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FOREWORD

IT is with the greatest pleasure that I record in this year's Magazine our indebtedness to Lady Dundas who leaves the island in September, 1959, at the termination of His Excellency's appointment.

Among her many activities Lady Dundas has had two special interests—the Buchan School and the Ellan Vannin Home. Through her determined efforts three years ago, when she launched our Special Appeal Fund, she enabled the School to be so improved that much of the present advance and development was made possible. Lady Dundas always keenly realised how serious a loss it would be to the island if the Buchan School, owing to the unique provision it makes on the island for independent and boarding school education, were not adequately supported and properly equipped. As a specialist in Mathematics herself, she was also particularly interested in the teaching of this subject. I am so glad to note that a greater interest in all classes is being taken in mathematics. Last year out of three candidates three girls passed at Ordinary level and this year out of six candidates, four passed. Finally, her staunch and outspoken loyalty has been a source of encouragement to us all.

To the material, academic and general reputation of the School Lady Dundas has, therefore, given much of real value. But that is not all. She has been a tireless Governor and a frequent and most friendly visitor at many School functions. We hope that the School photograph album which was our gift to her, will be a pleasant memory of the lively activity of a school to which she has given so much thought. The beautiful silver cup, "the Lady Dundas Cup for Elocution", which she has presented will be competed for annually. We are most grateful for everything; she carries our good wishes and affection and we look forward to her visiting us again in the future.

Other benefactors have been gladly remembered recently in the naming of dormitories at Westhill. These are now known as the Collet (Lady Collet) dormitory, the Stenning (Mrs. Stenning), the Qualtrough (Lady Qualtrough), the Magrath (Mrs. Magrath) and the Dawson (Miss Dawson).

Finally, we have cause to rejoice this year that on first entry in the G.C.E. examination out of 123 individual subjects at O and A levels, 95 passes were achieved. *Fortior qui melior.*

Last, but not least, I should like to thank most warmly the Editor, and all those who contribute in many ways to the publication of our Magazine; it has become a valuable archive for the history of the School, as well as maintaining the fellowship of present pupils, Old Girls, Parents and friends.

AILSA NICOL SMITH,
Head Mistress.

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EDITORIAL

WE deeply regret the passing of Mrs. Stenning, the wife of the Chairman of the Board of Governors. We extend to him our deep sympathy. The School has lost an old and valued friend.

After a long and painful illness Anne Joughin died in October, 1958. Anne was a pupil at the School until her illness prevented her from attending.

When His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor and Lady Dundas left the island in the Autumn, the School missed two most valuable friends. Lady Dundas has been a member of the Board of Governors for several years, and has devoted much time to helping the School. On July 21st, she paid a short visit to the School, when the Head Girl presented her with an album of photographs of the School at work, as a souvenir.

Sir Joseph Qualtrough, C.B.E., J.P., S.H.K., who was a valued member of the Board of Governors for several years, retired during this year. We welcome Mrs. A. J. Davidson, B.A., and Mrs. Rees-Jones as new members.

Four members of the Staff left at the end of the year. Miss J. Carter will teach Music at Adcote School, near Shrewsbury; Miss Warrell is going to Lynton House School, Maidenhead, Berkshire; Miss Neely to Westcliff High School, Westcliff on Sea; Miss Clutterbuck's plans are undecided at present.

During the Michaelmas term we were honoured with a visit from Sir John and Lady Hunt. Lady Hunt presented the prizes on Speech Day, and Sir John, who presented the prizes at King William's College Founders Day, kindly consented to come and talk to the school on the morning of Speech Day. He was introduced by Lady Dundas.

School was visited during the year by Miss Hilton, Dr. Petch and Mrs. Nora Aris. Miss Hilton spoke on careers to the parents and senior girls, and Dr. Petch gave us much valued information about the methods used by the Northern Joint Matriculation Board in preparing and marking G.C.E. papers. Mrs. Nora Aris, who runs a Family Centre feature in the magazine *Good Housekeeping*, spoke on journalism as a career.

We are happy to note that, during the year, more than twice as many pupils entered the school, than left.

We wish to thank the Principal of King William's College, Mr. Rees-Jones, for the numerous invitations so kindly extended to us during this year to debates, recitals, plays and concerts.

OLD GIRLS' ASSOCIATION

President : Miss A. Nicol Smith, M.A. (Cantab.)

Secretary : Miss M. Renton,
Arderry,
Atholl Park,
Port Erin.

Treasurer : Miss M. M. Brown,
62, Port-e-Chee Avenue,
Douglas.

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

La Tour de Peltz,
Switzerland,
10th August, 1959.

Dear Members,

I am writing this letter in Le Portail Blanc, which is a pleasant hotel next door to Miss Tregear's School of Languages. Those of you who were pupils during her headship will be especially glad to hear that she is flourishing. Her "school", which has an excellent name for sound work in five languages, is not only a centre for linguistic training, but also for international understanding. The two go hand in hand, don't they? Two of our present pupils, Carol Clague and Eileen Kinrade, are there now: they sleep in separate dormitories with French and German speaking companions. In my perhaps prejudiced eyes, none looked more charming and competent than these two. Miss Tregear was delighted to receive messages, particularly from Avril Oates.

Our hard-working Secretary will record the events of the year. We are greatly indebted to the enthusiasm of the Committee; they made a splendid effort to make our first O.G.A. dance a success, especially Nora Davies. We all appreciated the presence of His Excellency and Lady Dundas, the Chairman, the Venerable the Archdeacon, and Governors, and were most grateful to the Reverend Fred Cubbon for entertaining the Governors beforehand. Their coming gave a gracious beginning to what we hope will be an annual event.

The high standard of speaking at the Annual Dinner showed what women can do; there was sparkle and wit and something to think about. We owe a very warm vote of thanks to Mrs. A. S. Clague who always caters for any function with a care and thought that is more than efficient.

If Leavers have any doubts about the gaiety of Old Girls, they are dispelled by the Annual Teaparty given by the Old Girls to welcome them across the threshold. This year the hostesses were Miss Halsall and Mrs. Davies.

All these and other events mean organisation and responsibility. It would greatly help if you would all reply to your invitations as soon as possible. C'est seulement une question de bonnes manières, n'est-ce-pas?

With good wishes to you all, especially those who have just become Old Girls.

Yours sincerely,

Ailsa Nicol Smith.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

The past year has shown a marked increase in the number of Old Girls' Association functions and we hope this will be maintained in the future. I am sure all the members would wish to express their thanks to the President and the Committee for all their endeavours.

Lady Qualtrough and Mrs. Kinvig very kindly entertained the Committee and those who were leaving School last July to tea at How Yngren and a similar event has been planned this year to welcome those who are leaving School into the Association.

We continued the informal re-unions by meeting at Westhill on the 17th September, when many Old Girls were pleased to renew acquaintance.

The Annual General Meeting held at the Sefton Hotel was not well attended, and we hope this will be remedied this year.

The Annual Dance was held on January 3rd at the Sefton Hotel. His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor and Lady Dundas attended together with the School Governors. The Dance was a great success, and we hope to hold a similar Dance next January.

A Badminton evening was held with the School team on March 30th. On the following evening the Annual Dinner was held at Bowling Green Road. A presentation was made to Lady Dundas in appreciation of her interest in the Association. Our Guest of Honour was Mrs. Sylvester Quine.

The Association supported the Parent/Teacher Association in a Bring and Buy Sale held at Bowling Green Road in May, 1959.

On Sunday, 19th July, Miss Halsall and Mrs. Davies, on behalf of the Association, very kindly entertained the VI form leavers to tea at Fort Island Hotel.

The Association scarf is now on sale and it is hoped that all members will purchase one. Application should be made to the Secretary.

Subscriptions are due, and should be sent direct to the Treasurer.

NEWS OF OLD GIRLS

Eleanor Brown is at present home on furlough from South India, where she is working with the Church Missionary Society.

Beryl Duggan is now safely back in Hong Kong and sends her best wishes to the Association and all the members whom she knows.

Margaret Kelly (1950-1957) who is studying at the Royal Academy of Music, passed her L.R.A.M. in December, and has one more year to study at the Academy.

Kathleen Hunter (1947-1954) B.A. Honours History, is 2nd History Mistress, Fulham Grammar School, London.

Kathleen Grandage (1949-1956) B.A. Honours English, has gone to teach in France.

Helen Adnams (1947-1954) B.A. Honours Classics, is teaching Classics at Howell's School, Denbighshire.

Jean Bridson (1951-1958) student at St. Katherine's Training College, Liverpool, has been spending her summer vacation teaching children in the Orthopaedic Ward at Noble's (Isle of Man) Hospital, with . . .

Pauline Kelly (1951-1958) student at Edge Hill Training College.

Nancy Brown (1952-1958) is taking a diploma course at Manchester School of Domestic Science.

Bridget Cullen (1951-1955) visited School on Sports Day. She has been living in Sweden, where she took a short course in Nursery School training. She hopes to continue training in London.



THE BUCHAN SCHOOL PARENT/TEACHER ASSOCIATION

Chairman : Mr. L. K. Gore.

Hon. Secretary : Mr. A. C. Jones.

Hon. Treasurer : Mrs. J. E. Moore.

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

Committee Members representing the Staff : Miss Clutterbuck, Miss Lace.

Committee Members representing the Parents : Mr. W. J. Moore, Mesdames Brownsdon, Lighthody, Maughan, Kewley, Preston, Kennaugh, Sansom, and Riggall.

THE Annual General Meeting was held on the 28th of October, 1958, when there was a good representative attendance of parents and teachers. The Chairman, Mr. L. K. Gore, welcomed the parents of new pupils and at the same time he appealed for a further increase in membership of the Association. The meeting was informed that a sum of over £80 had been raised by direct subscriptions in the form of "Goodwill Units", and that this sum would be doubled by the Board of Education and the total sum would be spent on school amenities. £50 of this sum was subsequently spent on improving the School Library.

A most interesting and informative lecture on "The General Certificate of Education and its Organisation" was given in the School Hall on December 9th by Dr. J. A. Petch, Secretary of the Joint Matriculation Board of the Northern Universities. There was a good attendance of parents and teachers and also of representatives who had been invited from the other senior schools of the Island.

On May 21st, 1959, a most successful "Bring and Buy Sale" was held in the School Hall and was opened by Lady Dundas. A sum of £80 was raised for the school amenities fund. Most of the organisation of the effort was in the capable hands of Mesdames Brownsdon, Lightbody and Maugham who deserve especial mention. Thanks are due to the domestic staff and Mrs. Clague as organiser of an excellent tea, and to the senior girls for serving at table.

As in past years, the Committee members have discussed various matters raised by parents and by the Headmistress. All questions have received careful consideration and much thought, and where decisions were found to be practicable they have, on adoption, contributed towards the well-being of the school.

A. C. JONES,
Hon. Secretary.



SCHOOL OFFICERS, 1959

Head Girl : Lesley Carter.

Deputy Head Girl : Ruth Hudson.

Head Boarder : Ruth Hudson.

Prefects : Lesley Carter, Ruth Hudson, Margaret Ashley, Audrey Kermode, Margaret Riley, Patricia Shimmin.

Sub-Prefects : Janet Beagle, Pamela Davies, Jillian Duke, Jean Ellis, Elizabeth Glass, Peggy Howarth.

Appointed Trinity Term—

Prefects : Pamela Davies, Jean Ellis, Peggy Howarth.

Sub-Prefects : Marilyn Conroy, Vivien Hughes, Sandra Phillips, Tanya Sansom.

School Captains : Godred—Michaelmas and Easter Terms, Margaret Ashley.

Trinity Term, Peggy Howarth.

Magnus—Lesley Carter.

Olaf—Ruth Hudson.

Games Captains : Hockey—Lesley Carter.

Tennis—Peggy Howarth.

Junior Netball—Christine Cubbon, Jean Fargher.

Rounders—Irene Corrin.

House Games Captains : Godred—Peggy Howarth.

Magnus—Janet Beagle

Olaf—Gillian Hinds.

Tramp Club : Secretary—Lesley Carter.

Treasurer—Ruth Hudson.

Committee—Janet Beagle, Sandra Phillips, Margaret Callister.

Science Film Club : Secretary—Vivien Pedder.
 Treasurer—Peggy Howarth.

