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MISS DENCE WITH MRS. KEY ON SPEECH DAY

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STOVER SCHOOL,

NEWTON ABBOT.

November, 1963.

MY DEAR GIRLS AND OLD GIRLS,

I hope that this opening will not seem too familiar; it is certainly sincere, for though I have not had long to get to know the present girls and so far have met only a few Old Girls, the strong family spirit of Stover has already made me feel a real affection for this happy, lively and friendly school.

The keynote of this, my first letter, must be one of gratitude: to the Governors for entrusting me with the guidance of this School at an exciting period of its history: to Miss Dence for so generously giving much of her time to tell me of the School's spirit and traditions, which she has created and developed over the years: to parents, staff and girls for their kindly welcome, and friendly attitude; and Old Girls especially will realise how much I owe to Miss Lidgate's long experience and her constant readiness to try new experiments, and to Miss Gaukrodger for her encyclopaedic knowledge of all the School's activities. Lastly I must thank the Clerk of the Weather for enabling me to see Stover in some of its most lovely moods this autumn.

"How do you like it here?" "Isn't it a great change from London?" These have been the two questions most often asked by my many visitors this term. In reply to the first I can say that I am enjoying my work here tremendously and finding every day full of new interests and discoveries, learning of the School's past and present and planning for its future. As for the change from London, parking problems are less acute but the great task of education is everywhere urgent. As one distinguished report succeeds another, Crowther, Albemarle, Newson, Robbins, all filled with admirable ideas and suggestions we are still left to ask ourselves the question "What *is* education, after all?" It has many false forms: obsession with examinations: a greedy monopoly of "know-how," the spoliation and exploitation of the natural world, the insensitive prying into the personality of others. We have yet to learn how to live, in harmony and reverence, with brothers and sisters of every race, with the world of nature, our universal mother and above all with our Father, the divine spirit indwelling yet transcendent. The answer lies more in character than in learning, yet the right kind of learning turns into character. "Studia abeunt in mores"; or in the Biblical phrase "the fear of the Lord, that is wisdom, and to depart from evil is understanding."

It has been good to have letters from Miss Dence telling of her experiences across the world, and to know that much as she is enjoying her freedom, Stover is so often in her thoughts. We look forward to welcoming her on her return next year to see the completion of the handsome new buildings for which she has worked and planned for so long.

In conclusion may I say how much I look forward to meeting members of the Old Girls' Association and past members of the staff, either at regular meetings here or in London or whenever they can find time to visit the School.

With my kindest greetings to you all, and every good wish for Christmas and the New Year.

Yours sincerely,

Laura C. Jewill Hill.

LETTER FROM MISS DENCE

MELBOURNE.

October 10th, 1963.

DEAR STOVER GIRLS, OLD GIRLS, STAFF AND PARENTS,

Although I tried, before leaving England, to thank you all for your lovely gifts to me, and your warm and friendly farewells, I feel there may be some who have not heard from me. Some letters were returned to me, and I had no time to investigate possible changes of address. So I have asked Miss Hill if I might put a letter in the School magazine, so that I have another opportunity to thank those whom I may have omitted.

The beautiful watch I am wearing all the time, and the travelling clock has come with me to Australia. Both keep excellent time, and both remind me constantly of all you dear people. The camera has begun to work hard, and perhaps one day I shall be able to show you some of the pictures I take. When I settle down in England again, I hope I shall have a great many visitors from Stover folk, and I shall be able to show any who come how I have spent the generous sums of money given me by parents and old girls.

Penelope and I have had a wonderful journey. Almost no rain, and only a few hours of tossing in the Australian Bight, but days of sunshine and calm weather.

We reached Melbourne last night, and are now ready to begin enjoying a delightful part of Victoria, with a countryside at present full of spring flowers, and a lovely coast line. In a few days we go to Phillip Island, which is the "Isle of Wight" of Australia and then to Sydney and Canberra, before it gets too hot.

You are all much in my thoughts, and I devour eagerly any Stover news that reaches me.

God bless you all.

With my love and every good wish.

PHYLLIS E. DENCE.

SALVETE

- September, 1962: Julia Aucutt, Lr. V., Diana Barber, III., Angela Clinch, Lr. V., Hilary Gurney, Up. IV., Lynda Hope, III., Sara Julian, Lr. IV., Susan Luscombe, Lr. V., Judith Radford, III., Hilary Reeve, III., Katharine Rowe, Lr. IV., Irene Spence, III., Sally Spincer, Lr. IV., Lois Taylor, Lr. IV., Deidre Vile, III.
- January, 1963: Lesley Neale, Up. IV., Jill Niles, III.
- April, 1963: Jennifer Paine, Lr. IV., Susan Blight, III.

VALETE

- December, 1962: Patricia Coles, Lorna Fairweather, Rosalind Grainger, Margaret Young.
- March, 1963: Susan Bloomfield, Diana Kauntze, Nora Matossian, Roslyn Morgan, Morwenna Trefusis.
- July, 1963: Gillian Back, Maralyn Hildred, Helen Jeffreys-Jones, Valerie Livingstone-Bussell, Pamela Pellew.
- Heather Fairweather, Susan Forward, Margaret Griffiths, Priscilla Hamilton, Gay Harrison, Marian Hunt, Elizabeth Irvine, Charlotte Matheson, Jennifer Wallace-Davis, Diana Meakin, Carolyn Bradford, Angela Haegle, Julianne Allman-Ward, Anne Blight, Deirdre Vile.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

1962

- Sept. 19. **Autumn** term began.
 „ 22. Film: "10,000 Leagues Under the Sea."
 Recital: 'Cello, Violin and Piano. Florence Hooton and David Martin. Accompanist: Miss Dence.
 Lecture: C. Trent Thomas. British Birds.
 Lecture: Money Problems and the Common Market. Mr. Holloway.
 Oct. 13. Film: "Macbeth."
 Lecture: The Child in Painting. Mr. E. Prins.
 „ 27. Film: "So Dear to my Heart."
 Nov. 3. Half term.
 „ 7. Half term ended.
 „ 11. Confirmation Service at Teigngrace. The Rt. Rev. Lord Bishop of Exeter.
 „ 17. Film: "The Titfield Thunderbolt."
 Dec. 1. Film: "The Boy who stole A Million."
 Lecture: Mrs. Beaman. The treatment of Spastics.
 „ 15. Film: "Raising the Wind."
 Christmas Party.
 „ 16. Carol Service, Teigngrace Church, 3 p.m.
 „ 17. Term ended.

1963

- Great freeze-up.
 Jan. 25. Up. VI. and Up. V. returned to school.
 „ 27. Lr. VI. returned.
 „ 28. Lr. V. returned.
 „ 31. Rest of school returned.
 Feb. 3. Skating on lake.
 Lecture: "Town Planning." New Era Lectures, Mr. Ponsonby.
 „ 9. Film: "Simon and Laura."
 „ 16. Recital: Miss Aspinall, Piano.
 „ 17. The Rev. Venmore Williams. Mission to Lepers. Talk and film.
 Lecture: African Independence. Mr. Crump.
 „ 23. Up. V. Party.
 Film: "A Town Like Alice."
 „ 27. Holy Communion, School Chapel.
 Mar. 9. Lecture: "The Growth of the English House." Mr. J. Kennedy.
 „ 11. Recital: Mme. M. Piccaver. Folk Songs in Costume.
 „ 16. Lecture and slides. Miss G. M. Jerred and Miss Le Marchand. Dartmoor.
 „ 24. R.N.C. Dartmouth. "St. Matthew Passion"
 „ 31. Rev. L. A. Brewster. Talk and slides.
 April 3. House Music Competitions, and Concert. Pergolesi "Stabat Mater."
 „ 4. Term ended.
 April 24. **Summer** term began.
 „ 27. Film: "No My Darling Daughter."
 „ 28. Choir sang Evensong in Exeter Cathedral, 3 p.m.
 May 2. French Oral examinations.
 „ 3. Recital: Miss E. Croxford and Mr. David Parkhouse. Piano and 'Cello.
 „ 5. Mr. Stanley Mitton. Address and Film, Inter-Church Aid, Refugee service.
 „ 8. VI. Form Conference—Totnes High School. Topic: "United Europe."
 „ 11. VI. Form, Geographical Expedition to Exeter.
 „ 12. Civic Service, Teigngrace Church, 6.15 p.m.
 „ 17. Lecture: Mrs. Woolner. Ancient Monuments.

- May 23. Holy Communion, School Chapel.
 „ 31. Speech Day and Sports Day, followed by half term.
 June 4. Half term ended 7.45 p.m.
 „ 13. School Photograph taken.
 „ 16. Rev. G. Strickland. Talk and Film, S.P.G.
 „ 17. G.C.E. "A" Level examinations began.
 „ 18. Lr. VI. to Quarter Sessions, Exeter.
 „ 24. G.C.E. "O" Level examinations began.
 „ 28-30. Church of England Youth Festival, London. (2 Lr. VI.)
 July 5. Associated Board Music examinations.
 „ 6. Mrs. Knight. Talk to VIth forms.
 „ 10. G.C.E. "A" Level examinations finished.
 „ 12. G.C.E. "O" Level examinations finished.
 „ 15. Madrigals, 6.30 p.m. Choir and guests.
 „ 16. Royal Life Saving Society examinations, and 18th.
 „ 17. Choir at St. John's Church, Bovey Tracey.
 „ 19. Associated Board Elocution examinations.
 „ 20. Old Girls' Tennis Match and tea.
 Staff party for Miss Dence.
 „ 22. Girls' party for Miss Dence.
 „ 23. Play: "Noah," by Andre Obey, 11 a.m.
 Mannequin Parade.
 Garden party.
 „ 24. Term ended.

MISS DENCE'S RETIREMENT

It was a great blow to us all when we heard that Miss Dence intended to retire, and we cannot imagine how we shall get on without her guidance and her thought for the many small, but very important details, which make the wheels run smoothly in all departments. Yet, in spite of all she has to do, Miss Dence is always ready to listen to difficulties and complaints.

