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EDITORIAL

THIS year our readers will notice that a number of ladies have become patrons of the school. They have been our friends and benefactors for many years and, in addition, Lady Dundas and Mrs. H. B. Magrath were formerly governors of the school. They have all expressed a desire to remain in close association with the school.

The school suffered a great loss, as did the youth of the whole Island, by the death in November, 1961, of the Rev. J. H. B. Sewell, who for so many years devoted his time and energy to our interests. We lost another valued friend this year in Mrs. H. H. V. Rose, who by her loyal support of our activities endeared herself to us all.

We learned with regret of the resignation from the Board of Governors of Mrs. C. M. Ellis to whom we owe our gratitude for the zeal and energy she brought to the Executive Committee on which she served.

We welcome Mrs. M. Brownsdon, an old girl of the school, and Miss R. Shaw, formerly Bursar of Harrogate Ladies' College, as new members of the Board of Governors.

The school has received a number of gifts again this year from the Parent-Teacher Association and also from Lady Qualtrough and Mrs. Aylwin Cotton. We offer our sincere thanks to them and also to all friends of the school, including the Old Girls' Association, who contributed to the prizes. Our special thanks are offered to Sqdn./Ldr. Thacker (R.A.F., Retd.), who gave a magnificent silver rose bowl as a diving trophy.

It was a very happy beginning to the Autumn term when a number of girls attended the marriage service at St. Ninian's Church, Douglas, on September 30th when our Senior French Mistress married Mr. J. F. Corrin. The senior choir sang "Where'er you walk." by Handel, and "God be in my head".

In July, 1961, Dr. B. Colman, who had assisted in the English department for a number of years, left and was succeeded by Mr. B. J. Pendlebury, M.A., late of Douglas High School for Boys. Mr. H. J. Carr, B.A., also joined the staff as part-time teacher of Greek, Latin and German. In May, 1962, the German department had the assistance of Miss Erica Wutzke, of Frankfurt University, as tutor. In July, 1962, Mrs. A. S. Clague relinquished her post as Domestic Bursar on her marriage.

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Head Boarder : Fiona Gore.

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Jennifer Quirk, Barbara Jones, Janet Wright.

House Prefects : Carole Marsden, Jennifer Gibb, Patricia Thacker, Shirin
Al-Ansari, Margaret Callister.

Sub-Prefects : Judith Moore, Judith Sewell, Andrea Nicholl, Anna Creer

School Games Captain : Michele Standen.

House Captains : Olaf Susan Gilmour.

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Mrs. Hawton, Misses Black, Halsall, Kinvig, Kennaugh
and Renton.

A coffee morning was held during November in the School Hall ; this was a great success.

The Annual Dance was held at the Castle Mona Hotel on the 4th January, 1962, which was a most enjoyable affair.

It was decided to hold the Annual General Meeting in the evening at the Sefton Hotel on the 10th April ; the attendance was much better than usual.

On July 19th the usual tennis match was played against the School ; after which the Old Girls entertained the School to supper at the Witches Mill.

During the year we have continued to welcome new members and were pleased to hear from Mrs. Van Doorninck (nee Susanna Dunsterville ; 1921-1927) c/o Bank of Scotland, 1 Regent Street, London ; she would be glad to hear from old friends.

Will all Old Girls who have anything of interest to tell us, particularly those who marry and change their names ; or about any change of address, please contact The Secretary — Mrs. Burton, Main Road, Ballasalla.

1916 FLASHBACK .

The first School Magazine of the Castletown High School was published during the Easter Term, 1916, and sold for sixpence a copy. The editor apologised for the small size of the magazine and appealed to the Old Girls for financial assistance. " Few people realise the difficulties of obtaining anything except well-intended but unfulfilled promises." This sad and rather bitter comment was replaced in No. 2, issued in the Summer Term, 1916, by thanks for financial support and contributions. The editors of the first number were Joan Bayley and Eileen Wilmot ; the latter was replaced by M. Marshall, now our patron, Mrs. Aylwin Cotton. Increases in the cost of printing in 1916 prevented the issue of a third number as planned for that year. This difficulty is still with us ! New girls during Easter Term, 1916, included Mercy Margerison

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whose sister Mary passed the "Cambridge Senior with distinctions in 1916." They were the sisters of the now well-known scientist-broadcaster and O.K.W. Dr. Tom Margerison. It is interesting to read that the now traditional hockey match during the vacation between Buchan Vith Form eleven and a K.W.C. eleven was being played as long ago as 1916.

Topical items of the day were Zeppelin raids; during the alarms Miss Dawson led her flock into the cellars for refuge. A sincere hope was expressed that the smell of camphor which prevailed throughout the school would be effective in warding off measles!

The 1916 issues are particularly interesting to present members of the school as our patron, Mrs. Aylwin Cotton, is mentioned several times in them. She played Mrs. Forrester in a scene from Cranford; she wrote a story "How Adrian Helped" with the war effort—he gave away his toys and his family adopted a Belgian refugee. She contributed out of her pocket money to help to publish the Magazine. At the "Prize Giving", held on December 8th, she played a pianoforte duet with Edythe Connal (now Mrs. Crellin Anderson) and with J. M. Bayley (Mrs. O. Wrangham) edited the second issue of the School Magazine to which she contributed an article: "Love of One's Country".

The Head of School, 1915-16, was E. M. Sunter. Captain of Tennis: J. M. Bayley. Captain of Cricket: A. E. Connal. Prefects were: E. M. Sunter, A. M. Qualtrough, J. M. Bayley, N. K. Clague, K. D. Kearsley.

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THE Annual General Meeting was held on the 20th October, 1961, with a representative gathering present under the Chairmanship of Mrs. E. M. Preston. She gave a detailed report of the previous year's activities and thanked everyone for their friendly co-operation. Membership of the Association had increased by ten and the balance sheet showed a satisfactory position after most of the money made on the Garden Party had been spent on further amenities for the school. These included twenty more chairs for the Assembly Hall, more crockery for Bowling Green Road, a donation of £20 towards stage improvements, a radio for the Junior School and some funds towards the purchase of music.

Two "Crazy Whist Drives" were held during the year as a get-together and while the first one was well supported and was a great success, the second one failed in its appeal to a large number of members. Nevertheless, an enjoyable evening was spent.

A most successful evening "Treasure Hunt" was held in May when 27 cars took part in another hunt for commonplace articles and those not so easily found, and also in a search for hidden numbers placed at ten locations in the west and south of the Island. Only one car succeeded in finding all the clues in the given time of two hours but many found little else but red herrings—and these were not all in Peel. An excellent supper was provided at the Witches Mill Cafe at the end of the hunt.

Once again the big event of the year was the Garden Party in Government House Grounds kindly placed at our disposal by Sir Ronald and Lady Garvey. After some headaches over the weather possibilities the afternoon turned out fine and everything went with a swing and the attendance was well in excess

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of the previous year. The result of some very hard work by the stalholders, teachers and pupils, and by all those willing helpers behind the scenes was a record profit of over £200. Mrs. Mudie and Miss Hammond again provided the gathering with some delightful dancing by their pupils from the school.

We should like to appeal for more parents to join us, especially parents of new pupils. It is not their five shillings annual subscription that is so important, it is their personal participation in our activities that we desire most. We are sure that they will feel well-rewarded by joining us.

A.C.J.

SPEECH DAY — 1st NOVEMBER, 1962

LADY SUGDEN, wife of General Sir Henry Sugden, K.B.E., C.B., D.S.O., was the guest of honour on Speech Day in November, graciously presenting the prizes and addressing the school. His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor and Lady Garvey attended, with Miss Grania Garvey.

Girls of the Middle School listened to the proceedings relayed to them in the Art Room adjoining the School Hall as increased numbers in the school and the large number of seats requested by parents and friends made the seating in the Hall insufficient. The overwhelming majority of our visitors and of the school prefer Speech Day to be held on the school premises despite crowding at tea.

Bouquets were presented to Lady Sugden and to Mrs. Watkin by Nicola Parker and Fiona Macpherson. Jennifer Beveridge presented a pink carnation corsage to Lady Garvey, and John Brookfield gave buttonholes to the Lieutenant Governor, Mr. Howard Simcocks, M.H.K., Mr. J. S. Kermode, and to Lieutenant Commander Vereker.

In the absence, through illness, of the Archdeacon, the chair was taken by Mr. Howard Simcocks, M.H.K., and in the absence of the Lord Bishop, Lt. Cdr. Vereker proposed a vote of thanks to Lady Sugden on behalf of the Governors of the school. Barbara Jones thanked Lady Sugden on behalf of the school for presenting the prizes and for obtaining an extra day's holiday.

PRINCIPAL'S ANNUAL REPORT

Your Excellency, Lady Garvey, Lady Sugden, Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen. On behalf of everyone here I should like to send our good wishes to the Archdeacon who, as you have heard, is unable to be with us today. Speech Day is the most important day in the school year. It should properly be held on the last day of the Summer Term. The date of examination results, however, prevents this, and the new school year is always in progress before the honours list can be completed. Many great and grave changes have taken place in world affairs since we met last year, and although the business of our world of school may seem "cribbed and confined", however grim the future may look or however large the sweep of space research, youth requires to be planned for and guided and cared for as much as ever. They remain our responsibility, however early they may appear to grow up.

During the past year, we have lost two loyal friends of the school, Mrs. Pollard and Mrs. Rose, who will live in the memories of those girls who knew them, for their grace and charm and their patient bearing of pain. They have set an example to us all. We all miss today, too, the kindly presence of the Rev. J. H. B. Sewell, a very great gentleman, who gave the school for so long, willing and faithful service as a Governor.

No school could be more fortunate in its friends; no school could fail to prosper with so much goodwill exerted on its behalf. During the year, we have been delighted to find how readily the invitation to become a patron or visitor of the school, has been accepted by our benefactor, Lady Collet, to whom we send our sincere wishes for a speedy restoration to health; by Lady Dundas.

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who served the school as a member of the Board of Governors during her residence on the Island ; by Lady Qualtrough, a loyal and generous life-member of the Old Girls' Association ; by Mrs. Aylwin Cotton, whom many of you met last year and whose generous gift has enabled us to equip the stage and fit it with adequate lighting ; and by Mrs. H. B. Magrath, on her recent retirement after 28 years most devoted service as a Governor, and by Lady Sugden, who has so very kindly come to give our prizes today.

