in a marked improvement in the standard of play this season. Only two school fixtures have been played but these were convincingly won by the school, Fiona Graham deserving special mention for her consistently high standard of play. The Aberdare Cup, played under time restrictions, was a most disappointing defeat for the school, but the Nicholson Bowl tournament is yet to be played.

The victory of the Parents tennis team over the school proved that whatever the papers may say about Mr. K. Rosewall, superiority in age is no great disadvantage to a tennis player.

We were all very sorry not to see Miss Lilian Board on Sports Day and to hear that her illness will prevent her from competing in national events in the near future. Our thanks go to Mrs. Board for presenting the trophies. The sports cup was collected by Wilson, and the Victrix Ludorum cups by Paula Evans, Rachael Woodhouse and Maureen Moore: five new records were established and the general standard was pleasingly high.

St. Elphin's revealed its aquatic flair at the south Peak swimming gala and brought back the Senior and Junior cups and the Junior Medley cup, the Derbyshire committee selecting Nicola Roe and Philippa Allen to swim for the county. Kennedy House retained the Inter-House

Swimming Cup.

The achievements of the school in sporting activities have undoubtedly been worthy of praise and it is to be hoped that even greater successes will be attained in future years.

M. LINSLEY U.VI

THE SPONSORED WALK

THE SPONSORED WALK held this year was somewhat different from that of last year, when we kept mainly to the roads. This year on September 27th, the majority set out about 9.30 a.m., walking up Tom's field to begin with! This was nothing compared to some of the steep hills to be encountered, but fortunately the steepest and longest was downhill.

The walk, in aid of the Gymnasium Fund encompassed Flash Dam, Chatsworth Park, Edensor Village and the outskirts of Bakewell and Rowsley. Although there was a light rainfall at one point during the walk, on the whole the weather was fair. This, plus the help from the organisers—mainly parents—who marshalled the walk and were present at various check points where we were revived with biscuits, orange, lunch and encouraging words, made the walk enjoyable. Without these people the walk would not have been so pleasant.

Mr. Mosley is especially thanked for his awards of five record tokens to the girls who managed to make the greatest sums of money.

On return to school, there was a delicious barbecue awaiting the participants after they had removed shoes from their aching feet and had refreshing hot baths.

Everybody is thanked for their enthusiasm and perseverance, the result of which raised the magnificent sum of £1,500.

SUSAN MEASURES L.VI

ST. ELPHIN'S CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

November 1969

THIS YEAR our Christmas Bazaar was held for the first time in our new gymnasium, where there was enough space for all of the stalls to be in one room rather than in various rooms in the main building. Every House made a magnificent effort, and we made the grand total of £637 5s. 11d. We must especially congratulate Margaret Flood House on making a total of more than seventy pounds. The individual house stalls with their totals were as follows:

Selwyn: Groceries, preserves, bread	..	..	..	£57	11	7
Wilson: Confectionery, pet foods	..	..	..	£84	1	7
Gresford: Stationery, second hand books	..	..	..	£49	13	2
Kennedy: Fancy Goods, Cakes	..	..	..	£62	17	8
Powys: Cosmetics, toiletries, jewelry	..	..	..	£78	5	5
Pigot: Bottles, objets d'art	..	..	..	£40	10	6
Margaret Flood:	..	..	..	£70	18	11

Other stalls included a Boutique, Fur and Feather, Fruit, Vegetables and Cakes, and there were two raffles. Parents and girls contributed antiques varying from kitchen scales to a doll and Miss Robinson kindly gave an Indian table, whose top was inlaid with mother of pearl. Mr. Linnell auctioned these after the bazaar, making a further £27.

We thank Mr. Thornton once more for his very kind gift of sweets and chocolates, which went this year to Wilson House stall, and also take this opportunity of thanking all those who did both the bringing and the buying, so helping to make this year's Bazaar such a great success.

M. PASS U.VI

THE ECONOMICS "ANY QUESTIONS"

SESSION 1970

ON 15th FEBRUARY 1970, there took place in the Common Room before an audience of senior girls, Members of Staff, and Parents, another session of Economics "Any Questions".

The Panel, chaired by Mrs. Johnson, consisted of ten enthusiastic and very able parents (fathers) and our M.P. Mr. James Scott-Hopkins. They discussed a variety of economic and social problems ranging from the controversial issue of this country's proposed entry into the European Economic Community to International Banking, Inflation and Pollution.

As usual, there was a wide variety of interests represented on the Panel, but on this occasion there was particular emphasis on Agriculture and Industry, with the result that there was a most enlightening and spirited exchange of views concerning the pros and cons of Great Britain's becoming a Member of the Common Market; the Agriculturalists, on the whole being against it entirely, and the Industrialists being generally in favour. In all, forty minutes of hard bargaining was taken out of our allotted span of two hours before the Members of the Panel were able to tear themselves away from this burning topic to continue with the next question, which concerned the Prices and Incomes Policy, and curbing of inflation.

The business interests represented on the Panel fell upon this topic with relish, and everyone was treated to many interesting unusual aspects and anomalies of this subject which ordinarily would never have come to light. While there was considerable divergence of opinion on the merits of various forms of taxation, and the feasibility of an Incomes Policy, most of the Members agreed on the futility of S.E.T., and on the fact that savings and investment should be encouraged by every possible means if inflation was to be curbed.

This led naturally into the next question concerning the International Monetary Fund, International Banking Policy, the Bank of England and the Treasury, which was most ably answered by Mr. James. By the time he had finished, most of those present including the Panel, had a totally new and higher regard for those people who deal with the country's financial problems, while at the same time most of us were only too painfully conscious of our own ignorance of this very complicated subject.

The panel then left International Banking to discuss the very wide question of Transport problems and Pollution. This ranged world wide with examples and situations being cited in the U.S.A., India, and Europe as well as in Great Britain. Mr. Prescott gave us some valuable information, and put forward the very interesting and novel suggestion of working on the 24 hour clock as a method of avoiding the terrifying rush hour congestion on our city roads.

The last question which concerned the Coal Industry and fuels in general was noteworthy in so far as it was answered by Mr. Horne, a member of the audience, and not by the Panel at all. This had the effect of bringing the meeting more into a discussion group, but we were, however, left in no doubt at all, that far from having a sick and dying industry on our hands, we had one which was essential to our country's very survival.

At this point our time ran out, and we were forced to close our most interesting session of Economics "Any Questions".

Melanie Pass, the Head Girl, gave a vote of thanks on behalf of the girls, the Staff and the parents present in the audience, and Mr. Thornton replied on behalf of the Panel.

The members of the Panel

Mr. J. S. Thornton

Mr. G. Williams

Mr. J. Scott-Hopkins, M.P.

Mr. J. W. Rowland

Mr. S. J. D. James

Mr. D. Prescott

Mr. H. A. Monckton

Mr. G. D. Ashcroft

Mr. E. Chapman

Mr. R. A. Palfreyman sent
his apologies for his absence

EXPEDITIONS

The Warrington Walks

ON THE THIRD OF JULY we (Lower III) were woken up by Miss Lavender at 6 a.m. We woke up very tired but excited. We washed and dressed and went down to breakfast, after which we lined up in Long Corridor and waited for the coach. When it arrived, we tiptoed onto it so as not to wake Miss Robinson. When we were all on, including the food and drink, we set off!

We arrived at Warrington Town Hall, where we waited for the Mayor and Mayoress, and Canon and Mrs. Longbottom. The Mayor and Mayoress arrived, to our surprise, in a yellow and black horse-drawn coach. This was the first time ever this had been done and we enjoyed it immensely. When Canon and Mrs. Longbottom were on the Town Hall steps, Sarah Reader-Harris presented some roses to Mrs. Longbottom.

Then we got in our order for the march through Warrington. First came the band, then St. Elphin's church choir, then St. Elphin's School, represented by Lower III. We marched for forty minutes with balloons waving on either side, and cheering crowds.

We marched to St. Elphin's Church where we had a short service. In the sermon, Canon Longbottom showed us how much money he had collected during the walk. He also told us about the founder of both the 'Walk' and our school, Mr. Powys, and we realized that one of our School Houses was named after him.

After the service, he asked us what we would like to do and we all said 'We would like to go up the steeple.' First he showed us his museum which was very interesting. Then he showed us a beautiful stained-glass window which depicted St. Elphin fighting and a soldier looking up to Mary holding Jesus, her baby. There was a boy running to Jesus trying to get away from the dragon which was the evil, the boy was carrying three feathers which was the Prince of Wales motto which means 'I serve'. The boy had wings, and Cannon Longbottom said that he should not have had them if he was a real boy. This was very interesting and exciting.

Then Canon Longbottom took us up the steeple. There were over a hundred steps and the girls who didn't want to go up to the top, stayed at the half-way mark and the rest of us went up. When we reached the top, we saw several baby pigeons which were very sweet. We also saw the cabbage patch where the old St. Elphin's School had been and the remains of the school chapel. We also saw, from that high point, the roof of the church beneath. When we came back to the foot of the steeple, Cannon Longbottom gave us a stone which came from a statue. It is very interesting and will go in a highly honoured place in St. Elphin's School museum.

When we came down and got our cloaks, we reboarded the coach from which we thanked Canon Longbottom for his kind hospitality and for answering our questions. Brenda gave him three rousing cheers. He

also gave us a St. Elphin's Church magazine and we took two extra magazines, one for Miss Flood and one for Miss Robinson.

On the way back, we stopped at the 'Cat and Fiddle' where we had a snack and fed the sheep who were grazing on the moors.

When we arrived back, we went into Miss Robinson's drawing-room to thank her for letting us go, and to give her the magazine and also an account of our enjoyable expedition.

GILLIAN RAINSBERRY
SALLY ROUND

'Twelfth Night' at Nottingham Playhouse

"If MUSIC be the food of love, play on". These words expressed my wish, as I listened to the charming music which ran through this happy production of 'Twelfth Night'. The pleasantly modern strains of guitars and recorders were the first sounds heard as the curtain opened, and the music continued, accentuating the various moods of characters and audience as the plot unfolded. The clown's unusual, somewhat nasal voice gave an added charm to the songs, which are some of Shakespeare's most evocative and imaginative lyrics.