The school owes so much to Miss Dence's devotion. Among much else, the beautiful little chapel and the Sunday evening services in which so many girls have taken part, and which we all know mean so much to Miss Dence herself as well as to the girls.

That the School has won some fame for its choir singing is a tribute to Miss Dence's brilliant musicianship and no less to her patience in encouraging and training the choirs, and in instilling a love of music which makes life so much richer for many of her pupils both in school and after.

As a parting gift to the School Miss Dence has turned the old loose boxes in the stable block into a fine music room to give music a share in the developments taking place in the School.

All in all, Miss Dence has truly laid the foundations of a useful happy school, and is going to be sadly missed on all sides. We shall try to be glad, however, that she is to have some rest and pleasure in retirement and we only hope that she will not go too far away but will keep in touch and still contribute to our magazine.

We are looking forward to meeting Miss Hill and would like to extend a hearty welcome to her as our new Headmistress.

April, 1963.

EDITOR.

SPEECH DAY, MAY 31st, 1963

(Extracts from Mrs. Key's Speech)

I don't need to tell you that 28 years ago, somewhat against her will, Phyllis agreed to "take on Stover."

A musician by vocation and training, and great talent, after a brilliant five years at the Royal College of Music and obtaining her Fellowship in Organ Playing and her Teacher Training in Piano, and also pioneering in musical appreciation classes for young children in London, she came to Stover, young, highly qualified in her own beloved subject, and very enthusiastic. For one year as a trial, she came at first, and then one more year, and one more year, until she couldn't bear to go, though goodness knows she must often have longed for her freedom.

My sister took over the Headship of Stover so that I might get married. A new Rector had arrived at Highweek who rocked the place, and in no time I was whisked off and Phyllis was whisked in! I can hardly remember the details but I listened amazed recently when an old girl, now a Peer's wife, announced that she had won quite a lot on a bet at that time.

And so the years went by from 1935 until the war in 1939. Many of us remember the war, though the children will not. We were all strained and overdone and worried, but few of us had the great responsibility and burden that Miss Dence did, of other people's children always to be her care for years. Phyllis was legal guardian to many of the children at that time. Children with parents over-seas—with fathers, and even mothers, in the forces.

She loved them as her own. She had them with her in term-time and in holiday time, rarely getting away herself. She had to break the news of disaster to more than one child. She had long anxious nights, watching the blitzing of Plymouth from the terraces. She watched many a dawn break, and the passing over of the planes, before allowing herself to go to bed.

She watched her beloved Stover become an Armed Camp, completely shut off by English and then American troops. There was a period towards the end of the war, when anyone entering Stover, even the baker, had to have a special permit. I still have my permit as a Museum piece. Oh, the joy to wake up one morning at Stover to find the barriers lifted and the Army gone. The invasion of Europe had begun.

Among the many interests and activities at Stover, surely Music ranks very high. Stover Choir will long be remembered by those who have sung in it, and by those who listen. I recollect with particular joy Benjamin Britten's Ceremony of Carols, and in fact many a Carol and Anthem. Is there any other school in England to-day, whose Choir has sung Evensong in one of our great Cathedrals? This is History indeed.

To members of Stover Choir, past and present, congratulations and good wishes for the future. You've worked hard and I expect had lots of raps. That hasn't hurt you. You make a lovely noise. Good luck. Keep it up.

Now some old names, familiar to Old Girls.

Sister Upfold—a beloved Matron.

Mr. Wolly—A much loved Head Gardener for 30 years.

Miss Coldridge—One of our first Mistresses and married now, and with us to-day.

"Hughie"—the first Gym. Mistress, married and with us to-day.

And many others too numerous to mention by name.

Why did we ever start a school at Stover?

"Because of the View from the Library window." You see, it all started with the small preparatory school in Newton Abbot. Forty-five to fifty children, many of them little boys. We out-grew our premises at The Chestnuts, and longed for space and room to expand. A parent, who was also a House Agent, said "Come and look at Stover." "A great White Elephant of a place," said one, "don't waste your time." "If you take it, you'll regret it," said another.

But youth is adventurous and won't be dictated to. And that view from the Library window was an inspiration and has been through the years. "I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help." Yes, this was the challenge, and this is the Stover Psalm.

Stover wasn't exactly full of modern conveniences when we came. First: We bought a 'Bus. Cost £650. A 20-seater Ford.

Second: Main electricity all the way from Teignmouth. Very expensive, but vital, for the small private electric plant we found here had a convenient way of packing-up, just at evening preparation time.

Third: A Swimming Bath. A small water-storage pit was enlarged and concreted. Cost £120.

Oh, it was fun. I had with me in those early days an old school friend, Miss Waterman, now the parent of one of Stover Prefects. We made many mistakes, learnt our lesson on many occasions, and have watched generations of children come and go.

It's thrilling now, in Cornwall, as it was in Wiltshire and Dorset, to hear a voice say: "Do you remember me? I'm an Old Stover Girl!"

Our daughter is also an Old Stover Girl, and we owe much to her happy school days here.

The first Stover Cook is with us to-day. So is the second Stover Cook. I could tell you some stories!! In those early days no electric boilers, Esse Cookers and the like. Just a great old-fashioned temperamental range, that behaved if the wind was right. I remember Cookie in those early days, shocking me greatly by chopping up the new kitchen arm-chair to make the fire roar and the potatoes cook in time for school lunch.

Finally—I will not be dismal or have regrets, for my heart is too full of thankfulness. Phyllis Dence is going to enjoy an early well-deserved retirement. She is going to travel round the world and find new channels for her energies. I believe she has already been snapped up by an Examining Music Board. Don't let us look backwards with regret or dismay. Looking backwards is soul-destroying. We remember the past with thankfulness, and then we press on to greater things. Remember Lot's wife, who, looking back when she should have been going forward, became petrified—a pillar of salt, useless and helpless. For the Christian, and the Stover girl there are always better things to come. So it's onwards and forwards until our work is ended and our job done, thoroughly and well. Stover will continue its great work of education—Christian training and Christian ideals of service to God and our fellow men.

May God bless parents, children, staff and old girls, and our retiring Headmistress who carries with her our love, gratitude and good wishes on her travels.

SPEECH AND SPORTS DAY, 1963

For Miss Dence's last Speech Day as Headmistress of Stover, the weather provided us with one of the few gloriously sunny days of what summer we had. It was very much a family affair, for the School, and a large contingent of old girls and parents, were honouring Miss Dence's thirty-one years of hardwork and service for Stover, and we were lucky to have on the platform at the same time our foundress, Mrs. Key, who presented the prizes and told us several stories about Miss Dence which we had never been allowed to hear before.

After the speeches and prize-giving Bishop Key dedicated a new Chapel bell given as a memorial to Mr. Wm. Wollington, one-time head gardener of Stover who had served the School for almost as long as Miss Dence had done. Then we all walked over to the Clock House, where the Bishop dedicated the new Music room, given to the School by Miss Dence herself. Amongst its equipment is a set of beautiful music stands carved from Stover oak.

Soon after lunch the visitors made their way to the games field to await the "marching out" of the Houses. When several fathers had duly taken

cine photographs the school scattered to their various posts or prepared for action. Despite the heat competitors managed to call up reserves of energy, and several of the races were very closely contested. Although most of the jumping events were display work, we remembered in particular Barbara Price's new School high jump record of 4 ft. 9 ins. quite a feat, when you think that the ground on the jumping side of the sand pit slopes away from the stands. The sun continued to lend its cheerful influence, and as, Speech and Sports Day over, everyone started to move away, it was agreed that it had been a most enjoyable occasion.

M. J. TREFUSIS, Head Girl.

GENERAL CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION

(Advanced Level, June 1963)

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

Susan E. Bloomfield:	Physics (Advanced Level). Chemistry (Advanced Level). Zoology (Advanced Level) Special Paper Grade 1.
Nora Matossian:	English (Advanced Level). History (Advanced Level).
Roslyn Morgan:	Zoology (Advanced Level).
Morwenna Trefusis:	English (Advanced Level) Special Paper Grade 2 History (Advanced Level). French (Advanced Level).

GENERAL CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION

(Ordinary Level, July 1963)

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

Sally M. Brown:	Passes in English Language, English Literature, and History.
Margaret D. Clark:	Bible Knowledge, and Art.
Linda J. Dunsford:	English Literature, History, Geography and Needlework.
Susan M. Dyet:	English Language, Geography, and Biology.
Heather Fairweather:	English Language, English Literature, History, Latin, Mathematics, Biology, Physics with Chemistry, Art.
Susan J. Forward:	English Language, History, and Biology.
Gillian A. Fowler:	English Language, English Literature, History, Latin, French, Mathematics, and Biology.
Margaret M. Griffiths:	English Literature, Bible Knowledge, and History
Priscilla Hamilton:	English Language, English Literature, History, Geography, Biology, and Needlework.
Linda G. Harrison:	English Language, English Literature, History, Mathematics, Biology, and Needlework.
Caroline I. Hegg:	English Language, Geography, Mathematics, Biology, Physics with Chemistry, and Art.
H. Marian Hunt:	English Language, English Literature, History, Latin, French, Spanish, Portuguese, and Biology.
Elizabeth J. Irvine:	Bible Knowledge.
Charlotte P. Matheson:	English Language, English Literature, Bible Knowledge, History, and Biology.
Wendy C. Morgan:	English Language, English Literature, Bible Knowledge, History, and Latin.

Averill M. E. G. Pitman:	English Language, English Literature, Bible Knowledge, History, and Biology.
Ingee Vahedi:	English Literature, Geography, Biology & Physics with Chemistry.
Jennifer K. Wallace Davis:	English Language.
Sarah E. Waterman:	English Literature, History, Latin, Mathematics, Biology, and Physics with Chemistry.
Susan M. Wells Brown:	English Language, English Literature, Bible Knowledge, Biology, and Needlework.
Additional subjects:	
Susan E. Bloomfield:	Additional Mathematics.
Helen Cuming:	Chemistry.
Christine T. Exley:	English Literature, Music.
Maralyn T. Hildred:	English Language.
Helen M. Jeffrey-Jones:	Music.
Diana M. Kauntze:	Additional Mathematics.
Pamela G. Pellew:	Geography.
The following girls took a subject in the Lower V. year.	
Beverly Briggs:	English Language.
Mary C. F. Mitchell:	English Language.

