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## **EDITORIAL**

CANON E. H. Stenning, M.A., T.D., Chairman of Governors of the School was awarded the M.B.E. in the New Year's Honours List 1956. We offer him heartiest congratulations.

We are delighted to welcome Lady Dundas as a Governor of the School, and to thank her sincerely for the many ways in which she is helping it. We hope she will spare time to visit us again soon.

The Island is to be honoured this summer by another Royal visit on 25th July, when H.R.H. the Duchess of Kent is to present to Port Erin and Douglas the two new life-boats provided by the late Mrs. E. M. M. G. Cubbin.

We have received news of successes of the two editors of our 1955 issue. We congratulate Barbara Black, now of Queen Mary College, University of London, who has won a travelling scholarship, open to members of all colleges of the university, a rare distinction for a first year student. We also congratulate Annabel Jones, who has a part in the University of Liverpool Dramatic Society's play, which won the North-Western Area section of a national dramatic competition and will now contest the final. As Professor Kenneth Muir is their producer, Annabel has achieved notable success for a first-year student.

In response to many requests, we have this year printed two small pictures. They were chosen from the many excellent photographs taken by the girls who went to Rome during the Easter holidays, and the Magazine Committee found it very difficult to select them. The cost of having blocks made for illustration of any kind is very high, and we regret that we are forced to restrict our choice to two this year. However, if our advertisers continue to favour us and if our sales are again satisfactory, we hope to increase the number of photographs in our next issue.

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## SCHOOL OFFICERS, 1956

Head Girl: Sheila Swindlehurst.

Deputy Head Girl: Marcia Brew.

Head Boarder: Marcia Brew.

Prefects: Sheila Swindlehurst, Marcia Brew, Jennifer Curtis, Kathleen Grandage,

Edwina Kinrade, Ethel Roberts.

Sub-Prefects: Anne Turnbull, Mary Woods, Mavis Alder, Carolyn Tuffen,

Margaret Kelly, Geraldine Hampton.

House Captains: Godred-Marcia Brew.

Olaf—Sheila Swindlehurst.

Magnus-Geraldine Hampton.

Vice-House Captains: Godred-Ethel Roberts.

Olaf—Yvonne Christian. Magnus—Carolyn Tuffen.

Games: School Captain-Edwina Kinrade.

Vice-Captain—Patricia Cross. Junior Captain—Elin Clague.

House Games Captains: Godred-Jennifer Curtis.

Olaf-Edwina Kinrade.

Magnus-Elin Clague.

VI Form Society: Chairman-Sheila Swindlehurst.

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Science Film Club: Secretary-Geraldine Hampton.

Treasurer-Mavis Alder.

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Magazine: General Editors-Sheila Swindlehurst, Jennifer Curtis, Kathleen

Grandage, Anne Turnbull, Voirrey Corkill.

Treasurers—Ethel Roberts and Geraldine Hampton.

Form Representatives—E. Clague, L. Carter, W. Olive, P. Kennaugh,

C. Nicholls, J. Sewell, S. Lawson, K. Kewley.

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## SPEECH DAY, 1955

SPEECH Day was held at the Pavilion, Janet's Corner on November 3rd. 1955. The hall was beautifully decorated with 'show' varieties of chrysanthemums grown by Mr. Eddie Clague at Westhill. The Lord Bishop of Sodor and Man. The Right Rev. B. Pollard, T.D., D.D., M.Sc. addressed the school, and presented the awards as Mrs. Pollard was unable to be present on account of itlness.

Tea was served later in the School Hall, Bowling Green Road.

## CONCERT PROGRAMME

Percussion Band-'Let us Dance' German Folktune.-L.III. II. I.

Piano Solo—'The Shepherd with a Pipe' Edgar Moy.—P. Kennaugh.

Recorders—'Chorale St. Antonii' Haydn.—Senior Group.

Songs-'In London Town' Stanley Marchant. Round 'Heigh-Ho' Junior Choir.

Piano Solo-Impromptu in A flat Op. 142 No. 2 Schubert-M. Kelly.

Songs—'Those Dainty Daffadillies' E. Kars—VI. UV. LV. (Conducted by S. Swindlehurst.)

'The Cockle Gatherers' Gaelic Melody arr. Kennedy-Frazer.
"Morag's Cradle Song' Gaelic Melody arr. H. S. Roberton— Senior Choir.

Dances—'The Spider and the Fly' Music by William Walton-J. Keggin. R. Gardner.

'Witches' Danie'-Music by Saint-Saens-Senior Group.



## SENIOR AWARDS

## Northern Universities General Certificate of Education.

## Advanced Subjects-

- B. Black-English Literature, History, Latin. Entrance to Queen Mary College, London.
- D. Callin-French
- A. Jones- English Literature, Latin, French, German. Entrance to Liverpool University.
- A. Pycraft-French Chemistry (Ord.).
- G. Watson-French, German.

## Ordinary Subjects-

- M. Alder-English Language, English Literature, History, Scripture, Art, Music, French.
- R. Barron-English Language, English Literature Art.
- Y. Christian-English Language, French.
- K. Collister-English Language, English Literature, History, Scripture, Art, French, Biology.
- V. Corkhill—English Language, History, Scripture, Art, French.
- S. George-English Language, English Literature, History, Scripture, Music, Latin, French, Biology.
- G. Hampton-English Language, History, Scripture, Latin, French, Mathematics, Chemistry, Biology.
- M. Kelly-English Language, English Literature, History, Scripture, Music, Latin, French, German.
- P. Kewley-English Language English Literature, History, Music, Latin, French, German.
- M. Prew-English Language, History, Music.
- C. Tuffen-English Language, English Literature, Art, French.
- M. Wood-English Language, Scripture, French.
- N. Moore-Domestic Science.
- S. Swindlehurst--Music.

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- S. Butterworth-Biology.
- J. Curtis-English Language.
- K. Grandage-Mathematics.
- E. Kinrade-French, Biology.
- M. Woods-History, French.
- N. Brown-Domestic Science.
- E. Clague—French.
- A. Ducker-French,
- N. Sheil-French, Mathematics
- J. Watkin-French.

### Form Prizes-

Lower V.-E. Clague. Presented by Mrs. Kinvig.

Upper IV-M. Wright. Presented by Mrs. Kinvig.

Lower IV.-J. Beagle. Presented by Mrs. Kinvig.

Upper III.-V. Pedder. Presented by Mrs. Kinvig.

III.R & L.III.-J. Keggin.

Forms II & I.-S. Tuffen.

Northern Universities General Certificate of Education.

## Prize for Advanced Subjects-

B. Black.

## Prize for Ordinary Subjects-

M. Alder. S. George, M. Kelly K. Collister. G. Hampton P Kewley. Subject Prizes—Presented by the Governors.

English—S. George; History—B. Black; Scripture—S. Butterworth; Art—S. Butterworth; Music—M. Kelly; Latin—G. Hampton; French—J. Watkin; Maths.—N. Sheil; Science—G. Hampton; Natural History—M. Casement; Domestic Science—N. Brown.

## Subject Prize-

Spoken English-A. Jones. Presented by Mrs. Watkin.



## JUNIOR AWARDS

English—P. Kennaugh; Maths.—T. Sansom; Art—M. Kerr; Spoken English—R. Manning (Presented by Mrs. Watkin); Needlework—J. Riggall.

Certificates for consistently thorough and painstaking work are awarded to:—
A. Ducker, L. Carter, P. Davies, C. Clague, P. Kelly, R. Hudson, J. Ellis, H. Bull, S. Riggall.



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### Prizes-

Degré Intermédiaire—G. Hampton, J. Watkin.

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Narration: 2nd Prize-L. Carter (twice), E. Clague, N. Sheil, J. Watkin (twice).

Certificates-

Degré Supérieur-A. Jones.

Degré Intermédiaire-E. Roberts.

## Concours des Lauréats 1955.

### Prizes-

Degré Supérieur—A. Jones.

Degré Elémentaire-J. Watkin.

Narration-2 Prizes-L. Carter, J. Watkin.

Mentions-

Degré Intermédiaire-M. Kelly.

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### Prize-

Degré Supérieur-J. Watkin.

Mentions-

Degré Supérieur-J. Watkin. (Hors Concours).

Degré Intermédiaire-M. Kelly, C. Tuffen.

Degré Elémentaire-Lesley Carter.

## English Speaking Board Examinations, Results 1955.

Adult Grade I .--

Pass with Distinction—A. Jones.

Senior Grade III.-

Pass-B. Cullen, A. Turnbull.

Senior Grade II.-

Pass-J. Bridson, N. Brown, P. Shimmin, J. Watkin.

Senior Grade I.

Pass with Credit—A. Hodgson.

Pass-L. Carter, D. Douglass, P. Howarth.

Junior Grade IV .-

Pass with Credit-J. Ellis.

Pass-P. Davies, P. Kennaugh, D. Gardner, W. Olive, R. Gardner.

Junior Grade III.-

Pass with Distinction—R. Manning.

Pass with Credit—M. Conroy, J. Honey, S. Lawson, S. Phillips, T. Sansom, J. Sewell.

Pass—J. Beagle, F. Gore, J. Keggin, V. Kelly, J. Riggall, J. Siddell, T. Wray. Junior Grade II.—

Pass with Credit- C. Quayle.

Pass-C. Carter, A. Cheshire, V. Hughes, A. Jones, S. Tuffen.

Junior Grade I.—

Pass with Credit-S. Ellis, J. Gibb.

Pass-K. Kewley, L. Maclachan, E. Watkin.

Head Girl's Prize—(Presented by the Old Girls' Assoc.)—D. Callin.

Newton Cup-(Awarded for all round service to the School)-M. Brew.

House Cup-Magnus.

### Royal Life Saving Society Awards, 1956

Bar to Bronze Medallion--Pat Cross, Geraldine Hampton.

Bronze Medallion-Vivienne Brew, Margaret Kelly, Ethel Roberts, Norma Sheil.