Librarians : Senior—Margaret Ashley, Jean Ellis, Tanya Sansom.
 Junior—

Dramatic Society : Chairman—Peggy Howarth.
 Vice-Chairman—Jean Ellis.
 Secretary—Ruth Hudson.
 Treasurer—Janet Beagle.

Magazine : Editor—Janet Beagle.
 Sub-Editors—Eileen Kinrade, Christine Nicholls.
 Advertisements—Carole Marsden.
 Representatives : UV.—E. Radcliffe.
 LV.—E. Kinrade.
 UIV.—J. Siddell.
 LIV.—J. Gibb.
 UIII.—H. Singleton.
 IIIR.—P. Brooks.



SALVETE

September, 1958—J. Allen, J. Battersby, K. Bond, P. Brownsdon, J. Callow,
 R. Connal, J. Corlett, D. Cottier, G. Cowley, B. Gahan, L. Jones,
 R. Jones, E. Kinley, S. Kinvig, E. Lightbody, C. Lockhead, P. Lockwood,
 J. Macpherson, B. Parkinson, E. Rees-Jones, P. Robertson, H. Singleton,
 J. Taylor.

January, 1959—P. Brooks, M. L. Kenworthy, J. Barratt, S. Brooks, A. Chambers.

May, 1959—D. Firth, P. Caithness, A. Moore, J. Shimmin.

June, 1959—S. Gilmour, S. Holt.



VALETE

Michaelmas Term, 1958—

Entered Sept. 1951—E. Clague (UVI), Head Girl, Prefect, Member of Choir,
 Head Boarder, Magnus House Captain.

„ Jan. 1953—R. Gardner (UIV).

„ Sept. 1958—J. Corlett (UIII).

Easter Term, 1959—

Entered Sept. 1956—M. Ashley (UVI), Prefect, Godred House Captain,
 Member of Choir, Charity Fund Treasurer—to
 Didsbury Training College, Manchester.

„ Sept. 1952—A. Kermode (UVI), Prefect—to City of Liverpool
 Nurses' Training School.

„ Sept. 1952—M. Riley (UVI), Prefect—taking a Secretarial Course.

„ Oct. 1950—C. Quayle (LIV).

„ Sept. 1957—A. Rutherford (UIII)—to live abroad.

Summer Term, 1959—

Entered Sept. 1945—L. Carter (UVI), Head Girl, Magnus House Captain,
 Charity Fund Secretary, Games Captain—to
 University of Liverpool.

„ Sept. 1952—R. Hudson (UVI), Prefect, Head Boarder, Olaf House
 Captain—to University College, University of
 London.

„ Sept. 1952—P. Shimmin (UVI), Prefect, Member of Choir and
 Orchestra—to Royal Manchester College of Music.

- „ Sept. 1948—J. Duke (LVI), Member of Choir—to Nurses' Training School, Liverpool.
- „ Sept. 1955—E. Glass (LVI), Sub-Prefect, Member of Choir—to Norland Nurses' Training College.
- „ Sept. 1954—J. Corkill (UV)—to Manchester School of Commerce.
- „ Sept. 1952—J. Honey (UV).
- „ June 1952—C. Riggall (UV)—to Switzerland.



GOODBYE AND GOOD LUCK

THERE is not one of us, Staff and pupils, who were not sorry to say goodbye to Miss Carter, Miss Warrell, Miss Neely and Miss Clutterbuck. We hope our little gifts to them will always remind them of us and we wish them the best of luck in the future. We shall think of them when we turn on the beautiful stage light, which they so kindly presented to the School for the Dramatic Society.

Miss Carter and Miss Warrell had been at the Buchan School for six years; Miss Neely and Miss Clutterbuck for two. In music, physical education, history and science they were excellent teachers and each, in her own special way, was a delightful person. No Head could have had pleasanter members of Staff and the schools which have gained them are indeed fortunate—A.N.S.



SPEECH DAY, 1958

SPEECH DAY was held on the 22nd October, 1958. Prizes and Certificates were distributed by Lady Joy Hunt, who addressed the School. Elizabeth Kees-Jones and Aileen Kissack gave bouquets of mixed flowers to Lady Hunt and Miss Nicol Smith. After the prize-giving tea was served in the dining-room.

PRIZES AND CERTIFICATES

Oxford and Cambridge Schools Examination Board :

General Certificate of Education :—

Scholarship Level :

M. Jennifer Watkin French ; German.

Advanced Level :

M. Jennifer Watkin French ; German.

Northern Universities Joint Matriculation Board :

General Certificate of Education :—

Scholarship Level :

M. Jennifer Watkin German ; (French 1957).

Advanced Level :

Nancy J. Brown English Literature ; Biology.

Lesley Carter French ; German.

E. Elin Clague History.

M. Jennifer Watkin German ; Latin.

University and College Entrance : 1958.

Jean Bridson admission to C. F. Mott Training College,
Liverpool.

Nancy J. Brown „ „ Manchester College of
Domestic Science.

E. Ann Ducker „ „ Battersea College of Domestic Science.

Pauline Kelly „ „ Edgehill Training College, Ormskirk.

M. Jennifer Watkin „ „ University of Manchester, Honours
School of Modern Languages,
French and Russian.

Ordinary Alternative :

Nancy J. Brown

Ordinary Level :

Margaret Ashley
 Audrey Kermode
 Margaret Riley
 Patricia Shimmin

Ordinary Level :

Janet Beagle

Jennifer Charnley
 Pamela Davies

Jillian Duke
 M. Jean Ellis

Diana Gardner

Elizabeth Glass
 Peggy Howard

Art.

Lower VI

English Literature ; History ; Scripture.
 French.
 Scripture.
 Music.

Upper V

English Language (1957); French (1957); English Literature ; History ; Scripture ; Latin ; German ; Biology.

Art ; Biology.

English Language (1957); French (1957); History ; Scripture ; Latin ; Chemistry ; Biology.

Art.

English Language (1957); French (1957); History ; Scripture ; Latin ; Chemistry ; Biology.

English Language ; English Literature ; History ; French ; Biology.

Biology.

English Language ; English Literature ; History ; Art.

Lower V

French ; German.

English Language ; French ; German.

Additional Subjects, Winter 1957 :

Pauline Kelly
 Patricia Shimmin

Scripture.

French ; Mathematics.

Prizes for Advanced Level Subjects :

Nancy J. Brown

Lesley Carter

M. Jennifer Watkin

Prizes for Ordinary Level Subjects :

Janet Beagle

Pamela Davies

Jean Ellis

Form Prizes :

Upper VI

Lower VI

Upper V

Lower V

Upper IV

Lower IV

Upper III

III Remove

Lower III

II and I

K.G.

Nancy Brown

Lesley Carter

Pamela Davies

Tanya Sansom, Pauline Kennaugh, Marilyn Conroy

Christine Nicholls, Eileen Kinrade

Barbara Jones, Margaret Collister

Joyce Mills, Mary Preston

Janet Moore

Tania Hawton

Gillian Moore

Anne Simcocks

Subject Prizes

Scripture

English

History

Geography

Science

Mathematics

French

Latin

German

Art

Music

Needlework

Senior

Ruth Hudson

Ruth Hudson

Elin Clague

Eileen Kinrade

Nancy Brown

Christine Nicholls

Lesley Carter

Tanya Sansom

Jennifer Watkin

Gillian Hinds

Patricia Shimmin

Fiona Gore

Junior

Anna Creer

Jennifer Collister

Carol Evans

Margaret Collister

Carol Evans

Barbara Jones

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Judith Moore

Shirin Al Ansari

Gillian Keig

J. Faragher

Certificate for Excellent Progress : Janet Wright

Société Nationale des Professeurs de Français en Grande Bretagne
Concours Mensuels. 1957-58.

Prize

Degré Intermédiaire : Lesley Carter

Certificate

Degré Intermédiaire : Lesley Carter

Mention

Degré Elémentaire : Janet Beagle

Concours des Lauréats. July, 1958.

Mention

Degré Intermédiaire : Lesley Carter

Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music

Pianoforte

GRADE I	K. Kewley. Pass. J. Fargher. Merit.
GRADE III	J. Gibb. Merit.
GRADE IV	S. Al-Ansari. Distinction. D. Ashley. Merit.
GRADE V	C. Clague. Pass. D. Gardner. Pass. P. Davies Pass. E. Kinrade. Merit. V. Pedder. Merit.
GRADE VI	P. Kennaugh. Merit. M. Callister. Merit.

Violin

GRADE II	E. Kinrade. Distinction.
GRADE IV	P. Shimmmin. Merit.
GRADE V	P. Kennaugh. Merit.

Viola

GRADE IV	C. Clague. Pass. M. Conroy. Merit.
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Cello

GRADE II	C. Cubbon. Distinction.
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Theory

	marks out of 99
GRADE III	G. Keig 74
GRADE V	C. Clague 88
	E. Glass 85
	M. Callister 94

ROYAL LIFE SAVING SOCIETY AWARDS, 1958

Bronze Cross :

V. Pedder

Bronze Medallion :

H. Bull	J. Keggin
L. Carter	P. Kennaugh
C. Clague	P. Leather
P. Davies	C. Nicholls
J. Ellis	C. Riggall
J. Honey	M. Standen
V. Hughes	

Intermediate Certificate :

D. Ashley	J. Riggall
C. Cubbon	N. Robertson
B. Jones	J. Siddell

HEAD GIRL'S PRIZE—Elin Clague.

THE CURPHEY PRIZE For an Essay on Manx History—Helen Bull.

THE QUAYLE PRIZE for Quality of Personality and Service—Nancy Brown.
DRAMA PRIZE For outstanding performance in the Shakespeare Competition
 1957—Diana Gardner.
THE NEWTON CUP Awarded for all-round Service to the School—Lesley Carter
THE KEWLEY CUP For Junior Gymnastics—Gillian Moore.
HOUSE CUP—Magnus.



SPEECH DAY, 1959

MISS R. L. COHEN, M.A., Principal of Newnham College, Cambridge, gave the prizes at the Annual Speech Day, on Friday, September 25th. and addressed the School. His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor and Lady Garvey attended, together with a large number of parents and friends of the School. Jane Shimmin, Anne Chambers and Joyce Barratt welcomed Miss Cohen, Lady Garvey and Miss Nicol Smith with bouquets of flowers. Miss Cohen's successful request for a day's holiday was well received by the School. The date will be announced later.

PRIZES AND CERTIFICATES, 1958-59

Northern Universities Joint Matriculation Board : General Certificate of Education 1959 :—

Scholarship Level :

J. L. Carter	German ; French.
R. Hudson	English Literature ; History.

Advanced Level :

J. L. Carter	French ; German ; Latin.
E. Clague	History.
R. Hudson	English Literature ; History.

University and College Entrance : 1959

M. Ashley	Disbury Training College.
J. L. Carter	University of Liverpool. Honours School of French.
A. Kermode	Nurses' Training School, Liverpool Royal Infirmary.
R. Hudson	University of London, University College. Honours School of English.
M. Riley	Secretarial Course.
P. Shimmin	The Royal Manchester College of Music.
E. Glass	Norland Nursery Training College, Chislehurst.
J. Duke	Nurses' Training School, Liverpool Royal Infirmary.
J. Corkill	Manchester College of Commerce.

Ordinary Level :

Ordinary Alternative	Upper VI	P. Shimmin	Music.
Ordinary Level	Upper VI	M. Ashley	Art.
	Lower VI	P. Davies	Physics.
	Lower VI	J. Ellis	Physics.
	Lower VI	E. Glass	Scripture ; Music.
	Upper V		

H. Bull	English Language ; English Literature ; History ; Scripture ; Latin ; French ; German ; Biology (8).
C. A. Clague	English Language ; English Literature ; Music ; French ; German ; Biology (6)
M. M. Conroy	English Language ; English Literature ; Latin ; French ; Biology ; German (1958) (6).
J. M. Corkill	English Language ; English Literature ; History ; Scripture (4).
G. M. Hinds	English Literature ; History ; Scripture ; Art ; Biology (5).
J. M. Honey	English Language ; English Literature ; History ; Scripture ; Biology (5).
V. H. Hughes	English Language ; English Literature ; History (3).

