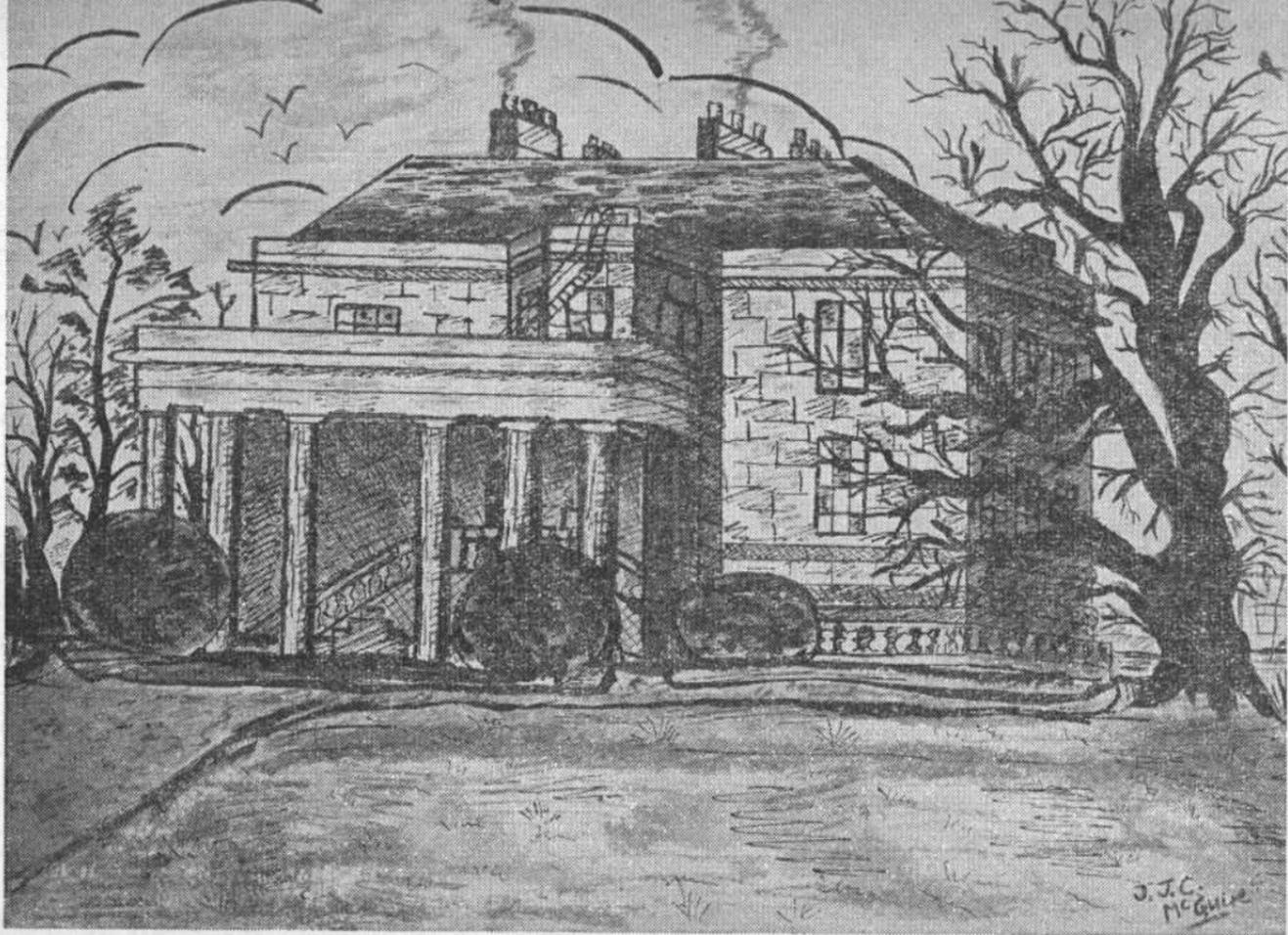


STOVER SCHOOL MAGAZINE



DECEMBER, 1955



Contents

| | <i>Page</i> |
|--|-------------|
| Frontispiece—drawn by J. J. C. McGuire | 1 |
| Miss Dence's Letter | 3 |
| Calendar of Events | 4 |
| Gifts to the School | 5 |
| Valete | 6 |
| Salvete | 6 |
| Appointments | 7 |
| Examination Results | 7 |
| Games Reports | 9 |
| House Reports | 13 |
| The Chapel | 15 |
| School Events and Activities | 16 |
| Contributions | 25 |
| The Lake—drawn by Celia Hammond | 29 |
| Old Girls' Section | 30 |



MAGAZINE COMMITTEE

Editor: Miss BAILEY

Sub-Editors:

L. PARKINSON, S. STAPLETON, L. HIMELY, Z. WORDEN, J. MCGUIRE

Contributions for the 1956 Magazine should be handed to Miss Bailey or any member of the Committee during the year



STOVER SCHOOL MAGAZINE

1955

MY DEAR GIRLS AND OLD GIRLS,

Even such a wonderful summer and mild autumn as we have just been through must end some time, and I am sitting in my study writing to the familiar accompaniment of the wind moaning around the house and the rain splashing on the windows. Looking through last year's magazine, I read with surprise my own remarks on the rainy season of 1953-54. It was, however, surpassed by the winter of 1954 and the spring of 1955, when the games fields were reduced to quagmires and we racked our brains to find alternatives to walks in the rain. The rain persisted through the first few weeks of the summer term and for long enough to wash out the second Sports Day in succession. Then, as if to make up for its long absence, the sun shone as never before, the roses bloomed luxuriantly, and the swimming pool sparkled enticingly.

Since I spent much of this summer in a recumbent posture, following my accident, I had cause to bless the warmth which made it possible to spend days out of doors, conveyed there by various means, including the luggage lift, and the kind hands of the outdoor staff.

I should like to say here how deeply grateful I am for the many kindnesses I received from all about me from staff, pupils, and school governors. Thanks to the care of our doctor and matrons, and Miss Reynolds, who gave me remedial exercises, as well as the prayers of my good friends, my fractured spine mended in record time, and I am back on full work this term.

We have much enjoyed the many visits from old girls, with or without fiancés, husbands, or small sons and daughters; and the letters received from so many parts of the world are a great pleasure.

I cannot close this letter without reference to the death of Mr. Reginald Ashby in April. With his passing the school has lost both a governor and a friend of long standing. His firm belief in the ideals for which Stover stands, and his wide experience, made him a very valuable member of the board of governors, and he will be greatly missed. Our sympathy goes out to his family in their loss.

We have also very recently lost one of our old girls, Betty Blair, who died suddenly of a heart attack at the age of 28. Among the old girls' news will be found an article which was published by "The Cornishman."

Dr. and Mrs. Blair have our deep sympathy for the loss of their only daughter. I only wish that space permitted the inclusion of some of the beautiful tributes to Betty's personality and work, that her parents have been receiving from many parts of the world where she has served. We shall always remember her with affection, and pride in the splendid example she has set us of enterprise and service.

Those who knew Betty at school will be glad to know that her parents are perpetuating her memory here by a yearly prize to be offered for Modern Languages.

We hope to see many old girls at the reunion in London on January 7th, at the Ivanhoe Hotel, Bloomsbury.

With love to you all, and good wishes for the New Year.

PHYLLIS E. DENCE.

1954

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- | | | |
|-------|-------|--|
| Sept. | 22. | Autumn term began. |
| " | 25. | Film: Bob Hope in "The Paleface." |
| Oct. | 9. | Film: "Never Take No for an Answer." |
| " | 15. | Talk by Miss Margery Sykes, of the Bible Reading Fellowship. |
| " | 23. | Film: "The Lady of the Lamp." |
| " | 26. | Recital of vocal music by the Chelham Quartet. |
| " | 30. | Lecture and film by Mr. F. A. Lowe. |
| " | 31. | Talk by Father Strickland, of the S.P.G. |
| Nov. | 5-8 | Half term. |
| | incl. | |
| " | 15. | Lecture on Current Affairs, by Mr. Donald Grant. |
| " | 20. | Film: "The Lavender Hill Mob." |
| " | 23. | Pianoforte recital by Mr. John Clegg. |
| " | 26. | Sixth Form Conference at Totnes High School. |

- Dec. 2. Art lecture by Mr. E. Prins.
 " 5. Confirmation service at St. Mary's, Abbotsbury, by the Rt. Rev. the Lord Bishop of Exeter.
 " 12. Confirmation service in the School Hall, taken by Bishop W. F. Surtees, for those prevented from attending by illness on Dec. 5th.
 " 15. Carol service at Teigngrace Church.
 " 16. Christmas party (shortened version).
 " 17. Boarders went home (specially early because of influenza epidemic).
 " 18. Orphans' Christmas party.
- Jan. 19, 1955. Spring term began.
 " 22. Film: "Captain Hornblower."
 " 26. Pianoforte recital by Mr. and Mrs. Henry Wilson.
- Feb. 5. Film: "The Queen in Australia."
 " 16. Recital by Mr. and Mrs. Parkhouse (piano and 'cello).
 " 17. Careers lecture: Miss Harthill.
 " 19. Lecture on Kenya by Major Hingston.
 " 27. U.N.E.S.C.O. film: "World Without End."
- March 5. Film: "The Top of the Form."
 " 7. Lecture on "The Bible," by Archdeacon Hall.
 " 16. Lecture on "Birds" by Mr. H. G. Hurrell.
 " 19. Film: "The Antarctic," by Mr. Sladen.
 " 26. Film: "Genevieve."
 " 27. Performance of the "Stabat Mater," by Pergolesi.
 " 28. Pianoforte recital by Miss I. Kohler.
 " 30. End of term.
- April 27. Summer term began.
 " 29. Talk by Mrs. Simpkins to Sixth Form, on the U.S.A.
 " 30. Films: "The Kidnappers" and "Beneath the Sea."
- May 7. Vocal recital by Mr. Cecil Cope.
- June 3. Sports Day (washed out), and Sale of Work.
 to 6th incl. Half term.
 " 8. Sports held after afternoon school.
 " 10. G.C.E. Advanced Level examinations began.
 " 24. G.C.E. Advanced Level examinations ended.
- July 3. Service, conducted by Bishop W. F. Surtees.
 " 4. G.C.E. Ordinary Level examinations began.
 " 19. Careers Lecture by Miss Dewey, of the Women's Employment Federation.
 " 25. Speech Day. Service conducted by Bishop W. F. Surtees. Prizes presented by the Rt. Rev. the Lord Bishop of Exeter.
 " 26. End of term.

GIFTS TO THE SCHOOL

Mrs. PARTINGTON.—Gifts to the Library Fund.

MARGARET WALLIS.—Gift to the Chapel Fund.

ANNE, JENNIFER, and LOUISE HIMELY.—Chair for Chapel.

- VIVIEN EASTERBROOK.—Book on Art for Library.
 HEATHER CROOK.—Measuring device for Needlework class.
 JOAN and MARGARET FREW.—Book for Library (Music Section).
 Mrs. CASWELL.—Gift for the Chapel Fund.
 VIVIEN EASTERBROOK.—Book: "The Art of Titian."
 AN OLD GIRL (anonymous).—£10 for Staff Cottage equipment.
 JANE WEBBER.—Book for Library: "The Gentle Falcon."

VALETE

CHRISTMAS, 1954

J. Grose
 M. Varley
 P. Parkin
 E. Bruce
 M. Cornish
 M. Wallis
 J. C. Warren
 J. Northcott
 S. Tharby

EASTER, 1955

A. Combes
 T. Combes
 S. Pengelly
 W. Wood

SUMMER, 1955

M. Frew
 J. Himely
 P. Key
 C. Isaac
 J. Jackson
 J. Kennard
 M. Matson
 E. Pleace
 H. Crook
 V. Easterbrook
 B. Storrs
 A. Tedd
 M. Whiteway-Wilkinson
 S. Anthony
 D. Keith
 J. Webber
 S. Woollcombe
 J. Barrett
 M. Northcott

SALVETE

AUTUMN, 1954

J. Alken, III.
 E. Arnold, III.
 T. Barnes, II.
 J. Barrett, II.
 A. Bradford, Lr. V.
 A. Bulpin, II.
 E. Butcher, III.
 S. Dunsford, Up. IV.
 Y. Grainger, III.
 G. Marshall, II.
 M. Marshall, Lr. IV.
 M. Northcott, II.
 C. Organ, II.
 S. Orr, Lr. IV.
 J. Pascoe, II.
 P. Robertson, III.
 A. Woolner, III.

