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EDITORIAL

WE are sorry to note the resignation from the governing body of Mr. Alfred Moore, who, as a nominee of the Board of Education, has given so much valued help and advice, and we welcome in his place Mr. Howard Simcocks, M.H.K., who is an "Old Boy" of the Buchan School and whose small daughter is to join us next term.

After a long period—nearly four years—without changes in the teaching staff, it is hardly surprising that we have now to say good-bye to several of them at once. Miss Hatch, after almost six years with us, is leaving in July to become the Headmistress of Derby High School where, we understand, her first task will be to establish a school of 300 girls in a new building. Miss Curphey is to be married in August and we are delighted to learn that she is to make her home on the Island. Miss Charlton, after spending almost sixteen years with us, is to return to her home town to teach at Nottingham High School, where she was a pupil. Miss Avery, who has taught us violin, viola, piano and singing for fourteen years, is now taking up work with more advanced students. Miss Costain will take up an appointment in September at Havergal School, Toronto, one of the best-known boarding-schools in Canada. Miss Roberts is to be in charge of the Scripture department at the Queen's School, Chester. We wish to record our gratitude to Miss Hatch and these members of our Staff who are leaving us, for all they have done for the school, and we wish them every happiness for the future.

We shall be welcoming, as Headmistress in September, Miss A. Nichol Smith, M.A., who was, until recently, Headmistress of Arundel School, Southern Rhodesia, and the following new members of staff:—Miss N. Clutterbuck, B.Sc. (to teach Biology and Chemistry), Miss N. Kinlay, Ministry of Education Certificate (to teach Junior Forms), Miss P. Lace, B.A. (to teach Latin and French), Miss R. Neely, B.A. (to teach history), Miss R. Shannon, B.Sc. (to teach Maths. and Physics).

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SCHOOL OFFICERS, 1957

Head Girl : Mavis Alder.

Deputy Head Girl : Autumn Term, Edwina Kinrade.

Spring and Summer Term, Kathleen Collister.

Head Boarder : Mavis Alder.

Prefects : Mavis Alder, Kathleen Collister, Edwina Kinrade, Carolyn Tuffen,
Margaret Kelly, Geraldine Hampton, Margaret Prew, Elin Clague.

Sub-prefects : Anne Ducker, Nancy Brown, Pauline Kelly, Jean Bridson.

School Captains : Godred—Margaret Kelly.
Olaf—Kathleen Collister.
Magnus—Geraldine Hampton.

Games Captains : Elin Clague (Hockey).
Moirá Casement (Tennis).
Vice Captain—Patricia Cross.
Junior Captain—Gillian Hinds.

House Games Captain : Godred—Anne Ducker.
Olaf—Pauline Kelly.
Magnus—Elin Clague.

VI Form Society : Chairman—Mavis Alder.
Hon. Secretaries—Elin Clague, Carolyn Tuffen.
Hon. Treasurer—Margaret Kelly.

Tramp Club : Secretary—Margaret Kelly.
Treasurer—Geraldine Hampton.
Committee—Mavis Alder, Janet Beagle, Margaret Kelly.

Science Film Club : Secretary—Anne Ducker.
Treasurer—Margaret Prew.

Charities : Secretary—Pauline Kelly.

Librarians : Senior—Jennifer Watkin, Nancy Brown.
Junior—Michele Standen, Virginia Matthews.

Magazine : General Editors—Jean Bridson, Nancy Brown, Jennifer Watkin.
Treasurer—Elin Clague.

Form Representatives : Lesley Carter, Peggy Howarth, Tanya Sansom,
Eileen Kinrade, Anne Creer, Jennifer Gibb.



SPEECH DAY, 1956

SPEECH Day was held at the Pavilion, Janet's Corner, on November 2nd, 1956. Sir Ralph Stevenson, G.C.M.G., M.L.C., J.P., addressed the school and Lady Stevenson graciously presented the prizes.

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



CONCERT

Ensemble : Pastorale (J. C. Pez) V. Brew, C. Carter, P. Davies, J. Siddell, S. Tuffen, M. Prew, P. Kennaugh, A. Ducker, M. Kelly.

Piano Solo : "The Crystal Spring" Folk Song (arr. Cecil Sharpe) M. Prew.

Violin Solo : "Off to Sea" (Marjorie Helyer) P. Kennaugh (accompanied by A. Ducker).

Songs : "The Blacksmith" (Brahms); "Indian Lullaby" (Gressler arr. Avery) Junior Choir (accompanied by M. Prew).

Piano Solo : "Le Petit Ane Blanc" (Jacques Ibert) M. Kelly.

Viola Solo : "Farandole" (Alec Rowley) A. Ducker (accompanied by M. Kelly)

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Songs : " The Road to the Isles "—Hebridean Folk Song (arr Kennedy Fraser) ; " The Little Sandman " (Brahms arr. West), Senior Choir (accompanied by M. Prew).



## SENIOR AWARDS

### Northern Universities General Certificate of Education.

#### Advanced Subjects—

M. Brew—Scripture, Art, Biology (Ord. Alt.)

K. Grandage—Distinction in English Literature and Scripture.

Entrance to Manchester University, Honours School of English.

E. Kinrade—Science, Art.

E. Roberts—Biology, French (Ord. Alt.)

A. Turnbull—English Literature, Scripture, Art.

#### Ordinary Subjects—

J. Bridson—English Language, English Literature, History, Geography, Scripture, French.

N. Brown—English Language, English Literature, History, Scripture, French, Chemistry, Biology.

M. Casement—English Language, Music, French, Mathematics, Chemistry, Biology.

E. Clague—English Language, English Literature, History, Scripture, Latin, German, Biology.

P. Cross—English Language, History, Scripture, Biology.

A. Ducker—English Language, History, Scripture, Latin, German, Biology.

B. Keggin—English Language, History, Geography, Biology.

P. Kelly—English Language, Art, French.

N. Sheil—English Language, English Literature, History, Scripture, Art, Latin, German, Biology.

J. Watkin—English Language, English Literature, History, Scripture, Art, Latin, German, Biology.

D. Woods—Music, French, Biology.

S. Swindlehurst—Music (Ord. Alt.)

M. Woods—Mathematics.

K. Callister—Elementary Physiology.

G. Hampton—Physics.

M. Kelly—Music (Ord. Alt.)

M. Prew—Music (Ord. Alt.), French.

L. Carter—English Language, French, German (Form Lower Five).

R. Hudson—English Language, French, German (Form Lower Five).

#### Form Prizes (presented by Mrs. Kinvig)—

Lower V—L. Carter.

Upper IV—J. Beagle.

Lower IV—T. Sansom

Upper III—C. Nicholls.

III.R. & L.III—J. Siddell.

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M. Brew. K. Grandage.

### **Prizes for Ordinary Subjects—**

N. Brown. E. Claguc. N. Sheil. M. Casement. A. Ducker. J. Watkin.

### **Subject Prizes (presented by the Governors)—**

English, K. Grandage; History, N. Sheil; Scripture, K. Grandage, Art, M. Brew; Music M. Kelly; Latin, J. Watkin; French, L. Carter; German, L. Carter, J. Watkin; Science, M. Casement, K. Collister; Natural History, P. Kennaugh, V. Pedder.

### **Junior Prizes—**

English, C. Nicholls; Maths., M. Standen; Art, C. Nicholls; Needlework, E. Kinrade; Spoken English, S. Lawson.



## **FRENCH EXAMS**

### **Société Nationale des Professeurs Français en Grande Bretagne**

#### **Concours Mensuels. 1955-1956.**

#### **Prizes—**

Degré Supérieur—J. Watkin.

Narration (2nd prize)—J. Watkin.

#### **Mentions—**

Degré Supérieur—J. Watkin (H.C.), S. Swindlehurst.

Intermédiaire—M. Kelly, C. Tuffen.

Elémentaire—L. Carter.

#### **Concours des Lauréats. 1956.**

#### **Prizes—**

Degré Supérieur—J. Watkin.

Degré Intermédiaire—M. Kelly

Narration (2nd prize)—J. Watkin.

#### **Mention—**

Degré Elémentaire—L. Carter.

