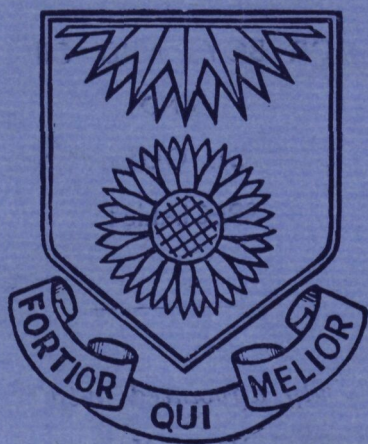


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FOREWORD

I HAVE particular pleasure in writing a Foreword to this number of the Buchan School Magazine. It is the first with which as Head Mistress I am acquainted and it gives me the opportunity to say some things which I should like to say.

First and foremost I should like to thank all Governors, parents, Old Girls and pupils who have so greatly and so pleasantly helped me to settle in a new sphere so different from that from which I came. We opened School in September with new beds, new paint and new books and with a sense of vigorous good will of which there was such concrete evidence. To our many benefactors among whom Lady Dundas, Lady Collet and the Board of Education have been so eminent, we give our heart-felt thanks.

A Head is always indebted to the past in the persons of her predecessors and to the present in the persons of her Staff. I am very conscious of what I owe to a long line of Staffs who have built up the tradition of the Buchan School and to present members in whom, old and new, we are so fortunate.

We have, and the island has, a precious little heritage in this the only Public School for Girls on the Isle of Man. It has survived through difficulties for eighty-three years and, with vision and courage, will continue to grow and make its contribution to the number of good Christian citizens, whom the island gives to the world.

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19th June, 1958.

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EDITORIAL

THE School has settled down happily with several new members of Staff and the new Head Mistress, Miss A. Nicol Smith, M.A.

We have lost, this year, two old and valued friends, with the death of the Archdeacon of Man, The Venerable C. V. Stockwood, M.A., who was a member of the Board of Governors for many years, and with the death of Deemster Cowley, who visited the School with Lady Cowley, on Benefactor's Day.

Our activities during the year have been many and varied and they are reported elsewhere in the magazine. Mr. Prins, a Dutch critic of painting, who works for the British Council, gave an illustrated talk about masterpieces of painting; Mr. Trafford acted and read scenes from "Pickwick Papers" for us; we visited King William's College for a recital by Kendall Taylor, to play in their orchestra several times and to see their production of Shakespeare's "Richard II"; we saw some of the Junior and Senior entries in the Manx Drama Festival, in May; and on May 31st Patricia Shimmin (song) and Pauline Kennaugh (violin) broadcast in the B.B.C. Children's Hour concert. Two girls competed in the Lancashire Schools' Athletics meeting at Manchester in June, Virginia Matthews and Gillian Hinds, who qualified for the semi-final and ran very well indeed.

On July 18th a party of girls leave for a holiday in Austria with Miss Lace and Miss Clutterbuck.

Six girls will leave Form Upper Six in July, two of them for University, two for Domestic Science Colleges, and two for Training Colleges. We wish them every success.



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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear Members,

It is with particular pleasure that I send you all warm greetings this year. You have done me the honour of making me President, I have taken up the reins of Head Mistress of your School and I have enjoyed immensely the occasions and the Committee Meetings, when we have met together. There is something so gay and competent about you all, that you lighten the burden of pushing the present generation of 'Young Girls' towards such desirable virtues, by showing that our efforts are by no means in vain.

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With kindest regards to you all,

Yours sincerely,

Ailsa Nicol Smith.

REPORT OF SECRETARY

A Re-union was held at the Sefton Hotel on the 11th January. Owing to pressure of work, Margaret Caine felt obliged to resign as Secretary, Miss Caine remains on the Committee. We were pleased to welcome Miss Nicol Smith among us for the first time.

On March 4th a Dinner was held at the School, when Lady Dundas was our Guest of Honour. The Dinner was followed by a General Meeting, when Miss Nicol Smith was elected President, and Lady Qualtrough and Mrs. Kinvig, Vice-Presidents. A new committee was formed.

A Hockey Match was played against the School on March 29th but unfortunately the Old Girls were unable to field a full team and the School were victors. The Association entertained the School team to tea afterwards at the Derbyhaven Hotel.

On April 8th Miss Nicol Smith invited us to Westhill for an informal evening and members were able to view the improvements carried out.

We have had blue cards printed which combine Membership and the Constitution now drawn up—Mrs. Kinvig has very kindly presented a Twin Lock Register to the Association so that a complete record of all members can be kept in a secure archive.

The Association joined with the Parent-Teacher Association to provide a Bring and Buy Stall at the Country Dance Party on the 31st May.

Subscriptions for this year are due and should be sent to the Treasurer as soon as possible.

M. J. RENTON.

NEWS OF OLD GIRLS

Mrs. Stanley Allen (née Pat Christian) has returned to Kenya.

Mrs. Ruth Anderson (née Moore) is living at Patrick near Peel.

Eleanor Brown is home on furlough from India where she is in the medical missionary service.

Mrs. Barbara Clague (née Cowin) is now living in Manchester.

Mrs. Nora Conrad (née Tong) is now living in Kensington, London.

Kathleen Cooil is teaching in Wallasey and has a flat there.

Margaret Cooil is sharing a flat with Kathleen and is teaching in Seaforth.

Maisie Cowell is now Mrs. Robson and is living at Ballasalla.

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Audrey Cubbon is working with B.E.A. Manchester.
 Jennifer Curtis was one of the few survivors in the Winter Hill Disaster. A telegram was sent to her from the O.G. Dinner.
 Mrs. Beryl Duggan (née Thompson) formerly Secretary to the O.G.A. and Matron at Westhill is home from Hong-Kong.
 Inge Frankel is now Mrs. Radford.
 Mrs. Vivienne Hague (née Kirton) is returning home in the Autumn.
 Mrs. Norma Cubbon (née Cubbon) has had a son.
 Mrs. Denise Holmes (née Chester) has two children and is living in Southport.
 Mrs. Mary Jackson (née Flannigan) is now living at Fleetwood and has son, aged fifteen.
 Margaret Keggins is teaching embroidery in Derby.
 M. S. Keig is a Health Visitor in Brighton.
 Sheila Macridge has qualified as a Doctor and has married a doctor. She is living in Manchester.
 Margaret Maddrell is in Germany working for the Y.M.C.A.
 Mrs. Ruth Matthews (née Cregeen) is now running the Windsor Hotel, Port Erin.
 Mrs. Nina Parsons (née Wilkin) is living on the Isle of Wight and has two daughters.
 Margaret Quayle is now Mrs. John Fargher.
 Cora Redmayne is now a well-known fashion artist and has illustrated in women's magazines.
 Ethel Roberts has sent an interesting letter about her work as a Laboratory Technician in the Blood Transfusion Service in Edinburgh. She is one of twenty-four technicians engaged in this work, which she finds absorbing. It holds good prospects for advancement and Miss Roberts is willing to give information and advice to anyone who contemplates entering this branch of the medical service.
 Anne Saunders is now living in Skelmanthorpe and is working in an office in Huddersfield.
 Mrs. Sylvia Sedgewick (née Christian) has trained as a nurse and won the Nursing Prize at Southport Hospital.
 Jennifer Spurr has qualified with first class honours as a doctor and is now in Australia.
 Mrs. Hazel Staley (née Kniveton) lost her husband in the Winter Hill disaster. We should like to record our sympathy.
 Jean Thompson has recently married and is now Mrs. Dawson.
 Marion Thompson is living with her parents in the South of France.
 Muriel Watterson has recently married and is now Mrs. Corrin.



THE BUCHAN SCHOOL PARENT/TEACHER ASSOCIATION

Chairman : Mr. L. K. Gore.