ENTRANCE TO UNIVERSITY AND TRAINING COLLEGES

Susan E. Bloomfield has entered Exeter University to read Chemistry.
 Nora Matossian has entered Bedford College, London University.
 Diana Kauntze has entered the St. Cuthbert's College, Bath.
 Prudence Dixon has begun her training at St. Loyes College for the Disabled, Exeter.
 Caroline Organ has entered the Battersea College of Advanced Technology, where she is studying Human and Physical Sciences.
 Stephanie Parkinson has entered St. Hugh's College, Oxford, where she is reading History.
 Patricia Coles has begun her course at Berridge House Domestic Science College.

OLD GIRLS' SUCCESSES

Elaine Roberts completed her training at Dartford College of Physical Education, gaining the College diploma.

THE ASSOCIATED BOARD, THE ROYAL SCHOOLS OF MUSIC

November, 1962

Regina Oldfield	Pass: Grade 3. Piano.
K. Anne Blight	Pass: Grade 4. Piano.
Alison M. Mallows	Pass: Grade 4. Clarinet.

March, 1963

Sally M. Brown	Pass: Grade 5. Clarinet, with Distinction.
Helen Jeffreys-Jones	Pass: Grade 5. Piano.
K. Anne Blight	Pass: Grade 3. 'Cello, with Merit.

July, 1963

Susan L. Blight	Pass: Grade 1. Piano.
Elisabeth E. Hichens	Pass: Grade 1. Piano.
Valerie Maidment	Pass: Grade 2. Piano.
June P. Woolnough	Pass: Grade 2. Piano.
Carol L. Symes	Pass: Grade 1. Violin.
Helen M. Walker	Pass: Grade 3. Violin.
Jean A. Watson	Pass: Grade 1. Violin, with Merit.
Sarah E. Waddle	Pass: Grade 3. Violin.
Mary Jane Huntley	Pass: Grade 4. Piano, with Merit.
Regina Oldfield	Pass: Grade 4. Piano.
Patricia N. M. Eggleton	Pass: Grade 5. Piano.

Alison M. Mallows	Pass: Grade 5. Clarinet.
Diana Livingstone-Bussell	Pass: Grade 5. Clarinet, with Distinction.
Morwenna J. Trefusis	Pass: Grade 5. Singing, with Distinction.
Valerie Livingstone-Bussell	Pass: Grade 5. Cello.
Christine T. Exley	Pass: Grade 7. Piano, with Merit.
Julianne E. Allman-Ward	Pass: Grade 1. Elocution, with Merit.
Mary Jane Huntley	Pass: Grade 1. Elocution.
Jean A. Watson	Pass: Grade 2. Elocution.
Julia E. Aucutt	Pass: Grade 3. Elocution, with Merit.
Mary A. Arkle	Pass: Grade 3. Elocution.
Jacqueline C. White	Pass: Grade 4. Elocution.
Jennifer E. Neale	Pass: Grade 6. Elocution.
Linda J. Dunsford	Pass: Grade 8. Elocution, with Distinction.

THE ROYAL LIFE SAVING SOCIETY

July 1963

Award of Merit:	Averill Pitman.
Bronze Cross:	Sally Gray, Mary Mitchell, Janet Montgomery, Diana Livingstone-Bussell, Diana Webb.
Bronze Medallion:	Beverley Briggs, Jennifer Croft, Angela Clinch, Sandra Emmett, Patricia Eggleton, Gillian Fowler, Joanna Hodge, Elizabeth Mackey, Susanne Mackey, Joanna Sinclair, Sally Waddle, Susan Wells-Brown, Pamela Woods.
Intermediate:	Anne Blight, Veronica Elliston, Pamela Ferry, Mary Lidgate, Carolyn Matheson, Valerie Maidment, Lesley Neale, Margaret Romans, Katherine Rowe, Patricia Sanderson, Sally Spincer, Carol Symes, Sally Tully, Emily Weber.

SILVER AND BRONZE MEDALS

Silver medals were given to Susan Bloomfield and Morwenna Trefusis; and Bronze medals to: A. Cootes, H. Cuming, C. Exley, G. Flower, M. Griffiths, M. Hildred, H. Jeffreys-Jones, D. Kauntze, V. Livingstone-Bussell, C. Matheson, A. Milnes, W. Morgan, I. Vahedi, S. Waterman.

GIFTS TO THE SCHOOL

We should like to express our appreciation for the following gifts to the School:

Major and Mrs. Chapman gave a Kneeler for the School Chapel, worked by Mr. and Mrs. Bayley, and eight volumes of Pictorial Knowledge for the Library.

Julia Mallows, Marian Calder and Stephanie Parkinson gave a picture for the Dining Hall.

Yvonne, Rosalind and Vivien Grainger gave three Hair-dryers for hair-washing.

Valerie Livingstone-Bussell gave a Record Cabinet for the Music Library.

Charlotte Matheson gave a Steam iron for the Domestic Science Department, and Helen Jeffrey-Jones gave three Prestige egg whisks, Margaret Young gave a saucepan.

The Association of Friends of Stover School gave a Filtration Plant for the Swimming Pool.

Miss P. E. Dence gave a Music Room for the Music Department.

The Rt. Rev. the Lord Bishop of Truro and Mrs. Key gave a Bell for the School Chapel, in memory of Mr. W. J. Wollington, one time head gardener.

Sally Menneer gave some bulbs for the garden.

Ann and Jill Hughes gave a Chinese scroll for hanging in the Dining Hall.

HOUSE REPORTS

Queen Mary

With the exception of the Spring term, the year's performance by the House has been disappointing. In the Winter term we won only the Games Cup.

The Spring term showed a tremendous improvement in the House standard and we won the House Cup, and the Music Cup, which was awarded for the play competition.

Despite many enthusiastic attempts in the Summer term, we won only the Tennis Cup, although we gained second place in all the other events.

I have no doubt each member of the House will do her best in the coming year.

The House would like to thank Mrs. Marshall and Miss Kelly for their continued support and encouragement.

SUSAN BLOOMFIELD, House Captain.

Queen Victoria

It was with great pleasure that we welcomed Miss King as our House Mistress, and we celebrated her arrival by winning the House Cup in the Autumn term, which was a very good start. This was mostly due to the excellent G.C.E. Ordinary and Advanced Level results, which gave us a good majority of marks over the other Houses. In the Spring term some members of the House worked hard to produce a "modern" version of "Hamlet" for the Inter-House drama competition; unfortunately our hard work was not rewarded with first place but we did at least come second. We did not win the House Cup, and, although we were determined to regain the cup in the Summer term we were unlucky again.

We did very well on Sports Day and succeeded in winning the Athletics Cup, and, with regard to this, many thanks are due to Sheila Mannell, our Games Captain, for all her hard work throughout the year.

Finally, I would like to thank Miss King for all her help and support during the year.

ROSLYN MORGAN, House Captain.

Queen Elizabeth

On the whole Queen Elizabeth has had a fairly successful year. Academically we improved as the year progressed, winning the House Cup in the Summer term. In the field of sport we met with a good deal of success. In the Autumn term House matches were cancelled owing to illness, but in the Spring term we managed to win both Senior Netball and Lacrosse matches. In the Summer term, Sports Day failed to bring us success, but we won the Senior Tennis Cup and later, at the Swimming Sports, triumphantly carried off the Cup.

I would like to take this opportunity of thanking Miss Bailey for her unfailing support and encouragement to the House throughout the year.

JENNIFER NEALE, House Games Captain.

GAMES REPORT

Our main aim during the winter of 1962-63 was to raise the standard of our two games, Lacrosse and Netball. We were fortunate that in the early part of the Autumn term the weather was lovely and we were able to concentrate.

Lacrosse stickwork was solidly practised in all Forms, and all those who were beginners in this game had coaches from senior forms whose job it was to train their two or three beginners in all aspects of stickwork. To make sure the beginners were reaching a certain standard they had to pass certain tests, for example, cradling, catching, body-checking; gaining House marks for every test passed. No beginner was allowed to play in a game until she had passed the tests. A final inter-School stickwork competition was held at our Rally here in March, when each school was allowed to enter its six best beginners.

The competition was judged by Miss R. Moresby-White, President of the All England Ladies' Lacrosse Association, and it was considered a useful way of gaining a good standard of stickwork in beginners. The results were: 1st, Stover (L. Taylor); 2nd, Stover (S. Spincer); 3rd, Shute.

On the whole the standard of the teams improved, though many players are handicapped by the lack of basic stickwork training. The Under 15 XII which played in the Rally showed promise for the coming seasons.

Netball was played hard and we concentrated our efforts on speeding up the game by making full use of the footwork rule which allows much more freedom and greatly increases the speed and interest of the game. We also applied this rule to shooting, where it allows the players so much more movement and mobility. Netball proved invaluable during the ice and snow as our courts were clear and we could still play. We lost a lot of valuable time in Lacrosse during the cold weather, but the 1st team played so well in the finals at the Rally, and so very nearly beat the Exeter Club that we felt the season had not been in vain.

The Summer term is a very busy one on the Games side. Tennis coaching is an important feature which goes on throughout the term, and the various teams had several matches, although we had to cancel some owing to the weather. We also had a junior Rounders team which played a few matches. This is a very good game when played well, and excellent training for the eye and for quickness of thought and footwork.

At the beginning of the term those interested in athletics trained for Sports Day and for an Inter-Schools Meeting held at Churston Grammar School. Swimming took up a large part of the second half of the Summer term. We had the usual entries for the various Life Saving examinations and we also entered a team for the new Inter-School Life Saving Competition. This was very interesting and, as always, we gained a lot of experience in watching the other schools competing. We felt encouraged by the result and hope to enter again next year. At Exmouth our junior swimming team entered an Inter-Schools Race; we were not successful but again realised our weaknesses by watching the other schools, and learning that to raise the standard of every game it must be by practice and individual effort as well as by team effort.

