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DEAR GIRLS AND OLD GIRLS,

I have been looking back over the period I have spent with you at Stover, and can hardly believe it is fourteen years, until I think of some of the changes that have taken place. During that time there have been several additions to the buildings, many changes in the grounds surrounding us, the war years have come and gone, and the girls whom I knew as juniors have now launched out into various careers or are married and have homes and children of their own. Letters and visits from old girls and reunions are more than ever welcome, and we hope that many will come to Stover on July 22nd next year for Old Girls' Day, and will meet us in London on January.

As I write, work is progressing on the new gymnasium, but we have little hope that it will be completed this year. The builders are held up for lack of steel window frames and roofing. Meanwhile, we have converted the old gymnasium into a most satisfactory dining room, which gives us all a great deal of pleasure, after years we have spent in cramped quarters. The old dining room is now the Junior Common Room, and the old Lower IV. classroom is a VIth. Form sitting room, where they seem to enjoy themselves very much at weekends.

Among the recent changes of staff is the loss of Dr. Marjorie Brown, as school medical officer. Under the new Health Scheme she becomes a specialist, and has to give up general practice. We should like to express our very warm thanks to her for the years of service she has given to the school. During the difficult years of the war, when illness was a nightmare, owing to the shortage of nurses, Dr. Marjorie Brown was a rock upon whom we leant heavily at times. She constantly came to the rescue when we had no means of transport, for getting pupils into hospital for treatment or X-rays. She was untiring in her care of the health of the school. We miss her very much, and our best wishes go with her in her work as specialist.

The death of Mr. T. C. Martin in January has deprived us of a valued colleague and friend. Those who were his pupils will not easily forget his sound teaching, nor the delightful visits to his home, where he and Mrs. Martin laid themselves out for their enjoyment. We feel the deepest sympathy with Mrs. Martin in her bereavement.

In July, 1950, the last School Certificate examinations will be held, and thereafter the new General Certificate of Education takes its place. The age limit of 16 years is imposed as from next year, and for the time being, until the new dispensation is well established, there will be difficulties to overcome, and some disappointments among those who find themselves unable to take the Certificate in the year they had planned to do so. We shall need the fullest co-operation from pupils and their parents during the period of transition, and then we are confident that we can achieve as good results under the new arrangement as under the old.

The School Magazine should reach you by the end of term, so a Very Happy Christmas to you all, and a Prosperous and Happy New Year in 1950.

Yours sincerely,

PHYLLIS E. DENCE.

1949. CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Sept. 22.—Beginning of Autumn Term.
 „ 24.—Films: The Northern Lights; The Earth Sings.
 „ 25.—Film: The Amazing Mrs. Holliday.
 Oct. 2.—Film: The Thirty-Nine Steps.
 „ 9.—West of England Lacrosse Rally at Salisbury.
 „ 10.—Lecture and Film: "Sailing Round the Baltic," by
 Lt.-Comdr. Dixon.
 „ 16.—Sherwood-Moore Marionettes.
 „ 29.—Lecture on Butterflies.
 Nov. 5.—Half-term.
 „ 13.—Piano recital by Henry Wilson and Kathleen McQuitty.
 „ 14.—Film: The Overlanders.
 Dec. 5.—Talk on Dr. Barnardo's Homes by Miss Brown.
 „ 9.—Speech Day.
 „ 18.—Christmas Party.
 „ 20.—End of term.

- Jan. 18.—Beginning of Spring Term.
,, 22.—Film: School for Secrets.
- Feb. 2.—V. and VI. Form visit to Torquay Grammar School for a production by La Troupe Francais.
,, 12.—Film: The Ghost Train.
,, 16.—Talk for Juniors by Miss Brown on the work done by Dr. Barnardo's Homes.
,, 19.—Visit by some Seniors to Dartington Hall for one-day drama course.
,, 23.—Recital by Cecil Cope.
,, 26.—Film: Ship Ahoy.
,, 28.—Concert by members of Western Philharmonic Orchestra.
- Mar. 19.—Film: Young Mr. Pitt.
,, 22.—Music Festival at Torquay.
,, 26.—Film: Destry Rides Again.
,, 28.—House music and elocution competitions.
,, 30.—End of term.
- April 27.—Beginning of Summer Term.
,, 30.—Film: Romeo and Juliet.
- May 5.—VIth Form Conference.
,, 14.—Recital for two pianos by Henry Wilson and Kathleen McQuitty.
,, 20.—Party to Dr. Barnardo's Homes.
,, 21.—Visit of Recorder Group from Dartmouth.
,, 23.—Lecture by Sir Christopher Masterman.
,, 28.—Party from Dr. Barnardo's Homes.
,, 30.—II. and III. Forms visit to Forestry Department and Gardens at Dartington Hall.
- June 3.—Half term. Production of "The Builders," by Laurence Housman.
,, 7.—Athletic Sports.
,, 9.—Careers Lecture.
,, 17.—Musical Evening and performance of "The Builders."
,, 23.—Highweek Fete.
,, 25.—Visit of Headmistress of Wenona School, Sydney.
- July 15.—Visit of French girls.
,, 20.—VIth Form outing to Plymouth.
,, 21.—Visit of Singing Group to Dartington Hall.
,, 23.—Swimming Sports. Old Girls' Day.
,, 27.—End of term.



VALETE

January, 1949

Jennifer Nicholson, Judith Ryle, Loveday Townend, Eleanor Taylor, Sheila Willing.

April, 1949

Joan Blanchette, Betty Earnshaw, Naomi Jones.

July, 1949

Philippa Ball
 Rosanne Bellamy
 Angela Bradley
 Anne Burrige
 Jill Butlin
 Patricia Calder
 Gillian Compton
 Sally Finlinson
 Mary Hunt
 June Irving
 Margaret Johnstone

Joy Mansfield
 Monica Orn
 Mary Vaughan-Philpott
 Pamela Pleace
 Corina Rushton
 Griselda Southey
 Mary Steele-Perkins
 Susan Steele-Perkins
 Judith Sturges
 Kathryn Westlake.

SALVETE

September, 1948

Margaret Allen-Price (II)
 Joan Blanchette (Lr. IV)
 Joan Frew (II)
 Margaret Frew (III)
 Pamela Hatfield (Up. IV)
 Susan Hatfield (II)
 Marjorie Henderson (Lr. V)
 Christine Lunn (II)

Joy Mansfield (VI)
 Mollie Matson (II)
 Monica Orn (Lr. V)
 M. Jean Sandercock (III)
 Angela Wiles (III)

January, 1949

Anthea Bickford (III) Phillipa Bickford (II) Kathleen Roberts (III)

April, 1949

Patricia Calder (II)
 Suzanne Chapman (III)
 Joyce Crews (Up. IV)
 Elizabeth Johnstone (II)
 Janet Judd (Lr. IV)
 Helen Leggate (II)

Elise de Kadt (II)
 Nancy de Kadt (Lr. IV)
 Penelope Hill-Turner (Lr. IV)
 Hilary Milton (II)
 M. Louise Parkinson (III)
 Jill Skewes (Up. IV)

APPOINTMENTS*Head Girl*: Mary Vaughan-Philpott.

Prefects: Jennifer Ashby, Rosanne Bellamy, Angela Bradley, Jill Butlin, Mary Hunt, June Irving, Margaret Johnstone, Pamela Pleace, Corina Rushton, Mary Steele-Perkins, Barbara Thorpe, Helen Whittall.

GENERAL SCHOOL CERTIFICATE EXAMINATION, JULY 1949

The following girls received supplementary certificates to add to their School Certificates gained in July, 1948:

Mansfield, Joy.—*Credit* in Biology. *Pass* in Physics-with-Chemistry.