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Hon. Auditor : Mr. L. J. Kewley.

Committee Members representing the Staff : Miss Clutterbuck, Mrs. Colman.

Committee Members representing the Parents : Mr. W. T. Quayle, Mesdames Glass, Kennaugh, Kewley, F. Moore, Preston, Procter and Sansom.

OUR Annual General Meeting which was held on 26th October, 1957, attracted a most encouraging number of parents and proved a notable success for the object of the Association :—to provide the maximum co-operation between the parents and Staff in furthering the welfare of the School.

Miss Nicol Smith, Head Mistress, gave a very happy and stimulating address covering the future activities and plans of the School, and stated how much she valued the Association in its relation to the life of the School.

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An Open Meeting took place on the 25th February, 1958 when the Head Mistress gave a talk on "Careers for Women". Miss Nicol Smith provided us with a wealth of information, supported by excellent pamphlets on various careers, and we felt extremely indebted to her for such a careful and thought provoking address.

A lecture on "Careers" was given by Miss I. F. Hilton, M.Sc., F.L.S., the Organising Secretary of the Women's Employment Federation on the 2nd June, and we enjoyed the address of such an acknowledged expert on this subject. The senior girls also attended.

The Committee have been most active and enthusiastic and have attended in strength the various Committee meetings. A great number of items have received close attention, including matters raised by parents to Committee members. These have covered a wide range, and have been considered by the Head Mistress with very sympathetic care.

The Association's activities include our special fund in the shape of "Goodwill Units" to help the schemes of improvement of the equipment and of renovations, organising with The Old Girls' Association a Bring and Buy Stall at the School's Country Dance, and assisting the School from our modest funds with one or two necessary items of domestic equipment.



SCHOOL OFFICERS, 1958

Head Girl : Elin Clague.

Deputy Head Girl : Jean Bridson.

Head Boarder : Elin Clague.

Deputy Head Boarder : Nancy Brown.

Prefects : Jean Bridson, Nancy Brown, Elin Clague, Anne Ducker, Pauline Kelly.

Sub-Prefects : Margaret Ashley, Lesley Carter, Ruth Hudson, Audrey Kermode,
Margaret Riley, Patricia Shimmin, Hilary Walker.

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

House Games Captains : Godred—Anne Ducker.
Magnus—Elin Clague.
Olaf—Ruth Hudson.

Games Captains : Hockey—Elin Clague.
Netball—Christine Cubbon.
Tennis—Anne Ducker.
Rounders—Christine Cubbon.

VI Form Society : Chairman—Anne Ducker.
Hon. Secretaries—Nancy Brown, Lesley Carter.
Hon. Treasurer—Elin Clague.

Tramp Club : Secretary—Nancy Brown.
Treasurer—Anne Ducker.
Committee—Elin Clague, Janet Beagle, Vivien Pedder, Rosalind
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Science Film Club : Secretary—Anne Ducker.
Treasurer—Nancy Brown.

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SPEECH DAY, 1957.

THE annual presentation of prizes and certificates gained in the preceding year was held in the School Hall, on Thursday, November, 7th 1957. The Archdeacon of Man, The Venerable E. H. Stenning, M.B.E., M.A., T.D., Chairman of the Board of Governor, addressed the school. The Head Mistress gave her Reports, and Mrs. Stenning graciously presented the prizes. Bouquets were given by Gillian Moore and Anne Simcocks. The school choir sang "The Lark in the Clear Air" by Alec Rowley. Tea was served in the dining room.



PRIZES AND CERTIFICATES

The D. M. Hatch Special Prize for Scholarship Subjects:
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Advanced Subjects—

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Mavis Alder—History, Art. (Entrance to National Froebel College, Roehampton, London.)

Kathleen Collister—History, Art.

Geraldine Hampton—French, Chemistry, Biology. (Distinction in Biology. Exemption from 1st M.B. Entrance to Faculty of Medicine Liverpool University.)

Margaret Kelly—French. (Entrance to the Royal Academy of Music, London.)

Margaret Prew—Entrance to Royal College of Music, Manchester.

L.VI.

Elin Clague—French.

Jennifer Watkin—French.

Prizes for Advanced Subjects—

Geraldine Hampton, Mavis Alder, Kathleen Collister.

Ordinary Level—

Upper V.

Margaret Ashley—Biology (plus English Literature and Music passed in 1956.)

Lesley Carter—History, Scripture, Latin, Biology, (plus French, German and English Language passed in Lower V, 1956.)

Ruth Hudson—English Literature, History, Scripture, Latin, Biology (plus French German and English Language passed in Lower V, 1956.)

Audrey Kermod—English Language, History, Scripture, Art, Biology.

Margaret Riley—English Language, History, French, Biology.

Patricia Shimmin—English Language, History, Scripture, French and Biology.

Lower V.

Janet Beagle—French.

Pamela Davies—English Language, French.

Jean Ellis—English Language, French.

Additional Subjects : November, 1956—

Pauline Kelly—Geography.

Margaret Prew—Scripture.

Dorothy Woods—Geography.

Additional Subjects : July, 1957—

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Janet Beagle—English Language.  
Pauline Kelly—Scripture.  
Patricia Shimmin—French, Mathematics.

**Prizes for Ordinary Level Subjects.**

Lesley Carter      Ruth Hudson

**Form Prizes—**

Upper VI—Geraldine Hampton.  
Lower VI—Jennifer Watkin.  
Upper V—Lesley Carter.  
Lower V—Janet Beagle.  
Upper IV—Tanya Sansom.  
Lower IV—Christine Nicholls.  
Upper III—Barbara Jones.  
III Remove—Mary Preston.  
Lower III—Heather Procter.  
II and I—Tania Hawton.

**Subject Prizes—**

**Senior**

English—Christine Nicholls.  
History—Ruth Hudson.  
Scripture—Ruth Hudson.  
Art—Mavis Alder.  
Music—Margaret Kelly.  
Needlework—Patricia Leather.  
Geography—Jennifer Corkill.  
Latin—Lesley Carter.  
French—Jennifer Watkin.  
Science—Geraldine Hampton. Tanya Sansom.  
Maths.—Tanya Sansom.  
German—Jennifer Watkin.

**Junior**

English—Judith Moore.  
Maths.—Barbara Jones.  
Art—Jennifer Siddell. Gillian Keig.  
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 Grade III—Jean Ellis, Pass. Sandra Phillips, Pass. Dawn Ashley, Distinction. Janet Honey, Pass with merit.  
 Grade II—Dawn Ashley, Pass with merit. Caroline Riggall, Pass. Gillian Hinds, Pass. Vivienne Brew, Pass. Jennifer Gibb, Pass. Ann Jones, Pass. Lorna Maclachlan, Pass with merit. Barbara Jones, Pass with merit. Shirin Al-Ansari, Distinction. Christine Carter, Pass. Vivien Hughes, Pass.  
 Grade I—Joan Keggins, Pass with merit.

#### **Violin—**

Grade VI—Margaret Prew, Pass.

#### **Viola—**

Grade V—Anne Ducker, Pass.  
 Grade II—Carol Clague, Pass with merit. Marilyn Conroy, Distinction.

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**Violin** Grade V—P. Kennaugh, Pass with merit.

#### **Easter, 1958.**

**Viola** Grade IV—C. Clague, Pass. M. Conroy, Pass with merit.

**Piano** Grade I—J. Faragher, Pass with merit.

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**Senior** Grade II—Diana Gardner, Credit.

**Senior** Grade I—Helen Bull, Pass. Marilyn Conroy, Credit. Fiona Gore, Pass. Pauline Kennaugh, Credit. Eileen Kinrade Credit. Suzanne Lawson, Distinction. Virginia Matthews, Pass. Christine Nicholls, Credit. Caroline Riggall, Distinction. Jillian Riggall, Pass. Tanya Sansom, Credit. Judith Sewell, Credit. Jennifer Siddell, Credit. Michèle Standen, Credit. Tania Wray, Credit.