"Come away, come away, death And in sad cypress let me be laid".

The eye too, was refreshed by the colourful, simple scenery, which complemented the bright costumes of the characters. The revolving stage eliminated all tedious changes of scene, and each scene revealed yet another facet of the fascinating terrace, which formed, in turn, a part of Orsino's garden, Olivia's house, a hiding-place for Sir Toby Belch and his confederates, and a prison for Malvolio, while constantly changing clouds, reflected onto the backcloth, sailed across the sky in fantastic shapes.

The plot was clarified by the remarkable likeness of Viola to Sebastian and the suspense was sustained by the efficiently managed, hair's breadth coincidences. Sebastian's remarkable alacrity in responding to the advances of Olivia was wittily acted by both characters and quickened the pace of the plot. The machinations of Maria and Sir Toby Belch were masterfully shown as they gulled Malvolio, whose responses to the letter were clearly emphasised as he unravelled the mysterious clues.

Each character was played to its fullest possibilities; they were rounded, and interacted perfectly, allowing the audience to savour the ingenious plot and the traits of each personality. Orsino, a far-away, romantic figure, was so engrossed in his hopeless love that he did not notice Viola's true love for him. While he indulged in his changing moods Olivia, with whom he thought himself in love, was portrayed as a person also under an illusion of sorrow for her dead brother, which was soon shattered when she met Cesario, and she showed a delightfully roving eye which belied her mourning clothes. Viola was played with wit and charm, as she tumbled in a state of perplexity from one problem to another until at last she found her lost brother and fulfilled her love by marrying Orsino.

Maria, the intriguing lady-in-waiting, and her future husband, Sir Toby Belch, provided comedy and also the chastisement of the vain Malvolio. These two characters were played with lusty enjoyment, while the effete and cowardly Sir Andrew Aguecheek was skilfully and agilely portrayed.

The courtiers, sailors and other attendants, in fresh colourful costumes with lively reactions, added atmosphere and interest to the production.

However, amidst this happiness and light-hearted intrigue, there is one jarring note—Malvolio. At the end of the play when all the riddles have been solved and the wedding couples are preparing to live happily ever after, he is outstanding in his black robes amongst the brightly coloured costumes of the others. His pride has been deeply humiliated, and the way in which he stalks from the stage is almost tragic, quite out of tune with the atmosphere of the whole of this happy comedy. The actor who played this part faced the challenge squarely, and without any compromise, he portrayed Malvolio as a selfish man, blinded by pride, who could not forgive, but swore, 'I'll be revenged on the whole pack of you!'

So with a last song by the clown, "Twelfth Night" came to a muted, almost satisfactory ending, leaving only a twinge of anxiety about the 'notoriously abused' Malvolio.

JANE GUTCH U.VI

The Scientists' Visit to London

WE MUST once again thank Mrs. Osmond for inviting us to spend the night at her home, which made it possible for us to enjoy this visit.

After arriving in London, the Upper Sixth went to see the Natural History Museum with Mrs. Scott while the Lower Sixth went with Dr. Scott to the Science Museum. We spent the rest of the morning wandering around the museum in which there was so much to see that we did not have time to see it all.

In the afternoon we went to see the Rodin Exhibition. That evening we attended a lecture at the Royal Institution given by Dr. King. The lecture was on Heat and Dr. King talked about some very interesting aspects of heat and showed us some marvellous experiments.

After an exhausting but enjoyable day we spent the night at Mrs. Osmond's

The next morning we were lucky enough to be shown around the Royal Mint, where we discovered that they make medals as well as coins.

In the afternoon we were very lucky to be shown round the Royal Institution by Ann Smith an Old Girl, who is now working at the Royal Institution. She took us to see Faraday's Laboratory, where ironically, we could not find an electric bulb for the light and so we could not see anything.

After tea at the Royal Institution we made a hasty departure to the station to catch our train. We would like to thank Mrs. Osmond for

her kind hospitality, and Dr. and Mrs. Scott for arranging and accompanying us on such an interesting visit.

ANN BIRD L.VI

Geographical Field Course at Llandudno 1970

A FURIOUS BLIZZARD on the top of Llandudno's Great Orme did not seem to be a very promising start to this year's Field Course, and several were soon wishing that they had taken the 'warm, waterproof clothing' warning a little more seriously. Nor did things improve; we just got hardened to it. Even the journey across to North Wales had been a circuitous one to avoid Derbyshire's snow and fog hazards and it seemed that we had merely gone from the frying pan.

However Geography does not stop for inclement weather. . . . the Orm's Limestone features were studied through the snow and the Conway Valley viewed from above the cloud. Caernarvon distinguished itself by commencing its Monsoon as we arrived, and those who really did climb Twt Hill, visit the Roman Fort and the Medieval Castle, deserved a medal, albeit a wet one. We made a complete circuit of Anglesey and tried to break our necks by climbing the 'n' steps to South Stack light house and the swaying suspension bridge in a Force 10 gale. The Second Century hut circles were mapped on Holyhead Mountain, but no one felt inclined to linger in such an exposed spot.

Each morning the ascent of Snowdon (by rail) was considered and rejected; we seemed to be the only visitors to Snowdonia with any sense of self-preservation in this respect, for every newspaper carried tragic mountain rescue tales. However, we did survive two corrie walks one to Llyn Idwal, where we reached a satisfying and safe 2,000 feet, and one round Llyn Crafnant, a gentle Sunday afternoon ten mile stroll.

Two industrial visits were included in our itinerary, a delightful one to the Bryncir Woollen Mill, where we saw all the processes in the weaving of Welsh Tapestries and an awe-inspiring one to the Trawsfynydd Nuclear Power Station. This is the only inland station of its type in Britain, and because of its site in the Snowdonia National Park, was designed by Sir Basil Spence. It has a capacity of 500,000kw and uses 35 million gallons of cooling water per hour.

April Fools' Day saw us risking our necks again in the Snowdonia blizzards, but in the manner of tourists this time. Swallow Falls were at their best, Criccieth at its worst. However, let it be recorded that at Portmeiron, an attractive Italian-style hamlet, the sun shone for 45 minutes and afternoon tea was enjoyed out of doors.

The homeward journey could be commenced only when snow ploughs had cleared our A.5 route back to England and we decided that a South coast venue was a must for 1971.

We would like to thank Mr. Haynes, now our official Field Course driver; we think he will be ready to take his A levels in Geography and patience next year.

J. S. WOOLLISCROFT

Hadrian's Wall Excursion

The aim of this brief venture was to travel the length of Hadrian's Wall from Carlisle to Newcastle, mainly on foot. Youth Hostelling was not a new idea for St. Elphin's for we did it in Scotland four years ago on a field course; but most of this party were novices. It came as a surprise to them that Youth Hostels have more rules than School, and that staff obey them too.

We left school after lunch on the Friday, and had a pleasant sunny trip north, with three stops for food and one for geology (at Wasdale Shap Granite Quarry), a good ratio. Two nights were to be spent at Etterby Hostel just outside Carlisle and one at the ultra-modern Once Brewed Hostel near Housesteads Roman Fort.

On the Saturday morning we set out for Banks, the most westerly remnant of the wall, and between then and tea-time, some 16 miles were marched and several milecastles and Camboglanna Fortress visited, in variable weather and visibility. No one mentioned blisters so next day's walk was lengthened.

On Sunday we were harried by weight restriction signs around Haydon Bridge on the South Tyne, but we eventually reached Chesters Fort, and before starting our tramp to Once or Twice Brewed we visited the Fort (a garrison built to house about 500 from the second century) and the remains of the bridge which it guarded. En route, the Mithraeum Temple at Carrawburgh was worthy of a detour. Discovered accidentally in 1949, when a very dry summer caused peat shrinking, it was found to contain three altars to Mithras of which cast-stone replicas are now on view.

From there the wall, almost continuous, follows the crags of volcanic Whin Sill, with magnificent views to North and South and permits free entry to Housesteads Fort for the unscrupulous or the impecunious. Set in a commanding, strategic position, this fort is still being excavated and restored. Westwards is the wall's most picturesque stretch of crags, loughs and sunshine; but the best view was of the Hostel coming nearer!

Even our route south, the Great North Road, fitted in with our Roman theme, but we were sorry to return and felt that School could have managed without us for much longer.

We would like to thank Mr. Haynes our charioteer.

J. S. WOOLLISCROFT

Youth Hostelling

AS ONLY THREE of the whole party had hostelled before; this encouraged our excitement. We set off from school on Friday at lunch-time and our bulging rucksacks were packed into the coach. We stopped several times on the way and finally arrived at the Etterby Hostel, two miles outside Carlisle at 8 p.m.

The Hostel proved to be grander than we had expected. It was

a big oldish house, set in its own grounds in the Eden Valley, not far from Carlisle railway marshalling yards. The Warden was friendly and helpful, the food good and plentiful, and the shop well stocked.

There was a small, comfortable common room, filled with very friendly hostellers, many of them foreign. We were directed to our dormitories to make our 'beds'; each contained about 5 sets of bunks (Bed making was an easy job, with sheet sleeping-bags in down-filled covers).

We were quite happy after walks in the rain, to be in well before the regulation hour of 10.30 and have our lights out by the regulation 11.00 p.m. Hostel rules are all very reasonable and add up to consideration for others.

At 7.30 after the rising bell, with which we were already familiar — the adventurous and wealthy indulged in 1/- showers. Punctuality was essential for hostel meals, but self-cookers could be (and were) somewhat later. However, realizing that it was "cook or starve", eggs were boiled, yoghurt bought and cornflakes floated in slightly sour milk.

Each morning the hostellers have a duty to perform to help with the running of the hostel: e.g. cleaning the stairs, the kitchen or dormitories. After having our job checked and learning how we should have done it we collected our membership cards and departed.

Hostels are closed from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. for the overworked and underpaid Wardens must have some peace.