SPRING, 1955

J. Braithwaite, Lr. IV.
 J. Ratcliff, Lr. IV.
 S. Woollcombe, Lr. IV.

SUMMER, 1955

R. Poyntz-Roberts, Lr. IV.
 L. Raynes, II.
 E. Sabben, II.

APPOINTMENTS

| | | | |
|-------------|--|-------|--------------------|
| Head Girl : | Autumn Term, 1954 | ..... | Martha Varley |
| | Spring Term, 1955 | ..... | Jennifer J. Himely |
| | Summer Term, 1955 | ..... | Penelope J. Key |
| Prefects : | Judith Grose, Louise Parkinson, Margaret Frew, Mollie Matson, Marion Crawford, Jean Jackson, Elizabeth Pleace, Cherry Isaac, Susan Stapleton, Naddathong Thong-yai. | | |

GENERAL CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION**(ADVANCED LEVEL), JUNE, 1955**

The following girls were awarded certificates as a result of the above examination :

Margaret L. Frew : Music—*Pass*.

Jean M. Jackson : Art—*Pass*.

Penelope J. Key : Physics—*Pass*. Biology—*Pass* (Scholarship level).

M. Louise Parkinson : English—*Pass* (Scholarship level). Latin—*Pass*. French—*Pass* (Scholarship level).

Entrance to Universities and Colleges

Margaret L. Frew has entered the Trinity College of Music, London.

Judith Grose has entered St. Hugh's College, Oxford.

Penelope J. Key has entered Guy's Hospital Medical School of the University of London.

Gillian La Touche has entered St. Andrew's University.

Martha Varley has entered Bedford College, London University.

University and College Successes

Ann J. Monro was awarded an Honours Degree in Fine Arts at Reading University.

Mavis I. Pering obtained a Teacher's Diploma of the Anstey College of Physical Education, Sutton Coldfield.

Valerie L. Willing obtained a Teacher's Diploma of the Newton Park Training College, Bath, where she was Head Student in her last year.

GENERAL CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION**(ORDINARY LEVEL), JULY, 1955**

The following girls were awarded certificates as a result of the above examination :

Sibyl H. W. Beney : *Good*—English Language. *Pass*—History, Mathematics, Biology.

Philippa M. Bickford : *Good*—English Language, English Literature, Biology. *Pass*—Latin, History, Mathematics.

Marjorie McL. Davidson : *Good*—English Language, French. *Pass*—English Literature, Latin, History, Geography, Mathematics.

- Annabelle F. Dixon : *Good*—English Language, English Literature. *Pass*—Latin, Biology.
- Vivien M. Easterbrook : *Good*—English Language, French. *Pass*—English Literature, History, Geography, Religious Knowledge, Biology.
- Susan M. Gay : *Good*—Biology. *Pass*—English Language, English Literature, History, Mathematics.
- Nanette R. Goord : *Good*—English Language, Latin. *Pass*—English Literature, French, History, Mathematics, Biology.
- Patricia M. Hackney : *Good*—English Literature. *Pass*—English Language.
- Susan M. Hatfield : *Good*—English Language. *Pass*—English Literature, Geography, Biology.
- Louise A. Himely : *Very Good*—Biology. *Good*—English Language. *Pass*—English Literature, Geography.
- Elizabeth Johnstone : *Good*—English Language. *Pass*—English Literature, Latin, History, Religious Knowledge.
- Jennifer N. Lovegrove : *Pass*—English Language, English Literature, History, Geography.
- Patricia C. McMurtrie : *Pass*—English Language, Art.
- E. Juliet Warren : *Good*—English Language. *Pass*—English Literature, Latin, History, Mathematics, Biology.
- Pauline A. Warren : *Pass*—English Language, English Literature, Religious Knowledge, Biology.

Additional Subjects

- M. Louise Parkinson : *Pass*—German.
- Joan E. Frew : *Pass*—Biology.
- Cherry L. Isaac : *Pass*—English Language, Biology.
- Mollie Matson : *Pass*—Biology.
- Elizabeth A. Pleace : *Pass*—Biology, Religious Knowledge.
- Naddathong Thong-yai : *Very Good*—Siamese. *Pass*—Chemistry, Physics.

ASSOCIATED BOARD THE ROYAL SCHOOLS OF MUSIC

| | | | | | |
|-------|-------|-------|-----------------------------|-------|------------------------------------|
| Piano | ..... | ..... | Grade I. | ..... | S. Tharby— <i>Pass</i> |
| | | | Grade II. | ..... | E. Morris— <i>Pass</i> |
| | | | Grade II. | ..... | G. Scott Forbes— <i>Pass</i> |
| | | | Grade III. | ..... | A. Combes— <i>Pass</i> |
| | | | Grade IV. | ..... | J. Northcott— <i>Pass</i> |
| | | | Grade IV. | ..... | F. Woolner— <i>Pass</i> |
| | | | Grade V. Theory of Music : | | C. Hammond— <i>Pass</i> |
| | | | Grade VI. Theory of Music : | | M. Frew— <i>Pass</i> |
| | | | Grade VII. | ..... | J. Kennard— <i>Pass with Merit</i> |
| | | | Grade VII. | ..... | M. Frew— <i>Pass</i> |

| | | | | | |
|------------|-------|-------|------------|-------|---|
| Violin | ..... | ..... | Grade IV. | ..... | V. Smith— <i>Pass</i> |
| | | | Grade VI. | ..... | J. Kennard— <i>Pass with Distinction</i> |
| Flute | ..... | ..... | Grade III. | ..... | J. Northcott— <i>Pass</i> |
| | | | Grade III. | ..... | D. Keith— <i>Pass with Distinction</i> |
| Vocal Solo | ..... | ..... | Grade V. | ..... | J. Jackson— <i>Pass with Merit</i> |
| Elocution | ..... | ..... | Grade II. | ..... | E. Bain— <i>Pass with Distinction</i> |
| | | | Grade III. | ..... | E. Bain— <i>Pass with Merit</i> |
| | | | Grade III. | ..... | F. Benwell— <i>Pass</i> |
| | | | Grade III. | ..... | M. Pitman— <i>Pass</i> |
| | | | Grade V. | ..... | S. Dunsford— <i>Pass</i> |

GAMES REPORT

School Games Captains:

Autumn 1954 and Spring 1955—M. MATSON

Summer 1955—E. PLEACE and C. ISAAC

This year the Lacrosse season was spoilt by the very wet weather. We attended the West of England Lacrosse Rally at Bath and, apart from the cold, found it most enjoyable. Our matches were few, but mostly successful, and we were sorry not to end the season as usual by playing in the All-England Lacrosse Rally in London, but hope to do so this year.

LACROSSE TEAMS

| | 1st XII. | 2nd XII. | 3rd XII. |
|--------|----------------|---------------|-----------------|
| G.K. | P. Key | N. Thongyai | E. Pollard |
| Point | J. Seex | J. Himely | P. Warren |
| C.P. | E. Pleace | H. Leggate | J. Hughes |
| 3rd M. | M. Davidson | J. Warren | H. Clark |
| L.D.W. | M. Matson | J. Greenhough | V. Windle |
| R.D.W. | J. Lovegrove | M. Pitman | G. Mabin |
| C. | *L. Himely | S. Hatfield | E. Roberts |
| R.A.W. | M. Crawford | E. Roberts | A. Reid |
| L.A.W. | *C. Isaac | A. Waterman | M. W. Wilkinson |
| 3rd H. | E. Chaplin | D. Seex | E. Johnstone |
| 2nd H. | V. Easterbrook | Z. Worden | H. Crook |
| 1st H. | *P. Bickford | J. Pearse | N. Goord |

*Indicates colours

Also played during the season—M. Varley and S. Gay.

Lacrosse colours were awarded to C. Isaac, P. Bickford, and L. Himely during the season.

LACROSSE FIXTURES, AUTUMN TERM, 1954

| School or Club | Result |
|---------------------------------|-----------|
| 1st XII. Southampton Rally | Cancelled |
| 14 and Under. Southampton Rally | Cancelled |
| 2nd XII. v. Oxton 1st XII. | Cancelled |
| 1st XII. v. Bristol University | Won 7—2 |
| 1st XII. v. Harcombe House | Won 9—2 |
| 1st XII. v. Royal School | Cancelled |
| 2nd XII. v. Royal School | Cancelled |
| 2nd XII. v. Shute | Cancelled |
| 1st XII. v. Oxton | Cancelled |

SPRING TERM

| | | | | | | |
|--------------------------------|----|----|----|----|----|-----------|
| 2nd XII. v. Shute | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | Cancelled |
| 3rd XII. v. Shute | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | Cancelled |
| 2nd XII. v. Oxton | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | Drew 3—3 |
| 1st XII. v. Bristol University | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | |
| 1st XII. v. Harcombe House | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | Won 8—1 |

WEST OF ENGLAND RALLY

| | | | | | | |
|---------------------------------|----|----|----|----|----|----------|
| 1st XII. v. Malvern | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | Lost 2—3 |
| 1st XII. v. Royal School | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | Lost 1—4 |
| 1st XII. v. Canton High | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | Lost 0—1 |
| 1st XII. v. Howells | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | Won 2—1 |
| 1st XII. v. St. Mary's | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | Lost 0—1 |
| 2nd XII. v. Cheltenham 1st XII. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | Lost 0—5 |
| 2nd XII. v. Uplands | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | Drew 0—0 |
| 2nd XII. v. Sherborne 1st XII. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | Lost 0—6 |
| 2nd XII. v. Alice Ottley | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | Lost 0—1 |
| 1st XII. v. Oxton 1st XII. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | Won 10—3 |
| 3rd XII. v. Oxton 2nd XII. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | Won 8—2 |

NETBALL

Very little Netball was played during the season, but we hope to be able to play more this year, as we have a new surface on the court.

NETBALL TEAM—14 AND UNDER

| | | | |
|------|----|----|-------------|
| G.K. | .. | .. | E. Brown |
| D. | .. | .. | F. Irvine |
| C.D. | .. | .. | H. Clark |
| C... | .. | .. | M. Marshall |
| C.A. | .. | .. | *E. Roberts |
| A. | .. | .. | V. Windle |
| G.S. | .. | .. | A. Reid |

NETBALL FIXTURES—AUTUMN TERM, 1954

| School or Club | Result |
|-------------------------|-----------|
| 14 and Under v. Oxton | Cancelled |
| 14 and Under v. Ingsdon | Lost 21—6 |
| 14 and Under v. Shute | Cancelled |
| 14 and Under v. Oxton | Cancelled |

GYMNASTICS

The Annual Inter-Form Gymnastic Competition was not held last Spring.

TENNIS

The Tennis season was begun with enthusiasm this year, starting with the first round of the Aberdare Cup, in which we met Shute and Maynard Schools. Owing to the weather, we were able to play many matches, and the season ended with the Old Girls match, which was won by the School.

TENNIS TEAMS

| | 1st VI. | 2nd VI. | 3rd VI. | Under 15 VI. |
|------------|---------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|
| 1st Couple | G. Brown | L. Himely | E. Johnstone | F. Benwell |
| | J. Lovegrove | M. Davidson | S. Hatfield | E. Luscombe |
| 2nd Couple | E. Pleace | J. Kennard | J. Warren | A. Reid |
| | P. Bickford | M. Matson | P. Warren | J. Seex |
| 3rd Couple | D. Seex | H. Leggate | S. Gay | E. Bain |
| | J. Greenhough | A. Bradford | C. Isaac | E. Roberts |

TENNIS FIXTURES

| School or Club | Result |
|--|-----------|
| 1st VI. v. Notre Dame Convent | Cancelled |
| 1st VI. v. St. Margaret's (Exeter) | Cancelled |
| 2nd VI. v. St. Margaret's (Exeter) | Cancelled |
| 1st VI. v. Marist Convent | Cancelled |
| 2nd VI. v. Marist Convent | Cancelled |

FIRST ROUND ABERDARE CUP

| | | |
|--|-----------|--------|
| 1st VI. v. Shute | Won | 6-0 |
| 1st VI. v. Maynard | Lost | 6-1 |
| 1st VI. v. Torquay Tennis Club | Lost | 77-43 |
| 1st VI. v. Stoodley Knowle | Lost | 106-39 |
| 1st VI. v. Edgehill College | Lost | 69-48 |
| 2nd VI. v. Edgehill College | Cancelled | |
| 1st VI. v. Shute | Won | 77-28 |
| 2nd VI. v. Sydenham | Won | 69-48 |
| 3rd VI. v. Shute | Won | 52-31 |
| 1st VI. v. Bishop Fox | Lost | 52-47 |
| 2nd VI. v. Bishop Fox | Won | 58-41 |
| Under 15 v. Bishop Fox | Lost | 43-38 |
| 1st VI. v. Oxton | Won | 67-50 |
| 2nd VI. v. Oxton | Won | 60-35 |
| 1st VI. v. Old Girls | Won | 62-55 |

The Senior Tennis Tournament was won by G. Brown; runner-up J. Lovegrove.