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Junior Grade III—Jennifer Gibb, Pass. Maria Kegg, Distinction. Katherine Kewley, Very good pass. Mary Preston, Very good pass. Cornelia Quayle, Credit. Elizabeth Watkin, Credit.  
 Junior Grade II—Christine Dale, Pass. Frances Glass, Pass. Sheila Griffin, Good pass. Tania Hawton, Pass. Jillian Procter, Pass. Heather Procter, Pass. Jennifer Quirk, Pass.  
 Junior Grade I—Sally Hedges, Credit. Gillian Moore, Credit. Margaret Snowdon, Credit.



### Société Nationale des Professeurs de Français en Grande Bretagne Concours Mensuels, 1956-1957.

**Prizes—**

Degré Intermédiaire—Lesley Carter.

Narration: 2nd Prize—Geraldine Hampton (H.C.) twice. Jennifer Watkin (H.C.) twice.

**Certificate—**

Degré Supérieur—Geraldine Hampton.

**Mention—**

Degré Élémentaire—Janet Beagle.

### Concours des Lauréats. July, 1957.

**First Prize—**

Narration—Jennifer Watkin.

**Prize—**

Degré Élémentaire—Janet Beagle.

**Mention—**

Degré Supérieur—Geraldine Hampton.

Degré Intermédiaire—Lesley Carter.

### Concours Mensuels. 1957-1958.

**Prize—**

Intermédiaire—L. Carter.

**Certificate—**

Intermédiaire—L. Carter.

**Mention—**

Elémentaire—J. Beagle.



### ROYAL LIFE SAVING SOCIETY AWARDS.

Bronze Medallion—Edwina Kinrade, Vivien Pedder, Carolyn Tuffen, Dorothy Woods.

Intermediate Certificate—Carol Clague, Edwina Kinrade, Patricia Leather, Moira Machlachlan, Vivien Pedder, Carolyn Tuffen, Dorothy Woods.

**THE CURPHEY PRIZE For an Essay on Manx History:—** Elin Clague.

**THE QUAYLE PRIZE—**Geraldine Hampton.

**DRAMA PRIZE For best individual performance in the Shakespeare Competition 1956—** Jean Ellis—Macbeth. Ruth Hudson—Petruchio.

**SPOKEN ENGLISH PRIZES—**

Jennifer Watkin (Senior). Susanne Lawson (Junior).

**HEAD GIRL'S PRIZE—**Mavis Alder.

**THE NEWTON CUP.** (Awarded for all-round service to the School) Elin Clague.

**HOUSE CUP—**Olaf.

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## THE MANX MUSIC FESTIVAL, 1958.

**T**HE "Avondale Junior Orchestra" gained 90 marks and won first prize. Composed of boys and girls from the Douglas High Schools, Castle Rushen High School and the Buchan School; and trained and conducted by Miss A. K. Rydings, A.R.C.M.

Susan Davidson won first prize in the Piano (10 and under 12) class with 81 marks. Pauline Kennaugh tied for first prize in the open violin class with 88 marks and also gained a second prize with 89 marks in the violin class (12 and under 14). Patricia Shimmin won the Solo in Manx (over 16) with 88 marks.

Other members of the School:—M. Kermeen, C. Cubbon, A. Creer, G. Keig and S. Griffin entered for piano and singing classes and performed very creditably.

P. SHIMMIN, LVI.



## OPEN DAY, 1958.

**O**N Thursday, March 27th, parents and friends were invited to an "Open Day" where displays of physical education and modern dance were given. Scientific experiments were demonstrated in the laboratory and there were exhibitions of needlework, art and crafts and model stage scenery. Collections of stamps, history and Geography scrap-books and work books were also on show. The new uniform was displayed.

After tea the six best, of the fifteen entries in the annual Shakespeare Competition were presented in the School Hall.

R. HUDSON, LVI.



## SCIENCE FILM CLUB.

Secretary: V. Pedder.

Treasurer: P. Howarth.

Form Representatives: VI—N. Brown. UV—P. Davies. LV—J. Corkhill. UIV—M. Standen. LIV—C. Carter. UIII.—S. Lawson.

**T**HE Club was sorry to lose Miss Costain, the founder, at the end of the Summer Term, 1957, and we send her our best wishes. She is now teaching at a school in Canada. At the beginning of the Autumn Term, we welcomed Miss Clutterbuck as our new president, who has helped the Club to enjoy another successful year. A wide range of films has been shown, both technical and cartoons, which everyone enjoys.

We are very grateful to the Castletown Brewery for the loan of the projector, and to Mr. Quirk and his helpers, who give up so much valuable time to show us the films.

Science Films shown 1957-8:—

"The Human Skeleton;" "Uncle Explains;" "The Oil Rivers;" "Marine Sand Animals;" "The Perfect Husband;" "Unilevers Magazine No. 1;" "The Moving Spirit;" "Limestone in Nature;" "How Television Works;" "Gateway to Adventure."

A. Ducker, UVI.



## TRAMP CLUB.

President: Miss V. Carter.

Secretary: Nancy Brown.

Treasurer: Anne Ducker.

**W**E welcomed Miss Carter as our new President at the beginning of the year. We should like to thank Mrs. Radcliffe for the time and energy she

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devoted to the club, and so kindly presented us with a Pedometre.

One tramp was held during the Autumn term led by Vivien Pedder and Gillian Hinds, beginning at Ballig Bridge and ending in Glen Helen.

All tramps during the Spring Term were cancelled on account of rain but one led by Elin Clague and Elaine Radcliffe, was held on the first Saturday of the Autumn Term, over Carn Gergoil and Bein-y-Phott.

This term a fair was held to raise funds for the club, at which the record sum of £5 0s. 5d. was raised. We should like to thank Miss Nicol Smith for giving the prizes.

N. J. BROWN, UVI.



### SIXTH FORM SOCIETY.

Hon. President : Anne Ducker.

Hon. Secretaries : Nancy Brown, Lesley Carter.

Hon. Treasurer : Elin Clague.

**W**E wish to express our thanks to our Guest speakers and also to Mrs. Watkin for her interest in the Society.

At the first meeting of the Autumn Term the speaker was Mrs. A. H. Quiggin, M.A., and her subject "Foreign Money". Mrs. Quiggin, a well known lecturer in Anthro-Geo-graphy at Cambridge, explained the origin, manufacture and use of various forms of native money. At the second meeting the speaker was Mr. Howard Simcocks, M.H.K., who spoke about the "Manx Constitution", describing the history and development of the Manx Parliament.

The Annual General Meeting will be held during the Summer Term, when election of Officers for 1958-9 will take place and the Annual excursion will be arranged.

N. BROWN, UVI.



### INTER-FORM SHAKESPEARE COMPETITION.

**T**HIS has now become an annual event and is very popular with all forms. There was again a large entry, and every girl in the School above III Remove, either had a part or a job connected with properties, costume, or lighting. Staging was easier this year, as the scenes were presented in the Hall. Miss Lace and Miss Neely judged the competition and competitors should profit, next year, from the helpful criticisms made by Miss Lace as she read the results. Upper Four won the Davies Trophy, a large painting of Frans Hals' "Jester," with a very lively scene from "The Merry Wives of Windsor," while Upper Five ran a close second with very dramatic scenes from "Antony and Cleopatra" in which Cleopatra (Diana Gardner) and the Slave (Peggy Howarth) won particular praise. Upper Three, the youngest form ever to enter the competition, did very well with scenes from "A Midsummer Night's Dream."

Results were :—

1st—Upper Four : "The Merry Wives of Windsor."