P. M. Kennaugh	English Language; English Literature; Scripture; Music; French; German; Biology (7).
P. E. Leather	English Literature; Scripture; Mathematics; Physics; Biology (5).
V. M. Pedder	French; Mathematics; Physics; Chemistry; Biology (5).
S. M. Phillips	English Language; English Literature; Scripture; French; German; Biology (6).
E. B. Radcliffe	English Language; English Literature; History; French; German; Mathematics; Biology (7).
C. J. Riggall	English Language; English Literature; French; History; German; Scripture (6).
T. L. Sansom	English Language; English Literature; History; Latin; French; Mathematics; Biology; German (1958) (8).
T. J. Wray	English Language; English Literature; History; Scripture; French; German (6).

Winter 1958 :

M. Ashley	English Language.
J. Beagle	Mathematics.
P. Davies	Mathematics.
J. Charnley	Scripture; History.
J. Ellis	Mathematics.
E. Glass	English Language; History.
P. Howarth	Scripture.

Oxford and Cambridge Schools Examination Board :

General Certificate of Education 1959 :—

M. Ashley	English Language.
E. Glass	Scripture.

Form Prizes :

Upper VI	L. Carter
Lower VI	P. Davies
Upper V	T. Sansom
Lower V	C. Nicholls
Upper IV	B. Jones, J. Callister
Lower IV	M. Preston
Upper III	J. Battersby, J. Taylor
III Remove	J. Allen, D. Cottier
Lower III	G. Moore
II and I	J. Barrett, B. Parkinson
K.G.	P. Freer

Subject Prizes

Scripture
English
History
Geography
Science
Mathematics
French
Latin
German
Art

Music
Needlework

Senior

T. Wray
R. Hudson
V. Hughes
M. Standen
P. Davies
T. Sansom
M. Conroy
T. Sansom
L. Carter
P. Howarth
G. Hinds
P. Kennaugh
A. Creer

Junior

S. Lawson
J. Callow
S. Lawson
J. Mills
S. Ellis
J. Callow
J. Mills
M. Preston

P. Brownsdon
M. Kegg
V. Lamont

Prize for Excellent Progress :

P. Lockwood

Société Nationale des Professeurs de Français en Grande Bretagne Concours des Lauréats. July, 1958

Mention : Degré Intermediaire : J. L. Carter

Concours Menseuls. 1958-59

Mention : Degré Supérieur : J. L. Carter

Concours des Lauréats. July, 1958

Mention : Degré Supérieur : J. L. Carter

Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music

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Grade I	J. Allen. Pass. A. Rutherford. Pass.
Grade II	G. Brown. Merit. J. Fargher. Pass. F. Glass. Pass. R. Jones. Pass. M. Kegg. Distinction. S. Kinvig. Merit.
Grade III	J. Callow. Pass. C. Carter. Pass. V. Hughes. Pass. B. Jones. Merit.
Grade IV	J. Gibb. Pass.
Grade V	S. Al-Ansari. Merit.
Grade VI	E. Glass. Pass.

Violincello

Grade I	M. Callister. Distinction.
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Violin

Grade I	M. Preston. Pass.
Grade I	S. Ellis. Merit.
Grade VI	P. Kennaugh. Merit.

Theory

Grade IV	S. Al-Ansari. Pass.
Grade V	P. Davies. Pass. E. Kinrade. Pass.

The Manx Music and Drama Festival

PIANO	M. Callister—1st place (12-14 solo). P. Kennaugh—2nd place (14-16 solo).
VIOLIN	P. Kennaugh—1st place (open solo—Corris Cup). P. Kennaugh—2nd place (14-18 solo).
CELLO	C. Cubbon—1st place (under 18 solo—Caine Cup). M. Callister—3rd place (under 18 solo).
TRIO	P. Kennaugh, M. Callister, C. Cubbon—2nd place.
ORCHESTRA	(With members of other Schools) Avondale Junior Orchestra—1st place (89%) P. Shimmin, P. Kennaugh, C. Cubbon, M. Callister, E. Kinrade, C. Clague, M. Conroy.
SINGING	P. Shimmin—2nd place (16-18 solo). P. Shimmin—2nd place (over 16 solo in Manx). A. Creer—3rd place (12-14 solo).
SIGHT SINGING	P. Shimmin—1st place (over 16)
DRAMA	The Buchan School Dramatic Society. Intermediate Group. "The Player Queen" produced by Miss P. Lacey—1st place and Trophy.

Royal Manx Agricultural Society. Annual Show. Class 378 (Art)

G. Keig—1st Prize.	J. Moore—2nd Prize.
S. Ellis—3rd Prize.	G. Keig—Commended.

HEAD GIRL'S PRIZE—Lesley Carter.

THE CURPHEY PRIZE For an Essay on Manx History—M. Conroy.

M. J. WATKIN CUP For outstanding performance in the Shakespeare

Competition :

Seniors—C. Nicholls. Commended, J. Moore.

Best Juniors—E. Clague, S. Ellis, S. Lawson, J. Lightbody, E. Watkin.

THE NEWTON CUP Awarded for all-round service to the School—P. Howarth.

THE LADY DUNDAS CUP FOR ELOCUTION—S. Lawson.

THE KEWLEY CUP for Junior Gymnastics—E. Rees-Jones.

HOUSE CUP—Godred.

SWIMMING CUP—Senior : G. Duke and J. Keggins (tie).

Junior : P. Caithness.

We warmly thank all donors of prizes for their generous gifts.



HOUSE MUSIC COMPETITION, 1959

THE House Music Competition was held this year on Friday, May 1st. It was judged by Miss Carter, our music mistress, who gave us much helpful criticism and encouragement. The three houses each provided interesting programmes, although the standard was not quite up to that of last year, because a large number of the competitors had bad colds! The cup was won by Olaf with 108 points, Magnus was second and Godred third.

E.K. LV.



SCHOOL CHOIRS RECORDED

ON Monday, July 27th, 1958, recordings were made of the singing of the school choirs. The Senior Choir sang "Agnus Dei"—"God be in my Head"; and the Dooly: "Glory let us give and blessing." The Junior Choir sang "Who is Sylvia?" by Schubert.

These records will be on sale next term.



SPEECH AND DRAMA

INTER-FORM SHAKESPEARE COMPETITION

ENTHUSIASM for this competition was even greater this year, with no less than fifteen entries, ranging from VIII to the VIth form. Mrs. U. Rees-Jones judged the competition and her advice and criticism were most helpful to everyone. The Davies Trophy was retained by Lower V with the Mousetrap scene from "Hamlet"; Lower IV were second with the court scene from "The Merchant of Venice", Lower VI with "Othello" were third, tying with Upper III in "The Taming of the Shrew". This was very creditable for these eleven year olds as it is only the second time that any Upper Third has entered since the competition was instituted, and the first time such young actors have been so highly placed.

1st Lower V in "Hamlet"

Cast: Virginia Matthews, Gillian Riggall, Christine Nicholls, Fiona Gore, Eileen Clucas, Christine Dale, Anne Jones, Eileen Kinrade, Jennifer Quirk, Norma Robertson, Michèle Standen, Janet Wright.

2nd Lower IV in "The Merchant of Venice"

Cast: Suzanne Lawson, Katherine Kewley, Joyce Mills, Maria Kegg, Carole Finan, Susan Ellis, Elizabeth Gawne, Cornelia Quayle, Elizabeth Clague, Susan Davidson.

3rd (tie) Lower VI in "Othello"

Cast : Jean Ellis, Janet Beagle, Elizabeth Glass, Pamela Davies.

3rd Upper III in "The Taming of the Shrew"

Cast : Jane Lightbody and Elizabeth Watkin.

Individual Awards

Senior	Christine Nicholls as Hamlet won the M. J. C. Watkin Cup	} Prizes given by Mrs. Watkin
Runner-up	Judith Moore as Lady Macbeth	
Junior (tie)	Elizabeth Clague as Shylock Suzanne Lawson as Portia	
Highly Commended		
Upper III	Jane Lightbody as Petruchio. Elizabeth Watkin as Katherine Susan Ellis as the Devil	
Lower IV		
Commended	Cornelia Quayle as Gratiano Katherine Kewley as the Duke Joyce Mills as Shylock	
Upper IV	Carol Evans as Banquo Carole Marsden as Macbeth	
Lower V	Janet Wright as Polonius	
Lower VI	Elizabeth Glass as Othello Jean Ellis as Iago.	

C.N. LV.

SPEECH EXAMINATIONS

IN May, 1959, the first time, examinations for certificates in Speech and Drama, of the Guildhall School of Music and Drama, were held at the Buchan School. Miss Dorothy Dayus, F.G.S.M., was the examiner this year. Several candidates passed with merit, and there were over forty entrants from this School. These examinations can be taken regularly while girls are at school and no doubt some will even achieve their teaching diplomas, if they continue to study Speech and Drama after they leave school. For this reason the English Speaking Board examinations have been replaced by those of a recognised college. The pass list follows :—

Grade I :

Pass with Merit—	Marks	Form
Gillian Moore	77	Lower III
Sandra Brooks	76	Lower III

Pass—	Marks	Form
Gillian Cowley	71	Lower III
Sally Hedges	70	Lower III

Grade II :

Pass with Merit—	Marks	Form
Suzanne Lawson	78	Lower IV
Susan Ellis	77	Lower IV
Jane Lightbody	75	Upper III
Elizabeth Watkin	75	Upper III
Elizabeth Clague	75	Lower IV
Joyce Mills	75	Lower IV

Pass—	Marks	Form
Helen Singleton	73	Upper III
Valerie Lamont	72	Lower IV
Elizabeth Gawne	71	Lower IV
Sandra Kinvig	71	Upper III
Penelope Robertson	70	Upper III
Janet Battersby	70	Upper III
Katherine Bond	70	Upper III
Elaine Maughan	70	Upper III
Carole Finan	70	Lower IV
Elizabeth Kinley	70	Upper III
Tania Hawton	69	Upper III
Jennifer Gibb	69	Lower IV

Grade II (cont.):

Pass—	Marks	Form
Susan Davidson	69	Lower IV
Mary Preston	69	Lower IV
Gillian Brown	69	Upper III
Rosa Jones	69	Upper III
Marion Connal	67	Upper III
Brenda Gahan	66	Upper III
Janet Moore	66	Upper III
Katherine Kewley	66	Lower IV
Jennifer Faragher	66	Lower IV

Grade III :

Pass with Merit—	Marks	Form
Eileen Kinrade	75	Lower V
Michele Standen	75	Lower V
Jennifer Collister	75	Upper IV
Judith Moore	75	Upper IV
Pass—	Marks	Form
Barbara Jones	73	Upper IV
Judith Sewell	72	Upper IV
Christine Lochead	70	Upper IV
Fiona Gore	70	Lower V
Jennifer Siddell	70	Upper IV
Veronica Gwyn-Jones	70	Upper IV
Christine Nicholls	69	Lower V
Carole Marsden	68	Upper IV
Shirin Al Ansari	67	Upper IV

DRAMATIC SOCIETY

THE Buchan School Dramatic Society was founded in October, 1958, with Miss A. Nicol Smith, M.A., as the Hon. President; Miss Lacey, Miss Neely and Mrs. Watkin organised meetings throughout the Michaelmas and Easter Terms. We gained experience of different kinds of crowd work from musical comedy crowds in "1066 and All That"; Romans and Egyptians in "Caesar and Cleopatra", to crowds in given modern situations, and we learned other interesting basic techniques of acting. "The Prayer Queen" was entered for the Manx Drama Festival at the Gaiety Theatre by members of the Dramatic Society and they were fortunate enough to return with the Intermediate Trophy. Valuable experience was gained in acting in a real theatre. The Annual General Meeting and Tea was held at the Airport Restaurant in April. The Luck Shop was opened in May, 1959, in order to raise funds to equip the stage. As we had to buy most of our stock, we made very little profit, but next term we hope to expand our trade; to sell more home-made sweets and make a little more money. However, we are to have a most welcome addition to the stage equipment, as the farewell gift of Miss Corlett, Miss Warrell, Miss Neely and Miss Clutterbuck—a flood light and stand. The Society, and the School, deeply appreciate their generosity.