We have been very fortunate, also, in that Mrs. Margaret Brownsdon and Miss Ruth Shaw have accepted invitations to join the Board of Governors this year. Their experience and advice will be of the greatest value.

This has been a year of progress, numbers of boarders have risen to 70 this year, day girls and boys to 108 and Junior School has increased by 25% this term. 50% of the boarders are from the mainland and overseas and 37% of all school are children of new residents, potential new-residents, from the mainland or overseas. We have pupils from England, Ireland, Holland, Canada, East and West Africa, Malaya, India, South Africa, Zanzibar, New Zealand, Venezuela and the United States of America. They fly to all parts of the world for their vacations and the Buchan School is a good customer of B.O.A.C. and B.E.A. ! The size of the school overall has risen by 34% since 1961. I am sure both our new members will agree that the theme of every meeting of the Board of Governors is " what can be done for the benefit of the school ? " And the Governors have spared no effort, with the result that the girls returning to the school find it transformed. The grounds at Westhill are being restored to order and productivity ; for the first time in twenty-three years, we have hockey pitches and netball courts at Westhill ; a junior school block of four classrooms and cloakroom is nearing completion ; we now have three dining rooms on the ground level at Bowling Green Road, where new fluorescent lighting and freshly painted classrooms have given the old building a new look. It would surprise many to know that since it has had its new look, visitors say frequently that it has personality, that it is friendly, that it is every bit as practical as a modern building, so I no longer need feel that I have to apologise for it, and have instead come to feel an affectionate pride in it ! But, of course, as the school continues to grow in size, more premises are required. We have now 5 houses for boarders, Westhill, Crofts, Elderbank, 35 Arbory Street, and Pargys. Clearly the time is ripe to look to expansion at Westhill. This will have to take place gradually over a period ; building costs have risen so much, that they are prohibitive for any direct grant or independent school without substantial help. An appeal is to be launched by the Governors to provide for new dormitories together with studies, common rooms, a sanatorium, and eventually, we hope, a school block also at Westhill. An Appeal Committee has been formed, of representatives of the Board of Governors, the Old Girls' and the Parent-Teacher Association. There have been several additions to staff this term. We welcomed this term as Housemistress at Elderbank, Miss Corrin ; Fraulein Brand and Mlle. Roulleau as resident language tutors ; and Mrs. Benthams as Kindergarten Assistant. Miss Corrin and Fraulein Brand have joined the school orchestra and Mrs. Benthams hopes shortly to re-form the school Guide Company, as there are now a sufficient number of Guides to warrant a separate Company. Mrs. A. Gilchrist, Domestic Bursar, left the school, on her marriage after many years devoted service. We welcome in her place Mrs. J. Thomson who has been appointed School Caterer. We also welcome Major J. P. Shimmin who has been appointed Secretary and Correspondent to the Governors, and Mrs. A. Woodward the School Secretary. Redistribution of staff now provides three teachers of science subjects and two of mathematics.

The many gifts to the school we acknowledge with gratitude ; from the Upper VI two handsome electric clocks, one of these for the lab. and one for the library, while a very handsome Rose-bowl has been presented for swimming by Squadron Leader Thacker ; a piano was given by Mrs. Cowell and Mrs. Robson ; a second set of blue chairs and the china we are using today, together with many other useful and valuable gifts have been presented to the school with the proceeds of the very successful P.T.A. Fair held again this year by kind permission of His Excellency in the grounds of Government House in

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June. Mrs. Sewell has given a microscope to the Junior School together with slides and natural history books and some splendid bird photographs taken by Mr. Sewell. We offer sincere thanks to all these kind friends and to all donors of prizes.

The programme you have today indicates the wide field of interest of girls of this school; the examination results fully justify the special arrangements whereby, through the kind co-operation of Mr. Rees Jones, Principal of King William's College, our Advanced Level Science candidates may study there and again those by which, through the good offices of the Education Authority, the Director, Mr. H. C. Wilkinson, and of Miss Bartram, our "O" level Domestic Science candidates are taught at the Isle of Man College of Domestic Science.

The examination results in 1962 were very satisfactory both at Advanced and Ordinary level. All girls who applied for University places were accepted, with one exception, and she is applying for a direct commission with the Women's Royal Air Force. As you will see from the programme their courses are various, showing that Arts and Sciences are equally popular for Advanced study. Every girl in the Upper Vth is entered for G.C.E. at Ordinary level, there is no streaming. I believe it is within the powers of every one of our girls to pass at Ordinary level in some subjects and it is hoped that no girl will leave this school without a pass at least in English at Ordinary level.

Several girls who left school in July have joined the new Secretarial Course of the College of Further Education in Douglas. This new course provided by the Education Authority promises to be of great value to the Island girls, for it gives them the chance of first rate, up to date training while living at home. As we have no Commercial Course for our Sixth Form, this new course fills the need of our girls who wish to take up a secretarial training.

The year's work in Music has been one of high achievement, in the instrumental work and in theory; the choirs won high praise winning the Wakefield Medallion for Ladies Choirs and the Thomas Watterson Memorial Cup for Junior Choirs in the Manx Music Festival. The school production of "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs" at Christmas was a great success. In the Manx Drama Festival, group and individual entries did very well. School entries were placed first in the Junior and Intermediate classes, winning the Griffiths Cup and the Manx Drama Federation Trophy respectively. The monologues presented were of high standard, comparable with any the judge had seen elsewhere. Jane Lightbody won the first prize in the Public Speaking class under 18 and Suzanne Lawson the elocution 12 to 17 years, and the Bible Reading under 18. The Dramatic Society looks forward with interest to supporting the recently opened Little Theatre in Douglas.

The newly formed swimming club also, looks forward to sending a relay team as well as individual competitors to take part in the first swimming sports which are to be held tonight by the Isle of Man Swimming Clubs Association at Noble's Baths. We all deeply appreciate the use of Ballakermeen bath once a week for practice and for pleasure.

The boarders' Pet Club flourishes, with the animals newly housed for the winter. There are now 12 mice, 10 rabbits, and 2 guinea pigs, all in good hutches and all training their owners in animal husbandry. Children from overseas particularly value the opportunity of keeping pets at school. During the Christmas holidays 20 girls went with Miss Shannon and Mrs. Barratt and Mrs. Van Dook to Norway and began to learn to ski. Several became quite proficient even in the short time they were there. New Year's Eve at sea was a memorable experience for them. Next summer a party will visit Italy — Florence, Rimini, Pisa and Siena.

Several characteristics mark a school which is doing its job well. Examination results should be good, and the children should be interested and constantly busy; it follows that they will be happy. One of the highest compliments paid to me about girls of this school was that "one could always tell a Buchan School girl by her purposeful walk". I refuse to believe that this has anything

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to do with our new early start in the mornings. I think it is significant that, despite all the difficulties under which we work — with our two teaching blocks and five residences — during the present term former pupils have returned to us, and that the school is becoming well known in East and West Africa and also in Canada. I hope that Buchan scholars will continue to look back, as all our old girls do, with pride and affection for this 87 year old school, and to the happy days they spent in it. The world that faces our young people is full of fear and doubts. We must give them, in the family and in the school, which is only a bigger family, the refuge and anchorage they all seek; a source of strength and courage, to which they can always turn for advice and comfort. The faith and hope, the tolerance and charity in which they are brought up will enable them all to contribute to the peace of the world.

PROGRAMME

National Anthem.

Spring and Summer (E. Markham Lee) — Senior Choir.

The Chairman of the Board of Governors — The Archdeacon of Man,
The Ven. E. H. Stenning, M.B.E., M.A., T.D.

Report of the Head Mistress.

Chairman introduces Lady Sugden.

Address by Lady Sugden.

Distribution of Prizes and Certificates.

The Lord Bishop of Sodor and Man,

The Right Rev.. Benjamin Pollard, T.D., D.D., M.Sc.

Head Girl.

School Song.

Now thank we all our God.

HONOURS LIST

On the results of the Oxford and Cambridge G.C.E. at Advanced and Scholarship Levels, the following girls have proceeded to University:

Pamela Davies to University of London to read for a degree in Pharmacy.

Susan Gilmour to 2nd year Hons. Pharmacology, University of Liverpool, having gained exemption for 1st year study because of very good Advanced Level results.

Fiona Gore to Queen Elizabeth College, University of London, Nutrition and Institutional Management.

Pauline Kennaugh to University of London, Bedford College, to read for an Honours degree in Psychology.

Elaine Radcliffe to University of Aberdeen to read German and Spanish for degree of M.A. (Scotland).

Michele Standen to University of Edinburgh to read for an Honours degree in Physics.

Tanja Way to University of Leicester to read for an Honours degree in History.

Oxford and Cambridge G.C.E. Scholarship Level:

S. Gilmour	Zoology.
P. Kennaugh	French, German.
J. Wright	Latin.

Oxford and Cambridge G.C.E. Advanced Level:

P. Davies	Physics.
S. Gilmour	Physics (Good), Zoology (Good), Chemistry (Good).
F. Gore	Divinity (Distinction), English.
P. Kennaugh	French (Good), German.
E. Kinrade	French.
S. Phillips	German.
E. Radcliffe	German (Good).
M. Standen	Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry.
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C. Carter	Domestic Science.
D. Firth	Domestic Science.
F. Gore	French.
B. Jones	German.
G. Keig	English Language.
N. Kharusi	Botany.
E. Kinrade	Latin, German.
J. Moore	Mathematics.
J. Quirk	Music, Art, Domestic Science.
J. Sewell	Domestic Science.
A. Solarin	Mathematics.
J. Wright	English Literature, French.
B. Bishop	English Language, English Literature, Geography, French, German, Biology.
S. Davidson	English Language.
S. Ellis	History, Biology.
J. Fargher	Scripture, English Language, Music.
C. Finan	Scripture.
S. Galloway	English Language, English Literature, Latin, Mathematics, Chemistry, Biology.
E. Gawne	English Language, Art.
J. Gibb	Scripture, English Language, English Literature, History, Biology.
M. Kegg	English Language, History, French, Music, English Literature.
K. Kewley	Scripture, Domestic Science.
V. Lamont	Scripture, English language, English Literature.
S. Lawson	Scripture, English Language, English Literature, History, French.
M. Preston	English Language, English Literature, History, Geo- graphy, Latin, French, German, Mathematics.
P. Thacker	Scripture.