Autumn Term 1963

The beginning of another Lacrosse Season and the first year in which a Junior County XII has been selected for Devon. The Trials were held on the University Ground in Exeter on October 12th. There were players from Rhode Hill Domestic Science College, Shute School, Oxtou House School and Stover. We were very pleased to have four of our first team selected for the County: A. Cootes as 3rd Home, A. Milnes as Right Defence Wing, G. Fowler as Goal and S. Brown as Left Attack Wing. The team played against Sherborne 2nd XII on October 26th, the result being a 3-3 draw after a very good match.

F. V. B.

Lacrosse Teams

1st XII: G.K., H. Jeffreys-Jones; P., S. Warren; C.P., C. Exley; 3 M., J. Neale; L.D.W., A. Milnes; R.D.W., G. Harrison; C., C. Matheson; R.A.W., S. Mannell; L.A.W., S. Brown; 3 H., M. Griffiths; 2 H., A. Cootes; 1 H., P. Pellew. Reserve: V. Livingstone-Bussell.

2nd XII: G.K., G. Fowler; P., A. Upham; C.P., A. Pitman; 3 M., E. Brannam; L.D.W., E. Rawe; R.D.W., S. Stevens; C., J. Shepherd; R.A.W., E. Irvine; L.A.W., P. Hamilton; 3 H., S. Emmett; 2 H., D. Livingstone-Bussell; 1 H., S. Wells-Brown.

Under 15: G.K., G. Fowler; P., P. Sanderson; C.P., E. Brannam; 3 M., J. Griffith; L.D.W., H. Langton; R.D.W., B. Price; C., S. Mackey; R.A.W., S. Mallows; L.A.W., S. Gray; 3 H., L. Beaman; 2 H., W. Parkinson; 1 H., D. Livingstone-Bussell. Reserve: S. Waddle.

Colours were awarded to G. Harrison and H. Jeffreys-Jones.

1st XII—Criticism

G.K.—H. Jeffreys-Jones. Helen has been a good goal keeper and has good stickwork. Practice was needed to give longer clears.

Point—S. Warren. A reliable member of the defence. Sally finds the stickwork control difficult. She has been a helpful and reliable Games Captain.

C.P.—C. Exley. Christine has a good sense of timing for interception but stickwork is her weakness. She must also learn to mark very closely when not coming off to tackle.

3rd M.—J. Neale. Good. A very useful member of the defence. Jennifer's stickwork has improved.

L.D.W.—A. Milnes. Good. Alison positions herself well and has a good sense of covering. Her stickwork could well be improved.

R.D.W.—G. Harrison. A good player with good stickwork. Gay could have speeded up her game generally.

C.—C. Matheson. A very hard-working Centre who was an asset to the team. Charlotte's stickwork also could have been better and more controlled.

R.A.W.—S. Mannell. A fast player. Sheila must learn to pass sooner in to her attacks and also be certain of catching the ball.

L.A.W.—S. Brown. A good attacking player with good stickwork. Sally has a tendency to turn into the middle and crowd the Homes.

3rd Home.—M. Griffiths. A good player with a very good sense of spacing. Margaret was a very strong member of the attacks.

2nd Home.—A. Cootes. Anne was quite definitely the pivot of the attacks, and scored a lot of goals.

1st Home.—P. Pellew. Pam positioned herself quite well as 1st Home but lost many good opportunities by poor stickwork.

Fixtures

Autumn term.

Coaching at Stover. Coaches: Miss Carling, Miss Bryant, Miss Dunsire.

1st XII v. Newquay Grammar School, won 15-0; 1st XII v. Exeter Ladies, lost 6-8; 1st XII v. Newquay Grammar School, won 11-3; 1st XII v. Exeter Ladies, lost 10-1.

2nd XII v. Newquay Grammar School, won 4-1.

Under 15 v. Newquay Grammar School, lost 2-7.

Spring term: Stover Rally.

Final: 1st XII v. Exeter Ladies, lost 1-2.

All other matches cancelled.

SWIMMING SPORTS**Senior Events**

Free Style.—1, A. Cootes; 2, M. Griffiths; 3, A. Milnes.

Breast Stroke.—1, A. Cootes; 2, G. Back; 3, H. Walker.

Back Crawl.—1, L. Dunsford; 2, A. Pitman; 3, A. Milnes.

Breast Stroke, Style.—1, G. Back; 2, A. Pitman; 3, H. Walker.

Front Crawl, Style.—1, A. Pitman; 2, M. Griffiths; 3, A. Clinch.

Back Crawl, Style.—1, A. Pitman; 2, A. Milnes and L. Dunsford.

Plunge.—1, D. Kauntze; 2, M. Clark; 3, A. Clinch.

Under Water.—1, D. Kauntze; 2, M. Clark; 3, A. Clinch.

Diving.—1, M. Griffiths; 2, A. Cootes; 3, A. Milnes.

Fancy Diving, Open.—1, A. Cootes and M. Griffiths; 2, S. Emmett.

Relay.—1, Queen Elizabeth; 2, Queen Mary; 3, Queen Victoria.

Challenge Cup.—A. Pitman.

Colours were awarded to A. Pitman.

Intermediate Events

Free Style.—1, P. Woods; 2, S. Gray; 3, G. Fowler.

Breast Stroke.—1, P. Woods; 2, L. Taylor; 3, P. Sanderson.

Back Crawl.—1, S. Gray; 2, S. Emmett; 3, G. Fowler.

Breast Stroke, Style.—1, P. Woods; 2, E. Brannam; 3, J. Hodge.

Front Crawl, Style.—1, S. Gray; 2, G. Fowler and P. Woods.
 Back Crawl, Style.—1, S. Emmett; 2, G. Fowler; 3, E. Brannam.
 Plunge.—1, D. Livingstone-Bussell; 2, G. Fowler; 3, S. Gray.
 Under Water.—1, P. Eggleton; 2, G. Fowler; 3, S. Gray.
 Diving.—1, S. Emmett; 2, B. Price; 3, S. Gray.
 Relay.—1, Queen Mary; 2, Queen Victoria; 3, Queen Elizabeth.
 Challenge Cup.—S. Gray.

Junior Events

Free Style.—1, R. Russell; 2, A. Polglase; 3, C. Symes.
 Breast Stroke.—1, C. Symes; 2, L. Beaman; 3, J. Griffith.
 Back Crawl.—1, R. Russell; 2, A. Polglase; 3, V. Maidment.
 Breast Stroke, Style.—1, V. Maidment; 2, H. Langton and P. Johnson.
 Front Crawl, Style.—1, P. Gibbs; 2, A. Polglase; 3, C. Symes.
 Back Crawl, Style.—1, R. Russell; 2, S. Evans; 3, V. Maidment.
 Plunge.—1, S. Mallows; 2, C. Symes; 3, C. Matheson.
 Under Water.—1, J. Allman-Ward; 2, C. Symes; 3, J. Watson.
 Diving.—1, C. Symes; 2, H. Langton and P. Johnson; 3, J. Griffith.
 Relay.—1, Queen Elizabeth; 2, Queen Mary; 3, Queen Victoria.
 Challenge Cup.—C. Symes.
 Life Saving Team.—G. Fowler, D. Livingstone-Bussell, M. Mitchell,
 and S. Emmett (3rd in Area Finals at Plymouth).
 Junior Swimming Team (for Inter-School Race at Exmouth).—S. Gray,
 L. Taylor, A. Polglase and S. Evans (in place of R. Russell).

House Games Cups

Spring Term.—Senior Lacrosse, Queen Mary; Junior Lacrosse, Queen
 Mary; Senior Netball, Queen Elizabeth; Junior Netball, Queen Mary.
 Summer Term.—Senior Tennis, Queen Mary; Junior Tennis, Queen
 Elizabeth; Swimming Cup, Queen Elizabeth; Athletics Cup, Queen Victoria.

NETBALL

1st VII: G.K., J. Neale; G.D., S. Stevens; W.D., A. Milnes; C., M.
 Griffiths; W.A., I. Vahedi; G.A., A. Cootes; G.S., S. Warren.
 2nd VII: G.K., E. Irvine; G.D., H. Fairweather; W.D., S. Waterman;
 C., G. Fowler; W.A., S. Mannell; G.A., S. Brown; G.S., L. Dunsford.
 Under 15: G.K., B. Price; G.D., E. Brannam; W.D., J. White;
 C. W. Parkinson; W.A., P. Woods; G.A., S. Gray; G.S., S. Waddle.
 Under 14: G.K., H. Langton; G.D., P. Johnson; W.D., M. Lidgate;
 C., L. Taylor; W.A., L. Beaman; G.A., S. Mackey; G.S., P. Sanderson.
 Colours were awarded to J. Neale and I. Vahedi.

Fixtures

Autumn term
 1st VII v. Sandford Orleigh, won 25-19.
 2nd VII v. Sandford Orleigh, won 21-8.
 Under 15 v. Marist Convent, lost 5-23; Under 15 v. Newquay Grammar
 School, won 21-9; Under 15 v. Ingsdon Convent, lost 6-18.
 Under 14 v. Newquay Grammar School, lost 11-27.
 Spring term
 1st VII v. Sandford Orleigh, won 18-15.
 Under 14 v. Stokelake, lost 25-26.

1st VII—Criticism

G.S.—S. Warren. Sally moves very well in the circle and on the whole
 is a very good shot.

G.A.—A. Cootes. A very energetic player with good ball control and
 a good shot.

W.A.—I. Vahedi. A good player. Ingee has speeded up her game very
 well.

C.—M. Griffiths. A very good centre court player with an excellen
 passing ability.

W.D.—A. Milnes. A reliable defence with good interception.

G.D.—S. Stevens. An energetic defence and an asset to the team.

G.K.—J. Neale. A very good goal keeper with a great ability to mark
 closely.

TENNIS

1st VI: A. Cootes and G. Harrison; P. Pellew and H. Jeffreys-Jones; S. Warren and S. Bloomfield.

2nd VI: D. Webb and M. Griffiths; L. Dunsford and S. Brown; J. Croft and H. Cuming.