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M. Kelly	Grade VII—Pass with Merit
S. Swindlehurst	Grade VII—Pass
N. Moore	Grade VII—Pass
M. Prew	Grade VI—Pass
N. Brown	Grade IV—Pass
E. Clague	Grade IV—Pass
P. Kennaugh V. Pedder	Grade IV—Pass
	Grade III—Pass with Merit
P. Davies	Grade III—Pass
W. Olive	Grade III—Pass
C. Clague	Grade III—Pass
J. Beagle	Grade III—Pass with Merit
J. Beagle	Grade II—Pass with Merit
J. Honey	Grade II—Pass
A. Jones	Grade I—Pass
R. Gardner	Grade I—Pass Grade I—Pass
J. Gibb	Grade I—Pass
M. Conroy	Grade I—Distinction
VIOLIN	
P. Kennaugh	Grade I-Distinction
J. Wright	Grade I—Pass with Merit
VIOLONCELLO	
M. Kelly	Grade IV—Distinction
VIOLA	
A. Ducker	Grade IV—Pass with Merit
THEORY	
D. Callin	Grade V—Pass
E. Roberts	Grade V-Pass
A. Ducker	Grade V—Pass
A. Kermode	Grade III—Pass
P. Davies	Grade III—Pass
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## MANX MUSIC FESTIVAL

SEVERAL girls again were selected to play in Miss Rydings' Junior Orchestra which was awarded 88 marks in the competition, won first prize and played at the Children's Concert.

Margaret Kelly won the class for Piano Solo under 18, with 88 marks. She also won the Nell Holmes Memorial Prize which is awarded to the candidate receiving the highest mark in all the Senior Pianoforte classes in the festival.

Patricia Shimmin won the class for solo singing under 16, with 89 marks, and was placed third in the pianoforte solo under 16, with 85 marks.

Margaret Kelly and Margaret Prew entered the Open Piano Duet Class for the first time and were placed second, with 79 marks.

Other results were as follows:—

Hilary Walker—solo singing—77 marks. Buchan School Junior Choir—81 marks.

Elocution. Ann Hodgson was placed third in the under 16 class, gaining 86 marks.

## PARENTS' OPEN DAY

ON December 8th, an open day was held at the school for parents and friends. Our visitors were invited to view exhibitions of Art, Science and Needlework. Scenes from Shakespeare were presented in our "class-room theatre," while displays of Gym and Modern Dance were given in the Gymnasium. At four o'clock there was a short concert in the Assembly Hall, followed by afternoon tea in the Dining Room.—K.G.



## 'CELLO RECITAL

DURING the Autumn Term the Senior School was invited to a 'cello recital given at King William's College by Miss Florence Hooton, accompanied by Mr. Matthews.

We heard many enjoyable and varied items including Sonatas by Brahms and Eccles; the serenade from "Hassan" by Delius; and Sicilierre by Dardis. One of the main works was a sonata for solo 'cello by Gordon Jacobs, which had been dedicated to Miss Hooton. Before she performed this sonata, Miss Hooton gave amusing illustrations of the technique required in its performance.

The Recital ended with an exciting performance of the "Ritual Fire Dance" by Falla.—M.K. LVI.



## THE EVEREST LECTURE

ON February, 11th the Sixth Form Society invited the Senior School to join them in attending a lecture entitled "The Conquest of Everest," at the Gaiety Theatre in Douglas. Dr. Charles Evans, F.R.C.S., a member of the successful expedition which reached the summit in June, 1953, gave a thrilling account of the great adventure and illustrated his talk with coloured slides. As a result of this lecture the sum of £40 was donated to the I.o.M. Rock and Fell Club.—K.G.



## LECTURE ON THE ART OF THE NOVEL

ON October 31st 1955, the Senior school was privileged to attend a lecture by Miss Phyllis Bentley, the novelist, entitled "Character and the Novelist," at King William's College. Miss Bentley tried to answer the unanswerable question, "Do novelists put real people into their novels?" She illustrated her lecture by readings from famous novels and said that a novelist's duty and privilege was to enable humanity to know itself.—A.T.



## SCIENCE FILM CLUB

Secretary: Geraldine Hampton. Treasurer: Mavis Alder.

Form Representatives: VI—Ethel Roberts, UV.—Moira Casement, UIV—Gillian Duke, LIV—Tania Sansom, UIII—Christine Dale,

LIII—Suzanne Lawson.

THE Science Film Club was formed in the Easter Term of 1956. It is hoped that one or more meetings will be held each Term. The first meeting was on February 16th, when members saw these films: "When we build again;" "Colour;" "Nickel Matters;" "Precious Metals;" and "The Isle of Man." At the second meeting, on March 6th, three more films were shown: "Cocoa Harvest;" "The Fight against Disease" and "Water Cycle."

Some of the films were I.C.I. productions, several were in colour, and the one on the Isle of Man was made by the Castletown Brewery.

The Club sincerely thanks Mr. Hedges of the Castletown Brewery, who lent us the projector; Mr Melluish, Mr. Quirk and Mr. Corris who have given up their time to showing the films for us.

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## THE TRAMP CLUB

Hon. President: Miss C. K. Curphey.Hon. Secretary: Marcia Brew.Hon. Treasurer: Geraldine Hampton.

THE Tramp Club has flourished during the past year and we have been able to send £6 to the School Appeal Fund. We held a Fair and a Beetle Drive in aid of this during the Spring Term. The Fair took place in the Gym in the dinner hour and we extracted £3 10s 0d. from our friends by telling their fortunes and inducing them to pin tails on donkeys.

The Beetle Drive was held at Westhill on a Saturday night and in spite of

the 'Flu epidemic £1 was raised.

The regulations for obtaining 1st Class Badge have been altered during the year and besides having climbed all hills in the Isle of Man over 1000 feet, one now has to lead a tramp before gaining the badge.

Our only tramp this term took place on the first Saturday when we climbed Mount Karrin and Slieu Meanagh led by Kathleen Grandage and Margaret Kelly who gained their 1st Class Badges as a result.

Several Map and 2nd Class Badges have been awarded:—2nd Class N. Brown, E. Clague, M. Alder, R. Hudson, G. Hinds, V. Brew. Map Badge:—P. Cross.—Elin Clague, UV.



## THE SIXTH FORM SOCIETY

### AUTUMN 1955

THIS year meetings have been held in Miss Hatch's study at Westhill. We should like to take this opportunity of thanking her for allowing us to use it.

We began the year with a General Meeting when new officers were elected and speakers arranged for the term. We are grateful to those who have addressed us:—Mr. C. Davis, who spoke on "Customs and Excise in the Isle of Man;" Mr. Jameson who spoke on "Public Sanitation" and Mr. J. R. Bruce who showed slides of his holiday in Norway.

### **SPRING** 1956

Sir Joseph Qualtrough S.H.K. was the first speaker of this term. He gave readings from a newly published book, "Mannanan's Isle" and afterwards presented it to the library. Mr. C. V. Curtis spoke on "Africa Emergent." The Sixth Form attended the lecture by Dr. Charles Evans entitled "The Conquest of Everest." Mrs. S. E. Wilson spoke on "Tatting" and Sir Ralph Stevenson spoke on "Life in the Diplomatic Service."

### SUMMER TERM

It was decided owing to pressure of work that only the General Meeting should be held in the Summer term to elect officers for 1956-57 and arrange the programme for next year. The date for the end of term excursion has been fixed for Tuesday, July 17th.

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## GRAMOPHONE CLUB

THE Gramophone Club was founded by a group of Seniors in the Spring Term, 1956, for the purpose of listening to classical music on records. The club has met in the Hall every Thursday after dinner and members have attended regularly. Sheila Swindlehurst has selected the music to be heard and at the last meeting, a programme was compiled from a list of special requests. Some of the music heard was: Overture to "The Marriage of Figaro"—Mozart. Minuet and Trio from Symphony No. 39—Mozart. Young Person's Guide to the Orchestra—Britten. Symphonies Nos. 2 and 5—Beethoven. Overture to "A Midsummer Night's Dream"—Mendelssohn. Selections from the "Messiah"—Handel. "Oberon," Overture—Weber. Air on the G String—Bach.

The club members wish to thank Miss Avery, Sheila Swindlehurst and Barbara Keggin for lending them records.—P.C.



## VALETE

## Summer Term, 1955-

Barbara Black, Dorothy Callin, Annabel Jones, Nancy Moore, Anne Pycraft, Gillian Watson, Sylvia Butterworth, Sally George, Pamela Kewley, Gloria Quayle, Irene Woodall, Marilyn Wright, Susan Pycraft, Gillian Kewley, Jennifer Wright, Susan Clague, Rosemary Holmes, Maureen Kerr, Sally Kewley, Christopher Buckmaster. Anne Cheshire.

## Autumn Term, 1955-

Bridget Cullen, Daphne Douglass.

## Spring Term, 1956-

Rosemary Barron, Yvonne Christian, Vivienne Kelly, Charmian Evans



## SALVETE

## Autumn Term, 1955-

Eileen Clucas, Michèle Standen, Margaret Wood, Christine Nicholls, Eileen Kinrade, Virginia Matthews, Janet Wright, Frances Glass, Christine Cubbon, Michael Kewley, John Ostime

## Spring Term, 1956-

Caroline Riggall, Dawn Ashley, Heather Procter, Jill Procter, Lesley Bell, John Bell.

## Summer Term, 1956-

Gordon Shoosmith.



## UNIVERSITY AND TRAINING COLLEGE ENTRANCE—1956.

Kathleen Grandage—King's College, University of London.

Marcia Brew-Whitelands College, London.

Edwina Kinrade-St. Katherine's College, Liverpool.

Sheila Swindlehurst-C. F. Mott College, Prescot, Lancs.

Anne Tunbull-Homerton College, Cambridge.

Mary Woods-Manchester College of House-craft.

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## HOCKEY

DURING the 1955—1956 season, it can safely be said that the 1st XI hockey team gradually improved under the keen eye of Miss Warrell.

In the Autumn term, we played 4 matches of which 3 were lost and 1 drawn; while in the Spring term 3 matches were played of which 2 were drawn and 1 won.

Three girls received their hockey colours—Marcia Brew, who plays left-half, Nancy Brown who plays goalkeeper, and Elin Clague who plays centre-forward. The 2nd XI played only 1 match when they were unsuccessful against Ramsey Grammar School.—E.K. UVI., Captain.



### NETBALL.

**D**URING the 1955—56 netball season the first junior team played six matches, losing five and winning one. The second junior team played five matches, losing four and winning one.