The Once Brewed Hostel near to Hadrian's Wall was much more modern—it had only been open for two years. It is situated on the Military Road which links Newcastle and Carlisle and is in beautiful countryside between the modern Northumberland National Park Information Centre and the noisy (with hostellers) Twice Brewed Inn.

The hostel was extremely comfortable with dormitories in a semi-private horse-loose-box style. The common-room-cum-dining room was pleasantly furnished and had views of the garden.

Calor-gas cooking facilities were good—but the proximity of the filter beds left much to be desired (NB—bring clothes peg next time).

The people here were not so pleasant; too many were, like us, filling in time after 'O' and 'A' levels, but not knowing how to behave.

We were quite sure that three days was not long enough for such an experience; we were just getting the hang of how to survive on our own cooking when it was time to leave. However, we have worked out our "Advice to next year's explorers" (and we are sure there will be some.) Take an adequate supply of money especially if self-cooking, and it is cheaper to do co-operative menu-planning in advance. Take as few clothes as possible; waterproofs are essential, dresses are not. Tea towels, matches, sou-westers, elastoplast and pyjamas are all vital assets, but not all used at the same time. Maps, a compass, shorts (wet legs are preferable to wet trousers) and vital—your Membership Card.

Other special memos:

It pays to be nice to the Warden.

It pays to be punctual for meals if you like to eat.

Keep a sense of humour and be friendly.

Consideration for others is essential.

The staff were pleased to note how many of the party have now arranged Youth Hostelling Holidays for this summer, and how well the girls responded to the Youth Hostelling and hiking challenge.

J. ADAMS, C. JOWETT, A. ORME, J. DUNN, A. LEE

FIVE U.VB GEOGRAPHERS

Our Visit to Monsal Dale

AT LAST, Saturday came. Our picnic packed, all our requirements at hand, we became more and more excited as the time drew near. We all lined up down Willowdene path. Miss Lavender led the way to the coach waiting outside the front door. We climbed on. The coach driver said cheerfully that he hadn't minded waiting.

We were off at last, all set to enjoy a lovely day at Monsal Dale. I sat by Miss Lavender, who pointed out to me all the interesting places that we passed. We went through Chatsworth Park and saw in the distance Chatsworth House, where the Duke and Duchess live. In the park were ewes, lambs and deer. We were very lucky and saw the deer. What a picture they made in the shade of a huge oak tree!

After a reasonable journey we arrived at Monsal Head. We stopped first to see if the ice-cream man was anywhere around. Ice creams are special treats on such occasions. Finding that he didn't come until two o'clock we decided to have them on our return journey so we set off to walk through the dale. The sun was hot, and the countryside beautiful, our hearts gay and our feet nimble. Talking and laughing we crossed the bridge over the river so that we could walk on the footpath.

We didn't stop until we reached our picnic spot, except to see if there was an echo under the viaduct and to listen to the song of a Willow Warbler.

Our picnic spot was a grassy slope with trees behind, and in front the river and the hill the Lower III were going to climb. We went to collect our things from the coach which had come round to meet us. Of course I had to forget my tea so that someone had to fetch it for me!

We changed into swim-suits and then began to climb the hill. The others went ahead and I had to climb on my own until I caught up with Gillian who isn't an expert climber and had been left behind, as I was. We followed a rabbit track and found the sweetest wild strawberries you can imagine. What a steep hill that was! I felt this more and more, as I took each step. But at last there was the wall marking the top of the hill. At the top, I could have fallen asleep on the spot, but no, I had the descending journey to battle with, yet.

I thought coming down was rather harder than going up. It was too steep to walk down. There were too many prickles and stones to slide down and I was in rather a fix! At one point, I turned a somersault, and slid down head first. That was, of course, accidental. We also

took the wrong path and we had to fight against a mass of bushes. The sight of the river glistening in the distance, and the thought of orange squash waiting for us, gave us a booster though, and we came down as quickly as possible under the circumstances.

Ah, down at last! I drank my orange squash, ate my sandwiches and apple, gave away my biscuits, and then bathed to my heart's content.

It was soon time to go for ices. At the ice-cream van, forty-four of us queued up for ices. What the lady thought I don't know! We ate them on the coach.

What a lovely day we had! That was a weekend to remember.

BRENDA COX (Head of Junior School)

The Lecture given by Sir Alec Rose

ON TUESDAY the 10th of March, a party of 68 St. Elphin's girls went to Derby to attend a lecture given by Sir Alec Rose.

Sir Alec gave us an amusing talk on his adventurous sail around the world. After a false start, he recommenced his voyage in "The Lively Lady." This time he was successful but was confronted with many dangers; once he was almost overturned by a huge whale, he nearly lost his main mast, and often the enormous waves necessitated his being harnessed for safety, with a length of rope, when on deck. However he arrived in Melbourne safely.

We were then shown a film of the warm welcome he received in Australia and the happy reunion with his son.

His return journey was more peaceful and on both voyages he was stocked with good provisions. When he arrived at Portsmouth he received congratulatory telegrams from the Queen and Prince Philip. Soon he was to be knighted. Next we were shown a colour film of his arrival at Portsmouth.

On the whole the lecture was very interesting, especially as it was given by Sir Alec himself, and without a doubt everyone came away much wiser. But whether any of us will decide to follow his example, it is difficult to say.

L. HOUNSFIELD

B. ROY SINGH L.VI

ORIGINAL CONTRIBUTIONS

The Floating Market

BANKOK was well known for its network of canals which served the purpose of roads. Today, unfortunately, wide, tarred roads have taken the place of those canals; but one can still catch a glimpse of Bankok as it was in bygone days by a visit to the Floating Market.

The canal on which the market takes place, bordered by green trees and little wooden houses on stilts, is a scene of bustle and activity. On the canal itself are countless canoe-shaped boats filled with fruits and vegetables and all the vendors shout to advertise their wares. As they manoeuvre these boats with great dexterity, there is ceaseless movement as they race to keep up with the passenger ships or weave in and out of the craft on the water. The customers are not only the inhabitants of the houses but all the passengers on board passing ships and boats. They bargain for hours on end, but though the buyer feels he has secured a bargain, he is thoroughly mistaken; for no matter what price is fixed, the vendors always make a handsome profit!

The activities in the houses on the banks also add colour to the scene. A mother, sarong-clad, with a baby strapped on her back, while away the time doing the household chores in leisurely fashion. There may be a house that has been converted into a school from which one hears the children chanting their alphabet. This is the life the natives lead, pleasant and unaffected.

But suddenly one hears the steam-boat, crowded with foreigners. A Thai youth, in very broken English, tells them about the various high-lights. No doubt he has tricked them into believing all sorts of tales about the place to ensure a more generous tip. Such a scene is slowly becoming characteristic of the Floating Market. In fact, the whole city is being invaded by foreigners who are changing the mode of Thai life.

BRIJI ROY-SINGH L.VI

To a Friend

Love: a word said with feeling; a word full of meaning;
Yet there is war and civil strife.

Hate: a word used for gain; a word full of pain;
Yet there is death to save life.

Two words of emotion; the result is contradiction
Within the mind I dare to call mine.

Yet I shall dwell upon them, and I shall understand them
With you as my guide — and the passing of time.

R. PLEDGER U.VI

High in his pulpit the preacher said,
"You must learn to obey the
Rules, in Tennis or Art,
in Life or
Schools,
in order to gain
Great Virtuosity, Trained
And exercised in a self-chosen Field
That there might be obtained
The maximum yield
of Success."
But
An—
Archy—
Against the rule.
After the Fates take a hand,
And all unwilling the Subject is placed
In an unaccustomed land;
Not knowing tradition,
He offends
Natives
and
Is labelled.
Could he therefore
Attempt to resist the Fates
And steer himself safely into the harbour
Where he is able to obey the rules
Of Tennis or Art
or life or
Schools?

JANE GUTCH U.VI

Advent

Faces: happy layers of them,
peeping like ferrets through the bannisters,
bright in the candleglow—
an eager-eyed bird's world
of Christmas tree top
and Advent Ring, its shadow
dark by the dancing fire.

Cases: serried ranks of them,
making merry chaos of the corridors,
bursting full, of presents,
toys, boots, hockey stick,
empty talc and tuck tin,
hopeful holiday work—
only just room for clothes.

Spaces: peaceful rows of them
in the silence of the deserted class
with "Happy Christmas" still on the board.
Beds thin with space—
No face, no tousled head, no teddy—
escaped all, in home-packed cars
and pitch-black-morning train.

Traces: telling hordes of them—
party paper hats and burst balloons,
tears of candle-wax
pine-needles in the hall
wrapping paper, envelopes galore,
notices—now too late—on the wall;
Staff debris quite the worst of all.

Places: changing dreams of them;
outside in mist and moonlight,
rain and magic snow;
inside all warmth and comfort,
heat and glow; here
stairs and cakes and candles,
fires, carols and chapel bell—
all Happy Advent tell.

K. DUNK

La Vie

La vie est vaine;
— Un peu d'amour,
— Un peu de haine,
Et puis — bonjour.

La vie est brève;
— Un peu de gloire,
— Un peu de rêve,
Et puis — bonsoir.

La vie est telle
Que Dieu la fit;
— Et telle qu'elle est,
Elle suffit.

