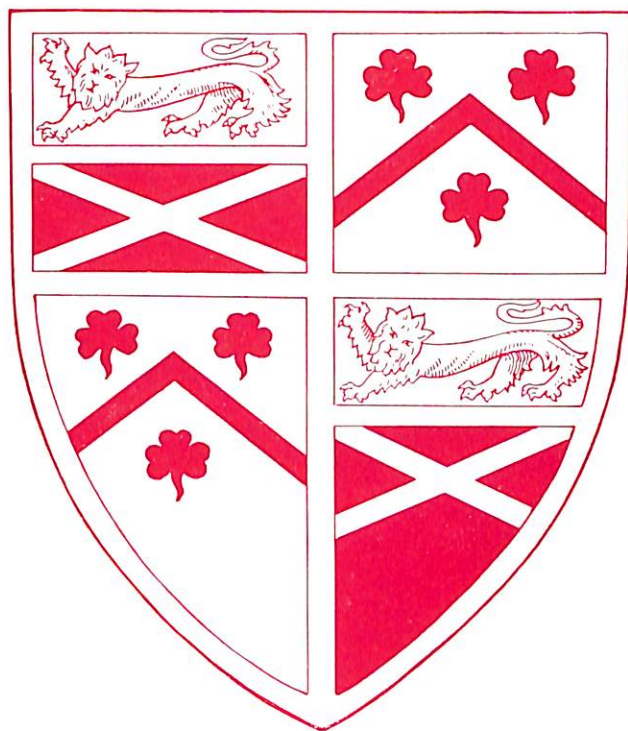
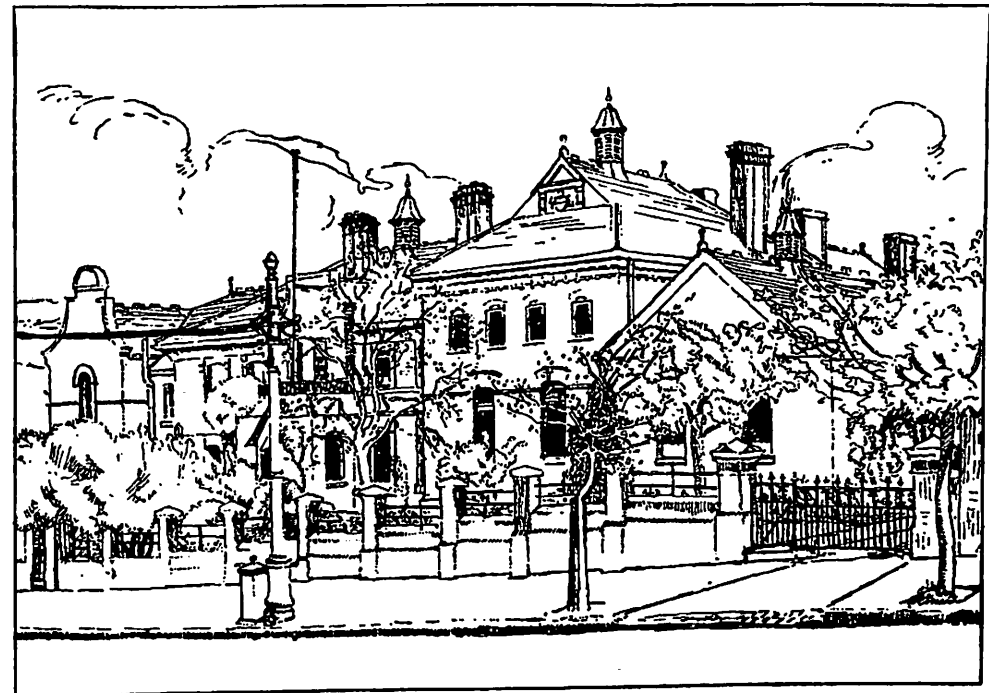


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THE DIAMOND JUBILEE YEAR 1888 - 1948

OUR Diamond Jubilee: another milestone in our history. "Sub umbra alarum tuarum." God has indeed watched over us, let us give thanks unto Him for His great benefits to us as members of this our School, particularly those of us who have been enrolled during these last difficult years. When we were wandering far from home in the strangest of "School buildings," our traditions and our history were a constant source of inspiration and courage to us all. We were deeply grateful for all that was accomplished under Miss Easton, Miss Sandford, and Sister Winefred Mary (Miss Methuen.) It was a great relief to me that the major part of the buildings in Maidstone Road were undamaged by enemy action and that we were able to return to them in 1943 and begin to build anew our School life, much of which had of necessity to be abandoned during evacuation.

"To build anew." Nevertheless, we have striven to incorporate in our common life all that is good and noble which previous generations have handed on to us. But to keep healthy all life must renew and if need be adapt itself.

The State is putting its house in order in the educational world—voluntary effort has blazed out the trail, but as the State awakens to its duty, voluntary organizations must be fitted into the general scheme, so the Governors await the sealing of the order to make this a Voluntary Controlled School. The changes involved are mainly administrative.

A change of which I think all Old Girls are now aware is the closing of the Junior School—another result of the passing of the Education Act of 1944. This Department has been closed down gradually, but the last generation passed out this Summer. They passed out with flying colours, for no less than twenty-four out of the twenty-six gained places in the Senior School. This was no mean achievement this year, for the standard of entrance was very high: in fact, to prevent hardship to this generation of children, the Authorities agreed exceptionally to increase the number of vacancies by a further form.

And so the School lives on. To all past members the present generation sends greetings and good wishes: we trust that we shall prove worthy of the heritage into which we have entered and serve our School as loyally and as devotedly as you.

R. BUTTERFIELD

DIAMOND JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

Friday, 7th May—Saturday, 8th May

It was quite impossible to have Celebrations on the scale of the previous Jubilee, but we marked Founders' Day as a red letter day.

FRIDAY, 7th MAY

FOUNDATION DAY

When we arrived in the morning we met girls with arms full of flowers of every colour—including the School colours. This was certainly a bright beginning to a happy and memorable day. When we assembled in the Hall, Miss Butterfield with Miss Main, Miss Gamble, and six Old Girls, each representing a different generation, gathered on the platform and were presented with bouquets. Then Mrs. Tooley (Rachel Craske), Mrs. Newcomb (Dorothy Willis), Gwen Stickland, Mrs. Ware (Muriel Auger), Mrs. Muggeridge (Mary Palmer), Mrs. Cotterill (Jeannie Hills), each introduced by Miss Butterfield, recalled for us their memories of the past, to our great enjoyment and delight. These were followed by Miss Main and Miss Gamble, who in antiphon, expressed their thoughts in verse. As it is impossible to record all the speeches, we are giving the earliest and latest records.

THE EARLIEST DAYS OF THE SCHOOL

by Rachel Tooley

I have wanted to talk to you for a long while because so much happened in those early days, which is not recorded but which I feel you should know. My two eldest sisters went to school on the first day: my third sister went in 1894 and I was there from 1896-1907. It was a happy place and it was there we found our friends and interests. The first Head Mistress, Miss Easton, was a wise and delightful woman; a friend to us all, and she chose her staff so cleverly. We were well taught and well disciplined, but we had great freedom and scope for initiative. Our transport to School in those early days would have amused you: one person rode to School on a donkey, another on a pony, and my family drove in a wagonette or dog cart. In 1898 my sister Patty rode to School on a bicycle. Father had to get Miss Easton's permission and it created quite a sensation. Lessons were from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. When we got to the IVs and onward, we started drawing lessons on Monday afternoons, with Mr. Ward and Mr. Ternouth. In the VA and VI we did chemistry on Wednesdays. On Fridays we had dancing with Miss Turner, a wonderful woman, who could put a finger on any defect in poise or manner and make us realize it, but we never resented her criticism. Miss Ellis took us for drill. We loved the ball exercises and dumb bells and skipping. But in 1902 Rochester Girls' School took a real step forward and we had a P.T. Mistress from Dartford, Miss Kingswell. She wore a tunic which only reached to the knee. A fresh world was opened to us and we went home and bullied our mothers to let us have tunics.

Games were voluntary. Tennis, cricket and rounders in the summer and in the winter, hockey. We played on Tuesdays and Thursdays. We had a grand hockey coach in the early days, Miss Stoneman. She was also an excellent classics Mistress.

Edith Clarke and Sybil Chambré, two of her products, both, eventually, played hockey for England. Our ground was rough and sloping, but we thought it perfect. We played a practice match against the Rochester Ladies' Club on Thursdays on their ground just above ours, but that was stopped and hockey disallowed on that pitch after a cow died and the post-mortem revealed two safety pins and a hair pin inside her. We played other matches, too, v. Bromley High School, Milton Mount and Maidstone Girls' School. Speech Day was held in the Hall and was long and arduous. We had many speeches and pianoforte solos. Our Mothers were regaled with tea and a biscuit in the middle. We, who were packed like sardines, on tiers of red baize steps at the gallery end, had nothing to buoy us up except the thought of a holiday the next Monday: a foregone conclusion! The Xmas concert consisted of a series of "turns": each form did something. No men's costumes were allowed in the early days and legs had to be camouflaged.

THOSE WERE THE DAYS

E.H.B.M. and I.M.G.

When Queen Victoria ruled the land,
Girls' schools, they were not many,
Of Grammar Schools, indeed in Kent,
Bar one, there were not any.

Wise men and women then declared,
"Oh Rochester! how shocking!"
To vie with boys in barning sound,
Girls need be no blue stocking.

But that was 60 years ago,
When women wore the bustle,
Like swans they glided to their tasks,
They knew not our mad hustle.

No gym. had they, like yours to-day,
No horse, no bars, no tumbles,
To cultivate deportment rare,
They flourished clubs and dumb-bells.

And in the kindergarten here,
Little boys of tender years,
With little girls did writing learn,
And sums, and reading without tears.

And now our girls in every field,
Were reaping laurels, rich and rare,
You've but to view the Honours Board,
And read their names, in writing fair.

At famous Universities,
They gained their Medical Degrees,
In music, Dancing, Art and Gym.,
They made their way with skill and ease.

A brilliant record had our School,
And many a girl could swim the mile,
They won fine medals for their skill,
And swam like any crocodile.

And Horticulture was not spurned,
For there, where now the Labs. do stand,
Were gardens, one for every form,
To lure the young "Back to the Land."

And every form, in those far days,
Flaunted a colour of its own,
A flaming scarlet for the VIth,
VA a blue, of royal tone.

The reason for these colours gay,
Was that each form 'gainst others vied,
In matches, competitions, sports,
In winning through, they took great
pride.

'Twas not till 1936,
That Houses were established here,
It was the girls who chose the names,
Of Saints, a shield 'gainst every fear.

At last in 1942,
With joy we came back to our own,
Our task was then to build anew,
And not our losses to bemoan.

And ever since, Head, Staff and Girls,
Have striven to reshape, remould,
Of best and fairest in our School,
Restoring her tradition old.