Falstaff : Michéle Standen. Robin : Janet Beagle. Mr. Ford : Christine Nicholls. John : Virginia Matthews. Mrs. Page : Eileen Kinrade. Robert : Ann Jones.

2nd—Upper Five : Scenes from "Antony and Cleopatra."

Cleopatra : Diana Gardner. Octavia : Janet Beagle. Slave : Peggy Howarth. Mark Antony : Jean Ellis. Alexas : Jillian Duke. Octavius : Pamela Davies. Charmian : Jennifer Charnley. Iras : Vivienne Quayle.

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3rd—Lower Four : Scene from "Twelfth Night."

Sir Toby Belch : Shirin Al-Ansari. Sir Andrew Aguecheek : Dawn Ashley.  
Maria : Jennifer Siddell (who was ill and whose place was taken at very short notice, by Anna Creer).

4th—Lower Five : Scene from "Twelfth Night."

Olivia : Pauline Kennaugh. Viola : Caroline Riggall. Maria : Jennifer Corkhill.

4th—Upper Three : Scenes from "A Midsummer Night's Dream."

Theseus : Valerie Lamont, Philostrate : Jennifer Gibb. Hyppolita : Jennifer Faragher. Quince : Lorna Maclachlan. Bottom : Mary Preston. Snout : Elizabeth Clague. Flute : Suzanne Lawson. Snug : Maria Kegg. Starveling : Elizabeth Gawne. Oberon : Joyce Mills. Puck : Heather Procter. Titania : Cornelia Quayle. Black Boy : Irene Corrin. 1st Fairy : Jean Faragher. Fairies : Carol Finan, Jennifer Gibb, Katherine Kewley, Susan Ellis, Susan Davidson.

Other entries were : Lower V—two scenes from "Julius Caesar;" Lower IV—three other scenes from "Twelfth Night"; Upper IV—scene from "The Taming of the Shrew"; Upper IV's scene from "Romeo and Juliet" had to be abandoned owing to the illness of Fiona Gore (Juliet).

All who saw any or some of the scenes agree that they were played with genuine enjoyment and understanding. Individual actresses specially commended were :—Diana Gardner (Cleopatra)—Best interpretation of a character. Highly commended :—Dawn Ashley (Sir Andrew), Mary Preston (Bottom), Elizabeth Clague (Snout), Virginia Matthews (Katherine), Anna Creer (Malvolio).



## THE BUCHAN SCHOOL STAMP CLUB.

**T**HE Stamp Club was formed on the 30th January, 1958. Dr. Rose, against his intentions, was elected Chairman and Michèle Standen and Christine Nicholls, Secretary and Treasurer respectively. The Club started with twenty members and met on Thursdays at dinnertime in Lower IV formroom. A box was placed in the Staffroom and contributions from the Staff were received gratefully.

The Gibbon Stamp Catalogue was bought for us by the School and reference books about stamps were made available. A number of loose leaves were obtained for display of sets.

The Stamp Club contributed a small exhibition on Open Day, March 27th; showing its activities and achievements and at the same time showed the equipment necessary for stamp collecting. The stall was admired by all the visitors who saw it.

Contact was made with the Brentwood International Stamp Club in California, U.S.A. and a letter was received from M. François Descotes of Millery, The Rhône, France; and we hope an exchange of stamps will result from this correspondence.

A warm welcome is extended to any new members who would like to join. They should apply to :—M. Standen, Secretary.



## SALVETE

**September, 1957—**

Elizabeth Clague, Jean Fargher, Jennifer Faragher, Veronica Gwyn Jones, Valerie Lamont, Joyce Mills, Gillian Brown, Anne Rutherford, Elizabeth Vereker, Foley Vereker, Peter Freer, Anne Simcocks, Peter Forrester and David Forrester (temporary for leave period).



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## VALETE

**July, 1958—**

Mavis Alder, Moira Casement, Geraldine Hampton, Kathleen Callister, Margaret Prew, Margaret Kelly, Pat Cross, Barbara Keggins, Gillian Dean, Suzanne Tuffen, David Brown, Andrew Tuffen, Charles Chambers, Gordon Shoosmith.



## UNIVERSITY AND TRAINING COLLEGE ENTRANTS—1958.

1951-8 Jean Bridson : C. F. Mott Training College, Liverpool.

1952-8 Nancy Brown : Manchester College of Housecraft.

1951-8 Elin Clague : Provisional acceptance, History Honours School, Liverpool University.

1951-8 Anne Ducker : Battersea College of Domestic Science.

1951-8 Pauline Kelly : Training College (name undeclared to date).

1944-6, 1948-9, 1951-8 Jennifer Watkin : University of Zurich, University of Edinburgh—accepted.



## HOCKEY

**A**LTHOUGH we retained the majority of last year's team once again the 1st XI did not come up to standard and while the defence was capable the forwards lacked attack. The 2nd XI played more matches than in former years a fact which proved valuable in that they learned to play as a team.

A new feature was introduced into hockey this season when, at the end of the Easter Term, the 1st XI played the Staff and won by 4 goals to nil. The team greatly appreciated the sporting attitude of the Staff and hope that a School v. Staff match will become an annual event.

ELIN CLAGUE.



## NETBALL.

**T**HE Lower IV Netball team consisting of C. Cubbon, C. Evans, R. Gardner, R. Comish, D. Ashley, M. Callister, J. Moore. Reserves : M. Kermeen and B. Jones, played six matches this year, winning one, drawing one and losing four. The playing was not up to our usual standard, and we hope next year's teams will do better.

C. CUBBON, LIV.



## TENNIS.

**L**AST year the Senior Team played four matches, two against Douglas High School and one each against Ramsey Grammar School and Castle Rushen High School and were successful in winning two of these. A Junior team has

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been formed this year and has shown promise in their matches at Douglas and Ramsey. The School team lost four members at the end of the season, all of whom, together with P. Howarth, P. Cross, B. Keggins, M. Prew and A. Ducker, were awarded School colours for 1957 season. The 1957 Junior team has gained valuable experience and this year they should be useful in the School team. We wish to record our appreciation of the extra help and coaching Miss Warrell finds time to give the teams. We hope, again this year, to send some girls to compete in the Junior Northern Tennis tournament to be held in Manchester in August.

A. DUCKER, UVI.



## SWIMMING REPORT.

**W**ITH the kind permission of the Principal Mr. Wilson, we held our annual swimming sports on July 11th, 1957, at King William's College swimming pool. The diving and style events were judged by Mr. J. E. A. Morgan.

The House Swimming Cup was won by Magnus, with Olaf second, and Godred third, and the Senior Swimming Cup was won by Jillian Duke; the Junior Cup was won by Caroline Riggall.

The Kindergarten have all managed to gain their tadpole badges, by swimming the breadth of the bath with a rubber ring, and Jonathan Latimer has gained his dolphin badge by diving from the top box. Jonathan has also won the Junior Calcutta Cup for swimming.

There are fourteen entrants for the Bronze Medallion and Intermediate Certificates of the Royal Life Saving Society to be held at the end of June. Swimming Sports will be held this year on July 14th.

We should like to thank Miss Warrall for her untiring work to improve our swimming and for having made it possible for us to take the examinations.

J. DUKE, UV.

Swimming Awards—June, 1958—

Bronze : Lesley Carter, Pamela Davies, Carol Clague, Vivien Hughes, Pauline Kennaugh, Joan Keggins, Michele Standen

Intermediate : Jillian Riggall, Norma Robertson, Dawn Ashley, Barbara Jones, Jennifer Siddell.



## BADMINTON CLUB.

Captain : Jean Bridson.

Vice-Captain : Pauline Kelly.

Hon. Treasurer : Patricia Shimmin.