Under 15: P. Woods and S. Emmett; J. Sinclair and P. Sanderson; S. Gray and L. Taylor.

Colours were awarded to G. Harrison.

Fixtures

1st VI v. Torquay Grammar School, lost 25-56 games; 1st VI v. Maynard School, lost 16-65 games; 1st VI v. Newton Abbot Grammar School, won 65-34 games.

2nd VI v. Shute, won 68-43 games; 2nd VI v. Maynard, lost 18-58 games; 2nd VI v. Marist Convent, lost 39-42 games.

1st VI v. Old Girls, won 44-37 games.

Senior Singles Cup: A. Cootes.

Junior Singles Cup: L. Taylor.

Senior Doubles Cup: D. Webb and H. Fairweather.

Junior Doubles: L. Beaman and W. Parkinson.

1st Tennis Team—Criticism

S. Warren.—A capable and enthusiastic Captain. Sally worked hard to improve her own standard of tennis and encouraged her team to follow her example.

A. Cootes.—Very keen, and has worked well. Technique and knowledge of court-craft have improved considerably.

S. Bloomfield.—A keen and hard worker, who gained a sound knowledge of court-craft, but technique needs improving.

H. Jeffrey-sJones.—With hard work and enthusiasm Helen has shown great improvement in technique and court-craft, but requires better foot-work.

G. Harrison.—A sound player with good temperament and improved knowledge of court-craft, but requires to develop the technique.

P. Pellew.—Showed all-round improvement, having worked very well.

J. S.T.

ROUNDERS

Team: E. Weber, S. Mackey, S. Evans, L. Beaman, C. Symes, S. Spincer, J. Watson, H. Langton, J. Griffith.

Fixtures

1st Team v. Shute, lost 1½-4½; 1st Team v. Sandford Orleigh, won 11-5½.

ATHLETIC SPORTS

220 Yards, Open.—1, S. Waterman (31.5 secs); 2, H. Walker; 3, P. Eggleton.

Senior Events

100 Yards.—1, S. Mannell (12.6 secs); 2, S. Waterman; 3, A. Cootes.

Hurdles.—1, S. Mannell (11.8 secs); 2, A. Cootes; 3, S. Waterman.

Relay.—1, Queen Mary; 2, Queen Victoria; 3, Queen Elizabeth.

High Jump.—1, Ch. Matheson; 2, M. Hunt; 3, S. Stevens.

Long Jump.—1, A. Cootes; 2, S. Mannell; 3, M. Griffiths.

Hop, Step and Jump.—1, A. Cootes; 2, S. Mannell; 3, S. Stevens.

Throwing.—1, A. Cootes; 2, M. Griffiths; 3, S. Stevens.

Sack Race.—1, S. Stevens; 2, H. Walker; 3, D. Kauntze.

Obstacle Race.—1, S. Stevens; 2, H. Walker; 3, J. Neale.

Four-Legged Race.—1, S. Waterman, I. Vahedi, G. Fowler; 2, M. Hunt, P. Hamilton, M. Griffiths; 3, J. White, E. Rawe, J. Croft.

Challenge Cup.—A. Cootes.

Intermediate Events

- 100 Yards.—1, P. Eggleton (13 secs); 2, M. Arkle; 3, R. Thomas.
 Hurdles.—1, B. Price; 2, L. Taylor; 3, M. Arkle.
 Relay.—1, Queen Mary (59.8 secs); 2, Queen Victoria; 3, Queen Elizabeth.
 High Jump.—1, B. Price; 2, S. Gray; 3, S. Mackey.
 Long Jump.—1, B. Price (14' 6"); 2, S. Gray; 3, S. Mackey.
 Hop, Step and Jump.—1, L. Taylor; 2, M. Arkle; 3, P. Eggleton.
 Throwing.—1, L. Taylor; 2, S. Emmett; 3, G. Fowler.
 Sack race.—1, D. Livingstone-Bussell; 2, L. Neale; 3, M. Lidgate.
 Obstacle Race.—1, S. Evans; 2, S. Hall; 3, M. Mitchell.
 Three-Legged Race.—1, M. Lidgate and V. Elliston; 2, R. Colquhoun and S. Waddle; H. Gurney and P. Sanderson.
 Challenge Cup.—B. Price.

Junior Events

- 75 Yards.—1, C. Symes (10 secs); 2, S. Drew; 3, H. Langton.
 Hurdles.—1, C. Symes; 2, L. Beaman; 3, H. Langton.
 Relay.—1, Queen Mary (1 min.); 2, Queen Elizabeth; 3, Queen Victoria.
 High Jump.—1, S. Mallows; 2, P. Johnson; 3, V. Maidment.
 Long Jump.—1, C. Symes (13' 3"); 2, L. Beaman; 3, J. Griffith.
 Hop, Step and Jump.—1, C. Symes; 2, H. Langton; 3, J. Radford.
 Throwing.—1, H. Langton; 2, E. Weber; 3, V. Pugh.
 Sack Race.—1, S. Jellicoe; 2, V. Pugh; 3, E. Hichens.
 Obstacle Race.—1, E. Weber; 2, G. Oldfield; 3, S. Jellicoe.
 Three-Legged Race.—1, S. Jellicoe and S. Spincer; 2, P. and L. Murray-Lee; 3, J. Griffith and E. Weber.
 Challenge Cup.—C. Symes.
 Father, Mother and Daughter Obstacle Race.—1, The Sanderson family; 2, the Weber family; 3, The Spincer family.
 Small Visitors' Race: Under 6.—1, V. Symes; 2, J. Drayton; 3, D. Bradford and P. Annesley. Over 6.—1, S. Griffith; 2, J. Cattermull; 3, H. Griffith.

CHARITIES

The Charity Committee was able to maintain its usual commitments during the year 1962-63; these included £5 to Dr. Barnardo's Homes, £5 5s. to the Missions to Seamen, £3 3s. to the Friends of Exeter Cathedral, and £10 to the S.P.G. We have also sent £20 to the Freedom from Hunger Campaign, £10 to the Mentally Disabled, and £10 to the Teigngrace Church Organ Fund.

At Christmas we gave our annual party for the boys of Meadowside Home in Newton Abbot. We also sent a parcel to the Austrian Refugee family whom we support.

At the end of the Summer term we had a garden party with side shows and stalls, the proceeds of which went to the Charity Fund. The amount paid into the fund was £123.

I should like to express my thanks and those of the Committee to our retiring Chairman, Miss Dence, and to welcome Miss Hill in her place.

SALLY WARREN, Hon. Secretary.

THE CHOIR 1962-63

At the beginning of the School year Miss Dence and the Choir made plans for an eventful year, but, owing to various illnesses and bad weather, several changes had to be made.

On returning to School in the Christmas term we were determined that, as it was Miss Dence's last year, this Christmas Carol Service was going to be as happy and as memorable for her as we could possibly make it. We worked hard throughout the term but towards the end many of the choir had bad colds and throats and so several solos had to be omitted. Besides the carol service we had also hoped to give a performance of Pergolesi's Stabat Mater, but this was postponed 'till the following term. This contains many solos which

were practised by groups of the Choir, so that if illness caused the absence of some girls, the solos could still be sung.

Meanwhile we were also practising for our annual Evensong in Exeter Cathedral at the very beginning of the Summer term. As you can imagine, before this service the Choir was practising regularly both morning and evening. This was the third time we have sung in the Cathedral, making history on the first occasion by being the first girls' choir to sing there, a fact recently mentioned in the Exeter Diocesan magazine "Venture."

Much of the Summer term was devoted to madrigals and at the end of term we joined together one evening with members of the Exeter Choral Society here at Stover to sing these madrigals. We hope to do this again next year, hoping too too that Miss Dence will be able to come and sing with us when she has returned from her trip round the world. We should like to thank her for all she has done for us in past years, and hope that she is enjoying her holiday.

CHRISTINE EXLEY and SALLY BROWN.

THE SCHOOL'S FAREWELL TO MISS DENCE

The party began with a concert in which each form except those recently recovered from G.C.E. provided an item. Form III began with "Hansel and Gretel," where we watched the hapless pair abandoned by their unfeeling parents, menaced by a gruesome witch, but surviving to reach the happy ending. Lower IV followed with songs and Upper IV with an original drama which showed us what can happen when an entire household is absorbed by the TV set. Television followed in action with Lower V, whose version of the "Tonight" programme included a most delightful dance by two ladies from Thailand wearing their national costume. Lower VI followed by singing the songs whose words are printed below (copyright having been acquired by the Editor). Miss Dence was invited to the stage by Morwenna to be presented with the School's gift of a watch. Supper gave the School another chance to say "thank you" to Miss Dence—for the raspberries that provided the real party feeling. The evening's entertainment ended with dancing on the tennis courts and a conga which somehow made its way to the swimming pool. Next morning the School was decorously in its place in the hall for Mark Reading, but thoughts of the revels lingered in many minds, and, we hope, in Miss Dence's too.

S. F. B.

Songs sung by Lower VI.

Philistine (Tune: Clementine)

She came in the 1930's

Just to stay a year or two . . .

But before the year was over

She found her stay here was not through.

Through the war she struggled bravely

With the troops of U.S.A.

Bombs and shrapnel always falling—

How they blessed the Victory Day.

In those days the food was simple—

Prunes, no custard was the rule—

As they grumbled with their crumble

And that AWFUL apple fool!

Since those days the time has flown by,

Now it's 1963,

And she's trying to stop the Juniors

Climbing up the cherry tree!

Now it's time for her to leave us,

Now it's time for us to part;

So she'll go and we'll be left here,

Dying of a broken heart!

Chorus—after each verse.