THE SERVICE IN THE CATHEDRAL

At 11.30 we had our Service in the Cathedral, and this year Miss Sandford was able to be with us. The Dean and the Sacrist conducted the Service. Bishop Guy Warman preached. We are privileged to have our services in the Cathedral, but on a special occasion as this, we appreciate it even more. The milestones the School has passed in its brief life are few in comparison with the long history of this great building. It was a great pleasure to have parents and a number of Old Girls with us, some of whom remembered the first day of the opening of the School and made a great link with the past.

THE EXHIBITION

During the Dinner Hour there was an exhibition of interesting portraits, photographs, and silver trophies in the Laboratories. The silver trowel used by Mrs. Wingent when she laid the Foundation Stone of the School in 1888 was on view, and the Head Girl's badge, presented to us by the Mathematical School on our fiftieth anniversary. A set of School Magazines were able to be seen, unfortunately not quite a complete record of past events, as some very early copies have not been preserved, and films were shown, including two taken by Miss Ritson on our first Jubilee.

Three Head Mistresses have preceded Miss Butterfield in the history of the School, and their portraits were exhibited during the Jubilee and are now hanging in the Entrance Hall. That of Miss Elizabeth Easton was presented by the Old Girls in her memory. The Staff gave the one of Miss Sandford when she left in 1934, and that of Miss Methuen on her resignation in 1939.

A MUSICAL PROGRAMME

The day was completed by a musical afternoon in which we heard the beautiful notes of the flute played by Mr. Flack, and learned to appreciate it by his skilful playing. Mr. Flack illustrated the development of the instrument during the last 4000 years and invited some of us to try to play it; when, to our surprise, no sound came but a gasp, we realized how difficult an instrument it is to play.

So ended our Jubilee celebrations, and we had thoroughly enjoyed them. For some of us it was our last term at the School, and we shall remember this day, which had made us realize more the tradition and history of the School.

J. Waterman, VI; D. Underhill, VA; J. Perryman and P. Revasse, VI.

SATURDAY, 8th MAY

CORPORATE COMMUNION SERVICES

Members of the Governing Body, Staff, Old Girls, and a considerable number of Senior Girls met for Corporate Communion Services at 8 o'clock on Saturday morning. The Dean (The Very Rev. T. Crick) was the Celebrant in the Cathedral and was assisted by the Archdeacon (The Ven. W. M. Browne), and the Sacrist (The Rev. H. G. Welch). At the Vines Congregational Church, The Rev. A. M. Brakenrig conducted the Service for members of the Free Churches and Father O'Riordan offered Mass in thanksgiving at St. Michael's Church, Chatham.

OLD GIRLS' DINNER

At 6.30 p.m., 190 Old Girls of the School met for the Diamond Jubilee Dinner, held in the School Hall. During the evening music was provided by Miss Nellie Daniels and her friends, Miss Frances French and Gladys Richman. We were very happy to have with us the Chairman of the Governors, Alderman F. C. A. Matthews, who proposed the toast of "His Majesty the King." Miss Sandford proposed, and Miss Butterfield replied to, the toast of "The School," Miss Main introduced the toast to the "Staff," and Miss Seward responded, while Mrs. Tooley gave "The Association," and was followed by Mrs. Ware. The evening can best be described in the words of two Old Girls who were present.

DIAMOND JUBILEE

by Rose Standfield

OUT of the train and down the steps and across the station yard . . . Star Hill . . . Maidstone Road and the comfortable-looking red brick building once again. All the same so far. Then up the steps and through the door and the first of my contemporaries greets me with: "You may not know it, but I have fifteen grandchildren." Or did she say sixteen? And am I twelve years old, the first pupil registered under Miss Sandford's new régime (my sole claim to distinction)? Or is it a good forty years on? Difficult to get one's mind quite clear. Everyone looks just the same—Miss Sandford, Miss Sprules, Miss Bagster, Eliza, my confederates of IVA—my admired friends of the Sixth. No difference that I can see. The School looks the same, too. But no, not quite the same. I remember the first appearance of the Honours Boards. I thought there was space there for the next hundred years at least; they look a little crowded already. And where are the pictures that hung in the Hall? Where is that complicated one of the sinister individual holding up a ring to the frightened gaze of the beauteous dame?

Gone. So it really is forty years on, and the Diamond Jubilee of the School that has always been our pride and joy. I suspect that mine is not the only hat badge preserved in a treasure box.

Miss Sandford told us of the early beginnings of the School, and how it went through the 1914 War. Miss Butterfield took up the story and told us how things went

in this last war that came so much nearer to our gates. Miss Grosholz, who was here—as a pupil—on the very first day of School, sang the solo in the School song.

A lot of thoughts crowd into one's mind. What a miracle that we can be all together in the School for this occasion. Miss Sandford reminded us of our motto, "Sub Umbra Alarum Tuarum." But I think it was already in our minds.

THE TOAST TO THE ASSOCIATION

by Mrs. R. Tooley

I AM very glad to have one more opportunity of saying publicly how proud I am to be an Old Girl of the R.G.G.S. and how grateful I feel. Why are we so grateful? The chief reasons are that the School has given us our friends and our memories. Our friends, sometimes, pass on before us but we always have our memories and they are often so happy. We wish some of our old friends from the early days were here. Miss Easton—our gracious and wise Head Mistress, and the first President of the Association when it was formed in 1896; Alice Willis (Mrs. MacLellan), our first secretary; Lily Bell (Mrs. Fairweather), our first treasurer and Ella Jefferiss (Mrs. Darlington), the first editor of our magazine. Their spirits are with us: nothing can banish them from the School. We are so glad to have Miss Sandford with us and I can now tell Miss Butterfield from us all, how grateful we are for the way she has welcomed us and treated us so kindly.

May I say a few words to the new Old Girls. Some of you are at a School festival for the first time. Eventually you will be responsible for the running of the Association. Let your friends who are still at School see that we, as a body, wield power and carry the traditions of the School into the world: loyalty, sincerity of purpose and friendliness. Girls of the type that Rochester Grammar School turns out, are needed to-day in the world, more than ever before. Let the Association grow stronger and stronger and let us never cease to be grateful to the Rochester Grammar School.

GREETINGS FROM OLD GIRLS PRESENT ON THE DAY THE SCHOOL WAS OPENED

THE occasion of the Diamond Jubilee sent me back in memory to my early school-days, and reminded me that belonging to a *new* school had certain advantages. To be sure, we had no traditions to fill us with pride, but we had the compensation of continually assisting at new and exciting developments. I remember the introduction of hockey, and the opening of the tennis courts; the acquisition of the school song—words by Miss Ashford, music by Miss Symons—and of the School colours; the intense excitement over the results of the first public examinations, and the first scholarships to the Universities. Incredible though it seems, I remember the two girls who first ventured to come to school on bicycles!

So now that the School is old, with an established tradition, I send greetings and congratulations to all its members, past and present, with best wishes for a prosperous and adventurous future.

LUCKLEY, WOKINGHAM, BERKS.

As an Old Girl who entered the School in the first year of its life, I send hearty congratulations on its 60th anniversary. How well I remember the thrill of being taught by Newnham scholars who had gained "Honours Finals" and could tell us of the joys of life at Cambridge, and the jubilation of the first VI Form (seven of us in the little narrow room outside the Music cubicles) when Miss Ashford told us that Philippa Fawcett had been placed above the Senior Wrangler in the Mathematical Tripos. Now my own School, Luckley, is 30 years old and my VI Form girls make their way to Oxford and Cambridge.

Greetings to our contemporaries and best wishes for the continued happiness and success of our old School from—

Bertha and Catharine Drake.

DUMPTON CLOSE, WIMBORNE, DORSET.

We four were some of the original pupils at the School and we all loved every moment of our School time—though I do not think that, until later, we realized what an exceptional staff we then had at Rochester.

My sister Alice died many years ago, but the other three, Mary, Enid, and myself, Constance, are still "going strong."

Mary and Enid have, since the war, retired from active teaching but I am still teaching the terrible subjects for the modern child, Mathematics and Latin.

All good wishes to the School from—

M. E. Athawes, E. E. Athawes, C. M. Athawes.

Greetings to the few who so bravely became the School's first pupils 60 years ago. I wonder if you remember how shy and awkward we were and how big and empty the building seemed after the governess-at-home or small private school to which we were accustomed, and how comfort came to us in the shape of a lovely desk of one's own. My love to you aged one, and to you young ones who are at the School now and to the myriads who came in between.

Mary L. Roche (née Craske).

EARLY MEMORIES OF THE SCHOOL BOARDING HOUSE

"OVERDALE," FYRD WAY, FAIRLIGHT, HASTINGS.

SEVEN Old Girls and Eliza met for lunch on 27th May, at Faversham. All seven left school over forty years ago and we were all boarders. At one time twenty boarders lived at Trevine with a boarding house mistress, who took us to School every morning in a "crocodile" and fetched us again at 4 p.m. No one was allowed outside the School until both her gloves were on.

In those days we had no cinemas, no wireless, no telephone, no taxis and no electric light. At dusk a maid went round and lighted the gas. I wonder if the girls of to-day are any happier than we were then.

Yesterday we talked of the fun we used to have. How the stairs creaked when we tried to visit other dormitories for midnight feasts, and how we enjoyed our dinners at

School. Such treacle tart and rissoles we have never tasted since! Our other meals were very plain, but we ate quantities of bread and butter. Occasionally someone misjudged our appetites—there was no more stale bread and platefuls of “new” bread and butter were put before us. On these rare occasions we ate enormous quantities, as we were always allowed all the bread and butter we wanted.

For tea we had one slice of bread and jam each and bread and butter, and a piece of plain cake each on Sundays. For supper we had two biscuits each, bread and butter and water to drink. But for Saturday tea, if any boarder ranked “A” for her week’s School work, each of us had a bun with white icing and a cherry on top. If anyone was in “D,” she had to go to School on Saturday morning, and the mistresses took turns to be there. How we worked for those buns and what a treat they were, as there were many weeks when no boarder was in “A.” Even now I never see a bun with white icing and a cherry on top without thinking to myself: “‘A’ buns!”

We all enjoyed our meeting very much and we would be pleased to hear from any other old boarder who would like to be with us next time. *Joan Thomas (née Crapper).*

THE FIRST TREASURER OF THE O.G.A.

THE first meeting was called by Miss Easton on 15th February, 1896, to consider the formation of an Old Girls’ Association. It was decided to form a Committee of twelve members. The first Committee was: Miss Easton (President), Miss Freeman (Vice-President), Alice Willis (Secretary), Lily Bell (Treasurer), Mary and Alice Athawes, Elise Grosholz, Marianne Dunstall, Ella Jefferiss, Nancy Green, Amy Cartwright, Miss Helen Symons and Miss Ethel Cunliffe. A number of sections were formed, of which only three survived for long—

1. The magazine was started and run by the O.G.A.

2. The contribution of a garment, dressed doll, or hand-made toy for Christmas.

3. “Visiting Section.” Fortnightly visits to the Workhouse and St. Bart’s. The former did not last long, but Elise and I visited the Hospital till the end of the First World War, when I left Rochester. Our scene of action was Watts Ward (now, alas! re-named), but during a smallpox epidemic, when visitors were not allowed, we took on the other wards as well. The earliest numbers I have are 107, the same summer.

Maud Fairweather (née Bell).