MANNIN THEATRE GROUP

WE accepted an invitation from the Mannin Theatre Group and sent five entries to their Youth Drama Festival during the week October 20th-23rd, 1958. The Festival was non-competitive and the object was "to give young people interested in Drama an opportunity to perform before competent critics". From Lower IV provided two of these entries. "Alice and the Caterpillar" from "Alice in Wonderland" by Lewis Carroll, with Susan Ellis as the Caterpillar and Cornelia Quayle as Alice, was a great success. These two young players were highly commended by the adjudicator, Mr. Arthur Moore, in the Dramatic Duologue class. Pauline Kennaugh and Caroline Riggall were also highly commended for their duologue in the same class, a scene from "Twelfth Night" with Pauline as Olivia and Caroline as Viola. In the One-Act Play, Class 4, Lower IV presented "Pyramus and Thisbe" from "A Midsummer Night's Dream", and Upper IV "The Caper-Cutting" scene from "Twelfth Night". Players in these two scenes were:— (i) Jennifer Faragher, Valerie Lamont, Elizabeth Clague, Mary Preston, Elizabeth Gawne, Jean Fargner, Suzanne Lawson, Maria Kegg; (ii) Dawn Asney, Shrin Al Ansari, Jennifer Siodell. Lower V were very highly commended in Class 4 by the adjudicator, Miss Norah Moore, for their excellent production of "The Six Wives of Caius" by Lou Garde Peach. The players were: Eileen Kinrade, Virginia Matthews, Christine Nicholls, Jillian Riggall, Michèle Standen, Janet Wright.

OPEN DAY DRAMATIC PRESENTATION

TWO scenes from Sheridan's plays were given on Open Day in July, to an audience of parents and friends. Mary Preston was Captain Absolute; Jennifer Gibb was Lydia Languish, and Joyce Mills was Mrs. Malaprop, in a scene from "The Rivals"; while Elizabeth Clague as Sir Peter Teazle and Suzanne Lawson, Lady Teazle, in a scene from "The School for Scandal". The players were all from Lower IV, as this form has been studying Sheridan this year. Wigs and a costume for Captain Absolute complete with sword and cocked hat, were hired from Nathan wigs of London. Our thanks are offered to Mrs. Gibb for the loan of the ladies' dresses.



SPECIAL SERVICES 1958-59

THE Buchan School Carol Service of Nine Lessons was held at King William's College Chapel on 15th December. The bidding prayer was read by

the Rev. E. B Glass, Vicar of Castletown. A large number of parents and friends was present. We should like to thank Mr. Kees-Jones, Principal of King William's College, for allowing us to use the College Chapel.

Senior boarders were invited to King William's College Carol Service by courtesy of the Principal, and all boarders attended the special performance of Bach's St. Matthew Passion at St. Mary's Church, Castletown, on Good Friday. The Buchan School Good Friday Service took the form of an hour of prayer and hymn singing.

The School Confirmation Service was held in St. Mary's Church, Castletown, on Ascension Day, in the afternoon, when the Lord Bishop confirmed three members of the school. Visiting clergy, parents and friends of the candidates had tea at Westhill afterwards.

E.G. LVI.

S.C.M. CONFERENCE

ON Friday, 1st November, 1958, Miss Brew and Form VI attended the annual Student Christian Movement Conference at the High School for Girls, Douglas. Representatives of the Island Secondary Schools heard an address on "Christian Beliefs", by the Rev. K. C. Dykes, and on "Being the Church", by the Rev. Graham Foley, and took part in the group discussions which followed. Members of Form VI who attended were: M. Ashley, L. Carter, R. Hudson, A. Kermode, M. Riley, P. Shimmin, J. Beagle, P. Davies, J. Ellis, P. Howarth.

SOCIETY FOR THE PROPAGATION OF THE GOSPEL

ON the 28th of October, Miss Chandler came to speak to the VIth Form on "Life and Education in Japan". Miss Chandler belongs to the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel and has spent five years in Japan teaching at St. Hilda's School, Tokyo. She showed a number of film strips to illustrate her talk, and answered questions afterwards.

P.H. LVI.



CHARITY COLLECTIONS

DR. BARNARDO'S HOMES

President: Miss Nicol Smith, M.A.

Joint Secretaries and Treasurers: M. Ashley, L. Carter.

AT the end of the Autumn Term, a cheque for twelve pounds was sent to Barnardo Headquarters. Part of this, nine pounds, was collected from a previous "box-opening" and the sum of three pounds was collected from the individual "Christmas Trees".

The total amount from the "box-opening" in February was fourteen pounds and six shillings. An additional seven pounds was raised in a final "box-opening" this term.

On Monday, September 29th, 1958, we were honoured by a visit from Mrs. Forster, B.A., Regional Organiser for Scotland and England of Dr. Barnardo's Homes. She spoke to the Juniors on the various branches of Dr. Barnardo's, and showed some slides of the Homes and the children to illustrate her lecture.

The joint secretaries and treasurers also attended, on behalf of the School, a Bring and Buy Sale in Douglas in aid of the Homes.

Several awards were made to members of the school. They were as follows:— Long Service Badges: L. Carter, J. Dulce, P. Davies. Founder's Award: C. Quayle, J. Sewell. Short Service Badges: C. Cubbon, F. Gore, E. Kinrade, S. Lawson.

SPECIAL CHARITY EFFORT

DURING the Easter holidays, on Saturday, 18th April, we held a Charity Morning at The Crofts, Albany Road, Douglas.

We started to organise it about ten days beforehand. There were four of us behind the stalls, Patricia's two brothers and ourselves.

We had several stalls, selling cakes and oddments, and there was a bran tub and a raffle.

After everyone had finished their buying, refreshments were provided, and all our supporters seemed to enjoy themselves.

We collected £4 17s. 0d., which Lesley Carter sent to Dr. Barnardo's Homes.

Patricia Brownsdon

Daphne Cottier

III Remove.

SCHOOL COLLECTIONS.—During the year our weekly collections were sent to the M.S.P.C.A. and to the International Refugee Association.



SCHOOL GAMES, 1958-59

NETBALL.—During the 1958-59 season, the first junior netball team played six matches, winning three, losing two and drawing one. The second junior team also played six matches, winning two and losing four. To inspire us to win future matches, both teams enjoyed tea and the company of Miss Warrell and Miss Carter at their cottage!

C.C. & C.E. UIV.

TENNIS.—The tennis this season has been somewhat disappointing, as the match results have shown, but the junior team, formed last year, has shown further promise. The school team lost two members at the end of this term, Lesley Carter and Caroline Riggall. We should like to say how much we appreciate all the work Miss Warrell has done during the last six years; and we hope she will be happy at her new school.

V.H. UV.

Junior House Tennis: Olaf drew with Godred—14 games each.
Godred beat Magnus—22 games to 6.
Olaf beat Magnus—20 games to 8.
Godred winners of Junior House Tennis.

Senior House Tennis: Godred beat Magnus—44 games to 37.
Olaf beat Magnus—47 games to 34.
Godred beat Olaf—43 games to 38.

School Tournament: Winners—P. Howarth, V. Hughes.
Runners-up—G. Hinds, J. Keggin.

School Colours: L. Carter, J. Keggin, V. Hughes, J. Ellis, G. Hinds.

HOCKEY.—Unfortunately the standard of play during the 1958-59 season has not been of the highest. Out of six matches played, the first eleven have won one and lost five. The second eleven have played four matches, of which they drew one and lost three. Godred won the House Hockey Cup this year. We are very sorry to lose Miss Warrell who has helped and encouraged us for the past six years.

The teams were as follows:—

First Eleven: L. Carter, R. Hudson, P. Howarth, H. Bull, V. Pedder,
C. Riggall, J. Beagle, J. Keggin, M. Callister, E. Glass, C. Clague.

Second Eleven : J. Ellis, M. Ashley, T. Wray, J. Corkill, T. Sansom,
P. Leather, J. Honey, G. Hinds, M. Standen, P. Kennaugh,
V. Hughes.

Reserves : S. Phillips, E. Radcliffe.

ROUNDERS.—Results of House Matches, Trinity Term, 1959 :—

Magnus lost to Olaf—1 rounder to 10.
Magnus lost to Godred— $\frac{1}{2}$ rounder to 8.
Olaf beat Godred—4 $\frac{1}{2}$ rounders to 4.

ATHLETICS.—The Lancashire Schools Athletics Meeting was held at the White City, Manchester, on Saturday, 14th June, 1959. Once again Gillian Hinds competed, this time in the 150 yards race. Unfortunately, she was placed third in her heat and to qualify for the final it was necessary to come first or second in a heat. On the whole the Manx contingent did well and this year they made an impressive entrance, carrying a flag bearing the Three Legs of Man in the march-past. At this meeting the Olympic Games dedication is quoted, that the aim is not to conquer but to fight and to fight well.

E.M.W.

LACROSSE.—This year Upper III attempted Lacrosse for the first time. After viewing the game with some apprehension, they started their first lesson and discovered that Lacrosse wasn't nearly as difficult as it looked! Enthusiasm grew and it became the craze to practise during lunch hours. Not only Upper III but some of the Seniors were to be seen running up and down carrying the 'crosses' with Juniors directing them to "cradle the ball". Owing to the difficulty of obtaining the 'crosses' at the beginning of the term, Upper III never progressed to a full game, but next year there will be another form to play the game too.

E.M.W.



SPORTS DAY

THE annual Athletics events were held in the School field on 4th June, 1959.

Awards were presented by Mrs. Sewell and the results were as follows :—

80 yards Junior : 1, P. Brownson ; 2, P. Lockwood ; 3, J. Callow.
100 yards Junior : 1, E. Kinley ; 2, J. Lightbody ; 3, J. Faragher.
100 yards Middle : 1, R. Comish ; 2, V. Lamont ; 3, C. Cubbon.
100 yards Senior : 1, G. Hinds ; 2, L. Carter ; 3, J. Ellis.
150 yards Middle : 1, R. Comish ; 2, N. Robertson ; 3, C. Cubbon.
150 yards Senior : 1, G. Hinds ; 2, J. Keggin ; 3, L. Carter.
Junior Long Jump : 1, E. Kinley ; 2, J. Faragher ; 3, J. Faragher.
Middle Long Jump : 1, E. Clucas ; 2, M. Kegg ; 3, I. Corrin.
Senior Long Jump : 1, G. Hinds ; 2, M. Standen ; 3, L. Carter.
Junior Hop, Step & Jump : 1, J. Faragher ; 2, J. Faragher ; 3, C. Carter.
Middle Hop, Step & Jump : 1, V. Lamont ; 2, E. Clucas ; 3, I. Corrin.
Senior Hop, Step & Jump : 1, M. Standen ; 2, G. Hinds ; 3, J. Beagle.
Junior High Jump : 1, J. Faragher ; 2, J. Faragher ; 3, J. Battersby.
Middle High Jump : 1, J. Honey ; 2, R. Comish ; 3, C. Cubbon.
Senior High Jump : 1, G. Hinds ; 2, R. Hudson ; 3, J. Beagle & J. Ellis.
Junior Rounders Ball Throw : 1, J. Faragher ; 2, J. Faragher ; 3, E. Kinley.
Middle Hockey Ball Throw : 1, D. Ashley ; 2, I. Corrin ; 3, G. Keig.
Senior Hockey Ball Throw : 1, G. Hinds ; 2, R. Hudson ; 3, T. Sansom.
Junior and Middle Relay—Magnus House. Senior Relay—Olaf House.
Junior Victrix Ludorum—J. Faragher. Runner-up—J. Faragher.
Senior Victrix Ludorum—G. Hinds. Runner-up—M. Standen.
100 yards Cup—G. Hinds. Runner-up—L. Carter.
High Jump Cup—G. Hinds. Runner-up—J. Honey.
Athletics Shield—Olaf House.

SWIMMING

THE Isle of Man Swimming Championships were held as part of the Inter-Schools Swimming Gala at Noble's Baths, Douglas, on 5th December, 1958. Joan Keggin won the 50 yards Schoolgirls' Championship for girls under 16 years, in 37 seconds. She was also in the final of both the Ladies' Open Free-style and the Ladies' Open Breast-stroke and came third in both.

The Swimming sports of 1958 and 1959 were both held in King William's College Baths. In 1958 they were held on July 14th, commencing at 2-15 p.m. The House Cup was won by Magnus, and the Senior Swimming Cup by J. Keggin.