### **Société Nationale des Professeurs de Française en Grande Bretagne**

#### **From November, 1956—June 1957**

Supérieur—Certificate, G. Hampton.

Intermédiaire—Prize, L. Carter.

Elémentaire—Mention, J. Beagle.

Narration (2nd prize)—Twice, G. Hampton (H.C.); Twice, J. Watkin (H.C.).



## **English Speaking Board Examinations. 1956.**

### **ADULT GRADE I—**

Pass—K. Grandage.

### **SENIOR GRADE I—**

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#### **JUNIOR GRADE IV—**

**Pass with Distinction**—S. Lawson.

**Pass with Credit**—M. Conroy, T. Sansom, C. Nicholls, J. Siddell, C. Riggall, M. Wood.

**Pass**—J. Beagle, J. Riggall, C. Clague, M. Standen, J. Corkill, J. Wright, F. Gore.

#### **JUNIOR GRADE III—**

**Pass with Credit**—C. Carter, S. Tuffen.

**Pass**—P. Leather.

#### **JUNIOR GRADE II—**

**Pass with Credit**—J. Gibb, E. Watkin.

**Pass**—K. Kewley.

#### **JUNIOR GRADE I—**

**Pass with Credit**—J. Bell, J. Procter, L. Bell, S. Riggall, H. Procter.

**Pass**—F. Glass, T. Hawton.

### **NORTHERN UNIVERSITIES, NOVEMBER, 1956.**

#### **Additional Subjects—**

Mathematics—J. Bridson, M. Kelly.

Biology—M. Alder.

Geography—P. Cross, P. Kelly, D. Woods.

Scripture—M. Prew.



### **ROYAL LIFE SAVING SOCIETY**

**Bar to Bronze Medallion**—P. Cross, G. Hampton.

**Bronze Medallion**—V. Brew, E. Roberts, A. Ducker, J. Scott, G. Duke, P. Shimmin, M. Kelly.

**Intermediate Certificate**—P. Davies, P. Kennaugh, J. Honey, C. Riggall.

#### **Royal Life Saving Examinations, November, 1956**

**Bronze Medallion and Intermediate Certificate**—E. Kinrade, C. Tuffen, D. Woods, V. Pedder.

**Intermediate Certificate**—M. Maclachlan, P. Leather, C. Clague.

**HEAD GIRL'S PRIZE** (presented by the Old Girls' Association)  
S. Swindlehurst.

**THE NEWTON CUP** (Awarded for all round service to the School)  
M. Alder.

**HOUSE CUP**—Olaf.



### **MUSIC RESULTS**

#### **Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music**

##### **Piano—**

Grade VII—M. Kelly (pass with merit), M. Prew (pass with merit), S. Swindlehurst (pass).

Grade VI—M. Alder (pass), M. Prew (pass).

Grade V—N. Brown (pass), E. Clague (pass).

Grade IV—D. Gardner (pass), E. Keggin (pass), P. Kennaugh (pass), W. Olive (pass).

Grade III—J. Beagle (pass with merit), C. Clague (pass), M. Maclachlan (pass with merit).

Grade II—R. Gardner (pass), J. Honey (pass), S. Phillips (pass).

Grade I—C. Carter (pass with merit), M. Conroy (distinction), J. Gibb (pass), L. Maclachlan (pass with merit).

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Grade IV—A. Ducker (pass with merit).

**Cello—**

Grade IV—M. Kelly (distinction).

**Theory—**

Grade V—A. Ducker (pass)

Grade III—P. Davies (pass).

**PIANO**

|             |                        |
|-------------|------------------------|
| M. Kelly    | Grade VIII—Distinction |
| P. Kennaugh | Grade V—Distinction    |
| V. Pedder   | Grade IV—Merit         |
| C. Clague   | Grade IV—Pass          |
| P. Davies   | Grade IV—Pass          |
| J. Beagle   | Grade IV—Pass          |
| J. Ellis    | Grade III—Pass         |
| D. Ashley   | Grade II—Merit         |
| C. Riggall  | Grade II—Pass          |
| G. Hinds    | Grade II—Pass          |
| J. Keggins  | Grade I—Merit          |

**THEORY**

|             |              |
|-------------|--------------|
| E. Clague   | Grade V—Pass |
| A. Kermodie | Grade V—Pass |

**VIOLA**

|           |                      |
|-----------|----------------------|
| A. Ducker | Grade V—Pass         |
| C. Clague | Grade II—Merit       |
| M. Conroy | Grade II—Distinction |

**PIANO**

|               |                 |
|---------------|-----------------|
| A. Ducker     | Grade VII—Merit |
| M. Maclachlan | Grade IV—Pass   |
| T. Phillips   | Grade III—Pass  |
| L. Maclachlan | Grade II—Merit  |
| B. Jones      | Grade II—Merit  |
| V. Brew       | Grade II—Pass   |
| J. Gibb       | Grade II—Pass   |
| A. Jones      | Grade II—Pass   |

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| M. Kelly | Grade V—Merit |
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**THEORY**

|             |                |
|-------------|----------------|
| P. Kennaugh | Grade IV—Pass  |
| P. Davies   | Grade IV—Pass  |
| J. Beagle   | Grade IV—Pass  |
| D. Gardner  | Grade IV—Pass  |
| J. Ellis    | Grade IV—Pass  |
| R. Gardner  | Grade III—Pass |

**MANX MUSIC FESTIVAL 1956**

**O**NCE more Miss Riding's Junior Orchestra gained first place with 83 marks. Margaret Prew won the Piano Quick Study Class, with 80 marks, was second in the Pianoforte Solo 16-18 with 81 marks, and second in the Violin Solo, with 83 marks.

Margaret Kelly gained second place in the Open Memory Class, with 85 marks, and third in the Open Pianoforte Solo, with 85 marks.

Anna Creer gained second place in the Pianoforte Solo under 12.

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Sheila Griffin and Susan Davidson also entered, and acquitted themselves very creditably for their age.

M. PREW, U.VI.



## OPEN DAY, 1956

**O**N December 11th parents and friends of the School were invited to an Open Day. There was a gym. display in the Hall, and in addition, the Kindergarten's agility on ropes and mats provided much entertainment. In the laboratory, experiments by chemistry and physics students aroused great interest. Girls taking a pre-nursing course demonstrated experiments in Bacteriology.

Lower IV, who won the Shakespeare Competition, acted their winning scene from "Twelfth Night" in a Form room converted into a theatre. Upper V and Lower V acted scenes from the "Taming of the Shrew" and "Macbeth." In the Library, there were on show photographs taken on the school trip to Rome, and an exhibition of Junior Needlework. Mrs. Price organised an interesting Art Exhibition with examples of Landscape painting, Illustration and Lettering.

B.K., L.VI.



## SCIENCE FILM CLUB

Secretary : Anne Ducker.

Treasurer : Margaret Prew.

Representatives : Form VI, Kathleen Callister ; UV, Margaret Ashley ; LV, Diana Gardner ; UIV, Janet Honey ; LIV, Christine Nicholls ; UIII, Rosalind Gardner.

**F**ORMED at Easter, 1956, this club had a very successful year.

Two film shows continue to be held each term and are enthusiastically attended. Films shown include "Family Album," "Journey Into History," "The Microscope," "Extraction of Penicillin," "Discovery of Oxygen," and "Glassblowing." Two films, "Let's Keep Our Teeth" and "32 of Her Own" explaining dentistry as a career, were appreciated by everyone.

Cartoons are very popular and both seniors and juniors enjoyed "New King Coke," "Long, Long Ago," "And Now Today," so much that the two latter, together with "Colour" and "Family Album" are to be shown at a request programme on June 18th.

We all wish to thank Miss Costain for all the work she has put into forming the Club.

We are greatly indebted to Mr. Kegg, of the Castletown Brewery, who lent us the projector, and to Mr. Quirk and his helpers, who give up their time to show films for us.

ANNE DUCKER, LVI.



## TRAMP CLUB

President : Miss C. K. Curphey.

Secretary : Margaret Kelly.

Treasurer : Geraldine Hampton.

Committee : M. Alder, J. Beagle.