A GREETING FROM THE FIRST EDITOR OF THE MAGAZINE

“THE KNOLL,” BURLEIGH, NR. STROUD.

I HAVE had a letter telling me that I was the first editor of the R.G.G.S. Magazine. So I was! but all I can remember about that Magazine is its yellow cover.* The School, however, occasionally visits me in one of these recurrent worry-dreams we all have. I am going in at the wrong front door, and keep wandering round trying to find the cloakroom but always getting into the kitchen.

* The School does not possess a copy of this Magazine, and would be grateful for one, and for any of the succeeding numbers up to No. 19.—*Editor.*

One always associates Diamond Jubilees with the picture of a stout little old lady in a crown and diamond necklace, with a broad blue sash across her noble bust, but as apparently schools can also have jubilees, probably it is in order for an ancient who was present at the birth of the R.G.G.S. to reminisce. Upon a day when the new School looked very bare and brickly, and smelt of varnish and plaster, there assembled in the Third Form room a gathering of Mary Athawes, Mary Craske, Violet Earle, Bertha Drake, Amy Cartwright, Maude Westcombe, Ella Jefferiss “and all” (the nucleus of the future Senior Cambridge), together with a mob of the lesser fry for entrance exam. purposes. We were met by our future Head Mistress, in glasses and a beaming smile, with her faithful satellite, Miss Ellis, who never beamed but who, on the other hand, was never catty nor snippy nor unfair. Later on we were introduced to the admirable Freeman, the breezy and enthusiastic Ashford, and the charming Mademoiselle Vincent.

The R.G.G.S. came to the present writer as a blessed relief after a year at a “Ladies’ School,” where a shy thirteen-year-old who had previously known only morning governesses felt terribly “out of the picture.” She didn’t know any boys, her clothes, of the blouse and serge skirt order, were not stylish, and as she was not allowed to wear corsets she was unable to take part in the small-waist competition in which one of the boarders had reached eighteen inches.

Then there was the humiliation shared every Monday morning, with half-a-dozen other Nonconformist Ishmaels, when the Vicar came for “Prayer book and Catechism,” of being herded into an empty room to “do” “*La canne de jonc*,” and scribble hopeless translations into exercise books that were never corrected. Following all this, the R.G.G.S. came as a mountain breeze after a stuffy room.

Many years afterwards, when teaching English in a Tokyo girls’ High School, I found that it was modelled on broadly the same lines as our old Grammar School, except that at the end of each forty minutes’ period, the teachers retired for ten minutes to the teachers’ room, where they refreshed themselves with *kocha* (Japanese tea without milk or sugar).

Yes, with pleasure this old Old Girl greets, on its Diamond Jubilee, the School where she was happy.

Ella Darlington (née Jefferiss).

JUBILEE LOAN FUND

THIS seems an appropriate opportunity to speak of the Jubilee Loan Fund, which was opened ten years ago after our Jubilee in 1938. It is used both for loans and grants, to give assistance to senior girls who are leaving with a good School record, to start their careers. This year we have been able to help three girls with loans to further their training, and as in the past some money has been used as grants; this has reduced the capital, and we shall be most grateful for any gifts of money from friends of the School to increase the fund.

EPILOGUE 1888 - 1948



This, then, is yours: to build exultingly
The Knowledgeable towers above base wars.
That so Man's mind, not conquer'd by his clay,
May sit above his fate,
Inhabiting the purpose of the stars,
And trade with his Eternity.

*"The Ceremonial Ode" by Lascelles Abercrombie
From "Interludes and Poems" published by The Bodley Head*

1948 EDITORIAL

KENT EDUCATION COMMITTEE

We offer our sincere congratulations to **Sir William Nottidge**, Chairman of the Kent Education Committee who received a knighthood in the Birthday Honours List this year, for his devoted service to Education in Kent.

GOVERNORS

It is with grief we record the death of **Mrs. Granville Winch** on 19th May of this year. Mrs Winch entered the School as a girl on the day of its opening in 1888, served on its governing body for many years and died in the year of its Diamond Jubilee. She was a J.P. and on many Committees in the City, but her deepest interest lay in the welfare of children, and her work in the Children's Court she retained almost to the end of her life. We recall her presence upon all our School occasions and her generous hospitality to the Staff in her beautiful home at Gads Hill. One who had such close links with us for so long will always remain fresh in our remembrance.

During the year Colonel A. A. Hawkes and Mr. T. Roberts have resigned. Alderman H. S. Stearne no longer serves as the representative of the Bridge Wardens, we welcome Alderman H. J. Pinch to the Board in his stead. Owing to the change in representation of the Chatham Town Council, Mrs. Freeman returns to the Governing Body and we are happy to welcome her.

THE STAFF

Mrs. Dunn, who was appointed as additional Science Mistress in September, 1947, was able to remain with us only for a short time to our regret, and next term **Miss Batchelor**, B.Sc.(London), comes to fill her place.

We were very sorry to say goodbye to Miss Worthington and Miss Stibbs at the end of the Summer term. **Miss Stibbs** left us to be married to Mr. Mitchell, and in wishing her every happiness in her new home we are glad that her nearness will enable us to keep in touch with her. **Miss Worthington** has joined the Staff of Tottenham County School and we hope she will continue to find scope for her interest in and knowledge of films, which she gave to both Staff and Girls. We thank them both for the help they gave us during their time with us. Next term we welcome **Miss Krall**, B.A.(Oxon), to teach German; **Miss Pearce**, B.A.(London), to teach Geography. **Mrs. Howard**, our new House Keeper, joined the Staff last October.

GIRLS

The **Alderman Price Memorial Cup** awarded for Drama was won by St. Andrew's House; **The Lady Darnley Cup** by Gillian Metcalf and Margaret Farrow; **The Pentathlon Cup** by Mavis Harrison, who holds it for a second year. At the Annual Competition, arranged by the Rochester Library Committee, P. Wilkinson was placed 1st and P. Rock 3rd in the section for Book Cover Designs.

GIFTS AND ACQUISITIONS

We are grateful to Mrs. Rudolph (**Phyllis Camp**) for her kindness in again sending us The National Geographical Magazine of Canada, which is highly appreciated by both Staff and Girls.

Our thanks are also due to **Joyce Hibberd** who gave us "Indian Art" and "The Screwtape Letters" for the Library in memory of the Jubilee. A most acceptable gift.

During the holidays the School has been painted within and without. The Hall is decorated in cream and looks very fresh and light, and the rest of the building in green and cream, but the green is lighter in colour than the old dark green.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

We acknowledge with thanks, the receipt of all the magazines which have been sent to us and which have been read with much interest.

We should like to express our gratitude to our printers, Messrs. Fyson & Co., of Bath who have now published our magazine for twenty years in an unbroken record since 1929. Without their kind co-operation and help, it would have been quite impossible to have a Special Number this year and we thank them for all the thought and care they have given to the production of both our Jubilee Editions in this year and in 1938, and for the high standard of all the School magazines in the past.

EVENTS OF THE YEAR

ROYAL EVENTS

20TH NOVEMBER, 1947. The School was given a holiday to celebrate the Wedding of H.R.H. the Princess Elizabeth to the Duke of Edinburgh.

26TH APRIL, 1948. The Anniversary of the Silver Wedding of Their Majesties King George VI and Queen Elizabeth. A half-holiday was granted at the King's request.

21ST JULY, 1948. His Majesty the King passed through Rochester on his way to inspect Naval Establishments at the Nore. The School lined the route at the junction of Northgate with Corporation Street, to welcome His Majesty to the Medway Towns.

PRIZE-GIVING, 1947

THE afternoon of Wednesday, 29th October, saw the Grammar School in white blouses and unbelievably spotless gym-tunics, assembled in the Corn Exchange for Prize-giving. On the platform were the Governors, the Mayors of Rochester and Chatham, and Mr. Birchenough, the retiring Kent Education Committee's chief inspector, who had kindly consented to present the prizes.

Alderman F. C. Matthews, the Chairman of the Governors, opened the proceedings with a short speech in which he said that although there would be differences in the way the Grammar School and the Mathematical School would be governed, he hoped they would continue to "go hand in hand" as they had done in the past. Then came a programme of music arranged by Miss Turner, who had chosen some delightful songs for us, those sung by the junior forms being especially lively. Miss Butterfield then gave her report. She referred to the grief of the School at the death of Miss Hepworth and to the retirement of Miss Main and Miss Gamble, who for so many years had formed such an integral part of the life of the School. We should, in future, be a Voluntary Controlled school so that this would be the last time we should see our present Governors on the platform. Miss Butterfield then spoke of the recent re-decoration of the School and the need, among us, of appreciating orderliness and beauty.

The more distinguished of our members then went up to receive prizes and cups from Mr. Birchenough, and when all the prizes had been distributed Mr. Birchenough made his speech. He told us not to be discouraged by the rather poor examination results as the effects of war and evacuation could not be wiped out at once. He gave us some views on education which, he said, should not confine itself to the assimilation of knowledge but should have a much broader meaning. "Every girl here has a diversity of gifts," he said, "and you should develop those gifts in the service of others"—a thought that will give us all something to consider.

Canon McKean then proposed a vote of thanks to all our speakers that was delightful in its brevity, and we all stood to sing the School Song, followed by the National Anthem, which brought to a close a memorable afternoon.

M. James, VI.

SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

THE singing at School Prayers is now led by the choir from the balcony, and on Fridays, as in past years, they are accompanied by the School Orchestra.

During the year visitors have come to take the service and to give a short address.

Canon Fison, who visited us just before Christmas, spoke of the Church of the Nativity at Bethlehem, and of the need of becoming child-like in order to know God. Rev. W. S. Liddell emphasized the need of discipline in the Christian life, illustrating his point by the force of a river's current when it is bounded by banks. The subject of Deaconess Wyon's talk was growth in religion, and especially in prayer.

Our other two visitors were vicars of parishes in Rochester. Rev. C. N. Wardle-Harpur talked about seeing God in everyday things, in the fun of the games field and the work of the classroom; as Moses had a vision of God in the bush that burned in the sunset. The Rev. G. E. Parsons, Vicar of the Parish of St. Peter, concluded the series in the Summer Term with an address on Encouragement.

GOD OF CREATION

ON the last morning of the Summer Term, the School was shown a film entitled "God of Creation." It was unfortunately very difficult to hear the commentary, but the film itself was beautifully coloured and most interesting. The material included wonders of creation, from stars to Paramecium. It was fascinating to watch every minute detail of the process by which a caterpillar changes into a chrysalis and then into a butterfly, or of the way that a poppy opens and closes its petals, and to remember that these, no less than the myriads of stars as many as all the grains of sands on all the sea-shores of the world, are the work of God's hand.

LECTURES AND CONFERENCES

LECTURE ON THE LEAGUE OF PITY

ON 16th October Miss Rowledge spoke to the junior members of the School of the work of the N.S.P.C.C., of which the League of Pity is a branch.

She described the activities of the Society in caring for children—ill-treated children, neglected children, unhappy children.

The majority of the cases investigated by the Society are reported to its inspectors by the police, social workers, or private individuals. The Society tries to prevent cruelty rather than cure it, for much can be done without seeking a court prosecution.