The Junior Tennis Tournament was won by J. Greenhough; runner-up, A. Bradford.

The Doubles Tennis Tournament was won by G. Brown and J. Kennard.

There were no inter-House matches in the Autumn Term owing to the 'flu epidemic.

SPRING, 1955

| | |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Senior House Lacrosse Match | Queen Elizabeth |
| Junior House Netball | Prince Charles |

SUMMER, 1955

| | |
|-------------------------------|----------------|
| Senior House Tennis | Queen Victoria |
| Junior House Rounders | Prince Charles |

ATHLETIC SPORTS : SUMMER TERM, 1955

High Jump: *Open*—C. Isaac (4' 8"). *Intermediate*—A. Reid (4' 4").

Junior—J. Forward (3' 10").

100 Yards: *Open*—C. Isaac. *Intermediate*—J. Greenhough.

75 Yards: *Junior*—S. Pratt.

Sack Race: *Senior*—P. Bickford. *Intermediate*—C. Dixon. *Junior*—J. Forward.

Three-Legged: *Senior*—J. Greenhough and L. Himely. *Intermediate*—A. Reid and J. Webber. *Junior*—S. Pratt and J. Forward.

220 Yards: *Open*—J. Greenhough.

Long Jump: *Senior*—C. Isaac (13' 8½"). *Intermediate*—F. Benwell (12' 10"). *Junior*—M. Pearse and E. Butcher (10' 7").

Egg and Spoon: *Senior*—J. Himely. *Intermediate*—A. Bradford. *Junior*—S. Pratt.

Hurdles: *Open*—C. Isaac.

Junior House Relay—Princess Anne.

Senior House Relay—Queen Elizabeth.

Senior Challenge Cup—C. Isaac.

Intermediate Challenge Cup—J. Greenhough.
 Junior Challenge Cup—J. Forward.
 Senior House Challenge Cup—Queen Elizabeth.
 Junior House Challenge Cup—Princess Anne.
 Harvey Cup—P. Bickford.
 Sandhurst Cup—L. Himely.

ROYAL LIFE SAVING SOCIETY EXAMINATIONS

Elementary.—P. Robertson, J. Mackinnon, J. Alken, R. Poyntz-Roberts, J. Braithwaite, J. Forward, M. Marshall, C. Scott-Forbes, E. Butcher.
 Intermediate.—E. Pollard, F. Woolner, M. Bruce, S. Pratt, E. Bain, J. Webber, A. Reid, C. Dixon.
 Unigrip Certificate.—J. Barker, P. Norwood, E. Baxter, W. Upham, D. Seex, P. Henley, D. Keith, R. Belben, J. Seex, F. Benwell, A. Cornish-Bowden, J. McGuire, M. Pitman, J. Pearce, M. W. Wilkinson, M. A. King, J. Greenhough.
 Bronze Medallion.—J. Hughes, F. Irvine, R. Smith, R. Watts, E. Morris, R. Belben, M. Pitman, J. McGuire, A. Waterman, A. Cornish-Bowden, F. Benwell, E. Brown, V. Windle, G. Meyrick, E. Roberts.
 Bronze Cross.—D. Seex, J. Pearce, J. Warren, M. W. Wilkinson, J. Greenhough.
 Scholar Instructor's Certificate.—J. Greenhough, D. Seex.
 Award of Merit.—H. Leggate, S. Hatfield, L. Himely.
 Instructor's Certificate.—P. Key, C. Isaac.

SWIMMING SPORTS, 1955

Three Lengths Free Style: *Open*—V. Easterbrook.
 Breast Stroke, Style: *Junior*—J. Mackinnon. *Intermediate*—P. Norwood.
Senior—J. Greenhough.
 Crawl, Style: *Junior*—J. Mackinnon. *Intermediate*—J. McGuire. *Senior*—V. Easterbrook.
 Back Crawl, Style: *Intermediate*—J. McGuire. *Senior*—L. Himely.
 Boat Race—Queen Victoria.
 English Back Stroke, Style: *Open*—J. Himely.
 One Length Free Style: *Junior*—J. Forward.
 Two Lengths Free Style: *Intermediate*—J. Hughes.
 Diving: *Junior*—J. Forward. *Open*—L. Himely.
 Fancy Diving: *Open*—D. Seex.
 Width: *Beginners*—E. Arnold.
 Life Saving Race: *Open*—A. Cornish-Bowden.
 Feet First: *Intermediate*—P. Norwood. *Senior*—P. Key.
 Plunge: *Open*—H. Leggate (46' 7").
 20 Yards Breast Stroke: *Junior*—J. Forward.
 One Length Breast Stroke: *Intermediate*—J. Hughes. *Senior*—V. Easterbrook.
 Sculling: *Junior*—P. Everard. *Open*—D. Seex.
 Swimming on Front, Feet First: *Open*—P. Key.
 20 Yards Back Stroke: *Junior*—J. Alken.
 One Length Back Stroke—*Intermediate*—J. McGuire. *Senior*—V. Easterbrook.
 Underwater: *Open*—J. Hughes (One length, 22').
 Blowing the Ping-Pong Ball—1, L. Himely; 2, J. Hughes.
 Junior House Relay—Prince Charles.
 Senior House Relay—Queen Mary.
 Senior Challenge Cup—V. Easterbrook and L. Himely.
 Intermediate Challenge Cup—J. Hughes.
 Junior Challenge Cup—J. Forward.
 Senior House Challenge Cup—Queen Mary.
 Junior House Challenge Cup—Prince Charles.

HOUSE REPORTS**Queen Elizabeth House**

The Autumn Term was an unlucky term for our House, in that we failed to win the House Cup. However, we were very thankful to the Upper V. for their G.C.E. marks, and to Judith Grose for her County Scholarship. Owing to the 'flu epidemic, we were not able to have the usual House matches.

We all worked very hard for the inter-House Music Competition, which was held in the Spring Term. Many members of the House entered the competition and won good marks. House matches were played at the end of the term and we were very pleased to win. We won not only the House Cup but the Games Cup.

In the Summer Term we brought back many things we had made for the House Sale of Work, which was held at half-term. There was a competition between the Houses, in which we came second. As usual, our best effort was on Sports Day, when we won the inter-House Challenge Cup and the Senior and Intermediate Individual Challenge Cups. In the Swimming Sports we did not do at all well; however, the Senior Individual Challenge Cup was won by Louise Himely, of our House, who tied with Vivien Easterbrook, of Queen Victoria. We lost the House Cup to Queen Mary at the end of the term, but are hoping to win it back again. On the whole, it was quite a successful year for the House, and we should like to express our thanks to Miss Huntley and Miss Hoskin, our House Mistresses, for everything they have done for us, and to say how much we appreciate it.

N. THONGYAI, *p.p.* M. FREW, House Captain.

Queen Mary

Queen Mary House was very sorry to lose Miss Dawson at the end of the Spring Term, but we were fortunate in having Miss Jones to take her place. During the Winter Term we were not very successful in the House matches, but in the Summer we did better at tennis, and were very pleased when we gained most points in the Swimming Sports and Jill Hughes won the Intermediate Challenge Cup for us. Felicity Benwell won the Intermediate Long Jump Cup on Sports Day. Apart from games, Queen Mary House seems to possess more intelligence than musical or sewing ability, as we were last in the Music and Sale of Work competitions, but first in both Senior and Intermediate General Knowledge Quizzes. Our efforts to win the House Cup were finally rewarded in the Summer Term, after we had been second in the two previous terms. This rounded off the year very happily.

LOUISE PARKINSON, House Captain.

Queen Victoria House

Queen Victoria House had quite a successful year. We began very well by winning the House Cup in the Autumn Term, greatly helped by Rosemary Parnaby's marks for her County Scholarship. In the Spring Term our team played steadily in the lacrosse matches, but was, unfortunately, beaten by Queen Elizabeth, who also beat us in the House Cup. Another event in which there was keen rivalry was the Music Competition, in which we gained many successes and the highest number of points.

The Summer Term was our most successful as, though we again failed to win the Cup, we won the House Tennis matches and both the Senior Singles (G. Brown) and the Senior Doubles (G. Brown and J. Kennard). We also made by far the largest profit on our Sale of Work stall, to which everyone contributed, an effort which was well rewarded by a grand total of £32. Another triumph was the Senior Challenge Cup for Swimming, for which V. Easterbrook tied with L. Himely (Queen Elizabeth). We had several other successes in the Swimming Sports, including the Boat Race.

We should like to end by expressing our thanks to our House Mistresses, Miss Down and Miss Reynolds, for all they have done for us throughout the year.

SUSAN STAPLETON.

p.p. JENNIFER HIMELY, House Captain.

Princess Anne House

Princess Anne House has had a fairly successful year. Unfortunately, in the Autumn Term, the House Netball Matches had to be cancelled because of the influenza epidemic, and the Junior House Games Cup was left unclaimed for that term. Prince Charles won the House Cup that term by a wide margin of some 200 points. At the end of this term we were very sorry to lose Miss Oggier as our House Mistress, but were very pleased to welcome Miss Jones in her place.

In the Spring Term, an inter-House Quiz was kindly arranged for us by the Staff. The two Junior Houses each had teams of four, and the two House Prefects read us the questions, which were compiled by the Staff. At the end of the competition both Houses had an equal number of points, so we had to have three more questions each. Princess Anne just managed to gain the victory by four points.

A Music Competition was also held in the Spring Term. Miss Hoskin kindly helped us with our performance, and Miss Dence and the Staff kindly judged it. It was finally decided that Princess Anne was the winner: Miss Dence told us that we were better on our individual work and Prince Charles better on the choral work. She added that she and the Staff had had great difficulty in deciding on the winner.

Prince Charles won the House Games Cup after an exciting netball match, and they also won the House Cup. At the end of the term we were sorry to lose Miss Jones, but pleased to welcome Miss Hatcher as House Mistress.

In the Summer Term, the Sale of Work was arranged this year in Houses. Princess Anne House organized a candle-lighting stall, which proved very popular; guessing the age of a baby; and guessing the number of beans in a jar, which was also very popular. Princess Anne took several pounds more than Prince Charles. Unfortunately, we lost both the Rounders Cup and the Swimming Relay, but we regained the House Cup, the Junior Sports Cup and the Junior Swimming Cup that term, and the Junior Long Jump Cup was shared by two girls, one from each Junior House.

At the end of the year we were very sorry to lose Molly Matson as our House Prefect. WENDY UPHAM, Lower IV.

Prince Charles House

The year began successfully, but owing to an epidemic of influenza in the Autumn Term, no competition was held for the Games Cup. Good results helped us to gain the House Cup which we also won in the Spring Term. We competed with Princess Anne House in an exciting game of netball, which we won and so gained the Games Cup that term.

In the Summer, all the Houses contributed to the Sale of Work which, unfortunately, had to be held in the Gymnasium because of the weather. An interesting game of Rounders gained us the Games Cup for the second time that year. The Swimming Sports were also very enjoyable, and we were proud to win the Junior Relay and to have the highest number of marks for all the events.

Miss Savill, our House Mistress, with the help of our senior members, helped and encouraged us throughout the year. We were very grateful to them, and very sad that Miss Savill has left us. We welcome Mrs. Frost in her place as House Mistress.

PAT NORWOOD and MORWENNA MARSHALL, Lower IV.

THE CHAPEL

The Chapel is still a source of pleasure to us all. Every day there is a special time reserved for private prayer, and Miss Dence takes a service every Sunday evening. Holy Communion is celebrated a few times each term.

Last term, Miss Dence was, unfortunately, unable to conduct our Sunday services owing to illness, and we are all very grateful to Miss Lidgate for taking her place. Miss Cobham also came occasionally to take services.

On the first Sunday of the Autumn Term, the Chapel was decorated with fruit, flowers, and vegetables, and Harvest Thanksgiving was celebrated. MARGUERITE REEVES, Lower V.