Oh, our Stover, oh, our Stover,

It will never be the same,

All the people who've passed through it

Never will forget her name,

The Ballad of Forches Cross, or, Lid's New Car

(Tune: Uncle Tom Cobley and all)

- As we were going to Newton Fair
 All along down along Forches Cross,
 We came across Lid in her brand new car,
Chorus with Mrs. Marshall, Miss Haegele, Miss Evans, Miss
 Kelly, Mrs. Willie, Miss Kitson, Miss Bailey, Miss
 Gaukrodger, Miss King, Miss Pugsley, Mrs. Baker,
 Miss Venmore,—and—er—
 Sister and Matron and all,
 and Sister and Matron and all.
 We stopped the car to ask for a lift—
 All along down along Forches Cross,
 But Lid was indignant and said "Oh, my springs!"
Chorus with . . .
 And so they sailed on and we plodded behind:
 All along down along Forches Cross—
 We came round the corner but didn't espy—
Chorus
 We asked an old farmer just where was the car,
 All along down along Forches Cross—
 He looked at us lamely and pointed afar,
Chorus at . . .
 And there in the ditch, behold we did see,
 All along down along Forches Cross—
 There were Lid and her car all wrapped round a tree,
Chorus with . . .
 We all raised our hands and shouted with glee;
 All along down along Forches Cross—
 For all these disposed of there's only Miss D!
Chorus gone . . .
 and Sister and Matron and all—
 and Sister and Matron and all.

THE NEW MUSIC ROOM

As a leaving present to the School Miss Dence gave us a new music room, which is situated in the Clock House with most of the other music rooms. I would like to tell you a little about its history, which may seem unusual, at least in the fact that not every music room can claim it is descended from a stable. It was, of course, a long while ago, when the Duke of Somerset lived at Stover, that this room was a stable. Since then it has found no better use than to be a general store room for all the odd objects one finds around which serve no useful purpose.

This was soon to be transformed into a new room, simply decorated with oak panelling, and, above this, whitewashed walls. Having been completed the new music room awaited its opening.

Soon Speech Day was upon us, and after the Service and Prize-giving the parents were shepherded by the pupils over to the Clock House for the official opening. When the visitors arrived they were greeted by strains of music—an overture by Handel being played by a trio consisting of Sally Brown and Diana Livingstone-Bustell, clarinets, and myself on a bass clarinet. This instrument aroused a great deal of curiosity as few had ever seen it before!

The Bishop of Truro dedicated the room. He unlocked the door—which had been locked for the safety of the musicians—said a prayer and hung a plaque on the wall to record the gift of the room by Miss Dence. The music room was now officially open and was besieged by a mass of people coming in to admire it.

We should like to take this opportunity of thanking Miss Dence for this wonderful gift, and for the piano which she also gave to go in the new room.

SHEILA MANNELL.

NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY REPORT

Owing to the general interest amongst the lower school, the Society has rapidly expanded and now has over 25 members.

In the Winter term we decided to have a series of lectures. Appropriate subjects were chosen during the meetings, and individual Society members volunteered to prepare essays on these subjects. They proved to be very interesting. The subjects discussed included squirrels, dogs, pigs and cattle in the zoological section; and natural produce such as rubber, cocoa and tea.

The museum is now maintained by Society members, each section being allotted to certain groups. I hope this arrangement is continued as it encourages many people to visit the various collections.

SUSAN BLOOMFIELD.

CRITIQUE OF THE THREE HOUSE PLAYS

Contributed by MR. K. B. JOHNSON

CHECK TO THE KING OF FRANCE by M. IRWIN.

An Historical Novelist, however good, is not necessarily a good playwright. This particular bit of French History was not well-known enough to put over to an audience without programme notes or an explanatory introduction.

We were at a loss to know Who was What—and we were not helped by the frequent inaudibility of the cast. Diction was rushed, and too many lines were lost.

Production was quite good, and some attractive grouping appeared. But there was often too much movement from players who were not speaking, which distracted attention from those who were. Kings and Princesses must be regal at all times, save when alone together. The more regal they are "in company," the greater and more effective the contrast when they relax on their own. There was, thank Heaven, very little "upstaging" in this play.

Acting. One player was outstanding. She knew how to move well, and, as important, when NOT to move, so much so that I found myself watching her stillness, rather than the people who were speaking. There was a general lack of feeling of character amongst the others. It is not enough to wear the clothes and speak the lines; you must try to LIVE the part. The acting lacked this "living," and also lacked "attack."

Presentation. Adequate, under the circumstances, but hardly regally lavish!

Endeavour, originality, attainment. Full marks for endeavour. This was a worth-while play, but for reasons given, it did not quite reach its aim. I liked the musical introduction; the verbal one would have been better had it been more pompous, made, say, by the Constable, and in period language.

To sum up, a difficult play for the cast, producer, and audience! Cast and Producer did not quite put it over.

THE REHEARSAL by M. BARING.

I did not know this play, but liked it enough to want to do it myself. Three of the four Judges marked it at over 90 per cent independently of one another.

Production was generally good. There was good "pace" throughout. The play opened with a real impact and a laugh, and went on from there without flagging. There was some excellent grouping and a fine sense of comedy throughout.

On reading the script, I find that it was written originally for period setting. It was a stroke of genius of the Producer to set it in modern times, in a T.V. studio. She introduced several "walk-in" parts not in the original script, and used them extremely well to "point" some of the lines. I particularly liked the two carpenters who stopped to listen to Macbeth's soliloquy and nodded their approval.

All moves looked natural—there was no going from A to B, just for the sake of it. This producer shows great promise and imagination. She must, however, watch out for "masking," which did occur on occasions.

Acting. The broad comedy parts were well played in particular, but I could really believe in all the characters, and could hear most of them all the time. Excellent pace, cues were picked up well, and lines were well pointed.

Presentation. Simple and good. I would have liked some introductory music, say, from a T.V. signature tune, to help set the scene and whet the audience's appetite.

Endeavour, originality, achievement. Full marks! I do congratulate the Producer on an original reading, which she put over extremely well.

General. A well deserved win!

HAMLET IN THE MODERN RUSH

Hamlet in the Modern Rush

Although one of the Judges marked this higher than the other two plays, I felt that it fell down somewhere. In a way, it was an original idea, but the joke, slender enough, was too laboured. After the first laugh, caused by the use of modern slang in what appeared to be a conventional costume play, the whole thing fell flat. Technically it was not as well-written as *The Rehearsal*, which was almost its direct opposite.

Production. This was, I'm afraid, rather sloppy. Grouping was poor, movement monotonous. Far too many people entered Rt, L, or Up-C, said a line or two, and exited Rt, L, or Up-C. The stage was set badly; the couch was so placed that all Polonius's lines, most of Claudius's and some of the Queen's were lost either upstage, or behind someone. Action on it was partly invisible. I can remember the back of Polonius' head, but cannot recall his (or her) face! There was far too much upstaging and masking, and it was certainly not easy to hear many of the lines.

Acting. A "Ham" sandwich! Ophelia was good, as was Hamlet; the Queen fair, and Claudius too "hammy." (Note for the Producer: The gesturing or gesticulating of the messenger was amusing for the first and possibly second time—and boring to a degree from then on! If it was in the script, you should have cut it. If it was not in the script !!!).

Originality, endeavour, achievement. The idea of the play was original, but it wore too thin, too soon. The cast tried to tackle this weakness piecemeal, and not as a team. Costumes were, on the whole, quite good.

General Comments.

It's fun, dressing up as men—or just dressing up. It is not enough to wear the costume, though. You must wear the mannerisms of the period as well.

Producers must watch these points.

Audibility. Remember that "the man at the back of the hall has paid for his seat; he's just as entitled to hear as the man in the front row." Producers should spend at least the whole of one rehearsal at the back, just to listen.

Masking. Lines spoken upstage are often lost behind a downstage player.

Grouping should please the eye and help the ear. Important speeches should be spoken downstage, and players must be manoeuvred into a position where this can be done.

Actors must try to live the part, and not just speak it.

FILMS 1962-63

In the autumn of 1962 the first film we had was about an old engine, the Titfield Thunderbolt, which was very amusing. A few weeks later we thrilled to the gory details of "Macbeth," then came a story of an American boy and a lamb—"So Dear to my Heart." Jules Verne's "20,000 leagues Under the Sea" was rather a contrast to "The Boy who stole a Million," but both were greatly enjoyed. "Raising the Wind" was shown at the Christmas party, and delighted both seniors and juniors alike. There were two films in the Spring term: "Simon and Laura," and "A Town like Alice." "No, My Darling Daughter" was shown in the Summer term, and was enjoyed immensely.

We would like to express our thanks to Miss Gaukrodger for obtaining these films for us to see, and to Mr. Guntrip for showing them.

NICOLA CARTER, Lt. V.

WORK FOR OXFAM: Upper IV

For days, whenever you met a member of the Upper Fourth she would be knitting. Knitting appeared in all the most unlikely places. . . .

During the Summer term a member of the form was idly flicking through the pages of a stamp book, when an Oxfam appeal attracted her attention. Impressed by the urgency of the problem, she wrote to Oxfam headquarters asking for information and how help could be given. In due course she received a letter saying that blankets were needed, and giving details of how they should be made.

The Upper Fourth started to knit squares. Staff and girls were asked for wool, needles started clicking and soon the blanket was finished. To complete the gift babies' dresses, trousers and play clothes were made, packed into a parcel and sent to Oxfam headquarters.

Returning to School in the Autumn term, the form found a letter thanking them for their help and saying how much the gift had been appreciated.

HILARY GURNEY, Form Captain, Upper IV.

THE END AND THE BEGINNING

As darkness gathered in the square
 And owls began to cry,
 The square became a seething mass;
 They came the witch to spy.
 The mob began to howl with rage,
 Then the gaolers, rough and curt,
 Brought the cowering tattered girl
 In a thin and ragged skirt.
 They bound her hand and foot and leered
 When she struggled at the pain;
 So tight they bound her that her limbs
 Were all but cut in twain.
 They threw her, leering, on the heap
 of Wood and faggots dry,
 But as they lighted up the pile
 They heard an eerie cry.
 A man on horseback galloped down,
 And loud began to screech;
 His horse's hoofmarks cloven were,
 With a dark scorched mark on each.
 They dragged him down and held him fast,
 Just as the hungry flames
 Seared through the witch's tattered clothes . . .
 She cried out all their names. . . .
 And laid her curse upon each one,
 And then they heard a scream
 Which sounded so unearthly, that
 They wished it were a dream.
 Then, as the fiendish, evil scream
 Died down and crept away,
 A hoard of blood-red vampire bats
 Flew from the ashes grey.
 But as the bats descended on
 The frightened, panicked men,
 Each evil thing a victim chose—
 They killed fourscore and ten.
 These evil bats are kept in Hell,
 To be brought forth once more,
 If witches again are ever burnt,
 But they never were there before.
 The man was never seen again,
 He had vanished from their sight;
 Returned again to his evil abode
 Of Hell, that fiendish night.