The following girls gained School Certificates with Exemption from Matriculation:

Ashby, Jennifer A.—*Very Good*—English Literature, Religious Knowledge, Geography. *Credit*—English Language, History, Latin, French, Elementary Mathematics.

Bradley, Angela L.—*Very Good*—Religious Knowledge, Oral French. *Credit*—English Language, English Literature, History, Geography, French, Elementary Mathematics, Biology.

Burridge, Anne E. M.—*Very Good*—English Language, History, *Credit*—English Literature, Religious Knowledge, Geography, Latin, French, Elementary Mathematics.

Finlinson, Sally J.—*Very Good*—English Language. *Credit*—History, Latin, French, Elementary Mathematics, Art. *Pass*—English Literature, Religious Knowledge.

Monro, Ann J.—*Very Good*—English Literature, Religious Knowledge, Elementary Mathematics, Biology, Art. *Credit*—English Language, History, Latin, French.

Whittall, Helen M.—*Credit*—English Language, English Literature, Religious Knowledge, History, Geography, French, Elementary Mathematics. *Pass*—Biology.

The following girls gained School Certificates:—

Blair, Jean M.—*Very Good*—Oral French. *Credit*—English Language, Geography, French. *Pass*—English Literature, Religious Knowledge, History, Elementary Mathematics, Biology.

Butlin, Jill.—*Very Good*—Religious Knowledge. *Credit*—English Language, English Literature, History, Biology, Art. *Pass*—Elementary Mathematics.

Compton, K. M. Gillian.—*Credit*—English Language, Religious Knowledge, History, Geography, Art. *Pass*—English Literature, Biology.

Isaac, Gillian A.—*Credit*—Religious Knowledge, History, Geography. *Pass*—English Language, English Literature, Biology.

Rogers, Mary Rose L.—*Very Good*—English Language. *Credit*—English Literature, Religious Knowledge, History, Geography, French.

Thorpe, Barbara M.—*Credit*—English Language, English Literature, Geography, Elementary Mathematics. *Pass*—History, Latin, French, Biology.

HIGHER SCHOOL CERTIFICATE, JULY 1949

The following girls gained their Higher School Certificates:
 Bellamy, Rosanne.—Geography: Good (Ordinary Standard).
 Mathematics—Pass (Ordinary Standard). Physics, allowed to count as a Subsidiary subject.
 Irving, M. June D.—French, allowed to count as a Subsidiary subject. English, Pass (Advanced Standard); History, Pass (Advanced Standard); Latin, Pass (Subsidiary).
 Rushton, E. Corina.—Latin, Pass (Ordinary Standard); English, Pass (Ordinary Standard); History, Good (Advanced Standard); Geography, Good (Ordinary Standard).
 Steele-Perkins, G. Mary.—French, Very Good (Ordinary Standard); English, Good (Advanced Standard); History, Distinction (Advanced Standard).

The following girls passed in the following subjects at the Higher School Certificate examination:

Johnstone, Margaret A.—History, Pass (Ordinary Standard); French, allowed to count as a Subsidiary subject; Geography, allowed to count as a Subsidiary subject.
 Sturges, Judith M.—Botany, allowed to count as a Subsidiary subject; Zoology, allowed to count as a Subsidiary subject.
 Vaughan-Philpott, Mary M.—Zoology, Pass (Advanced Standard); Botany, Pass (Ordinary Standard); Physics, allowed to count as a Subsidiary subject.

STATE SCHOLARSHIP

G. Mary Steele-Perkins was awarded a State Scholarship to Girton College, Cambridge, on the result of her Higher School Certificate.

COUNTY EXHIBITION

E. Corina Rushton was awarded a County Exhibition on the result of her Higher School Certificate, and takes up her place at Birmingham University next year to read Economics.

ROYAL SCHOOLS OF MUSIC**Elocution.****Examination June 28th**

- Philippa Bickford.—Grade I., Pass.
 Gillian LaTouche.—Grade I., Pass.
 Mollie Matson.—Grade I., Pass.
 Margaret Rew.—Grade I., Pass.
 M. Jean Sandercock.—Grade I., Pass.
 Pauline Bellamy.—Grade II., Pass.
 Rosemary Parnaby.—Grade II., Pass.
 Ann Acton-Dixon.—Grade III., Pass.
 Ann Clark.—Grade IV., Pass with Merit.

**London Academy of Music and Dramatic Art Examinations,
 March 1949**

- Judith H. Fielding.—Grade IV., Pass.
 Glenda Foale.—Grade V., Pass.
 Patricia Seagram.—Grade V., Pass with Distinction.
 Angela L. Bradley.—Grade VI., Pass with Distinction.

Association Board of The Royal Schools of Music (Pianoforte)

- Ann Evans.—Grade V., Higher.
 Kathleen Roberts.—Grade IV. Lower.
 Joan Kennard.—Grade III. Transitional.
 Barbara Farmer.—Grade III. Transitional.
 Gillian LaTouche.—Grade III. Transitional.
 Elizabeth Wright.—Grade III. Transitional.
 Rosemary Parnaby.—Grade III. Transitional.
 Joan Frew.—Grade II. Elementary.
 Margaret Frew.—Grade II. Elementary.
 Prudence Allen.—Grade I. Primary.
 Pauline Warren.—Grade I. Primary.

TRIBUTE

On behalf of Stover School, and especially the VI. Forms whom he taught, we would like to take this opportunity of showing our appreciation of all that Mr. Martin did for our school. Those of the Science group will always remember his great understanding of us, and our outings with him, added by Mrs. Martin's kindness, were always a source of pleasure and interest.

M. VAUGHAN-PHILPOTT.

GAMES REPORT**Lacrosse Teams**

1st XII.		2nd XII.
J. Irving	G.K.	A. Clark
H. Whittall	Pt.	G. Compton (Capt.)
B. Baker-Beall	C.P.t.	U. Pridham
G. Isaac (Capt.)	3M.	M. Pering
A. Bradley	L.B.	B. Farmer
J. Ashby	R.A.	C. Gummer
V. Willing	C.	J. Sturges
J. Butlin	L.A.	M. Shewell
M. Vaughan-Philpott	R.A.	P. Seagram
K. Johnstone	3H.	V. Edwards
M. Milford	2H.	D. Shapley
R. Howell	1M.	A. Monro

Netball Teams

1st VII. (Under 15)	12 and under VII	11 and under VII	C. VII	
B. Baker-Beall	G.D.	G. LaTouche	G. Heaton	R. Bellamy
J. Ashby	D.	H. Johns	L. Himely	C. Gummer
C. Gummer	D.C.	J. Kennard	J. Kennard	K. Johnstone
V. Willing	C.	J. Fielding	J. Fielding	G. Foale
G. Foale	A.C.	J. Meadows	S. Proctor	A. Monro
R. Howell	A.	P. Allen	J. Elliott	M. Perring
M. Rew	S.	J. Elliott	J. Plucknett	B. Farmer

SCHOOL FIXTURES, AUTUMN, 1948**Lacrosse**

<i>School or Club</i>				<i>Result</i>
West of England Rally	..	..	.. Away	Godolphin, South Wilts Gr. Schl
2nd XII. v. Oxton House 1st XII.	..	..	.. Away	Lost, 8-1
1st XII. v. St. Loyes 1st XII.	..	..	.. Home	Won, 18-0
2nd XII. v. Oxton House 1st XII.	..	..	.. Home	Lost, 6-4
1st XII. v. S.D. L.L.C. 1st XII	..	..	.. Home	Scratched