Form Prizes :

Upper VI	S. Gilmour.
Upper V	M. Preston.
Lower V	J. Callow.
Upper IV	P. Caithness.
Lower IV	F. Caithness.
Upper III	N. Wilkinson.
III Transition	B. Parkinson.
III Remove	S. Swainson.
Lower III	S. Holt.
Progress	A. Elliott, S. Clague, A. Simcocks.
Kindergarten	D. Ennett, J. Brookfield.

Subject Prizes :

English	M. Kegg	F. Caithness
History	A. Creer	N. Wilkinson
Scripture	J. Gibb	J. Montgomery
French	P. Kennaugh	S. Evans
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G. Brown (with Merit), C. Carter, S. Kinvig.
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C. Nicholls.

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Grade VI

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F. Caithness (with Merit).
P. Kennaugh (with Distinction).

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S. Al-Ansari (with Merit).

Theory :

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Grade IV
Grade VI

M. Casement.
P. Caithness.
S. Kinvig.

Trinity Term

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Grade VIII

M. Faragher.
S. Al-Ansari (with Merit).

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Grade IV

S. Al-Ansari.

Theory :

Grade IV
Grade VI

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P. Brownsdon.

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Grade IV

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J. Lightbody (with Merit), J. Moore, H. Singleton (with Merit), E. Watkin.

Grade III

P. Caithness, H. Christian, J. Garvey (with Honours).
G. Moore, J. Stevenson, C. Taggart.

Grade II

J. Barratt (with Merit), P. Bishop, L. Buchan (with Merit), F. Caithness, A. Clague, P. Cooney, S. Cormode, S. Evans, J. Faragher (with Merit), M. Faragher, W. Leach (with Merit), J. Montgomery with Merit, C. Nicholls (with Merit), B. Parkinson (with Merit), M. Sillick.

Grade I

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I. Murray 1st place (12-14 Class).
D. Usher 1st place (10-12 Class).

Cello :

M. Callister 2nd place (Open).

Piano :

S. Al-Ansari 2nd place (Quick Study).
S. Al-Ansari 2nd place (Piano Accompaniment at Sight).
M. Callister and M. Kegg 3rd place (Piano Duet).

Elocution (12-17) :

1st S. Lawson. 3rd J. Garvey.

Bible Reading (under 18) :

1st S. Lawson. 2nd J. Lightbody.

Public Speaking (under 18) :

1st J. Lightbody.

Duologues (under 18) :

1st S. Lawson and J. Lightbody (The Importance of being Ernest).
2nd C. Marsden and E. Watkin (Pride and Prejudice).
3rd G. Brown and J. Garvey (Alice in Wonderland).

Royal Manx Agricultural Society's Annual Show

Painting (13-15 years) :

M. Faragher 1st Prize. J. Cubbin 2nd Prize.
L. Gelling Commended.

Painting (10-13 years) :

L. McCormick 1st Prize.

Handwriting (13-15 years) :

J. Macpherson 3rd Prize.

Handwriting (8-11 years) :

J. Blencowe 1st Prize.

Script Lettering (11-13 years) :

C. Blencowe 1st Prize.

Black and White (11-13 years) :

C. Blencowe 1st Prize.

Prizes Presented by Milk Marketing Board for an Essay on Milk

1st Prize M. Faragher. 2nd Prize, P. Cooney S. O'Meara, P. Bishop.
HEAD GIRL, 1961-62 (Presented by the Old Girls' Association—P. Kennaugh.
CURPHEY PRIZE for an Essay on Manx History—S. Ellis.
M. J. C. WATKIN CUP for outstanding performance in the Shakespeare Competition—

G. Brown. Runner up : E. Watkin.

Best Junior : J. Garvey. Runner-up : D. Usher.

HUMPHREYS PRIZE for Geography—M. Preston.

SPECIAL MUSIC PRIZE (Presented by Mrs. Rees-Jones)—S. Al-Ansari.

NEWTON CUP (Presented for all-round service to the School)—B. Jones.

LADY DUNDAS CUP for Public Speaking—S. Lawson.

VICTRIX LUDORUM—E. Kinley. Runner-up : I. Corrin.

JUNIOR VICTRIX LUDORUM : Tie : F. Caithness and J. Sofio.

SWIMMING CUP—Senior : L. Garvey. Junior : F. Caithness.

THACKER CUP for Diving—S. Lohead.

FIRTH CUP for Tennis—J. Fargher.

KEWLEY CUP for Junior Gymnastics—A. Jackson.

MORRISON CUP (House Swimming)—Lagman.

BAKER CUP (House Athletics)—Lagman.

HOUSE CUP—Godred.

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Upper VI.

- Pauline Kennaugh (1950-62) to Bedford College, University of London,
Honours Degree in Psychology.
Pamela Davies (1948-61) to Chelsea College of Technology,
Degree in Pharmacy.
Elaine Radcliffe (1954-61) to University of Aberdeen,
Honours Degree Course in German with Spanish.
Tanja Wray (1954-61) to University of Leicester.
Honours Degree in History.

Middle VI.

- Michele Standen (1955-62) to University of Edinburgh,
Honours Degree in Physics.
Susan Gilmour (1959-62) to University of Liverpool,
Honours Degree in Pharmacology—exempted from 1st year study.
Fiona Gore (1952-62) to Queen Elizabeth College, University of London,
Nutrition and Institutional Management.
Jennifer Quirk (1956-62) to Isle of Man College of Further Education,
Secretarial Course. Going to Edge Hill Training College in 1963.
Diana Firth (1959-62) to Eastbourne Secretarial College.

Lower VI.

- Gillian Keig (1956-62) to Isle of Man College of Further Education,
Secretarial Course.
Judith Sewell (1950-62).
Adenike Solarin (1961-62) to Liverpool Technical College,
Commercial Course.
Veronica Gwyn-Jones (1957-62) Trainee Buyer at Bourne and Hollingsworth
in London.
Simone Charles (1961-62) Trainee Buyer Kendall Milne, Manchester.
Christine Lohead (1958-62) to Secretarial College, Manchester.
Susan Davidson (1956-62) to Isle of Man College of Further Education,
Secretarial Course.
Jean Fargher (1957-62) to Isle of Man College of Further Education,
Secretarial Course.
Carol Finan (1958-62) to continue education in Canada.
Sarah Galloway (1961-62) to Isle of Man College of Further Education
then to train as Radiographer.
Elizabeth Gawne (1956-62) to Isle of Man College of Further Education,
Secretarial Course.
Valerie Lamont (1957-62) to London post as Assistant Librarian.

VALETE

Autumn Term, 1961.—Paula Brennan.

Spring Term, 1962.—Simone Charles, Christine Lohead, Maureen Starling,
David Forrester, Jillian Moore.

Summer Term, 1962.—Diana Firth, Susan Gilmour, Fiona Gore, Pauline
Kennaugh, Jennifer Quirk, Michele Standen, Janet Wright, Christine
Cubbon, Sheila Griffin, Veronica Gwyn-Jones; Gillian Keig, June
Nield, Judith Sewell, Jennifer Siddell, Susan Davidson, Jean Fargher,
Carole Finan, Sarah Galloway, Elizabeth Gawne, Valerie Lamont,
Marilyn Barton, Susan Lohead, Joyce Barrett.

SALVETE

September Term, 1961.—Shirley Kermode, Patricia Peacock, Fiona Macpherson,
Adenike Solarin, Jean Fargher, Caroline Simcocks, Jacqueline Barnes,
Pamela Allen, Nadine Wilkinson, Fay Eagles, Martha Blakey, Amber
Kaighin, Gillian Turner, Stephanie Gilbert, Maureen Starling, Sarah
Creer, Nicholas Vereker, Simone Charles, Sarah Galloway, Louise
MacCormick, Kathleen Crebbin, Brian Cuthbert, Diana Tate, Ann
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Spring Term, 1962.—Susan Duke, John Faragher, Susan Heywood, Nawal Kharusi, Margaret Moore, Adrian Sayle, Joan Souter, Ian Souter.

Summer Term, 1962.—Eleanor Stirling, Kay Attwood, Alexandra Jackson, Nicola Parker, Catherine Parker, Christopher Swainson, Susanna Swainson, Jennifer Beveridge, Catherine Blencowe, Joan Blencowe, Susan Vernon, Richard Bottomley, Elizabeth Gibson.

SPORTS DAY, 1962

THE Annual Sports Day was held on Wednesday, July 4th, 1962, in the school field. Miss Ruth Shaw attended and presented the awards.

RESULTS

Prep.—60 yards (under 10 yrs. 10 mths.): 1st, J. Faragher; 2nd, F. Macpherson; 3rd, N. Parker

Juniors—80 yards (under 13 yrs. 4 mths.): 1st, A. Jackson; 2nd, E. Rees-Jones; 3rd, A. Elliot.

Juniors—100 yards: 1st, J. Sofio; 2nd F. Caithness; 3rd, K. Crebbin.

Middle—100 yards (under 15 yrs. 4 mths.): 1st, E. Kinley; 2nd, J. Garvey; 3rd, J. Macpherson.

Senior—100 yards: 1st, J. Lightbody; 2nd, P. Thacker; 3rd, B. Jones.

House Teams—Arch and Tunnel: 1st, Godred; 2nd, Lagman; 3rd, Olaf.

Prep.—Three-legged Race: 1st, S. Duke and M. C. Peach; 2nd S. Clague and M. Blakey; 3rd, A. Simcocks and S. Holt.

Prep.—Sack Race: 1st, J. Faragher; 2nd, J. Brookfield; 3rd, N. Vereker.

Junior.—Skipping: 1st, J. Sofio; 2nd, L. Buchan; 3rd, P. Allen.

Senior—Hockey Ball Throw: 1st, N. Kharusi; 2nd, I. Corrin; 3rd, S. Creer.

Middle—Hockey Ball Throw: 1st, D. Cottier; 2nd, J. Stevenson; 3rd, J. Cubbon.

Junior—Rounders Ball Throw: 1st, F. Caithness; 2nd, P. Bishop; 3rd, A. Golding.

Open—Three-legged Race: 1st, E. Kinley and I. Corrin; 2nd, J. Sofio and W. Leach; 3rd, M. Sillick and M. Casement.