NICOLA CARTER, Upper IV.

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ENGAGEMENTS

- Valerie Jean Townson, to Jeremy Nicholas Dobson, 27.12.62.
 Rosemary Poyntz-Roberts, to Roger Jones, Nov. '63.
 Janet Waterhouse, to Graham Williams, 2.11.63.
 Lynette Sinclair, to Alan Joly, 12.11.63.
 Pamela Humphry, to Anthony Wood.
 Elisabeth Scrymgeour, to John Fraser Attewell, Jan. '63.

ENGAGEMENTS (Staff)

- Anne C. Reynolds, to Christopher Ralph Wilson, 17.4.63.

MARRIAGES

- Elizabeth Juliet Warren, to Anthony Pyne, 20.4.63.
 Sarah Dunsford, to Michael Barnes, 6.7.53.
 Sally Giles, to Nigel Parker, 1.6.63.

BIRTHS

- Jill Rogers (nee Hughes), a daughter, Janet Frances.
 Rosemary McFie (nee Parnaby), a daughter, Katharine Sarah, 7.8.63.
 Janet Lynch-Watson (nee Meadows), a daughter, Frances Louise, 20.7.63.
 Jean Illingworth (nee Jackson), a son, Christopher David, 4.2.63.

Elizabeth Freeman (nee Tett), a son, Jonathan Charles Compton, 20.1.63.
 Virginia Donne (nee Edwards), a son, Richard Henry Stephen, 30.10.62.
 Margaret Lindup (nee Pruen), a daughter, Catherine Mary, 16.10.63.
 Evelyn de Putron (nee Pruen), a son, Peter Nicholas, 15.10.63.
 Buntly Scott (nee Jenner), a son, William John, 30.11.63.

OLD GIRLS NEWS

Margaret Donnelly and Sandra Woolner went on a Anglican Fellowship pilgrimage to Rome, with the Exeter group. Margaret and Susan Orr visited Stover in July. Susan is engaged to an Australian and will be living in Tasmania.

Margaret Batterham has been taking a course in London at the Cerebral Palsy Centre. She returns to Rhodesia next Spring.

Penny Robertson is now in the gynaecology department at St. Thomas's Hospital. During the summer she spent a holiday in Majorca.

Elizabeth Hope has begun her third year at Dartford College. She still has her "ancient" car, and recently was the winner in a rally of 40 cars. She often meets other Stover contemporaries—Anne Bickley at the Middlesex Hospital, and Yvonne Grainger at St. Mary's Hospital.

Phylida Sturdy is at St. Christopher's Nursery Training College, Tunbridge Wells. She had a year's social round of parties and hunting, and a holiday in Norway and Denmark before beginning her nursery training.

Stephanie Parkinson filled in her time before going to St. Hugh's College, Oxford, by doing temporary teaching.

Mary Edwards (Sheridan-Patterson) and Patricia Smith (Comyn) came to Stover for the end of term festivities. They left their small families at home. Peter and Sally are getting quite big now. Alasdair (Edwards) and Peter (Smith) are at school together, and their matron is Ruth Pruen. Recently Ruth Pruen's twin (Mrs. Lindup) had a baby daughter in Rhodesia. Mary and her husband are taking a post in the U.S.A. next year, and on their return Sarah is due to come to Stover. They will take their two youngest, Sian and David, with them to Virginia.

Mary Powell (Vaughan-Philpott) and her family are due to return to England for their leave in November. They return to Kampala in March.

Lesley Raynes is now at Gloucester Domestic Science College. She spent her holiday Youth Hostelling in Denmark this summer.

Mary Georgiakis (Demetriadis) is living in Athens, where her parents have joined her.

June Howell was one of the old girls who came to Speech Day this year, when the weather was wonderful. She has spent some time in Chester with June Lace (Prynn) and her family, after a holiday in Snowdonia.

Mary Anne King will be taking her preliminary State examination in November, but she has not been too busy to take the lead in "Patience," which the Middlesex Hospital produced in June.

Susan Marshall Harvey finds time to play table tennis (and won an open tournament with a partner recently). She is in the first tennis team at Royal Holloway College.

Ann Hughes paid a visit to Stover in July before joining the Q.A.R.N.S. as a nursing Sister and going to Singapore. She told us that Jill had married a year ago and had been given a year's leave from Keele College from her university course.

Hilary Johns came to school to give a show of her Australian and New Zealand slides, which were most interesting. She is doing Optics with her father in Exeter, but has her own flat.

Suzanne Sheldon (Chapman) now has twin sons, Christopher John and Richard James, born in February. Sally Anne is now nearly two.

Julia Ratcliff was unable to come to Speech Day as she was still using a crutch following a ski-ing accident in March. She had to have a further operation on her knee.

Winifred Drake passed her final nursing examinations in the Spring and

s now a State Registered Nurse. She is now at the Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore.

Margaret Bruce is in her third year at the Middlesex Hospital. She and her year were the first set to use the new nursing school which the Queen Mother opened in May. She says that each stage in her training has become more interesting and now that she has more responsibility she is loving it. She is now working in the Theatre.

Margaret Howell writes from Toronto that she is hoping to be admitted to an American University in the autumn. She was reading the last school magazine when the telephone rang, and a Mr. Jarvis said he had seen his address in the Stover Old Girls' Section! His wife then invited Margaret to dinner. They were delighted to have found someone from Stover in Toronto.

Margaret writes that "Pinkie" Johnson was on at the O'Keefe Center in "School for Scandal" and was mentioned by the radio critics. Rosalie now has a third child, Nicholas, born in August last year.

Elisabeth Coltman is one of the Principal's secretaries at Seale-Hayne College. She will be getting married next year to a young man who is an Anglican ordinand.

Rosalind Tyrer writes from South Yarra to say that recently she had a visit from Margaret Ballard's parents. She corresponds with Elizabeth Pleace and Marion Crawford, so gets regular news of Stover.

Evadne Cosgrove (Painter) has a son, Adam.

Barbara Crow (Farmer) has two sons, Andrew and Matthew. Their address is The Medical Rehabilitation Unit, R.A.F., Chessington.

Ann Sergiades (Jeffrey) now has three daughters, Jane, Penny and Susan.

Mirabel Sievers (Clausen) lives in Hong Kong, where they have another eight months to do, with their two small daughters and son.

ARCHARA SATJA has begun her Art teachers' course at the Leicester School of Art.

JANNA WATERHOUSE is Vacation Work Organiser for the National Union of Students, and her main task is finding work for the Nigerian students who need to earn money during the day, and attend evening classes, until they can qualify for full-time courses.

ALISON WHEELER is doing a course at the House of Citizenship in Aylesbury.

WENDY BECK (Shapter) who lives at 8 Summit Way, London, S.E. 19, has two children Caroline and Nicholas.

JUDITH BARKER lives at 174 Sullivan Street, New York, 12 N.Y.C., U.S.A.

JOSEPHINE BUTLER (Stubbs) has moved to 2684, Seaview Road, Victoria, B.C., where her husband is Canon Lecturer of Christ Church Cathedral.

ELIZABETH IRVINE is helping in a Kindergarten run by some friends in London, which will keep her well occupied until she and FELICITY and their mother sail for New Zealand in the New Year.

SUSAN SMITH expects to take up her nursing career at the Middlesex Hospital in February or May. She postponed her entry a year ago, but has now finally made up her mind to do so.

ANITA HURTLEY is at St. George's Hospital, Tooting, London, W.S. 17.

VIRGINIA DONNE (Edwards) had a son, Richard Henry Stephen in October last year. She is teaching art during the evening on two nights a week, at Bovey Tracey and Bickington.

PENELOPE KEY, who went to Australia with Miss DENCE on the "Iberia," will be taking up a post shortly in charge of a hospital in New Guinea. She will be a "flying doctor," and have a helicopter at her disposal.

DRINA SEEX has temporarily left her job as personal secretary to Sir Edward Beddington-Behrens, and has gone out to Africa. She hopes to stay there until February, revisiting the places she remembers from her childhood—Durban, Cape Town, the Kariba Dam, and Victoria Falls, before going to Nairobi where she hopes to get a job.

JACKIE SEEX is in her final year at Trinity College, Dublin.

DIANA HEWETT is taking a secretarial course in Perth, Western Australia, and hopes on finishing this to work in the Far East. She realised when she

visited Colomo en route to Australia that she wanted to see more of the Asiatic countries.

ELIZABETH BUTCHER acted as escort to two children to Boston, Massachusetts earlier this year, and now has a post in the Operations Office of the General Hospital in Massachusetts. She helps look after the children during the evenings, but hopes shortly to share a flat with two other English girls.

DAMARIS EASTERBROOK is at present in Ontario where she is on a year's exchange scholarship with another school, and is doing a mixed course in the 13th grade (the last year before attending university).

Among the Old Girls whom Miss DENCE has met in Australia are, ROSALIND TYRER (now married), and ANNE LEVETT, who is married to a Physician in Canberra. They have four little girls. Miss Dence hopes to stay with them later on.

MAYWIN STURGES resigned from the Committee because of her appointment in South Africa at a Missionary hospital. She expects to be there for two years.

MARY JEWSON is doing secretarial work in the Drama department in Associated Rediffusion in London. During the summer she had a holiday in Italy.

JULIA MALLOWES has a post as Librarian at the Kensington Public Library in London.

SOME APPRECIATIONS OF MISS DENCE SENT IN BY OLD GIRLS OF THE SCHOOL

I know that a long time has passed since Speech Day, but I did want to write and say "thank you" for a really lovely day spent at Stover. I have not enjoyed a day so much for so long, but the whole day brought back a host of memories of happy days at Stover. There is a wonderful feeling of peace at Stover which often makes me wish, when I am confronted with decisions and problems, that I could be transported down to Stover to sort things out!