Spring Term, 1949

<i>School or Club</i>				<i>Result</i>
1st XII. v. S.D.L.L.C. A. XII.	..	..	.. Home	Scratched
2nd XII. v. Oxton House 1st XII.	..	..	.. Away	Lost, 7-3
1st XII. v. Oxton House 1st XII.	..	..	.. Home	Won, 10-1
1st XII. v. Stover Old Girls 1st XII.	..	..	.. Home	Scratched
"C" XII. v. Shute 1st XII.	..	..	.. Home	Scratched
1st XII. v. S.D.L.L.C. A. XII.	..	..	.. Home	Won, 6-4
1st XII. v. Sherborne 1st XII.	..	..	.. Away	Scratched

Netball, Spring Term, 1949

<i>School or Club</i>				<i>Result</i>
15 and Under v. Croft Lodge 1st VII.	..	..	.. Away	Lost, 36-0
11 and Under v. Croft Lodge	..	..	.. Home	Lost 7-5
12 and Under v. Oxton House	..	..	.. Away	Lost 13-5
12 and Under v. Oxton House	..	..	.. Home	Lost 16-8
"C" VII. v. Stokelake	..	..	.. Away	Lost 11-1
"C" VII, v. Stoodley Knowle and VII.	..	..	.. Away	Scratched

Tennis Team, 1949

1st Couple :	2nd Couple :	3rd Couple :
R. Bellamy (Capt.)	H. Hunt	G. Isaac
M. Pering	A. Bradley	M. Milford

Summer Term Fixtures

Date	School or Club		Result
May 21.	1st VI. v. Oxton House 1st VI.	.. Home	Won 57-42
May 28.	1st VI. v. Croft Lodge 1st VI.	.. Away	Lost 8-1
June 11.	1st VI. v. Stoodley Knowle 1st VI.	.. Away	Lost 67-14
June 18.	1st VI. Inter-School Match, Aberdare Cup		Lost, 2nd rd.
June 25.	1st VI. v. Oxton House 1st VI.	.. Away	Won 52-29
July 9.	1st VI. v. Stoodley Knowle 1st VI.	.. Home	Lost 56-25
July 23.	1st VI. v. Old Girls' 1st VI.	.. Home	Lost 54-27

The Junior Tennis Tournament was won by J. Fielding.

The Senior Tennis Tournament was won by R. Bellamy.

Athletic Sports Results, 1949

High Jump	..	Senior	G. Isaac	4ft. 8ins.
		Intermediate	J. Simmons	4ft. 1½ins.
		Junior	P. Bellamy	4ft. 1½ins.
		10 and under	L. Himely	3ft. 3½ins.
100 Yards	..	Senior	G. Isaac	
	..	Intermediate	S. Hendy	
75 Yards	..	Junior	P. Bellamy	
50 Yards	..	10 and under	L. Himely	
Sack Race	..	Senior	G. Isaac	
		Intermediate	W. Brewer	
		Junior	J. Fielding	
		10 and under	P. Calder	
Obstacle	..	Senior	H. Whittall	
		Intermediate	S. Giles	
		Junior	P. Johnstone	
Throwing Cricket Ball			C. Gummer	
Long Jump	..	Senior	G. Isaac	14ft. 11ins.
		Intermediate	J. Simmons	14ft. 5ins.
		Junior	P. Allen	12ft. 2ins.
		10 and under	P. Calder	11ft. 3ins.
Egg and Spoon..	..	Senior	M. Johnstone	
		Intermediate	J. Sandercock	
		Junior	P. Bellamy	
		10 and under	M. Matson	
Three-Legged	..	Senior	G. Isaac	
			C. Rushton	
		Intermediate	M. Pruen	
		Junior	R. Pruen	
House Relay	..	Senior	C. Isaac	
			J. Fielding	
		Junior	Queen Victoria House	
Challenge Cups	..	Senior	Queen Elizabeth House	
		Junior	G. Isaac	
		Intermediate	J. Simmons	
		Junior	P. Bellamy and J. Fielding	
	10 and under	L. Himely		

<i>Inter House Cup</i> ..	Queen Elizabeth House
<i>Harvey Cup</i>	S. Finlinson
<i>Sandhurst Cup</i>	G. Isaac

Swimming Sports Results, 1949

<i>Breast Stroke Style</i> ..	Senior	G. Foale	
	Intermediate	A. Goodliffe	
	Junior	C. Isaac	
<i>Crawl Style</i>	Senior	G. Foale	
	Junior	S. Hatfield	
<i>Back Crawl Style</i> ..	Senior	G. Foale	
	Intermediate	A. Goodliffe	
	Junior	S. Proctor	
<i>English Back Stroke</i>		C. Rushton.	
<i>Diving</i>	Senior	G. Foale	
	Junior	J. Warren	
	Beginners	L. Himely	
<i>Two Lengths (Free)</i> ..	Intermediate	A. Goodliffe	55.8 secs.
<i>One Length (Free)</i> ..	Junior	G. Heaton	29.8 secs.
<i>Beginners' Race</i>		J. Sandercock	
<i>Feet First</i>	Senior	R. Howell	
	Intermediate	A. Himely	
	Junior	J. Fielding	
<i>Plunge</i>	Senior	B. Baker-Beall	
	Junior	H. Johns	
<i>One Length Breast</i> ..	Senior	C. Rushton	27.2 secs.
	Intermediate	A. Himely	28.2 secs.
<i>20 Yards Breast</i> ..	Junior	C. Lunn	19.2 secs.
<i>One Length Back</i> ..	Senior	G. Foale	
	Intermediate	A. Himely	
<i>20 Yards Back</i> ..	Junior	G. Heaton	18.2 secs.
<i>Underwater</i>		V. Edwards	
<i>Junior House Relay</i> ..		Queen Elizabeth	
<i>Senior House Relay</i> ..		Queen Victoria	
<i>Challenge Cups</i> ...	Senior	G. Foale	
	Intermediate	A. Himely	
	Junior	J. Warren	
<i>House Cup</i>		Queen Elizabeth	

Swimming Colours, 1949

G. Foale J. Ashby P. Moule

Royal Life Saving Society Examination Results

Bronze Medallion.—B. Baker-Beall, S. Giles, A. Goodliffe, P. Hatfield, J. Mansfield, M. Henderson.

1st Bar to Bronze.—G. Foale, C. Rushton.

2nd Bar to Bronze.—P. Pleace, P. Moule (land drill only taken).

Bronze Cross.—G. Foale, C. Rushton.

Bar to Award of Merit.—P. Pleace.

Olympic Possible

As a result of her high jump performance at an Inter-Schools Athletic Contest held at Tavistock this summer, Gillian Isaac is undergoing special training in the hope of taking part in the next Olympic Games.

House Report September, 1948—July, 1949

POINTS

	ELIZABETH	MARY	VICTORIA
Autumn Term	2,366	2,138	2,069
Spring Term	2,013	1,492	1,655
Summer Term	2,100	1,473	2,089

	ELIZABETH	MARY	VICTORIA
House ..	Miss Gwen	Miss Peuple	Miss Inman
Mistresses	Miss Rickens	Miss Hellier	Miss Down
House Captains	J. Irving	M. Vaughan-Philpott	R. Bellamy
Vice-Captains	M. Johnstone	J. Sturges	M. Steele-Perkins
Games Captains	J. Butlin	A. Bradley	G. Isaac
Games V.-Captains	J. Ashby	M. Milford	B. Baker-Beall

As once more the school year closes, we look back on the house events of the past twelve months. The House Cup, given for the most marks during the year, was again won by Queen Elizabeth. However, there was more competition for the sports cups; Queen Victoria won the lacrosse in the Autumn Term, and Queen Mary the netball. In the Spring Term, rather to everybody's surprise, Queen Mary won both cups. At the end of the Summer Term the Senior Cup was won by Queen Victoria, who were lucky enough to have in their house the School's first tennis couple, R. Bellamy and M. Pering, with Queen Elizabeth winning the Junior tournament. In other sports events Queen Victoria won the Inter-House Swimming Challenge Cup, and Queen Elizabeth gained the Inter-House sports cup.