**T**HIS year, because of the bad weather, there has been only one tramp during the Autumn Term. This was the "Twenty Mile Tramp," led by Geraldine Hampton, which started from Laxey and finished in Ballaugh. However, the Club has continued to flourish and has welcomed new members. For the

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Summer Term, two tramps have been planned, one from Crosby included Lhargee Ruy and Colden. The last tramp of the year will include mountains for the Map Badge.

During the Spring Term, a Fair and Beetle Drive were held which raised £5 for the School Appeal Fund.

We are very sorry to lose Miss Curphey as our President. Since founding the Club she has given us great support, and has helped to make it an important feature of school life. We wish her every success in the future.

M. KELLY.



## THE SIXTH FORM SOCIETY

Hon. President : M. Alder.

Hon. Secretary : R. Clague.

Hon. Treasurer : M. Kelly.

### Autumn 1956.

WE should like to take this opportunity to thank Miss Hatch for allowing us to use her study at Westhill this year for our meetings. During the Autumn Term we had four guest speakers, to whom we are very grateful, Mr. D. Thompson spoke on Holland. Miss Cannan, a former games mistress at the school, who has returned from Australia, spoke of her work there; Dr. Rose showed films of his visit to America, and Mr. Reid Cowell spoke about life in the Gilbert Islands.

### Spring Term 1957

There were two guest speakers at the meetings in the Spring Term. Canon E. H. Stenning gave a talk on the Parish of Malew and Lady Dundas told us of her experiences in Pakistan. Debates were also held and papers were given on French, German and English literature by the Arts student members of the Society.

### Summer Term 1957

It was again decided that no meetings would be held in the Summer Term, but a General Meeting to elect officers will be held before the end of term, and the annual excursion has been arranged for July 16th.

E. CLAGUE, LVI.



## GRAMOPHONE CLUB

DURING the Autumn and Winter Terms, a group of Seniors met every Thursday to listen to gramophone records lent both by the school and members of the Group. Some of the music heard was: "Oberon" overture (Weber); Symphony No. 5 (Beethoven); Selections from the "Messiah" (Handel).

We have had great enjoyment from listening and wish to convey our thanks to all those who lent gramophone records.

M. K.



## SALVETE

### Summer Term, 1956—

Gordon Shoosmith, Peter Stokes.

### Autumn Term, 1956—

Jennifer Charnley, Elizabeth Glass, Christine Kneale, Vivien Quayle, Jennifer

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**Spring Term, 1957—**

Elaine Maughan.

**Summer Term, 1957—**

Irene Corrin, Maria Kegg.

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**VALETE**

**Summer Term, 1956—**

Marcia Brew, Jennifer Curtis, Kathleen Grandage, Ethel Roberts, Sheila Swindlehurst, Ann Turnbull, Mary Woods, Voirrey Corkill, Maron Wood, Norma Sheil, Linda Bimson, Meryl Clague, Wendy Olive, Ann Hodgson, Rosalind Manning.

**Autumn Term, 1956—**

Edwina Kinrade, Carolyn Tuffen, Dorothy Woods, Pamela Cowley, Jennifer Scott, Simon Riggall

**Spring Term, 1957—**

Christine Kneale, Vivien Brew, Carol Nelson, Margaret Wood, Diana Best, Carol Cowley, Lesley Bell, John Bell, Andrée Bell.

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**UNIVERSITY AND TRAINING COLLEGE ENTRANCE—1957**

• Mavis Alder (Froebel Educational Institute, Roehampton); Barbara Keggins (Athol Crescent College of Domestic Science, Edinburgh); Margaret Kelly (Royal Academy of Music, London), Margaret Prew (Royal Manchester College of Music), Geraldine Hampton (Liverpool University, Faculty of Medicine).

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**HOCKEY**

**A**LTHOUGH the standard of play of the school in general has improved in the past year, the hockey teams lacked determination and the match results were disappointing. There has been some good hockey played by Junior forms, where there is plenty of enthusiasm.

At the end of the Autumn Term, Edwina Kinrade, who had been our Games Captain for four terms, left to go to Training College. We were very sorry to lose her and her presence in the First Eleven has been greatly missed.

We hope to retain the majority of the present members of the team for the next season so we can hope for better results.

ELIN CLAGUE (Games Captain).

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**NETBALL NOTES**

**D**URING the 1956-57 Netball season the first Junior team played nine matches, winning five and losing four. Two matches were cancelled owing to bad weather.

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The second and third teams did not have very good luck. We hope they will do better next year when some of them become the first team. The first team showed great improvement since last season.

The first team consisted of :—D. M. Maclachlan ; G.L., V. Brew ; C.D., V. Pedder ; C. T. Sansom ; C.A., T. Wray ; A. G. Hinds ; G.S., P. Leather. Reserves, C. Clague, J. Keggin.

G. HINDS, U.IV.



## TENNIS

SO far this term, the Tennis VI has played only two matches. The first was against Douglas High School, and we won by 5 sets to 4. The second was against Castle Rushen, who won by 6 sets to 3.

We lost four of last year's team—Jennifer Curtis, Voirrey Corkill, Mary Woods, and Dorothy Woods.

This year's 1st VI are—Moira Casement, Peggy Howarth, Barbara Keggin, Pat Cross, Margaret Prew and Ann Ducker. Reserves Pauline Kelly and Jean Bridson.

MOIRA CASEMENT (Captain).



## SWIMMING

THE Swimming Sports were held at the end of the Summer Term, 1956, in King William's College Baths, by kind permission of the Principal. The individual swimming award was won by Vivienne Brew and the runner-up was Norma Sheil. Magnus won the House cup. We wish to thank Miss Cannon and Mr. Morgan for judging the diving and style events.

P. CROSS, L.VI.



## THE BADMINTON CLUB

THIS year the Sixth Form have played Badminton on Friday evenings, and the Club welcomed many new members from the Lower VI. During the Autumn Term we held a Badminton Bazaar, as a result of which we raised the phenomenal sum of £6. With this we were able to pay off several debts! We wish to thank everyone who made this bazaar a success. During the season we have been able to organise many evening games with the Castletown Badminton Club and King William's College masters and their wives. These evenings were most enjoyable and much experience has been gained from them.

MARGARET KELLY, U.VI.



## RIDING

THIS term a number of junior and middle school girls have been travelling to Santon on Wednesday afternoons, to ride.

Miss Leadbeater has a white horse stabled at the Riding School now, which some of the juniors ride. There is also a new horse called Brett. The new Shetland pony, which has not yet been broken in, has had a foal, which is one of the main attractions at the Riding School. We look forward to our riding afternoons eagerly.

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## HOUSE MATCHES

**H**OUSE Hockey and Netball were again played this year in the Spring Term. The Hockey Cup was retained by Godred, who won both their matches, and Magnus beat Olaf. Godred again won both the Senior and Junior netball matches with Magnus beating Olaf in the Senior match and losing to Olaf in the Junior match.

We should like to thank Miss Warrell for arranging and giving up her time to umpire these matches.

ELIN CLAGUE (Games Captain.)



## GODRED HOUSE

**A**FTER a bad start to the year, the House distinguished itself by gaining the House Cup in the second term with 226 points. The majority of points were gained by the juniors, but the hockey and netball teams brought up the total by winning most House matches. We congratulate both teams.

This term, we have made a good start by winning the House Music Competition. The whole House worked well and enthusiastically for this event.

After being runners-up to Olaf in the Athletic Sports, we have the Swimming Sports to look forward to, for we have still a good chance of winning the House Cup for the year. Best wishes to Miss Avery, and keep the yellow banner flying!

MARGARET KELLY (House Captain).



## MAGNUS HOUSE

**W**E made a good beginning this year by winning the House Cup in the Autumn Term with 118 points, but reverted to third place in the Spring Term. Our Junior Netball team did not repeat their success of the previous year, but the Senior Netball and Hockey teams each won one of their matches.

From the result of the House Music Competition this term, it appears that, in spite of much hard work, we are not, as a House, musically inclined.

This term we have the Swimming Sports, and we hope no members of Magnus have forgotten how to swim since last year's triumph!

GERALDINE HAMPTON (House Captain).