**T**HIS year the Sixth Form continued to play Badminton on Friday evenings, and we are very grateful to Mr. Colin Davis for his coaching and advice. Throughout the season several friendly matches with the Castletown Men's Club, were held which were most enjoyable and very valuable for those who, at colleges, will play with more experienced players.

J. BRIDSON, UVI.



## LACROSSE.

**A** BEGINNING is to be made in 1958-9 to introduce the game of Lacrosse, which is very popular with girls' schools. It is hoped that we shall, in a year or two, be able to form a school team to play against other girls' public schools in Britain.

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## HOUSE MATCHES.

**H**OUSE Matches were again played in the Easter Term. Magnus won both their matches and thus gained the Griffiths Cup for Hockey and Olaf beat Godred. Magnus won both senior Netball Matches and Godred beat Olaf.

This year a new award—the Beda Lorimer Shield—was introduced for the winners of the junior netball matches. It was won by Godred.

Once again we should like to express our appreciation to Miss Warrell for organising these matches, often out of school hours.

E. E. CLAGUE, UV1.



## GODRED HOUSE NOTES.

**W**E were sorry to say good-bye to Miss Avery, our Housemistress, at the end of the Trinity Term last year. The house appreciated all the work she did for us and we wish her every success in her new school in Cheltenham. Miss Shannon was warmly welcomed in her place.

During the Michaelmas and Easter Terms we gained the Cup for the highest number of academic points, and the junior netball team is to be congratulated on winning the Lorimer Shield and their continued enthusiasm. It only remains now for the house to do it's best in the Music Competition and the Athletic and Swimming Sports and perhaps Godred will carry off the House Cup for the year.

A. DUCKER (House Capt.).



## MAGNUS HOUSE NOTES.

**W**E welcomed Miss Neely as our Housemistress at the beginning of the Michaelmas Term after Miss Curphey left at the end of the year to be married. She had been Magnus Housemistress for nine years and we should like to thank her for all the interest she showed in the House.

Although the House has not yet distinguished itself by winning the House Cup, House matches were much more successful and the Seniors won all hockey and senior netball matches and gained the Griffiths Cup for hockey.

This term we must try to do our best in the Athletic Sports, the House Music Competition and the Swimming Sports. We hope to retain the Cup which we won for the latter event last year.

E. ELIN CLAGUE (House Capt.).



## OLAF HOUSE NOTES.

**M**RS. Watkin became Deputy Headmistress in the Autumn Term and we were sorry to lose her as Housemistress. Welcome Miss Lace in her place.

We made a good beginning to the year, by winning the House Cup, but unfortunately the House has not maintained its standard in either work or games. The House Matches were on the whole disappointing, although the juniors must be congratulated on the enthusiasm shown in the netball matches.

This Term, the House Music Competition, Athletic Sports and Swimming Sports are to be held, and we hope to retain the Athletic Cup. The House would like to congratulate two of its members Margaret Riley and Barbara Jones on gaining prizes in the Commonwealth Quiz.

PAULINE KELLY (House Capt.).

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**A**T the end of last year we were sorry to lose Miss Charlton, our President, who did valuable work for the league, for many years and who has now taken up a new post in Nottingham.

During the year we welcomed Mrs. Forster who showed us a film about the life of the children in the Homes, including the handicapped.

The collection for July, 1957 was £14 5 3.

The collection for February, 1958 was £9 0 0.

We hold a collection for charity at the School morning service on Mondays. From this fund we were able to contribute in the Michaelmas Term 1957, nine pounds to the I.O.M. Children's Home and in the Easter Term, 1958, the sum of ten pounds, was sent to the Winter Hill disaster fund. A special collection was taken in the week beginning June 23rd for the R.S.P.C.A.

P. KELLY, VI (Hon Secretary)



## SCHOOL SPORTS.

**V**ICTRIX Ludorum of the Buchan School, Gillian Hinds, will be amongst the competitors at this week-end Lancashire Schools Athletic Association Championships in Manchester.

At the school's annual sports she won a handful of events, including the 100 yards, in which she will compete on Saturday, as well as gaining a couple of cups for good measure.

Gillian will be joined by Virginia Matthews, who won the Junior 100 yards and in which she will compete in England and was runner-up as Victrix Ludorum.

Weather was ideal for the sports, which gave Olaf a very comfortable win by 237½ points to Magnus' 195½ and Godfred's 192.

The prizes were presented by Mrs. Howard Simcocks and later parents and friends had tea in the School.

The 100 yards and high jump Cups were won by senior Victrix Ludorum Gillian Hinds, while Olaf won the House Shield.

Junior Victrix Ludorum is Joan Keggins.

## RESULTS

80 yards Junior : 1, H. Kermeen; 2, R. Cornish; 11 secs. 100 yards Middle : 1, V. Matthews; 2, H. Bull; 13.2 secs. 100 yards Senior : 1, G. Hinds; 2, P. Kelly; 12.8 secs. 60 yards Prep.: 1, J. Latimer; 2, H. Kewley. Three-legged Prep.: 1, M. Kewley and J. Latimer; 2, J. Moore and A. Kissack. Sack race Prep.: 1, P. Vereker; 2, J. Latimer. Dressing race Prep.: 1st girl, G. Moore; 1st boy, J. Latimer. 220 yards senior : 1, G. Hinds; 2, P. Kelly; 28.8 secs. Hockey ball throw senior : 1, R. Hudson; 2, G. Hinds; 137.17 ft. Hockey ball throw Middle : 1, J. Keggins; 2, T. Sansom; 119.9 ft. High jump Junior : 1, D. Ashley; 2, J. Faragher; 3 ft 8 ins. High jump senior : 1, G. Hinds; 2, V. Pedder; 4 ft 4 ins. Hop, step and jump junior : 1, V. Lamont; 2, C. Cubbon; 26 ft. 2 ins. Hop, step and jump Middle : 1, V. Matthews; 2, J. Keggins; 28 ft. 6 ins. Hop, step and jump Senior : 1, G. Hinds; 2, G. Clague; 29 ft. 2 ins. Long jump Middle : 1, V. Matthews; 2, J. Keggins; 28 ft. 6 ins. Long jump senior : 1, P. Kelly; 2, G. Hinds; 14 ft 11 ins. Exchange relay : 1, Godfred; 2, Olaf. Under and over relay : 1, Godfred; 2, Olaf. Hockey dribbling : 1, Olaf; 2, Magnus. Zig-zag relay :

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High jump Cup, G. Hinds, 100 yards Cup, G. Hinds; House Shield : Olaf. Junior Victrix, J. Keggins : runner-up V. Matthews. Senior Victrix, G. Hinds; runner-up P. Kelly.

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### S.C.M. CONFERENCE.

**M**ISS Kinlay and Seniors attended the annual Student Christian Movement Conference at the High School for Boys, Douglas, which took place in the Autumn Term. Representatives of all the Island secondary schools, and King William's College, heard an address by the Rev. J. Hewitson who took over for the Rev. D. A. Edwards who was ill, and took part in the group discussion which followed.



### COMMONWEALTH CONFERENCE, 1958.

**O**N February 27th, a Commonwealth Conference was held at the Douglas High School for Girls. This was the first conference of its kind to take place on the Island and was organised by the Imperial Institute.

Entitled "The Emerging Commonwealth" it was run on the same lines as the annual Student Christian Movement Conference. The first speaker was Mrs. M. E. Burke, B.A., Deputy Director of the Imperial Institute, who gave a lecture on "Some landmarks in Commonwealth Development"; then the second speaker, Mr. J. K. Thompson, Head of the Social Services Department of the Colonial Office, talked on the "Emerging Nations of the Commonwealth." Discussion groups were held in which questions were formulated and referred to the speakers, and the conference ended with the answers to the questions and the final conclusion drawn from these.

The conference was attended by sixth formers from schools throughout the Island.