There has been keen competition between the houses in other things besides sport. During the Autumn Term there was an inter-house music competition. This comprised four grades, and was judged by Mr. E. R. Winship, the singing master of Torquay Grammar School. The senior grade was easily won by Mary Hunt, and the inter grade by Barbara Thorpe, who both brought in marks to Queen Mary. The junior and beginners' classes were both won by Queen Victoria, Kathleen Roberts winning the former and Joan Frew the latter.

At the end of the Autumn Term a Sale of Work was held, which was made an inter-house affair, each house having a stall.

During the term all the houses worked hard to make the greatest number of articles, but Queen Elizabeth proved most successful financially, largely owing to their having a beautifully dressed doll, and also some eggs which they raffled.

All the houses were very sorry to lose their house captains, June Irving, Mary Philpott and Rosanne Bellamy, and they wish them a successful future. Queen Mary have been most unfortunate in losing both house mistresses, but have welcomed in their stead Miss Griffiths and Miss Pascoe. Queen Victoria lost Miss Inman, who had been their house mistress for several years, and had done a great deal for her house. They are now glad to welcome Miss Russell in her place.

To all House mistresses and girls who left during the past school year we tender our sincere thanks for the help they have given us, and we wish them all future happiness and success.

House Captains.

Music, 1948—1949

Music has not been lacking among the many activities of the school during the past year. On Speech Day in the autumn term, the choir sang A Ceremony of Carols, by Benjamin Britten. Although it is a modern work, all the visitors seemed to enjoy it.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Wilson have again visited Stover, and given two recitals during the past year, one in November and the other in May. They played works of Beethoven, Chopin, Debussy and several other pieces by different composers, ending, with "Braziliera" from "Scaramouche" Suite by Arthur Benjamin, by request.

During the Spring Term Mr. Cope came from Dartington Hall and sang delightfully many songs to the school, including some folk songs. He was accompanied by Mrs. Cope. In February, Mr. Haigh Marshall, who is the conductor of the Western Philharmonic Orchestra, came to school with a few orchestral players. The programme was very suitably chosen and well performed. The instruments included flute, oboe, violin, viola and violin-cello.

In March the school went to Torquay to take part in a non-competitive festival. On the first day we sang several songs, including "The Blackbird's Song," by Percy Buck, "Summer is i-cumen in," which is an old round, and "Now is the Month of Maying" (Thomas Morley). All the schools joined in to sing

"Philomela," by Morley. Dr. Thomas conducted the schools in this song. The next evening we took part in a public concert and sang "The Blackbird's Song"; Dr. Thomas again conducted.

In March also the Inter-House Music Competition was held, judged by Mr. E. R. Winship. Mary Hunt, who is now studying at the Royal Academy of Music, won the Senior Class. The Intermediate Class was won by Barbara Thorpe, with Marjorie Henderson a very close second. Kathleen Roberts played well, and won the Junior Class, while Joan Frew won the Beginners' Class.

One Saturday morning the Recorder Group came from Dartmouth, and played to us. They inspired the school with such enthusiasm that Stover now has a promising recorder group of its own.

On June 17th the School held a musical evening, when we entertained several visitors from the surrounding district. After a dramatic performance of the "The Builders," held in the garden, the musical entertainment followed in the hall. Violin solos were played by Miss Godwin, and the senior and intermediate choirs sang several songs. Mary Hunt played a Chopin Ballade.

In July the Upper Fifth and Sixth forms went to Dartington Hall to take part in an informal concert. During the morning we saw a Chinese art exhibition. After lunch by the River Dart, the members of the choir had a rehearsal at the Hall in preparation for the concert after tea. We joined in with members of Torquay and Totnes Grammar Schools to sing "The Fairy Isle," which is a collection of Manx Folk songs written in two or three parts. In addition, each school sang several songs, and several students of Dartington contributed to the concert in various ways.

Every year, at the end of the summer term, it is the custom to perform a Gilbert and Sullivan Opera, and this year the choir performed "The Pirates of Penzance." The cast was as follows:—

Major-General Stanley	...	...	MARY VAUGHAN-PHILPOTT
The Pirate King	...	...	JEAN BLAIR
Samuel (his Lieutenant)	...	...	ROSALIE HOWELL
Frederic (the Pirate Apprentice)	...	...	JILL BUTLIN
Sergeant of Police	...	...	JUDY STURGES
Mabel	...	...	JUNE IRVING
Edith	} (General Stanley's Daughters)	...	ANN MONRO
Kate		...	BARBARA THORPE
Isabel		...	GILLIAN COMPTON
Ruth (a Pirate maid of all work)		...	MARY HUNT

Chorus of Pirates, Police and General Stanley's Daughters:
Other members of the choir,

Both the actors and the audience enjoyed performing it and seeing it, and it made those who were leaving next day forget that it was their last night at school.

I do not believe that mention has been made before of the School orchestra. It is now becoming a flourishing part of school life. Orchestral practices are held on Monday afternoons. There are three first violins, which are played by Joan Kennard (leader), Anne Evans and Jennifer Waterhouse. The three second violins are played by Rosemary Parnaby, Jenny Himely and Pauline Warren. Miss Dence plays the viola, and Mrs. Ridgeway plays the violin'cello. The wood-wind is supplied by Miss Griffiths, Penelope Hill-Turner, and Hilary Johns, who all play descant recorders. Ursula Pridham plays the piano, and Miss Godwin conducts as well as playing a violin. The orchestra are learning a Minuet by Handel and several pieces by Adam Carse. The orchestra are very sorry to lose Mary Hunt, who used to play the violin'cello.

BARBARA THORPE
(Form VI.).

Dramatics, 1949

This year has proved perhaps slightly less spectacular in the dramatic line than some.

The play produced for the benefit of parents on Sports' Day the only effort of the combined school for the year, was "The Builders," by Laurence Housman, a play depicting the early days of S. Francis. It was to have taken place out of doors, with the old gateway into the market garden next door forming the background and the staff garden the stage. All rehearsals took place outside, and we hoped against hope that the weather would continue fine. But the one wet day of the summer was Sports' Day, and the play was produced in the library, where the actors were rather hampered by the improvised scenery, the difficulty in hearing their cues, and the fear of spilling water on the Persian carpet!

Another performance of this play was given to visitors from the district (with Miss Lewis taking the part of Giacomina at extremely short notice) in the setting originally intended.

During the spring term the Lower Fifth, under the supervision of Miss Lewis, entertained the school with "X=O," by John Drinkwater, a one-act play in verse dealing with the Trojan war. This

had a "full supporting programme," in that Upper and Lower Four produced plays at the same time, the former scenes from "The Merchant of Venice," and the latter a short play written by themselves about King John.

Lower Fifth excelled themselves during these terms, for in the summer term they also played an ancient comedy called "Gamer Gurton's Nedle," said to be one of the earliest comedies in our language.

There have been two expeditions in connection with drama this year—one to see the admirable production of "Murder in the Cathedral," performed by Newton Abbot Repertory Company in St. Mary's, Abbotsbury, and another to Dartington Hall, where three seniors enjoyed and benefited from a one-day drama course.

This coming school year is being started with a play for the Speech Day guests, "The Rose and the Ring," for which rehearsals are now in progress, and which we very much hope will be the first performance in the new gymnasium.

VIRGINIA EDWARDS
(Form Upper V).

The Missions to Seamen

During the Easter term we heard that Her Royal Highness, Princess Elizabeth, had made a generous gift to the Missions to Seamen from the Royal Wedding Present Fund. The General Committee of the Society decided that the money should be used for the purchase of a launch for work on the Clyde. A suitable craft was bought and fitted, and the launch, which was named "The Princess Elizabeth," was dedicated on April 21st, 1949.