In 1959, the sports were held on Wednesday, July 22nd. Magnus again won the House Cup, and J. Duke and J. Keggin tied as winners of the Senior Swimming Cup. Philippe Caithness was the Junior Champion.

The Kindergarten swam very well and the diving was of a high standard on both occasions.

We are grateful to Mr. Morgan and Mrs. Qualtrough who have come each year to judge the style events, the plunge, and the diving.

Programme of the Swimming Sports, Wednesday, 22nd July, 1959 :

- 1.—K.G. and Lower III—"In the water".
- 2.—Junior Length Speed—E. Clague.
- 3.—Beginner's Width—S. Kinvig.
- 4.—Beginner's Dive—P. Brownsdon.
- 5.—Senior Free-style (two lengths)—J. Keggin (Olaf).
- 6.—Breast-stroke (open)—J. Riggall.
- 7.—Junior Dive—P. Caithness.
- 8.—Back crawl style (open)—(tie) J. Keggin (Olaf) and J. Duke (Magnus)
- 9.—Life Saving Demonstration.
- 10.—Senior Breast-stroke—J. Keggin (Olaf).
- 11.—Senior Dive—J. Ellis.
- 12.—House Medley Relay—Magnus.
- 13.—Crawl-style (open)—J. Duke (Magnus).
- 14.—Plunge—J. Duke (Magnus)—40 ft.
- 15.—Junior House Relay—Olaf.
- 16.—Senior House Relay—Magnus.



THE SIXTH FORM BADMINTON CLUB

Captain : L. Carter.

Hon. Treasurer : P. Shimmin.

THIS season four matches were played—two with the masters and wives of King William's College, one with Castletown Badminton Club and one with the Old Girls. These matches were much enjoyed and it is hoped that more will be played next season. Once again we should like to thank Miss Warrell and Mr. Colin Davis for their helpful and patient coaching, which has been of great benefit to us all. We hope that the Club will continue to flourish and that it will gain many new members next season.

J.L.C. UVI.



CLUBS

TRAMP CLUB.—We were pleased to welcome several new members into the Tramp Club and to realise that they are truly of "Tramping Stock" since they accomplished 20 miles on their first tramp. We hope that others will emulate their meritorious performance. The weather has generally been kind to us. The Tramp Club outing for the most valorous Trampers was held on Saturday, 25th July, and the last Tramp of the season was on the following

day, starting at Crosby and ending in Peel for tea. We offer our best wishes for the future to Lesley Carter and Ruth Hudson and hope that they will continue to find enjoyment in taking to Shank's Pony.

J.R.C.

SCIENCE FILM CLUB.—During this year we have seen a number of very good films. The attendance has, as usual, been good, but we hope for even more members next year. At the end of last Trinity Term the films "Method and Madness", "Facts and Fancies" and "How Talkies Talk" were shown. Four sets of films were arranged for this year. "Hydraulics", "A Tooth in Time" and "Growing Girls" were shown on October 28th, 1958. "The Twilight Forest" and "Magic in the Air" were shown on November 25th. On February 24th, 1959, three more films were obtained. These were "A Drug is Born", "The Changing Earth" and "The Human Skeleton". "How to Catch a Cold", "Water", "The Discovery of Oxygen" and "A Brother for Susan", which were to have been shown on March 24th, had to be cancelled because Mr. Quirk was ill.

We should like to take this opportunity of thanking the Castletown Brewery for the loan of their projector. Without their help the films could not be shown, and we are extremely grateful to Mr. Quirk and Mr. Corteen for giving up their free time in this way.

V.P. UV.

STAMP CLUB.—Although the Stamp Club has only been able to meet on a few occasions this year, we were able to prepare an impressive exhibition for Open Day. This shows that there has been no lack of enthusiasm, although there has been little opportunity for formal meetings. We hope that there will be more time next year, and that we shall find some new members amongst the new girls coming in September, who should apply to the Secretary, M. Standen, for information about joining this club.

M.S. LV.

CURRENT AFFAIRS.—Miss Neely took the chair during the Michaelmas and Easter terms. Meetings were discontinued during the Trinity term. Heated discussion took place on many current topics, with Miss Neely intervening before the more violent among us came to blows! On United Nations Day Miss Neely spoke to the school, using maps to illustrate her talks. She also compiled a United Nations Quiz. This was won by Janet Beale. Pamela Davies, Michèle Standen and Jennifer Callister were highly commended.

C.N. LV.



LIBRARY NOTES

DURING the year the Library has been brightened by the appearance of new shelves. New books have been bought on all subjects including :—

Companion to Beethoven's Piano Sonatas by Tovey.
Music Masters, Vols. 1-4, Barcharach.
Mathematics for the Million by Hogben.
Vols. 1 and 2 of Trevelyan's Illustrated Social History.
Readings in European History.
Shakespearean Tragedy by Bradley.
The Oxford University Atlas.

Various publications such as the "Musical Times" and "Plays and Players" are available for those interested, together with "The Times" Supplements provided by Miss Nicol Smith.

Librarians

T. SANSOM. UV.
J. ELLIS. LVI.

WESTHILL NOTES

September, 1958 — July, 1959

AT the beginning of the Autumn term we were joined by Mrs. Parkinson, Miss Payne and Miss Black. Unfortunately Miss Payne and Miss Black are now leaving. We will all miss them very much and wish to thank them for all they have done for us. After some resistance, we decided to give way and have never been so tidy and so good as we became under their firm rule. We were very sorry to lose Eddie the gardener who has been at Westhill since he was fifteen. His cheerful smile is sadly missed by all. We are, however, very lucky in obtaining the services of Mr. Johnstone.

There have been several excursions and outings during the year including recitals, plays and films. A visit to the Witches Mill was also arranged and under the guidance of Dr. Gardner was thoroughly enjoyed. The crowning event was, however, the boarders' picnic which the weather permitted us to hold for the first time in four years. It took place at the Lhen and with the help of Miss Payne, who was the life of the picnic, a barbecue lunch was cooked over a fire. It was a great success, especially when the sausages went up in flames. Miss Payne coped, as usual. Besides these outings, there have been several Saturday excursions during the Summer term to Port Erin and Port St. Mary.

During the Autumn term, a party was again given for some of the children from the Home in Douglas, and gave as much pleasure to us as to them. The Country Dance party was also arranged for this term but had to be cancelled owing to the weather. The Garden Party was held, however, and was very successful. The brief interlude of ballet produced by the kindness of Mrs. Mudie added to the charm of perfect sunshine. His Excellency and Lady Dundas attended and we were delighted to have them with us. There was also a Coffee Morning at the beginning of this term and we managed to raise twenty pounds for new curtains at Westhill, and books for the library. Another improvement effected during the last year, thanks to the gift of Mrs. Riggall, was the instalment of a refrigerator.

In the way of recreation, some of the Boarders began to learn to play chess during the Winter terms, and for this we are much indebted to Inspector Kermeen who was our patient and capable instructor. In the Summer term there was a tennis tournament which was won by Tanya Sansom and Jean Allen and was enjoyed by all who took part in it. A flower arranging competition was also held, and was judged by Miss Nicol Smith and Miss Black. All the entries were commended and the winner was Carole Marsden, with Janet Battersby second, and Rosa Jones and Pamela Brooks tied a close third.

Altogether we have had the usual eventful year at Westhill and should like to thank very warmly our House Mistress, matrons and domestic staff for looking after us so well.

R.H. UVI.



SOCIAL EVENTS

THE SENIOR DANCE was again held at Christmas in the School Hall, attractively decorated by Miss Brew and the art students. Senior boys from King William's College were invited. The Principal of King William's College, Mr. Rees-Jones, and Miss Nicol Smith attended, together with members of the Staffs of both schools. A buffet supper was held in the Upper V and Lower V form-rooms, transformed by gay decorations.

Some of our guests who were boarders unfortunately had to leave early, but in spite of this, the evening proved to be most enjoyable and we hope the Christmas Dance will become an annual event.

CONCERTS, PLAYS, FILMS AND RECITALS.—During the year groups of girls attended a number of professional and amateur performances at the Gaiety Theatre, the Mannin Theatre, Ramsey Grammar School, Rushen School and King William's College.

"The Merry Widow" was performed by the Douglas Choral Union at the Gaiety Theatre, and the school attended a matinee. A number of girls saw some of the Guild plays, and many went to the performance of "The Three Musketeers" which coincided with Half-term. The sixth Form also saw a very polished production of Peter Ustinov's "Romanoff and Juliet" by the Legion Players.

At King William's College the School attended a performance of "Julius Caesar", and a 'cello recital by Miss Florence Hooton. The Senior girls also went to an organ recital by Mr. P. Matthews, M.A., B.Mus., A.R.C.O., in the College Chapel.

In the Michaelmas term a Drama Festival was held at the Mannin Theatre and the School saw a number of plays. Girls also attended "The Importance of Being Earnest" by the Rushen Dramatic Society at Rushen School, and "The Mikado" at Ramsey Grammar School.

A considerable number of films were seen throughout the year. In Castle-town girls visited the Cosy Cinema to see "The Living Desert", "The Lady and the Tramp", and Charlie Chaplin in "The Kid" and "The Pilgrim". Senior girls went to Port Erin to see "Wild is the Wind" and "War and Peace". In the Trinity Term, 1958, the School saw "A Tale of Two Cities" and "The Ten Commandments" in Douglas. In the Trinity Term, 1959, the Boarders went to "Fantasia" and "The Inn of the Sixth Happiness", also in Douglas.

GARDEN PARTIES.—On 17th July, 1958, the first School Garden Party was held at Westhill. The Senior Dance group performed "The Sorcerer's Apprentice" and another danced to the music of "L'Après-midi d'une Faune",

A second Garden Party was held at Westhill on July 25th, 1959. We were lucky in having a fine day and many parents and friends were present, including His Excellency Sir Ambrose Dundas and Lady Dundas, who were visiting the School for the last time before leaving the island. Two dances were performed by the Junior Boarders, "The Secret of Sennen Cove" and "Butterflies". Those who danced in this ballet were Jennifer Siddell, Sandra Brooks, Marie Louise Kenworthy, Jennifer Gibb, Jean Fargher, Rosa Jones, Barbara Jones and Carole Finan. Those who took part in "Butterflies" were Patricia Brownson, Prudence Lockwood, Jean Allen and Janet Battersby. We are very grateful to Mrs. Mudie for training the dancers.

E.R. UV.

PRESENTATION TO LADY DUNDAS.—On Tuesday, July 21st, in the School Hall, Lady Dundas was presented with an album of photographs of the School as a farewell gift. She arrived at 2 o'clock and was brought down to the Hall, where the School was assembled, by Miss Nicol Smith, who then gave a short address thanking Lady Dundas for her interest in the School. The album was presented by the Head Girl, and Lady Dundas spoke for a few minutes. She and the Head Mistress left the platform after the School had given three cheers and sung the School Song.

VISIT TO THE NUNNERY.—On July 21st members of the VIth Form and Upper V were invited by Captain Fry Goldie-Taubman to spend the afternoon at his beautiful home. We were accompanied by Miss Brew and Dr. Rose and travelled there by coach. Fortunately the weather was perfect and the gardens were at their best. Captain Fry Goldie-Taubman was unable to be present, but Mr. Wrangham conducted our tour. We were delighted with the beautiful plants and luscious fruits which are grown in the green-houses.

The chapel, dedicated to St. Bridget, interested us very much. Indoors we saw a large collection of valuable paintings and antiques. Our visit was concluded with some welcome refreshment and we were all very grateful to Captain Fry Goldie-Taubman for allowing us to view his home of historical interest and also to Mr. Wingham for showing us round.

M.C. UV.

REGIONAL SURVEY, 1958.—At the end of the Trinity term those of us who remained behind studied our own country instead of Austria. The Chairman kindly opened the survey by telling us about the physical and historical story of the island. This led to excursions to rocks, ancient monuments and the Museum. Mr. Simcocks, M.H.K., next spoke to us on the constitution of Man and sent us with references to look up in the Museum archives. We then visited a number of factories and saw the manufacture of Manx rock, carpets and nylons. We kept scrap books of all we learned and saw, which were shown to the Chairman, who congratulated the girls on their excellent presentation of the project.