Miss Rowledge concluded her talk with a brief outline of the origin of the Society in the work of Lord Shaftesbury and his friends. She mentioned how in its early days a man could be prosecuted for cruelty to an animal, but not to a child.

THE WORLD OF THE WHITETHROAT

ON 12th November Miss Maxse gave us a very interesting talk, with beautiful photographs, of the World of the Whitethroat. She contrasted the very untidy nest of the whitethroat with that of the swallow, who builds beautifully under the eaves, a nest so tiny that there seems hardly room for the young swallows. The birds, who build their nests on the beach, like the winged plover, lay eggs very like the pebbles, but if they are disturbed, the bird realizes it and will rearrange them to her liking. The kingfisher bores a long tunnel in the bank of a stream for its nest, while the partridge nests generally in long grass. When the young partridges are only six hours old, they follow their parents into the cornfields, but because the parents have no sense of responsibility the young partridges are sometimes drowned in the rain. Miss Maxse then showed us photographs of the Stone Curlew and the Long-tailed Tit, which builds a nest with a roof, made of bark, and with lichen most carefully wound round it. The birds of the hedgerow are one of God's greatest gifts to mankind, each singing its own song, and each with its own ways that repay a lifetime of study.

THE FOURTH STUDENT CHRISTIAN MOVEMENT CONFERENCE

THIS year the S.C.M. Conference was held in our School, when Miss Butterfield was in the chair to welcome the members. The Rev. R. C. Walton, M.A., opened the subject of the first day, "The Christian View of Life," and his theme was that without a personal God the universe has no meaning. The second day, The Rev. E. A. Willis, B.Sc., spoke on the subject "The Christian Way of Life," and said that a right conception of God and the Church was essential and by this we should live and grow in power. After the addresses we adjourned to our groups for discussion under the leadership of Miss Mitchell, Miss White, and Miss Brittain, The Rev. N. Wardle-Harpur, The Rev. A. C. Ford, Mr. Gilbert, Mr. Cheeseman and Mr. Gillespie. The questions put forward were lively and full of interest, but too many for the short time available. Tea followed, and during this welcome break, we were able to talk to those of other Schools and study the books on the bookstall. After half an hour we gathered in the Hall for the answers to our questions, which ranged from "How do we know there is a God?" to "Is it necessary to belong to a Christian institution to be a christian?" There was an innovation this year, for instead of having several people to answer questions, the speakers answered them, with Mr. Dale as "The Devil's Advocate." We missed the variety of opinions of previous years, but as we were allowed to submit questions at intervals, the change was interesting, and at 6.15, when the Conference ended, we felt the meeting had been enjoyable.

THE CHILD'S WORLD OF BOOKS

Exhibition, 2nd-6th March

ON Tuesday, 2nd March, as the School building was needed for the Special Place Examination, the girls had a holiday and some were able to go to the Exhibition of Books organized by the Library Committee of the Medway Towns at the Town Hall, Chatham. The Exhibition was opened by Enid Blyton, and during the week, many famous authors and personalities gave talks. Commander Campbell conducted a Brains Trust, Eric Gillett spoke on Films, Lionel Gamlin on Children's Scrapbooks, Harcourt Williams on The Junior Theatre, Malcolm Saville on Countryside Adventures, and Dorita Fairlie Bruce on School Days. One section of the Hall was devoted to "The Making of a Book," in which all the stages of printing was shown; the making of the paper and blocks for illustration; the composing and setting-up of the type; and finally the binding. The Exhibition was well arranged and should encourage a wider use of the libraries and a greater love of reading.

AN AFTERNOON WITH THE DICKENS FELLOWSHIP

ON 20th May the Dickens Fellowship invited the School to take part in "A Dickens Quiz" at Eastgate House. Margaret Webb (VIc) and Wendy Price (VbH) represented the School, and together with John Wigley and Gerald Stibbs from the Mathematical School were matched against Miss Daniels, Mrs. Couchman, Mr. Appleton

and Mr. Purle (Senior) of the Dickens Fellowship. The curator of the Museum, Mr. J. H. Bolton, was Question Master and Mrs. Warren Hastings the Recorder; the questions chosen dealt with details of Dickens' life, and the popularity of his books, with special reference to *Great Expectations*, *Edwin Drood*, *A Christmas Carol*, *David Copperfield*, and *A Tale of Two Cities*. The visiting team lost by one point, and were congratulated by the President, Mr. R. E. Rigg, who offered them a cordial invitation to join the Dickens Fellowship, and this is extended to any other senior members of the School.

EXPEDITIONS

VISITS TO THE BALLET

"THE SLEEPING PRINCESS"

A PARTY from the middle school were taken by Miss Barron, Miss Seward and Miss Kirsop to see the ballet "The Sleeping Princess" at Covent Garden. The whole party enjoyed themselves immensely for the dancing was beautiful and Beryl Grey, who took the part of Princess Aurora, danced very expressively while the make-up of the wicked fairy with her green eyes and long nails flashing in the light made a good contrast. The setting was also beautiful, and the scene where everyone falls asleep was carefully worked out, for curtain upon curtain of grey muslin with huge spiders and cobwebs on them, came down until it looked as if it really were all covered in dust; then as the Prince kissed the Princess the whole stage was transformed into one of great brilliance and splendour, making a beautiful setting for the final scene.

A. Hollands, VA; M. Tucker, VB.

"SWAN-LAKE"

On Saturday, 1st May, Miss Barron, accompanied by several other members of the Staff, took a party of us from the Middle and Senior School, to Covent Garden to see the "Swan-Lake" ballet.

We all met at School, in the morning, from where two coaches conveyed us to the Opera House. On the journey we ate the sandwich-lunch which we had taken with us, and excitedly discussed the programme which we were to enjoy.

The seats which were chosen for us, were ideal, both for hearing the music and enjoying the effective scenery of the ballet. We all were enthralled from the beginning of the overture to the dramatic ending of Act IV. Beryl Grey in the combined rôle of Odette-Odile, and John Hart as Prince Siegfried, were outstanding, and many of us bought photographs of them in the intervals. The final scene by the lakeside was particularly beautiful.

We returned to Rochester, deeply indebted to Miss Barron for having arranged for us such a memorable afternoon.

A VISIT TO LONDON

THE JOYOUS PAGEANT OF THE HOLY NATIVITY

ON 6th December, 1947, Miss Hulland took a party of girls to see "The Joyous Pageant of the Holy Nativity," performed by the Graham Street Players, at the Chelsea Palace, London.

In the morning there was a visit to the Tower of London where one could gaze on all kinds of historical objects and wonder what thrilling tales they could tell, and stare in amazement at the crown jewels, and scarcely believe that they were only imitation.

After lunch we went on to the Chelsea Palace. Its music-hall atmosphere was completely transformed, from the moment when the whole audience stood to sing "Come Holy Ghost, our souls inspire"—a transformation as complete as that of the first character, who appeared as an old night watchman, then, flinging off his russet cloak, revealed himself as the Angel Gabriel clothed in blue and shining gold. After two scenes of the childhood and girlhood of the Blessed Virgin Mary came a most beautiful scene of the Annunciation, during which tiny cherubs dressed her in a blue robe, and the tiniest of all, scarcely able to do more than toddle, presented her with a lily.

The scene at the inn was most unusual, depicting the luxurious revelry of the guests, in vivid contrast to the later shepherd scene. After the simple beauty of the stable scene came the gorgeous pageantry of the visit of the kings, whose magnificent procession wound its way through the auditorium to worship the Baby King. The scene of the Presentation in the Temple was beautified by all the solemnity of worship, then after another glimpse of the Angel Gabriel warning St. Joseph to flee, came the scene of the Vigil of the Innocents in which again the tiny cherubs took part.

In the last scene, the Return from Egypt, the little Child Jesus was acknowledged as King by all who had been taking part in the pageant, but even while He was accepting their homage he stretched out his little hand to take from among the proffered crowns, the Crown of Thorns.

Hymns and carols, liturgical and instrumental music, all contributed to the beauty of the pageant, and the gorgeousness of the colouring was almost dazzling. It was as though the well-known pictures of the Italian masters had come to life in all their splendour to announce once again the eternal glad tidings of the Holy Nativity.

L. Hanchett and others.

TENNIS AT WIMBLEDON

MONDAY, 28th June—Wimbledon again, and how it poured! Nevertheless, two coaches of Senior School enthusiasts drove off for the championships, fervently hoping that the weather would break. Luckily, the sun *was* shining by the time the first matches started. We saw Rudge Patty playing a very lethargic game against John Bromwich, the ambidextrous Australian. Between showers we also saw Jean Bostock, Margaret Osborne, Pat Todd and Joan Curry slithering about on the treacherous courts with

men's thick socks over their white shoes. Joy Gannon and Jean Quertier played brilliantly against the intriguing Shirley Fry and Mrs. Prentiss of America, while Kay Stammers and Louise Brough, as well as Tony Mottram and Lennart Bergolia certainly inspired and thrilled us all.

Needless to say, Wimbledon was the sole topic of conversation for weeks before and after.

M. Harrison, VIA.

HOCKEY AT THE OVAL

THE International match at the Oval this year was between England and Scotland on 6th March. Thanks to Miss Barron, many of us from school were able to go to support our favourite team.

We arrived in high spirits to find that the fog was so thick that we could only see dim shapes brandishing their hockey sticks at the far end of the pitch. The players were heralded on to the field in fine style by two inspiring pipers in complete national costume.

Members of the Grammar School were particularly interested in this match because the English right half was the sister of Miss Ereaut, our former Domestic Science Mistress. After a long and exciting struggle the English Team won by five goals to nil, a well deserved victory against a courageous Scots team due to their superlative stickwork and brilliant left Inner.

We are very grateful to Miss Barron for having arranged these two memorable outings for us and we all join in saying "Thank You."

M. Harrison, VIA.

WEST KENT JUNIOR HOCKEY TRIALS

At the beginning of November the West Kent Junior Hockey Trials were held at Bickley. They were this year of especial interest to the School, as four members of the First Eleven competed. Although there was keen rivalry for positions in the team, there being over eighty other entrants, we were fortunate in having two of our representatives selected. Margaret Farrow and Mavis Harrison were chosen to play right wing and right half respectively, and Margaret Farrow was chosen to play for Kent, with Mavis Harrison as a reserve. We are very grateful to Miss Barrow for having arranged for us to take part in the Trials.

M. Harrison, VIA.

AN OUTING TO RICHBOROUGH

ON 12th June, Miss Dowding, accompanied by Miss Worthington and Miss Warnock, arranged to take the Latin students of the IVth and Vth Forms on an outing to Canterbury and Richborough, in an effort to distract our thoughts from the approaching examinations. Leaving School in the morning, we were soon on our way to Canterbury and the Britain of Roman times. Canterbury is rich in historic interest, and having the Mother Church, Mother Abbey and Mother Cathedral, can truthfully be called the cradle of English Christianity.