Princess Elizabeth had agreed to accept purses from members of The Lightkeepers which, as you know, is a junior section of the Missions to Seamen. Having received Miss Dence's permission to attend this rally, I collected eight guineas from the school and sent it to the Headquarters in London.

And so came the evening of October 18th, when I journeyed to London and home for the night. Then, on Wednesday, 19th, I made my way to the Kingsway Hall, London, where, after waiting a short while in a queue, I was shown into a seat bearing a large label marked: "Stover School. Newton Abbot."

After waiting excitedly among forty other equally excited delegates, I at last heard the Band of H.M. Royal Marines start

to play extracts from "Eine Kleine Nachtmusik" by Mozart, which was followed by other orchestral pieces. This was followed by singing by the Luton Girls' Choir, who sang among other songs, "Britons Sing," by Purcell, and "Song of a Thankful Heart," by Haydn Wood.

About three o'clock the signal was given that Princess Elizabeth had arrived. Everybody stood up. The fanfare was started and down the aisle walked an extremely fat man! However, at five past three Her Royal Highness did arrive; everybody stood up again; and this time the whole of the fanfare was played. Dressed in a caramel-beige dress with a short coat to match, matching hat, and brown accessories, she walked down the aisle, passing close to me, and on to the platform.

When the Princess arrived on the platform the choir sang "Princess Elizabeth of England." After the National Anthem, and when the noise of sitting down had subsided, prayers were offered by the General Superintendent of the Missions, after which the Clerical Youth Secretary made a short speech.

The choir then sang "O Peaceful England," by Edward German, and this was followed immediately by a speech from the Princess, in which she said: "We all realise the discomfort and danger faced by the sea-going community in peace as well as in war. The people who translate into action the admiration we all feel are the Missions to Seamen."

Then came the great moment when we all walked up onto the platform, led by a young girl from Durban, S. Africa. As my name was read from a list I walked round to the front of the platform, curtsied, and presented the purse containing a token of the amount collected. Her Royal Highness acknowledged the gift with: "Thank you very much," and I went back to my seat, thinking that everything was over too quickly.

The presentations were followed by the choir singing "Dream of Olwen," by Williams, and then by a speech from the Rev. D. Dalby, the Superintendent for Scotland, in which he told us some of the uses of the launch on the Clyde. The Chairman of the General Committee announced that the amount raised by the Lightkeepers to cover the total cost of the launch, £1,171—£279 more than was needed. We were assured, and indeed we knew, that the extra would not be wasted.

The Rev. R. H. Redfern gave the Blessing, and as the choir sang "Such lovely Things as These," by Mantovani, her Royal Highness then left, again walking right past me.

As the crowd gradually subsided I made my way towards Paddington, wondering if I should ever have the chance to see the

Princess again. My wish was granted three days later when the school saw her pass "Marble Arch" on her way to Mothecombe from Exeter.

JEAN BLAIR
(Form VI.).

The Christmas Party, from the Point of View of an Upper V.

Since the last Christmas Party I had been allowed to stay up until 9-30 p.m. instead of until 9 p.m. This was because I had gone up from the Lower V. to the Upper V.

What a day it was! First the games for the Juniors in the hall. We thoroughly enjoyed a balloon-fight, and we also had "Oranges and Lemons," "Musical Bumps," "Here We Come Gathering Nuts in May," and many other such games.

Then there was tea in the Gym., with Miss Bearne's Christmas cake in the place of honour. The cake was covered with candles, one for each year in the life of the School. The tea included every kind of fancy cake and biscuit imaginable, and I think it was the highspot of the day to many people, judging by the noise as they "bagged" places at the long tables.

After that we went up to the Library for the film, "The Bohemian Girl," which we all enjoyed. Then we had supper, and in the evening dancing in the hall, with the members of all the Upper forms in their long frocks. The long frocks were the source of great excitement, as everyone wandered around looking at other people's, and expressing her opinion to the others upon the various frocks. We started with the traditional "Sir Roger de Coverly," played by Miss Dence. After that we had many other dances, waltzes, quick-steps,, Eliminations, Velitas, Samba's, slow and quick fox-trots.

Finally we had "Auld Lang Syne," and then we had to go to bed. How absurd to make me go to bed when I wasn't even tired! I still wasn't a bit sleepy as I watched the Sixth Form dancing, from the stairs. Not a bit sleepy. The radiogram was playing "The Engagement Waltz" . . . at least I think that's what it was playing. How nice to be in the Sixth Form and to be able to dance with plenty of room on the floor. Next year I, too, would be in the Sixth Form, and be able to dance until half-past ten. But how silly to have to go to bed at nine-thirty this year, when I was still wide awake. I wasn't at all tired. Never felt so . . . wide-awake . . . in . . . my . . . life.

HELEN WHITTALL
(Form VI.).

Speech Day, 1948

This year Speech Day was held on December 19th. Owing to repairs to the damage caused by the Death Watch Beetle in Highweek Parish Church, the opening service was held at St. Mary's, Abbotsbury. It was conducted by the Rev. P. Young, and the Bishop of Crediton, who gave the address.

After the service we returned to School, where Miss Dence opened the prize-giving ceremony by presenting her report for the past school year. In it she said that she hoped we should be able to use the new gym. next Speech Day, instead of being cramped in the library.

Canon Ross Wallace, Headmaster of Sherborne Boys' School, presented the prizes and gave the address. In it he praised feminine qualities, the secret of women's power, a power which, he said, should have an indirect, rather than a direct, influence—the power behind the throne.

Prize-giving was followed by lunch in the gymnasium, and in the various form rooms. The sale of work was held after lunch, and when the stalls had been emptied of their goods and nearly sixty pounds raised for the School Charity Fund, the choir sang Benjamin Britten's "Ceremony of Carols."

After a light tea in the library, the parents started to leave, so ending another Stover Speech Day.

JENNIFER ASHBY
(Form VI.).

Thanks

We wish to thank all those who have so kindly helped the School during the past year, both by their services and by their gifts. We owe especial thanks to:—

Miss Pearl Dence, for new curtains to the VIth Form sitting room;

Miss J. Hellier for a beautiful book of reproductions of Leonard Davinci's works;

Miss K. Peuple for three books—"The Sea Shore," "The West of England" and "Wild Flowers";

Gillian Compton for a radiogramophone;

Angela Bradley for £2 towards the installation of a sink in the surgery; and to

Kathryn Westlake for £3 for the same purpose;

Sheila Willing for a height measuring instrument;

- Joy Mansfield for "The Country Life Picture Book of Britain";
Corina Rushton for "Herb of Grace," by Georgette Heyer;
Judy Sturges for "Green Dolphin Country," by Elizabeth
Goudge;
Anita Roberts for Trevelyan's "English Social History";
Mary Vaughan-Philpott for "Wilson of the Antarctic" and
"Edward Wilson, Nature Lover," both by George Seaver;
Mary Steele-Perkins for "The Elizabethian House of Com-
mons" by J. E. Neale;
Ann Pretty for a book on Cambridge.
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The Fly on the Wall

Louis-Philippe would walk around the streets with just an umbrella, but this pleased no one. . . . When he was riding the people started shooting him; one bullet touched his neck as it fled by, another lodged in his hair, only Louis-Philippe was brave and let the people go on hunting him'

A connoisseur: A man in uniform who stands outside a cinema.

King John inflicted his people with taxis.

"Now I am going to look at my rabbits," said Tom with the utmost celebrity.

William I. introduced the Fuel System into England. (So why blame the Labour Government?—EDITOR).

The penalty for pulling the communion cord is £5.