MRS. NORA ARIS, M.A.

MR. NORA ARIS spoke to us at Assembly. She was at Cambridge with the Head Mistress and read History. Later she became a psychiatric social welfare worker and lecturer. She is now Editor of the Family Centre in "Good Housekeeping". As such she was sent to the island and published an article on it in the June number of 1959.



DR. PETCH

ON Tuesday, December 9th, Dr. Petch, Secretary of the Joint Matriculation Board of the Northern Universities, gave a most interesting lecture on the organisation and marking system of the G.C.E. Head teachers, members of staffs and representative pupils of all the Island Secondary Schools attended, and many members of other P.T.A.'s accepted the invitation. Dr. Petch explained the preparing and marking of papers, how the pass-marks are fixed, and the purpose of estimates. He answered many questions after his talk.



MISS HILTON

ON June 2nd, 1958, Miss Hilton, the Organising Secretary of the Women's Employment Federation, visited the school to speak to the parents and the senior girls. In the evening she gave an extremely helpful talk on careers for girls, in which she stressed the need for women science teachers. Afterwards she met some of the parents and answered their questions.



OPEN DAY, 16th JULY, 1959

- 1.—The Kindergarten Band with Recorder-players—K.G.
- 2.—Three Fairy Tales in French—
 - (a) The Three Bears; (b) Red Riding Hood; (c) Cinderella—IIIR.
- 3.—The French Class at Work—UIII.
- 4.—Early morning in a Roman home. In Latin.—UIII.
- 5.—In the Gymn—K.G.
- 6.—Scenes from Sheridan—
 - (a) The School for Scandal; (b) The Rivals—LIV.

7.—The Junior Choir—

(a) "To Sylvia". Words by Shakespeare; Music by F. Schubert.

(b) "Five Eyes". Words by Walter de la Mare;
Music by C. Armstrong Gibbs.

After this display, the guests were invited to tea in Upper and Lower V Classrooms and to see experiments being shown in the Laboratory. History and Scripture exhibits were on view in Lower IV and Maths, Geography, Languages, Tramp and Stamp Club exhibits were in the dining-room, as well as needlework and other handicrafts. Paintings by the art students decorated the hall-passage and dining-room, and were also on show in the art room.

Tea was served to the pupils in the needlework room.

E.K.



HOUSE NOTES

GODRED.—We welcomed Miss Clutterbuck as our new House Mistress in September, 1958, and should like to express our thanks to Miss Shannon for her support as House Mistress in the past year. We were sorry to lose our House Captain at the end of the Easter term and we wish Margaret every success at Didsbury Training College.

Music is not one of Godred's strong points; we were third in the competitions of 1958 and 1959. Swimming and Athletics need to improve too as we were placed third in both last year.

In the Michaelmas and Easter terms, 1959, we were successful in gaining the House Cup for the highest number of points, as a result of the efforts of the hockey and netball teams, and of our academic achievements.

It is hoped this term that we shall pull up in the sporting events and the standard of points for school work will remain high.

P. HOWARTH, House Captain.

MAGNUS.—At the end of Trinity term, 1958, Magnus was awarded the Cup presented annually for the highest number of points gained in all House activities. The House was second both in the Swimming and Athletic Sports in 1958, and first in the House Music Competition in 1958, but second in 1959.

This year, the results of the House Matches were rather disappointing, particularly in Hockey, but we hope that there will be a marked improvement in the future. There is also room for improvement in conduct and the gaining of House points, and it is hoped that there will be an all-round effort in all House events this term. We seem to have settled very comfortably into second place in everything, but it is high time that we "got out of the rut" and achieved a few first places instead! This must be the special aim for this term and indeed for the future!

J. L. CARTER, House Captain.

Note—Since these notes were written, Magnus has triumphed and won the House Swimming Cup, thanks to the success of J. Duke and P. Caithness in the School Swimming Sports, on 22nd July, 1959.

OLAF.—Although we have been successful this year in winning both the House Music Competition and highest number of point in Athletics, we have nevertheless remained bottom in the two Winter term totals and were second in the Summer term.

In 1959-60 we hope all members will try to gain more points for good behaviour and work, and that the House total will increase. It is up to everyone to help throughout the year and not make an effort only in the main events of the year.

We should like to take this opportunity of thanking Miss Lace for all her help and interest during the year.

R. HUDSON, House Captain.



FORM NOTES

FORM SIX

LIFE in Lower VI has been humdrum, compared with the alarms and excursions of Upper VI—we have plodded towards our objectives without much interruption, whilst Upper VI took off in various directions for interviews. Margaret Riley left us first, to train as a secretary, and she was followed by Audrey Kermode, who went to do pre-nursing training at Ramsey Cottage Hospital before commencing her course at a mainland hospital. Patricia Shimmin, Ruth Hudson and Lesley Carter left in July. Patricia will go to the Manchester College of Music; Ruth to University College, London University, Honours School of English, and Lesley to the University of Liverpool, Honours School of French. So everyone is commencing further study and no one is left without a plan for further education. Ruth spent a week at Stratford-on-Avon at the end of term and made us all envious when we saw the programmes, pictures and books she obtained there, and heard her accounts of Sir Lawrence Olivier's Coriolanus, and Charles Laughton's performance as Bottom. Pamela Davies has been studying Physics at King William's College, by special arrangement, and had a very creditable result as she was third in the examination result. Head girl for 1959-60 will be Peggy Howarth and Deputy Head Girl will be Pamela Davies. Vivien Hughes will be Head Boarder.

FORM UPPER FIVE

THERE is nothing very much for us to write this year as we have all been devoting our time to work! At the end of the Trinity term, we were sorry to lose Caroline Riggall, Janet Honey and Jennifer Corkill. We wish them every success.

After G.C.E. was over, we spent our time painting the Vth Form Study, in optimistic readiness for our promotion! The colour scheme we chose was pink for the walls, with grey woodwork and blue panels on the doors. We went on a outing to Ramsey with Miss Warrell and Miss Carter as a reward for our labours.

Gillian Hinds competed in the Lancashire Schools' Athletics Meeting in June, and her performance showed great promise. She also did well at our own School Sports, winning the Senior Victrix Ludorum award. At the Inter-School Sports in Douglas she won the 150 yards flat race.

Marilyn Conroy played the part of Queen Elizabeth I in "Player Queen". This play gained first prize in the Guild, winning a cup and certificate.

Apart from these, we have had no outstanding successes. We are now preparing to enter Vth Form and hope that all will reach that haven of comfort and leisure (?).

FORM LOWER FIVE

AT the beginning of this year we welcomed Miss Shannon as our Form Mistress. Miss Shannon, as the Senior Maths Mistress, was well able to add up our House points, and even made us keep our desks in good order!

During the year, we have been very much involved with acting. A number of us took part in "The Six Wives of Calais", which was performed at the Mannin Theatre. Some were also in the "Player Queen" which was entered in the Intermediate Class in the Guild, and won first prize and a cup. The certificate, cup, and a coloured slide taken of the cast in costume, were on show at Open Day. Our form also won the Shakespeare Competition with a scene from "Hamlet", and Christine Nicholls won the Watkin Cup for the best individual performance.

Our art students provided many exhibits for Open Day. They also did much of the decorating in the Hall and Upper and Lower V form-rooms for the Senior Dance.

In the field of sport, Joan Keggins won a Swimming Cup in Douglas, while Michèle Standen was runner-up to Gillian Hinds for the Senior Victrix Ludorum in the School Sports.

During the Easter term, Gillian Riggall was in Ireland but she joined us again at the beginning of Trinity term. At the beginning of Trinity term, we also welcomed Diana Firth, and, later in the term, Susan Gilmour.

FORM UPPER FOUR

FOR the past year Miss Neely has been our Form Mistress, and we are all sorry she is leaving us in July. Our Form Captains have been Shirin Al-Ansari, Anna Creer and Jennifer Callister. We all wish to thank them for their hard work for us, and hope they will be captains again next year.

During the last year, we have won some school prizes—the Science, Needlework, Latin and "Excellents" pictures. We also won the House Beautiful picture, of which we are very proud.

One of our members, Carole Marsden, played Philippa in the "Player Queen". This play was successful in the Guild drama competition and Carole acted well.

In our sports activities, we have done very well this year. Christine Cubbon has jumped four feet four inches in high jump, which is equal to Gillian Hinds' record, when she was in UV. We are very proud of Christine. Margaret Callister played well in the first eleven hockey team. Many of our members played in the netball and tennis teams, though Lower IV now provide the rounders team. Christine Lochead, who has come from Kenya, swam very well in the Swimming Sports.

With the help of Miss Neely, our form produced the History exhibition for Open Day. We enjoy decorating our room with flowers, and we have Carole Marsden, who won a flower arranging competition at Westhill, to arrange them for us.

Next year we shall be Lower V, and beginning our G.C.E. syllabus. We contemplate this with mixed feelings, and nervously hope that we all pass in the subjects we are taking.

FORM LOWER FOUR

THIS year there have been few outstanding successes in Lower IV. Suzanne Lawson, one of the Form Captains of this year, has been in two plays. She was the youngest performer in the "Player Queen" which came first in the Guild, and was also in the plays produced by our form for Open Day. These were scenes from the "School for Scandal" and "The Rivals", by Sheridan. Suzanne Lawson, Elizabeth Clague, Mary Preston, Jennifer Gibb and Joyce Mills took the main parts. Our musicians have continued to do well—Susan and Mary with their violins and Jennifer at the piano. They passed their examinations with flying colours. We should like to express our thanks

to Miss Lace, our Form Mistress, for putting up with us so nobly for a whole year. (Since these notes were written, Suzanne has won the Lady Dundas Cup for Elocution for 1959.)

FORM UPPER THREE

IN the Michaelmas term we welcomed twelve new girls, one of whom came from Nigeria, and another from Derbyshire.

We entered three scenes in the Shakespeare Competition in December, 1958. Only one other Upper III has ever been brave enough to enter! We tied for third place with a scene from "The Taming of the Shrew", and Jane Lightbody and Elizabeth Watkin, the only players in this scene, were highly commended by the judge.

At the end of this term, we had our Christmas Party, which we all enjoyed very much. Mrs. Rose judged a fancy hat competition. Elizabeth Watkin won a special prize for a novelty hat—a horse's head!

In the Easter term we formed a Netball team, and we tried hard in our matches. Our Lacrosse greatly improved, and Miss Warrell was quite pleased with us. At the end of this term we were sorry to lose Ann Rutherford. We hope she will be happy in the school she is going to in Switzerland.

In the Trinity term we welcomed a new member of the form, Phillipa Caithness, from Malaya, a fine swimmer. All the members of Upper Three can swim and we have enjoyed our lessons very much. We are all sorry to lose Miss Warrell, who has worked so hard for us, both as our Form Mistress and in physical education. We think we should have an exhibition of our pets! One of us has over twenty animals and our pets range in great variety from cats, dogs, birds and ponies to bush babies and a donkey.

FORM THREE REMOVE

IN the Michaelmas term we had a Christmas Party. There were competitions and prizes and a "Hula-hoop" contest.

In the Easter term we went on a Nature Walk with our Form Mistress, Miss Clutterbuck, who is the Biology and Chemistry Mistress, but she takes us for Nature Study.

In the Trinity term we often went swimming. We have a new summer uniform, which is very pleasant and cool; we wear light grey pinafore dresses with pale blue blouses. One day we went to the shore to paint the view over Langness. We enjoyed the outing very much.

Some of us work hard as "ball boys" for the tennis matches, and several of us danced at the Garden Party as butterflies.

FORM LOWER THREE

THE Art Mistress, Miss Brew, is our Form Mistress. She is helping us to make a model village, which we have called "Littlemede". There are lots of people there, and we write about them and draw them.

We all go swimming with Miss Warrell. We can all swim now, except Gillian. If you can swim across the bath in a rubber ring, you get a Tadpole badge; if you swim across without a ring you get a Frog badge; and if you can dive you get a Dolphin badge. Sally and Sandra have Frog badges, and Gillian Cowley has a Tadpole badge.

All our form entered the Speech Examinations and we all passed. Gillian Moore and Sandra Brooks passed with merit.