Our first visit was to the lovely grey Cathedral, whose tranquil interior is brightened by the rich colours of the medieval stained glass windows. Our guide pointed out to us interesting features, not least of which was the spot where Thomas à Becket was murdered. In bright sunshine we wended our way to the crumbling ruins of St. Augustine's Abbey, of which tragically so little is left. Here there are the ancient ruins of the first Abbey in England and the tomb of Saxon kings and a pagan pillar, the possible origin of our Maypole.

Then we set off for Richborough, stopping to eat our lunch in a field of stubble. The castle, once on the coast, now far inland, stands on rising ground and is approached by a winding narrow lane. Our first impressions were of massive thick walls and a series of recently excavated ditches. A guide showed us on a map the place where Julius Caesar landed, and the importance of the fort, which was then on the sea coast. The buildings were outlined in concrete, and we were much intrigued by the place where the skeleton of a Roman soldier had been found. Exploring for ourselves we examined traces of a Roman bath and a temple and underground passage, before entering the museum. This contained valuable coins, pottery, and unusual jewellery. Having collected some broken pottery ourselves we left for Deal, where we had tea on the shingly beach. Then we returned home tired after an enjoyable day, when even the sun was kind to us, and very grateful to Miss Dowding for such an interesting and amusing expedition.

R. Long, E. Green, J. Hissey, V. Palmer, VA.

PARTIES CHRISTMAS PARTIES

The School parties this year took the form of House parties, organized and run by the House Captains, and the new arrangement proved a great success. The Gymnasium and Hall were very gaily decorated by the VIth Form, and the competitions and dancing were enjoyable. We all look forward to these afternoons as Christmas draws near and we do not forget all those who give thought and time so that we may have so much pleasure.

VITH FORM PARTIES WITH THE MATHEMATICAL SCHOOL

Two events added colour to the VIth Form's Christmas season this year. We were pleasantly surprised to receive from the Prefects of the Mathematical School an invitation to an evening party. We arrived early and the welcome we received in their gaily decorated library, with its festive atmosphere, soon warmed us into the spirit of the party. The games were well organized—a hilarious version of "Murders," an amusing session of charades, and an interlude of that riotous game, "Junk." All these followed in such rapid succession that we greeted the comparative calm of supper with something approaching relief. After refreshments came the *piece de résistance* of the evening, a cleverly planned and exciting "Treasure Hunt," which called for thorough investigation of the whole building.

The time went all too quickly and soon it was time to leave. We should like to express our warmest thanks to Mr. Imeson and the Prefects for their hospitality, and to those who were responsible for providing such excellent food.

Later on in the season we were able to entertain the Prefects at the Grammar School. Room 2 looked cheerful and inviting, with sprigs of holly and many-coloured balloons. The games, as before, were noisy and exhausting, and the appearance of food, which had been bought and prepared by us, provided a much-needed interval. Games were resumed after supper—an energetic rendering of “Musical Chairs” being followed by a game which required all our acrobatic abilities, called “Monkey Puzzle,” which brought the party to its close.

We all thank Miss Butterfield very much for enabling us to have such a happy time.

M. Woodcock, M. Harrison, VIA; J. Hanchett, VIB.

VITH FORM TEA PARTY FOR THE STAFF

At the end of the Summer Term the Vith Form welcomed the Staff to a very delightful tea in the garden. The rain broke in upon our pleasant conversation, but we all gathered up the tables and chairs and continued our uninterrupted way to its enjoyable end.

DRAMA

THIS year, at the request of Miss Butterfield and the Staff, Mrs. Price kindly agreed that the Alderman Price Memorial Cup should in future be awarded for drama; therefore it was arranged that each House should produce a mime, called “The Tall, Tall Castle,” at the end of the Summer Term. All the actors entered into it with great enthusiasm and competition was very keen. Miss Dowding, Miss Hulland, Miss Seward, Miss White, and Miss Barron were adjudicators, and they awarded points for the speed, balance, and rhythm of production, for casting, and individual performances, for music, costumes and scenery. As a result, Saint Andrew’s House was awarded the Cup for their excellent performance, while the other Houses were commended each for particular features of their production: Saint David for its appropriate music, Saint George for its very true-to-life conductor and its Prologue, and Saint Patrick for the scenery.

The producers and actors felt very grateful to Miss Hulland for the help that she offered and the time she spent coaching each House. Thanks are also due to Miss King, who kindly allowed the Houses to use the costumes in the Historical cupboard.

B. Broad, VI.

MUSIC

THE MUSIC SOCIETY

A Music Society has been formed in the School to give girls practice in performing. It is very encouraging to know that a number of girls are doing well as accompanists and that girls are giving each other a great deal of help.

The Society has given three concerts for its members in the Spring and Summer Terms, and to the last were invited boys from the Mathematical School, who also contributed to the programme.

THE ORCHESTRA

The Orchestra has made steady progress during the year; the viola players are strong, but ‘cellists are rather scarce. We hope that some of the younger girls will wish to learn, and so strengthen this part of the strings.

THE KENT MUSICAL FESTIVAL

ON Saturday, 29th May, we left at 7.15 a.m. to spend a very enjoyable day at Dover, where Miss Kent took us to play in the Kent Musical Festival. As we approached Dover, we were met with torrential rain; but this did not damp our spirits or spoil the very enjoyable music. In the afternoon, the School achieved its major success, when the orchestra came first, and won the Parker’s Memorial Trophy.

Other successes were gained by Hilary Bartlett, who tied for second place in the violin solo under 11; Margaret Sparshott, who came second in the under 16 ‘cello solo; and a worthy third was gained by Audrey Twine, Sybil Lloyd and Shirley Smith, in their trio for two violins and piano. We all left Dover feeling we had gained useful knowledge from the adjudicators. We owe our thanks to Miss Kent for organizing such a happy day, and to Miss Turner, Miss Dowding, and Miss Warnock for their invaluable help in the Orchestra.

B. Branchflower, P. Tourle, VB.

CONCERTS AND RECITALS

THE School has been able to enjoy the works of many different composers during the past year. In School on 15th January, Mr. Laurence Gerrish gave a Piano Recital, when his spirited playing of modern music gave especial pleasure to many. At the end of the Spring Term the School Choir sang part of Pergolesi’s “Stabat Mater” very beautifully indeed. On 20th July, Mrs. Kitchen, from the Kent Education Committee, visited the School to hear the concert arranged by Miss Kent, and expressed her pleasure at the standard reached by the performers.

In addition to this, a certain number of girls have been able to attend the Celebrity Concerts in Chatham, and to hear the Rochester Choral Society’s music in the Cathedral, when “The Hound of Heaven,” by William Harris, and works by Parry and Holst have been performed. On 2nd May a party went over to the Maidstone Orchestral Society’s Concert, when Miss Kent led the Orchestra. During the Christmas holidays Miss Turner took a group of girls to see Humperdinck’s “Hansel and Gretel” at Sadler’s Wells, and on 23rd April some of Form VA heard Mozart’s “Don Giovanni” at the Cambridge Theatre. All these musical events have given very much pleasure, and our thanks are due to Miss Turner for her kindness in devoting so much time for our enjoyment.

THE CAROL SERVICE

IN December we had our annual Carol Service. The Cathedral looked beautiful on the winter’s afternoon, with the windows shining in the distance, and inside the Christmas trees, lit with coloured lights, standing on each side of the chancel steps. We sang carols belonging to other countries as well as our own carols, full of the spirit of

Christmas, shared in common with other lands. The singing sounded very spontaneous, the result of the very careful preparation which Miss Turner had given for many weeks beforehand. The Sixth Form read the Lessons, which were taken from the prophecies of the Old Testament, and their fulfilment in the New Testament.

The Dean opened the service with the Beautiful Bidding prayer, and at the close wished us all a very happy Christmas.

THE LIBRARY

THE Library has been very fortunate in its prefects this year—Pauline Weller, Iris Porter, Marcia Rogerson, and Vivienne Lash; and during the School Certificate period, Thelma and Lorna Hanchett, Marjorie Timmins, Elizabeth Lethbridge, Wendy Price, and Pamela Richmond, who will undertake the work next year. All these have been on duty in turn during the dinner hour from 1.50 p.m. to 2.10 p.m.; then at the end of the year they checked and arranged all the books in order—gave each book a welcome overhaul and covered it, so that it should be trim and ordered, and ready for the new School year. Their work has been most valuable, and will very much facilitate the work of keeping each book in its proper section. Pauline Weller hopes to work in the Chatham City Library, where we hope she will find wider scope for her ability.

SCHOOL SOCIETIES

PRAYER GROUP

The Prayer Group has met again this year each Thursday after School under the leadership of Margaret Farrow. The membership is limited to the Vth and VIth forms, and the meetings are informal and simple.

BIBLE READING FELLOWSHIP

The membership of the School Branch is not nearly as large as it ought to be. Anyone who is really trying to live the Christian life must give time for daily prayer and Bible reading, and the Blue and Green notes make the Bible more interesting, more understandable, and so more helpful to those who are striving to know and do God's Will.

Considering the marked increase in the price of other books and papers, it is reasonable that the cost of the notes should be raised. Even so, after the end of this school year, Blue notes will be only 1s. 6d. for the whole year, and Green notes, which are really more helpful for girls in Vb and upwards, will be only 2s. for the whole year—less than a halfpenny a week!

E. M. White.

SCHOOL SAVINGS GROUP

The principal activities of the saving group during the school year, 1947-8, were in connection with the "Silver Lining" Campaign. The sum saved during the week 11th-19th October, was £800. We had a visit from the cinema van and a small party attended the Youth Service in Rochester Cathedral. Many of our members took part in the Window Spotting Competition and other social activities.

Later in the year a party of Senior Girls saw the film "Can We Be Rich?" at Chatham Town Hall.

We have a number of members who save very regularly, but others whose membership appears nominal only. During the school year the sum saved through the group was £1,400 and the number of members at the end, 190.

K. P. Kirsop.

LE CLUB FRANCAIS

Il y a maintenant beaucoup de membres du Club Français. Pendant cette année nous avons tenu deux joyeuses réunions du Club Français, l'une pendant le trimestre d'automne, l'autre pendant le trimestre de printemps.

Le trimestre d'automne nous avons eu un concours de récitation pour gagner l'entrée du Club Français. Il y a eu des prix pour les meilleures concurrentes des IVA et IVB.

Le trimestre de printemps Mlle. Dear et Mlle. Warnock ont donné un thé; les membres se sont divisés en familles. Nous avons pris le thé et puis nous avons fait des jeux d'équipe et des concours pour lesquels il y a eu des prix. Nous nous sommes bien amusées.

Nous remercions cordialement Mlle. Dear et Mlle. Warnock de ces belles réunions et nous espérons que le Club Français continuera pour un grand nombre d'années.

Merci bien, mesdemoiselles.