Junior—Sack Race: 1st, J. Blencowe; 2nd, B. Parkinson; 3rd, A. Chambers.

Prep.—Egg-and-Spoon Race: 1st, S. Swainson; 2nd, S. Holt; 3rd, C. Blencowe.

Open—Egg-and-Spoon Race: 1st, I. Corrin; 2nd, M. Faragher; 3rd, P. Brownsdon.

House Teams—Wheel-Relay: 1st, Lagman; 2nd, Magnus; 3rd, Olaf.

Junior—Long Jump: 1st, P. Bishop; 2nd, J. Sofio; 3rd, L. Buchan.

Middle—Long Jump: 1st, E. Kinley; 2nd, D. Cottier; 3rd, J. Bordell;

Senior—Long Jump: 1st, C. Cubbon; 2nd, M. Standen; 3rd, B. Jonese.

Junior—Hop, Step and Jump: 1st, N. Wilkinson; 2nd, D. Usher; 3rd, G. Turner.

Middle—Hop, Step and Jump: 1st, E. Kinley; 2nd, J. Bordell; 3rd, J. Stevenson.

Senior—Hop, Step and Jump: 1st, M. Standen; 2nd (tie), B. Jones and I. Corrin.

Open—Obstacle Race: 1st, P. Bishop; 2nd, J. Sofio; 3rd, J. Singleton

Junior—House Relay: 1st, Lagman; 2nd, Magnus; 3rd, Olaf.

Senior—House Relay: 1st, Godred; 2nd Lagman; 3rd, Magnus.

Senior—High Jump: 1st, I. Corrin; 2nd, B. Jones.

Middle—High Jump: 1st, E. Kinley; 2nd, C. Taggart; 3rd, M. Casement.

Junior—High Jump: 1st, F. Caithness; 2nd, J. Barnes; 3rd, N. Wilkinson.

CUPS:

Junior Victrix Ludorum—F. Caithness and J. Sofio (tie).

Senior Victrix Ludorum—E. Kinley. Runner-up: I. Corrin.

100 yards Cup—E. Kinley.

High Jump Cup—E. Kinley. Runner-up: I. Corrin.

House Cup—Lagman.

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SWIMMING SPORTS, 1962

THE School Swimming Sports were held at King William's College Baths, by permission of the Principal, on Friday, July 27th. Mrs. Brownsdon presented the awards.

Open School Championship : 1st, F. Caithness ; 2nd, L. Garvey ; 3rd, C. Taggart.
Senior Free Style : 1st P. Kennaugh ; 2nd, J. Garvey ; 3rd, S. Galloway.
Junior Back Stroke : 1st, F. Caithness ; 2nd, A. Jackson ; 3rd, J. Sofio.
Breast Stroke Style : 1st, S. Creer ; 2nd, L. Garvey ; 3rd, M. Standen.
Long Plunge : 1st, P. Brownsdon ; 2nd, F. Caithness ; 3rd, M. Standen.
Senior Breast Stroke : 1st, S. Creer ; 2nd, S. Galloway ; 3rd, C. Taggart.
Junior Free Style : 1st, A. Jackson ; 2nd, J. Sofio ; 3rd, V. Santhouse.
Back Crawl Style : 1st, S. Hutchinson ; 2nd, F. Caithness ; 3rd, E. Gibson.
Junior Dive : 1st, V. Santhouse ; 2nd, A. Jackson ; 3rd, J. Sofio, E. Gibson.
House Medley Relay : 1st, Lagman ; 2nd, Olaf ; 3rd, Magnus.
Front Crawl Style : 1st, L. Garvey ; 2nd, F. Caithness ; 3rd, S. Heywood
Senior Back Stroke : 1st, S. Lothead ; 2nd, S. Galloway ; 3rd, C. Taggart.
Junior Breast Stroke : 1st, F. Caithness ; 2nd, V. Santhouse ; 3rd, J. Sofio.
Senior Dive : 1st, S. Lothead ; 2nd, S. Creer ; 3rd, C. Taggart
House Relay : 1st, Olaf ; 2nd, Godred ; 3rd, Lagman.

CUPS :

House Championship—Lagman.
Thacker Cup for Diving—S. Lothead.
Senior Championship—L. Garvey.
Junior Championship—F. Caithness.

SCHOOL TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIP

THE School Tennis Championship was held in July, 1962. The singles championship was won by Jean Fargher with Pauline Kennaugh as the narrowly beaten runner-up. The doubles were won by Diana Firth and Janet Wright, with Christine Cubbon and Pauline Kennaugh the narrowly-beaten runners-up.

HOUSE QUIZ

AT the end of the Christmas Term, 1961, for the first time a House Quiz was held. Mr. Humphreys composed the questions which were based on those of the Radio programme "Top of the Form" ; he also acted as quiz master.

Olaf proved their superior I.Q. by winning, with Magnus, Lagman, Godred close behind.

SHAKESPEARE COMPETITION, 1962

THIS year the Shakespeare Competition was held in Trinity Term and was adjudicated by Mrs. Brookfield and Mr. Carr. It was encouraging to see such an enthusiastic entry from the junior forms. Many of them showed great promise and their technique should improve with practice.

Lower V were given first place with their presentation of the "Murder of Clarence" from Richard III"; this was a tense and gripping performance. Gillian Brown, who played Clarence, won the individual acting award.

We must congratulate Lower VI on coming second with a scene from "Much Ado About Nothing". This was an ambitious and original choice involving nearly all the form.

Third place was given to Upper V with the banquet scene from "Macbeth". Upper V was a little handicapped as G.C.E. intervened. In spite of this, powerful performances were given not only by the two main characters but by Susan Ellis who played the murderer.

Upper IV, who came fourth, also chose an unusual scene from "Henry IVth Part I". They gave a very spirited performance and Julia Garvey as Falstaff was highly praised by the judges.



A CAREER IN THE W.R.A.C.

CAPTAIN JULIE MELVILLE, W.R.A.C.

I suppose that I decided on a career in the Army in the first place because I wanted to travel. My parents had always travelled a lot and by the time I was ten I had visited most parts of Africa and quite a bit of Asia, so that I developed "itchy feet" from a very early age.

When I joined the WRAC in 1949, it had just become a fully fledged part of the Regular Army, and we were to be the first officer cadets of the newest Corps of the Army. It was all very exciting and we felt we were "making history".

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I found our officer cadet course hard work but fascinating. Besides learning about the Army we continued our academic studies, visited various places of interest like the Houses of Parliament and the Old Bailey and learned how to drive a car.

Commissioning and First Command

After eleven extremely busy months at the Officer Cadet Wing, I was commissioned and sent to command my first platoon of thirty staff car drivers in a Mixed Trans-

port Unit at Hounslow in Middlesex. I was entirely responsible for running the platoon—looking after their pay, accommodation, food, working conditions, general welfare and advising and helping them with their personal problems. I also had to test their driving ability, map reading, and knowledge of London.

There was a very happy spirit in the unit and a lot of friendly rivalry between ourselves and the male platoons as to whose vehicles were the cleanest and best maintained when the monthly workshops inspections came round. We saw to it that the girls nearly always won.

First Posting Abroad

My next posting was to a similar job with a transport unit stationed at the Headquarters of the British Army in Germany. Besides the British men and women working in this Company, we had two platoons of Poles and two platoons of Germans. There were lots of leave centres where I spent many a happy weekend either skiing in the winter or sailing in the summer. I managed to save enough money to buy an old car and visited France, Spain, Italy, Holland and Denmark during my two year tour.

After a period with the Army Team of Lecturers, I was sent to our Staff College for six months where we were taught about "paper work" rather than about "people". Much to my surprise I passed the course and was graded as a junior Staff Officer able to replace a man in a Staff Headquarters.

In Command in Hong Kong

Then came my most exciting posting so far. I was sent to command the only WRAC unit in Hong Kong. This was a "plum" job, as I was completely my own boss, the nearest other WRAC unit being some thousand miles away in Singapore. My platoon consisted of clerks, switchboard operators and postal workers. As we were the only servicewomen in the Colony, we were very spoiled by all the male units. It was a lovely unit to command—it was so small it was rather like a family and I got to know my girls very well. I seized the opportunity to visit Japan, Macao, Singapore and Malaya during my holidays.

Back to England and off to Germany again

After Hong Kong I came home to our only Regular WRAC Battalion in England at Richmond Park, Surrey. I commanded a Company consisting solely of Postal Workers. This was a complete contrast to my Hong Kong job because the girls were shift workers and I had to cope with all the administrative difficulties that go with that type of work.

I am now back again in Germany working on the staff of the Joint Army and RAF Commanders-in-Chief. We not only work for them in their capacities as British Commanders, but also in their NATO roles as Commanders of Headquarters Northern Army Group and Second Allied Tactical Air Force. It is fascinating working with the RAF and also with the Netherlands, Belgian and German officers who are members of Northern Army Group and Second Allied Tactical Air Force. Once again I feel that I am watching history being made.

I often wonder where I shall go next. It is a life I enjoy although of course it has had its snags like everything else. I have been given responsibility young, I have had plenty of variety both in the people I have met and the places I have visited and I feel that I am doing a worthwhile job!

If you would like further information about the Women's Royal Army Corps, you can arrange with your Headmistress to visit a W.R.A.C. unit and see the Service at work, or just write for a W.R.A.C. booklet to Brigadier Jean Rivett-Drake, M.B.E., A.D.C., The War Office, Dept. MPIA (11M/W20), London, S.W.1.

TRAMP CLUB, 1961-1962

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BECAUSE of bad weather some tramps had to be cancelled, however two tramps were held. On October 17th, a short tramp started from Brandywell over Slieu Freoghane and Slieu Dhoo, finishing at Ravensdale Castle for tea; twenty-six people attended. On November 11th a tramp went from the Round Table over South Barrule, travelling north-west via the Glen Rushen mines, over Slieu Whallian and down into Peel; eighteen people attended. The Parish Relay Walk was held on May 19th and our team was second.

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Chairman : Michele Standen.