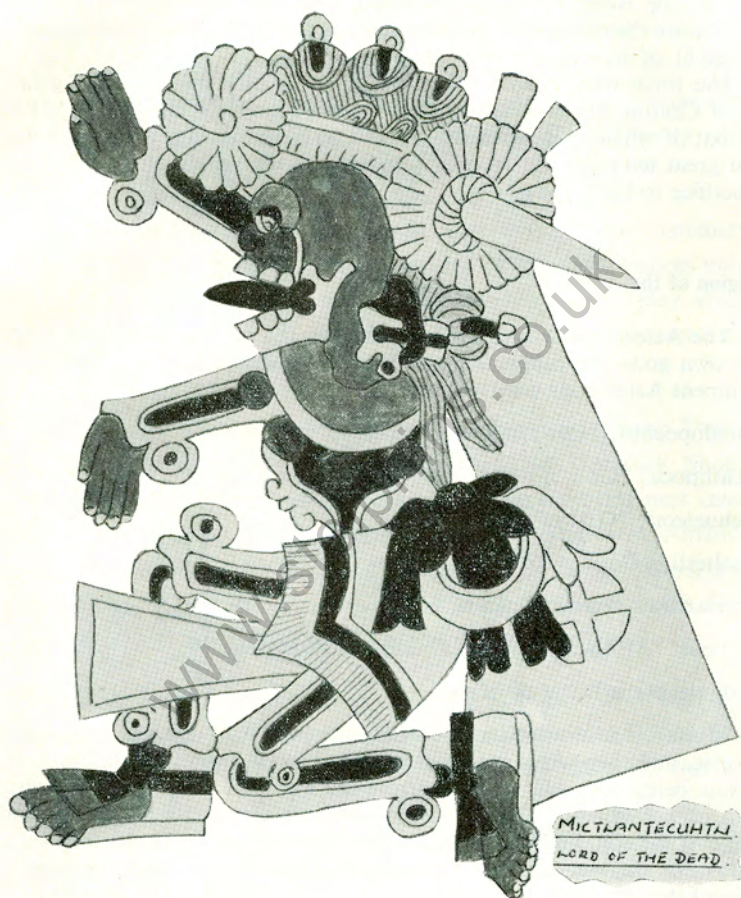
THE BURSAR

The Computer

You push in bits of paper and type a hole or two;
Its neons flash and cut a dash to let the light pass through,
The signals wander up and down and sometimes ring a bell,
And when it's time to mash the tea, the kettle boils as well.
Again you push the paper in and feed the tape in fast,
The typer clicks and in two ticks, it tells you what you asked.
And so one adds up or divides, subtracts a word or two,
And all because this complex thing can do what you can't do.
So if you're ever lost for words or count your tables weak,
Don't worry, all is never lost; computers you should seek.
They'll stop that cranial creak
That makes your brain cells leak.

F.H.S.

THE AZTECS



PEOPLE OF THE SUN

Introduction:

IT WAS THE culture of the Mexica, better known as the Aztecs, who founded Tenochtitlan, the Mexico City of today.

The Aztec civilisation developed in the central valley of Mexico, and were among the last of the tribes to enter the valley. During the fourteenth century they developed two settlements, at Tenochtitlan and Tlaltelcalco, and by the fifteenth century Tenochtitlan had become the centre of the Aztec Conquest and expansion. By the beginning of the next century the city dominated all others in their valley, and had reached the height of its power and magnificence.

The force which drove these people to become masters of a great part of Central America before the coming of Spanish influence in 1519, was that of religion; it drove the Aztecs to conquest and expansion, to build great temples, and to offer hundreds of thousands of their people in sacrifice to their gods.

Religion of the Aztecs

The Aztec religion was polytheistic, and the people recognised both their own gods and others adopted from conquered peoples. The most prominent Aztec gods were—

Muitzilopochtli: "Lord of the Universe"

Tezcatlipoca: "God of night" and "Creator God"

Muehuateotl: "God of fire"

Tlazolteotl: "Goddess of fertility"

Macuilxochitl: "God of games"

Coatlicue: "Mother of the gods" and "earth goddess"

Mictlantecuhtli: "God of death".

Muitzilopochtli was the tribal god of the Aztecs. He was god of the universe, and the Aztecs believed that he showed himself in the form of the sun, being born each morning from the womb of the earth, and dying again each evening. The Aztecs believed themselves to be the chosen people of the sun, and were charged with the duty of supplying him with food. For that reason their form of worship was war, and the people believed that in order to worship their god to the utmost of their ability they had to be warriors from birth. Unlike the majority of the gods, Muitzilopochtli was only worshipped by the Aztecs.

Another of the most important gods is the creator god, and god of night, Tezcatlipaco; he symbolises the night sky and is related to the moon and to the gods which signify death or destruction, which seems an odd relationship for a creator god. The people believed him to be eternally young, and therefore they also called him Telpochtli "he who never grows old." He was the patron of warriors and hence is associated with

Muitzilopochtli. He was primarily a god of providence and was believed to be present in all human affairs. He was also the patron of princes, and another of his names was Nezahualpilli "the prince who fasts". Under this name he presided over all of the Aztec feasts and banquets.

The god of fire was Muehuateotl, which means "the old god" and the Aztecs always pictured him as an old man. Many ceremonies and sacrifices were dedicated to this god, and at one of the cruellest ceremonies men were burned in his honour.

Tlazolteotl was the goddess of fertility. Her name means the goddess of filth, but she was known as the goddess of fertility because she devoured filth and impurity in man, therefore prevented sin. Worship of her was brought in from the Muastec religion; she has a son, Centeotl, god of corn.

Macuilxochitl was the patron of games, dances and sports. His wife was Xochiquetzal, meaning "the flower of the rich plume" and she was the goddess of beauty and love.

Coatlicue, mother of the gods, has an important place in Aztec mythology, because the title "Mother of the gods" meant that she was mother of the sun, moon and stars; according to legends, she gave birth to Muitzilopochtli, the Lord of the universe at a moment when the stars, led by the moon attempted to kill her, because they doubted the miracle of divine conception. We also know from legend that Muitzilopochtli was born in the form of a sun, and was armed with a ray of light which killed the stars and moon. In reality this was the Aztec explanation of sunrise and sunset each day.

The god of death was known as Miclantecuhitli. The Aztecs believed in a place called Mictlan, and that it was the dwelling place of those who had died. It was here that Miclantecuhitli, Lord of the Dead, ruled. Animals associated with this god are the bat, the spider and the owl, a bird of ill omen, whose nocturnal song is considered fateful, even today, to anyone who hears it.

The Aztecs also had a number of gods on whom agriculture was dependent. Amongst them are:

Tlatoc: "god of rain and celestial fire

Xilonen: "goddess of corn

Ehecatl: god of wind

Quetzalcoatl: "associated with the planet Venus"

Tonatiuh: "god of the sun"

Tlatoc, the rain god, was of particular importance to the Aztecs, as he influenced the growth of their crops. For this reason, worship of the water and vegetation gods took up a lot of the people's religious life.

The name Tlatoc means "he who makes things grow"; although Tlatoc was normally a beneficial god he also had the power to unleash floods, drought, hail, ice and lightning, and for this reason he was greatly feared by the people when he became angry; therefore, to keep in his favour, the people offered many of their children in sacrifice to him. Tlatoc is one of the oldest gods of the Mexicans, and is still worshipped

by various tribes scattered across Central America.

Xilonen was the goddess of corn, and one of the deities borrowed by the Aztecs from other people. A monthly festival was celebrated in honour of Xilonen when a young girl was carried along on the shoulders of a priest, and her head cut off, to signify that an ear of corn had been cut from the stalk. The name Xilonen means "tender ear of corn".

Quetzalcoatl was another of the greatest Aztec gods. He was the god of wind, life and morning and of the planet Venus. The name Quetzalcoatl means "the plumed serpent"; he is an ancient god known by the Mayas as Kukulcan. There were many ceremonies held in honour of Quetzalcoatl, when people would act as sick people making their way to the temple in search of health. This was the origin of dramatic art in Mexico.

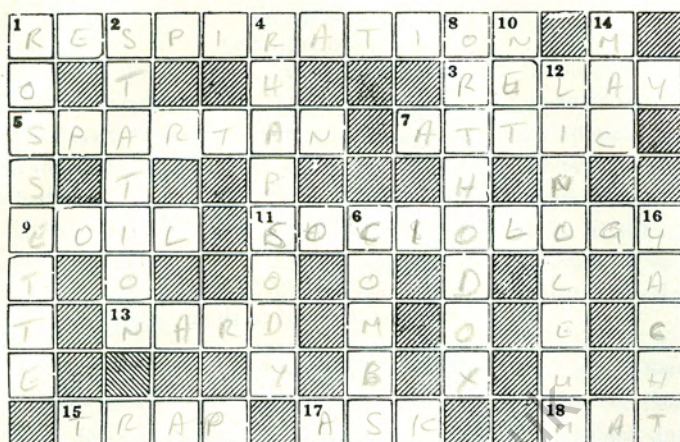
The last god of any great importance to the Aztecs was Tonatuih, god of sun; it is his face which forms the centre piece of the Aztec calendar.

MELANIE PASS U.VI



THE AZTEC CALENDAR
OR SUN STONE

CROSSWORD



ACROSS

1. Another word for breathing.
3. In the centre lay a dog. (the word is hidden in the sentence).
5. '— dog' (Othello).
7. Room in top storey of a house.
9. Work laboriously.
11. Study of the history and nature of humans.
13. Aromatic balsam.
15. Animal-catching apparatus.
17. To inquire.
18. Meet him at the station. (the word is hidden in the sentence).

DOWN

1. Rose-shaped ornaments made of ribbons.
2. State of stillness.
4. Anenthusiastic highflown utterance or composition.
6. Toothed strips of rigid material for arranging the hair.
8. Holding correct or accepted views, especially on religion.
10. Let us dine tonight (the word is hidden in the sentence).
12. Floor covering.
14. Shortened word for a water-proof coat.
16. Light sailing vessel.

CONSTANCE R. JOWETT UV.

Spring

It's spring
It's spring
I can feel it in the air
The blackbird is singing
So what do I care?

It's spring
It's spring
And the flowers begin to peep
Wake-up hedge-hog
Wake up from your sleep.

It's spring
It's spring
and the sun begins to shine
Come back swallows
I'm sure it's time.

JANET BOLTON U.III

A Childs Prayer

1. Island of Christ that will never be gone,
Forgive my sins and make them one,
2. If I forget I sinned today,
Forgive me, God, and make me pray.
3. And be with me where'ere I go
In rain or sleet, hail or snow.
4. I pray, dear God, that Thou shalt be,
Within my heart, and all of me.

SHARMAN THOMPSON L.IV

Snow

Snow is white, and clear, and cool,
Laid around the garden pool,
Trailing in a long, long, trail
Making everything look pale,
Till it falls from every twig,
And the gardeners will dig
Every bit of snow away,
Until it comes another day.