School Events and Activities

SIXTH FORM ACTIVITIES

Two Sixth Form Conferences were held this year, one in the Autumn Term and one in the Summer Term. The first was held at Totnes High School, on the subject of Agriculture. We went by train to Totnes, where we attended a service in the Parish Church. Then 'buses took us to Dartington, where we were shown around two of the farms. Unfortunately, it was pouring with rain, so it was impossible to see as much as we could have wished. After lunch at the High School, we saw two films—one on Seale-Hayne College, and the other about soil erosion in Africa. There was also an informative lecture on "Farming in Devon," and its connection with the hotel industry.

The second conference took place at Stover, the service being at Teigngrace Church, by kind permission of Canon O. M. Jones, M.A., who gave the address. This time the subject was "The United Nations," and we were given two extremely interesting talks by Mr. Gordon Evans and Mr. Terence Lawson, both officials of the Council for Education in World Citizenship. We also saw two films on the work of the United Nations Organization. These showed us the remarkable extent of U.N.O., which not only endeavours to keep peace in the world, but to promote education, assist scientific research, bring medical aid to backward countries, and so on. The day ended with a Brains Trust: Mr. Lawson, Mr. Evans, Mrs. Simpkins, Area Secretary of the English Speaking Union, and a student from Seale-Hayne were on the committee, and the chair was taken by Professor K. W. Salter, of Exeter University.

Later in the term, Mrs. Simpkins gave us a talk on America, which we enjoyed very much. A visit to the Barn Theatre at Dartington, where we saw a performance of "Hamlet," rounded off a series of successful Sixth Form activities.

LOUISE PARKINSON, Upper VI.

AN ARCHAEOLOGICAL EXPEDITION

At the beginning of the Summer holidays, Miss Savill very kindly took three of us to an archaeological "dig" near Torbryan. The site was just outside the entrance to a small cave in the rocks, and it was hoped that the foundations of a mediaeval house might be found there, though there was an alternative possibility that it might prove to be merely one of the pseudo-Gothic so popular in the eighteenth century.

At the end of the last century, we were told, a Mr. Widger had carried out extensive excavations there, mainly in the caves, where he had found traces of hyena and cave bear. However, though these were of no great interest to us, he had left detailed

records, which were a great help. Some excavation had also been done two years ago in one of the caves, and we were allowed to go into this by way of a small, dark tunnel lit by two candles. However, to our unaccustomed eyes there did not seem to be anything of much interest.

We then began to mark out our site carefully, with boundaries of string stretched between pegs. A plan was also drawn up so that the exact position of any important find could be marked at once. After that we started work in earnest, using mainly small, triangular trowels; however, stubborn roots had to be cut with secateurs, and we also occasionally resorted to picks to deal with especially large stones. All the rubble was put into buckets and by far the most exhausting task was the emptying of these down a tip a few yards away, which had to be done about every ten minutes.

On the first day we found two pieces of hyena tooth and a few bits of tile, on which could be seen the traces of a green glaze. Another member of the group unearthed a piece of Gothic-like decoration, probably from the corner of a wall, and this encouraged us considerably. However, nothing more was found that day, so we packed up and went home for the night.

Next morning several more bits of corner-stone were discovered at the opposite end of the wall, and we also found some fragments of pottery and tile, which were thought by the experts to be mediaeval. That afternoon we all went on a tour of the nearby caves, where excavations had been carried out in the past. Nearest to our site was Three Holes Cave, where a flint blade had once been found, proving it to have been inhabited by man, and actual human remains had come to light in the next—Broken Cave—as was shown by Widger's records. Across a road and a field we came to Jarvis's Cave, where remains of woolly rhinoceros had lately been found, but since the entrance to this was only a small, cramped tunnel we did not go in. Further into the wood was another cave in which a member of our party had recently been working and had come across bones of both hyena and bear.

By now it was late in the afternoon, so we did not have time for much more digging, but the next day we were greeted with the news that the tiles had been proved to be of the thirteenth century. This meant that, in all probability, the foundations, corner-stones, and pottery were also Gothic, so our work had not been in vain.

As this was our last day, we spent the time neatening off our section; that is, making the sides as straight as possible and removing any particularly large stones from the floor. This job is far more difficult than it sounds, and our efforts looked sadly amateurish besides those of the rest of the group. However, we

thoroughly enjoyed ourselves, and also, I think, realized that archeology is by no means the dreary pastime which so many people imagine it to be.

SUSAN STAPLETON, Lower VI.

THE BIBLE READING FELLOWSHIP

There are now 19 "B" Group, 20 "C" Group, and six "Y" Group members in our branch of the Bible Reading Fellowship. We have welcomed more junior members among the new girls.

Every Sunday two or three members have chosen the hymns and lessons, with Miss Dence, for Evensong in the Chapel, at which one member has read a group of prayers. We were very pleased that Miss Cobham, Bishop Surtees, Canon Jones, and Father Strickland have come to take our services; Father Strickland showed us interesting films on missionary work in Africa. We hope that they will all return this year. I am sure all members would like to thank Miss Dence and Miss Lidgate for taking our services every Sunday.

MARJORIE DAVIDSON, Lower VI.

STOVER GUIDE COMPANY

At the beginning of the Spring Term, five recruits were enrolled by Miss Bindloss, our District Commissioner. We joined the Bickington Guides for more enrolments in the Summer Term, and after the enrolment we had a tea-hike, when we cooked scrambled eggs and dampers on our patrol fires.

All the Guides and Brownies joined together for a united garden party at Bradley Manor in the Summer Term, by the kind permission of Mrs. Woolner. We took part in a pageant, "The Lion Gives a Party." It showed how Guides and Brownies were getting on all over the world, our Company acting as Guides from overseas.

This year some of us joined another Guide Company for camp, which ended the year very happily. We are now very sorry that both our Guiders, Miss Dawson and Miss Savill, have left Stover, and the Company has had to close down temporarily.

MARY ANNE KING, Form III.

THE CHOIR, 1954-55

This has been a busy and interesting year for the Choir. We have performed several major works, in addition to our various school functions, with a membership of twenty-three.

We began last Autumn by working at a selection of music including Bach's Cantata, "God's Time is Best," Schubert's "The Lord is my Shepherd," and works of Palestrina, Morley, and Bairstow, which we sang with the choir of Dartmouth Royal Naval College. Winifred Kaye, John Runge, and Cecil Cope

were the chief soloists, and we were accompanied by an orchestra. We recorded it in the College Chapel after a great deal of anxiety lest we should be delayed by the floods; a fortnight later the whole programme was broadcast on the West Home Service in "Choir Night."

In spite of the 'flu epidemic, we held our Carol Service as usual in Teigngrace Parish Church, where we sang, in addition to many of the old, well-known carols, some that were new to most people.

During the Spring Term we practised Pergolesi's "Stabat Mater," and at the end of term gave a recital of this and other works, including several short pieces by the orchestra, to an audience of parents and friends.

At the beginning of the Summer Term we lost our leader and conductor, Miss Dence, as she was confined to bed. This was a great disappointment, but Mr. King very kindly stepped into the breach and worked very hard for us. We concentrated chiefly on our annual Gilbert and Sullivan production and the music for the service on Speech Day. This term we chose for our opera "Trial by Jury," which was great fun—at least for the cast and, I hope, for the audience.

The cast was as follows :

| | |
|-------------------------------|---|
| The Judge | P. KEY |
| The Plaintiff | J. HIMELY |
| The Defendant | J. JACKSON |
| The Counsel | L. PARKINSON |
| The Usher | L. HIMELY |
| Chief Bridesmaid | J. KENNARD |
| Foreman of the Jury | C. ISAAC |
| Associate | M. CRAWFORD |
| Members of the Jury | J. WARREN M. MATSON E. PLEACE E. CHAPLIN, F. WOOLNER, R. WATTS, Z. WORDEN |
| Bridesmaids | E. ROBERTS, J. HUGHES, A. STEPHENS, S. DUNSFORD, A. REID, R. BELBEN |
| Members of the Public | E. BAIN, E. BROWN, V. WINDLE, M. PITMAN, A. CORNISH-BOWDEN, R. SMITH |

At the Speech Day service, we sang the introit "I Would Find Thee," the anthem "Jesu, Saviour, I am Thine," by Bach, and three hymns, one of which was in four parts, arranged by Cecil Cope and dedicated to Stover.

This concluded the year, and now that Miss Dence is back with us, we must thank her and Mr. King for all the hard work they have done for us.

MARION CRAWFORD, Lower VI.

THE ORCHESTRA

During the last school year, the Orchestra consisted of fourteen members playing a variety of instruments—violins, a viola, two cellos, flutes, trumpets, clarinets, drums, and a french horn. Unfortunately, four of our members have left, and so the Orchestra has to be discontinued during the coming year. In the Autumn Term, we were delighted to welcome our first trumpet player, Vivien Easterbrook, and in the Summer our second trumpet player, Elaine Roberts, and the french horn player, Margaret Frew. On July 17th, we were very glad to welcome the Orchestra of the Royal Naval College of Dartmouth and part of their Choir. Then, with the two Orchestras combined, an informal concert was given to the rest of the school, conducted by Mr. King. At the end of the Summer Term, seven members of the Orchestra played during the intervals of the School play, "Victoria Regina," and I hope their efforts proved a success.

ANNE WATERMAN, Lower V.

RECITALS

During the Autumn Term we had two very interesting and enjoyable recitals. The first was given by the Chelham Quartet, who sang operatic music to us, including part of the "Marriage of Figaro," by Mozart, and many other delightful pieces. The second recital, given by John Clegg, included Mozart's Sonata in F and Ravel's Sonatine.

In the Spring Term we welcomed once again Mr. and Mrs. Henry Wilson, who gave us a very enjoyable evening of piano duets, including "Scaramouche."

Mr. and Mrs. Parkhouse gave us a recital of music for piano and cello, which was much enjoyed. Also in the Spring Term, we were very honoured in having Irene Kohler to play the piano to us, and she gave us a very interesting recital.

In the Summer Term, Mr. Cecil Cope sang to us, and included in his programme very interesting folk songs. It is to Miss Dence that we owe our pleasure in all these recitals, and we always look forward to having them.

ELIZABETH CHAPLIN, Upper V.

THE SPRING TERM CONCERT

The principal work at a concert, devoted mainly to sacred music, given on Passion Sunday, was a performance of Pergolesi's "Stabat Mater" by the Choir, with an instrumental accompaniment. The choice of work was happy in that it gave the Choir a chance to show its powers of well-ordered part singing, and to the soloists opportunities which were rewarding, yet within the powers of young voices. The general effect was that of a consistent musicianship throughout that was a pleasure to hear, and an accompaniment that supported unselfishly and never drowned.

The Pergolesi was followed by some movements from a Sonata by Loeillet for a sextet of strings and wood wind; Debussy's Claire de Lune; and a violin solo, Sonata in B Flat, by Dr. Fone. Again the wisdom of choice was evident in that the performers were well able to give good account of themselves.

The concert ended with Schubert's setting of "The Lord is my Shepherd," sung by the choir. This work which has a particularly delicate beauty, and demands a good standard of choral discipline, came as a fitting conclusion to a most enjoyable performance.

A.W.

FILMS

During last year we had a selection of very good films, beginning with "Never Take No For An Answer," the story of an Italian boy and his donkey. Nearly everybody had read Paul Gallico's book, "The Small Miracle," from which the story was taken, and we all enjoyed it very much, even though it was very sad in places. Later in the Autumn Term we had "Lady with the Lamp," the heroic story of Florence Nightingale's nursing in the Crimean War, and after this a comedy, "The Lavender Hill Mob." At the Christmas party we had Walt Disney's "Bambi," a charming story of the life of a deer. The seniors especially appreciated Disney's clever animation and lovable characters. In the Spring Term we had "Captain Hornblower," in which the name part was played by Gregory Peck. This was a very exciting film, with plenty of action. "The Queen in Australia" and "Top of the Form" followed, and a wonderful film about the Antarctic given, with a lecture, by Dr. William Sladen, who was doctor to the last Antarctic Expedition. None of us had realized that so much beauty was to be found in such a barren waste.

In the Summer Term we had one film, "Genevieve"; we found it hard to stop laughing even after the film had ended! Altogether it was a very good programme of films, and we must thank Miss Gaukrodger for arranging such a wonderful selection.

ROSAMUND WATTS, Upper IV.