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SEVERAL meetings were held this year. Among the guest speakers were Lady Garvey who spoke on "Women's Status in Fiji"; Archdeacon Stenning spoke about the Parish of Malew, Mr. Radcliffe spoke about "Manx Place Names"; and five members of the Rotary Club spoke on "Careers". We also held a debate when the motion "Life is sacred, therefore Euthanasia should never be made legal" was disputed. The last meeting of the year took the form of a dinner at the Derbyhaven Hotel on July 13th. Mrs. Watkin and Miss Shannon also attended.

Altogether the year was very successful and we hope that the following year will be equally so.

THE PET CLUB

THIS, like many Great Organisations, had humble beginnings. At first there were only five members.

We started off in Westhill Garden with a small outhouse, on the walls of which shelves were fixed. A cucumber frame minus the glass made an ideal tortoise run until they decided to dig themselves out. Westhill garden began to look like a small zoo, and several people had the idea of charging a small fee to onlookers. If anyone was missing from Westhill it would be ninety-nine against surety that she had become immersed in the antics of the occupants of the Pet House.

Despite slight irritations, like the lack of money to buy food, the animals flourished, and in the true way of nature, multiplied.

When a couple of long-haired guinea pigs arrived, the whole mechanization of the pet house was stopped. Guinea pigs, being nervous creatures, had to have as little noise as possible. "Hush!" we would whisper, "or you will disturb them." It even got to the point when nobody was allowed to talk within twenty yards of the guinea pig cage. But they soon made friends with the rabbit population and showed that they did not mind a bit of noise. By the end of one term the population had trebled, with five rabbits and nine mice.

The rabbits did not seem to like captivity and one could see them meditating plans of escape. One jump and away they would go, and another rabbit hunt would begin, by the end of a week of such escapades we were nearly as fast as the rabbits. So many amusing things happened when we first handled the pets. One member was found stroking one of the guinea pigs and we were most perturbed because the little animal did not have a face, until someone discovered it was the wrong way up! Many such things happened at the pet house but it would be a shame to tell them all, as people involved want to forget them!

SNOW WHITE AND THE SEVEN DWARFS

IN the Autumn Term of 1961 Miss Moore produced the operetta "Snow White" for public performance. This was the first musical that the Buchan has ever produced but in the capable hands of Miss Moore it proved a great success. The operetta was performed three times, and each performance attracted a large audience.

A very high standard of performance was maintained throughout. However, Suzanne Lawson as Snow White and Jennifer Siddell as the Prince deserve special mention. Impressive performances were also given by Queen Brangomar and Witch Hex. The comedy was admirably provided by Sir Bombas Dandiprat and the Seven Dwarfs led by Susan Ellis. The parts of the "mirror" and the "wishing well" were beautifully sung by Anna Creer.

We must not forget to mention those who helped behind the scenes for without their help the operetta could never have taken place. Among the helpers were several fathers ably led by Mr. Pendlebury. The stage was enhanced by the new and picturesque scenery and the colourful costumes of the actresses.

We are all very indebted to Miss Moore who gave up much time and put so much effort into making "Snow White" such a memorable success. We look forward to the next production.

The cast (in order of appearance) was as follows :—

Rosalys		Jane Borden
Amelotte		Philippa Caithness
Ermengarde		Ingrid Murray
Guinivere		Helen Singleton
Christabel	} Maids of Honour to Snow White	Christine Taggart (Tu. & Th.)
		Susan Lochead (Fri.)
		Jennifer Gibb
		Maureen Casement
Astolaine		Jane Stevenson
Ursula		Christian Lochead
Lynette		Suzanne Lawson
Sir Dandiprat Bombas, Court Chamberlain		Jennifer Siddell
Princess Snow White		Mary Faragher
Prince Florimond		Paula Bishop
Valentine	} Pages to the Prince	Bruna Bishop
Vivian		Jane Macpherson
Queen Brangomar		Elizabeth Watkin
Page		Anna Creer
Witch Hex		Jane Lightbody
Voice of the Mirror		Jane Shimmie
Berthold, Huntsman		Susan Ellis
Bird		Julia Garvey
Doc		Sandra Kinvig
Sleepy	} The Seven Dwarfs	Patricia Brownsdon
Happy		Shirin Al-Ansari
Sneezy		Jacqueline Singleton
Bashful		Gillian Brown
Grumpy		Rosemary Connal
Dopey		Lynne Jackson
Long Tail	} Witch Hex's Cats	Margaret Sillick
Short Tail		Michele Standen
Lack Tail		Diana Firth
Pedlar Woman		Eileen Kinrade
Dukes and Duchesses		Gillian Keig
		Veronica Gwynn-Jones

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CONCERTS

DURING the Michaelmas Term, two recitals were held at King William's College when boarders and day girls were present.

The first of these was held on October 26th when John Francis delighted his audience with a programme entitled "Les Flûtes en Famille". The second recital was held on December 9th, 1962, when the Edinburgh Quartet played to a large audience.

In the Easter Term the school attended a piano recital by Ross Pratt and a violin recital by Frederick Grinke.

The end of term Summer Concert was of its usual high standard and was greatly enjoyed by all those girls who attended.

PLAYS

DURING the year school parties have frequently attended amateur productions at the Gaiety Theatre and, thanks to the kindness of the Principal, at King William's College.

In the Easter Term, 1962, many of us went to see the dual bill at King William's College — "The Importance of Being Ernest", the amusing comedy by Oscar Wilde; and the following evening T. S. Eliot's magnificent play, "Murder in the Cathedral" was performed in the Chapel. This production deserves unlimited praise.

We also went to see two productions by the Service Players — the hilarious comedies "A Boinful of the Briny" and "Cuckoo in the Nest". Both were immensely enjoyable.

Yet again King William's College provided us with an evening's entertainment when a number of us attended the Masters' production of the Shaw comedy "Arms and the Man". It was undoubtedly enjoyed by everyone.

MANNIN THEATRE

IN the Autumn Term of 1961 Miss Mathews, an experienced drama lecturer, visited the Mannin Theatre in Douglas on Saturday and Sunday afternoons and evenings, and gave very informative talks on acting and production. A large party of the school attended. The older pupils found her remarks on production especially interesting and everyone benefited from her advice on acting.

In the Autumn Term, 1961, Mr. Roger Trafford visited the school and read extracts from "Pickwick Papers" and "Oliver Twist" by Dickens. This was a rare treat and everyone thoroughly enjoyed it. We look forward eagerly to his next visit.

FILMS — AUTUMN 1961-1962

AT the beginning of the Autumn Term, "Henry V" — starring Sir Laurence Olivier — was very kindly shown by Mr. Firth. He also showed the film "Romeo and Juliet" at the beginning of the Easter Term — starring Laurence Harvey; and "Hamlet" — Sir Laurence Olivier — at the beginning of the Summer Term.

FILMS AT WESTHILL

Autumn Term, 1961 —

Saturday, 7th October — "Desert Mice" starring Peter Sellers.

Saturday, 14th October — "Two-Way Stretch" starring Peter Sellers.

Saturday, 28th October — "Baby and the Battleship" and cartoon.

Easter Term, 1962 —

Saturday, 27th January — "Ill Met by Moonlight" starring Dirk Bogarde.

Saturday, 10th February — "Serengeti Shall Not Die".

Saturday, 17th February — "Genevieve".

Saturday, 10th March — "Hobson's Choice" starring Charles Laughton.

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Saturday, 17th March — "Royal New Zealand Journey" and cartoon.
Saturday, 24th March — "Whisky Galore".

On Thursday, 5th October, a very interesting film was shown, concerning life in the W.R.A.F. by Sqdn. Officer Westbury of the W.R.A.F., and on Friday, 15th December, a film was shown concerning life in the W.R.A.C.

Although the Science Film Club ceases to exist, both Science and Geography films will be shown at the end of every term. The first set of these films was shown at the end of the Easter Term, 1962. They were very interesting and enjoyed by all. The projector, kindly supplied by the Castletown Brewery, was skilfully handled by Mrs. Brookfield.

THE GARDEN PARTY

THE Garden Party was held during the summer half-term and we were very fortunate to have a fine day. The fête was opened by Lady Garvey; we are very grateful to her and Sir Ronald for allowing us to use their grounds for the occasion.

The dancing displays were given by Mrs. Mudie's ballet class and Miss Hammonds' Greek dancing class; both were enjoyed by everyone.

This year the school made many contributions to the stalls and the junior school had a stall of their own.

GIRL GUIDE ACTIVITIES FROM SEPTEMBER, 1961—JULY, 1962

IN September, 1961, several new girls entered the Third Castletown (St. Mary's)

Girl Guide Company. About six girls were working hard for their First Class Badge; so for the first term there were no activities, but quite often at the meetings the Guides were treated to fish and chips and coffee.

In the Easter Term, Fenella Madoc, Maureen Casement and Shirley Kermode each took two girls and, as one of the clauses for their First Class Badge, hiked to Port Grenaugh and cooked their dinner there.

In the Summer Term a party of girls went to Ramsey and camped there. They went by coach on June 8th and returned to Castletown on June 11th. The Guides went into the town to shop and often walked to the beach. They had a camping site to themselves, although some Port Erin Guides camped with them.

For one Guide meeting the Guides went to their ex-Guide Captain, Mrs. Proctor's house and there they played games and cooked some soup over an open fire.

For the last few meetings of the term all the Guides met in Poulson Park and practised for their Pioneer's Badge.

PARISH WALK RELAY, 1962

AT one point it was doubtful whether the school could muster up a team for the Parish Walk Relay, but eventually a team was formed. Then at the last minute Elaine Watkins had to drop out of the team because of illness; her place was taken very bravely by Gillian Keig at four hours' notice.

Gillian did the first stretch from Douglas to Rushen, her performance was very commendable indeed, considering that she had had no practice and she arrived third at Rushen none the worse for her walk, except for a blistered foot.



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Christine Carter then took over for the long uphill walk to Kirk Michael. Christine, despite badly blistered feet and slight cramp, managed to catch up the Saint George's team, who were in second place; the Pulrose team remained well ahead.

Elaine Maughan set off from Michael at a very brisk pace, which she maintained for most of her twenty-five mile walk over the northern plains to Ramsey. Elaine reduced Pulrose's lead slightly, but they were still forty minutes ahead.

Barbara Jones, who did the last stretch had a hard, if not impossible task, to try to catch the leaders up. Barbara went extremely well and at one point averaged five miles an hour, but Pulrose kept up their own speed and the Buchan had to be content with second place. We finished thirty-two minutes behind Pulrose and the team's average speed was 4.45 m.p.h.