SARAH LEANEY Form II

Travel

When we go on our holidays
We have a lot of fun
For we love to play on the beach
In the bright warm sun.

But in winter time at home
It is just as nice
Because the snow is on the ground
and we can skate on ice.

So if we are on holiday
Or if we are at home
We like to play wherever we are
and never be alone.

JILL THORNTON Form 1

Limericks

Once a handsome young man from Boston
Had a fine pair of boots but he lost 'em.
Then he grew very cross
And said to his boss
What a great deal of money they'd cost 'im.

There was a young girl from Leeds
Who put on some plastic beads.
They came down to her waist,
For she'd very good taste
That pretty young girl from Leeds.

LOUISE HALL L.III

ANSWERS TO CROSSWORD

Across:- 1. Respiration 3. Relay 5. Spartan 7. Attic 9. Toil 11. Sociology
13. Nard 15. Trap 17. Ask 18. Mat.

Down:- 1. Rossette 2. Station 4. Rhapsody 6. Combs 8. Orthodox 10. Net
12. Linoleum 14. Mac 16. Yacht.



MISS ROBINSON

Lay Reader in the Derby Diocese

OLD GIRLS' SECTION

A PERSONAL TRIBUTE

I am asking for an extra space in the School Magazine in addition to my usual letter to the Old Girls which I sent to Eileen in June. I wish to express my personal congratulations to Miss Robinson on being one of the first two women to be Licensed as Diocesan Lay Readers in Derby Cathedral on June 13th. Miss Robinson wrote me a full account together with the Official 'Form and Order' of the impressive service, which was evidently a very moving experience for her.

I have to-day had a Derby Cathedral leaflet sent me by Mayhew Hall (nee Jones) who was present on July 5th when at the Sung Eucharist in the Cathedral Miss Robinson, wearing the recently designed Lay Readers' habit, read the Epistle beautifully and our St. Elphin's Choir girls, so ably trained by Miss Thompson who herself played the Organ provided the choral requirements again beautifully—I cannot find adequate words in which to express my joy in this work for the Church, expanding what is always done in the School Chapel; I described this in my 1944 History of the School as its "Soul", and so indeed it is—Laus Deo.

July 9th, 1970.

MARGARET L. FLOOD.

Letter from the Headmistress

My dear Old Girls,

I was delighted to see so many of you at the Reunion held in Manchester in April and certainly the change from London seemed to be justified by the numbers. We shall discuss where future meetings are held at the next AGM.

We have had a very good year at School as you will read in the Magazine. The "I.B." Memorial Building is in full use and has made such a difference to us in our daily life.

Plans are now in hand for a new Boarding House to be built in our own grounds, possibly in the field next to Willowdene. Our numbers are at present 300 boarders and 100 day girls, (including the Kindergarten department.)

I have just returned from a visit to Exmouth where the Chairman, the Bishop of Blackburn, and I had a very pleasant half-hour's chat with Miss Flood. She was in good spirits, as usual, and asked many questions about the School and her interest in it is as deep and abiding as ever. She is 92 this month and we all wish her great happiness.

As you will read in the Magazine, our Chairman, the Bishop of Blackburn, is retiring early next year. During the 10 years under his dynamic leadership, the School has made great strides and no words are adequate to express our gratitude and debt to him. As well as this his kindness and goodwill has made him a friend to us all, to Governors, Friends, Staff and School, and we shall all miss him greatly. However, he has promised that he will continue to have an interest in St. Elphin's and visit us from time to time. We wish him and Mrs. Claxton all happiness in their retirement.

May I thank you for the many letters I received when I became a Licensed Reader in the diocese of Derby. I was very proud to become one of the first Women Readers and I enjoy the work very much indeed. At the same time my fellow Readers are conscious of the challenge sounded in the Bishop of Derby's address to us at the Licensing in the Cathedral, "Women Readers have still to prove their ministry effective".

My good wishes to you all.

Yours sincerely,

P. M. ROBINSON

Miss Robinson also writes:-

I am compiling a list of Head Girls of the School from 1904 up to the present. Will all O.G.'s who have been Head Girls please write in to me giving me the details of their year of office and their House. Will anyone with a long memory also help by sending lists of 10 or more years, particularly those covering the early years from 1904,

Miss Flood's Letter

Pencarwick Hotel,
Exmouth, S. Devon.
June 1970

My dear Old Girls,

The opening words of my letter to you are repetitive—they are once again loving thanks to you for all your generosity to me in so many ways.

After rather a tiresome spell of being 'under the weather' literally during the cold N.E. winds I am now in normal good health. My near sight in my one good eye is less good, but I can still see the lovely country when I am taking a 'gift' drive or in a friend's car, but when I am walking I have to watch my step and am very glad of a friendly hand across the busy road. Fortunately my hearing is very good and I can hear traffic coming and 'look both ways'.

I must congratulate Eileen Smart on the very interesting collection of news of Old Girls, and it is a great interest to me to read that news not only of my own Old Girls but also of the later generations. I am glad the O.G.G. Reunion in Manchester was such a great success—never before has there been such a large number at any reunion. Quite obviously it is the right place for the Reunion alternating with the School itself, rather than London.

I have also enjoyed contact with the Old Girls of S.W. Branch of the O.G.G. when we had a very pleasant gathering for luncheon here in the Pencarwick Hotel on April 11th. I was afraid it might be impossible for some to come here instead of to Exeter as usual, but thanks to Stella Allen's organization and the lifts given in cars by friends and amongst the members themselves we mustered 17 for lunch, excellently provided and serviced in the Hotel. We had two parents with us, Stella's father and Jill Bettison (nee Popple)'s mother. Miss Robinson had hoped to join us, but was unfortunately prevented at the last moment. I am looking forward to a visit from her during the summer holidays.

Miss Thouless has luncheon with me every Wednesday. She has been troubled with sciatica and is not free from pain, although she is now able to get about. Miss Robinson keeps me up to date with School happenings and my little family in Margaret Flood House, so happy under the guidance of Miss Lavender, write me delightful letters each week of term.

Well I am sure I have written more than enough, but you see the school just fills my life with interest, so you must forgive me for occupying so much space in the magazine.

I send you my love, very best wishes and thanks.

Yours affectionately,

MARGARET L. FLOOD



Group with Miss Flood: August, 1968

Extract from letter from ALIX BERWICK

".....but the main reason for this letter is to let you know that I stayed a night in the Pencarwick Hotel last week on my way to a conference at Dartington Hall in Devon. So I have had several hours of reminiscences of the past and discussions of the present and future with Miss Flood.

I was overjoyed to see her so well and so well cared for. She has a bed-sitter overlooking the sea with lovely ever-changing views of the estuary and distant hills across the river. She has her own familiar furniture and her books and letters all round her. She is as quick-witted as ever in the cut and thrust of argument on educational and religious matters and I had to justify all my pet theories to her, and could get away with no untested opinions.

After the cold and long winter with a bout of 'flu recently she was looking forward to the summer and enjoying the spring blossom on the shrubs in the gardens across the road.

Now that she has no sight in one eye, she finds reading more difficult and appreciates clear handwriting in the letters she gets so regularly from so many of us, especially from the members of Margaret Flood House whose writing is certainly more legible than that of many of us old stagers! She enjoys listening to taped books on her tape-recorder provided by the R.N.I.B. She does, of course, still go to her Church regularly, and occasionally has a drive in a car to see the country. While I was there, we visited Dorothy Maye (nee Bache) for whom I used to count it a privilege to blow the organ at St. Elphins between forty and fifty years ago. Miss Thouless is also a near neighbour but unfortunately I missed her on this visit.

I came away full of admiration, as usual, for M.L.F.'s stamina and fortitude and up-to-date attitudes on all and sundry; and full of gratitude also to Mrs. Goodin who cherishes her at the Hotel, and to all those who help her to enjoy life so fully at the age of 92."

Miss Flood's 90th Birthday Photographs

Prints may be obtained at 6/- each of the 2 groups taken to celebrate Miss Flood's Ninetieth Birthday in Exmouth from Messrs. Richard Tarr, 108, Exmouth Road, Exmouth.

Print 3 is of the O.G.'s. Miss Robinson, the Bishop of Blackburn with Miss Flood: Print 5 of the form representatives of Margaret Flood House with her.

Miss Stopford's Letter

CALTON LEES,
MATLOCK.
DERBYSHIRE.
DARLEY DALE 3240.

My Dear Old Girls,

It has been said that "happy is the land which has no history" and I find this applies equally to the individual until the time comes to write a letter for the magazine. I have had a happy and uneventful year. I am not sure whether Davy, the long-haired corgi, became a member of the family before I wrote last year's letter. He is a very pleasant and cheerful companion, his only fault being a tendency to growl at every other dog he meets regardless of their size.

I see Lesley Thompson from time to time, which is very pleasant, as she and her mother now live in this neighbourhood. Lesley is Games Mistress at Matlock Convent School.

Love and best wishes to you all from,

EVELEEN STOPFORD.

REUNION AT MANCHESTER

The Reunion held at Owen's Park, Manchester on Saturday, April 25th, was a great success. 46 members assembled (during a downpour) in time for Lunch. Although most of them came from within a 50 miles radius of Manchester, others had come from more distant parts such as Teesside, London, Cambridge, Buckingham, etc.

An excellent Lunch was served in one of the dining rooms and during this we were able to catch up with the gossip of the past year (or 5 years, or 15 years, or . . .)

The business meeting was held in the Library: Miss Robinson took the chair and opened with prayers and remembrance of members who had died during the past year.

Greetings were received from various members who were unable to be present; a letter from Miss Flood and a telegram from Miss Stopford were read and we heard up-to-the-minute news from St. Elphin's. Dr. and Mrs. Scott and Mrs. Kitchen all spoke enthusiastically about their rooms in the new block.

The Balance sheet was distributed and the financial situation was explained by Joan Kiddell, the retiring Treasurer, and Rosemary Taylor answered the appeal for a new Treasurer.