R. Kilby, S. Smith, IVAT.

THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The retirement of Miss Gamble at the end of the Summer term left many girls wondering about the future of the Historical Society, but Miss King who succeeded Miss Gamble is continuing the society to our great delight. The meeting for the Autumn Term took the form of a party at which each member was dressed as a famous historical character, and we had to guess each other's identity. This caused much amusement as the characters ranged from Julius Caesar to Lawrence of Arabia! Other games and a delightful tea brought the meeting to a close. The Spring meeting, which was to have been a visit to Knole Park, Sevenoaks, in conjunction with the Geographical Society, unfortunately had to be cancelled. The Summer term as usual brought the greatest thrill of all—the Historical Play. This year, however, instead of the usual long play there were four one-act plays. The first of these was "His Majesty Masquerades," and Jean Waterman gave a very realistic performance of Charles II's flight from the avenging Roundheads. This was followed by two plays concerning Queen Victoria, the first was "The Six o'clock Call" and the second "We are not Amused," the latter dealing with an unusual event at court. The fourth and last play was an imaginary episode in the lives of Henry VIII and Catharine Parr, the dress of Henry causing the audience almost as much amusement as the dialogue itself. This year the plays were performed only to the School and not to the parents as well, and they brought to a happy and successful close the society's activities for the year.

Audrey Gerrard, VIB.

THE ART CLUB

The Art Club, inaugurated by Miss McIsaac before the War, started again during the Autumn term, 1947. Girls of the Senior School wishing to join entered illustrations and designs of a high standard to qualify for membership. During the year interesting talks were given by Miss L. Pickering on the "Joys obtained from Arts and Crafts," and by Miss Williams on "Fabric Printing." Both lectures were illustrated and the work shown spurred those present to greater efforts. Miss Williams kindly gave helpful criticism of previous club work.

Under the guidance of Miss McIsaac and with the help of the VIth form, a most effective tableau of the Nativity was made and displayed to the School.

We are grateful to those who have made these meetings possible, and we look forward with enthusiasm to the full and exciting programme for the coming year.

V. Lash, D. Long, J. West, VA.

FILMS, 1947-48

During the year a varied programme of films was shown to the School in dinner-hour film shows and at the end of term. Among the most popular were those illustrating Physical Education including swimming, and Life in Other Lands. In addition to these, numerous films were used during lessons in different subjects.

As part of the festivities for the Diamond Jubilee three films were shown; "Canterbury," to remind the girls of the evacuation of the school to that city, and two short films made by Miss Ritson on the occasions of the Jubilee and Swimming Sports. Much enjoyment was derived from these two, and amusement when the Swimming Sports was accidentally seen backwards. This then showed dives which began with a swimmer under the water and ended with her poised upon the spring board!

During the year two small groups of members of the Film Society were taught the physical principles underlying the projection of films and the way to use the projector, by Miss Wanstall or Miss Worthington.

At the end of the year we were sorry to lose Miss Worthington, and we wish her every success at her new school.

I. M. Woodrow.

SCHOOL CHARITIES

THE School is a Corporate Member of the "Friends of Rochester Cathedral" and of the "Friends of Canterbury Cathedral."

CHRISTMAS TOYS AND GIFTS TO THE HOSPITALS

We sent our usual gift of toys and presents to the Medway Cottage Homes who are still in Wales; to St. William's Isolation Hospital and to St. Bartholomew's Hospital. A number of girls took great pains to make very attractive toys while others from the form contributed money to buy special presents which gave great pleasure to the children in all the Hospitals.

After Speech Day is over the VIth form take the flowers used for decorating the Corn Exchange, to St. Bartholomew's Hospital.

LEAGUE OF PITY

The School branch of the League of Pity had a very successful year, the amounts collected being the highest for many years. Mrs. Greenwood again kindly invited the form representatives to her house when the time came for the boxes to be opened, but before we opened them we were given a delightful tea, which was much appreciated by all of us. The amount collected in the Spring term totalled £28 17s. 9½d., the largest sum ever contributed by the School since we joined the League, while in the Summer the amount was £24 3s. 2d. The Junior School alone made a splendid effort by collecting over £11.

The membership of the Society has kept at a steady level with many girls gaining medals for the amount they have collected. Shirley Smith and Jill Masters deserve special praise for having collected £5 since their entering the Society.

A. Gerrard, N. Williams, VI.

FORM CHARITY COLLECTIONS

VI.	St. Dunstan's.
VAW.	Dr. Barnardo's Homes.
	R.S.P.C.A.
VBH.	Wood Green Animal Shelter.
	German Prisoners at Walderslade Camp.
	Food Parcels to Germany.
VBK.	R.S.P.C.A.
	Park Prewett Hospital for Plastic Surgery.
IVAT.	R.S.P.C.A.
IVAW.	R.S.P.C.A.
IVBB.	R.S.P.C.A.
IIIAS.	R.S.P.C.A.
	St. Dunstan's.

SCHOOL COLLECTIONS

	£	s.	d.
Poppy Day	4	12	6
Alexandra Rose Day	1	17	6
Kent Association for the Blind	1	0	0
U.N.E.S.C.O.	9	13	3
St. Bartholomew's Hospital	58	18	0
Treloar Cripples' Home	2	2	0

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

GYMNASTICS COMPETITION

The gymnastics competition took place on 12th February, and Miss M. Innes, senior gymnastics mistress at Dartford County Grammar School, kindly came to judge.

The winning forms were: Senior Section, VIth Form; Middle Section, IVAD Form; Junior Section, IIIAS Form.

DANCING

Last year the IVth forms devoted one gymnastic period a week to Modern Dancing, and at the Gala of Physical Education in June, were able to give a Display of National Dancing.

During the Christmas and Easter Terms the VIth Form have stayed after School on Monday afternoons for lessons in Ballroom Dancing which Miss Barron has kindly given them to their great enjoyment. Next year it has been arranged for members of the VIth Form from the Mathematical School to join the Class.

GALA OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION

On the afternoon of Wednesday, 9th June, a Gala of Physical Education was held at the School Field. The programme began with races for the Junior School, including a "Little Visitors Race" for children under eight, which caused a great deal of amusement to spectators. This was equalled in popularity only by the House Relay Races for which enthusiasm was very high.

Next followed a demonstration of gymnastics by a team of 48 girls chosen from the VB, VA, and VIth Forms. The girls performed a table of Swedish exercises and showed a good feeling for movement and for rhythm, in spite of the fact that a high wind prevented most of them from hearing any words of command. The vaulting which followed was both spirited and well controlled.

Tea was then served to our visitors, thanks to kind co-operation from Mrs. Howard, the domestic staff and members of the VIth Form.

After tea the whole of the Middle School gave a dancing display. IVBW opened with "The Toyshop," then IVAW danced "Gypsies," which showed a contrast between a flowing waltz and a lively tarantella. IVAT followed with a Portuguese fishing scene and IVBB performed "The Pied Piper of Hamelin." IVAD then gave a ballet of the Seasons which included the types of weather and some activities which occur in Spring, Summer, Autumn, and Winter. The finale was a round dance in which all the dancers joined. Our grateful thanks are due to Miss Turner, who composed all the music except that of the "Pied Piper." The dances were made up to a large extent by the girls themselves and were typical of the work done in dancing lessons during the term.

HOCKEY

1st XI
G. P. Blackall
R.B. M. Johnson
L.B. M. Sweetenham
C.H. *M. Harrison (Capt.)
R.H. *M. Ollander
L.H. *A. Twine
R.W. *M. Farrow
R.I. M. Holt or M. Emery
C.F. *A. Lifton
L.I. P. Allan
L.W. D. Castle

NETBALL

1st VII
G.D. B. Broad
D. M. Holt
D.C. M. Harrison
C. A. Twine
A.C. M. French
A. M. Lloyd-Williams
S. M. Johnson

SCHOOL TEAMS, 1947-48

2nd XI
B. King
M. Mitchell
M. Jennings or E. Green
M. French (Capt.)
*A. Strugnell
P. Weatherhogg
J. Hanchett
M. Emery or M. Holt
*A. Richards
*B. Broad
M. Lloyd-Williams

Junior XI
J. Dadds
M. Wardle-Harpur
B. Branchflower
M. Hitching
M. Pryer
H. Ashby
J. Woods
R. East
D. Wood
D. Cambell
V. Thomas

Under 15 VII
*D. Long
*M. Pryer
V. Thomas
R. East
D. Wood
*J. Hocking
M. Clark

2nd VII
P. Weatherhogg
A. Gerrard
A. Richards
P. Allan
S. Lloyd
M. Sweetenham
M. Farrow

Under 14 VII
G.D. R. Kilby
D. R. Treagus
D.C. M. Sparshott
C. I. Putman
A.C. D. Manington
A. *D. Johnson
S. J. Dadds

TENNIS

1st VI
*M. Harrison (Capt.)
P. Revasse
M. Ollander
*P. Allan
M. French
M. Holt

Under 13 VII
S. Smith
J. Ellam
B. Lynn
S. Brigham
M. Thomsett
*P. Durling
M. Fleming

2nd VI
*M. Clark
M. Johnson
B. Broad
J. Hanchett
A. Gerrard
M. Webb
* Colours.

Junior VI
A. Gerrard
M. Webb (Capt.)
D. Long
I. Porter
J. Dabson
J. Mallinson

ROUNDERS

Under 15 IX
Bowler D. James (Capt.)
Backstop D. Johnson
1st Base J. Dadds
2nd Base P. King or D. Jolley
3rd Base M. Thomsett
4th Base M. Johnson
1st Deep G. Siffleet
2nd Deep J. Bradley
3rd Deep J. Crawshaw

Under 14 IX
I. Putman
B. Lynn
J. Ellam (Capt.)
P. Harvey
J. Lawford
P. Durling
M. Wardle-Harpur
S. Thompson
S. Brigham

RESULTS OF MATCHES 1947-48

AUTUMN TERM, 1947

Sept. 27 Netball: v. Maidstone Grammar School. 1st, 2nd, Under 15 and Under 14 teams, Lost.
Sept. 30 Hockey: v. Dartford County Grammar School. 1st XI Lost, 2nd XI, Won.
Oct. 4 Hockey: v. Sittingbourne County Grammar School. 1st and 2nd XI, Won.
Oct. 18 Hockey: v. The County Technical School, Fort Pitt. 1st and 2nd XI, Won.
Oct. 21 Netball: v. Dartford County Grammar School. Under 14 team Lost, Under 13 team Won.
Oct. 25 Hockey: v. Chatham County Grammar School. 1st and 2nd XI Lost.
Nov. 8 Netball: v. Sittingbourne County Grammar School. Under 15 team Lost, Under 14 team Won, Under 13 team Lost.
Nov. 8 West Kent Junior Hockey Trials. Margaret Farrow (R.W.) and Mavis Harrison (R.H.) chosen for the West Kent Schools' team.
Nov. 15 Netball: v. Rainham County Modern School. Under 15 team Drew, Under 14 team Lost.
Nov. 22 Hockey: v. Maidstone Grammar School. 1st, 2nd, and Junior XI Lost.
Nov. 29 East v. West Kent Schools' match. Margaret Farrow (R.W.) was chosen for the Kent Schools' team.
Dec. 15 Hockey: v. The Old Girls. 1st XI Lost.