Thanks are due to all those parents who provided the car escorts and to the girls who acted as pacers.

MANX MUSIC AND DRAMA FESTIVAL, 1962

THE Manx Music and Drama Festival of 1962 attracted many entrants from the Buchan. Indeed, had there been none of our girls keen enough to enter, some of the classes would have been practically non-existent. The results showed that within the school there is an extremely high standard of musical and dramatic ability, and in competition with outsiders our girls have realised many successes, both in group and individual classes.

During the drama week, Mrs. Pat Corrin entered three plays in the competition — one in the junior class, and two in the intermediate. The juniors, to our great delight, carried off first place with their charming production of "The Emperor's New Clothes", an adaptation from Hans Christian Anderson's fairy tale. In the intermediate class also, first and second places were awarded to the Buchan. First was "The Queen Dances" by L. Du Garde Peach. A dramatic powerful production, warmly praised by the adjudicator. In second place was "Four Queens Wait for Henry", an obituary comedy, also by L. Du Garde Peach. It was not a choice which the adjudicator particularly approved but gained second place.

In the School Choir (16 and under) class, first place was won by the Buchan choir for the third consecutive year; and in the Open 25-Voice class, in competition with experienced choirs, we were awarded first place. Miss Norah Moore was our conductor, and undoubtedly we owe our success to her experienced direction.

In individual singing classes, Anna Creer gained third place in the Open Folk Song — no mean feat considering she was competing with experienced adult singers.

Ingrid Murray won the 12-14 Girls Solo class, and Deidre Usher was first in the 10-12 class.

In the piano classes, Shirin Al-Ansari gained two seconds in the Quick Study and Accompaniment at sight, while Margaret Callister and Maria Kegg were placed third in the Piano Duet. Margaret Callister also came second in the Open Cello Solo.

In the Elocution class 12-17, Suzanne Lawson came first, with Julia Garvey third; and in the Bible Reading class, Suzanne Lawson was first, with Jane Lightbody second.

A new introduction this year was the Public Speaking class, the winner of which was Jane Lightbody. In the Dramatic Duologues (under 18), Suzanne Lawson and Jane Lightbody were first, closely followed by Carol Marsden and Elizabeth Watkin in second place, and in third place were Gillian Brown and Julia Garvey.

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CAREERS

ONCE again we were visited by Miss Rees from the Youth Employment Bureau of the City of Manchester's Education Committee.

On her summer visit she did not give us a public talk, but conferred with each girl privately.

Unfortunately, due to her retirement, we shall lose the valuable services of Miss Rees, but we feel sure that her place will be admirably filled by her successor, Mrs. Lemoine.

On Thursday, 5th October, a talk was given by Sqdn. Officer Westbury on life in the W.R.A.F. Also, on Friday, 15th December, a talk was given on life in the W.R.A.C.

CAROL SERVICE

ONCE again the annual Festival of Nine Lessons was held in St. Mary's Parish Church, Castletown, on the 14th December, 1961, by courtesy of the Reverend E. B. Glass, who gave the bidding prayer.

Unfortunately, because of ill-health, Miss Nora Moore was unable to conduct the choirs. Although her presence was greatly missed, her place was admirably filled at very short notice by Shirin Al-Ansari.

There was a silver collection taken on behalf of Dr. Barnado's Homes.

SCHOOL CONFIRMATION

THE School Confirmation Service was held in the beautiful chapel at Bishop's Court on July 24th, 1962. Parents and god-parents attended the service and the school choir led the singing. Those confirmed were Jane Bordell, Patricia Brownsdon, Phillippa Caithness, Hazel Christian, Daphne Cottier, Sarah Creer, Jane Cubbon, Janet Forrester, Sandra Hutchinson, Lynne Jackson, Marie-Louise Kenworthy, Sandra Kissack, Jane Lightbody, Fenella Madoc, Janet Moore, Jane Stevenson and Elaine Watkins.

On Remembrance Sunday a wreath was laid on the Castletown War Memorial by the head boarder, Fiona Gore.

Members of the school also attended 11 o'clock Communion at St. Mary's on All Saints' Day, Ash Wednesday, and Ascension Day.

GODRED HOUSE NOTES

House Captain : Susan Gilmour.
Vice House Captain : Diana Firth.

ACADEMICALLY Godred did very well and everyone was pleased when we won the House Cup for the year. In sport, however, we were not so successful, we were runners-up in the House Hockey but it was a very good game and we were only narrowly defeated. In the swimming sports we were second and in the athletic sports third.

LAGMAN HOUSE NOTES

House Captain : Michele Standen.
Vice House Captain : Jennifer Quirk.

APRIL, 1961, Gagarin was launched into space — September, 1961. Lagman was launched into the Buchan School !

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The name of the new house was chosen, by democratic means, i.e. the vote. Once chosen, however, all were displeased. But eventually both the name Lagman and the house took their place in the life of the school.

Manx history records that king Lagman himself, was the eldest son of king Godred. On the death of his father, he became king of the Isle of Man. But in order to secure his position from opposition, he imprisoned his younger brother Harold, and ordered that the latter's eyes should be plucked out. Later, filled with remorse for his cruel deed, Lagman left his kingdom and embarked on a crusade during which he lost his life. On Lagman's desertion from the island, his youngest brother, Olaf, became king.

We should like to point out that this is not the way that the modern Lagmanite disposes of opposition.

Michele Standen as house captain, gamely led us—and we emphasize gamely—to win, much to everyone's surprise, the athletics and swimming trophies.

We sincerely hope that the successes gained in our first year were not just won by beginners' luck.

MAGNUS HOUSE NOTES

House Captain: Shirin Al-Ansari.
Vice House Captain: Carole Marsden.

THIS was not a Magnus year, we regret. We came fourth in the swimming sports, second in the athletic sports, and third in house points. However, we feel that it was just an unlucky year and have better hopes for winning things left, right and centre next year.

Therefore we would send this message to all—

“the fault, dear Magnus, lies not in ourselves
but in our stars that we are underlings.”

—(with apologies to “Dear William”).

OLAF HOUSE NOTES

House Captain: Eileen Kinrade.
Vice House Captain: Jennifer Siddell.

THIS year Olaf was not at its best; however, in spite of several disadvantages we succeeded in winning the House Hockey and coming second in the Swimming Sports. Although we did not cover ourselves with glory in the Athletic Sports we did a little better on the academic side.

In the coming year we hope to improve our standards in every field.

SIXTH FORM NOTES

THIS year was continued in true Sixth Form style—massacre and slaughter.

However, in between the two above-mentioned pastimes the Lower VI succeeded in coming second in the Shakespeare Competition and Upper Sixth watched. Together we saw the rise and fall of several Lit. and Deb. societies and Upper Sixth were treated to a delicious farewell dinner at Westhill. Four more members were welcomed to the Lower VI Hellfire Club, namely Sue Heyward, Simone Charles, Adenike Solarin, and Nawal Kharusi. We all appreciated the aesthetic value of “Murder in the Cathedral” at K.W.C. At the end of the year Upper Sixth revealed their true vocations in a Revue—to the delight of the rest of the school! After which, most people departed to University or College except Eileen, who has to serve another year.—Amen.

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UPPER FIVE FORM NOTES

THIS year has been one of hard and devoted study?—leading up to the climax of G.C.E. which proved to be an anti! But “let’s think no more on’t”. The form’s dramatic talent came to the fore in the Christmas production of “Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs”. We supplied the two leading ladies, one dwarf, one lady-in-waiting, plus many helpers backstage.

At the end of the Easter term two members of our form were in the Guild play which came second in the Intermediate class. Unfortunately Bruna Bishop was unable to appear due to an unlucky appendicitis.

Once again the Lady Dundas cup remained in our form, this year being won by Suzanne Lawson.

Because of our G.C.E. we were obliged to postpone our Shakespeare Competition entry until after the exams.; however we gained third place.

At the end of the year we said goodbye to Carole Finan who returned to Canada; also to Susan Davidson, Sarah Galloway, Elizabeth Gawne, Jean Fargher and Valerie Lamont.

LOWER FIVE FORM NOTES

AT the beginning of the school year, we welcomed into the form, two new girls—Sarah Creer, and Diana Tate from Kenya. Mrs. Brookfield was our form-mistress and she proved to be most patient and understanding.

In the Easter term we welcomed another new girl—Sandra Hutchinson from Nyasaland.

Although on the whole we are not a very athletic form, we think we can congratulate ourselves, as a few of us have done extremely well in the Buchan School “Field of Sport”. Elizabeth Kinley won the Senior Victrix Ludorum, and also the 100 yards cup. Lavinia Garvey won the swimming cup, with Sarah Creer as runner-up. Also, Elaine Maughan, with a team of three other people, came second in the Parish Walk Relay.

Some of our form appeared in the School production of “Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs” at Christmas. Elizabeth Watkin played the part of Witch Hex extremely well; and Gillian Brown amused everyone immensely with her antics as Dopey—one of the Seven Dwarfs. Also in the cast were Helen Singleton, Jane Lightbody and Sandra Kinvig.

In the Shakespeare Competition, we not only came first, but Gillian Brown carried away the Shakespeare Cup for the second year running.

But next year we—responsible and hard-working members of the Upper Fifth—shall endeavour to put our noses to the grindstone, for G.C.E., and hope not to have to retake too many subjects the next year.

UPPER FOUR FORM NOTES

WE have had an eventful year altogether, and we have got into quite a lot of trouble. For example, we were found playing a lively game of cricket in the form-room; the bat was confiscated for a week, but we did not dare face Miss Shannon’s wrath until the end of term.

But we have also worked very hard. As well as having the distinction of 72 detentions in one term, we have had the courtesy picture for two terms.

Most of us were confirmed this year, while at the beginning of the Summer term, some of our more energetic members acted as pacers for the Parish Walk Relay.

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In individual achievements, Julia Garvey passed her Grade III examination in Speech, with honours. Patricia Brownsdon passed Grade IV in piano with distinction. Daphne Cottier tackled the 'cello, several girls started to learn the violin, and Hazel Christian broke her ankle! Claire Nicholls joined us in the Easter term from Lower IV, and Susan Lochead, who, we are very sorry to say, is leaving us, won the Diving Cup in the Swimming Sports.