Miss Harrison and Margaret Carmichael (nee Houghton) spoke about the hassocks and Margaret shewed some new designs she had made including one of One-Tree hill.

After some discussion it was decided not to accept the resolution sent in by the S-W. branch with regard to sub-secretaries.

It was decided that in future the reunion at St. Elphin's should be for one day only, on a Saturday in May, as the weekend reunions had not been very well attended recently. Next year (1971) it would be held on May 15th.

A decision about the venue of the reunion in the alternate years was deferred until next year; London, Manchester, Liverpool and Sheffield were all mentioned.

After the meeting was over there was time for further talk and reminiscences over afternoon tea before we all went our separate ways.

THIS YEAR'S VENTURE of holding our reunion at Miss Flood's own home hotel, the Pencarwick, Exmouth, instead of in Exeter, proved a great success. The sun was shining, the sea was blue, the Devon capons consumed at lunch were most delectable and the surroundings were comfortable and pleasant.

Miss Flood was recovering from some unfortunate nasal trouble brought on by the recent cold winds, but this was not apparent, and she spoke at the short after-lunch meeting with her usual vigour and clarity. Incidentally this meeting was held in the *bar*, which turned out to be the most convenient place, though the lounge had kindly been reserved for us! A resolution was passed concerning the possible re-introduction of sub-secretaries in the O.G.G., and the Secretary has been notified about this.

Our big disappointment was that Miss Robinson, who was to have been our Guest of Honour, was after all unable to come. Perhaps we shall be more fortunate next time. Fourteen others sent apologies for absence. In the end eighteen of us sat down to table: Miss Flood, Miss Thouless, Miss Burchnall, Dorothy Maye, Marjorie and Lena Nicol, Dorothy Marr, Ethne Boswell, Mary Williams, Gillian Sinclair, Jo Trapnell, Frances Watson, Felicity Hay, Mary Hope Johnson, Jill Bettison and her mother and myself and my father. As we had decided not to book tea, we began to disperse in the middle of the afternoon.

Felicity Hay was going on afterwards to visit the Evanses, who are retired and living at Budleigh Salterton. Some of us will remember Dr. Evans as the school doctor at St. Elphin's, and his wife as Nurse May Thompson who looked after our health and behaviour in the Junior School round about 1930. They have a son who is a lawyer, and a married daughter.

I must apologise to several members of the Group who did not receive invitations as their addresses had gone astray: most of these have now been recovered. If you know of anyone living in the West Country who might like to attend our reunions, and whose name is not in the new address-book, do please tell me and I will get in touch.

STELLA ALLEN

TREASURER

For a period ROSEMARY TAYLOR has taken over the office of Treasurer of the Old Girls' Guild. Her address and Postal Code are:- 35, College Road North., Blundellsands, Liverpool, L23 8UR.

We are most grateful to her, and hope that all members will co-operate to make her task as easy as possible.

At the same time we would like to express our thanks to JOAN KIDDELL, our retiring Treasurer, for all the work she has done so admirably during her period of office and for carrying on for a year after she had officially retired until a successor could be found.

NEWS OF OLD GIRLS

JILL BETTISON (née Popple) runs a driving school and also lets holiday cottages in Appledore, so summer is a busy time for her. Her eldest son Francis has just passed his finals as a Chartered Surveyor.

MARJORIE BUNTING (née Carson), her sister GRETA BUNTING (née Carson) and her two sisters-in-law, ANN and JEAN are all married to farmers and live within 6 miles of each other. All are members of the local Women's Institute of which Marjorie is Vice-President. Marjorie has two sons and a daughter.

JEAN DAVIES (née Donaldson) went to the U.S.A. with her husband last December and expects to be there for about 2 years. She will be pleased to see anyone who is passing through New York.

ELIZABETH DODU (née Morley) is working as Deputy-head Occupational Therapist in Hastings. She was at FRANCES LUNN'S wedding last year, and also hears from JOYCE WALSH (née Elgar) who is in Australia.

DOROTHY FITCH (nee Shaw) who is so badly crippled with soteo-arthritis that she finds it difficult to get out, would be glad to have a visit from any Old Girl who is in her neighbourhood (Pinner)—see address changes.

KATHLEEN FINCH (née Williams) has passed her Finals in Medicine and is working at Birch Hill Hospital, Rochdale and her sister Jill Woodward is a senior physiotherapist at Clatterbridge Hospital.

EVANGELINE FISH is one of Miss Kennedy's "old girls". She is now housebound and living in Padgate near Warrington. Her Vicar visits her regularly. Before moving to Padgate, she attended Canon Longbottom's Church of St. Elphin's, Warrington.

GWENLLIAN GRAFTON-ROBINSON (née Owen) gave up acting when her daughter Camilla Jane was born six years ago but she still takes an interest in the stage—often going down to the B.B.C. studios where her director husband has been making a film on the Royal Ballet School. She has also become an "angel" to the Stage production of "Under Milk Wood" (i.e. bought a block of shares in it).

VICKI GERARD is at Madeley College of Education.

MOLLY HINDLE (née Cheese) is very active in village life. She is Deputy Enrolling Member for the Mothers' Union, helps with the Over-60 Club and Meals on Wheels, and is a member of the Parish Council.

PAMELA JEFFERIES has returned to Nursing after spending a year as a Child Care Officer with the National Children's Home. She is now Senior Ward Sister in the Pediatric Wards at Guy's Hospital.

MARY JENKINS (née Tudor Jones) has started a Brownie Pack in her village. It is a very active Pack and they have the advantage of being very close to Broneirion, the Guide training centre for Wales.

Mary and her sister RUTH (now Mrs. Humphreys) each have four daughters: both the youngest ones are starting school in September.

ELIZABETH LAVENDER has left Lymington and in September she is joining the staff of Stancliffe Hall Boys' Preparatory School in Darley Dale where she will be near to her sister AUDREY who, of course, is House-mistress of the Margaret Flood House at St. Elphin's.

ANN MARGAND (née Osborne) whose husband is a Surveyor has been in touch with ROSALIND JACKSON and SANDRA CANE (née Hardwick).

SUSAN MILLER (née Thomas), who is at present teaching Domestic Science in Stockport, is sailing for Australia in November where her husband is taking a post for two years at the Australian National University in Canberra. Recently she met PAULINE WHITTINGTON, and she often sees SUSAN DARLINGTON. She also attended JILL WILLIAMS'S wedding in Chester Cathedral last April.

SHIRLEY MACKENZIE (née Lewis) spent a week near Knaresborough with her sister VALERIE MAY when the latter's first baby (Katrina Jane) was born.

ANNE MOUNTSTEPHEN (née Watson) and her bank manager husband have just returned to the South after 4 years in Northumberland. They have two sons, Andrew aged 12 and Philip who is 10½ and a 3 year old daughter called Sarah.

PATRICIA PHILCOX (née James) is enjoying the experience of living in New York for a few years. Her daughter Amanda is at School in England but her two sons are at local schools still. She was delighted to have ROSEMARY RUNCIMAN (née Hadfield) and her husband to stay with her last year. As Rosemary is Amanda's godmother, they all hope to meet again next March when Amanda is confirmed.

HANNAH ROBINSON left Millfield School at Christmas after a year tackling A-levels and being Head-girl. Since then she has been on a pilgrimage to Lourdes as a nurse and now has a job in the lab. at Rountree's chocolate factory in York. This is to fill in time till she goes to Somerville College, Oxford in October to read Psychology and Physiology.

KATHLEEN ROSCOE visited St. Elphin's in June and enjoyed a conducted tour of the new buildings.

JOAN SALES (née Lloyd) and her husband have had part of their guest-house converted into flatlets. As the whole house also had to be re-wired, life has been rather hectic as elderly guests had to be cared for as well.

CATHERINE SMART is enjoying teaching in Cambridge. She met MISS DUFF (staff) and had a long talk about St. Elphin's past and

present. CATHERINE and her sister MARGARET FARLEY recently spent an evening with DIANE KIDD née HOLMES who now lives in Southport. She has three children, James, Caroline and Rebecca. Diane had heard from ANN PARRY who is now working as an Air Hostess for East African Airways and has a pied-a-terre in Nairobi.

AILSA STEVENSON (née Moore) has moved to her husband's native town of Glasgow. When they have settled she intends to look for some work. When in Middlesex she did part-time work (nursing) with the local M.O.H. especially helping in the Older People's Clinics. Her son is at boarding school in Wokingham and her daughter is at day school in Glasgow. She still sees some of her old school friends, especially MARY JENKINS (née Astin) and MERYL TURNER (née Chambers)

ANN M. ST J. SMITH has been successful in her external London B.Sc. (Maths and Physics) at Derby College of Technology and is now in London doing X-ray crystallography research on protein structure.

ROSEMARY TAYLOR our new treasurer has learnt to drive and bought a car, so she feels much more mobile now. She sees MISS LONGMIRE occasionally and also MARY AITCHESON (née Davidson) whose children, Michael and Anne, are thriving.

ELIZABETH GROVES (née Taylor) has been in Singapore. She has two children, Christopher and Alison. Her sister MARGARET TAYLOR has obtained a place at St. Gabriels' College in London for October.

GLADYS THOMAS (née Crane) recently visited South Africa with her husband; her grandsons aged 17 and 13 saw to it that they missed nothing of the scenery and animals. In a letter to Miss Flood she writes:- "I still laugh at the thought of myself at 80 cautiously tracking through the scrub to get as near as possible to four enormous white rhino! Still it will always be the lovely scenery which will be my greatest joy to think back on!"

JILL THOMAS (née Dixon), is married to a farmer and has one little boy called Richard Mark; she manages to keep in touch with a number of her St. Elphin's friends, including DIANE TAYLOR (née Hughes), ROSEMARY KERSHAW (née Hill), ELIZABETH CLUCAS (née Glass) and she has recently met ANNE SAVAGE and JOYCE PERKINS.

JUDITH THOMSON (nee Hick) is working in Newcastle at the Nuffield Institute of Child Psychiatry as a Senior Teacher Psychiatric Social Worker. She finds the work very interesting and varied as, not only does she have patients, but she is also involved in training students of all kinds—medical, social work and nurses. Since Christmas she has only been working part-time, as she finds life very hectic following her marriage last year.