R. HUDSON, LVI.



### HOBBIES

**O**N Wednesday afternoons in the Michaelmas and Easter Terms, we have had the opportunity of pursuing our favourite pastime in the fields of art, crafts, needlework, speech and drama, or games. During the Michaelmas Term, Mrs. E. Smeeton gave us lessons in rug-making, from waste materials like nylon stockings; and in the Easter Term, Mrs. M. Riggall, gave us special lessons in embroidery. Extra time is needed for games and swimming in the Summer Term, so Hobbies are discontinued until September.



### SCHOOL DANCE

**I**NSTEAD of a Senior Party, a Senior Dance was held at Christmas in the School Hall and Dining-room, to which members of King William's College were invited. It was attended by the Principal and Mrs. Wilson, the Headmistress and by members of Staff of both Schools. We hope that this will be an annual event.

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## WESTHILL NOTES.

**W**E have had a round of entertainments at Westhill on Saturday evenings this year. We have taken part in beetle drives; whist drives; treasure hunts; and had gramophone evenings. We have also held a Mock Trial and a Mannequin parade. All boarders attended a performance of "The Gondoliers" in Douglas and a beautiful natural history film "The Living Desert" at the local cinema. Mrs. Watkins took the juniors to see Douglas High School's production of scenes from 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' at the Manx Music and Drama Festival.

The seniors went to the Music Festival too, and to Rushen Dramatic Society's production of "All for Mary" as well as to King William's College to see "Richard II," and to hear a recital by Kendall Taylor.

We very much enjoyed having members of the I.O.M. Children's Homes at a Christmas party at Westhill.

The Country Dance party was a great success again this year and there is to be a Garden Party on July 17th.

During the year we have said goodbye to Mrs. Cobb and welcomed Mrs. Craine in her place, temporarily. Miss Payne and Miss Black are now in charge until Mrs. Parkinson joins us next term.

We must record, with thanks, how well (and sometimes too long) we sleep in our new beds on our Dunlopillo mattresses!



## WESTHILL GUIDES.

**S**INCE Miss Hatch and Miss Costain left, the Westhill guide company has ceased to exist. At the beginning of last term, Miss Nicol Smith gave us permission to join the Third Castletown Guide Company, under the watchful eye of Captain Garlick. There are now eight boarders in this company.

ROSALIND GARDNER, LIV.



## CURRENT AFFAIRS

**D**URING the Michaelmas and Easter Terms, Seniors and Juniors met once a week to discuss general topics and to ask questions about current affairs. We should like to thank Miss Neely who gave up so much time to answering our questions. A quiz was held at the end of the Easter Term. Michèle Standen won the Junior prize; and Gillian Duke the Senior prize for this. Cuttings were brought during the term and a scrapbook of cartoons was put together. M. Standen also kept a record of events during the Easter holidays.

J. M. DUKE, UV.



## HOUSE MUSIC COMPETITION, 1958.

**T**HE Inter House Music Competition, which is now an annual event, was held on the afternoon of June 12th. We welcomed Mr. P. Matthews,

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M.A., B.Mus., A.R.C.O. of King William's College, as adjudicator, and hope that next year's performances will benefit from his helpful and amusing comments.

The programmes were arranged by the girls and the standard attained by certain performers was high

The winning House was Magnus which proved a great surprise to them and the School. Mr. Matthews described them as "the most resourceful House," and that they had made the most of their assets. The Magnus Percussion Band is to be congratulated on its determination!

An innovation this year was the modern dance by Godred. Every House produced a Speech Choir.



## LIBRARY NOTES.

**T**HIS year we have had a thorough 'spring-clean' and have thrown away many out-of-date books.

In the Spring Term we bought six volumes of the Junior Oxford Encyclopaedia to complete the set. In addition, Mrs. Procter presented a complete set of Chambers Encyclopaedia.

We should like to thank all other donors of books. Such gifts are very welcome at any time. The Junior Library needs reading books for children under eleven. Please send us any you have 'out-grown.'

E. RADCLIFFE, Librarian.



## SPECIAL SERVICES, 1957-8.

**A** special Christmas Service was held in the Hall on December 17th, at which the Christmas story was told in readings, carols and mime. The Vicar of Castletown, the Rev. E. B. Glass, led the prayers. A large number of parents and friends were present.

On March 31st a special Passiontide Service was held in Malew Parish Church, conducted by the Rev. T. B. Jenkins, Vicar of Malew, which the School attended.

The School Confirmation Service was held in St. Mary's Church, Castletown, on the afternoon of Ascension Day, when the Lord Bishop confirmed a number of boarders and day girls. Visiting clergy, parents and friends of the candidates took tea at Westhill afterwards.



## VI FORM NOTES

**A**T this stage in our careers we are forced to think about our future! Several of us have gained entrance to training colleges and universities. However we have all managed to find some time for relaxation, one of our members having been as far afield as Austria and another to Switzerland. In fact nearly every one of us has penetrated as far as England anyway, for interviews, and in one case, spurred on by a guilty conscience, one of us fled to London for a last minute German course! Coward!

Now that the exams are over, we are hoping to acquire a beautiful suntan, the final preparation for our long-awaited entry into the wide world!

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## UPPER V FORM NOTES

'Here we sit like birds in the wilderness . . . . '

**H**ERE we sit endeavouring to describe our unfortunate situation! We have decided that we are in a sort of 'Limbo.' We like this word; we find by consulting the dictionary it means—"region on the border of hell; place in which forgotten and unwanted things collect!"

Milton's Limbo was :

"Into a Limbo large and broad,

Since called, 'The Paradise of Fools' to few unknown."

These descriptions fit our state. We feel unwanted, though not forgotten, because we are haunted daily—for our own good!

The grim reality of G.C.E. faces us! A number of us hope to enjoy a rest from our labours, in Austria at the end of July. We hope that on August 29th our G.C.E. troubles will be over.



## LOWER V FORM NOTES

**W**E welcomed Miss Lace as our Form Mistress at the beginning of this year. Gillian Hinds competed in the Lancashire Schools Athletic meeting at Manchester and reached the semi-final in the 100 yards. She excelled once more in the School Sports, and won the Hundred yards Cup, the 220 yards Cup, and was the Senior Victrix Ludorum.

M. Conroy and J. Sansom take Greek at King William's College and three of our members play in the Orchestra there. E. Radcliffe is the School Librarian and V. Pedder is the Science Film Club secretary. Three of our members also run the Science Library.



## UPPER IV FORM NOTES

**W**E contemplate our elevation to the ranks of the Vth Forms with mixed feelings; some of us rejoice that we have graduated into long stockings and three-cornered hats! We see ourselves in various images; as Spanish policemen, Napoleon, toreadors, highwaymen, wigless eighteenth-century gallants, and Wren officers; no doubt we shall look very beautiful. There is even a rumour that our heels will be elevated too. But there are others amongst us who regret the passing of our baby days, when we were blissful and contented in short socks, gym frocks, woolly hats and rompers for gym. Indeed we spent the last year in a pink and blue nursery with pretty pictures on the wall! Most of the decorations we have won ourselves for being tidy, learning about flowers, acting in plays and sewing. We are very talented; so that Miss Neeley was delighted (we hope) to become our Form Mistress!



## LOWER IV FORM NOTES

**O**UR Form Mistress for the past year has been Miss Shannon and we are very grateful to her for enduring us so cheerfully. Veronica Gwyn-Jones joined us in September, from Malvern Girl's College, Worcestershire.

Every term during the past year we have gained the 'Excellents' picture of which we are very proud. Last term we went in for the Shakespeare Competition and two valiant heroines stepped in to take the places of unfortunate absentees. One of our teams won third prize and we are very proud of that. Last term, Barbara Jones won the Commonwealth Quiz Competition.