Interchanging in the centre court made an improvement in the play of both teams. Some of the shooting was quite good, but more enthusiasm could have been shown, especially in the defence.—P.C.



## **TENNIS**

ON Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, some of the seniors practice on the School court and Tuesdays and Thursdays, we may use the Town Courts, so we have plenty of time and scope for improving our tennis! So far this term we have only played one match, that against Douglas High School, which resulted in a win to Douglas, 53 games to 28. The Tennis Team this season consists of, 1st couple—J. Curtis, V. Corkhill; 2nd couple—M. Woods, M. Prew; 3rd couple—M. Casement, D. Woods; Reserves—J. Scott, P. Cowley.

Sally George and Voirrey Corkhill were awarded their tennis colours last Summer Term.

We have some very promising Juniors, who are keen and enthusiastic. Some of the junior boarders have even been seen practising at 7 o'clock in the morning!



## THE SWIMMING SPORTS

THE Swimming Sports were held at the end of the Summer Term, 1955, in King William's College Baths, by kind permission of the Principal. We wish to thank Mrs. I. Qualtrough and Mr. A. G. Roche for judging the diving and the style events. The Swimming Award was won by Sally George and the runner up was Norma Sheil. Olaf won the House Cup.—A.T.



## RIDING

NEW arrangements are being made and it is hoped that riding may soon take place again in Hobbies' time on Wednesday afternoons. A number of juniors are anxiously awaiting Miss Leadbeater's return, as she proposes to collect the riders and deliver them to school again, after their lesson at her riding school in Santon.

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## **BADMINTON**

A LTHOUGH we lost some members of the Badminton club Barbara Black, Anne Pycraft and Dorothy Callin left last July) we welcomed three new members Margaret Kelly, Carolyn Tuffen and Voirrey Corkhill from the Lower VI.

We should like to offer our grateful thanks to Mr. C. Davis for his very patient coaching and also to Miss Warrell, who founded the club.

On February 23rd, members were invited to King William's College to play against College masters and their wives, while on March 15th members of Castletown Club gave up a night to come and play with us. Players gain valuable experience from such friendly matches. The members of the club have enjoyed this season very much and those who are leaving hope to join other badminton clubs next winter.—E.K.

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## HOUSE MATCHES

HOUSE Hockey and Netball Matches took place in the Spring Term. The competition held an added attraction this year as the winners were awarded a cup, which Susan Griffiths presented to the school. Godred won this with a majority of 20 points to Magnus' and Olaf's 5 points each.

In the Junior Netball matches, Magnus gained 20 points, Godred 10 points and Olaf 0 points. In the Senior Netball Matches Godred gained 20 points, Olaf 10 points and Magnus 0 points.—E.K. (Games Captain).

## ↔ GODRED HOUSE

GODRED must congratulate both Netball and Hockey teams, as we gained the highest number of points in the House Matches. Unfortunately, we have not succeeded in gaining any trophies this year, mainly because our marks in the Autumn Term placed us 3rd. However, after several House 'peptalks' and many threats to our Juniors, we managed rising to 2nd place in the Spring Term. We hope to make up for lost ground in the Athletic Sports, and also to raise the standard of our swimming.—Marcia Brew (House Captain).

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## MAGNUS HOUSE

AST Summer Term we were sorry to lose Annabel Jones who had been our Captain for a year, and is now at Liverpool University. Jennifer Sayle, who was Captain for three years previously, is now studying at St. Andrew's University.

Last year, Magnus gained the House Cup with a total of 665 points. We are not doing so well this year on Academic points, but we hope to pull up in the Swimming and Athletic Sports. In the Spring Term, all our seniors had once again to play in the house hockey team, but our junior netball team did very well, winning both their matches. We congratulate Elin Clague on winning her hockey colours.—Geraldine Hampton (House Captain).

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## **OLAF HOUSE**

AT the end of the Spring Term we said good-bye to Yvonne Christian, who had been our Vice-Captain for two terms. We wish her the best of luck.

We have made a good start this year by winning the House Cup in both the Autumn and Spring terms with 126 and 123 points respectively.

This term we have the Athletic and Swimming Sports and House matches to look forward to and we hope to be successful in our efforts to win the House Cup for the year.—Sheila Swindlehurst (House Captain).

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## DR. BARNARDO'S HOMES

MRS Forster paid her annual visit to the school during the Autumn Term. She brought with her some films which Mr. Kewley kindly projected for us. The films included the Visit of the Duke of Edinburgh to the Dr. Barnardo's Naval School.

The main theme of Mrs. Forster's talk was "Careers for the Children." Questions were asked after the films on varied subjects concerning the children and Homes.

Instead of our usual annual box opening, we are now to have two a year—one at Easter and the other at the end of the summer term. Many of the girls now give annual subscriptions instead of having a box.

The half yearly total for 1955-6 amounted to £17 18s. 7d.

-M. Woods, Secretary.



## CHARITIES SUPPORTED 1955-56.

IN the Summer Term 1955 we collected and sent £8 9s, 7d, to the Returned British Prisoners of War Association.

Autumn Term 1955—£12 4s. 6d. to the British Pestalozzi Children's Village Association.

Spring Term 1956—£8 10s. 0d. to the Relief Fund for dependents of the men drowned in Ramsey Bay.—J. Curtis, Secretary.



## THE S.C.M. CONFERENCE

THE Student Christian Movement Conference was held in the Douglas High for Boys on November 18th, 1955.

The discussion was introduced by the Rev. R. H. Preston, who is Warden of St. Anselm Hall, Manchester, and Lecturer in Christian Ethics at Manchester University. He was formerly a member of the S.C.M. Staff.

The host was Mr. J. T. Boulton and the Conference was attended by members of Sixth Forms from all the Island Schools.—S.S.



### HOBBIES

THANKS to Mr. Wilson for permitting us the use of K.W.C. baths, there was a Swimming Hobby for the first time in the Winter Term. This was very popular with our more Spartan members! The Drama Hobby produced two plays "The Invisible Duke" and "Sunday costs five Pesos," which were intended for public performance at the end of the Spring Term. Unfortunately they both had to be cancelled at the last minute owing to a 'flu epidemic.

Hockey, netball, rounders and tennis have been enthusiastically played in Games Hobby in their appropriate seasons, and the artists took advantage of mild weather for out-door sketching. A number of girls this term hope to be able to ride on Wednesday afternoons now that new arrangements have been made with Miss Leadbeater.—M.A.



## WESTHILL NOTES

A T the end of the Christmas Term, Mrs. Christian had to leave us because of her husband's ill-health. In her place we welcome Mrs. Cobb. Miss Hexel also left at the end of the Spring Term, and we wish her every success in her new post, in Wales.

We were stricken by 'flu epidemic during the Spring Term. but Mrs. Cobb with the help of Miss Hexel and Miss Brierley, who joined us last November as cook, managed to restore us all.

Thanks to the efforts of last year's Upper Fifth, the Senior and Junior Common Rooms and two rooms on the top floor were repainted after the G.C.E. Examination. One of the spare rooms on the top floor has been converted into an Upper Sixth study.

Some of the boarders enjoyed making sweets for the Upper Fifth and Sixth sweet fund—Geraldine Hampton being the taster in chief!

Mary Woods and Nancy Brown have been returning to Westhill on Thursday afternoons for cookery lessons with Miss Brierley and we notice a steady improvement in the result of their efforts.

We now have dinner at Westhill on Saturdays and Sundays and we find this a much more convenient arrangement,

The garden continues to look well kept and attractive, while the flowers in the conservatory are a delight. They are greatly admired by all our visitors and arouse the envy of our fathers, who try in vain to emulate Eddie's success with cyclamen and cineraria!

Most of the fresh vegetables and fruits, which are included in our menus both here and at school, are produced in the Inner Garden. Our dining rooms, Common rooms and all the school classrooms are kept bright with the flowers and blossoms that he manages to supply even during Winter.—M.B. & K.G.



## GUIDE NOTES

Captain: Miss D. M. Hatch

Leader: Marcia Brew

Patrol Leaders: M. Alder, K. Grandage, N. Brown, G. Hampton Patrol Seconds: A. Ducker, E. Clague, R. Hudson, P. Cross

ALTHOUGH a great deal of work has been carried out by the Company over the past year, as yet, it is difficult to see the results. Mavis Alder is still our only 2nd Class Guide, but several people are 'nearly there.' Rosalind Gardner is to be congratulated on being the first to pass her signalling test—the test which appears to be the stumbling block to many.

Anne Ducker and Elin Clague were lucky in the Spring Term, in being able to attend part of a Guiders' Weekend at Cunningham House. More of the Guides were to have attended this—but our numbers were reduced owing to the epidemic of 'flu.

I should like to thank Miss Costain on behalf of the Company, for giving up her time to help us out on Friday nights. We do appreciate all that Miss Hatch has done for us as Guide Captain throughout the years.—M.B.



## **CURRENT AFFAIRS**

DURING the Autumn and Spring Terms groups of senior and junior girls have met once a week to discuss Current Affairs. These proved both interesting and instructive and we should like to thank Miss Curphey for giving up her valuable time to answer our questions.

## **NEWS READING**

THE Sixth Form have again taken turns in preparing a summary of the news and reading it to the school at Assembly, once a week. This is a form of torture which is gladly undergone in order that the illiterate among us may be kept up to date!—A.T., UVI.



## SENIOR LIBRARY

THANKS to the money given by the "Friends of the Buchan School," many attractive books have been bought for both school libraries. We sincerely thank all those who have made these additions possible.

We wish to thank also Mrs. Ellis, Mrs. Harper, Mrs. Parr, Sir Joseph Qualtrough and Canon Stenning for their gifts of books to the Senior Library.

During the past year we have been able to buy a large number of books. These include many Penguin and Fontana editions, which are very popular.

The number of fines has decreased This is mainly because, after having been so well-trained by the Junior librarians very few borrowers ever let their books become overdue.

A small library is being built up for the boarders and we are grateful to Mrs. A. D. Bridson, M.H.K., for her gifts of books to Westhill.

-Anne Turnbull, Librarian.