THE CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Christmas Party is always held on the last Saturday of the Autumn Term. This year, because of a flu epidemic which affected almost the whole school, no party dresses were worn, and the film was shown in the Hall instead of in the Gymnasium. We saw "Bambi," and another film about Sweden, which was also very good.

After the films we had tea and then dancing; in the Upper Fifth Form Room for Juniors and in the Hall for Seniors. There were dances of all kinds, from the waltz to the schottische, which everyone enjoyed. After the dancing we had a wonderful supper,

very kindly prepared for us by Miss Bearne and Miss Gwillam, who had also made the cake. The cake was beautifully decorated with a Maypole and children dancing round it, also with many candles. Everyone stood around while Miss Dence cut the cake.

After supper had finished there was more dancing until ten o'clock, when the Junior School went to bed, and then more dancing for the Seniors for a little while. So ended a wonderful Christmas party.

ELIZABETH POLLARD, Upper IV.

THE ORPHANS' CHRISTMAS PARTY

On December 18th we held our annual Christmas party for the orphans from Newton Abbot. There were about thirty of them, and they played games until it was time for tea, when they went into the gaily decorated dining-room. After tea, they went up to the Hall, where films were shown—two cartoon films, which were very much enjoyed by the younger ones, and a film on the Coronation.

After this they were taken into the Library, where there was a Christmas tree, with their presents around the base. The presents were given out, and one was surrounded by excited chatter. Then, with their presents safely in their pockets, they had to leave, and we all looked forward to the next year, when they would be with us once again.

ELIZABETH CHAPLIN, Upper V.

SPORTS DAY

For the second year in succession, the weather was against us when the annual School Sports Day arrived. The morning was dull, and the stalls were set up in the grounds, but just before lunch it started to rain, and the stalls were moved into the Gymnasium.

It was decided that the sports should be postponed till another day. Parents, on arriving, were ushered into the Gymnasium, which was crowded with stalls. There were hand-made garments to be bought, and many games of skill, such as darts, skittles, and shove-ha'penny, while the rain was beating down outside.

We had the School Sports a week later. Queen Elizabeth House won the Senior Relay, and Princess Anne the Junior event. A good time was enjoyed by everyone, in spite of the weather.

JENNIFER PEARSE, Lower V.

SPEECH DAY, 1955

This year, Speech Day was held, as in 1953, on the last day of the Summer Term, July 25th. Luckily the weather was good and the proceedings were not marred, as so often happens, by any sudden downpours.

We began the day with a practice for prizegiving in the marquee which had been erected on the lawn, just to make sure that no hitches occurred during the real ceremony. At about 10.30, the 'buses arrived to take us to Highweek Church for the service, which was also attended by a large number of parents, friends, and Old Girls. The address was given by the Chairman of the Governors, the Right Reverend W. F. Surtees, the former Bishop of Crediton, whom we are always so glad to welcome to our School functions. The choir sang the Introit, "I Would Find Thee, Whom no eye can see," and as an anthem "Jesus Saviour, I am Thine," by Bach.

After the service we all returned to Stover for prize-giving, a ceremony which the Bishop of Exeter had kindly consented to perform for us. He gave a short address, reminding us that one of the most important things we could learn at school was how to begin to be a pilgrim. Miss Dence gave her annual report of the School's progress, mentioning particularly the excellent results of the five girls who took the Advanced Level G.C.E. examinations last year, all of whom gained Scholarships.

Lunch was then served to the guests in the two dining-rooms and the Upper Fourth Form Room, after which many of them looked around the art exhibition upstairs while the performers changed for the play. This consisted of six scenes from Laurence Housman's "Victoria Regina," and occupied the rest of the afternoon. The day was rounded off for the guests with tea served in the Hall, and afterwards we all left for the Summer holidays.

SUSAN STAPLETON, Lower VI.

VICTORIA REGINA

At the end of the Summer Term we acted scenes from "Victoria Regina," by Laurence Housman. Three performances were given in the Gymnasium—one for the School, one for members of Highweek parish, and in aid of Church funds, and one for the parents on Speech Day.

The play tells the story of Queen Victoria's life from her schoolroom days to her Diamond Jubilee. In the first act she is told of her right of succession to the throne of England, much to her amazement. Also in the same act comes the visit of the young German Princes, Ernest and Albert; Victoria prefers Albert and chooses him as her husband. The second act shows them in the early days of their marriage, with Victoria still inclined to have everything just as she wants it. She will not allow Albert to help her with State affairs, and even chooses his secretary for him. The second scene shows the incident when an attempt was made on the Queen's life.

In the last act, Victoria, now growing old, overhears an imitation of herself by one of the ladies-in-waiting. She makes the lady do the imitation again in front of her. In the final scene

we see the Queen, near the end of her long life, on the day of her Jubilee. Sitting in her wheel-chair, surrounded by her relatives, with the cheers of her subjects echoing outside the windows, she tells how, that morning, as she was passing Hyde Park Corner, a crowd of rough men broke through the police cordons and surged around her carriage, shouting: "Go it, old girl, go it! You've done well!" Then, as her footmen wheel her out, she says that although the men's language was unsuitable, she does so hope it is true!

Miss Babington's work as producer was much appreciated by all the audiences.

CAST

| | | | | | | |
|---------------------------------------|----|----|----|----|--|----------------|
| Princess Victoria (in Act I.) | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | V. WINDLE |
| Queen Victoria (in Act I., Scene II.) | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | V. WINDLE |
| Queen Victoria (in Act II.) | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | S. STAPLETON |
| Queen Victoria (in Act III.) | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | E. BAIN |
| Duchess of Kent | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | S. DUNSFORD |
| Governess Lehzen | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | Z. WORDEN |
| Prince Ernest | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | F. BENWELL |
| Prince Albert | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | J. JACKSON |
| Lady Anson | .. | .. | .. | .. | A. | CORNISH-BOWDEN |
| Lady Muriel | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | M. PITMAN |
| Lady Grace | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | J. GREENHOUGH |
| Ladies-in-Waiting | .. | .. | .. | .. | R. SMITH, E. BROWN, E. POLLARD, F. IRVINE, F. WOOLNER, H. CLARK | |
| Prince of Wales | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | R. WATTS |
| Imperial Highness | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | E. ROBERTS |
| Princess | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | M. MATSON |
| Another Princess | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | F. WOOLNER |
| Lady-in-Waiting | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | J. SEEX |

CELIA HAMMOND, Lower V.

A DAY AT THE TOWER OF LONDON

During our stay in London we visited the Tower. Our first view of the great fortress was from Tower Hill, a very imposing sight, with the hills of Kent and Surrey behind.

The first place of interest that we saw was the Traitor's Gate. It was through this gate that such people as Queen Anne Boleyn, Katherine Howard, Lady Jane Grey, and the Princess who afterwards became Queen Elizabeth I. had passed.

Opposite the Traitors' Gate is the Wakefield Tower, and it is here that the Crown Jewels are kept. Wakefield Tower was built in the reign of Henry III., and as it has always been considered the strongest fortress in the land, it has always guarded the Crown Jewels. The room in which the Jewels are kept is vaulted, and, according to tradition, was used by Henry VI. for his devotions while he was a prisoner, and was the scene of his murder.

After leaving Wakefield Tower, we crossed the courtyard and entered the White Tower. This is the oldest part of the fortress, and was begun immediately after William the Conqueror's

Coronation. It was in a staircase, part of which no longer exists, in this tower that some children's bones were found in the reign of Charles II. They were identified, chiefly by guesswork, as the remains of Edward V. and his brother, who disappeared so mysteriously after the accession of Richard III., and they were removed to Westminster Abbey in 1678.

There is a large collection of armour in this tower, begun by Henry VIII. There are examples of the type of armour worn by William the Conqueror at Hastings, and suits of armour worn by Henry VIII. and several Elizabethan courtiers and Stuart princes. We were very interested in the amount of armour worn by horses, and I shall always remember the mounted figure of a knight with a lance in rest for tilting. The Cannon Room, in the old dungeons of the Tower, is full of interesting pieces, including pieces taken from the wreck of the "Mary Rose," which sank in 1545. Another interesting feature of the White Tower is the old Chapel of St. John, as it dates from about 1080, and is the finest example of Norman architecture remaining in England.

After leaving the White Tower, we walked through Tower Green, the scene of many executions. In the middle of the green is a small plot paved with granite, showing the site on which stood, at rare intervals, the scaffold for private executions. Anne Boleyn and Katherine Howard were both beheaded there.

We returned to the Bloody Tower, where the tragedy of the little Princes occurred, and where Sir Walter Raleigh was imprisoned. It was here that he wrote his famous history of the world, a copy of which was shown.

Leaving the Tower, we walked out on to the Embankment to see Tower Bridge opening. Just as we were about to leave, the Battle of Britain Fly-Past passed over the Tower, and so we had seen the very old and the very new within a short space of time.

SUSAN GAY, Upper V.

STRIKES

No trains, red rust upon the rails,
No parcels, packages or mails,
No journeys made to moors and sea,
No restaurant cars for serving tea.
No ticket queues or luggage stacks,
No porter's trucks, no station snacks,
No whistles, steam, or morning flags,
No trunks, suitcases or travelling bags;
The railway men have gone on strike,
And I am using my old bike.

ROSEMARY MARSTON, Form III.

THE LARK

I was cycling home when I heard a cascade of music fall through the air. I looked up and saw a small brown bird fluttering its wings to keep in the same place, now and then swooping down, only to rise again into the air.

The lark's singing in the early morning wakes many a person up. Its melodious song falls through the air like a waterfall, down, down, down, to the stream where it bubbles over the stones.

On the cliff near the beach where we have our hut there is a lark; every time we go up there I always hear it singing, and sometimes it swoops right down to the ground. After a few minutes, there it is again, singing happily as if it was without a care in the world. I think that somewhere among the long grass it has a nest, although I have never found it.

ELIZABETH BUTCHER, Form III.

THE ART OF RISING

The bell goes in the morning, when we're fast asleep in bed,
With a clanging and a ringing that would waken all the dead.
After being rudely awakened I just open up one eye,
Spying shapeless forms all stirring, moving, groaning; with a sigh,
I just close my eye again, snuggling deep beneath the folds
Of a blanket that's half off me, and retract my freezing toes,
Which have suddenly protruded 'neath the silly blanket's seam—
My big toe's turning blue—now where was I in my dream?
Then the hearty types spring out of bed, with something like

a cheer,

Yelling "Bags I first the Pink!" and "Isn't winter getting
near!"

Also "History test today!" and then thump across the floor,
Till, with a blast of freezing air, they open up the door.
Then, with my peace so shattered, I grope blindly on the bed
For my blankets, which have somehow draped themselves
around my head.

Then I gladly pull them on to my cold legs and feet, until
I'm even getting warm again—my fingers lose their chill
And respond by groping aimlessly for a pillow, still unfound,
Till "Thump!" it hits me in the face and falls upon the ground.
By now I'm thoroughly awake, but again I shut my eyes,
And try to pull my blankets up, which, much to my surprise
Are suddenly whisked off me, and the ruthless ones all pounce
Upon my cold and shivering form, tormenting till I bounce
On to the floor, and sleepily protest I've had enough
And then, arrayed in dressing gown, I trail, all in a huff
Off to the Pink, now vacant, there to brood upon the thought
That my necessary beauty sleep was ruthlessly cut short.
I yawn, and gaze out on the lawn, made brilliant by the sun,
Yawning again, proceed to wash—my NEW DAY has begun.

JENNIFER MCGUIRE, Lower V.

A NIGHTMARE

All was dark. I heard a sound,
That of a footstep on the ground!
I ran. IT ran. All was vain.
I heard the whistle of a train.
I crossed the line. The train came on—
I ran. IT ran. The train was gone.
I looked around in dreadful fear,
The THING was getting very near.
I crossed a road, went up a hill,
A car came by. A scream! But still
I ran, with pounding heart.
Till suddenly I gave a start,
I closed my eyes and fell down, down . . .
I op'ed my eyes. The ground had grown
Up, up to meet me, then I lay
Upon the floor, and it was day!

SUSAN MARSHALL-HARVEY, Lower IV.

A VISIT TO AN IMAGINARY LAND

Sailing through a sea of dreams is like sitting alone, in the warmest part of summer, near a stream, and listening to the hum of insects. That was the sort of sailing that I experienced one evening in winter. I was, I suppose, sleepy, and the room was warm and probably empty; but of these things I am not certain.