## OLAF HOUSE

**L**AST year, Olaf gained the House Cup for the year with a total of 661 points and we also gained the highest number of points on Sports Day. However, in the House Music Competition we failed to retain the cup, finishing second to Godred. At the end of the Summer Term, Sheila Swindlehurst, our Captain and Edwina Kinrade, our Games Captain, left to go to Training College. The House would like to take this opportunity to thank them both and wish them the very best of luck in the future.

K. COLLISTER (Captain).



## SCHOOL SPORTS

**S**PORTS Day at the Buchan School for Girls was held on Tuesday, June 4th, when Mrs. J. P. Honey presented the awards as follows:—

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## DR. BARNARDO'S HOMES

**O**NCE again we were pleased to welcome Mrs. Forster to school during the Autumn Term. Mr. Kewley kindly projected a film for us, "The Life of the Children in the Homes." Afterwards, members of the school asked Mrs. Forster questions about the films.

The half-yearly total collected for 1956-57 amounted to £18 18s. 4d.

P. KELLY (Secretary).



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### Summer Term, 1956—

We collected and sent £10 19s 5d to the British Prisoners of War Association.

### Autumn Term, 1956—

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### Spring Term, 1957—

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## THE STUDENT CHRISTIAN MOVEMENT CONFERENCE

**T**HE S.C.M. Conference was held this year at the Douglas High School for Girls.

The subject, "The Problem of Evil," was introduced by the Rev. David Edwards, Anglican Chaplain to Liverpool University and was followed up by the Rev. W. F. Hewitson, Methodist minister from St. Annes on Sea.

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K. COLLISTER, U.VI.



## HOBBIES

**B**Y courtesy of the Principal of King William's College, we were able to have a Swimming Hobby during the Summer and Winter Terms, which enabled more girls to pass the Bronze Medallion and the Intermediate Certificate examinations of the Royal Life Saving Society.

The Gym. and Games Hobby proved as popular as ever and many seniors joined the revived Needlework Hobby in order to enlarge their wardrobes. Art Hobby has produced some interesting work, including outdoor sketches. Those who joined the Drama Hobby very much enjoyed the practical work in stage make-up, and experiments with lighting, carried out in the Autumn Term. Members of this group enjoyed their evening at the Manx Drama Festival. An innovation this year has been the Reading Hobby, which attracted those who wish to improve their acquaintance with the Reference Library.

M. ALDER, U.VI.



## WESTHILL NOTES

**F**IRST we would like to express our grateful thanks to Miss Cobb and Miss Brierley for looking after us so well during the year.

At the end of the Christmas Term we invited the Staff and domestic staff to a Carol Service held in the Junior Common Room, which had been tastefully decorated for the occasion. The candlelight and the lights from the Christmas Tree (kindly given to us by Mr. J. D. Kelly) created a warm and friendly atmosphere.

Sweet-making, in aid of the School Appeal Fund, was naturally very popular again this Spring. Communal attempts at making fudge, toffee and turkish delight proved most successful, although it was sometimes a relief to discover that even products which looked most unappetising, were, in fact, quite edible!

The first two weekends of the Summer Term were spent on the lawn under canvas! After we had succeeded in convincing our more juvenile members that "Davy Crockett" (school cat) was NOT part of the stew, the cooking was unanimously declared a success!

Once again the woods and gardens have made a glorious picture thanks to Eddie's careful attention throughout the year. Unfortunately much damage was done to the trees during the winter storms and we are especially sad to see that "Big Pine," which has overlooked the lawn in majestic splendour for so many years, has fallen

We take this opportunity to thank Mrs. Watkin for allowing us to "invade" her house occasionally to watch programmes on television. We all very much appreciate her kind invitations.

M. ALDER (Head Boarder).



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**M**OST members have now passed their 2nd Class tests and more recruits joined us during the Autumn term.

For the first two weekends of the Summer term, we were lucky enough to be able to have the use of the Island's equipment to camp at Westhill.

We learnt how to "pitch" and "strike" tents, and also how to cook over a camp fire. In spite of the sarcastic remarks made by the spectators, the cook patrols were able to serve an edible meal, even if it was a trifle different from the meal on the menu!

There were many incidents that raised a laugh, especially when one guide made five attempts to carry a bucket of water 200 yards without spilling it (it was washing-up water), but on reaching the half-way mark, she started to laugh and, alas, dropped it.

We should like to take this opportunity to thank Miss Hatch and Miss Costain for their untiring help throughout the year and to Mrs Cobb and Miss Brierley for helping to make our camping week-ends a success.

P. HOWARTH, L.V.



### CURRENT AFFAIRS

**D**URING the Autumn and Spring Terms Miss Curphey has once more given up her spare time to discuss Current Affairs with senior and junior girls.

We found we have had to brush up our eighteenth and nineteenth century history before we could understand what is happening at the present day. We have all found these meetings very profitable when it is our turn to prepare the weekly summary of the news to read to the school.

J. BRIDSON, L.VI.



### SENIOR LIBRARY NOTES

**S**TRUCTURAL alterations and reorganisation of classrooms have enabled us to house the Fiction Library apart from the Reference Library. This is a great improvement, for it is now possible to work undisturbed in the Reference Library.

We thank the donors for the many new books given this year, including a complete set of the works of Dickens from Mrs. Cooper of Beach House; Canon Stenning, Mrs. Moore, Mrs. Colman, Mrs. Parr, Miss Cross have also presented books.

A small library has recently been formed at Westhill. This contains both fiction and reference books, given or lent by friends of the School.

N. BROWN, L.VI.



### JUNIOR LIBRARY

**W**E thank all those who have so kindly lent and given books, but we find the juniors read very quickly, so if you have any old books at home which you are willing to give or lend, they will be greatly appreciated.

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## LENT DISCUSSION GROUP

**T**HE Discussion Group met on Wednesday evenings in the Prefects' Sitting Room during Lent this year. Euthanasia, Eugenics and Capital Punishment were the three main subjects submitted by Sixth Formers for consideration, and after Miss Hatch had presented each subject, lively discussion ensued.

The meetings were well attended, and it was generally agreed that the sessions had been both interesting and beneficial, leaving us much food for thought.

M. ALDER, U.VI.



## THE HOUSE MUSIC COMPETITION

**O**NCE again Miss Harman, L.R.A.M., A.R.C.M., has honoured us by judging the House Music Competition which took place in the school Hall on May 22nd. The general standard of performance was good and showed great variety and evidence of much hard work.

The competition was arranged differently this year, as each house had to produce a twenty-minute programme instead of entering competitors for individual classes. There was also a sight-reading test by which points could be gained.

The final result was Godred 1st with 52 points, Olaf 2nd with 32 points, and Magnus a very commendable 3rd with 23 points. The winning programme including a quartet, a trio, rounds, duets, a Junior Choir and the House Choir.

M. KELLY, U.VI.



## INTER-FORM SHAKESPEARE COMPETITION—December, 1956

**N**O less than thirteen teams entered this year, from Forms Lower IV to Upper V. This shows unprecedented enthusiasm in the middle school. The studies of Form VI this year were so varied that it was difficult to arrange rehearsals at times possible for Science and Arts specialists to be present together, so Form VI was unable to enter a cast. The judge was Miss E. Spencer, B.A., late of Ramsey Grammar School, and she praised highly the general standard of production. The trophy picture was won by the youngest competitors, Lower IV., for their presentation of "Twelfth Night."

Individual awards: Seniors (over 14) (tie) Ruth Hudson, Upper V, as "Petruchio"; Jean Ellis, Lower V, as "Macbeth." Juniors (under 14), Margaret Wood, Lower IV, as "Sir Toby Belch."

Highly Commended: Christine Nicholls, Lower IV, as The Cobbler in "Julius Caesar" and Malvolio in "Twelfth Night"; Margaret Riley, Upper V, as Katherine in "Taming of the Shrew"; Diana Gardner as Lady Macbeth; Caroline Riggall as Duke Frederick in "As You Like It."

The winning cast was:—Malvolio, Christine Nicholls; Sir Toby Belch, Margaret Wood; Maria, Eileen Kinrade; Sir Andrew Aguecheek; Jillian Riggall, Feste, Virginia Matthews.