## **JUNIOR LIBRARY**

DIANA Gardner and Peggy Howarth became librarians in the Autumn Term and their first job was to rearrange the books according to age-groups. Form II and I are now regular borrowers and it is easier for them to find the books they want to read.

In the Spring Term we received a great many new books from members and old girls; Irene Woodall sent 6 books, Charmian Evans gave us 4 books and the 'Friends of the Buchan School,' bought a number f handsome new books which we have backed in transparent polythene.

We should like to take this opportunity of thanking them very much and we assure them that all members of the Junior Library are reading with enthusiasm.

The Upper Four librarians handed over the running of the library in the Summer Term to two able volunteers from Lower Four, Tania Samson and Elaine Radcliffe,—D.G. & P.H. Upper IV.



## THE NATIVITY PAGEANT, PASSION SERVICE AND DISCUSSION GROUP

A T the request of many parents and friends, who expressed their appreciation of our Nativity Pageant, we again repeated it, with the addition of part of the Genesis story of the Fall of Man, for a large congregation in the School Hall at the end of the Autumn Term. We thank the Lord Bishop for leading our prayers.

During Lent, a discussion group of Sixth Formers met each Tuesday evening at Westhill. Father S. M. Gibbard's "Tomorrow's Church" was the basis for these discussions, which proved especially helpful to those of us who hope to work with children in the future; and to those who are already teaching in Sunday Schools.

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At the beginning of Holy Week, the school held a Passion Service. The impressive simplicity of St. Mark's record and the choir's rendering of some of the finest hymns of the Passion combined to make it a true offering of worship.

Several girls were confirmed at St. Mary's Church on Ascension Day; a festival which is annually marked by a School Confirmation Service.

At the beginning of the year the boarders were present at the collation and induction of Rev. E B. Glass at St. Mary's Church, Castletown. Mr. Glass has replaced the Rev. H. S. Whittaker, who is now living in New Zealand.—K.G. UVI.

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## THE SHAKESPEARE COMPETITION

IN December, 1955, the inter-form Shakespeare Competition was held for the second successive year. All forms from Lower Four upwards entered. The large schoolroom was again converted into a temporary theatre, with the aid of improvised lighting and scenery and all the performances went off without a hitch. The Drama Trophy, a fine large print of Franz Hals' "Jester," presented by Mrs. Davies, was won by Upper Four "A" team, with an outstanding presentation of a scene from "The Merry Wives of Windsor." The Individual award went to Pat Cross, as Cassius in the quarrel scene from "Julius Cæsar."

We should like to take the opportunity of thanking all the back-stage helpers, on whom the smooth running of the competition largely depended. Miss E. Spencer, B.A., formerly senior English Mistress at Ramsey Grammar School, very kindly judged our competition, and her advice and helpful criticism were most encouraging.

Scenes presented:

U VI and L VI--2 scenes from "Much Ado About Nothing."

U V-1 scene from "Anthony and Cleopatra."
2 scenes from "Julius Cæsar."

L V-4 scenes from "The Tempest."

U IV-2 scenes from "The Merrie Wives of Windsor."

L IV-4 scenes from "Twelfth Night."

K. Grandage as Dogbery, R. Hudson as Caliban, W. Olive as Falstaff and P. Cross as Cassius, gave excellent performances in parts which are very difficult for girls to perform.—K.G.



## UPPER VI FORM NOTES

"And when we leave the Buchan crew, And sail new seas alone . . . . ."

WER since the beginning of our school careers we have been singing these words and they have meant little or nothing to us. Now the "time of our departure is at hand," and we must venture into the cold, cruel world. No longer will teachers be there to shepherd us through difficult places—we shall have to stand on our own feet and fight our own battles. Before we can do this however, there is one battle to be fought on our school ground—G.C.E. at Advanced level! Most of us are taking two or three subjects at this level, and one of us will take Scholarship papers in two.

With regard to our future careers, Kathleen Grandage hopes to read for a degree at King's College London; Marcia Brew, Edwina Kinrade, Sheila Swindlehurst and Anne Turnbull have all been accepted by the Training Colleges of their first choice; Mary Woods is going to the Manchester College of Housecraft; Ethel Roberts hopes to take up Laboratory Technology; and Jennifer Curtis is going to a Secretarial College in Cheltenham.

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In the Spring Term, in conjunction with Lower VI and Upper V, we made and sold sweets to help the School Appeal Fund. Sheila Swindlehurst, our Head Girl, set us a target of £10 and we are glad to say we reached it—with five shillings to spare!

We understand that plans are afoot for future sixth forms to be allowed to escape from tunics and regret that we shall miss the opportunity of being the first to appear in the adult glory of blouses and skirts and stockings—a glory which will doubtless arouse a proper respect and admiration in the lower school.

Finally we thank our form-mistress, Miss Curphey, for bearing with us for the past two years!

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## LOWER VI FORM NOTES

A FTER rounding off our Upper Vth year by painting rooms at Westhill, we returned refreshed in September to face VIth form life. Four of us found that we had been made sub-prefects, to our surprise and consternation!

We have been split up into small groups owing to the variety of subjects which we now claim to study. We spend our 'leisure' toiling in the garden for the comfort of the Upper VI who study there. We depend upon Margaret Kelly as our main source of pocket money at the moment, as she won a considerable amount of money in the Guild this year!

Only two members of our form left after G.C.E. at the end of the Summer Term. Pamela Kewley, who went to live in New Zealand with her family, and Sally George who went to live in Oxford. Rosemary Barron and Yvonne Christian left us at Easter, as they were needed at home. We look forward to a period of great enjoyment in July when Upper VI and Upper V will be in the throes of G.C.E. 'A' and 'O,' while we rest after our labours, play ternis, swim, and watch **them** work.

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## UPPER V FORM NOTES

WE prefer to say nothing whatever about our intellectual pursuits for the world will know the worst in August; so until then we will draw a veil over them, except to record with pride that five of us passed G.C.E. in special subjects while we were in L.V. Nancy Brown—Domestic Science, Elin Clague, Anne Ducker and Jennifer Watkin—French, Norma Shiel—French and Maths.

However, our sidelines are few, but thriving, and even if we fail G.C.E. we shall not starve, for Dorothy won £12 in one day at the Hunter Trials and has frequently won silver cups for jumping. She took her horse to compete at Southport and Paynton Horse Shows last summer. Jennifer is the other member of the form who is at home on a horse and, like Dorothy, can always support herself in this way

Norma and Pat spend their spare time winning fluffy dusters for furnishing their bottom drawers at the expense of the Port Erin Commissioners who hold Swimming Galas in the summer.

Since Moira won the prize for the Botanical collection, she is thinking of becoming a Market Gardener. Nancy, who has become proficient with oar and sail, is going to revise the pearl diving industry in the Isle of Man and make her living by selling fish on the beach. Barbara's stamp collecton will be of use to her in old age because even if she can't sell it she will be able to use the stamps for papering the walls.

Anne, who was awarded credit in Grade IV Viola Exam and passed in Theory, is going to stand on street corners and play.

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Elin keeps her past a dark secret and we have not yet found out what she does in her spare time, but we hope it is profitable.

Jean and Pauline contine to search for two eligible gentlemen who will be able to keep them in the manner to which they are accustomed!

We thank Mrs. Watkin for keeping us out of trouble during these "the happiest days of our lives" and hope that we shall not prove a disappointment to her in August when the truth about us is broken to the world.



## LOWER V FORM NOTES

WE are sorry for Dr. Rose! He deserves our deepest sympathy! All the staff complain about us bitterly; he will never be able to understand why girls, must giggle and twitter "like larks" when BOYS do not. However we are a credit to him in one respect because our form room is the tidiest in the school and last term we had 93% for tidiness. We owe this glory to Dr. Rose alone, because he forbids us to leave, until he has inspected our desks and the room, with his able deputy, Margaret Riley.

We are proud of our athletic members: Pamela Cowley plays centre half in the school 2nd XJ Hockey team and Jennifer Scott and Pamela are reserves for the school tennis team.

Pat Shimmin had notable successes in the Manx Music Festival. She was placed 1st in Girls' Solo, under 16, and 3rd in Girls' Pianoforte Solo 14-16. Hilary Walker also competed in the Guild and sang well.



## UPPER IV FORM NOTES

WE are glad to welcome Miss Brown as our form mistress once again. She has now been with us since we were in LIV and we should feel quite lost without her! We also welcome Jean Ellis back from hospital. Our form captains for the year have been Diana Gardner, Jill Duke and Wendy Olive.

Diana Gardner brought her father's piccolo to show us, as we are studying the instruments of the orchestra. As a form we are quite musical; we now have two members playing in the School Orchestra and five learning to play the piano. We also have one member in the Senior Recorder Class. Three of us are members of the Junior Choir and competed in the Manx Music Festival this Spring. Ann came third in the Manx Music Festival, in the elocution class.

We are enthusiastic about our swimming, as we have all learned the art, and some of us hope to take life-saving exams this summer. As for sports, three of us are in the Rounders team and one has played in the Tennis team. We look forward to Sports Day and hope to be competing in many of the events.

This term we are studing Manx History and Geography with Miss Curphey. We have already enjoyed two most interesting excursions; one to the Neolithic Village on Cronk-ny-Irree-Lhaa and one to Lag-ny-Keilly to see the ancient Keeil.

Three of us went on the Rome Tour during the Easter Holidays and thoroughly enjoyed ourselves The prize for an essay about the trip was won by Pamela Davies and of the photographs selected for the magazine, one by P. Davies won second prize and one by Jillian Duke was third.

Wendy Olive and Peggy Howarth were confirmed at the School Confirmation Service at St. Mary's Church and Ann Hodgson is to be confirmed at St. Thomas's Church, in Douglas.

We are also very pleased to have won the Shakespeare Trophy and hope to retain it in 1957.

## LOWER IV FORM NOTES

"Otium numquam habemus; semper laboramus!" This is now our form motto.

(If there is any one so ignorant as to be unable to translate this, any member of LIV will oblige in return for a small fee).

WE think it is a very suitable motto, because the mistresses think we are so clever that they give us more work than any other form. We know, of course that it is very difficult for the seniors to keep up to our high standard of work. We are very expensive to keep in stationery and are constantly accused of losing books and wasting ink, when they are really used up with our excellent work. We all suffer from writers' cramp, and our writing is not so good as it used to be, as our pen nibs are worn away.