Solitude

What could be more dreadful than to be taken from the midst of a busy city, where a conversation, however trivial, can be made, perhaps with the man across the counter of a store, perhaps with the person upon whom you are thrown by the jerking train; what could be more dreadful, I ask, than to be taken from this and left to fend for yourself in the heart of uninhabited country, a hundred miles or more from any living person?

Imagine yourself to be a stranger to Australia, and after living some months in Sydney, you are transported to the Blue Mountains, and there told to do your worst. Once your panic has subsided you summon up your courage to survey your surroundings.

Awe fills you as you gaze high above the rocky crags, carried into weird shapes by wind and weather, and seeming to leer at your plight.

"I must escape ; I *must* escape," runs as a turbulent mountain stream through your head. Making away up a hillside, you find yourself cut off by the scrub, colourful with the peeling bark of the gum trees and the pink leaves of the dead timber. In the clearings many mountain flowers are in bloom, vivid and delicate, mingling their perfume with the fragrant eucalyptus. But all this beauty holds nothing but dread for those held captive amongst it. Even the bellbird's chime irritates you, and pierces all your thoughts with its metallic ring. The kookaburra's laugh makes your nerves quiver, and you impulsively reach for a stick to throw at a mocking creature. Tales of poisonous snakes and lizards and other fearsome animals fill your cowering brain, and the sight of the harmless goana sends you, with all the speed you can muster, up the steep incline.

In desperation you turn and call : "Hullo ! Hullo ! Hullo !" but only your own voice fills the valley and returns : "Lo, Lo, Lo." You turn again and reaching the top of the crags, you look away to where, between two peaks, you can see the plain rolling away to the end of the world. Down below to your left is a precipitous drop to an ancient watercourse, which has been carving its way through these valleys and hills for countless ages, maybe from the beginning of the world. This massive grandeur overwhelms you with hopeless desolation, and fills your head with throbbing madness. Tales of suicides swamp you, and your eyes wander hopefully to the precipice of the watercourse. . . .

How different is this view of solitude from the business man's, who, ever in the crowd and bustle of city life, at last takes a holiday in the welcoming mountains. Leaving civilisation at his own will, he smiles at the rugged crags, and they seem to smile in reply. The running water and rustling leaves are nothing but music in his ears ; he watches with interest the habits of the mountain animals ; the chimé of the bellbird thrills him.

"If only I were an artist or an author," he thinks ; "if only I could put this melodious beauty on paper, so that I may recall it when I return." But he is neither. He drinks in the scenes and imprints them on his mind, never to forget their beauty, so that later they will

"Flash upon that inward eye,
Which is the bliss of solitude."

VIRGINIA EDWARDS
(Form Lower V.).

The Wreck

I am in Mullion Church; the service is just over, and the organ is still playing. Around me are the relics of many years; the beautiful sixteenth century carved bench ends; over the north door the royal coat of arms, said to have been presented by Charles II. when he was in the neighbourhood; in the chancel the brass in memory of Thomas Flavel, a certain vicar who was sacked for being a Royalist, and who was, incidentally, an excellent exorcist.

I wander outside, watching the crowd, who once outside loiter to gossip. What small talk compared with the time when one wondered when the next wreck would be and hoped that it would be a tea clipper, because that luxury was very scarce.

Then as the people pass through the lych gate, a curious change comes over the scene. The occasional sound of motor cars is silent, and the radio, which has been booming in the background, is silent. Instead, in the Sabbath stillness a different sound is heard, that of horses stamping and jingling their bits, and the frou-frou of women's skirts. I notice the people, men wearing trousers narrower than those of contemporary fashions, and with coat lapels bigger and more fantastic; the women wearing long full-skirted frocks of the nineteenth century.

I moved out of the lych gate with the crowd. What a change met my eyes! A row of slate-roofed cottages where the drab, ugly houses of the Cornwall County Police and the District Nurse had been. On the other side, where the roof had fallen in on a row of cottages, was a neat precise row of thatched cottages, all in perfect condition. At right angles to these was—and still is—an Elizabethian house with a well in the garden.

Held by a small boy was a carriage and pair, the pair being two noble greys, beautifully kept with their brasses winking in the sunshine. Into this conveyance stepped a gentleman with a lady on his arm, whom I took to be Squire Daveys come from Bochym to attend the service. Taking the reins, the Squire drove away at once, so as to be in time for the lengthy Sunday meal. Some hurried away in donkey carts, but the walkers hurried, not to their homes, but towards Angrowse, where there was a ship in distress. There had been a fierce gale all night and the ship was nearly gone. Some people, unable to resist the temptation, slipped into the "Old Inn" to have a chat with Mary Nundy, the last woman to speak Cornish in this area. In the roof of the Inn sparrows were nesting, each in a hole made in the straw.

As we hurried up the hill I heard snatches of conversation and gathered that last night the "Cherub" had rammed this ship,

the "Margaret," from Teignmouth, and gone down, but that most of her crew had been saved. The "Margaret" was in bad straits and had not many hours to last. The crowd, therefore, struggled up the hill with great urgency.

When we reached Angrowse Point we saw that there was a high sea, for although the air was perfectly calm, the sea, remembering the tumult of the previous night, rose and fell at the recollection. The ship was rolling sluggishly with her remaining hands making no attempt to save themselves. A lifeboat, called from Porthleven had not yet arrived, though why it had not been sent for before was beyond the parson's understanding. Now a wave larger than the former lifted the ship up and hurled her into the water. At first it seemed that all must be drowned; but no, there was a man struggling against the swishing, tossing, avaricious water. Down he went and all thought he had gone. However, he rose again and was swept so near the cliff that we could hear him calling for a rope. A rope was thrown, but he was not destined to catch it. Neptune made yet another bid for this brave man, and he was not seen for sometime. At last he appeared again, and, managing to snatch another rope thrown to him, he was towed in with great care. It was a miracle that he was not dashed against the rocks. When he had perched upon a rock a man was lowered down the cliff and tied the rope round the unconscious man who was then hauled up the cliff with great care and the parson, Edmund George Harvey, took him home to the Vicarage.

As the entertainment was obviously over, the crowd turned back, I with it, and behind me in glorious sunshine and under a blue sky, the sea thundered against the cliffs, each wave tipped with flying spume and each a symbol of the god of the sea; each seagull a messenger, proclaiming to all Cornwall a warning. When we reached the Church, a smaller crowd now, many having left on the way to hurry to their homes, I stepped into the graveyard and looked at the tombstones, wondering how many sailors lay here, and how many more lay upon the cliffs. Outside it was quiet, save for the sound of the cows mooing and the contented cluck of the hens. I lay gazing at an intense cerulean blue sky and all was a melody of sound on this 6th January, 1867, the feast of the Epiphany.

Suddenly my thoughts were shattered; through the nineteenth century stillness came the sound of a motor horn. I sat up quickly. I had been lying on a very hard grave filled with pebbles and outside was a motor car. The cottages had gone; instead, there were the Cornwall County Police and the District Nurse's house. I was back in the twentieth century and did not like it. As I passed

out of the gate I heard the frou-frou of ladies' skirts and knew that I would always keep the memory of that short hour.

J. WATERHOUSE
(Form Upper IV.).

Kent's Cavern

Kent's Cavern was formed thousands of years ago. It was the home of prehistoric men and animals. As you go inside you notice that there is one thing that was not there thousands of years ago, and that is the electric lighting. You will notice that the rock is most beautifully coloured in red and whitey-green. These colours are formed in the rock by the iron oxide and the copper sulphate, which have slowly trickled through with the water. The lights are very carefully placed in the cavern, so as to show up the beautiful colouring. In some places you notice mosses and ferns growing. These plants are able to grow because of the rays which come from the lights. The spores get there by being carried on the wind, by humans, or by water. Thousands of years ago you would not have seen these plants in the deepest caverns where there is no light, as no plants can germinate without light.