SPRING TERM, 1948

Jan. 17 Netball: v. All Hallows County Primary School. Under 15 and Under 14 teams Won.
Jan. 24 Netball: v. Sittingbourne County Grammar School. Under 15 and Under 13 teams Won, Under 14 Team Drew.
Feb. 28 Netball: v. Maidstone Grammar School. 1st, 2nd, and Under 14 teams Lost, Under 15 team Won.
Mar. 6 Hockey: v. Gravesend County Grammar School. 1st and 2nd XI, Lost.
Mar. 8 Hockey: v. Northfleet County Modern School. Junior XI Drew.
Mar. 12 Hockey: v. Chatham County Grammar School. 1st and 2nd XI, Lost.
Mar. 13 West Kent Schools' Hockey Tournament. 10 points gained (3rd in Section).
Mar. 16 Netball: v. Dartford County Grammar School. 1st, Under 16, and Under 13 teams Won, 2nd team Lost.
Mar. 19 Hockey: v. Dartford County Grammar School. 1st XI Won, 2nd XI Drew.
Mar. 20 Hockey: v. The Old Girls. 1st XI Won.

SUMMER TERM, 1948

May 8 Rounders: v. All Hallows County Primary School. Under 15 IX Lost, Under 14 IX Drew.
May 22 Tennis: v. St. Joseph's Convent. 1st and Under 16 VI Won.
June 12 Tennis: v. St. Joseph's Convent. 1st and Under 16 VI Won.
June 19 Rounders and Tennis: v. Sittingbourne County Grammar School. Under 14 IX Lost, Under 15 IX Drew, 1st VI Won.
July 3 Rounders: v. All Hallows County Primary School. Under 15 IX Drew, Under 14 IX Won.
July 13 Tennis and Rounders: v. Dartford County Grammar School. 1st, 2nd and Junior VI Lost, Under 14 IX Drew.
July 16 Tennis: v. Chatham County Grammar School. 1st VI Lost.
July 17 Tennis: v. The Convent of the Nativity, Sittingbourne, 1st and 2nd VI Won.
July 24 Tennis: v. The Old Girls. 1st VI Lost.
July 26 VIth Form v. Staff Tennis Match. Staff won.

RESULTS OF HOUSE MATCHES

AUTUMN TERM, 1947 Netball: St. David and St. Patrick reached the final, cancelled owing to bad weather. Hockey: St. Andrew.
SPRING TERM, 1948 Netball: St. Patrick. Hockey: St. David.
SUMMER TERM, 1948 Rounders: St. Patrick. Tennis: St. David.

OLD GIRLS' ASSOCIATION WINTER RE-UNION

THE Winter Reunion took the form of a social evening, when much amusement was caused by the various team games which were arranged. The Twenty Questions interlude was enjoyed by all and also caused much laughter. The three retiring Committee members, Joan Obee, Winnie Kent and Margaret Musson, were re-elected for a further three years; Joyce Beard was also elected to the Committee as a representative of the Hockey Section. Audrey Flint was elected to be group secretary for the five years 1942-1947, this being caused by the amalgamation of those years into one group. Supper was served by Joan Penstone and her group and the evening ended with dancing followed by the School Song and God Save The King.

SUMMER RE-UNION

We were fortunate in having a lovely warm afternoon for our Re-union after the very damp morning. The attendance was not so good as usual, this being due to the Dinner being held in May.

The Old Girls were successful in the tennis match against the School, winning by 7 events to 2. The team was as follows—Mildred Croucher (Nye) and Muriel Ware; Jean Lee (Webb) and Betty Newcomb; Joan Obee and Joyce Beard. Betty Newcomb most unfortunately twisted her foot during her second game and her place was ably taken by Phoebe Scott (Roome) in borrowed shoes and using a School racquet.

Tea was served in the hall during the afternoon.

NEWS

MISS SANDFORD

We were very sorry to hear of Miss Sandford's serious illness, but very glad that she is making a good recovery. In her letter she is longing to be back in the thick of things, but is not allowed to do very much just yet.

SISTER WINEFRED MARY

We were very grieved to hear the news of the death of Mrs. Methuen at the great age of 92 and we offer our deep sympathy to Sister Winefred Mary in her loss. During her Mother's last illness Sister Winefred was given leave of absence from the Convent and has now returned to London Colney where she has been Novice Mistress since the Spring.

MISS SPRULES

We were very sorry to hear of all the anxiety Miss Sprules has undergone recently through the illness of her sisters, but very glad to hear that news from them all tells of improvement. The Diamond Jubilee makes a fitting opportunity to recall all that the School owes to Miss Sprules, its first Secretary. Her influence on its tradition, both on the Staff Room and on the School as a whole is difficult to express in words, but we should like to record our gratitude for all that she has meant to Staff and Girls alike.

OLD STAFF

MISS ELLIS writes that her memories of the R.G.G.S. are particularly happy: Miss Easton, Miss Symons and herself represented the entire staff at the opening. She is now the only survivor. Her address is Halsford End, East Grinstead, Sussex.

MISS SHARMAN retired from teaching in 1940 and is living at 97 Old Park Avenue, Enfield, Middlesex, with her two sisters. Their house stood up bravely to bombs and rockets and she finds that life flows gently, but too quickly, with household matters to deal with.

MISS STONEMAN lives at 5 Ferndale, Tunbridge Wells. She has been back to the Park School, Preston, where she was the first Head Mistress for many years, to celebrate the 40th Anniversary of its opening.

We offer deep sympathy to Mrs. Baynes (MISS KINGSWELL) on the death of her husband on 1st June. Mrs. Breed (MISS RAYMONT) is having her books of poems "Sonnets on the Fens and Other Poems" published by the Fortune Press. Her daughter, Anne, at 15 has gained four distinctions and four credits in her School Certificate examination.

Mrs. Gee (MISS LAMB) is now living at "St. Ives," Woodfield Avenue, Farlington, Portsmouth. Robert has started attending Portsmouth Grammar School. Simon Francis is flourishing.

OLD GIRLS

1888-1913 GROUP SECRETARY, MRS. TOOLEY

MRS. BROWNE (Marjorie Wood) now lives at "Criffel," 48 Newstead Avenue, Orpington. She left Scotland after the death of her husband and came to live in Kent to make a home for her Mother, who was spared only a few months. Both her daughters, Eileen and Sheila, are living with her and have jobs. ELISIE BUTSON and MAY COLEMAN, after both teaching for over 30 years, have retired (in theory!) but now work harder than ever. They live in Herne Bay and have an acre of ground and specialise in poultry (supplying a considerable number of registered customers with eggs), fruit, salads and flowers. MARION GIBSON, 3 Elgin Park, Redland, Bristol 6, left Rochester in 1938 and went to live in St. Leonards but had to leave in 1940 because of the war. She first went to her sister at Edgeware and went to a rubber factory inspecting parts of barrage balloons and dinghies: she was there for nearly two years. As her flat was destroyed by a doodlebug, she is now living in Bristol, with two aunts. CARRIE GOBLE, 21 Crown Lane Gardens, Streatham Common, S.W.16, is Principal Boarding-out Officer in the Education Officers' Department of the London County Council. Some thousands of children have passed through her hands, to be boarded out with foster parents, under the provisions of the Children's and Young Persons' Act, or placed with private persons for legal adoption. She has a staff of 14 assistants. DOROTHY JACKSON (née Goreley) is Deputy Mayoress of Beckenham for the fourth time and is the proud grandmother of five children. LAURA LARNDER, writes from British Columbia, that she enjoys reading news of the School, Rochester and Kent in the local papers that occasionally come to her. She reads the list of houses for sale and decides which she would like to buy. She tells of a robin on its nest, carved on one of the pillars in Victoria, B.C. Cathedral. It made its nest there and reared its young, with the building going on all round. One of the stone-masons perpetuated its memory in stone. Her address is "Tantramad," Ganged P.O. Salt Spring Island, B.C. WINNIE MOODY (née Miller) is own

living in the High Street, Charing, and says she lives a "jog along" life. She is very interested in toy making and she is always glad to contact Old Girls of the R.G.G.S. DOROTHY NEWCOMB (née Willis) is finding life fully occupied, as besides having two of her family living at home, she serves on a number of committees. She finds her duties as a Magistrate very interesting and varied. Her two eldest sons are married and she has three grand-daughters. DOROTHY NODDER (née Dear) writes from Gibraltar that she is teaching in one of the Government Schools: she has a mixed class of young children: they are mostly English but there are some Gibraltarians, who never speak a word of English till they come to school. DAISY PIERCE is living in Chislehurst. She gave all her spare time, during the war, to nursing. She had many narrow escapes but did not actually receive a single scratch. Now she is back teaching at her old school in London and is very happy in her work. She looks back on the R.G.G.S. with great affection. FAITH PRIDIE (née Hallward) is running a Guest House in Wales. (The Guest House, Arthog, Merioneth, N. Wales.) It stands in most glorious country. She lost her husband in 1946 and her father this year. She still does a good deal of writing, both prose and poetry and she still thinks of the happy days at School, when the world seemed perfect. RUTH ROWE won a cup for ploughing in 1946. She has now left the W.L.A. DOROTHY HARRIS (née Wakeley) has sailed for Canada, to help in nursing her sister Elsie, who is seriously ill. ETHEL SHAW (née Theobald) is a widow and living in Bristol. Both her daughters are married, one living in Bristol and the other in Cobham, Surrey. MABEL THEOBALD is still living in Chatham and looking after her invalid Mother. JESSIE STEVENS (née Theobald) is now living in Hemingford Abbots, Huntingdon. Her son was in the Army, a Paratrooper. He came safely through the war and has now passed his Law Final. Her daughter was in the W.L.A. during the war. She has married a Test Pilot in the Fleet Air Arm and she has a son. She and her husband hope to farm in the Isle of Man. JOAN THOMAS (née Crapper) returned to Victoria, B.C. last November for a few months and is now back in England. She is very busy with her garden. Her address in "Overdale," Fyrs Way, Fairlight, Sussex. Mrs. WEST (née Gertrude Dove) lives in City Way, Rochester and leads a busy life. Her son, Hubert, has a dental practice at Walton-on-Thames and he is also on the teaching staff of the London Hospital. Her other son is with Shell in Montreal. Pattie, her daughter, teaches Domestic Economy. She has two grand-children. MADGE WOOD (née French) lives at Seaton and is kept fully occupied with two grand-children. Her daughter and babies are with her, while her son-in-law, a Captain R.M., is at sea. MARY and GRACE MANNELL, 9 Letchmore Road, Radlett, Herts. Grace is a S.R.N. She trained at and was a sister at Guy's Hospital. She was in Salonica 1916-18, and was mentioned in Dispatches and awarded A.R.R.C. She had a convalescent home at Beaconsfield until 1940. EDITH CLARKE, who has been for many years Inspector of Physical Training and latterly Staff Inspector, has now retired. But she still does some work for the Ministry and in May spent three weeks in the British zone of Germany inspecting work in German Schools.