Nine of us went with the School party to Norway at Christmas and everyone in the form worked to produce something for the summer Garden Party. For part of the Summer term we had Miss Wützke from Germany as our form mistress and we should like to thank her for putting up with us. We should also like to thank Mrs. Blencowe and Mrs. Van Dook for their spell with us.

LOWER FOUR FORM NOTES

THIS year has been one of excursions. First of all, we went to the museum, where we saw over a hundred stuffed birds; a great help with our ornithology.

Then Mrs. Brookfield kindly took us to the Dairies. Here we saw how the milk was pasteurised, and how cheese was made. We were presented with a Manx cheese which really was delicious.

Everyone was very sorry at the departure of Maureen Starling, who left in the middle of the Easter term. Four of the members of our form gained permission to go and see her off at the Airport, for South Africa.

We were pleased though, to welcome Joan Souter to our form. She has come from Ahmedalad, India.

Mary Faragher won the third prize in the Bee Keepers Painting Competition.

Shirley Kermode was given the first prize for both her Music Book and her Bird Book. The rest of the form received a tin of toffees for a good effort.

We did not distinguish ourselves by winning any pictures, but we hope for greater successes next year.

UPPER THREE FORM NOTES

ALTHOUGH this year seems to have gone quickly, quite a number of things have happened. Our form captain, Janet Montgomery, assisted by Stephanie Gilbert, was very helpful to the teachers and kept us in order between lessons.

Gillian Moore, we are sorry to say, left us, but Elizabeth Cowell filled her place for almost a term, on leave from her South Sea island.

During the Easter term, Miss Black took us to Castle Rushen, where we had an enjoyable scare in the old mill, when the guide screamed at us from a hidden corner. Also on our outing, we temporarily lost Wendy, but she reappeared after taking a short visit to the most modern part of the castle.

At the end of the same term, the form thought that we should like to repay Mrs. Parys for her kindness by presenting her with an enormous box of chocolates. She thanked us all very much and saved us a chocolate each. In order to remember it, she hung the decorative lid on one of the class-room walls.

For our hard work at school, we were awarded the "Least Detentions" picture, the "Most House Points" picture and the "House Beautiful" picture, which we joyfully received and hung up.

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JUNIOR SCHOOL — 1961 - JULY, 1962

THE Junior School were glad to welcome many new faces during the year 1961-62. With the increase in numbers Mrs. Blencowe came to help with the lower third each day; and the kindergarden were pleased to have Andrea Nicholl to help with the youngest members.

After our concert we all had a very enjoyable party to end the Michaelmas term.

During the Easter term we spent many of our playtimes making toys, novelties, etc., for the Garden Party. We had our stall and bran tub, and we raffled a doll which we had dressed in the Buchan uniform. Altogether our stall made £42.

Each term we collect Charity money. During the Michaelmas term we collected £3 11s. 0d. which was sent to the Oxford Committee for Famine Relief. Our Easter term collection, £4 12s. 4d. was sent to the P.D.S.A. in Liverpool, and Trinity term we collected £4 14s. 0d. from the junior forms which was sent to the Sunshine Homes for Blind Babies; kindergarden collected £2 10s. 0d. which went to Oxford Famine Relief.

During the Easter term we were very excited to have an invitation from Linze Glanger's mother to visit her home and see her collection of dolls. We went by coach and spent a very happy morning looking at the many beautiful dolls from various foreign countries. The Japanese dolls were really beautiful; it was very kind of Mrs. Glanger to invite us and treat us to fruit drinks and cakes afterwards and we enjoyed the morning very much indeed.

When our exams were over in July we went to Castle Rushen and we were taken round by the Custodian who explained the Castle's history in an interesting and novel way; John Brookfield was allowed to wind up the Queen Elizabeth clock.

Our thanks go to Mrs. Van Dook, Shirin Al-Ansari, Margaret Callister, Barbara Parkinson, and Joyce Barratt who have played the piano for our morning service each week, also to our other pianists, A. Clague, S. Holt, E. Rees-Jones and A. Simcocks who have played the voluntaries for us.

TRAVEL SECTION

THE SCHOOL TRIP TO NORWAY

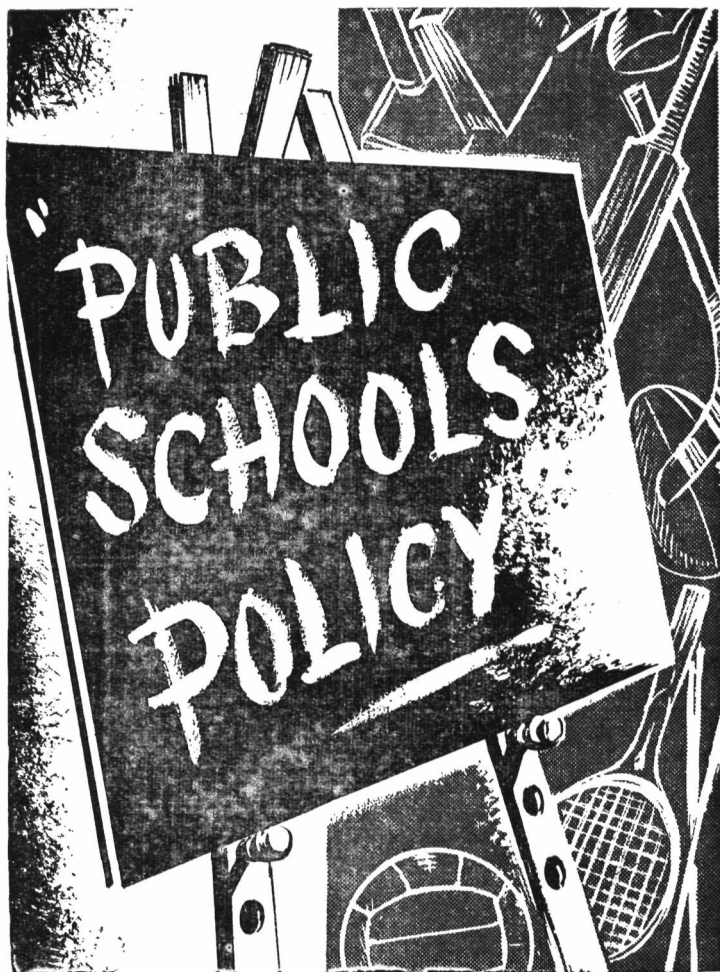
ON the 29th of December, 1961, twenty-seven girls, Mrs. Barratt and Mrs.

Van Dook, all clad in their ski-ing clothes, left Douglas on the morning boat. The crossing was fair and there were no mishaps. Miss Shannon met the boat with her small nephew who came on the trip with us. We then took a train to Newcastle where we spent the night. The next morning was spent looking around the town. The train took us right to the boat and after much arranging everybody was installed in their cabins. Unfortunately the weather was rather stormy to say the least and I don't think many people managed to survive dinner. The weather did not improve until the following evening, New Year's Eve, which I think everyone enjoyed. Early on January 1st we arrived in Oslo. The train which took us to Lillehammer, where we were to spend the rest of the holiday, was extremely clean and a pleasant change from the rough sea.

The train was met by the senior ski-instructor Marcus, who took us to the Hostel. Everybody was fitted up with skis and boots and in the afternoon we went for our first lesson, which was on the whole successful.

Unfortunately there was no games-room at the Hostel, but on a few evenings we cleared the dinning-room, and used it as a dance floor. After our lessons we went down into the town to search for souvenirs and to have a good look round.

At the end of our stay several of us took a ski test for the 1st star badge and I am pleased to say that nearly everyone passed.



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The return boat journey was very rough, even worse than the first and I don't think anyone was sorry when we docked in Newcastle. Our adventure, however, was not yet over, the train to Liverpool broke down at Huddersfield and the train was held up for quite a time. In the evening some people went to see a pantomime and others a play. Everyone returned to the Island the next morning by boat except for two members of the party who could not face the sea again and flew home.

ON SAFARI TO THE SERENGETI PLAIN

FOR the last few days of the holidays in Kenya we decided to go to the Serengeti plains. So on Wednesday morning we went to Mwanza. We stayed with our friends the Sheriffs. They were coming with us.

The next morning we got up at five o'clock and began our journey. It was not really a very long journey and by tea we were at the gates of the park.

As soon as we were around the first corner we began to see all kinds of animals. Nearly everywhere you looked there were animals. By the time we got to Serenra Lodge we had seen every animal we wanted to see apart from cheetahs, lions and rhinos.

The next day we saw a rhino which had been caught in the jungle and was being let loose. We also saw six cubs, three lionesses and two lions playing under one tree.

We stayed there three days which went very quickly as there was a lot to see and we were very sorry when we had to leave, but we are hoping to go there again some day.

E. GIBSON, U.III

GERMANY

WHEN I used to live in Germany we lived in the country. We were stationed at Ofen near Oldenburg for two and half years. Ofen is a small village but a very pleasant one. The countryside was lovely, but we lived by an airfield which is not used very much now except for pleasure flights and air displays. The lanes at the back of our house led to the flower nursery and to the woods beyond. In winter it was lovely to walk through the wood, and see many deer skipping over the snow.

On some days, the Brownies of my company would invite German orphans from Oldenburg and we would have fun playing in the woods. We couldn't speak much German but we got on very well by deaf and dumb signs. We used to go to the orphanage and to play.

Oldenburg is a big town rather like Douglas but a trifle smaller in the population. We hardly ever saw the sea as we lived miles from it, but we did see it when we went to Wilhelmshaven, a seaport where my sister's school was situated.

German children go to school at 7 o'clock and arrive home about one o'clock. We had really lovely gardens and it was usually very warm. Germany is a very beautiful country and the people were very friendly.

PAULA BISHOP, L.IV

KAMPALA

KAMPALA is the capital of Uganda in East Africa ; like Rome it is surrounded by seven hills. The weather there is very hot, the usual temperature is 85°F.

Kampala grows a lot of products such as coffee, tea, sugar-cane and cotton, they also grow a lot of fruit like bananas, oranges, pawpaws, passion-fruits, avocad pears, grenadilers, pineapples, grapefruit; and Cape gooseberries.