I am certain, however, that I work from the delightful state I had fallen into, with a start, as the arm chair—or perhaps it was a boat—struck what appeared to be white gravel. In an instant I was fully awake and began taking in my surroundings.

To this day I do not know how I arrived at that strange country, or what it was. But as I stepped from the arm chair—or was it a boat—I saw the fireplace, mirror and clock fade away, and a beach with waving palms and ferns take its place.

I never saw more of that land, only the beach and sea. The sand was white, rather like snow which has frozen. Here and there, growing in the sand, were bright flowers. Apart from a rich vegetation, I saw no other form of life, but the air was full of beautiful whisperings and sayings. There was music, too, and sometimes a flash of silver or gold against the sky. Around me in the air, the plants, sea and sand there mingled a strange, happy, carefree feeling.

"It's unreal," was all that I could think. Again and again the flashes of silver—just like a seagull's wing high overhead—kept moving against the blue. There was no time in this land, and no change, till the whisperings and flashes concentrated in one place, and slowly—so slowly—they formed a being so lovely I hurriedly looked away. When that being spoke, the whisperings

mingled to form a voice so beautiful that I averted my eyes from the sand and looked again. What it spoke I know not, and what it really looked like I cannot remember. Again, slowly, the being melted into the flashes and whisperings.

Again the boat jolted; it was tossing wildly. A great storm was brewing. The sky was black; gone was the happy feeling. The boat shook with a great quiver like that of a breaking wave. Suddenly, out of the stormy sea, appeared a clock, a mirror, and a fireplace. The book I had been reading lay at my feet. Mother was leaning over me. "You looked so happy," she said, "but I had to wake you because Aunt Jemima is coming to tea."

The Paradise I had just left was soon forgotten in another one of toasted crumpets with butter!

FREDA WOOLNER, Upper IV.

A RAINY DAY

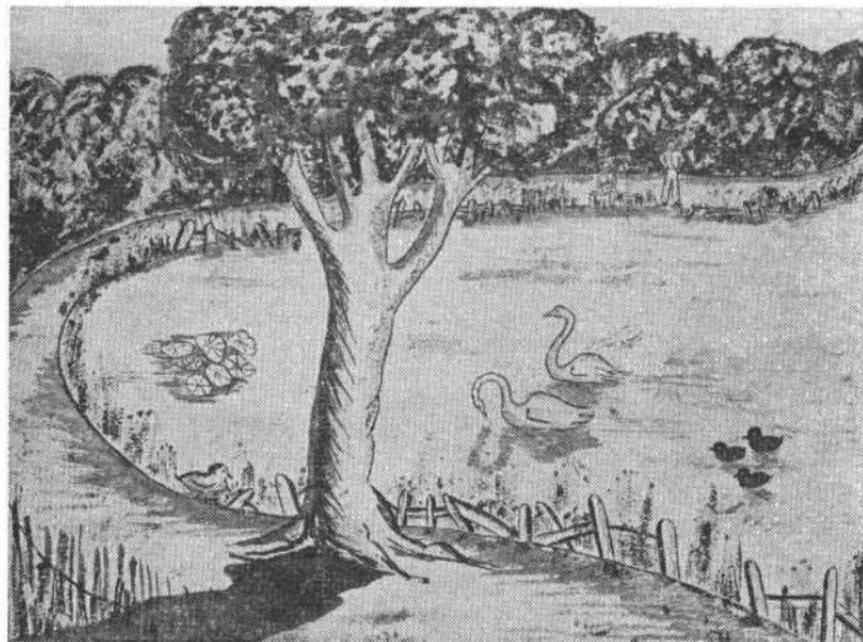
It started to rain about nine o'clock. The dull grey clouds had been in the sky since early morning. First it drizzled, then it poured. The rain bounced off the windows with a dull drumming noise. The puddles grew bigger and deeper, and rings kept forming whenever rain fell into them. Rain ran down the roof, splashing over the edge of the gutter, so that if anybody went outside the back door he came back drenched. The sky was black and thundery till the evening. Then the lightning flashed, the thunder rolled, and still the rain poured down.

Then it began to stop, and soon the clouds had been blown away. Outside, a few drops of rain dripped off the trees. The sky was blue; the rain had washed it clean. You could smell the earth and the flowers, and a butterfly flew from a hole in the hedge and settled on a rain-laden tulip as if it could not care what happened.

CLAIRE DIXON, Lower IV.



THE
LIFE OF
THE
LAKES
AND
RIVERS
OF
ENGLAND
AND
SCOTLAND
BY
JOHN
RUSSELL
AND
JOHN
RUSSELL
AND
JOHN
RUSSELL



Old Girls' Section

OLD GIRLS' ASSOCIATION

Staff Members

- Mrs. KEY, J.P., 9, The Close, Salisbury.
 Mrs. COLEMAN (Miss COLDRIDGE), 22, Newstead Road, Southbourne, Bournemouth.
 Mrs. CHILDS, The Lodge, Clapham, Beds.
 Miss DONNE, 83, Staplegrove, Taunton.
 Mrs. EVANS (Miss GRIFFITHS), 2, Gelly Deg, Ffairfach, Llandilo, Carmarthen.
 Miss FAULDER, Grange Bank, Wigton, Cumberland.
 Miss GIVEN, Gowrie, Whitchurch, Tavistock.
 Mrs. HAWKEY (Miss WADLAND), Briar Cottage, Wantage, Berks.
 Mrs. HEWETSON (Miss POTTER), 6, High Road, Woodford Green, Essex.
 Miss IGGLESDEN, St. Patricks, Babbacombe, Torquay.
 Mrs. MILNES (Miss WATERMAN), 41, The Greenway, Totteridge, Herts.
 Mrs. PARTINGTON (Miss LEWIS), 13, Harley Crescent, Catterick Camp, Yorks.
 Miss PEAPLE, 129, Morrison Street, Swindon.
 Mrs. BULLOCKE (Miss RADFORD), 5, Osborne Villas, Stoke, Devonport.
 Miss RICKUS, 278, Bury Street West, London, N. 9.
 Mrs. ALEC SMITH (Miss COMYN), c/o Surg.-Lt.-Comdr. (D) A. F. J. Smith, R.N., H.M.S. Falcon, Malta, G.C.
 Mrs. TREHERNE (Miss CHECKLEY), 21, Hartfield Road, Eastbourne.
 Mrs. WIMBUSH (Miss KLEMPNER), 6, Hillcroft Crescent, Ealing, W. 5.

Old Girls

- ALLEN-PRICE, M., Edgehill, Okehampton.
 ASHBY, J., John Astor House, Foley Street, London, W.
 AULT, M. (Mrs. Young), Brundred, Prestbury, Cheshire.
 BATTERHAM, R. (Mrs. Caine), c/o Keyberry House, Newton Abbot.
 BAKER-BEALL, B., Beerhaven, Long Hill, Beer, Seaton, Devon.
 BAWDON, J., Riley, Hennock, Bovey Tracey.
 BARKER, V. J., 31, New Street, Salisbury.
 BARKER, S. (Mrs. Warren), c/o 11b, Devon Square, Newton Abbot.
 BELLAMY, P., 7, Elmsleigh Park, Paignton.
 BRADLEY, A., 72, New Oxford Street, London, W.C. 1.
 BLAIR, J., Wood Close, Broomfield Ride, Oxshott, Surrey.
 BLAIR, S., Wood Close, Broomfield Ride, Oxshott, Surrey.
 *BRISCOE, S. (Mrs. Kaplow), 10, Banstead Road South, Sutton, Surrey.
 BICKFORD, A., University College, Aberystwyth.

- BOWSTEAD, C., 27, Wilton Road, Edinburgh, 9.
BOWSTEAD, P., 27, Wilton Road, Edinburgh, 9.
BREWER, P. (Mrs. Sharp), 98, Torquay Road, Newton Abbot.
BREWER, W., Flat 3, Edwinstowe, Higher Warberry Road, Torquay.
BRUCE, E., The Mills, Bovey Tracey.
BUTLIN, J., Windyridge, Hartsbourne Avenue, Bushey Heath.
CAMPBELL, R., 19, Rowantree Road, Milber, Newton Abbot.
CARR, E. (Mrs. Bevington), St. James's Rectory, Poole.
CHAPMAN, S., 4, Malakoff Flats, St. Ives.
CHAMBERS, S., Trefusis, Yealmpton, South Devon.
CLAUSEN, M. (Mrs. Sievers), 3, Betchworth Avenue, Earley,
Nr. Reading.
COMPTON, G., Y.W.C.A. Hostel, Lockyer Street, Plymouth.
CREWS, J., 46, Edgbaston Park Road, Birmingham, 15.
CROOK, H., Ipta, Winsu Avenue, Paignton.
CROSSMAN, S., Hawson Court Cottage, Holne, Buckfastleigh.
COVE CLARK, E., 45, Torbay Road, Paignton.
DAVIES, J., 63, Fore Street, Bovey Tracey.
DEMETRIADIS, M., 39, Clifton Court, London, N.W. 8.
DODGE, J., Bittons Farm, Ipplepen, Newton Abbot.
DOVE, S., Wormhill Farm, North Bovey, Newton Abbot.
EASTERBROOK, V., Cherrydene, Clennon Rise, Paignton.
EDWARDS, V., Ware Cross House, Kingsteignton.
ERREDGE, S., Byways, Pinhoe, Near Exeter.
EVANS, A., 29, Newton Road, Torre, Torquay.
EVANS, R., 29, Newton Road, Torre, Torquay.
FARMER, R., 7, Decoy Road, Newton Abbot.
FIELDING, J., 11, Woodland Park, Paignton.
FINLINSON, S., 58, Lemon Street, Truro.
FOALE, G., Winsley, Paris Road, Paignton.
FREW, M., Cavendish Hotel, Belgrave Road, Torquay.
FURSDON, A., Mondello, Highweek, Newton Abbot.
GAUDION, A., Judex, Alderney, Channel Islands.
GILES, S., Horton Manor, Hanley Swan, Worcester.
GOODLIFFE, A., Hazelford, Mount Nebo, Taunton.
GRIERSON, P., 6, The Beach, Walmer, Kent.
GROSE, J., The Swallows, Thurlestone, South Devon.
GUMMER, A., Franshams, Bushey Heath, Herts.
HANCOCK, E., Treskelly, Trelyon, St. Ives.
HARDING, D., Dial Green House, Lurgashall, Petworth, Sussex.
HARVEY, M. (Mrs. Cosby), Crebar, Yealmpton.
HATFIELD, P., Briercliffe, Darrant Road, Parkstone, Dorset.
HAWKE, B., 33, Parkhurst Road, Torquay.
HELLENS, J., Buckland, Crapstone, Yelverton, South Devon.
*HENDERSON, M., 29, Pembridge Crescent, London, W. 11.
HENDERSON, S., Indio House, Bovey Tracey.
HENDY, S., Whitecroft, Edginswell Close, Torquay.
HEXTER, G., Stonelands, Rundle Road, Newton Abbot.
HIMELY, A., Ashridge College, Berkhamsted, Herts.