1934-1937 GROUP SECRETARY, JOAN PENSTONE

There are four Old Girls on the staff of the County Secondary School, Northfleet—EVA WILSON, JOAN PENSTONE, AUDREY FLINT, and BETTY GERRARD. Kathleen Howard is joining the staff in the Autumn. It was a great day in the life of the School when a very distinguished Old Girl, DAME SYBIL THORNDIKE, visited the School to speak to Thorndike House. She also gave a recital of speeches to the whole School. SYLVIA BRINDLEY (née McDonald) has two little girls, Anne and Mary. They are living in Gillingham. MAVIS HANKS (née Goddard) has a daughter, Gillian. She is living at Hither Green. RITA CHAPMAN (née Grieveson) has a daughter Kay. She is living in Strood. MARGARET THORPE (née Mullings) has a daughter, Ann Mary, and is living in Birmingham. DULCIE LOCK and JOAN OBEE are in the Civil Service. JOY NUNN (née Gerrish) is living at Sunbury-on-Thames. DIANA PAINTING (née Penstone), has three children, Penelope, Anthony, and Laurence, and is living at Riverhead.

1945-46 GROUP SECRETARY, AUDREY FLINT, 4 CLIFFE ROAD, STROOD

BETTY GERRARD joined the staff of the Girls' Department, Northfleet County Secondary School, in April of this year. Although she has been teaching Science during this term, she is to be the Geography specialist in September. MILDRED HALLUMS is still doing clerical work in the K.E.C.'s Head Office at Springfield, Maidstone, and is kept very busy. JOYCE HALLUMS is still studying photography with Mr. Noise at Frindsbury. She is taking the Intermediate Examination of the Institute of British Photography in September. Her work is very interesting. SYBIL NEAVES is still a member of the Wrens in Northern Ireland. She is enjoying life very much. JOYCE ADCOCK was married last year; she is now Mrs. Lawrence. She is very happy and is continuing her work at Newwhyte Paper Mills. JEAN FREEMAN is still nursing at King's College Hospital, and she has been successful in all her examinations. CONSTANCE ANDREWS is still working in the Gravesend Branch of the Westminster Bank. JUNE MOORE is still working in the Colonial Office in London. DOROTHY SHILLING is still working in the Chatham Branch of the Westminster Bank. AUDREY FLINT is teaching Physical Education in the Girls' Department of Northfleet County Secondary School. She enjoys her work very much. BETTY GERRARD and AUDREY FLINT gained the Teaching Certificate, London University, with distinctions in their advanced subjects.

1946-47 GROUP SECRETARY, MIRIAM WOOD, 20 ELMSHURST GARDENS, ROCHESTER

ANNE TICKLE is still nursing at Guy's Hospital, and has been successful in all her examinations. DAPHNE WAITE is still nursing at St. George's Hospital, London, and has been successful in all her examinations. DOROTHY MILES had a serious illness which prevented her from completing her two year course at Derby Training College. She is returning to College in September to make up the last year which she has missed. IRIS DUNNETT has been in hospital during the last year. She has now recovered from her illness and is continuing with her secretarial training. SHIELA JONES is engaged to be married. MARY SIVYER is finishing her two-year course at Bishop Otter Training College. MIRIAM WOOD has finished her two-year course at Homerton. She is taking a post in a Boys' Junior School at Dartford in September.

1947-48 GROUP SECRETARY, DORIS HAMMOND, THE CEDARS, VICARAGE ROAD, HALLING, ROCHESTER

MARION PRYER is reading for Geography Honours at Reading University and has passed her Inter. B.Sc. in Geography, Zoology and Geology. BARBARA HEDGECOCK is at Goldsmith's College. MYRA MORTLEY is at St. Gabriel's College, HAZEL ROTHERHAM at Bingley, and PATRICIA ROOTES at Balls Park College, Hertford. PAMELA DURRANT is nursing and AUDREY CHESHIRE studying radiography at the London Hospital. DOREEN PALMER passed the Executive Grade of the Civil Service and is at the Public Trustee Office in Kingsway, London. DORIS HAMMOND is working in the Commercial Superintendent's Office of the British Railways at Waterloo. We congratulate MARGARET GOUDGE on the knighthood conferred on her father, when he received a K.B.E. in recognition of his great services to British aviation, and JOAN LYLE, whose father, Alderman Lyle, was elected Mayor of Rochester for the year 1947-8.

NEWS OF OTHER OLD GIRLS

"IN MEMORIAM"

We are very grieved to record the death on 5th June, 1948, of DOROTHY GRACE EDMUNDS. In 1947 she had completed twenty-five years of service at Troy Town Girls School, and during that period she was Mayoress of the City during her father's period of office in 1937. Miss Edmunds was a Justice of the Peace in the City of Rochester, a life-long member of the Vines Congregational Church, where she was a Deacon and a Leader of the Intermediate Department of the Sunday School. We offer our sincere sympathy to her father in his sorrow, and to those who mourn her loss.

JEANNIE COTTERILL (née Hills) sends a newsletter to her friends telling them the latest news of her work. As plans for getting back to China have become no less difficult, she and her husband have undertaken study courses with the London Bible College; Mr. Cotterill also has a post of Scientific Research with the Ministry of Supply, and Jeannie gives a lecture each week to the students of Salem Bible College, Gillingham. Rowland Eric is now a year and a half and flourishes. KATHLEEN HIGGINS is home on furlough and studying to become a Deaconess. Her sister, with her husband and family, is still living in Bath. RUTH ARIEL is working in Düsseldorf, but is applying for a post in the Civil Service at home. She says the city is recovering gradually, that although there is much misunderstanding through ignorance that the British Administration is being just, both with regard to food and reparations. PHYLLIS RUDOLPH (née Camp) is now living at Gerrish Lane, New Canaan, Connecticut. PHYLLIS MAY SIBUN became engaged to Reginald Thomas Chidwick, of Upper Halling, on 3rd September, 1947. JOYCE HIBBERD is on the staff of the Brighton and Hove High School. BRENDA LONG is at Portsmouth and working for a Baptist Church. PATRICIA RABJOHN (née Tipple) is living at The Limberlost, Church Lane, Seasalter, and working as supervisor of a School Canteen in Rochester, until her husband is qualified under the Emergency Training Scheme for Teachers. MARGARET CHEGWIN (née Haig) writes from The Green Tub, Summerleaze Avenue, Bude, and says that her small daughter, Kay, weighed 8 lb. 11 ozs. and is very sturdy. ELIZABETH SLEIGH has gained Second Class Honours in her LL.B. at the London School of Economics, and is now studying for her Final Examination at the Bar in December. MURIEL BROADBRIDGE has passed the Final Examination in Pathological Technique of the Institute of Medical Laboratory Technology. Muriel passed her diploma in Bacteriology in 1940, and there are still those in Haematology and Pathological Chemistry to take, though they do not increase her qualifications. This is a new sphere of work for women, though more are now adopting it as a career, and we congratulate Muriel on her success in becoming Fellow I.M.L.T. UNA MARSHALL is studying at the London School of Stenotyping, Holborn. JILL BROWN is living at 102A Howard Street, Sliema, Malta. She has just passed her School Certificate with Matriculation exemption and Distinction in English and Art, and is specializing in English in her Higher School Certificate, together with HELGA WOLPERT, in Kensington. MARY KATE is studying at Berridge House, Hampstead, where Miss Ureaut is now a lecturer. JULIAN BROOKES-SMITH has gained the Teacher's Certificate of the National Froebel Foundation. KATHLEEN HOWARD, at

Avery Hill, has passed the Ministry of Education Teachers' Certificate. SYLVIA LIGHTBURNE has gained a 1st Class Honours in Part I of the Classical Tripos, and been awarded the Mary Bennet Prize by Girton College. MARGARET WILKINS has gained her B.A. (2nd Class Honours) in Political Economy. WINIFRED WALLER is a nursery student at the County Primary Road Infants' School, Glencoe Road, Chatham. MARY PRYOR (née Knight) is working in the Rochester City Library. Her husband has completed his army training and they have a house in Darland Avenue. MARY NEAVES is a ward sister at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, Rochester.

BIRTHS

Ahern. August 8th, 1947. Mrs. Ahern (Joyce Chaplin), a son, Francis Timothy.
Sayers. 13th August, 1947. Mrs. Sayers (Joyce Rapley), a son, Leslie Owen.
Cobb. 31st October, 1947. Mrs. Cobb (Mary Coote), a son.
Shipway. 8th November, 1947. Mrs. Shipway (Sheila Syrett), a daughter, Diana Mary.
Falkiner. 30th December, 1947. Mrs. Falkiner (Veronica Guise), a daughter, Ann.
Johnson. 16th March, 1948. Mrs. Johnson (Brigit Child, a former Secretary), a son, Mark.
Marshall. 10th April, 1948. Mrs. Marshall (Sheila Ewart), a daughter, Pamela Ewart.
Fennell. 16th May, 1948. Mrs. Fennell (Violet Chaplin) a daughter.
Clark. 8th August, 1948. Mrs. Graham Clark (Joan Dadd), a son.
Gee. 1st January, 1948. Mrs. Gee (Miss Lamb), a son Simon Francis.
Whattler. 27th January, 1948. Betty Whattler (née Baker), a son.
Mottram. 4th February, 1948. Ethel Mottram (née Brooks), a daughter, Barbara.
Gedge. 23rd February, 1948. Elsie Gedge (née Pyall), a son, Graham.
Sivyer. 28th May, 1948. Dorothy Sivyer (née Whitehead), a son, Phillip.
Avent. 9th June, 1948. Kathleen Avent (née Horsham), a daughter, Sally.
Chegwin. 24th April, 1948. Margaret Chegwin (née Haig), a daughter, Kathryn Margaret.

MARRIAGES

Terry—Fone. On 16th August, 1947, at the Vines Congregational Church, Freeda Fone to Harry Terry.
Denman—Storrer. On 23rd, December 1947, Jean Storrer to the Rev. R. Denman.
Cadogan—Nodder. On 19th June, 1948, at Gibraltar, Joy Nodder to Harry Cadogan.
Willson—Fletcher. On 17th July, 1948, at St. Mary's Church Strood, Patricia Fletcher to Maurice Willson.
Mitchell—Stibbs. On 7th August, 1948, at Aylesford Parish Church, Phyllis Stibbs to Anthony Mitchell.

DEATHS

17th September, 1947. Kathleen Callund.
 14th January, 1948. June Wright, aged 22.
 15th February, 1948. Dorothy Slater (née Howe), aged 44.
 8th May, 1948. Anne Alp, aged 36.
 16th May, 1948. Violet Fennell (née Chaplin).
 19th May, 1948. Ethel Granville Winch (née Levy), aged 70.
 May, 1948. Barbara Filmer.
 5th June, 1948. Dorothy Edmonds, aged 52 years.
 8th June, 1948. Elsie Wakeley, in Toronto.

R.G.S.O.G.A.

	£	s.	d.
Balance (Brought forward)	40	9	10
Subscriptions—4 Life	8	8	0
113 Annual	14	2	6
Donations	22	10	6
Sale of Shuttlecocks	3	3	0
Interest	17	0	
	4	19	6
	£71	19	10
Investments:-			
£80 War Loan			
£80 Defence Bonds			

BALANCE SHEET, 1948

	£	s.	d.
Magazines	22	9	8
Postages	1	14	0
Secretary's Expenses	4	0	0
Loss on Refreshments	2	1	3
Balances:- Bank	22	12	2
In Hand	17	2	9
	41	14	11
	£71	19	10

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BRENA E. CLARKSON

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