Quite near the entrance are found the caves, which thousands of years ago were the homes of human beings. The caves where the bones and teeth of human beings have been found, are mostly near the entrance. This is so that there would be a little light to guide them to their homes. Also quite near the entrance were the homes of hyenas and many other cave-dwelling animals. In one place in the cave was found the skull of the great cave bear.

In different places in the cavern are stalactites and stalagmites, which are formed by water, with lime dissolved in it, which very slowly drains through the earth. Some stalactities and stalagmites are a pinky-red. This is because iron oxide has drained through with the water and lime. In some places there are great slabs of stalagmite, which are also formed by the water dripping off the stalactites. The stalagmites are often formed into remarkable shapes. In one place there is a figure, which looks like a monk, and where the stalactites and stalagmites have come together they look like the pipes of an organ. In some cases pillars have been formed by the union of a stalactite and a stalagmite.

There are also many other beautiful caves of this type, such as Cheddar, those in the Ardennes (Belgium), and those in Australia.

BARBARA KAUNTZE
(Form Upper IV.).

Autumn

Autumn leaves of gold and red,
 Sadly floating down to earth
To rest upon a mossy bed,
 Foretell once more the winter's birth.
Wind-swept branches, darkly laced,
 Against the windy, cloud-filled sky,
Look down upon a barren waste
 Of golden leaves laid down to die.

(Form Upper IV.).

Flora and Fauna, of Asia

On Saturday, 12th February, 1949, we went to the Natural History Museum at Torquay. There we saw many interesting Asiatic animals. Among them were the Bengal and Malay tigers. The Malay tiger is slightly smaller than the Bengal. We saw also the Thar, which is a Himalayan goat; the Oorial, the Bharal, the Chiru (Tibetan antelope), the Markhor, the north-west Himalayan goat, and the Ovisammon, the wild sheep. The Ibex, the Tibetan Gazelle, the black Buck, the Chinkara, the Nilghai, the Chital (axis deer), the Indian Bison, Boar, Bearded Vulture (Nepal), the Musk Ox, which lives in the extreme north: the Himalayan Monal and the Ant-Eater were among the fauna of Asia. The Ant-eater lives in Ceylon and is rather the size of a duck, with a long, orange painted beak specially for rooting out grubs and insects and ants. During this visit we found that there were many kinds of sheep and few deer and antelopes in Asia. In Siam there are white elephants.

The horns of some of the animals are worth noticing. For instance, the Thar, which is the Himalayan goat, has horns which go straight back, whereas the Markhor has curly horns which go back. Nearly all the animals have horns. Some of their hoofs have specially been made to suit their life. Some have hoofs which are made so that they cannot slip. Some Asiatic animals have soft pads with which they can go about without making a sound if necessary, e.g., the lion and tiger.

After going to the Museum we went to Paignton to visit the hot-house. The sea was a beautiful blue. As we were going to the Hot-house we saw a Rugby match in progress. We were very interested in it, but could not spare the time to watch it. We saw

Torre Abbey, but could not go inside, as again the time could not be spared. We passed close to it, however, to get to the Hot-house.

As we entered the door we saw what we thought was a palm tree. Then we saw that there were green bananas growing on it. To our right and left on a shelf there were different kinds of cacti. These remarkable plants grow in desert areas where there is very little moisture. They have different means of defending themselves. One desert plant, the aloe, has a very bitter taste which is not liked by browsing animals. The cacti have prickles and fleshy leaves in which they store up the water which they need to grow. The Barrel-cactus is so called because it is barrel shaped at the bottom. We also saw the Indian rubber tree.

In England there are two Asiatic flowers. One is a very branching plant with the flowers growing in clusters. They are very beautiful. This plant is the rhododendron, which may be found growing in the grounds of Stover. The native home of the rhododendron is the Himalayan mountains.

Another plant is the Himalayan Balsam. This is found growing by streams. This plant can be found by the banks of the River Teign at Teigngrace. It is related both to the antirrhinum and pitcher plant. It is found in the Himalayas and is very common there. The Himalayan Balsam, when first brought to England, grew in the gardens of the travellers. Then gradually it escaped and is now one of the wild flowers of Britain.

GILLIAN LA TOUCHE
(Form Lower IV.).

Summer's Day, 1949

No cooling breeze, no breath of air,
Beneath the sun's oppressive glare !
The garden shimmers in the heat,
And people leave the dusty street
To wander in the country lanes
Where peaceful silence always reigns ;
Or picnic in the woodland shade,
Where they can find some peaceful glade
To lie and rest when work is done ;
While other people like the sun
And hurry to the beach where they
Enjoy the brilliance of the day.

(Form Lower IV.).

Ship-Wrecked

We were all going to India together—Mummy, Daddy, Pamela and I. Daddy, Mummy, and Pamela had all been to India before, but I had not. I was longing to see all the things there—bananas growing from a tree, elephants in the jungle, and many other things.

In the middle of the night I woke up. Something told me I must get up. Then I realised that the ship was wrecked. What happened after that I can scarcely remember. We were all packed into small boats. Somehow I became separated from the others and found I was among people I did not know.

We were tossed about for some time until suddenly a great wave swept over us. Fortunately I could swim. I swam for all I was worth away from the boats which, of course, was very stupid of me, but I had no time to think then.

For what seemed days to me, but was only a few hours really, I swam on. I was becoming weary and discouraged when suddenly great cliffs rose above me—an island. The sight of these gave me strength and I swam round the island to a sandy beach, where I landed.

I was so tired that I flopped down on the sand and slept. When I awoke I was feeling very cold. I took off my wet clothes and rubbed myself with tufts of grass and some large leaves I found. Then I got a fire going. I left my clothes to dry and went in search of food. I found some coconuts and bananas, and some other fruits which were edible.

When I got back to the beach the fire was out, but my clothes were dry. I put some more wood on the fire and poked it up.

I was feeling thirsty, so I decided it was time I explored my island. As I was wandering round, I saw through the trees a patch of brown. I ran round the clump of trees and a kind of deer bounded away as I approached it. So there were animals on the island! In one way it was a good thing, as I had no means of telling when I would be rescued and I could not live on fruit alone. I could now find some means of killing the animals and then cooking them. The skins, too, would be useful for clothes and rugs. In another way it was a bad thing. There might be some savage animals. If so, I would have to find some better sleeping place.

I walked on. All of a sudden I heard a great noise behind me. Looking round I saw a fierce-looking animal charging towards me. I was so frightened that I turned aside and ran.

Everything seemed a dreadful nightmare after that. I can remember running at top speed, stumbling and gasping, with the animal coming nearer every moment. Then I suddenly found

myself crashing through trees and bushes, then landing with a thud on the ground.

A moment later there was a crashing sound and a thud nearby. There lay the animal, dead, beside me. I stood up and looked round. I was on a small clearing surrounded by bushes. Beside the animal was a great rock, which explained why the animal had been killed and I had not.

At the far end of the clearing was a spring. I was so delighted at the sight of water that I ran and drank from the spring, using my hands as a cup.

Then I looked round for some flint, which I found near the rock. I found some twigs and got a fire going. There was a sharp piece of stone where I had found the flint. With great difficulty I set to work at skinning the animal. It took me a long time, but at last I did it. In triumph I roasted it over a fire. Then I ate what I could, put out the fire, and went back to the shore.

When I reached it I was delighted to see a ship on the horizon. I re-lit the fire and shouted and yelled till it came near the shore. A dinghy was lowered and rowed across to meet me. As the boat drew nearer I recognised Pamela sitting in the bows. At last the boat grounded. Pamela leapt out with Mummy and Daddy behind. Of course, they were very pleased to see me.