A very firm challenge was offered by the runners-up:—"The Taming of the Shrew." Petruchio, Ruth Hudson; Katherine, Margaret Riley; Grumio, Margaret Ashley; Hortensio and Curtis, Leslie Carter; Bianca, Jennifer Scott; Nathaniel, Hilary Walker. Cooks, serving men, etc. Form Lower Five.

Third place (tied) was won by Lower V with scenes from their G.C.E. examination play "Macbeth."

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Team "B"—Macbeth, Jean Ellis; Lady Macbeth, Peggy Howarth.

Other entries included scenes from "The Merchant of Venice," "Julius Caesar," "As You Like It," and "Henry IV, Part I."

Our acquaintance with the plays of Shakespeare is increased every year by this competition, and the enthusiasm it arouses indicates that we shall enjoy his plays all our lives, for they cannot be properly understood unless we have seen them acted.

We again thank Mrs. Davies for presenting the picture "The Jester," by Hals, which Lower Fourth will proudly hang in their formroom for the year, and we also thank Mrs. Watkin for giving the pictures presented for individual success.

J. WATKIN, L.VI.



## THE COUNTRY DANCE PARTY

**W**E were fortunate again this year in having a fine evening for the country dance party, which was held at Westhill on June 21st. There were side shows and a bring-and-buy stall on the side lawn. The dancing programme included demonstrations of international dances given by the boarders.

A total of £36 was made, and we should like to thank Miss Hatch, the musicians, the Matrons and all those who helped to make the evening a success.

M.A. & N.B., VI.



## UPPER VI FORM NOTES

**R**ESPONSIBILITY and all that it implies was heaped upon our unwilling heads at the beginning of this school year. After the Autumn term the Upper VI was somewhat depleted in number, there being only five of us left to carry on the battle.

During the Spring term, with the help of Lower VI and Upper V, we once again embarked on the task of making and selling sweets. We set a target of £1, which was reached with six shillings to spare and this was sent to the Appeal Fund.

As Upper VI's go, we are a motley band, as our chosen careers indicate.

Mavis Alder is going to take a Froebel course at Roehampton; Kathleen Collister hopes to do Domestic Science in London; Geraldine Hampton is to study medicine at Liverpool University; Margaret Kelly has been accepted at the Royal Academy of Music; Margaret Prew is to study music at the Royal Manchester College. Edwina Kinrade, who left at Christmas, is now at St. Katherine's College and Carolyn Tuffen, who also left at Christmas, is working at Ronalds-way Airport.

We should like to take this opportunity to thank Miss Curphey for all that she has done for us, and for VI forms in the past, and to wish her every happiness in the future.



## LOWER VI FORM NOTES

**A**T the beginning of the year we graduated to the VI Form. We are sorry to lose Dorothy Woods at the end of the Christmas term and wish her good luck for the future. Some of us gained life-saving certificates this year, and

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we have provided four members of the School tennis six. Three of our number are taking G.C.E. Advanced French this year, and many of us are taking extra subjects at 'O' level. Barbara and Pat are leaving us in July and we wish them every success. We are very sorry to be losing Miss Curphey, our Form Mistress, who is leaving at the end of the summer term to be married; we wish her every joy and happiness.



### UPPER V FORM NOTES

**O**NCE again the highly esteemed (in our own opinion, at least) Upper Fifth have been called upon to produce Form notes.

We are all very stupid—nobody knows what she wants to be, but then no one understands us. Unfortunately we seem to be unaware of the proximity of 24th June—Judgment Day! Instead we are all concentrating on the time after July 8th—Halycon Days—after G.C.E.

However, there are signs of an awakening. We have all joined the Science Film Club and even enjoyed some of the films.

We are allergic to all water, especially the icy depths of K.W.C. baths. In consequence, only two-thirds of us can keep afloat. But Pat can save all our lives, as she has gained her Bronze Medallion—so we have no need to worry.

Our form-room walls are bare of pictures—but we like bare walls! They are, however, brightened by handsome nature studies from the Shell Company and a calendar of bird life by Tunncliffe. In addition to these we have the Life History of dodder and funaria to inspire us. We let the juniors win all the form pictures, as they need encouragement.

We are very satisfied with our quarters this year. The room has a sunny aspect, and is complete with "Music while you work" from Miss Carter's music room. We enjoy this in varying degree.

We hope that after July we shall all be reunited and be able to proceed in a body into the Elysian Fields of the Sixth Form. We understand that there they fret the hours away in sun-bathing, song, dance and idle gossip, and hope that this will be our lot in this promised land too!



### LOWER V FORM NOTES

**W**E—Lower V—modestly hide our many talents, because we do not wish to embarrass the others by letting our brilliance out-shine the young hopefuls of the lower forms. Of course, we always have to bear in mind the size of our form-room when choosing the pictures and have decided against winning the Shakespeare trophy owing to its size, but that does not prevent us from taking great pleasure in having the Excellents and Latin pictures on our walls. A great deal of rubbish was found in the Geography cupboard and much to our surprise, one day, it walked out in human form—Wonders never cease!! Without wishing to blow our own trumpets too much, we must draw attention to the fact that our French is considered worthy of having both Miss Hatch and Dr. Rose to teach us.

Good luck to Janet Beagle, Pamela Davies and Jean Ellis who are taking some G.C.E. subjects this year.



### UPPER IV FORM NOTES

**T**HROUGHOUT this year, we have had many privileges bestowed upon us, owing to our excellent conduct! When we came back, refreshed, from the

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Summer holidays, we were given a form-room with a grandstand view of College "runs." Another advantage of our form-room, is that we have constant "music while you work"—the melodious strains coming from Miss Avery's room nearby—and we are brought up-to-date, by the charming(?) rendering of the latest songs by our neighbours, Form VI.

In the winter term, eleven brave souls began to learn German, and it was noted by everyone that they all seemed to arrive in school the morning after a German Prep. in a state of exhaustion, owing to studying late.

The wise people who escape German are now fleeing from "Prevailing Winds," and G.C.E. Geography.

We are lucky enough to have a friendly ghost in our service, who opens doors for the mistresses, and provides fresh air by suddenly opening the windows with a slam.

We are very sorry that Ann Joughin and Gillian Dean have been absent because of long illness, and we hope they will soon be back.

Gillian Hinds has jumped even higher this term—4ft. 5ins! We are all very proud of her, and hope she will jump over the school some day. Gillian will go on June 29th to Manchester, to compete at the Northern Schools Athletic meeting.

We all hope that these form notes meet with the approval of our form master, Dr. Rose—otherwise we are afraid we shall find ourselves landed in detention with a juicy extra work!

We hope you notice that we are too modest to mention that we gained 100% for tidiness!



### LOWER IV FORM NOTES

**W**E are a very good form. Because of this Miss Hatch has chosen us to be in the form-room above her study, as she knows that we will **never** disturb her.

As acting comes naturally to us, we won the Shakespeare competition, although we were the youngest competitors. Our musical abilities are so great that we have to have the music mistress for our form-mistress.

Last term, through much mental strain, the brains of one of our members began to ooze out. It was discovered that the ailment was only minor, to our relief.

Two other members sustained injuries through being too keen. One was so enthusiastic about natural history that, while examining some fossils in Colby Glen she fell down a river bank and dislocated her shoulder. The other was so keen on athletics that she tried too hard at an exercise and cracked a bone in her foot.

This only goes to show what a good, hard-working form we are. We are sure you can see that with all this enthusiasm we are bound to have 100% in whatever we take in G.C.E.

(As you can see, we also have the gift of gross exaggeration!)

EILEEN KINRADE and CHRISTINE NICHOLLS, Lower IV.



### UPPER III FORM NOTES

**U**NDER the guidance of our form mistress, Miss Warrell, we gained in the Spring Term three pictures, one for excellents, one for tidiness and one for needlework.

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We have also had exceptionally good Form captains. In the winter term we had J. Siddell, in the Spring term J. Moore and for the Summer term J. Callister. Seventeen new girls joined the Form this year.