On Ascension Day, we all went to St. Mary's to the Confirmation Service. Three Buchan girls were being confirmed.

Our form have two goldfish. They are called Goldie and Fishie. Fishie is small and yellow, and very naughty, but Goldie is big and orange, and as good as gold! The gold fish are in a tank on the window-sill, and Sandra cleans the tank out every day.

In History class we are planning to make a model Greek village. First we have to collect materials for it. All our form have music lessons except Sally. Gillian Moore goes to Miss Carter, and Gillian Cowley and Sandra Brooks go to Mrs. Van Dook.

One day we went for a Nature walk by the Silverburn River. We found red toadstools with black spots on them, and also orange, pink and black ones. In one of our Art lessons we went to draw a donkey in a field.

FORMS TWO AND ONE, AND KINDERGARTEN

OUR Form Captain is now Joyce Barratt, and we have a new girl called Jane Shimmmin. We like Trinity term best, because then we go swimming. We are all "Frogs" or "Tadpoles" now! Some time ago we also drew the donkey and the horses, and we went for a Nature Walk by the river. Kindergarten are to have a new doll's house next term.



ITINERARY OF AUSTRIAN TOUR, 1958

WE left the Island on July 21st on the 9 a.m. boat. Our party consisted of twenty-seven members; twenty-five girls accompanied by Miss Lace and Miss Clutterbuck. From Liverpool we took the train, appropriately called "The Manxman", and we arrived at Euston Station at 6 p.m. Here we were met by a coach and taken to a restaurant for a meal. Afterwards Miss Lace went with a few of us to Trafalgar Square, Piccadilly Circus and Leicester Square. We saw the house where William Pitt the Younger lived, the National Gallery, Hyde Park and Marble Arch. We stayed overnight at a Y.W.C.A. hostel.

On Tuesday morning we went by tube to Victoria Station, collecting packed lunches on the way. We arrived at Dover at 12-30 p.m. and boarded the Channel steamer for Ostend. The bright streets and buildings were in striking contrast to English towns, which are usually black and grimy. We were taken by coach to Hasselt. On the way we passed the King's Palace and the World Fair. We arrived at the Hotel Vogelsanck, Hasselt, at 8-15. Here we tasted, some of us for the first time, a "Continental meal".

At 6-30 a.m. on the following day we sleepily ate our rolls and coffee, soon afterwards setting out for Germany. Through some confusion about visas we were refused entrance to Holland; however we travelled through Belgium into Germany. Stopping at a café, some of us attempted—not very successfully—to air our German! We saw Cologne Cathedral in the distance, and passed several attractive villages, hidden low in valleys. At 8-30 p.m., much to our relief, for we had spent thirteen and a half hours in the coach, we arrived at the Hotel Haus Wieland. After dinner, the manager gave us brochures describing Augsburg and the Hotel Haus Wieland. We retired to our bedrooms and each found at our bedsides a sweet and a card saying "Wir wünschen Ihnen eine gute Nacht!"

At 9 a.m. on Thursday we left in pouring rain for Seefeld. At 11-15 we stopped at Oberammergau, famous for the Passion Plays. The half-hour we were there was much too short, but we were promised a return visit on the following Monday. At 1-45 we reached the border between Germany and

Austria and we arrived at Seefeld at 3 p.m. We were unable to stay at the Hotel Bergland, instead, ten of us stayed at the Fremdenheim Herta and the rest went to another hotel. For the remainder of the afternoon, in spite of the rain, we explored the village and bought souvenirs in the gay shops. At 9 p.m. we were lucky enough to be able to go to a "Tyrolean Evening". We marvelled with traditional dancing. Reluctantly we left at 11-45—we would have sacrificed our "beaty sleep" to see the remaining dances!

Early on Friday morning, a few of us energetically walked a little way up a mountain. Here we were delighted to find dozens of wild flowers and taste wild strawberries and blackberries. Later in the morning we explored Seefeld thoroughly, its houses with attractive carved balconies and window shutters. Before lunch we drank "Aprilsalt" at a table outside a café. After visiting the fine church, we returned to the Hotel Bergland for lunch. In the afternoon we went to Innsbruck. We saw the river Inn, a monument to Leopold V, and the famous "Golden Dachl". Much to our disappointment most of the gold had worn off the tiny roof and the colour appeared to be a muddy brown. We also visited the modern part of the town and bought souvenirs.

On Saturday morning we set out for Salzburg, passing through Zirl and Innsbruck. At 12-15 we arrived at Bechtesgaden in Germany, and stayed there for half-an-hour. We reached Salzburg at 5 p.m. Some of us took photographs of Mozart's statue and the Glockenspiel. We looked at the shops, but they were shut. We returned to the coach and to Seefeld.

On Sunday several of us went up in the ski-lift. We were rather frightened, yet thrilled to go up in separate chairs with only a chain preventing us from falling out. In the evening we listened to a band dressed in Tyrolean costume.

On Monday morning we left for a second visit to Oberammergau, stopping at a Bavarian castle on the way. Arriving at 3 p.m. we remained there until 5 p.m. After searching for half-an-hour we found the theatre where the Passion Plays are held, but, much to our disappointment, for we had expected an open-air theatre, it looked rather like a cinema. We were delighted to see the houses decorated with painted figures and scenes and to discover a tiny shop.

On Tuesday morning we all regretfully said goodbye to Seefeld. Passing through the Austrian and German frontier we arrived at Stuttgart at 4-45. In the evening we were whisked to the top of a television tower, 211 metres high, in what seemed to be a few seconds!

On Wednesday morning we continued on our way to Belgium. Regretfully leaving Germany, we were nevertheless glad to be nearer our destination, as almost fourteen hours' travelling grew rather tedious. We passed through Brussels and Liège and at 5 p.m. we refreshed ourselves at a wayside café with lemonade and ice-cream. We arrived at Wenden at 8-45 p.m. and, exhausted, we went straight to bed.

On Thursday morning, we travelled to Ostend. We passed through the Customs and on to the boat for England. In the Customs shed at Dover we declared our souvenirs and boarded the train for London. At Victoria we were collected by a coach and taken to the Y.W.C.A. hostel in Baker Street. At 7-15 some of us went to an open-air theatre in Regent's Park and saw Shakespeare's "As You Like It". The rest went to the ballet at the Royal Festival Hall.

On Friday morning we collected packed lunches and caught the 10-30 train to Liverpool. Here, eager to go home, yet sad that the holiday had ended, we boarded the boat, which left at 3-30 p.m. and we were home by 7 p.m.

JANET BEAGLE. LVI.

A VISIT TO AUSTRIA

THE Austrian Tyrol is a very beautiful part of Europe. Towering rocky mountains have a few small patches of snow in crevices near their summits, even in mid-summer, and the forests of dark green conifers cover the lower slopes. It is a land of bright colours, the white houses with pink roofs and the golden cornfields contrasting sharply with the vivid blue sky and dark green trees. Little lakes in the valleys are as blue as the sky and reflect the mountain and lakeside houses like mirrors.

The villages which lie in sheltered valleys are small and neat; most of the houses are built of wood and painted white, with big overhanging roofs of pink, grey or green. There are very few flower gardens, but many houses have window-boxes and pot plants on their balconies.

The little town of Seefeld lies near the German border. It is built on a small piece of unulating ground between two ranges of mighty mountains. There is a little white church with a red painted steeple and one main shopping street. Houses, chalets, hotels and farms are scattered nearby; those by the lake are the most attractive.

Inside, the houses are bright and clean. Most of the furniture is made of plain varnished wood and the floors and some walls also. I think that much of the furniture is home-made; in design it is sturdy and simple without any elaborate decorations. In the dining-room of the Berg and Hotel there were colourful murals on the walls. The food we had was not unlike English food, except that olive oil was often used in cooking. I think the Austrians eat more meat than we do, like their German neighbours. Fruit was very cheap and good, and so were the local wines and ciders.

The people are cheerful, friendly and hard working. They sing and dance very well. The Austrians have very fair hair and complexions. The women usually wear their hair in plaits wrapped round their heads, and look very charming in their colourful national costumes. The men wear short, leather trousers with beautifully embroidered braces and white shirts. The people are very self-reliant, sturdy and hospitable, as befits the inhabitants of a wild and mountainous country.

The main occupation of Austrians in the Tyrol is farming; their cows are sleek and brown, and the farmers carefully gather every bit of hay, even collecting the grass which grows among the trees. Most of the work is done by hand because of the uneven surface of the ground. Sheep and goats are also kept on the hillsides and the shepherds have beautiful dogs. The pine forests provide good timber which is used for building, fuel and furniture. In winter when deep snow keeps them indoors, both men and women do hand-work. The men make furniture and do wood-work and the women do beautiful embroidery. We were able to buy and bring home some examples of this work, as a reminder of a wonderful holiday.

JUDITH MOORE. UIV.



MANX HISTORY ESSAY — THE GREATEST OF THE MANX KINGS

GREAT men are well remembered, but few are so well renowned as Godred Crovan, who is commemorated in Manx legend under the name of King Gorree or Orry. His name is now immortal and his fame rests on the endurance of his work. Munch calls him "the founder of the Royal Dynasty of Man". This indeed he was, for it was on the foundations laid by him that later generations built. Together they created the free Manx nation.

Godred Crovan was born in Islay and though little information is obtainable about this remarkable man, the Chronicle states that he was "brought up

amongst the Manx", and was the "son of Harold the Black of Ysland". The name "Crovan" perhaps comes from an old Norse word "Kroppin" meaning "crooked". A huge granite boulder called "Godred Crovan's stone" existed until recently near St. Mark's.

It is probable that Godred belonged to a royal line. If his ancestors had not been kings, it would have been almost impossible, according to the tradition of those times, to assume his title. Munch says that "when he aspired to the crown with its appendages of the Isles, he vindicated only what he regarded as his hereditary right", and that it is almost a certainty that his ancestors were kings of Man, his grandfather being no other than Godred MacHarald, who was killed in 989. Godred Crovan soon by virtue of military prowess and force of character became the ruler of the whole of the Hebrides.

He is first noted as fighting at Stamford Bridge in 1066 on the side of the Norse invader Harold Godwinson. After the defeat he was one of the few who escaped and he came to Man and served the king in his homestead near Castletown. Then, perhaps, realising the weakness of the Island's defences and its richness as a prize, he went to Norway and gathered together an eager group of men.

Twice Godred attempted and failed to conquer Man. The third time he succeeded and the story of the battle is told in the Chronicles of Man and the Isles. "A third time he collected a numerous body of followers, came by night to the port called Ramsey and concealed 300 men in a wood on the sloping brow of a hill called Scafell (Sky Hill). At daylight the men of Man drew up in order of battle, and, with a mighty rush, encountered Godred. During the heat of the contest the 300 men, rising from the ambush in the rear, threw the Manxmen into disorder, and compelled them to fly." The natives realised they were overpowered with no means of escape, for the water was high in the river Sulby, and begged for, and were granted, Godred's mercy.

The next day Godred gave his soldiers the choice of dividing the land amongst them or returning home with plunder. Like true Vikings they chose the latter. He granted to the few islanders (i.e., the men from the two Sudreys) "who had remained with him the southern portion of the island, and to the surviving Manxmen the northern portion". The southern was, at that time, clearly the most fertile part of Man, a large portion of the northern part being occupied by the then undrained Curragh. This agreement was on condition that none of the Manxmen should even presume to claim any of the land by hereditary right.

Thus the Island fell in his hands and he became its king. It is probable that he met no further opposition for after 200 years of Norse settlement, the manhood was mainly of Norse blood. He found two races living side by side with interests in common, differentiated by their racial peculiarities of customs, language, thought and institutions. He abolished this and established Norse supremacy and the long-established Norse Assembly, the Tynwald or Thingwald, became the National Assembly. Up to this very day its procedure and ceremonial have remained with little change, and its meeting is still necessary for making laws effective. Tynwald consisted of the King, two learned Lawmen (later termed Deemsters) and the 24 Keys, the "worthiest men" who assisted the assembly in making decisions and the Freemen or Folk whose agreement was needed to establish the law. The functions of these parties have since changed radically, but the original principle, that the King, Deemsters, Keys and Folk must meet annually is still the basis of the Manx Constitution.