After I said goodbye to you I am afraid I spent another hour just wandering round and enjoying it all. I went down to the lake and took slides with the evening light on the water and the reflection of the flags and rhododendrons.

It seems incredible that ten years have passed since my Stover days, and I so often think back with nostalgic feelings. I could never have been sent to a nicer school, and if ever I have daughters of my own, they too will certainly follow there.

Thank you, Miss Dence, for a lovely day spent with you all, and too for all you have done for me and for making my days at Stover such happy ones. May you have a very happy retirement and be able to enjoy a well earned rest. We all look forward to your return from Australia, and it would be so nice to have a grand reunion on that occasion also.

A. G.

. . . I really wrote to congratulate you on your retirement, and to say that to me, Stover would never seem quite the same place without you at its head. I think some of my happiest hours were during that almost blessed time between supper and bed on Sundays and Wednesdays (choir practices), and I'm not just saying that. As a member of staff I can only just now begin to comprehend the very formidable tasks and responsibilities that are the lot of a Headmistress, and I would like to say that I think you carried out your own with a devotion and thoroughness I never hope to meet again.

I sincerely wish you much happiness in your retirement, and a long-deserved rest. Again I thank you as a pupil who was a very happy one under your most solicitous care.

E. R.

It came as quite a shock to read of your intended retirement in the School magazine. I cannot imagine Stover without you being the headmistress. However, I am sure you will be quite relieved to relinquish the arduous duties this must entail, and to have a well earned rest after so many years. It will seem very odd returning to Stover and not to be greeted by you. With my best wishes for two more happy terms at Stover, and hoping to see you again before you leave.

V. B.

EXTRACT FROM A LETTER FROM ELEANOR LANE*(nee Beare)*

I am afraid it will be impossible to come to the Old Girls' reunion as my family of five will be home for Whitsun, so I will have to convey my best wishes for your retirement in this letter.

I often think back to my school days at Stover, and think of them as some of the happiest, and there must be many others who think the same way. Since then, so much has happened and now my eldest, Gillian, almost sixteen, is taking her G.C.E. this summer and is hoping to pass enough subjects to enable her to go into the VIth Form and eventually to a teachers' training college, as she is very keen to become an Art teacher. Richard, my second, is just fourteen, and very good with his hands, especially at metal work. My third, Antony is eleven and at present his ambition is to be a chef on one of the liners, or a chicken farmer! Sally is nine and very fond of school and everything that goes with it. She is very fond of small children and would like to work in an orphanage when she grows up! Little Teresa is my baby, but she was four to-day and all too soon, she too, will be off to school. Already she knows her numbers up to ten and can spell her name.

I haven't mentioned my husband. He is an Illustrator at the Fawley Refinery, and teaches Art and Wood sculpture for the local adult education group. I manage to go to a pottery class once a week, which I find most enjoyable and such a change from the household chores!

I do hope you haven't found this too boring, but as I was one of your oldest pupils and well remember you taking over from your sister about thirty years ago, I felt I must write and tell you about my family.

Once again, I wish you everything you could wish for in your retirement.

EXTRACT FROM A LETTER FROM JUDY GROSE*(from Singapore)*

I have been meaning to write to you for ages to tell you all about Singapore, but this is one of those places that makes any effort seem like really hard work. I've been writing Christmas letters for two days and every time I finish one, it takes tremendous will-power to set to and write another.

Singapore is not a particularly nice place, and although I am glad to have come, because it was a wonderful chance to see something outside England, I shan't be sorry if I never see the place again! It's very hot and very steamy here, incredibly noisy and smelly and not beautiful at all really. The sea is a muddy sort of colour and never clear, and all ideas of sparkling blue tropical seas are rapidly knocked on the head. The population is mostly Chinese with some Malays and Indians. Most of the people live in frightful conditions with all their livestock in the same house—They all work very hard, but also spend lots of time squatting or lying full length at the side of the road. Parts of Singapore are very modern but you also see goats wandering around in the main streets and everyone cycles round, with pigs strapped on the backs of their bikes or in special side-cars. I think it's rather like China here with little paddy fields being worked by coolies in big hats, and coolies carrying huge weights on poles over their shoulders. The harbour is wonderful with every kind of ship and I've got some wonderful pictures of junks!

Commercially this is a tremendous centre, but life here for European women is far from ideal. One is fighting boredom all the time. There are no domestic duties as the amahs do these, and the sum of it all is that there is nothing to do but sit round swimming pools all day, and I can't bear this enforced idleness. The children get more and more spoilt because the amahs dote on them and they can do no wrong. I wanted to do some writing here, but one's brain just refuses to co-operate. I'm afraid the Far East has lost its attraction for me. I'm hoping to get to Hong Kong and Bangkok, where I might be able to see Naddy Thong-yai. I've had some very good sailing here and some water-skiing. A lot of riding goes on, on the Sultan of Johore's horses, and although I've met his family I haven't ridden there yet.

I'm coming home on board the Chusan on April 25th and shall be very glad to be home again. We call at about five places, and in Egypt I hope to see the Pyramids.

EXTRACT FROM A LETTER FROM JESSICA BARKER

4455 Via Bendita,

Santa Barbara, California, U.S.A.

June 11th, 1963

As you saw from the postcard I sent you I am in the U.S.A. and I thought you would like to know what I am doing. It seems impossible that I am actually here as I have been contemplating coming over for well over a year before finally coming to a decision. It is quite a big step to take on your own, and now I am here I must admit I feel very pleased with myself that I have at last done something worth while. The time has flown since I came here three months ago, and I am enjoying myself very much indeed. I came over here through an Agency in London and another in Pasadena. I was quite worn out with filling in forms for them as they really do have to know everything. I had to travel to London to go to the Embassy for X-rays, blood tests, medical examinations, etc., and then had to go before a Consular Officer and take an oath, swearing I would not be a Communist.

The journey over here was very tiring, and I slept for nearly two days after arriving! I came over the cheapest way which means changing planes four times. It was rather nerve racking, especially as I had never flown before. I went from London to Glasgow, to New York, to Los Angeles, and to Santa Barbara. It took 30 hours altogether, and I arrived in a sort of coma.

The first thing that struck me on arrival was the magnificent flowers. Coming from Britain in March after our hard winter I think made me appreciate them more, also California is at its best at that time because the rains come in the first few months of the year. From June on everything is rather dried up and brown. Geraniums grow just like weeds, covering whole banks in a thick mass. The climbing plants are very beautiful. I wish I could send some home. This is a great fruit growing area. There are lemon and orange plantations everywhere, plums, peaches, apricots and grapefruit are grown back in the mountain valleys where, I am told, they have frost at night to set the fruit, and hot day temperatures. Strawberries are grown as well, in the season and you can go up take a basket and pay one dollar and pick as many as you want. This goes for all the fruits.

Santa Barbara is situated between the mountains and the ocean. It is a holiday resort with some gorgeous beaches (where we spend most of our days off). It is an old Spanish town, although most of it is modern now. There are many traces of the past. There is the old Spanish Mission which is very attractive, and most interesting. All the streets have Spanish names and there are a number of large Spanish houses. The town has no sky-scrapers as it is within the earthquake area.

I must tell you about my work. I enjoy it very much especially as I have another English girl to work with. We do the housework, cooking, washing and ironing, etc., and when the parents are out, which is not very often we look after six children. Six children! You will say, but it is not as bad as it sounds. The three eldest look after themselves. They are 10, 11, and 13, and are far more grown-up than English children. The three youngest are all boys aged, 2, 4, 6, and I must admit are rather a handful at times. Mr. and Mrs. Spaulding, our employers are the nicest people we could wish to work for. We are given every consideration. For my 21st birthday which I had only a few weeks after I arrived, they gave me a transistor radio and an enormous birthday cake. They paid for me to take driving lessons (you have to take a test in California whether you have driven before or not), and when I passed my test presented me with a little Volkswagen just for us to go around in. It is a great help as we do not live right in the town, now we can go down almost every night and drink our coffee without worrying anyone. One day when I can pluck up enough courage we are going down to Los Angeles. It is difficult when you do not know your way around, as there are four or five lane highways and if you get in the wrong lane you have had it!

A few weeks ago a friend took me down to Los Angeles. We went along the coast road through Malibu Beach where all the film stars and the rich Los Angeles people have their beach houses. Some of the houses are fantastic, absolutely ultra-modern. In Los Angeles we went up Sunset Boulevard and to the famous Hollywood vine; we saw the Chinese theatre where famous movie stars have written their names and put their hand-prints on the paving stones. It was night time when we were there, the lights were something to see on their own. It seemed really strange to see all these places after hearing so much about them. I almost forgot, we went past the Perry Mason Studios. I looked hard but could not see Perry Mason anywhere. We came home via Hollywood which I have not yet explored. Soon we are going to be taken to Disneyland, and to one of the famous Hollywood night clubs. As you must have gathered, the Americans are very hospitable. They take us all over the place, and give us a really good time. We like them a lot.

Things over here are slightly more expensive to buy, but as wages are much higher it evens out. One thing that is much cheaper is petrol. It is just under half as much as it is in Britain. Food is marvellous over here. If you eat out you are sure to have a good meal. Since I came I have lived on Hamburgers. They are delicious! The super-markets are something to see, they sell everything; it is fascinating walking round and looking at everything. They sell many of the same brands as we have back home. It is rather disillusioning to find something that you thought was a good old English make is owned by an American Company.

Since I came here we have moved houses, for a while everything was complete chaos, but we have just about settled in now. The new house is big but has been made very modern and easy to clean. It is actually a ranch, in front there are corals where twenty-six horses are kept, six the Spauldings own and the rest are boarded here. There is a small race track where we go and watch them being exercised. We have a heated swimming pool which we can use any time we want. Life here, as you can imagine, is pretty good! Twice a week a woman comes in all day and does the house thoroughly so all we do is just keep it going. I hope I have given you some idea of what life is like here, and how I'm getting on.