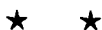
In Kampala there are two Asian temples, and one Church of England. There are five picture houses that are very pleasant. There is only one swimming pool which is called "Silver Springs" it is about 65 yards long and about 35 yards wide, it has one long spring-board and two very high boards, the top board is about 45 feet high. To go to "Silver Springs" you have to be a member ; it costs about five shillings for a family to join.

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Most of the Africans wear a Sari ; a Sari is a length of material, sometimes silk, which is wrapped around the waist and placed over one shoulder, the Sari is very long and reaches to the ground.

Most of the Africans eat brown porridge-matoki, sweet potatoes, stewed meat, grass-hoppers (caught by the natives) and most English vegetables. They sit on the floor and eat their food out of tin plates or out of hollowed out halves of gourd. Like the Asians they eat with their fingers.

Their houses are made out of sticks, placed neatly in an upright position, with sticks woven in between, forming a huge cage. Then the mud is laid thickly on both sides of the house and left to dry for about a week, depending on the weather. When the houses are finished they are either square or round, the roof is made of dried elephant grass which is put on top of the house when the roof is dry. The natives hold the grass down by means of winding creepers in between the basket-like framework. When the house is completely finished they paint the house on both sides. The whole process takes about 3½ weeks ; the natives gather mud from the river banks and ponds.

The English people live in bungalows made from bricks covered with plaster. The bungalows are very neat, and bigger than those found in England. The house is completely furnished, except curtains, blankets and carpets.

JACQUELINE SOFIO, Form U.III.

COLOMBIA

COLOMBIA in South America is a republic named after Columbus. Its capital is Bogota.

Colombia is a land of contrasts. Hot and humid near the coast and like an English spring on the plateau surrounding Bogota, and like an English winter on the highlands of the Andes.

The hot country is perhaps the most exciting. Coffee, bananas, oranges, pineapples, lemons and coconuts are some of the fruits that grow there. There are many palm trees and bamboo trees, so very much bigger than anything you can grow on the Isle of Man. There are also many colourful butterflies flitting amongst the trees and settling on the bright flowers. Here Bouganvillia and Poinsettias grow in profusion. The birds, too, are brilliant in plumage. I liked the tiny Humming Birds best. In their jewel-like colours of peacock blues and greens they remind us of the fine emeralds of which Colombia is so proud. Another beautiful bird is the lovely red Cardinal ; and the smart black and yellow Toches are birds which can be easily tamed. In contrast to these colourful birds is the grey Lero, who reminds us so very much of our own thrush.

Leaving the hot country we travel up the mountains to Bogota. Bogota is one of the highest capitals in the world. It is built on a plateau and surrounded by the Andes. To go up the funicular railway to Monserrate is very exciting. The weather is almost like England in the Autumn. It is possible to go still higher up the mountains to the treeless "paramos". Hardly anyone likes to live up there in the mist.

In Bogota itself all is hustle and bustle. It is always dusty because they so often pull down skyscrapers. There is a fine "auto pista" (like the M.1) leading northwards out of Bogota. At one time transport in Colombia was only by donkey or riverboat. Nowadays everyone travels long distances by plane. I particularly enjoyed visiting the salt mines of Zipaquirá where they have constructed a cathedral in the salt.

I enjoyed living in Colombia and I should like to return there one day.

CATHERINE BLENCOWE, U.III.

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GENERAL SECTION

THE LEARNED FOURTH FORM

THEN the learned Lower Fourth Form:

Took a coach and went to Douglas,
Went to visit the Museum,
Went and took their note books with them.
Pens and Pencils took they also,
Busy noting what they saw there.

In the coach went Mrs. Brookfield,
Wise in ways of birds and children,
But she could not stay there with them :
Other work had Mrs. Brookfield.
So another, Mrs. Parys,
Waited there to supervise them.

Then the learned Lower Fourth Form
Saw the birds in all their glory,
Learned their names and all their colours,
Learned their habitats and plumage,
Seeing birds both rare and common,
Avidly acquiring knowledge.

Back again came Lower Fourth Form :
Back rejoicing to the Buchan,
Back to sit and wait for dinner,
With no time for any lessons,
Sitting with their science mistress,
Talking hard about their visit.

by MAUREEN CASEMENT
and FIONA CAITHNESS.

(With apologies to Longfellow and "Hiawatha".)

THE CAT AND THE DOG

THE CAT . . .

The cat can be house-trained by the use of a box of cinders or ashes. If you wish your cat to wear a collar you must make sure that it is made of elastic. The ordinary leather collar is very unsafe because if the cat climbs a tree and gets the collar caught, it will be strangled. Elastic collars are safe because if it catches the cat can free itself.

THE DOG . . .

The dog is very intelligent, in fact it can be trained to do almost anything within reason. You must have great patience to train a dog ; training should take place between two and four months of age. When in this process your pup has done something good you should give it a tit-bit ; this is to encourage it.

SALLY HEDGES. U.III.

THE TRAGIC FATE OF ONE WHO WENT TO THE STAFF ROOM AT THE END OF LUNCH BREAK

"IS anyone there?" said the junior
Knocking on the staff room door,
And the cups and saucers loudly rattled
As they passed their cups for more.
And a book flew out of the staff room
Above the junior's head:
As she smote on the door again a second time.
"Is there anyone there?" she said.
But no one opened to the junior,
No head from the smoke-filled room,
Leaned out and glared into her startled eyes.
Where she stood perplexed and still.
But only a row of empty cups
That littered the table then,
(As the teachers gathered their books together
While the bell was rung again :)
Stood echoing the noisy footsteps,
As the staff streamed out to their forms,
Harkening in an air stirred and shaken
The child trampled and torn.
And she felt in her heart their stilettos,
And their boots as they battered her leg ;
Then she dragged herself up off the lino
Fainting and practically dead.
And in anger, she smote upon the door, even
Louder, and lifted her swollen head ;
" Tell her I came and no one answered.
That I **did** my prep," she said.
Never the least cry made junior
As every bruise she rubbed,
And she choked on the smoke filled air, polluted
By the last fag left unstubbed ;
Ay, she heard their steps on the staircase
And the creak of ancient bone,
And how the silence surged softly backward
When the "plunging hoofs" were gone !

S.A. & C.M.

(With apologies to Walter de la Mare.)

OUR PET

OUR pet is a cat. His name is Timmy. He is a white tabby cat and has four white paws. He eats fish, Queenie, liver and brown bread.

He was born in a shoe shop, and was called Tony Hancock. His birthday is on the 25th September.

We got him just by luck. All the kittens were given away except Timmy, he was being kept by the owner. Then one of the kittens had to go back because the boy who had taken him kept lifting him up by the tummy. He became ill and was given back to the shoe shop. So we were given Timmy. Timmy came from a great family of mousers. When he catches a mouse he brings it into the house because he thinks nobody will take it away from him then.

He loves the "Look" programme on television. When it's on he gets the front seat. Timmy follows us if we go for a walk. He loves visiting Granny.

CATHERINE PARKER. Transition.

A WISH

I WISH I were a fearsome knight,
With silver armour shining bright,
I'd conquer every kind of fight,
And ride a steed as black as night.

I wish I were a little star,
Shining brightly from afar,
While floating in the darkened sky,
I'd watch the planets floating by.

And yet I now begin to see,
That I'd much rather just be me,
With books and toys and family,
To be so happy and so free.

A. SIMCOCKS, Lower III.

GLEANINGS FROM THE ENGLISH LESSON

"Her voice was gentle and low, an excellent thing in woman"—("King Lear")
—obviously a young lady from the Buchan School!

"High Heaven rejects the lore
Of nicely calculated less or more"—(Wordsworth)
—but your maths teacher will be more particular.

"Haply I shall remember,
And haply shall forget"—(Christina Rossetti)
—a common feeling before exams.

"For all my mind is clouded with a doubt"—(Tennyson)
—a common feeling during exams.

"One before whom our mortal nature
Did tremble like a guilty thing surprised"—(Wordsworth)
—now which of our teachers could that be?

"Will the bell never ring?"—(D. H. Lawrence)
—alas, only ten to four.

"How sweet it were, ever to seem
Falling asleep in a half dream"—(Tennyson)
—the sentiments of the Upper Vth exactly.

"You blocks, you stones, you worse than senseless things!"—(Shakespeare)
—could that really apply to any of us?

"Now in a wailful choir the small gnats mourn"—(Keats)
—junior choir?

HOWLERS

God said: "Where is thy broth Abel?"

He threw the ball right through the widow.

When pigeons hatch, they can't eat themselves straight away when they are
borne, as some birds can.

In the Roman days they used to call the rich people Villas.

Cain couldn't have shot Abel because other people would have heard the shot.

Mozart married Figaro.

The play Aristophanes is a comedy.

One of his most famous works is *Elijah*, its first production was in 1846 and
lasted until after the outbreak of World War I.

The Mrs. Sippy is the longest river in the world.

G.C.E. Question: What constitutes a good attic tragedy?—"Dry Rot."

She told me about her five years abroad in a nutshell.

DEFINITIONS . . .

A bit is an iron thing that goes in your mouth.

A halter is a rope strap with a nose for cattle and horses.

O ME MISERUM

or A Lament of the Miserable

WE are the lilies,
Ignorant and illiterate
Nits ;
Our minds are likened unto
Empty cupboards.
Ruffians and snails are we,
Hens, with no soul O Woe !
Noisy, naughty nincompoops,
We don't give up subjects
They-- Eheu Eheu— give us up.
Our spelling is atoshrush,
And how can we hope to get through G.C.E.
THEY do not know.
Our words and verbs,
Wir lemen nicht,
We geese,
We feeble minded fishwives,
Whose hairstyles likened to
The nests of birds have been.
We should not have acted "Snow White" but
"The Sleeping Beauty"; as we already are
Sleeping beauties without . . . !!
We cause them worry (Quel domnage)
And grey hairs.
We wander
With our resounding voices
Echoing through the buildings.
We thump, we shriek,
We are stuffed dummies.
Drooping half asleep.
Wooden,
Waking now and then
To jazz up lessons.
We disgusting piggies,
Mannerless, without the knowledge
Of the use of knife and fork.
To teach us
Is to beat one's head against a brick wall
In fact they are determined all we will be capable of in later life
Is :
Scrubbing steps and they are even doubtful of how well we could do that !!

By TWO OF THE PERSECUTED.

We should like to express our thanks to the Principal and staff of this school for so graciously providing the material for the above !!

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