We are trying to improve ourselves. We are not really a bad Form in spite of all the unkind things said about us, and we are the backbone of the school Netball and Rounders Teams.



### LOWER III AND III REMOVE FORM NOTES

**T**HIS term we have welcomed two new girls to our form. Our form captain is Jennifer Gibb and our vice-captain is Lorna MacIachlan. We very much pity our form mistress, Miss Roberts, for having to put up with us, for we have very peculiar natures. All but half-a-dozen of us can swim and three of us can dive; we enjoy our swimming lessons very much. Two of our form members go riding on Wednesday afternoons. Seven of us learn to play the piano and two the violin. We hope Suzanne Tuffen will be happy in her new school when her family move to the mainland.



### FORMS I AND II AND K.G.

**T**HIS year our form captains have been Simon, Tania and David. Simon left at the end of the Spring Term to go to Prep. school in England. We are pleased to say that Andrew and David, too, have passed the entrance examinations for King William's College.

In swimming, besides those who could swim last year, David has now gained a frog badge for swimming a width and Michael, Gillian and Charles have gained tadpole badges for swimming a width with a tyre.



### K.G. POST BOX

**W**E have been making a zoo with all kinds of animals. We have made cages for them.

Charles has a dog called Lionel and a cat, Trina. Every time his Daddy goes upstairs to play with the train, the dog follows him.

Sally has a kitten which is black and white, which loves chewing her girdle.

We have all seen the thrush in Dickson's garden. There were baby birds in the nest and they took two weeks to learn to fly.



### ATHLETICS

(Affiliation with Lancashire Association.)

**A**S the Isle of Man has no Junior Athletics Association, Lancashire has allowed us to become affiliated to their association. This has enabled Gillian Hinds to enter for the 100 yards sprint at the Lancashire Schools' Athletic Association County Championship Festival which is to be held on Saturday, 29th June, at the White City Stadium in Manchester.

The winners of this Festival may be asked to represent Lancashire at the All-England Championships at Southampton on 19th and 20th July.

Tennis.—We are hoping to send some of our Junior and Senior Tennis Team members to compete in the singles and doubles of the Junior Northern Lawn Tennis tournament held at Didsbury, Manchester, from 12th to 17th August.

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# TRAVEL SECTION



## A VISIT TO A BULLFIGHT

**B**EFORE visiting a bullfight we were conducted on a tour of the bullring at Pamplona. Pamplona is famous for its festival of San Fermin. At this festival bulls are released in the streets and the local youths try to race them to the arena where they try their skill at bullfighting. The bullring itself is large and circular and the floor is covered with dry sand. There is a strong wooden fence around it and the seats consist of tiers of stonework resembling steps. There are two entrances to the ring, the main entrance, through which the matador and his assistants enter, and another entrance through which the bull enters.

We were impressed with the modern, well equipped operating theatre adjoining the arena. There was also a very small but beautiful chapel in which the matadors pray before each fight. We then visited the place where the carcasses are cut up, cleaned and hung ready to be sold to butcher's shops. There are roomy stables where the bulls are kept in darkness until they are released into the light of the arena.

The spectacle of the bullfight itself is full of colour and pageantry, but very often it seems cruel to foreigners. Bullfighting is a tradition in Spain and we saw little children of three or four contentedly observing the fight. There are three classes of seats in the arena, the "sol" seats or seats in the glare of the sun, the "sol y sombre" seats which are dearer and partly shaded, and the "sombre" or shaded seats, which are the most expensive. The President's box is above the "sombre" seats, and there the President of the province sits.

First of all a rider on horse-back enters, he bows to the President and receives his permission to commence the fight. Then the grand procession enters headed by the matadors in their gay costumes and followed by their assistants. After they have paraded the bull enters and the assistants play the bull with pink cloaks while the matador observes the bull's style. Then the matador calls in the picadors, who are mounted on horses covered in protective padding and blindfolded. The job of the picadors is to weaken the bull by wounding it with their large lances. The matador then thrusts the banderillas, which are ribboned darts into the bull to anger it. After this he makes a series of skilful passes with his small red cape and is applauded for his courage by the crowd. At a suitable moment he conceals his sword under his cloak and when the bull charges he kills it with one thrust. Much skill is necessary to find the exact spot at which to make the sword thrust. The bull is then dragged out by a team of horses amidst cheering.

P. DAVIES.



## HOLIDAY IN BELGIUM

**O**N July 16th, 1955, we left Ronaldsway Airport for Manchester. Arriving there, we boarded a Sabena aeroplane to Brussels. The journey took one and a half hours. We passed through the customs (we didn't have to speak a word!) and took a bus to the city. Eventually we scrambled aboard a very fast express to a small village, Rotem, on the Maas. We arrived in darkness and were met by friends, who brought us to their house. The rooms were large, the stairs rather twisting and the whole atmosphere very continental. The bathroom was outside. They had only recently acquired running water and there was still a pump in the same room as the bath.

Exploring in the morning we found that the garden contained four enormous cherry trees (the cherries were out!), apple, plum, pear and peach trees and many strawberry runners. The village was a long walk away and was rather unpopular

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with us! Olida, a Belgian girl, and I would often go for long walks in the beautiful countryside and collect blackberries in the nearby woods. We were told that in severe winters wolves sometimes came down from the woods into the village.

One day in the second week of our visit, we went to Sittard, in Holland. At Maaseik we crossed the Maas (we had to go through the customs again) into Holland and travelled by coach to Sittard. There we visited the market place (and met a stallholder who said he had been a rider in the Manx T.T. Races) We went into a café and ate chips with our fingers (you were allowed a knife and fork if you ate a black-looking sausage). In the evening we returned to Rottem.

The next week we travelled to Brussels and went shopping. The stalls in the impressive market square were not yet set up. Only a few vans had arrived containing flowers and fruit. We walked on and saw the King's Palace and the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, with the fire burning before it. We were looking at the gay strange shops when a good old Lancashire voice said, "Ee, Bert! Do keep your 'ands out o' t' pockets."

Going by train we visited Antwerp and saw the Zoo. Afterwards we walked through the tunnel beneath the river Scheldt.

We went to Dixmuide, a small town in Flanders, on our way to the cemetery at Pollinkhove. Whilst there we placed some flowers on my uncle's grave.

Our three weeks stay soon came to an end. Leaving Brussels at half past twelve we were in our own house by tea-time.

JANET BEAGLE, Lower V.



## SUMMER HOLIDAYS IN FRANCE

**L**AST summer I was fortunate enough to spend three weeks in France with my penfriend. We stayed on her parents' farm. I found that the French methods of farming were very different from the British. Scarcely any machinery was used, all the hay-making being done with horses, the cows milked by hand, and the milk churns transported by donkey-cart! I tried to milk a cow, but was, unfortunately, not at all successful! Milking is a lot more difficult than it looks!

One of the most enjoyable parts of the holiday was a four-day bicycle tour. One night we slept on hay in an attic. This sounds very romantic, but in reality was extremely uncomfortable, as the hay was full of thistles, which pierced even the thickest blankets.

We also drove to Mont St. Michel, which is a small island surrounded by very dangerous quick-sands. The houses and museums are built in spirals around the island and an abbey stands right on the top. The streets are very narrow and steep, and on each side are shops and restaurants. The museums have a very ghostly atmosphere and contain spine-chilling models of people sinking in the quicksands. (When they are not sinking in the quick-sands they are being swung over cliffs in small cages or eaten alive by rats!) Here two very famous omelettes are made, Omelettes à la Mère Poularde. Unfortunately we had spent nearly all our money on souvenirs and could not afford to sample them!

Towards the end of my stay in France we spent three days in Paris. We saw Notre-Dame, the Arc de Triomphe, and then went to the Invalides to see Napoleon's Tomb, which has been arranged so that one cannot look at it without bending one's head.

Best of all was the visit to Versailles. The gardens and palace are magnificent, particularly the Hall of Mirrors.

The next day I left France, but I hope that I shall soon be able to go back.

LESLEY CARTER, Upper V.

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## A PILGRIMAGE TO SAINT ALBAN'S SHRINE

**O**N Easter Monday we set off from Bedford Station, in pouring rain, arriving at St. Alban's at about twelve o'clock. By this time we were hungry, so we went to the Abbey Institute and ate our lunch.