Godred Crovan's great work was constitutional, but his immediate problem must have been defence. He secured the Island's safety and launched further conquests in Ireland succeeding in "subduing Dublin and a great part of Leinster, and held the Scots in such subjection that no one who built a vessel dared to insert more than three bolts".

He introduced a system similar to the Norman Feudal System whereby the right of the Clan to own land was abolished and following the example of

Harold Haarfager he claimed that all land was the property of the king. Land could be held only by men able to bear arms, and to such men, Celts and Norse, he made grants. Grants of larger holdings were also made to military judicial officials of the people who lived on part of the estate, letting the rest to tenants in return for military service or manual labour. Godred gave the Norse preference as landholders and settled them chiefly in the fertile South, the Celts settling in the North. This intensified the division between North and South, each of which was now divided into three "ship-districts" or Sheadings. Each Sheading had to possess four fully equipped 26-seater warships with Sheading "freemen" to man them. The officials were responsible for seeing that this law was carried out.

The roving Norse were men of violence but with an intense respect for law rather than justice. Settlement changed their character. They prospered as law-abiding farmers, merchants and craftsmen. They became Christian. The early Church aided the law as the clergy had knowledge of justice and taught that wrongs were also sins. Offenders, as well as paying, had to repent and promise to live a better life.

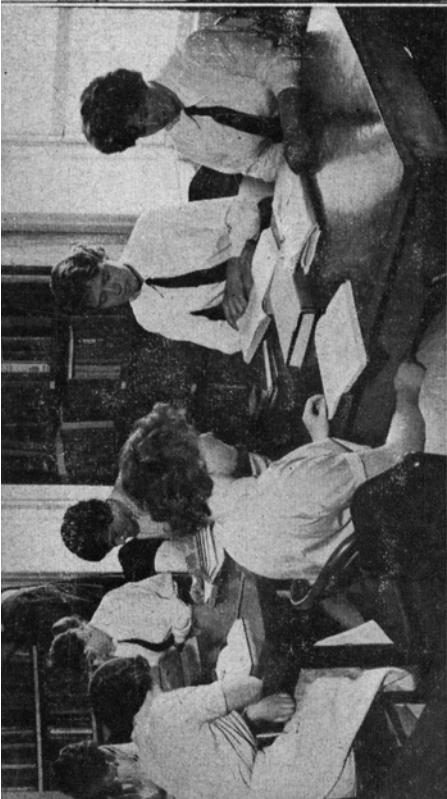
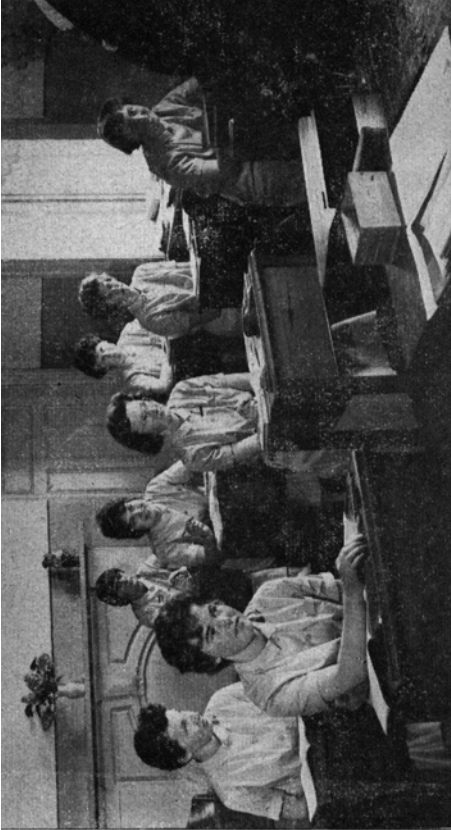
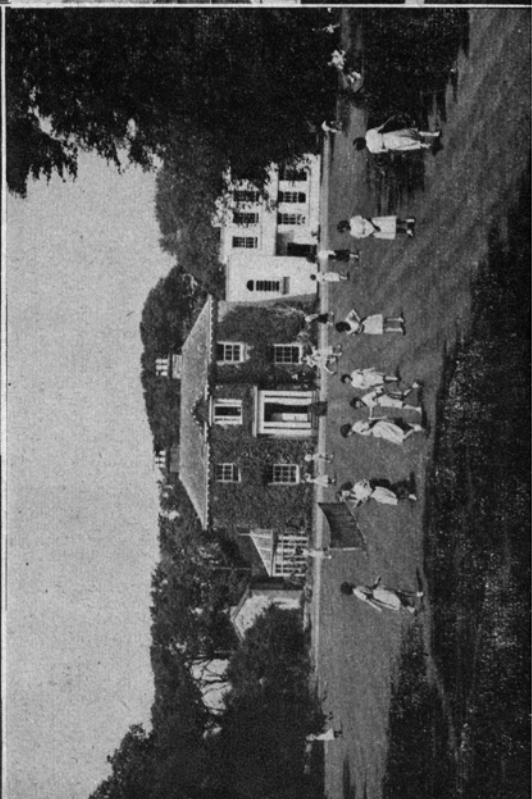
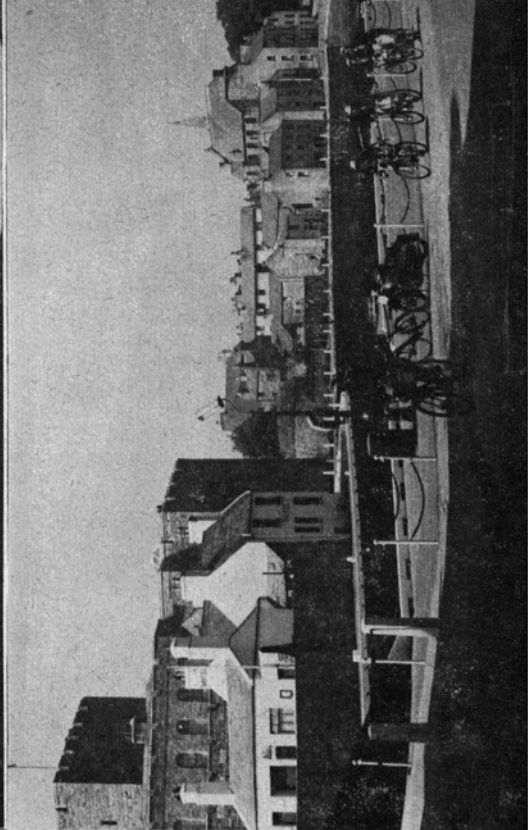
The Sheadings, because they each supplied a 26-seater ship, were divided into 26 Treens which each supplied an oar for the ship's crew. The treens varied in size and contained four farms or Quarterlands. Each treen had to pay an annual tax and the Quarterlands contributed to this in accordance with their size.

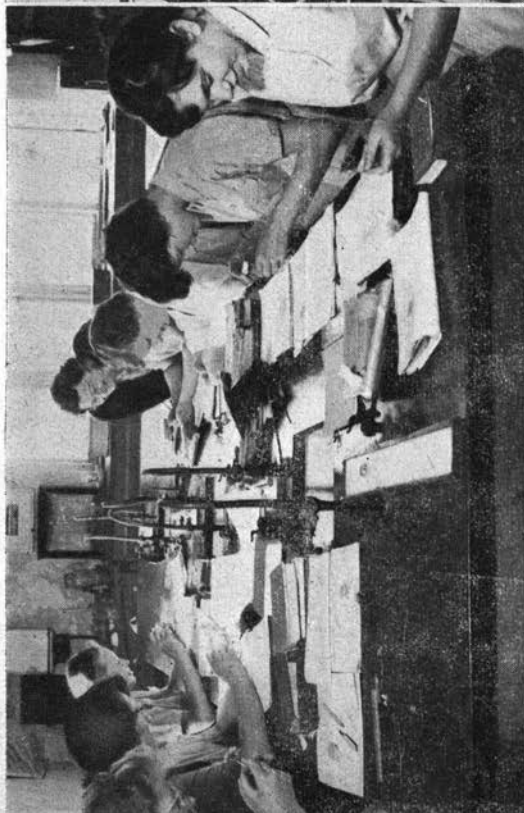
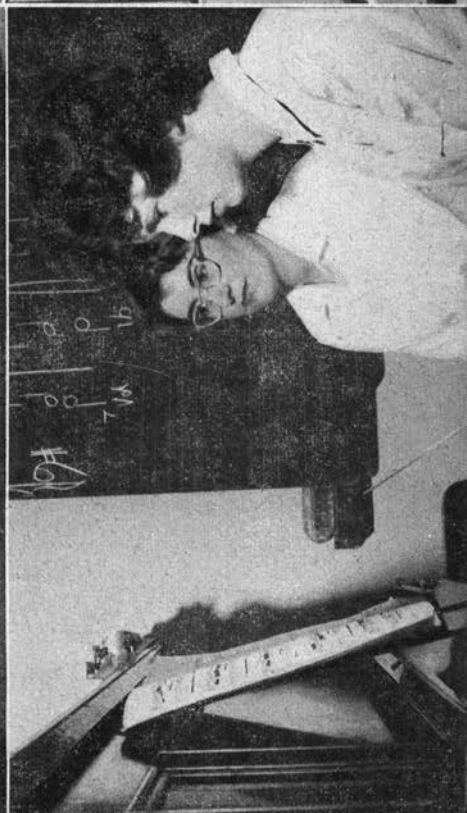
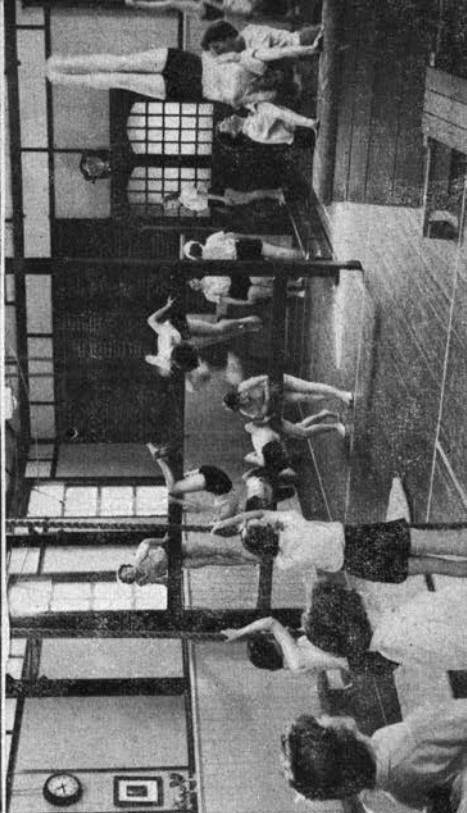
A ruler of such wide dominions as Godred possessed can hardly be supposed to have spent much of his time in Man. He appears to have lived mainly in Duolin. He is not heard to have acknowledged the suzerainty of Norway, which for a long time had been of the most uncertain kind. A change in this respect occurred towards the end of Godred's reign in 1093 when the ambitious Magnus Bareloot (he was called this because of his having adopted the kilt) ascended the Norwegian throne. Before a year was ended Magnus had equipped a large fleet and sailed to the Shetlands. He soon captured Lagman, Godred's son, who was acting as deputy in the Shetlands. In the following year he helped Murchadh, King of Leinster, in expelling Godred from Dublin, then he took Mull and Islay. Munch conjectures that Magnus set Lagman free on condition that he and Godred did homage to him as their liege lord, but there is no record of this. All we know is that Godred died in 1095 in the Island of Islay, leaving three sons, Lagman, Harold and Oave.

During the sixteen years of Godred Crovan's reign we can be fairly certain that his was the honour and glory of firmly knitting together the Isles as one compact whole with Norway, the mother country, with the title of the Kingdom of Man and the Isles. Though cold, grim and wrathful, Godred's Norse instincts made him just. He neither wasted nor overran Man; its people were not massacred, enslaved nor wholly driven from their lands. He established discipline and national unity and it is certain that he strengthened the Christian Church in the Island. From that time for nearly two hundred years the Isle of Man was ruled almost without interruption by his descendants.

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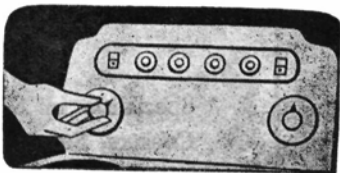
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