BETTY WILKINS (née Martin), whose four little girls are now aged 7 (twins), 4 and 2 years, is heavily involved in the Play Group Movement. She helps to run training courses as well as supervising the Egleskerry Play-group two mornings a week. MARY Mc-MEEKING (nee Hibbins) and her family pay her an annual visit.

FRANCES LUNN is now married (new name not known) and lives in Southampton and CECILIA LUNN is teaching Music at Downe House School in Berkshire and is also a Junior Tutor there.

JANE TARBETT (née Wright) who has a small son called Richard John, goes every afternoon to help her husband with office work etc at his recently formed Matlock Garden Centre at Tansley.

ELAINE WOODHOUSE spent a week last autumn painting at Underscar in Cumberland. While she was there she visited WINIFRED SWEETING (née Bagshaw). This year she has been to Spain.

ELIZABETH WAREHAM (née Carson) and her sister ANNE visited St. Elphin's after the Re-union in April on their way to see Elizabeth's 15 year old son Nigel who is at Trent College. Her daughter Caroline (14) is at school near home, As well as taking a lively interest in all her children's activities (mainly musical, for Caroline especially is an eager competitor in local festivals in the piano and oboe classes) Elizabeth finds time for many fund-raising affairs for both Church and Red Cross, and also for Scottish dancing. She sends news of many of her St. Elphin's friends. While staying with JILL REID (née Chorlton) they met JEAN MACGREGOR (née Beauchamp) and she also sees EDWINA DAVY who is secretary and personal assistant to Mr. Goring at Goring Hotel, London. She also tells the sad news of JOAN CHATTERTON (née Gardener's) sudden death. Miss Dainteth now Mrs. JACKSON (staff), her husband (a nearby vicar) and youngest son lunched with Elizabeth bringing them MISS HURST (Staff) who is now deputy head of a Grammar school in Manchester.

I would like to take this opportunity of thanking all the members for their co-operation in compiling the address book, and for the news items they have sent. I very much enjoy reading their letters and apologise for not being able to answer them all.

Please continue to send me your news so that I can include it in next years Magazine.

Yours sincerely,

EILEEN S. SMART

WORKING ON KIBBUTZ

I went to an Israeli kibbutz as a volunteer in April 1968. I was willing to do any work and plenty was offered. I weeded cotton fields, picked apples and cleaned out lavatories for about three months and in July was also given work in a "baby house". This meant working from six a.m. till 2 p.m. with a group of five children aged about eighteen months to two and a half years, one of whom was mentally retarded. I had a special interest in this child as my work in England had been connected with mentally retarded children. On kibbutz, ideally speaking, the needs of such children can be cared for in the community without the need for segregation. In fact, in contrast to our system which copes with such children as 'special', on kibbutz every child is special and individual needs can be met. However, nothing being ideal, there are also special schools in Israel and the kibbutz does not always meet its responsibilities.

The children go to their parents' houses when the parents have finished work, usually between four and five o'clock, and they sleep there as a family. Although this method is in the minority still in kibbutzim, the trend is in this direction away from the old method of sleeping in peer groups which is now recognised as an extreme measure used during the early settlement problems of Israel.

I work six days a week; nine hours Hebrew lessons, forty hours with children and about six hours in the dining room or doing other communally shared chores. As my Hebrew improved my work was more rewarding and I was able to take my place in the community more successfully. I experienced all the festivals of the Jewish year which included Pesach or passover, celebrated for a week during which unleavened bread is eaten; Purim, the festival of Esther; Shavuot, the harvest; Succoth, commemorating the sojourn of the Israelites in the wilderness, when tabernacles are made in gardens all over Israel; Yom Kippor, day of atonement, the only religiously kept festival on my kibbutz, when a rabbi was imported; Hannukah, commemorating the purification of the temple by Judas Maccabeus after conquering the Greeks; and other minor festivals. There are in Israel all shades of religious fervour from the orthodox to the areligious. My kibbutz was careful to keep scant religious significance. Nevertheless I was never unaware of the religious and biblical background of Israel which is so evident in the everyday life of the nation, if only in the ancient language of Hebrew spoken by all.

I can make no useful comment on the political position of Israel, feeling that Israel is in a cleft stick and yet having sympathies with Arabs whose homes are historically in Palestine. It is easy to see why the people of the Book, the Jews, Moslems and Christians find it so hard to love each other. Their rival claims to holy places make it no easier. Christians might have a significant role as neutral sympathizers in a state beset by political intrigues and ancient hatreds.

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Dear Miss Robinson,

Last July at the reunion I promised to write an account of some happenings of the 12th congress of the Medical Women's International Association in February '70. At the Vienna Congress in 1968 it had been hoped to have Israel for the 1970 meeting, but this proved impossible, for it takes 2 years of intense planning in good circumstances, so Dr. Lorne Lloyd Green of Melbourne, Victoria, asked members there for February 1970.

About 70 members of the British Federation accepted, and various tours were suggested for us to join going and returning. Some busy members flew direct, leisurely ones had sea voyages. I joined 30 others on February 2nd and flew first to South Africa and had a week touring lovely regions between Cape Town and Johannesburg. We had a good courier who reminded us of the long history, as well as the geographical importance of South Africa. Then we flew on to Sydney to join the others who had visited India en route—Sydney was getting ready for the Royal Family's visit and the bicentenary celebrations of Captain Cook's landing. After a day's touring there we left in air-conditioned buses for Canberra. The journey in between showed the great variety in living standards; Sydney, a great centre of the sky-scrapers and prosperity, the countryside very empty, some "townships" (these are as villages or hamlets in Australia) very dejected, with few permanent buildings, obviously no water-carriage system. Here and there welcome green areas of trees, and well-kept private roads led to prosperous stations; the courier told us small farming had ceased to attract; there had been a shift in population to the big cities for industry, but big farms could still prosper if the water problem was solved.

We found Canberra a wonderful city; it is less than 50 years old, planned as the Federal Capital in an area once regarded as desert, with distant mountains all round. We spent some time at the Australian War Memorial Museum, then toured the wide roads and admired embassies and handsome buildings. The next two days were very full exploring the Snowy Mountains area with the wonders of its engineering for the Hydro-electric scheme. (Later on we heard Princess Anne has also explored this area). A large notice told us to put our watches forward an hour when entering the Thredbo Alpine area in the National Park. This part has been developed for less than a decade for winter sports, and the village is a replica of a Swiss one and before entering the State of Victoria we were warned we must not take in any fruit or biscuits. Our main road went

in and out of the boundaries four times, but we had the same formalities of search each time. Victoria is a great fruit growing area, hence the regulations. It also is more densely populated, and nearer Melbourne it was pointed out to us that big industrial estates are developing.

On the evening of Feb. 13th we arrived at our destination in Melbourne. As it was still part of their long summer vacation we were to have our meetings in various buildings on the University Campus. There were about 500 of us at the conference—300 from overseas, 200 from the expanses of Australia. Overseas members were to stay in three of the women's Halls of Residence and three motels. I was with some 60 in St. Mary's College where we were looked after by Loretto Sisters. They teach in term time, but they can certainly cook well. We enjoyed the quickly served meals after the protracted ones in our luxury hotels. Two Australian women doctors were our hostesses and gave us labelled packets which contained invitations to social events, essential information such as special bus services, and maps, hairdressing, phones, routine of our hall, daily news sheets, as well as a 90 page booklet of our congress activities. Saturday Feb. 14th started a week intensely full. We had a big subject for discussion,—“The Health of Women in Industry”,—it involved not only physical health but mental health and the involvement of the Family. These sessions were held on four mornings and afternoons. Our president and her committee had given us serious matters to fill a month rather than a week; she also had arranged many official welcomes and social engagements for us—for 1970 was a special year being 50 years since the foundation of the Medical Women's Federation. There were also hospitals visits, laboratories, big factories and numerous discussion groups. The official languages were French and English and we had ear phones for translations.

We were welcomed by the Governor of Victoria at the Official opening at the Great Hall of the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons. *Sunday* we went in procession to Official Services at the Cathedrals. *Monday* evening we had Golden Jubilee celebrations and supper. *Tuesday* Australian Aboriginal nature films and a talk from Mr. Pollock, a famous Naturalist. *Wednesday* a conducted tour of the Victoria Art Gallery followed by a visit to the tallest building in Melbourne at the invitation of I.C.I.—we enjoyed their hospitality and the views from top floor. *Thursday* His Excellency The Governor of Victoria and Lady Delacombe gave us a late afternoon party at Government House which is a fine copy of a Georgian mansion in a lovely matured garden. *Friday's* activities finished with a Congress Banquet in the Great Hall of the National Art Gallery. At this final banquet we had invitations to the 13th and 14th International Congresses, the 13th to be in Paris in 1972, and 14th in Rio de Janeiro in 1974, and the plans are all going ahead hoping for even greater numbers to attend! In addition to these late dates to which we were all taken in official buses, there were smaller social items on the campus; one walked across to another college to a reception given by Federation of University Women, or to see a modern art exhibition, or to practise the art of boomerang throwing, or go in mini bus to the zoo—where I got some snaps of a friendly Kaola bear—I managed to fit in visits to three hospitals. One was beautifully situated overlooking

parkland; it was the Royal Children's and had 400 cots; we were astonished that they had a staff of 1700. Certainly many were part time, and possibly many were cadets, for every hospital had large notices requiring fully trained staff nurses. This hospital also had a play centre and canteen voluntarily staffed. The children were left there while parents stayed long hours with the sick member of the family, often from great distances.

Melbourne is replacing some of its pleasant buildings with sky scrapers, but it still keeps trams. It also has a student population explosion and in a decade has had two new universities, Monash and La Trobe.

We had a conducted tour over part of Monash, which has some very impressive buildings, the inter-denominational Chapel most of all. Students do not get government grants, but the student population grows, and immigrants are needed for essential work of all grades—all very strange.