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Our Form Captains for last year have been Shirin Al-Ansari, Margaret Callister and Judy Sewell.

A few of us are taking our Intermediate swimming examination at the end of this term and we are all practising very hard indeed. Others are joining a school party to go to Austria and we hope they have a very enjoyable holiday.



### UPPER III FORM NOTES

**T**HIS year as usual Upper Three had many new girls. We live a comfortable life, as Dickson House is the farthest away from the Staff room and so any noise made by us is not heard—we hope! We are sandwiched between two music rooms so we have by now quite an ear for music. We are the first Upper Three ever to have entered for the Shakespeare Competition. We presented three scenes from "A Midsummer Night's Dream." Amazingly, we tied fourth with Lower Five; Mary Preston as Bottom was commended, as was also Snout, played by Elizabeth Clague.

Susan Davidson entered the Guild and won first prize in a piano class.

Two new girls have joined our form; they have come from abroad; they are Elizabeth Turner from Kenya, and Carolc Finan from Canada.



### III REMOVE FORM NOTES

**I**N the Michaelmas Term our Form Mistress was Miss Neely. In the Easter Term we were very glad to welcome Miss Clutterbuck. We have twice won the good Attendance Picture. Our class library is going well but we need more books. We have changed our form room. From it we can see a pear tree covered with blossom. Marion Connal is our form Captain and Frances Glass is our Vice-Captain. We have enjoyed several expeditions to the beach and the river with our Science Mistress, Miss Clutterbuck, who also took us to the University Biological Station at Port Erin, one afternoon.



### LOWER III FORM NOTES

**W**E are very pleased to welcome Mrs. Colman as our Form Mistress this year. Our Form Captain is Elizabeth Vereker and our Vice-Captain is Tania Hawton. We go to the baths every Wednesday afternoon, and most of us can now swim. This year we have had, for the first time our own form room, and our own form-mistress.



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

**W**E can all swim across the Bath with some help from a rubber ring. Gillian and Michael can climb to the top of the ropes and we all enjoy our lesson in the Gym, especially using the new box horse. We were pleased to welcome Jonathan Latimer and Harriet Turner in the Summer Term. They both told us some very interesting stories of their journeys from Calcutta and Kenya. Peter Freer is in hospital now and we all hope he will be better soon.

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## MY PILGRIMAGE TO HOLLAND

**I**N September last year my mother and I went to Holland to see my father's grave. There were about forty of us altogether, widows and children of airmen.

We started off from London in an Elizabethan aeroplane. It was the flagship of the Queen's flight. The flight was perfectly calm and we all enjoyed it very much.

On arrival at Schipol airport, we had a photograph taken and then travelled by coach to Amerfoort. We were each given a packet of picture postcards with the stamps already on. All we had to do was write and post them.

At Amersfoort, we went to meet the people with whom we were to stay during our visit. They gave us wreaths to put on the graves and while I was receiving mine, my photograph was taken by a Dutch reporter and it was in the local paper next day.

Mr. and Mrs. Weber were our host and hostess. They were very kind to us. After a good night's sleep, some friends of my mother's called for us and we spent a wonderful day with them.

In the afternoon, we went to my father's grave and laid our wreath. Mr. Mighnheer then took me to his farm and windmills. I helped him to feed the hens and he weighed me on the machine they use for weighing bags of grain.

After four days of sight-seeing, parties, and wonderful meals, we had to come home. Before we left our Dutch friends gave us flags, biscuits and sweets. Another Elizabethan aircraft took us home and our Pilgrimage to Holland was over.

JENNIFER SIDDELL, LIV.



## VISIT TO EDINBURGH CASTLE.

**W**HEN I spent a short holiday in Scotland, I visited the city of Edinburgh. My first view of the castle was from the train window. Arriving at Waverley Station, we climbed the steps to Princes Street. Here I saw the Scot Monument and the Art Galleries.

In the famous Princes Street gardens, I saw the floral clock. The figures and hands were of flowers of red, white, blue gold and mauve. The time was one o'clock and the cannon on the castle ramparts was fired.

I climbed a winding roadway to reach the esplanade entrance to the castle. Here, stands were erected, for a military tattoo, which was being held in the evening. I first visited the National Shrine, a sanctuary dedicated to the men and women of Scotland, who died in the service of their country during the two world wars. Each Book of Remembrance is beautifully illuminated. I next visited the Military Museum, where uniforms, medals and equipment of the Scottish regiments are on show.

I saw the apartments which were occupied by Mary, Queen of Scots. My last visit was to see the Crown Jewels, which were displayed on a bed of purple velvet. Electric light shines on the show case and shows up the precious stones to advantage. Of course one cannot get very near because of an iron railing.

As I left the Castle, I saw the city below, the spires of St. Giles' Cathedral and also the Palace of Holyrood House; in the distance the spans of the Forth Bridge and, to the South, the beauty spot known as Arthur's Seat.

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**O**N Easter Monday, we went to Navy Day in Portsmouth. Specially decorated in the dockyard was Nelson's flag-ship "Victory." Opposite the "Victory" is the Museum in which many relics of Nelson and his crew are displayed. Ships in the Fleet today require a large amount of electrical equipment, much of this was on show and provided a sharp contrast to the equipment of naval vessels at Trafalgar.

The Royal Navy's School of Diving, which forms part of H.M.S. Vernon provided a fine display of diving, showing how divers can salvage and how they can swim like fish. Between displays we talked to the divers on the bottom and learnt what it was like to be submerged in the chilly, murky waters of the Dockyard.

During the war, H.M.S. Thule, a patrol-type submarine with an endurance of about forty-two days at sea, carried out patrols in the Atlantic and later in the Pacific, achieving many successes against Japanese coastal craft and minor warships. We saw H.M.S. Thule in Portsmouth.

VALERIE LAMONT, UIII.



## A VISIT TO THE EUROPEAN OFFICE OF THE UNITED NATIONS AT GENEVA.

**P**ROBABLY the most interesting event of our visit to Switzerland was the expedition to Geneva. After leaving our hotel at Montreux, we drove round the lake to Geneva. After lunch we were taken to the 'United Nations' building, where we split into groups according to our various nationalities.

We were told that the "Palais des Nations" was originally built for the League of Nations, and was handed over to the United Nations on 1st August, 1946. It is the second largest building in Europe, for only the Palace of Versailles covers a greater area.

It contains over twenty conference rooms, a big Assembly Hall, which can accommodate nearly two thousand people, and it is one of the largest of its kind in the world (twice as large as the Paris Opera House). There are also eight hundred and twenty offices.

As it now stands, the "Palais des Nations" is a tribute to the natural resources and artistic products of all the continents, with its rare wood, marble, porcelain, tapestries, glass-work, fine carpets and excellent furniture presented by various countries to show the importance they attach to this union of nations.

We were shown how members of the Press and of the public follow discussions in all the official languages of the United Nations:— English, French, Russian, Spanish and Chinese.

Geneva has been the seat of many major conferences, since the end of the Second World War, and should a 'summit' conference be held, it is possible that it will take place in the Palace of the Nations.

P. HOWARTH, UV.



## LIFE IN CANADA.

**L**IFE in Canada is very exciting. In the winter the boys play hockey on ice; this game is like the English game of hockey but we play it on ice instead of grass. This game is both fast and dangerous, so the team wear pads on their legs, shoulders, and arms. Their boots are padded with a special kind of material. The ball is called a puck. It is made of rubber.

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C. FINAN, UIII.



### LIFE IN HOSPITAL. (Wrightington Hospital, Wigan.)

**T**HE hospital was situated in the open country, and made up of about eight semi open-air wards. The one I was in was for girls up to fifteen years old, including babies. One side of the ward was made up of sliding glass doors which could be opened on to an open verandah, with a glass roof. This is where some of us slept all night, from March till November.