The rain had stopped by the time we had finished and we walked down to the Abbey, which is situated on Watling Street. Most of the Abbey that can be seen now, dates back to 1080 and there are many examples of different architecture.

The Shrine of Saint Alban, who was the first martyr of Britain, was constructed in the reign of Ofga, King of Mercia, and covered with jewels, but was demolished at the time of Henry VIII. It has now been restored from a rubble of over two thousand pieces. After looking round the Abbey we went to see the Roman hypocaust, or central heating system, which was excavated only in recent years. There is a museum which contains other complete mosaics which are very beautifully constructed and a model of Verulamium, as well as pottery and glass dating from Roman Britain. We walked through part of the immense grounds, and by a lake saw many other Church parties of pilgrims. Having secured places in the procession we saw the Bishop of Saint Alban's, then the procession began to move, it was long and many Churches were represented. We reached the Abbey and went to our seats (there are no pews). Soon afterwards the service began. There were prayers and hymns, and a sermon. From the Nave Altar the voice of the Bishop was heard blessing the pilgrim badges. We pilgrims made our pilgrimage eastwards through the Abbey to the Shrine of St. Alban, singing hymns. At the shrine there were two plates, one for polished silver money and another with the pilgrim badges. When all had received their badges the final part of the service was taken.

It was a most spectacular service and I enjoyed the experience enormously

JEAN ELLIS, Lower V.



## TRAVELLING ABROAD

**W**E crossed the Channel from Dover to Ostend in Belgium. From there we travelled by car as far as Brussels where we saw all the illuminated advertisements that lit up the city by night. We travelled from Brussels through the rest-of Belgium into the north of France. From there we went into Switzerland, passing through the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg. In Switzerland we stopped at Lucerne, where we went to see two old bridges which had a roof over each of them supported by beams. On the beams were pictures; on one bridge the pictures were about the "Dance of Death." The bridges were called the Mill Bridge and the Water Bridge, they were most interesting. We left Lucerne and travelled on through Switzerland until we came to the St. Gotthard mountain, but we were unable to go over the top because the snow was too thick, so we went through a tunnel in the mountain by train, coming out at Aurolo. It was a thrilling experience to take a car by rail!

From Switzerland we went into Italy and travelled to Milan, which was crowded. We were told there was going to be a Spring Trade Fair there soon. We saw the beautiful Cathedral and then went over the Appenines where we met some snow, to Florence, where we saw the "Ponte Vecchio" or old bridge, along which were many houses and jewellers' shops. We also saw the Marble Cathedral there, as well as the square in which stands the house of the Medici Family.

We left Florence and went on to Rome where we went inside St. Peter's Church, it was enormous and very magnificent. We also saw the Vatican City, where the Pope lives, as well as the Colosseum, the Forum, the Castel St.

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Angelico which was a round castle with a monument of an angel on the top in the place where a man is said to have seen an angel, St. Paul's Basilica, inside which are pictures of all the Popes up to now. There are also some spaces left for pictures of future Popes, and it is said that when these spaces are filled with pictures of Popes the end of the world will come. This Basilica was very near a Benedictine monastery. We saw "St. Peter in Chains" which was a church in which Michael Angelo's beautiful figure of "Moses" stands. We also saw the Trevi fountain into which people throw coins, and the pillar of Piazza which had engravings of Romans at war all round it.

From Rome we headed north again for Pisa, where we went to the top of the Leaning Tower, there were about 316 steps leading to the top of the tower.

From there we drove to the French Riviera, passing through Genoa and San Remo.

In France we went to Cannes and Nice, as well as Monaco and Monte Carlo. We had beautiful weather and spent Easter at Nice. We went to Paris from there, where we went to the top of the Eiffel Tower in a lift. From the top we had a beautiful view of Paris. It was most exciting.

The next day we left Paris and went to Boulogne where we boarded the "Lord Warden" and crossed the Channel to Dover after a thrilling holiday.

S. PHILLIPS, Upper IV.



## THE ART OF COOKING

**O**H! what bliss to possess the "art of cooking," as the critics call it. What fun to be a second Mrs. Beaton! Alas, those dreams are past. It is not so long ago that I attempted it. The nightmare memory still lives on to haunt me!

It was one day last summer, to be exact, when my mother, telling me she was to visit an old friend, and my sister was still at school, asked if I could make a cake for tea? "Of course," I said airily, seeing in my mind's eye myself in a spotless apron, holding aloft a beautiful cake before the admiring eyes of the family, "don't you worry about a thing."

Ten minutes later I was in the kitchen, clad in an apron, and waving a wooden spoon. I had found a suitable recipe for fruit cake, and I was ready to collect the ingredients together. The first ingredient stated was half a pound of sugar. Now where did my mother keep the sugar? I crossed over to the larder and looked in all the tins and bags. "Thank goodness, I know sugar when I see it," I thought, as I opened a tin without a label, and saw the familiar white sugar inside—"for what would a cake be without sugar?" The next ingredient wanted was butter, there was none of that, so I used margarine. Then came half a pound of glacé cherries—alas I couldn't find them either. (How I wished I had paid my mother more attention when she told me where everything was!) However, I did what I thought was the next best thing. I stoned some ordinary cherries, and put those in!

"Next," said the book, "add six eggs" "Just right," I thought, "we've exactly six"—at least that was before I tried to crack them! Oh, catastrophe! Every egg, except one, missed the dish completely when I tried to crack them into it! "Oh, well," I thought sadly after I'd cleared up the mess, "what beginner doesn't have a bit of bad luck?"

There were more ingredients after that, which luckily I was able to find—all except raisins and baking powder. As I had heard that raisins were dried grapes, I dried some grapes in front of the fire, and used those. I must admit that they didn't look like the raisins one buys in a shop, but it was all the same to me! The baking powder I did without, as after all, I thought it was of no great importance.

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I then mixed the ingredients in a baking tin, which unfortunately I'd forgotten to grease. After putting the cake in the oven, and setting the Regulo, I settled down to read a book. Time ticked on, and the next thing I heard was my mother's footsteps at the door. The cake! I should have taken it out hours ago! I flew to the oven, and wrenched open the door. Alas, what greeted me? A burnt, soggy cake, which had not risen but fallen. My dreams of being a second Mrs. Beaton vanished in a second. Matters were even worse when I and my family ate the cake. It was as heavy as lead, as it had only one egg in it instead of the specified six, and the cherries and dried grapes did not exactly improve the flavour! The cake had fallen because I had added no baking soda—and, worse of all, instead of sugar, I had put in salt. To complete it all, the cake was burnt to a frizzle.

So ends the sad tale of the second Mrs. Beaton. I am now barred from the kitchen. "Thank you," the family say, "but we prefer Mother's cooking." Oh, well come to think of it, I don't really mind—because, after all, I prefer Mum's cooking too!

TANIA SANSOM, Upper IV.



### SHEEP

**A**S I walked through the valley  
 I saw the grey sheep  
 Awaiting for morning, already asleep.  
 I woke up next morning,  
 A bright sunny day,  
 To see little lambs a'skipping at play.

J. GIBB, Lower III.



### A CONTRIBUTION TO THE SCHOOL MAGAZINE

**M**RS. Watkin sits in her study neat,  
 Dipping her sad pen in the ink.  
 "O where I can find some poems  
 Or songs, I simply cannot think."

Then up and spake a prefect bold,  
 "Oh I can soon tell thee,  
 Barbara Jones is the best poetess  
 In all of Upper Three."

Mrs. Watkin has gone to Upper Three,  
 But Barbara is away,  
 For as she is not very well  
 At Westhill she spends the day.

Mrs. Watkin sadly shakes her head,  
 "Oh now what shall I do?  
 The magazine must finished be  
 Before this week is through."

"Make ready, make ready my pupils all  
 And wield your steady pens,  
 For you must see what you can do  
 Before this long day ends."

Oh long, long did the children sit  
 And hard, hard did they think,  
 Before an inspiration came  
 And they could use their ink.

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In stories, poems, and news.