Of course we know that Miss Costain was appointed our form mistress because we are so good at Science. We have been made official ringers of bells because we are so musical. We have been chosen to occupy the room next to the sixth form because we are so quiet and well behaved at all times.

Any mistress coming to teach us walks on carpeted stairs, so as not to disturb our work and so as not to soil our spotless floor and prevent us from winning the 'House Beautiful' picture.

There would be no Junior Choir without us. Several of us play three instruments; most of us play one.

We have won pictures for French, Art and Excellents—we no longer have a place on our chart for defaulters!—?

We are very proud of Gillian Hinds for as well as helping us to win the Art picture, she holds the school record for the Western Roll high jump.

Maintaining such a high standard takes it out of us and as this has been a long, trying year for us, we are looking forward to a well earned rest.



## UPPER III FORM NOTES

WE are the sunbeams of Upper III;

Since the school came to see our play M.N.D.
The talk of this year has been Upper III
Our private zoo in Upper III
Is hanging up for all to see
On the wall of Upper III.
We must be good in Upper III
For we are chosen by dear Miss C—
To care for her specimens in Upper III.
We like to be warm, in Upper III.
So we use most electricity;—
Two heaters for us, in Upper III.
So come and join us in Upper III.
And pass your lives in luxury!



## LOWER III and III REMOVE FORM NOTES

WE are very pleased to welcome Miss Roberts as our form mistress this year. We have two new girls, Dawn Ashley and Christine Cubbon. We have a form library to which many lovely books have been added this year. Any one is allowed to take one out as long as she brings it back in a week. Our form captain is Suzanne Lawson and our vice-captain Rosalind Manning. We were very pleased to win the 'Excellents' picture again this term.

## II, I and K.G. FORM NOTES

WE have made an Easter Garden, done some clay modelling, made some mats and string bags. Every Tuesday we listen to Reynard the Fox on the radio. We enjoy this. Katherine is learning to play the piano.

Simon, Andy and Sally are learning to climb the ropes and to swim and Tania can get to the top of the ropes while David can jump over the horse. Elizabeth entered for her first horse Gymkhana this year. Gordon likes jumping over the forms. Last summer Simon went to London with his uncle and Andy went to Westonsupermare where he was allowed to drive the horsecart. John Bell made a bow and arrow and Heather took Tarka, the Dachshund and a Labrador on the beach at Port Erin and Tarka jumped in a pool. Michael had a jeep for his birthday and Frances had a new kitten.

Leslie, Tania, John and Simon are going to present "Tom Tit Tot" for the English Speaking Board Examinaton and Heather, Jill, Elizabeth, Katherine and Frances are presenting "The Princess and the Swineherd."

Tania, Katherine and Elizabeth have been our form captains.

Swimming. Tania is the first of us to swim a breadth of the bath on her back. Simon and Andrew now swim in a tyre and Simon can swim half a width.

We have badges for swimming. When we can swim a width with the tyre, we are awarded a tadpole badge, but to win a frog badge we must swim a width on our own. When any of the seniors can do this, we will give them badges too!



## FORMS II & I POST BAG

WE have a bird's nest where we push the shed jopen. We have a new lawn and the grass is just coming up.—A Tuffen.

On the shore, at the Lhen, there is a seagull with only one foot. I have seen bird's footmarks and I draw the marks with my fingers.

I have heard a Dove.

Elizabeth and I saw on television Toads and Frogs and, in the night they made noises.—F. Glass.



IN the holidays I watched two crows building their nest. Every day I looked and one day I saw that the nest had been blown down.

Every day when I go to grandma's there is a gull out on the path. It has a broken wing. Grandma feeds it every day. It chases all the other gulls away.—Tania Hawton, Form I.

WE have a lot of birds' nests; among them are—swallow, thrush and black-

In our stream we have a waterhen's nest. We saw one big one and John saw two babies. We have seen two baby missel thrushes.—Lesley Bell, Form I.

WE have found a blackbird's nest with four eggs in it. I have now seen eight eggs.

One day Frances and I found a dead blackbird. We buried it in the garden.—Elizabeth Watkin, Form I.

ONE morning Daddy told me to come and look in the mouse trap. There was a mole caught by his tail. I lifted him out and let him go. He ran into the bushes. Then I birdwatched. I saw a robin and a hedgesparrow. I found my tortoise in his home. It was some grass pushed together like a cave. Daddy has made a roof over the goose. She is hatching eggs.

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## TRAVEL SECTION

## **CYPRUS**

IN 1946 my father was sent to Cyprus with his regiment and Mummy, Jillian and I went out in a troopship to join him. We went to Gibraltar first and then landed at Port Said where Daddy came out in a launch to meet us, which was very exciting. We then went to a Rest Camp in Ismalia to wait for permission to go on to Cyprus; it was very hot there and we lived in Nissen huts.

Then, one day, we were told we could continue our journey and we caught a military train as there was trouble in Palestine at the time. We had a very exciting journey, as there were soldiers with guns at nearly every window and we had a narrow escape, as one of the stations we went through was blown up just after we had passed it. Then we caught another boat at Haifa and landed at Famagusta, which is a lovely place with very blue sea and white houses. We were shown the Fort where Othello is supposed to have wooed Desdemona. We then drove in a jeep to Nicosia where Daddy had found us an attractive little house, white, with green shutters, and with orange trees growing in the garden.

We had great fun there, as there was a very nice Armenian lady called Sarah living next door, and she used to play with us. One day I remember locking Jillian in the bathroom; Mummy was very cross because there was a wood geyser burning furiously to heat the water and steam was pouring out of the windows and I could not get Jillian out, but Daddy came to the rescue just in time. Mummy used to take us to the market in the morning, which was wonderful—about the size of the Villa Marina and filled with different stalls full of every kind of fruit. Oranges cost one penny each and grapefruits were a halfpenny each. There was also fish and goat milk for sale, everybody was shouting. The streets of Nicosia were very narrow with many little shops on each side.

Sometimes we used to go to a beautiful castle called St. Hilarion, which has recently been used as a terrorist camp. It was just like a castle in a fairy story and dated back to the time of Richard Coeur de Lion.

After we had been in Nicosia for six months we moved to Larnaca, on the sea, and, as there were no houses, we lived in tents on the beach, with yellow sands right up to our beds and we had all our meals outside.

On our way back to Nicosia after two months by the sea our lorry, carrying all our clothes and our dog, was swept into a flood, and, as we came along behind we could see Nicky our dog and the driver sitting on the roof of the lorry with water rushing through our clothes and bedding. Eventually the flood subsided and we spent weeks drying everything.

Sad to say I was too young to ski, but Mummy and Daddy used to ski and bathe on the same day, as the mountains were not very far away.

Our year passed all too quickly and England seemed cold when we got home. It is very sad to think there could be so much trouble on such a beautiful island.—Caroline Riggall, LIV.



## A WINTER SPORTS HOLIDAY IN AUSTRIA

On January 7th I left with my family for a winter sports holiday in Austria.

On January 8th we arrived in Kitzbühel, quite a large town in the Tyrol with very good skiing facilities and ski-school.

We stayed at the Florianhof where we slept and had breakfast, but ate our other meals at a restaurant. The food was quite good, except for the German sausages! We found a shop which sold wonderful cream cakes and pastries.

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Kitzbühel was crowded with celebrities— Toni Sailor, the Austrian skiing champion who lives there, the Olympic skiing teams who were in training, several film stars and Princess Ira.

For our first day's skiing we hired boots and skis and set out for the ski school, where even the instructors receive training! Unfortunately there was not much snow, and what little there was was frozen solid.. We were all in different classes and the first day consisted of falling all over the gentlest slopes, being laughed at by the 'experts' who had been there for one week! Later, when we were more or less able to stand up, we went up in the ski lifts and out on expeditions. There were specially arranged tests for beginners, the first being "Test 4." Needless to say, I failed, but this did not seem to be regarded as a catastrophe by anyone, not even my instructor!

One night we went to see an exhibition of Tyrolean songs and dances, which were performed enthusiastically by young people in National costume.

Races, in which the Olympic teams, including the British were taking part, were arranged for 2 days. The downhill races for men and women were held on the first day, and the saalom for men and women in the second. Both the men's races were won by Toni Sailor, who was later to win 3 gold medals at the Winter Olympics. I thought that the men's downhill races were the best, as the men reached fantastic speeds over a very difficult and dangerous course, the start of which was on the top of a mountain, and the finish on the nursery slopes of the ski school.

I had the opportunity of meeting my pen friend and going to Salzburg with my father to meet her. She took us all round the city, where we saw the magnificent castle and many churches. In the square of St. Peter's Church, every summer the play 'Jedermann' (Everyman) is performed. We also visited the Mozart museum, where we saw his first violin and even a lock of his hair. As we left, we signed the visitor's book, writing the Isle of Man in block capitals!

To get to Salzburg we had to get up at 6 o'clock and spend three hours on a bus, but it was well worth it.

Everyone was very kind and helped us to enjoy a wonderful holiday.

—L. Carter.



## A CONTINENTAL MOTOR TOUR

AST Summer 1 went with my parents, uncle and aunt, for a fortnight's holiday on the Continent. We spent the first four days of our tour in Holland and saw much of the country side as we stayed both at the seaside and in Rotterdam, a large and very modern city; everyone there rode bicycles or scooters. On the way to Noordwick am Zée, we passed through rather flat countryside. The following day we crossed Holland and stayed at Arnhem, where we visited the Britsh War Cemetery, which is well cared for by the Dutch people. The car was serviced at Nijmegen in the morning and we then left for Germany.

Of the five days spent in Germany, three were spent on the Rhine and two in the Black Forest. After leaving Köln on the first day we drove on an Autobahn following the Rhine until we reached Rudeshiem. Here we went into a beer garden which was very gay. We had to cross the Rhine by ferry and I was surprised to find out how wide the river was. Barges, pleasure boats and fishing boats were continually plying up and down. We then went to Heidelberg where we saw the old castle with huge wine cellars underneath it. From here we made for the Black Forest,

The road now began to climb steeply. The forests became very thick and, after about thirty miles, we approached the highest point and could see nothing but thick forest and small villages dotted in the distance. It was very pleasant and very hot there. We stayed in a small village for one night before going further south to Freiburg. We went on a tour round the town here, visited the fine old cathedral and the market. In the early afternoon we left the Black Forest for Nancy. We crossed into France over the Rhine and arrived in Nancy at about six o' clock in the evening. I found this part of France dull.