- HIMELY, J., c/o Survey Department, Mountbatten Road, Kuala Lumpur, Malaya.
- HIBBERT, K., The Woodlands, Werneth Road, Hyde, Cheshire.
- HOLMAN, S., Heversham, Bridgetown, Totnes.
- HOOPER, M. (Mrs. E. Smith), 20, Denning Road, Hampstead, London, N.W. 3.
- HOWELL, J., Lukesland, Ivybridge, South Devon.
- HOWELL, R., Lukesland, Ivybridge, South Devon.
- HUGHES, A., Nurses Home (Set 120), U.C.H., Huntley Street, London, W.C. 1.
- HUMPHRY, J. (Mrs. Wickens), 118, Holmes Avenue, Hove, 4.
- HUMPHRY, P., c/o St. Richard's Hospital, Chichester.
- HUTCHINGS, G., 29, Devon Square, Newton Abbot.
- IRVING, J. (Mrs. Thornborrow), Rawcroft, Arthur Street, Penrith.
- ISAAC, C., 22, St. James Close, Prince Albert Road, St. John's Wood, N.W. 8.
- ISAAC, G., 22, St. James Close, Prince Albert Road, St. John's Wood, N.W. 8.
- JACKSON, R., Swallowshill, Fredley Park, Mickleham, Dorking.
- *JEFFREE, A. (Mrs. Sergiades), c/o P.O. Box 616, Kimberley, Cape Province, South Africa.
- JENNER, B., Gorse Cottage, Ilsington, Newton Abbot.
- JONES, N., Holcombe, Hemyock, Near Cullompton.
- JOHNS, H., 1, Fernpark Close, Exeter.
- JACKSON, J., P.O. Box 8007, Causeway, Salisbury, S. Rhodesia.
- JOHNSTONE, P., 7, Walton Place, London, S.W. 3.
- DE KADT, M., 34, Tregunter Road, London, S.W. 10.
- KAUNTZE, B., 34, Oldway Road, Preston, Paignton.
- KENNARD, J., Pendennis, Keyberry Park, Newton Abbot.
- KEY, P., 9, The Close, Salisbury.
- LA TOUCHE, G., 24, Keyberry Park, Newton Abbot.
- LA TOUCHE, R., 24, Keyberry Park, Newton Abbot.
- KITSON, J., Starparke, Lustleigh.
- LESLEY, S., Windyridge, Audley Avenue, Torquay.
- LUNN, C., The Grange, Sandford Orleigh, Newton Abbot.
- MADATH, D. (Mrs. L. Martin), 113, Victoria Road, Wimbledon, S.W. 19.
- MARKWICK, V., Filchin, Crownhill, Plymouth.
- MATSON, M., 1, Hollong Park, Antony, Torpoint.
- MEADOWS, J., 5, Mead Road, Torquay.
- MINNS, M. (Mrs. Caswell), St. Thomas's Lodge, The Rath, Milford Haven.
- MONRO, A., Honeysuckle Cottage, Whitchurch, Oxon.
- MOSS, J., Fishwick, Kingsteignton, Newton Abbot.
- *NEVE, R., The Rectory, Sandown, Isle of Wight.
- NIGHTINGALE, J., 99, Old Park Ridings, Grange Park, London, N. 21.
- PARKIN, P., The Manor House, East Oggwell, Newton Abbot.
- PARNABY, R., Hanover Lodge, 150, Park Road, London, N.W. 8.
- PERING, M., Merita, Southey Crescent, Kingskerswell.

- PHILPOTT, Mary Vaughan (Mrs. M. D. Powell), c/o Shell Company of East Africa, P.O. Box 1221, Nairobi, Kenya.
- PLEACE, E., c/o P.T.S. Nurses Home, U.C.H., Huntley Street, London, W.C. 1.
- PLEACE, P. (Mrs. R. Costain), address c/o Elizabeth.
- *POWELL-DAVIES, C., 44, Hoop Lane, Golders Green, London, N.W. 11.
- PRETTY, A. (Mrs. R. Baxter), 10, Markham Square, Chelsea, S.W. 3.
- PRIDHAM, U., Westridge, Oakfield Avenue, Plympton, Plymouth.
- PRUEN, M., Ashmead, Lower Down, Bovey Tracey.
- PRUEN, R., Ashmead, Lower Down, Bovey Tracey.
- PRYNN, J. (Mrs. D. L. Lace), Littleholme, Seymour Road, Plymouth.
- ROBERTS, K., Manor Farm, Coffinswell.
- *RODWELL, M. (Mrs. Cooper), 10, Merton Hall Gardens, Wimbledon, S.W. 20.
- ROGERS, A. (Mrs. P. Lidstone), Morecombe Farm, East Allington, Near Totnes.
- RUSHTON, C., 12, Wilbarn Road, Paignton.
- RYLE, J. (Mrs. Talbot-Butt), 123, High Street, Honiton.
- SANDERCOCK, J., Bowda, Launceston Terrace, Callington.
- SCOTT, J., Woodhouse, Bovey Tracey.
- SCOTT, M. (Mrs. Hamilton), 12, Aytoun Street, Sheil Hill, Dunedin, New Zealand.
- SEAGRIM, P., The Priory, Ipplepen, Newton Abbot.
- SHADDICK, P. (Mrs. D. Morton), c/o Burn View Hotel, Bude.
- SHAPLEY, D., Grassway, Wheatridge Lane, Torquay.
- SHAPTER, W., Lawn View, Dawlish.
- SHARPE, M. (Mrs. Reichwald), 2, Redlands, Blundells Road, Tiverton.
- SHERIDAN-PATTERSON, M. (Mrs. Edwards), c/o R.N. Air Station, Halfar, Malta.
- SLADEN, E. (Mrs. Dickson), 22, Southwood Gardens, Hinchley Wood, Surrey.
- STUBBS, J. (Mrs. Butler), Crawley Rectory, Sussex.
- STEWART, E., Liddington Manor, Liddington, Near Swindon.
- STREET, A., St. Helens, Vine Road, Torre, Torquay.
- STURGES, M., 198, Pinfold Lane, Wolverhampton.
- STURGES, J., 198, Pinfold Lane, Wolverhampton.
- TEDD, A., Botton Cottage, Hennock, Bovey Tracey.
- TETT, E., St. Martins, Headon Gardens, Countess Wear, Exeter.
- THORPE, A., Mulroy House, Mulroy Road, Sutton Coldfield.
- THORPE, B., Mulroy House, Mulroy Road, Sutton Coldfield.
- *TIPPET, J., Vine Cottage, Shipton Gorge, Bridport, Dorset.
- TOWNEND, L., Outalong, Haytor, Newton Abbot.
- TREMEER, M., Dalwood Lodge, 125, Torquay Road, Paignton.
- TROMAN, C., Chadwick Court, Oldwich Lane, Chadwick End, Near Knowle, Warwicks.
- *TYRER, R., 45, Hampden Road, Armadale, Victoria, Australia.
- VARLEY, C., Hewton House, Bere Alston, Devon.

- VARLEY, M., Hewton House, Bere Alston, Devon.
 WALFORD, P., Flat No. 6, Officers' Quarters, Kneller Hall, Twickenham.
 WARREN, J., 87, Abbotsbury Road, Newton Abbot.
 WALLIS, M., 1, Bollowal Place, St. Just, Penzance.
 WEBBER, J., Smallacombe Farm, Ilsington, Haytor, Newton Abbot.
 WATERHOUSE, J., White Chimneys, Mersea Island, Essex.
 WEBSTER, A., 7, Southborough Road, Surbiton, Surrey.
 *WESTLAKE, K., Harford, Merafield Road, Plympton, Plymouth.
 WHITAKER, D. (Mrs. White), 206, Bramhall Lane, Davenport, Stockport.
 WILLIAMS, I., 7, Priory Avenue, Kingskerswell.
 WILES, A., Streatham House, Newquay.
 WILD, A., Longmynd, Salcombe.
 *WILLING, S., Tor Newton, Torbryan, Newton Abbot.
 *WILLING, V., Tor Newton, Torbryan, Newton Abbot.
 WINDEATT, B. (Mrs. J. Webster), Le Rocher Fleuri, St. Peter's Valley, Jersey.
 WRIGHT, E., 78, Cecil Avenue, Paignton.
 WYLLIE, J. (Mrs. Millett), Achabam Tea Estate, Namrup P.O., Upper Assam, India.

*Denotes Life Member

ENGAGEMENTS

- ANNE LEVETT to GEORGE GEE.
 ANN J. MONRO to R. A. BRANDRAM JONES, 24.6.55.
 IRENE NEVE to T. J. CURTIS, 18.6.55.

WEDDINGS

- SHEILA BRISCOE to L. S. KAPLOW, 10.7.55.
 ROSANNE BELLAMY to ROGER KIRKPATRICK, 12.3.55.
 JOSEPHINE L. DAVIDSON to D. J. E. CLAMP, 27.1.55.
 HELEN DEMETRIADIS to KOULI STAMATAKAS, 22.6.55.
 JEAN DEUCHAR to JOHN F. BUTCHER, 29.10.55.
 KATHLEEN HIBBERT to BASIL ANDREW KENNAMAN, 12.11.55.
 MARY RUTH HOOPER to EDWIN SMITH.
 GILLIAN HOOPER to BRIAN H. HAWKER, 19.11.55.
 M. JUNE IRVING to JOHN DAVID THORNBORROW, 18.6.55.
 SHIRLEY NALDER to PETER BAKELL.
 PAMELA PLEACE to Dr. ROY COSTAIN, 3.6.55.
 PAMELA SHADDICK to Capt. D. G. W. MORTON, R.E.M.E., 12.3.55.
 MARGARET RODWELL to J. COOPER, 4.9.54.

BIRTHS

- To KATHARINE ANNESLEY (*nee* McIntyre), a son (PATRICK ROBERT IAN, 18.10.55.
 „ ANNE BELING (*nee* Burridge), a son (CHRISTOPHER DAVID), 18.10.55.
 „ EILEEN BEVINGTON (*nee* Carr), a son (ANDREW), 7.10.55.
 „ MARY E. CASWELL (*nee* Minns), a son (CHRISTOPHER JAMES), 25.9.55.
 „ JUNE LACE (*nee* Prynn), a daughter (HELEN JANET), August, 1954.
 „ JOAN MILLETT (*nee* Wyllie), a sister (RACHEL) for Diana, 31.3.55.
 „ MARY POWELL (*nee* Vaughan Philpott), a daughter (ANNE ELIZABETH), 1.7.55.
 „ MIRABEL SIEVERS (*nee* Clausen), a daughter (SUSAN), Oct., 1955.

DEATHS

- R. A. ASHBY, Esq., Governor of the School from January, 1948. Tunbridge Wells, 23.4.55.
 BETTY BLAIR
 Camborne, Cornwall, 29.10.55.

OLD GIRLS' NEWS

JENNIFER ASHBY is training at the Middlesex Hospital, and finishes early next year. She plans to be married at the end of March.

PHILIPPA BICKFORD has gone to Launceston, Tasmania, where her family intend to settle. ANTHEA is remaining in England until she has completed her training.

JOSEPHINE BUTLER paid a visit to the school in June with her husband while they were on a short holiday.

SHEENA BLAIR is working for Shell Petroleum in the Staff Department, and is dealing with overseas visitors. Her younger sister, HELEN, is now at Stover.

JUDITH BARKER spent some weeks in France and Italy this summer, after having earned something towards it by working in a coffee shop during her holidays.

ANNETTE BURT SMITH (Mrs. J. M. Arthur) is living at 5303, Falls Road Terrace, Baltimore 10, Maryland, U.S.A., where her father has recently visited her.

Mrs. Cosby (MONICA HARVEY) writes that her eldest son, Tim, is going to Plymouth College Preparatory School. She is still running the farm.

SHEILA CROSSMAN is running her own Riding School now, and recently passed the British Horse Society's first teachers' examination.

MARY DEMETRIADIS is now working as a secretary to the publisher of a technical journal. Her office is in a lovely old house.

JAN DODGE is studying for the Intermediate Secretarial Course for Incorporated Secretaries.

VIRGINIA EDWARDS passed her National Drawing Diploma this summer, and is now taking her A.T.C. course at the Brighton College of Art.

SUSAN ERREDGE has begun her Preliminary Training as a nurse at the Middlesex Hospital.

ANNE EVANS is at the Royal College of Music, and hopes to join in a performance of the Mozart Requiem Mass at Southwark Cathedral in the autumn.

JUDITH FIELDING is doing her Preliminary Nurses' Training at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital, London.

ANN FURSDON has joined the W.A.A.F. for a four years engagement.

ANN GOODLIFFE is in her second year at the Rose Bruford College, where she is training to be a teacher of Speech and Drama.

JUDITH GROSE is at St. Hugh's College, Oxford, and has joined the Madrigal Choir, and also the Yacht Club.

ANGELA GUMMER has begun a secretarial course at St. James's College, where she also met JAN DODGE.

CHRISTINE GUMMER is in South Africa, and lives in Cape Town with a friend. They are both taking temporary secretarial jobs so that they can see as much of the country as possible during their six months stay.

ANNE GAUDION has nearly finished her course at the Domestic Science College in Bexhill.

KATHLEEN HIBBERT is Senior Radiographer at Ancoats Hospital. She is hoping to visit Stover on her honeymoon, which is to be spent touring in this direction.

ANNE HIMELY is studying at Ashridge College, Berkhamsted.

JENNIFER HIMELY is now in Malaya with her parents.

MARJORIE HENDERSON has a post with the Imperial Institute, which helps to run Sixth Form courses. She and JUDITH BARKER share a flat in town.

SHEILA HOLMAN spent a month in Italy this summer. She frequently sees ANNE LEVETT, who has now finished her Maternity Course at Oxford. SHEILA has a post as Physical Training Mistress in Lewisham.

ANN HUGHES is training as a nurse at the U.C.H., where she is now on a T.B. ward.