Very late each evening at St. Mary's we gathered in a "tea room" and had coffee and chat for another hour, and on my corridor one energetic member brought me an early cup of tea each morning. Most of us left for our planes early Saturday 21st. We realized distances in Australia when one of our hostesses got into her car for a 750 mile run to to her practice in Queensland. With 37 Japanese and a few British Colleagues I flew to New Zealand where I toured with one of my nieces for 2 weeks in the South Island admiring the scenery opened up by the completion of the Haast pass, and other lovely parts; then spent three weeks with my sister Dorothy and her husband in Auckland. Here I also saw the Royal Family at close quarters, and joined in the enthusiastic welcome. I also renewed contacts with people I had met previously and enjoyed many short outings in that lovely part. I saw the beginnings of the Auckland Cathedral in a setting bought by Bishop Selwyn, the first Bishop of Auckland, over 125 years ago. Numerous schools and colleges and a village for elderly people are named after him.

In the village, one block is called "Litchfield" after his diocese in Staffordshire to which he came after his pioneer work in N.Z.

I flew back by Honolulu and Los Angeles so crossing the date line. The lady in the next seat had the rare distinction of having two birthdays in choosing her trip at that time! I had to go through lengthy filling-in of forms although I had a visa for one night's stay in Los Angeles. I was very impressed with the traffic system and vast buildings and interested to see sign posts to well-known movie locations. The trip was non stop to London airport, the time being helped on with a cinema show and ear phone music. I returned to chilly weather after my sunny two months, but home was very welcoming and I have had a full programme of many small things since.

I hope you can sort some of this dissertation out in case you wish to use it. (I cannot type). I see in the news that you are a Lay Reader and trust that your extended duties will give happiness to you and many others.

Yours very sincerely,

WINIFRED A. M. THOMPSON

That was the 7.30 a.m. bell. No, not the rising bell, the bell for the start of lessons! We have been up since shortly after 6 a.m. and are quite glad to start work so early, because by mid-day the classroom is too hot really to work in—especially in October and early November.

I am teaching in a small fee-paying school, about ten miles out of the Zambian capital, Lusaka. I have two grades in my class, fortunately of only about seventeen children. The eldest will turn thirteen before the end of the school year (December), while the youngest is still nine. All lessons are in English, which is lucky for me and for the children who come from numerous tribes, each speaking a different dialect. Half of my class is African, half European. Many of the latter have left to go to boarding schools in the U.K. or down south. For all those who remain this is a very important two years because at the end of this time they must sit their secondary selection test—not to decide whether they should attend grammar or secondary modern schools, but to decide whether they may go to secondary school or leave school altogether. Unfortunately in Zambia there are neither enough primary nor secondary school places for universal education.

The time-table here is not unlike that at home. Of course we are African-biased as far as possible—in other words we do not make snowmen at Christmas time as it is hot and wet, besides which most children have never seen snow.

Two advantages of being a teacher out here are that you must learn about the country and secondly that you can travel in the holidays. I discovered that man lived in Africa before he lived in Europe, but on the other hand I visited an iron-age site built only three hundred years ago, while the Civil War was raging. We regularly eat 'mealies', pick mangoes, juavas, oranges, lemons and grapefruit from the trees! Last year we went along to pick cotton; we visited a tobacco farm and saw the great barns where the leaves are dried. My class have brought in millet and cassava plants, freshly picked groundnuts, straight from their gardens.

Of course, during my first holiday here I visited Victoria Falls and later on Kariba Dam. My third 'pilgrimage' was to the Livingstone memorial—a stone monument set up over the place where his heart was buried: very simple, but just as impressive in its way as are the Falls for their size and natural beauty and the dam for its magnificent feat of engineering.

I have not yet visited a game reserve, although we have booked to spend a few days in one in August, when the animals must travel to the waterholes for water, and the grasses have died down during the dry, cool season which is starting now (April). In spite of this we have seen an elephant, about ten to twenty yards from our road, and a hippo actually walked underneath the boat that we were in three weeks ago.

Although we have visited the bush areas, we live in a very civilised area. We live in a brick bungalow (with metal door and window frames, as the ants would eat wooden ones) in a small township; there are social clubs both in our township and on the agricultural research station nearby. Both show films, as do the two main cinemas in Lusaka. We also see plays at the theatre Club, sing with the Choral Society, go out for meals, dances etc. We do have running water and electricity here too, although not in the bush. Certainly, I was most surprised to find all these facilities and to discover how little time I have to myself after all the warnings I had before leaving England.

I think my greatest shock came when I was being driven from the airport to Chilanga, having been in Zambia less than an hour. Suddenly the driver said 'Do you see that tall chimney over there? That is the Chilanga Cement works and that is where we are going!' There was I, having travelled thousands of miles from the smoking chimneys of Wigan, to live next to a smoking chimney in the middle of Africa!

I. FAITH BEARD

THE CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

The Annual Christmas Bazaar is to be held on November 28th. We should be grateful for contributions of money or articles of all kinds of produce for the stalls. Would you kindly support your own House stall by sending your contributions either to the House Mistress or House Captain.

BIRTHS

- DEAN—In February 1969 to SHAN (née Williams) a son James.
- THOMAS—In July 1969 to JILL (née Dixon) and Martyn Thomas, a son Richard Mark.
- STAPLETON—On October 10th 1969 to MARY (née Sapwell) and the Rev. Henry Stapleton, a daughter Helen Mary Champneys.
- BEALBY—On April 12th 1970, to JANE (née Walker) and Robert Bealby, a daughter Helen Robina.
- BELL—On May 23rd 1970 to DI (née Padgett) and Bill Bell, a son David (brother for Louise).
- FARLEY—On June 30th 1970, to MARGARET (née Smart) and Dr. Thomas Farley, a daughter Rachael Lindsay.

ENGAGEMENT

- CATHERINE ADAMS to DUSAN EDWARD BELM.

MARRIAGES

- MILLAR—THOMAS—On December 26th 1966, Norman Millar to SUSAN E. THOMAS.
- FATTORINI—ROBERTSON—In 1967, Fattorini to FRANCES ROBERTSON.
- THOMAS—DIXON—In 1967, Martyn Thomas to JILL DIXON.
- DEAN—WILLIAMS—In 1968, Richard Dean to SHAN WILLIAMS.
- KERSHAW—HILL—In September 1968, Michael Kershaw to ROSEMARY HILL.
- FINCH—WILLIAMS—In July 1969, Finch to KATHLEEN M. WILLIAMS.
- DODU—MORLEY—On July 5th 1969, Dodu to ELIZABETH MORLEY.
- WILSON—LUNN—On July 26th 1969, John Allen William Wilson to HILLARY JOANNA LUNN.
- TROUT—JONES—On January 10th 1970, Adrian Howard Trout to VIVIEN AUDREY JONES.

PASCOE—WALMSLEY—In 1970, Peter Pascoe to ELAINE WALMSLEY.

MARGAND—OSBORNE—On March 20th 1970, Michael Margand to ANN R. OSBORNE.

LONG—HODGSON—On March 20th 1970, Wally Long to PATRICIA HODGSON.

WOODWARD—WILLIAMS—In April 1970, Woodward to JILL WILLIAMS.

CLARKE—TAYLOR—On July 20th 1970, the Rev. Oswald Clarke to EIRENE E. TAYLOR.

DEATHS

MARY LANCELOT. October 5th, 1966.

ROWAN RHYS (née Wilkin). March 8th 1969.

JOAN CHATTERTON. (née Gardner) June 1969.

ETHEL MARJORIE DOUGLAS—August 2nd 1969.

ELFRIDA JUST (Staff) October 31st 1969.

MARGARET WILLIAMS (née Pollock-Hill) December 14th 1969.

FLORA DOUGLAS. January 20th 1970.

AUDREY SPINK (Staff). March 6th 1970.

DORIS KAYE. March 8th 1970.

EILEEN MACDONALD. March 23rd, 1970,

CHANGES OF ADDRESS ETC.

DOROTHY ALLEN (née Beswick). The Hollies, St. George's Avenue, Weybridge, Surrey.

MISS BURCHNALL (Staff). 4, Clock House, Nether Stowey, Bridgewater, Somerset.

GRETA BUNTING (née Carson). Church Farm, Alsop-en-le-Dale, Ashbourne, Derbyshire.

ELIZABETH CLUCAS (née Glass). "Carhonnag", Regaby, Isle of Man

JEAN DAVIES (née Donaldson), Additional for a year—87, Holmes Avenue, Darien, Connecticut 06820. U.S.A.

ELIZABETH DODU (née Morley), Orchard Plat, 3 Poplar Field, Wittersham Kent.

FRANCES FATTORINI (née Robertson). Temporary—c/o Robertson, Bramales, Curly Hill, Middleton. Ilkley, Yorkshire.

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Current Account

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<i>To</i> Balance brought forward (1.1.69)	148	12	4	<i>By</i> Miss Kennedy's Grave Fund	1	0	0
Annual subscriptions (46 at 10/- plus 9/-)	23	9	0	St. Elphin's Bursary Fund	10	0	0
Interest on Abbey National Building				Postage on circulars	19	4	7
Society Deposit Account 1968	18	10	0	School magazines and postage (1968) ..	10	15	9
Interest on 4½% Defence Bonds	9	0	0	School magazines and postage (1969) ..	13	13	11
Interest on 6% Bonds	6	0	0	Secretary's expenses	1	2	4
Interest on Life Subscriptions Account ..	12	3	0	Treasurer's expenses	2	19	6
				Balance carried forward	158	18	3
	217	14	4		217	14	4

Life Subscriptions Account

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
<i>To</i> Balance brought forward (1.1.69)	255	3	0	<i>By</i> Transferred to Current Account:			
Life subscriptions (35 at £5.5.0 plus 2 at £5)	193	15	0	Friends of St. Elphin's Fund	5	0	0
Sale of metal badges (18 at 2/6)	2	5	0	Interest 1968	12	3	0
Interest 1969	14	10	0	Magazines and postage (1968)	83	5	0
				Magazines and postage (1969)	126	7	0
	465	13	0	Balance carried forward	238	18	0
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