The thing that impressed me most was the mattress, and that made a deep impression. Even the plaster cast in which I had to lie, was never quite so lumpy. Hospital hours are rather grim, too. At five a.m. on a cold morning, out in the open, one does not feel much like washing. The five minutes allowed was not time enough even for a kitten lick, let alone a cat lick! Here is our programme:— Breakfast was at 8 a.m. School, 10-30 to 12 noon. Dinner, 12-15 p.m. School, 2 p.m. to 4-10 p.m. Tea, 4-15 p.m. Supper, 7 p.m.

Between 7-30 and 10-30 a.m., we all received various medicines. This also was the time for injections, otherwise known as the first of the twice daily 'dart practice' for new nurses, I don't know which was the worst: the one who was an expert dart player, or the one who didn't like blood and shut her eyes and made a wild jab, or the timid one who always seemed to have a blunt needle. After I had had these injections for four months (240 jabs!) my legs looked like a bad case of measles.

Several of the girls were allowed up for several hours a day. One or two had small wheel-chairs in which they managed to get around. As there wasn't a speed limit, it got quite exciting sometimes!

Before lessons started, Donald came round with his "Trolley shop." From him we could buy things like tooth paste, brushes, comics, sweets and biscuits. Visiting day was either Saturday or Sunday, from 2 to 4 p.m.

There were two television sets in the ward, but we were only allowed to watch at the week ends. Occassionally, if the nurse on duty in the evening was feeling generous, she would move our beds back inside and let us watch.

All of the other girls in the ward came from Lancashire and when I was discharged from the hospital I "ad a LUVLY" accent!

SUSAN ELLIS, UIII.



### EXPLORING A CAVE.

**I**N the Easter holidays Daddy took us to a beach near Port Erin. We had to have lunch in the car for there were Biological students all over the beach. Every now and again I had to get out of the car to look at my tortoise, Dido, who was trying to get at a plant in the river which we had dammed.

After lunch the students went off to study a cave, so after they had gone, we thought we would explore it too. Mummy took Shadrach the dog, while Dido slept in the sun. The cave was very pretty. The first bit of the walls was a bright green, the next bit was white stone with coral pink veins in it. The prettiest bit of all was pink—a very pretty pink. Then Daddy had to light a

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match to see, but now the walls had turned the ordinary colour, grey, and the cave was very nearly at an end so we returned. Water was dripping from the roof and there were many puddles in the cave, so we had to walk near the sides and it was very slippery.

CORNELIA QUAYLE, UIII.



### MY ATTEMPT AT DRIVING A CAR.

**D**URING the Easter holidays I had my first driving lesson. Daddy and I found some "private property" and the lesson began. The most important detail, as I found out a few minutes later, is to switch on the engine (if this is omitted it is very difficult to start the car!) Next you must pull the starter knob and, with a bit of luck, the car will start.

Carefully placing your foot on the clutch pedal (third on the left in our car) you move the gear lever into first. My instructions were "release the hand brake, gently let up the clutch pedal, and, at the same time, slightly depress the accelerator. The car should then move off smoothly. Unfortunately it did not happen quite like this. After pressing, pushing and pulling everything in sight, the car leapt in the air, accompanied by a chorus of various groans and squeaks (the car, not Daddy!) and the engine stopped. Beginning again I managed to make the car move and, first settling down to enjoy myself—much to my surprise the car obeyed my steering—I heard "Second gear!" shouted in my left ear. A grinding noise greeted my attempt and, quickly changing back to neutral, I managed to get into second gear.

While this was going on, I noticed from time to time, that I was driving through a large yard, round a hedge and up a narrow lane—occasionally grazing the hedge as I was turing the corner. When I was told, I changed into third gear without mishap and began to enjoy the scenery. Awakened from my day-dream by the now familiar cry—"Top gear!" I again heard the peculiar grinding noise and again tried to rectify it. Now we were roaring around the "track" at a merry twenty miles an hour and thinking how little there was to this driving, I ran into a bump, which miraculously appeared in the middle of the road as I came along—I found out later that it was the hedge and I stopped.

My driving lesson was at an end, I had no wish to continue—the hedge had shaken my confidence. I have not yet had a second driving lesson, Daddy has not suggested it! Perhaps he is right . . . .

JANET BEAGLE, UV.



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## GUINEA PIGS.

**W**E have been keeping guinea-pigs for the last year now, and have found them very interesting pets. We keep them in hutches which we made ourselves out of orange boxes.

When we got them they were very timid, but now they are much more friendly and squeak wherever they hear our voices, as they are always hungry and think that we have brought food for them, but they are not always lucky!

We call them Topsy and Mandy; one is white, with pink eyes; the other is black, with a light brown spot on the back of his neck. We are expecting Topsy to have babies soon, as we let them breed about once a year.

When it is fine we let them out for a run on the grass, which they enjoy very much. They are strictly vegetarian.

If you hold them up by their tails their eyes drop out—so they say!

PAULA BRENNAN and JUDY SEWELL, LIV.



## OUR DOG BEN.

**W**E have a dog called Ben,  
In three more years he'll be ten.

He's black and white and tan,  
He has his dinner out of a pan.

He is very fond of walks,  
And he almost talks.

Sometimes he chases bunny rabbits,  
Which have often silly habits.

He's the best dog in the world:  
He never speaks a word!

ELIZABETH WATKIN, III Remove.



## POLLY.

**W**E have had Polly, our cat, for six years. She catches lots of mice, and every morning she comes up to my bedroom for a saucer of milk. Then she jumps up on my bed, she jumps through the pop-hole when she wants to come in.



## MY DOG.

MY dog's name is Wendy. She has a kennel in the garden. She is very fat. Every morning when I go down stairs, she is always waiting for me to shake hands.

MARION CONNAL, III Remove.



## SPICK AND SPAN.

**W**E have two field Spaniels call Spick and Span. They are both black and are twins. They go for walks twice a day. They are eight years old. Span is always sitting by the fire. Spick is always playing. They sleep together, in the morning-room.

FRANCES C. GLASS, III Remove.

## MY PETS.

I have a little budgie,  
Who is very fond of me.  
And when I say good morning  
He rings his bell at me.

I also have a little dog,  
His name is Kim.  
He plays with his ball,  
And always answers when I call.

JANET MOORE, III Remove.



## THE FUTURE.

WHEN the weather's very hot,  
Far too hot for man,  
Press a button—there you are  
A splendid atomic fan!

When the weather's very cold,  
Far too cold to bear,  
Press a button—there you are,  
Atomically heated air!

When you think you're very ill,  
And that you will fade  
Press a button—there you are,  
A bottle of Lucozade!

When you are feeling jaded,  
And feel like giving in,  
Press a button—there you are,  
A bottle of aspirin!

SUSAN ELLIS, UIII.



## UNFORTUNATE!

1. 'Wave' clarifies the sea!
2. . . . resulted in cures for many deceases thought to be fatal in the 18th century.
3. Science is perfectly harmless if taken in its right proportion.
4. The accused was ordered to be imported.
5. Save our soles!
6. Please excuse my absence due to a sceptic thumb.
7. What is an interval?—A rest between two bars.
8. St. Matthew Passion by Persil.
9. Duck of P. laxatory and the Dutchess (Duke of Plaza Toro!).
10. "Are all 3-legged people ready?"—Heard on Sports Day.
11. After losing my head I endangered the rest of the party.
12. Translation! Tum respublica propter odium hatred civium in duas partes dividebatur :—Then, because of the smell of the citizens, the republic was divided into two parts!
13. Beethoven played some of his own compositions and then went stone deaf!
14. Many people come to the station just for the pleasure of watching the noise.
15. Tandem (Lat.)=for two.
16. Martinet is a French wine.
17. Chian wine means China tea.

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