JEAN JACKSON is doing a secretarial training in Salisbury, S. Rhodesia, prior to beginning her career at the Middlesex Hospital in May.

HILARY JOHNS is now in her second year at London University, where she is studying Orthoptics. She spends half the day doing practical work with a spectacle firm.

PENE KEY has begun her medical training at Guy's Hospital Medical School.

CHRISTINE LUNN is beginning a secretarial course.

GILLIAN LA TOUCHE is at St. Andrew's University.

DORA MADATH (now Mrs. Leon Martin) is living in Germany, where her husband is stationed. Later she will live in Los Angeles.

MOLLIE MATSON has begun her preliminary nurses' training at Plymouth Hospital.

ANN MONRO gained her Bachelor of Arts degree in Fine Arts with Upper Second-Class Honours, at Reading University in June.

JOAN MILLETT (*nee* Ross Wyllie) has a second daughter, and is now living at Namrup, in Upper Assam.

JANET MEADOWS spent her long vacation working in an hotel in Morteohoe, to earn money for a holiday abroad next year.

EVADNE PAINTER finished her training at Salisbury Diocesan College in July, and is hoping to obtain a post in Cornwall.

MAVIS PERING began her teaching career in September at Trevelyan School, Haywards Heath.

MARGARET PRUEN is looking after children whose parents are on leave from Kenya, and RUTH is doing the same in Hamburg.

ELIZABETH PLEACE has begun her nurses' training at University College Hospital. PAMELA has gone to Malta, where her husband is stationed.

GILL PAYNE is working at the B.B.C. We should like her address.

PATRICIA SEAGRIM passed her first university examination at Reading, and has now begun her second year there.

MARY EDWARDS (*nee* Sheridan Patterson) is a neighbour of Mrs. SMITH (Miss P. Comyn) in Malta, and has a son, Alastair aged two and a half, and a daughter Sarah aged eighteen months.

MAYWIN STURGES is in medical practice in Wolverhampton. She took her parents abroad early this summer, and later spent a short time in Devon, when she visited the school with her parents and Judy.

ELIZABETH STEWART is making good progress at King's College Hospital, where she is studying Physiotherapy.

ANNE STREET began her training as a journalist in July, when she joined the staff of a local paper.

MARY SHEWELL is another of the large Stover contingent studying nursing in London. She is at St. Thomas's Hospital, as also is ELIZABETH TETT.

JEAN SCOTT is taking a course in Moral Welfare at the Church of England Training Centre, Liverpool.

ROSALIND TYRER is now doing a Kindergarten Teacher's training in Melbourne.

JENNIFER TIPPET is touring Italy with a Ballet Company for six months. She has just sent us a postcard from Rome, her first "port of call." She succeeded in passing her examinations last summer.

CLAUDIA VARLEY is spending a few months in America, where she hopes to use her experience on a newspaper here to help towards her expenses.

MARTHA VARLEY is at Bedford College, London, where she frequently meets ROSEMARY PARNABY, now in her second year.

JENNIFER WATERHOUSE is becoming somewhat of a connoisseur of jam and pickle making in the local Women's Institute as a sideline to University life.

JANE WEBBER writes enthusiastically of her work on a farm, where she helps to look after the cows and calves and other animals.

DEIRDRE WHITE's little son, Joanthan, is thriving. They moved to their new house in October.

JOSETTE WICKENS (*nee* Humphry) has had to give up her job with a firm of accountants, where she had been for over six years, as she and her husband have moved to Hove. PAMELA is still at St. Richard's Hospital, Chichester.

ANGELA WILES has been doing a summer job as hotel receptionist prior to beginning her Occupational Therapy Course at Dorset House in September.

VALERIE WILLING has begun her first teaching post this September. She was head student for her final year at Newton Park Training College.

SHEILA WILLING is now the Old Girls' Association Secretary, so will all members please send her their subscriptions in future. Her address is: Tor Newton, Torbryan, Newton Abbot (5/- per year, and £5/5/0 for a Life Membership). We are very grateful to her for taking this on.

Reprinted from "The Cornishman," November 3, 1955.

WIDE TRAVELLER AND SPOKE SEVEN LANGUAGES

"Born January 26, 1927, Miss Blair was christened Elizabeth Ann, but was always known as Betty. Educated at Stover School, Newton Abbot, she trained as a physio-therapist in the Swedish Institute, London, qualifying there in 1946. Despite childhood illnesses which held back her education, she was the youngest to graduate from this institute. It was those illnesses over which she triumphed as a child that must have affected her heart and led to her untimely death on Sunday.

"Going to Mount Gold Hospital, Plymouth, from 1947, Miss Blair was one of two physio-therapists selected from all England for special training in the U.S.A. She should have gone there in 1948, but one of the familiar currency crises occurred, and the plan was cancelled. That was the official decision, but it did not daunt this adventurous girl. On her own in November 1948 she crossed to Canada at the age of 21, confident that her ability would find and keep her a job. It did, but she still preferred to travel. From Vancouver, British Columbia, she went to Banff, Alberta, and on to Calgary. Here her pioneer work in modern physio-therapy was so successful that she was asked to bring out a colleague from England.

"She went on again, this time to the Western States. In California she worked with the Scripps Memorial Hospital at La Jolla, then went on to deal with the aftermath of a polio epidemic in North Carolina. Washington, the American capital, claimed her for a while, but the lure of travel was stronger, and she next arrived in Mexico.

"Here she met her brother Alan, and together they set out to hitch-hike through the country. What they had not realised was that this is against Mexican law, and they both finished up under arrest. Even so, the travels continued. Betty Blair had promised to be home for Christmas in 1951 and home she came, to work nearly a whole year at the Royal Cornwall Infirmary.

"November of 1952 found her abroad again, this time heading for Scandinavia. She went to Heinola, Finland, the only hospital of its type in Scandinavia. Here, despite having to learn two more languages, she was so successful that she was offered the post of chief physio-therapist.

"Travel was still more important than a secure job. Miss Blair was joined again by Alan Blair with whom she has shared so many journeys. Together they walked across the top of the Arctic Circle into Norway. This was a 10-day hike for a week of which they were walking across completely trackless wastes.

"For nearly a year Betty Blair worked in Oslo, Norway, then, after two months in Copenhagen, Denmark, one more capital city, she came back to this country, where for a year she had been head physio-therapist at Tehidy Hospital.

"A talented linguist, adventurous explorer, tireless walker, mountaineer, skier, Miss Blair was indeed the modern generation's answer to the suggestion that it lacks the spirit of enterprise and initiative. She was, for instance, the only woman ever elected to the Alpine Club of Mexico, and she twice ascended the 17,500 feet high Popocatepetal.

"For all her wandering, Miss Blair had a love of Cornwall and home. Interested in dramatics, she took one of the minor parts this year at the Minack Theatre."

At the time of going to press the amount standing to the Association's credit in the P.O. Savings Bank is £100-13-5.

In August we heard from PAMELA SHADDICK (Mrs. D. Morton), to tell us how they were living in Hong Kong. She says that Hong Kong is a very lovely place, and they have been lucky enough to find a flat in a beautiful position overlooking Repluse Bay. Pam gives some description of the city, and remarks that here "East and West really meet," since the indescribably awful poverty-stricken Chinese quarter lies cheek by jowl with a Western quarter where one finds skyscrapers and the most modern cars. She says there are no middle-class Chinese—they are either very rich or desperately poor. Pam herself soon got tired of confining her energies to housekeeping, all of which can better be left to an *amah*, and has taken a job at a salary which pays the rent—a very satisfactory arrangement.

MARY VAUGHAN-PHILPOTT (Mrs. Powell) writes of the arrival of a daughter (Anne Elizabeth) in July. Her husband has been released from the police, and is now back with "Shell," in charge of Shell Aviation.

JOAN ROSS-WYLLIE (Mrs. Millett) writes of her life in Assam: "Early in April, 1953, we had our first local leave, which we can take every year—fourteen days, plus four for travelling—for our first we motored through to Kohima, in the Naga Hills, and from there through to Imphal, in the State of Manipur, only some eighty miles, or even less, from the Burma border. To get there we motored all down the valley of Assam, through the tea-growing districts to the centre at Jorhat, and then turned left-handed away from civilization and on to Dimapure, better known as the 'Burma Road' during the war. From Dimapure to Kohima is only forty miles, but takes hours, as it is one long hill. The road is now good, having been made by the Army, but was not so very long ago a bridle-track. Every fifteen miles are Dak bungalows, remains of the old horse days, but even now

are in use and we stayed in them throughout our leave. One has to be fully equipped except for a tent, as these bungalows vary a lot; one may have china, plus cooking pots, another beds, and so on. On some occasions one found everything laid on! No servants, except a watchman, who also supplied water and firewood. We had our own cook and our own food, usually in the shape of a few live hens to be killed as required! All our own bedding we took, of course, and drinking water was a continual trouble, as many of the Dak bungalows only got their from rivers shared by all the cattle of the district—not the best of places to drink from! But we stored as much as eight gallons at a time in the car, taken from good springs.

Having reached Kohima, we could see why the Japs found it difficult to take over, though they cut the road up from Dimapure. Kohima itself lies on the top of a ridge, with deep valleys on two sides, and the ridge, which is no more than a few hundred yards wide, dropped away on the remaining two sides—a perfect place to hold. The actual village, like all Naga villages, is built on the crest of the ridge, but the new houses have been built into the hillsides, like those in the Austrian Alps.

“Having left the very bleak and awesome Kohima behind, we headed for Imphal and our second night in a Dak bungalow; a nice one this time, unlike the previous one, which had been in the plains and very hot. This bungalow lay just outside Kohima, as one is not allowed to stay within its boundaries nowadays, and was built into the hillside. Below lay the terraced paddy-fields of the Nagas, and behind, some ten thousand feet high, a mountain which is covered with yellow rhododendrons.

“One night here and off again. Our two dogs, Pixie and her mother, Susie, both smooth-coated dachshunds who had nearly caused a riot in Kohima, as such long dogs had never been seen before, decided the car was the safest place and each morning headed for it in case we forgot them! The road was cut into the hillside, and for miles there were memorials to the various regiments who had held sections of it. Then suddenly it dropped into a valley, with a large river at the bottom, a bit like Fingle Bridge, but on a very much larger scale. Here we spent two nights, and collected many orchids from the hillsides. Then, as Nehru was coming and wished to partake of tea there, we had to move on, and so to No. 3 Dak bungalow—only a few miles from Imphal itself and right in the plains, again fairly hot after the previous nights in the hills. Manipur is a great wheat-growing country, and the land is quite flat, but from all over the basin we could see the hills rising sharply all around. In Manipur itself we saw polo as it used to be played—on small ponies and any number a side. It was played daily, but only once a week now. We spent a number of days here motoring around the place, but never

saw another European, let alone an Englishman, from the time we left the tea districts until we returned to them.

“ Imphal, unlike most Indian towns, is a clean place, with a few cows standing or, for the most part lying, in the roadways.

“ We then went back by easy stages to Kohima, with nothing more exciting happening than the closing of all Dak bungalows in case anyone threw a bomb at Nehru ! So we had to sleep out—and very enjoyable too !

“ Peter is very keen on orchids, and we came back with half a sackful. Back in Kohima we went around the war cemetery, which is very well looked after, with the rows upon rows of white crosses which were to be replaced later by stone. We saw also the Imphal war cemetery, which is further advanced, all the wooden crosses already having been replaced by stone. While visiting Imphal cemetery, we saw a huge twenty-five-foot cross that was being unpacked. This, like most of the stonework, had come direct from England. At both cemeteries there were masses of English flowers in charge of ex-army personnel, usually Nagas. I can assure anyone who lost relations during the war that these cemeteries really are beautifully laid-out and looked after.

“ Having left Kohima, we descended to Dimapure and back to the Dak bungalow where we had spent our first night, in a game preserve. The dogs were most upset by the presence of the larger wild animals. Back we went into the tea districts the following day, and on down the valley. There are few roads out here, so one always has to go and come the same way. Right down the valley to Ganhati, and then up to Shillong we went, a hill station with an hotel run on European lines. Here we stayed five days over Easter, and indulged in the usual hill station amusements—dancing, racing, golf, and so on—a very pleasant change from the hills, though we both prefer camp life. From Shillong we went straight back to the garden, having motored 1,989 miles in eighteen days—a great change from our everyday life.”

"Advertiser,"
Queen Street,
Newton Abbot