Our next destination was the city of Luxembourg where we stayed for two days. The next day we spent touring the Grand Duchy. The scenery was very grand.

We spent the remaining three days in Belgium, one in Brussels one in Ypres and our first night had been in Ostend.

We went out in the evenings and saw the lights of Brussels which were most impressive. At Ypres we saw trenches of the first world war preserved with some military equipment and shell cases still left lying there. At eight o'clock, we went to the Menin Gate and heard the 'Last Post' played by two buglers.

We returned via Calais after a very crowded fortnight which I shall always remember.—V. Corkhill, LVI.



## A HOLIDAY IN AUSTRIA

A FTER very hurried arrangements, I was lucky enough to go to Austria last summer. I left the Isle of Man on July 15th, and journeyed by coach through France. Germany and finally through the Tyrol to Upper Austria. The part of France which I went through seemed very flat and uninteresting, with fields of crops stretching on either side of the road. We stayed in Rheims for one night where I saw the beautiful cathedral, then we continued our journey through the Ardennes, over the Rhine, and into the Black Forest. On the way through, we saw a statue of a stag, which is said to have jumped 70 feet to escape the hunters. The scenery in the Tyrol is magnificent, the villages with houses which are covered in paintings, churches with onion shaped towers and with snow-covered mountains surrounding them

Grieskirchen where I stayed for four weeks of my holiday, is a flatter part of Upper Austria, but nevertheless it is surrounded by beautiful scenery and in the town itself there is a fine swimming pool. I went to swim nearly every day and play featherball with Annemarie, the girl with whom I was staying. I found all the Austrians very friendly and willing to help my faltering German!

The first day of my stay was spent at Attersee, which is a large lake surrounded by very high mountains. It was here that I tasted Austrian food for the first time. The Austrians have one main meal a day, but their diet is very varied and their food delicous.

The latter part of my holiday was spent by a small lake, Altausee. Although small, I think it is one of the most beautiful lakes I have ever seen. The chalet where we stayed was on the side of a mountain, and from there we had a magnificent view of the lake and a range of mountains stretching away in the distance.

We climbed many of the surrounding mountains and made one very interesting excursion down a salt mine. We put on white track suits and black and white caps; then we sat on a sort of trolley and went inside the mine. The salt was in a very crude form and was handled by machinery the whole time. After we returned to ground level, we continued up the mountain

and on reaching the summit, sunbathed and ate bilberries, which grow plentifully on all the mountains. I also listened to two cowherds yodelling to each other from opposite sides of the mountain. On these mountaineering expeditions, I was overawed by the scenery; I also saw the longest chairlift in the world.

After three weeks stay in Altausee, we returned to Grieskirchen, and I had to leave almost immediately for England. On the return journey, we passed through Salzburg where I saw the birthplace of Mozart, the castle which is situated on a hill right in the centre of the city, and the famous open-air theatre where "Everyman" is performed each year, at the festival.

We left Salzburg and continued up the Rhine, with vineyards rising in tiers on either side of the river. We passed through Cologne and continued on the huge German Autobahn until we reached Frankfurt. Going through the North-West of Germany we saw many reminders of the Second World War. We then continued into Belgium. We passed through Brussels at night and saw the Gothic architecture of buildings in the main square floodlit. We travelled to Ostend during part of the night and there boarded the boat for England.

This holiday will always remain in my memory as one of the most enjoyable I have ever had.—M. Kelly, LVI.



#### MY TRIP TO FRANCE

L AST Easter I went with my parents to France. We made up our minds to travel south. It was a long way from Boulogne, where we landed after crossing the channel from Dover.

My father had a business call to make just outside Boulogne. My brother and I found conversation rather difficult while visiting this French family, because we were invited to play outside with the children of the family. They could not speak a word of English and I could not speak very much French, so it was not easy. That night we stayed in Poix, a small place not far from Boulogne, and very pleasant.

We all enjoyed driving over the French Alps; we had a picnic lunch every day.

When we arrived in the South of France, we spent most of our time in Nice, but made a lot of trips to Cannes. We spent Easter Sunday in Monaco, where we visited the Palace of Prince Rainier. The Prince was in residence but we did not see him.

On the return journey, we stayed in Paris. We saw the Eiffel Tower, but did not go up inside it. We saw the Arc de Triomphe and the Champs Elysées. We all enjoyed the holiday very much. We had seen Notre Dame, the Bridge at Avignon and many other interesting and famous places.—Sandra Phillips, LIV.



#### HOLIDAY IN AUSTRIA

AST summer I was fortunate enough to spend two months in Austria with my pen friend and her family. I was delighted to find that the scenery in Austria is very like that of Switzerland, with high snow-covered mountains, wide lakes and numerous little towns and villages scattered on slopes and in valleys.

The first half of my holiday was spent in a very beautiful little town of Zell-am-See, which is a fashionable holiday resort and well-known to most Austrians. It was situated on a lake and surrounded by high mountains. As I have lived in the Isle of Man all my life, these huge mountains with snow-covered peaks jutting proudly into the blue sky, were rather overwhelming and a complete contrast to the sloping hills of the island.

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I remember one evening there were about fourteen of us of four different nationalities, all singing the same songs in our own languages!

One fine night there was a festival on the lake: the water was alive with boats which could only be distinguished in the darkness by a swinging lantern in the bow. We watched a wonderful display of fireworks from a small boat, and afterwards joined the crowds singing and dancing until the early hours of the morning.

Towards the end of my stay in Zell we visited Kaprun, one of the largest hydro-electric works in the world. It is situated about eleven thousand feet above sea-level. After a short journey by bus and a steep climb, we arrived on a dusty road leading towards a tremendous wall which was still in the process of being built. We climbed to the top of the wall and then proceeded even higher, through tunnels cut in the mountain side, to the second dam. The view from here was magnificent; when Kaprun is completed the current produced will be exported to neighbouring countries, making it the largest works of its kind in Europe.

The second half of my holiday was spent in Vienna, the beautiful capital of Austria. Vienna was severely damaged during the war, and many of the buildings, including St. Stephen's Cathedral, have had to be completely re-built. The Austrians are a very musical race and their capital was centre of the world's music for over two centuries, consequently many of the houses have been the birth place or home of some famous musician. The Danube flows through the centre of Vienna, and it is practically impossible to lose oneself in the city, because it is planned in two half circles; the Viennese are very proud of their famous "Ringstrassen." I visited Schönbrunn, the beautiful country residence of the Austrian royal family and learnt about their tragic lives; Heiligenkreuz an ancient monastry and Baden, a popular spa.

One cannot write about Austria without recalling the Austrian way of life to which I became so accustomed. They are a very gay and friendly people, always willing to help a foreigner who cannot speak a word of German. I'm sure I shall never forget my wonderful holiday in Austria, and I hope that some day I may be able to return to this enchanting country.—M. Alder, LVI.



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Then you have to tramp miles to the nearest farm for milk and eggs, which of course you have forgotten. This puts you in a bad temper and when the fire wont light you make do on bread and jam. You have a long ramble during the day and contrive to fall into a stream, which puts you in no better temper.

Second night—the tent collapses and nearly suffocates you. Your only skirt has found its way out of the tent and is soaking. To add to your bundle of "Joys," one sock is missing. You pretend you like camping and try to make yourself stick to it. When in despair you give in and go home, you say to your mother "Oh yes, it was 'super'! It was only the place I didn't like!"—Christine Nicholls, UIII

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For the writing is done with thick black dye
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Let us go, through half-deserted rooms,
The dust-laden tombs
Of countless desks with one-coat cheap varnish
And ancient costuming that smells of fish:
Rooms that echo like a tedious argument
Of insidious intent
To ask of me an overwhelming question
Oh! do not ask, "Why is it?
What the cause of this your visit?"

Unperturbed, the artists come and go Talking of Michelangelo.

The sudden fear that slides cold hands upon the vertebrae, The sudden fear that brings cold moisture; gall to haunted prey, Spreads its grip into the corners of the spirit, Lingers upon the face as pale as clay. Lets fall upon its back the dust that falls from ceilings, Slips through our Reason's guard, makes sudden leap, And, seeing it has found a warm, inviting place, Curls once about the heart and settles deep.

And indeed there will be time
For the sudden fear will paralyse your feet,
Sliding cold hands upon the vertebrae;
There will be time—there will be time—
To prepare a face to meet the faces that you meet;
There will be time to wonder at your fate,
And time for all the works and days of hands
That lift and drop this question on your plate;
Time for you and time for me,
And time yet for a hundred indecisions,
And for a hundred visions and revisions,
Before the paying of the price and fee,

Unperturbed, the artists come and go Talking of Michelangelo.

And indeed there will be time
To wonder, "Do I dare?" and "Do I dare"
Time to turn back and descend the stair,
With initials down the middle of my desk—
[They will say: "You! A Prefect in form Six"]
My loving hands, my compass carved those flagrant Toms and Dicks.
For a record, short and modest, but totalling over twenty-six,
[They will say: "And You! A Prefect in Form Six."]
Do I dare
Disturb the universe?
In a minute there is time
For decisions and revisions which a minute will reverse.

For I have carved them all, as oft—whene'er I could, I have scratched with penknife, compass—happy games—I have measured out my days by writing names, I cut initials deep into the golden wood And inked the scratches with such patient care, —Descend? I will not dare.

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And I have known the words already, known them all—The words that fix you with a formulated phrase And when I am formulated, sprawling on a pin. When I am pinned and wriggling on the wall, Then how should I begin To justify the carving of my days and ways? Descend? I will not dare.

And I have known the trials before, know them all—
Trials suffered silently, and punishments
[There, in detention, watched by careful eyes]
And the Reports and the Lines
And inevitable fines
For keeping records on my desk, making lists of loves long-past.
Descend? How shall I dare?
No! Stay and hide with fearful care.—K. Grandage, UVI Arts.