They had, I learned, thought I was drowned. A sailor from the capsized boat had seen something black in the distance, but at first had thought it was a rock. At last they had tracked me down. We rowed back to the big ship which had picked up the people from the shipwrecked vessel.

CELIA BOWSTEAD
(Form III.).

Old Bufo, The Toad

Old Bufo was a toad, brown, fat, ugly, but with eyes as bright as copper. He lived under a big stone in his shop where he made toadstools.

One day the Queen of Fairyland went for a long journey to Owl World with six servants in her silver coach drawn by two white mice.

One day she heard someone chasing her. It was a wizard. The blackbird warned her, but it was too foggy, and she got lost. On and on they went and when the fog cleared they were by a river. They were lost!

All of a sudden they heard someone ask them what they wanted. It was Bufo. They told him that they were lost and were being chased by a wizard. He asked them to come into his shop, where the Fairy Queen was astonished to find small chairs which fitted her quite well.

They saw the wizard pass. He went to the bridge over the river to prevent the Queen from crossing it on her way back to Fairyland. The Queen did not like this at all, but Bufo laughed. He took some toadstools and put them upside down in the river. The Queen and her servants stepped into them and crossed the water. So they arrived back in Fairyland.

The wizard waited for six weeks at the bridge. Bufo was presented with a golden watch by the Queen and asked to make as many toadstools as he could for Fairyland.

LIES DE KADT
(Form II).

Old Girls News In Brief

MARIE AULT, after completing her training at Bedford Froebel College, is now teaching junior subjects at Merstham Grange School, in Surrey.

ROSANNE BELLAMY went up to Bristol University in October to read Geography.

BETTY BLAIR writes from Alberta, Canada. She has been working at physiotherapy in Vancouver, Banff, and Calgary, and hopes in March to settle for a while in California. We are pleased to know that although she is enjoying her travels so much, England and the English still head the list in her estimation.

ANN BOOKER is to be congratulated on obtaining her 2nd M.B. at Bristol.

EILEEN BEVINGTON'S (NEE CARR) last letter was written on the eve of sailing with her husband for Kenya, where he has been appointed Precentor of Nairobi Cathedral.

ANGELA BRADLEY is now studying for a diploma in elocution at Queen's College Dramatic School, Birmingham. She took the part of the Queen of Hearts in a Children's Hour broadcast of the play of that name in October.

NORMA BRADRIDGE is enjoying teaching in a mixed Preparatory School in Reigate.

SHEILA BRISCOE is reading Science at Girton.

JILL BUTLIN is learning floral decoration, and enjoying the work very much.

SALLY CHAMBERS is studying Radiography at Plymouth.

MIRABEL CLAUSEN, who is studying to become a dentist, is now practising on "real patients." She has taken first place in two prize examinations, one in dental mechanics and one in prothetics. We offer her our warm congratulations.

MARY DEMETRIADIS is in her second year at Bedford College, London.

JEAN DEUCHAR is studying Dramatic Art in one of the branches of the Royal Academy of Dramatic Art.

MRS. DICKSON (Evangeline Sladen) is doing part-time teaching at a school in Alton.

RACHEL EVANS has now embarked upon her second year at the National School of Cookery.

JOY GERARD is travelling in South Africa and taking posts in as many different places as she can in order to see as much of the country as possible.

GILLIAN HOOPER is studying pottery at the Bournemouth School of Arts and Crafts.

MARY HOOPER is studying music under Dr. David Wilcox, of Salisbury Cathedral.

JOSETTE HUMPHRY is in London studying to become a secretary.

PAMELA HUMPHRY is secretary to the manager of "Vogue" photography.

MARY HUNT entered the Royal Academy of Music this autumn.

JUNE IRVING went up to Bedford College this year to read History.

NAOMI JONES, having completed a six months' course in kennel work at Powderham, is now in charge of her own kennels.

JOY KITSON has been accepted for the W.R.N.S., and started at the beginning of November. She writes that she is enjoying the life very much.

ANN LEVETT writes of gay times in Oxford while waiting to start her training at the Middlesex Hospital.

MARY MINNS has been in hospital and is now in a convalescent home in Paignton. She hopes to be able to go home by Christmas.

SHIRLEY NALDER is starting a course in Agriculture at Seale-Hayne College.

IRENE NEVE, after teaching junior subjects for a year at Sydenham School, has now embarked on her first year at Bedford Froebel College.

JOAN NIGHTINGALE has now completed her Froebel training at Bristol, and has started teaching.

JULIA NOEL-HILL is at Harcombe House, Lyme Regis, doing Domestic Science.

GILL PAYNE has been studying French in Lausanne.

PAMELA PLEACE is studying Science at the Plymouth Technical College.

ANN PRETTY is in her third year at Girton.

BUNTY PRUEN is at the College of Domestic Science, Shrewsbury.

ANITA ROBERTS is going to enter a Teachers' Training College.

JOAN ROSS-WYLLIE is working hard and successfully on the farm she runs with her father.

CORINA RUSHTON is spending a year studying Commerce at Torquay Technical College before going up next year to read in that subject at Birmingham University.

MAUREEN SHARPE is teaching Physical Training at Raven's Croft School, Eastbourne.

MARY STEELE-PERKINS is reading History at Girton.

JUDY STURGES is studying Physiotherapy at the Middlesex Hospital.

MAYWIN STURGES is now getting hospital experience after obtaining her 2nd M.B.

FIONA TANNER is at Kenya High School.

MARIE TREMEER is in her second year at the Gloucester School of Domestic Science.

KATHRYN WESTLAKE has started a pre-nursing course at Plymouth.

BARBARA WINDEATT is in her third year at the Teachers' Training College, Bedford.

DEIRDRE WHITTAKER is enjoying her work at the Institute of Social Science in Oxford.

Old Girls and Staff News

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Helen Klempner to John Wimbush.
Jean Lewis to Milton Partington.

MARRIAGES.

Joyce Emmett to Robert McMurry, 30, Audley Ave.,
Torquay.
Beryl Russell-Smith to Geoffrey Thornhill, Allandale,
Woodland Drive, Watford, Herts.

BIRTH.

Kathleen Treherne (née Checkley). A brother, Robin, for Trevor Stuart.

DEATH.

T. C. Martin, Coombe House, Staverton, Nr. Totnes. Suddenly in January, 1949.

OLD GIRLS.

ENGAGEMENTS.

Deirdre Whittaker to David White.
Barbara Windeatt to Jim Webster.

MARRIAGES.

Valerie Bruce to Bill Cherry.
Eileen Carr to Rev. G. Bevington, Succentor, Bradford Cathedral, September, 10th.
Maureen Fair to Dr. J. C. C. Elyatt, August 6th.
Beryl Lansdown to Kenneth Radford, on June 2nd.
Evangeline Sladen to Dr. John Dickinson, August 18th.

BIRTHS.

Josephine Butler (née Stubbs), a second son,
Mark Hilary.
Kathleen Hawkey (née Wadland), a daughter.

Mr. T. C. Martin

The VIth Form girls who studied under Mr. Martin would like to take this opportunity of showing their appreciation of all that he did for them, and the School. They will always remember his stimulating lessons and his understanding of and sympathy with their difficulties. The outings he arranged for them to his own home were always a source of pleasure and interest, and were greatly increased by Mrs. Martin's great kindness. We should like to offer her deep sympathy in her bereavement.

M. VAUGHAN-PHILPOTT
(Head Girl).

Add next year - old staff names etc

Old Girls' Association

We are printing below a list of Old Girls and their addresses. We have not included those from whom we have not heard for more than two of three years, as we presume that they do not wish to continue membership.

Several Old Girls have not yet paid their subscriptions for this year, and it would be appreciated if these could be paid promptly. The very small sum involved barely covers the cost of the magazine and postage.

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