With apologies to the writer of "Sir Patrick Spens."

JUDITH MOORE, Upper III.



### THE MERMAID

**I** WISH I were a mermaid,  
With oysters on my tail,  
I'd have a lovely garden,  
Where coloured fish could sail.

My toys would be the fishes,  
And I would roam and play,  
With all the coloured fishes,  
Among the seaweed gay.

I wish I were a mermaid,  
But that could never be,  
Because I am a mortal,  
And don't live in the sea!

J. M. KEIG, U.III.



### FACES

**S**OME are round,  
Some are thin,  
Some are shaped  
Like a pin.

Some are freckled,  
Some are plain,  
Some are very dull  
Like rain.

Some have glasses on their noses,  
Some are shaped just like posies,  
Some have very round wide eyes  
Just as if they were two pies.

J. M. KEIG.



### THE SCHOOLGIRL'S DREAM

St. Mary's College,  
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June 19th.

Dear Mrs. Sloppyfoot,

In reply to your letter dated June 10th, I will give you a brief account of the daily life at our college.

Lessons begin at 11-30. The girls choose which lessons to go to and need not attend any if they do not wish to. Dinner is served at 1 o'clock and the usual dinner is turkey, or duck, or some other fowl. This is served with something different every day. Lessons begin again at 2 o'clock. Here again the girls may choose any lessons, but they can go on an outing if they like. Four o'clock and lessons finish.

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Your sincerely,

MYRTLE CLUTTERINGTON,

Headmistress.

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## HOWLERS

1. . . . hanging by the BRIDAL of his horse.
2. In Derbyshire stone MAISONS build walls.
3. He is fond of using different parts of speech.
4. She saw the APOCRYPHA bending over the bed of the patient.
5. When Banquo's ghost comes it shakes Macbeth.
6. She would sell flowers and get a good PROPHET for them.
7. Sir Toby went to burn some SLACK.
8. Gonzalo was an old BOAR.
9. They used to take their patients to hospital in a closed horse and cart.
10. Gray's "Energy in a Country Churchyard."
11. We acknowledge a contribution from the Kindergarten by DAD aged eight.
12. Peter started to prune himself.
13. One daughter was married to Louis XIV whose name was Maria Theresa.
14. Report: Pat's needlework is dirty and UNSEEMLY.
15. Fats become carbohydrates . . . this conversation is controlled by the liver.
16. Conversation piece—A: You cannot get a divorce until you have been married three years. B: O yes you can—you can have it annulled!
17. Julia Mannering was well-bread!
18. Beethoven is an example of a man who finds his deaf ears a handy cap.
19. Shopping list (Westhill): Two Air Males (pink, if possible).
20. I spent three weeks with my pen fried.
21. Spartan girls were taught to run, jump and love spots.

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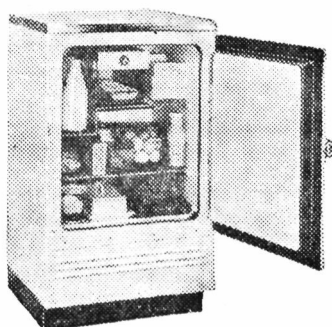
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22. When Mendoza protested Elizabeth's reply was, "To-night Drake."
23. Haydn was the son of Austrian pheasants.
24. As a child Mozart played with the Queen of Sheba!
25. Last Sunday I was a cook and the patrol that I was in made a jam roly-poly including me.
26. Nunc Dimittis was a son of Herod the Great.
27. The Capulets throw a ball.



### LAURA, LADY BUCHAN—1797-1888

**M**OST of us know very little of the lady who founded the school and after whom it was renamed in 1939, except that there are two framed photographs of her in the Hall. She was the daughter of Colonel Mark Wilks, who was the son of a Manx clergyman. He retired from service with the East India Company in 1813 and had commenced building Kirby Park when he was offered the position of Governor of St. Helena, by the Company, and accepted it for three years only. He took with him his daughter Laura, who was then eighteen years old and a remarkably beautiful girl. While they were there, Napoleon arrived in exile. When Laura was presented to him he said:—"I have long heard from various quarters the superior elegance of Miss Wilks, but now I am convinced from my own eyes that the report has scarcely done her justice."

Napoleon's aide, Baron Jourgaud, has left a "St. Helena Journal," extracts from which show that he had fallen in love with "the charming Laura," but that his exiled position was "so frightful" that he "could lay no claim there" so that on April 19th, 1815, he "pays his respects to Madame Wilks" and says "adieu to the adorable Laura."

They left Plantation House, the Governor's residence, in a huge vehicle drawn by six bullocks driven by three men. Napoleon, in full uniform, received them before they left and presented Laura with a bracelet.

A lady who frequently acted as chaperone to Miss Wilks and accompanied her when she visited Napoleon, wrote: "I was delighted to chaperone so elegant, amiable and beautiful a young lady and felt proud that Napoleon should see such a perfect specimen of my fair country women. Miss Wilks was then in the first bloom of youth and her whole demeanour, affability and elegant, modest appearance conspired to render her the most charming and admirable person I ever before or since met with in all my travels in Europe, Asia and Africa for the space of thirty years."

Laura Wilks eventually married General Sir John Buchan, K.C.B., and the late A. W. Moore visited her at her home in Portland Place, London, some years before she died in 1888, and wrote that, even as an old lady over eighty, she had great charm and beauty. She was a considerable landowner in the Isle of Man, succeeding to her father's properties of Kirby and Castleward and others. She was very interested in education for women and wished the Isle of Man to have a school for girls as there was already King William's College for boys. Her idea met with great opposition as the education of girls was not considered important at the time. However, she set aside a sum of money to be used to found a small school, and on April 22nd, 1875, her wish was realised and twelve girls were enrolled, and attended classes at a house in the Parade, Castletown.

Report by Fiona Gore, with grateful thanks for help to Sir Joseph Qualtrough, C.B.E., J.P., S.H.K.



### STUCK IN THE SNOW

**L**AST Christmas we went to some relations for tea. It started snowing when we were quite near their house. When we came out again the snow

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was very deep and slippery for, while we were inside it had been snowing very hard. When we reached Richmond Hill the car skidded once but managed to get a bit further on. Then the car stopped, the wheels were skidding on the snow so everyone had to get out and push the car, it was freezing cold and the snow was very stinging. We pushed for about three quarters of an hour. After that four of us walked down the road for about half a mile. The snow was ankle deep. We walked to the house of some people we knew slightly. We had to stay the night with them. My brother and I shared a bed, while the others slept round the fire.

The next morning the car had to be dug out of a snow-drift. When we were going home a man told us that the way was being cleared. So we had to wait at somebody else's house till father came to collect us and take us home again.

When we got home we found that there was not enough snow to use our new sledge.

CORNELIA QUAYLE, III Remove.

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### QUIZ

1. What smells like a fish and swims like a stone?
2. What is Motel touring?
3. Who knocks three times on the door of St. Paul's?
4. What famous actor thrives on a diet of seaweed?
5. What is a Globe-walker?
6. What is a Mod?
7. What is a Mob Fair?
8. Who were the Holy Rothers?
9. What is a Phagocytic Leucocyte?
10. What is Crwth?

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THIS world is dark, I cannot see,  
 There is no light on earth for me,  
 All I know is a veil of grey,  
 That greets the dawn of another day,  
 I have often prayed for my long lost sight,  
 In hope that the darkness of eternal night,  
 Will be removed from my eyes so dim,  
 To let the golden sunshine in.

The dark green grass is not mine to see,  
 Nor the pink blossoms on the tree,  
 Or babies' eyes when they are filled with tears,  
 Nor the changes through the passing years,  
 I must be content to stand and stare,  
 And picture a world that is not there,  
 But I have an insight that you have not,  
 For God has not quite me forgot.

To hear and sense these are my powers,  
 For I have patience to sit for hours,  
 To hear my daughter on my knee,  
 To hear the wind blowing free,  
 I can smell the fragrant flowers,  
 Which bloom in Heaven's sunlit bowers,  
 I appreciate all God has given to me,  
 The laughter of children, the wind so free,  
 And at night I kneel by my bed and say,  
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