WHO are 'The Sisters'?
Who are 'The Heavenly Twins'?
Who spanked Miss Curphey?
Who is 'Yoo-hoo'?
Who is 'Kippers'?
Who is 'Nigger'?
Who is 'Fe, fie, fo, fum'?
Who is 'Urnie'?
Who is 'Maggot'?

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#### PET AVERSIONS

A PET aversion is some particular, personal dislike. Some people have one, some people have many. In common with other schoolgirls I have many dislikes, which are not pet aversions. For instance getting up on week-day mornings is not one of my favourite pastimes! I have many other dislikes but they are all every day tasks.

The thing that vexes me most is the feel of woollen garments. In winter the necessity for woollen clothes is so great that I am forced to wear them. There is an old proverb "Wool next to the skin keeps out the cold" but I disagree entirely with this. I am sure that if I were allowed to wear cotton garments in winter I should be quite warm enough. As the majority of garments are made of wool I am gradually overcoming this pet aversion, but I still think longingly of summer and of cotton clothes.

Other peoples' pet aversion seem to me very queer. Mummy's horror of slugs is one that I understand a little, but I can see no reason for Daddy's hatred of people cutting cardboard. My grandmother dislikes the sound of knives scratching on plates, a thing that I do very often. There are other strange pet aversions, which one does not notice although they are felt strongly by their owners.

Usually people manage to hide their feelings of irritation at minor dislikes, but when their pet aversion crops up they often find it impossible to suppress their horror!—Janet Beagle.

#### ₩Y BIRD

HAVE a budgerigar called Peter. One evening about a year ago, when we were ready for bed, my mother could not find Peter. Mummy and Daddy looked everywhere for the bird. When they could not find him, they decided that he must have flown up the chimney and was probably burnt. Suddenly a tiny head appeared at the very top of the curtain. It was Peter!

Next morning, Mummy told me what had happened. I went into the dining room and found Peter sitting on the mirror, looking tired,

Another day I came home from school and saw a little yellow head peeping through the window. I went inside and found Peter sitting on the windowledge. He was nibbling a dead plant. When he heard me he flew onto the mirror and began to scratch the wall-paper. Daddy shouted at the bird and frightened him so much that he flew back into his cage.—Christine Dale, UIII.



#### RIDDLE-ME-REE

My first is in will and also in way
My Second's in eagle but never in jay,
My third is in sandwich but never in milk,
My fourth is in satin but never in silk;
My fifth is in hand but never in pan,
My sixth is in spick but never in span;
My seventh is in lady and also in lark,
My eighth is in flower but never in park;
My whole is a place some people know well.
What am 1?

Answer: Westhill. -- Marilyn Conroy, LIV



#### DANGEROUS FUN

ONCE more Tricky came into my sight. No, not the sights along my toy gun, but a place on the Cycle Course where I have to tighten my muscles on the brakes.

We arranged this course out of sheer boredom at the end of the Easter Holidays. It was great fun, but soon came to mean a dangerous and skilful bit of cycling. Often I had seen the blood surge from my brother's torn knuckles, when he had made one little mistake which meant so much. If one made a little slip the result was big, for it is now a fast and yet difficult course.

It starts on the cement strip that surrounds our house and then turns at right angles on to the path. This right angled corner is called Tricky; there are two lawns on either side of it. Then the course leads down a board which avoids a nasty bump from the step; now from the cement of the path to the gravel of the road. We bank as we look cautiously over our shoulders to see if that dreadful car is coming. Then the asphalt drive meets us in between two dazzling white pillars. The drive is bordered by a bed of flowers, which fearfully wait to be crushed by leaping tyres; and the house, which stands firm, ready, if the accident occurs, unforgivingly to bring forth more redness to our knuckles.

I was terrified of this course at first; but now I tear round it almost as fast as my brother does. Often I have over-estimated the sharp turn of Tricky and have found myself and my bike on the edge of the lawn with grinding tyre marks behind me, much to the annoyance of my parents. I have ridden round it many times and each lap is a new experience, when I learn yet another lesson from my mistakes.

I wonder at what speed my bicycle travels round that course? We have often timed each other, but a watch without a second hand makes judgment poor. Ah well—it will soon be my birthday. I wonder if I shall get a speedometer?—Janet Honey, LIV.

#### RIDDLE-ME-REE

My second's in slipper, and also in shoe;
My third's in grape, but not in wine,
My fourth's in coal, but not in mine;
My fifth's in riding but not in walking,
My sixth is in mouth and also in talking;
My whole is a thing that no Buchan girl likes!

Answer: Report.

Tanya Sansom, LIV

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#### JESUS CHRIST WAS BORN TO-DAY

JESUS Christ was born to-day,
At this happy tide.
He laid his head among the hay,
And Herod's hate defied.

Above him shone a star, so bright That kings from far did come To see what caused the sparkling light And to worship the Babe so young.

Shepherds in the fields that night, Watching o'er their sheep Saw a great and brillant light. At which they dared not peep.

Then let us all rejoice and sing Upon this happy day For to-day was born a heavenly king. To whom we all must pray.

-Janet Honey, LIV



#### MY PONY

HAVE a pony, whose name is Jeremy Fisher. He has three white socks and his colour is chestnut. I take him out in the field or on the road every Saturday and he has an unpleasant habit of wiggling his back if he does not want to go. On the roads if a motor bike is on a pavement and he sees it, he won't do anything, but coming back past it, he will stand stock still and snort at it.

He is quite a good jumper, but when it is a windy day he will cat leap over the jump, and then do about five bucks—which means that I will be on the ground.

In the stable Jeremy is very good and when I give him some bread or sugar he will pick up his foot, with a little help from me, to say "thank you." Amber, my dog, sometimes goes into his stall. Jeremy will then shake his head and try to bite her. I am teaching Jeremy to take a lump of sugar out of my mouth. I am making little progress with that trick, as he usually tries to bite my mouth!—Jillian Riggall, UIII.

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#### US-BY THEM!

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-Jennifer Watkin and Norma Sheil of the persecuted Upper Five.



#### **ELEPHANT IN HER LAP!**

THE funniest experience I ever had was when my sister, her friend and myself went to see the Blackpool Tower Circus. When we arrived, the show was nearly ready to start and the whole atmosphere was excited. The usherette showed us to our seats and, to my sister's horror, they were right next to the ring.

The first turn took place at a distance because it was an acrobatic turn, but the programme told us that liberty horses were next. My sister turned quite white at the news, but remained quite firmly in her seat. The horses came into the ring and cantered steadily round. But then suddenly, at the crack of a whip, they all reared up in front of us and started turning circles. They did this for some time and all the time my sister was growing more scared. Her colour, however, came back very slowly, when at last the horses left the ring.

The show proceeded quite peacefully now, with jugglers, clowns and contortiosists, so she relaxed, but only temporarily, for after the interval there were more animals!

The elephants! They plodded placidly into the ring holding on to each others' tails. My sister realised with a start that they wouln't only do that and began to get worried and agitated.

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Sure enough after five minutes or so, they began to do tricks. My sister didn't like elephants at the best of times, even when they were safely shut up in the zoo. She became alarmed.

The climax came when the elephants began to rear up in front of us with their big feet a matter of yards above our heads. All we could see was a crinkly grey mass of elephant tummies. The last straw was when one delightful elephant seated himself on the ledge directly in front of my sister with his little grey tail in her lap! She took a flying leap out of her seat into her friend's arms. Everyone around them then completely forgot the show and all attention was centred on us and the elephant! And we were lit with a spotlight!

-Helen Bull, LIV.

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#### BE PREPARED!

WHEN I arrived at College the prospect of Teaching-Practice was sufficiently remote to cause no qualms. But by the beginning of the Easter holidays, I was begging for closely-guarded pictures of trains, aeroplanes and boats from my younger brothers. I had no sooner settled that problem, when another arose—I had to teach poetry! From then onwards my first question to every male I met, was: "What sort of poems did you read when you were seven?"

Finally the dread day arrived, and in fear and trembling I stood before my class for the first time! The lesson was to be Arithmetic; the lecturer sat silently watchig my every move from the back of the classroom. I smiled brightly and told the boys which exercise to do, then prepared for a brief respite. There was only one thing wrong—they worked out the sums quicker than I did!

My favourite subject has always been Art—but by the time I'd finished mopping paint up after thirtyseven little boys, I felt as though I never wanted to see a paintbrush again!

For Science, I was instructed to make a "wormery"—I can not stand any thing that wriggles! However I was glad that I could choose the next subject. I decided on making water-tanks Now, still trying to get the glue and cellotape out of my hair, I am the proud possessor of thirtyeight discarded water-tanks—would anyone like one?

To those who are contemplating teaching as a profession, I quote J. B. Phillips' modern version of St. James, Ch 3 v. 1 "Don't aim at adding to the number of teachers, my sisters, I beg you!"—K.G. and S.B.

#### ROME TOUR, EASTER, 1956

WE were a party of twenty-two girls accompanied by Miss Avery We left the Island on April 2nd to commence our journey to Rome. It was a beautiful Spring morning and we all looked forward to a calm sea crossing. Most of us had lunch on the boat! We travelled by train to London where we were met by a coach which took us to a restaurant for a meal, and afterwards to the Saville Theatre to see Laurence Harvey in 'The Rivals' by Sheridan. The hotel we stayed at was 'The Corona.' It was very comfortable.

Early on Tuesday morning, we walked to Victoria Station. We were now twenty-five, as Miss Hatch and Miss Roberts had joined us. We collected neat packed lunches to eat later on board the channel steamer. As we left Dover the wind blew strongly, but the crossing was pleasant. We boarded a French train at Calais for our journey to Brunnen. We travelled overnight to Basle where we arrived at four fifteen a.m. and we had breakfast in the Station Buffet. Next we boarded the train for Brunnen, where we arrived at twenty past nine in the morning. We found Brunnen a charming Swiss village on the opposite side of the lake from Lucerne. The snow-capped Alps rose up on either side of the village. The houses were of the charming Swiss chalet type and had gaily painted shutters and colourful windowboxes. Our hotel was the Bellevue. Here we met a party of boys from Newbury, Berks who were also travelling to Rome.

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The following day, we resumed our train journey, this time with Rome as our terminus. We passed through some beautiful scenery, the most exciting part of which was the crossing of the Alps through the St. Gotthard pass, into Italy. We had to show our passports at Chiasso and now were at last in Italy. We arrived in Rome late in the evening. We had a meal in our 'Pensione Scaligera' and went thankfully to bed.

Next morning we were up and about fairly early. We found there were a hundred and fifty steps to our rooms—some of us counted them—all of us climbed them reluctantly! We visited the National Museum in the morning, accompanied by the Newbury boys who were to join us on most of our excursions. At the museum, we saw many statues of Roman Emperors and also statues of Gods and Goddesses. We saw the Roman public baths and visited the church of Santa Maria Maggiore, the oldest church in Rome. The gold on the roof of this church is worth a million pounds. We learned there are three hundred and sixty churches in Rome.

In the afternoon we drove round Rome to see the places of interest We visited the Catacombs where many of the early Christians were martyred and where they met for secret worship. It is easy to get lost in the Catacombs as they were built so that only people who knew the way could get in. Next we saw the Colosseum and afterwards saw St. Peter's. We saw the graves of Keats and Shelley and Cestius' pyramid. This was a copy of the pyramids of the Pharaohs. We visited one of the seven hills of Rome. On its summit was a monument to Garibaldi.

The next day was Saturday and we went to the Forum. We saw the house of the widow Olivia which had beautiful painted wall decorations. We also saw the Senate House where Cæsar was murdered in 44 B.C. There were many splendid Roman pillars, Ionic, Doric and Corinthian, the remains of magnificent buildings. We visited the prison where St. Peter and St. Paul were imprisoned and where they converted the guard. The prisoners were dropped through a hole in the ceiling which was covered by a grating.

On Saturday afternoon we visited Tivoli, a village a few miles inland from Rome. Tivoli is famous for its many fountains, which are a wonderful sight. One of the photographs taken there is printed in this magazine.

Sunday morning we went to Holy Communion at eight a.m. at an American Protestant Church. After breakfast, we went to High Mass at Santa Maria Maggiore church, where Gregorian chants were sung.

In the afternoon there was an excursion to Ostia. We saw the water system with pipes stretching for about a mile. This dates from about a hundred B.C. There are extensive Roman ruins at Ostia. We saw an old Roman Public House in very good condition. It had a counter and a large stone vessel, set in the ground, in which the wine was stored. We also visited the modern part of the town, where there were stalls selling coral and pearl necklaces and shell jewellery. Ostia was formerly the port of Rome and used to have a dangerous harbour, but it is now safe.

On Monday morning, we visited St. Peter's which is the biggest church in the world. We saw the Papal Altar, where only the Pope or a Cardinal appointed by him, can celebrate Mass There is a statue to St. Peter where people kiss his foot and cross themselves. From constant kissing the foot is worn smooth. The lengths of other churches, like St. Paul's in London have been marked on the floor to compare size. The church was planned by Michel Angelo and formerly built in the shape of a Greek cross but was later lengthened into a Latin cross. On Monday afternoon, we visited Frascati where we tasted the famous Frascati wine, sold in raffia-covered bottles.

On Tuesday morning, we visited the Vatican Museum, where we saw the smallest and largest copies of the Bible. We also saw a book containing the Bible written in five different languages; the first Bible printed in Rome; and

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the first Bible ever printed, which was printed in Germany. We saw some Papyrus copies of the Bible and some 4th century writings rubbed out and written over to save vellum. We saw one page of the Vatican Codex and some prayer books beautifully decorated with gold-leaf.

Next, we visited the Sistine Chapel. Here the paintings on the roof were painted by Michel Angelo and numerous frescoes on the walls were painted by his pupils. The ceiling illustrates the six days of the Creation and the period from the Creation to the flood. 'The Last Judgment' is painted on the front wall. Another room in the chapel was painted by Raphael. The new Pope is elected in the Sistine Chapel.

Tuesday afternoon was free for shopping and we were all busy buying souvenirs to bring home. Very early on Wednesday morning we regretfully left Rome. The weather had been warm and pleasant. On the train journey back we passed through Moderna, Parma, Bologna, Florence, Lugano and many other famous places. We arrived at Brunnen again at eight p.m.

On Thursday morning we awoke in Brunnen to find the sun was reflected on the snow giving it an orange colour. After breakfast we went by motor boat across the lake to Rütli. We saw the historic field where a band of Swiss met secretly to drive out the Austrians from Switzerland. We also saw the monument to Schiller. This part of Switzerland is known as William Tell country. In the afternoon we had an exciting trip by cable-car to the top of one of the mountains. There was a magnificient view over the lake.

On Friday morning we went by lake steamer to Lucerne, where we boarded the train to Basle. At Basle we had a late dinner and then took another train in which we travelled overnight to Calais.

On Saturday morning we passed through the Customs and on to the boat for England. At the Customs shed at Folkestone, we declared our souvenirs and boarded the train for London. On arrival we had a meal and went straight to bed exhausted.

Next morning we went to see the Guards being changed at Buckingham Palace and afterwards to morning service at Westminster Abbey. We had lunch at a restaurant, where we received packed lunches for the train. During the afternoon we first drove around London seeing places of interest and then went to Hampton Court. On our drive through London we saw the Law Courts, The Old Lady of Threadneedle Street, that is the Bank of England, The Tate Gallery, Cleopatra's Needle and St. Paul's. At Hampton Court, we saw the famous clock and the biggest vine in the world measuring over six feet at soil level. We then drove to the station and boarded the train for Liverpool.

We spent the night in Liverpool and boarded the boat for the Isle of Man in the morning. We had enjoyed the holiday very much and all, no doubt had been impressed by the many beautiful things we had seen. We are grateful to Miss Hatch. Miss Avery and Miss Roberts for taking us and to Miss Curphey for making all the arrangements. We are sorry she was prevented at the last moment from making the trip with us.—P. Davies, UIV.



#### A GUIDE IS A FRIEND TO ANIMALS

FOR some time there has been, at Westhill, an increasing tendency to neglect this Guide law; for instance one Guide was caught saying "nasty things" to Davy Crockett\*, simply because he was sick over her socks. The following recommendations have been compiled, and it is suggested that they should be learned by heart:

- (i) Never eat any part of an animal or anything that would otherwise provide enjoyment for an animal or insect.
- (ii) Never begrudge the tadpoles bacon, although it is four shillings a lb.

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(iii) Always do nature-watching at seven o'cloock in the evening—it will give the midges great pleasure.

(iv) Always show proper appreciation of the 4 a.m. Dawn Chorus.

And for future note: Never stare a tiger in the face—you may frighten it! The following have been added with special reference to Davy Crockett:

- (i) Always copy his method of stalking, but never hide behind a tennis net.
- (ii) Never eat a bee-it's not fair on the bee!
- (iii) When throwing life-lines—do not strangle him.
  (iv) If he wants the tennis-ball let him have it. (He may get to Wimbledon before you!)
  (v) Always let him have the right of way.
- In consequence of certain rumours, you are asked to keep a look out for the following rare specimens and, in the interests of Science, to report their whereabouts immediately:-
- (i) the Backhand playing Tennis student
- (ii) the Automatically selfwashing Junior dormitoryite.
- (iii) the Second-Class Guide.

N.B.—Approach cautiously on all fours, taking advantage of all suitable cover (it is essential to black one's face); when within range, take a deep breath, hold for five minutes, and admire.

The final point is one for rumination. A Guide is a friend to animals: to which animal should you show friendship, when you catch Davy Crockett fishing for goldfish?

\* Davy Crockett-Westhill's kitten.

-A Guide-Anonymous.



- 1. OTHELLO wooed DESDEMANIA in Cyprus!
- "I had to find something that was wanting badly done." (Overheard on a 2 bus.)
- 3. An orchid is a place where apples grow.
- 4. The weather was doughtful.
- 5. Advertisement in a national newspaper: "Young girl wanted for lighthouse duties."
- 6. The bird began to prune himself.
- 7. Now draw a circumcised triangle!
- Roman policier: translated Roman police.
- 9. 'Flower-bed'-translated as "fleur de lys.'
- 10. They see Comus enticing the lady with the drink.
- 11. Musing gait=amusing dress.
- 12. To cut a crossway strip cut along the straight of the material.
- 13. Later when she had been hit on the head by Orlick she was easier to cope with.
- 14. You have to divide your own wool. (provide!)
- 15. She only made herself understood by sighns.
- 16. Britannus is a Druid!
- 17. Several successes entered the competition.
- 18 Ghosts are often included in stories to arouse the plot.
- 19. She left school at ten o'clock one evening having been detained by a concert.
- 20. Everything seems to meet Spring in the face.

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The Isle of Man Government very generously gave us £3 for every £1 we raised up to £1,500. That £2,000 is already raised and allotted for its purpose; improvements to the lab., repairs to the back of the school and to Westhill. Now we hear that the Government will continue its good work by giving us "pound for pound" until another £3,000 is raised. This is good news indeed and we hope that repairs and reconstruction will proceed until we hardly know our buildings. At present the VIth Form is bursting out of the space allotted to it, the Library has had to burst into the attics, and the boarders are bursting out of Westhill. You will therefore understand our eagerness for reconstruction.

We still hear complaints that Old Girls do not receive news of meetings. We have made contact with all who are tn our list, and have even advertised in the press, beseeching you to let us know your whereabouts. Short of witchcraft, at which we are not adept, what more can we do? Please send your name, address and subscription (5/- a year or £2/2/0 Life Membership) to the Treasurer, Miss M. M. Brown at the school, or to the Secretary Miss M. Caine, Trevear, Colden Road, Douglas. If by chance you paid a life subscription some years ago and do not receive notices, please write and complain. Old Girls in the South of the Island are also invited to get in touch with Miss A. Birch, Denehurst, St. George's Crescent, Port Erin.

With good wishes to you all,

Yours sincerely,

DOROTHY HATCH.



#### BUCHAN SCHOOL PARENT-TEACHER ASSOCIATION

IN response to many requests this association was formed at a general meeting in the autumn term held in the School Hall. Officers were elected.

The annual subscription was fixed at 5/- per family, payable to the Treasurer at the beginning of the school year, in September.

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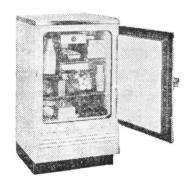
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