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Convent of St. John the Divine,  
12 Donnelly Road,  
Wentworth, Durban.  
4th October, 1968.

My dear girls of St. John's, past and present,

This letter is one of the ways in which the Sisters can keep in touch with the school, and I am very grateful to the Headmistress for the invitation to write it. I hope it may serve some such purpose.

I think it may be of interest and help to give an account of how our departure from Pietermaritzburg has come about.

Our Convent and property in Pietermaritzburg, in which we had lived since the first Sisters came there in 1887 at the invitation of Bishop Macrorie, had become too big and costly for our reduced numbers to maintain. The situation with which we were faced was that we must do something about it. But the question was what?

We asked our Associates and Friends to join us in prayer over a period of some months, for guidance and to be shown God's will for us. Something, we felt must go, but what? Were we to try and sell some of our property and to modernise and maintain the rest? We did not know. Then the answer to our prayer came, the Holy Spirit's guidance. It was we who were to go. It came as a clear light and call to renewal, and we have acted upon it. At the time we numbered only 13 Sisters, and one of these, Sister Florence, has been called to her rest since we moved, in her 97th year.

We felt that if a move had to be made it should be away from Pietermaritzburg, a fresh start in a new place.

The Bishop is our Visitor, and we consulted him. After due consideration, and I am sure consultation with the Rector of the parish, he asked us to move to Durban and to do what we can to help in the work of Mobeni Parish. So we pulled up the roots of 80 years, a very painful process, and launched forth in faith to build a small, compact, labour saving 'super-mod' Convent at Wentworth.

Once the decision had been made we were carried along almost breathlessly, to follow the leading of the Holy Spirit. The site was found, plans drawn and passed and building started, and at every step of the way as each obstacle presented itself. some wise and competent friend has been raised up to help us.

We moved out in relays; the final move was on July 31st as the demolishers waited to move in! We are living in a wing of the new

Convent which is more or less finished, with building going on all round us. The N.G. Kerk manse on the property houses the oldest Sisters (Sister Faith of course!), and one room is set aside for a little Chapel into which we can just fit ourselves. The building was to have been finished by the end of October but the usual unforeseen building hold ups have occurred, and it will be the end of November before we can enter in and take possession.

The property in Pietermaritzburg is being sold in 5 lots, two of which have been sold and 3 are still unsold which cause us some anxiety as we are borrowing money from the diocese to pay for the new Convent. We rely on the proceeds of the sale to pay for the loan, and we hope leave a balance to invest as a source of income.

What are we hoping to do here?

My first answer to this is to quote some words from the Archbishop's address when he came to lay the foundation stone of the new Convent. In answer to the question what are Religious Communities for, he said: "The one answer I want to put before you now is this; a Convent is an institution for the praise of God, a place where the praises of the Creator are sung; a place where the first purpose of life is that God shall receive as far as is humanly possible the honour which is due to His name." He ended his address by saying, "Beneath everything that the Community will do here in the new Convent in teaching and in the fostering of Christian culture, there is the secret of the monastic life, the adoration of God in worship and prayer for God's own sake and for His glory."

But what else are we going to do?

We have not much to offer, so few of us only five loaves and two fishes. But we are already teaching in Sunday School, joining in Bible Study groups, and visiting in the homes of the people.

Several of the members of S. Gabriel's Coloured congregation have known Sisters in the past, and we feel that the congregation has taken us to their hearts. One thinks, "how much we could do if only we had more Sisters!" We need an influx of dedicated young women.

St. Cross Home has been taken over by the Diocese and moved to what was the Bishop's house in Pietermaritzburg. Under Mrs. B. Guthrie as Lady Warden the girls, big and little have settled down very happily, and enjoy the lovely extensive grounds.

I end this over-long letter with a most heartfelt thank you from us all for the magnificently generous gifts we have received from the school and from the O.G.A. We are quite overwhelmed by your generosity. We have still got the pleasure of spending it to look forward to, a luxury cruise, air conditioning for the new Convent or something else! R644 to spend! Wonderful! Thank you all, and God bless you all.

Yours affectionately,

Mary Richmal, S.S.J.D.,  
Mother Superior.



REPORT OF THE HEADMISTRESS  
December, 1967.

My. Lord, Mrs. Chaplin, Reverend Mother, Mrs. Evans, Ladies and Gentlemen, it gives me great pleasure to welcome you today. We particularly appreciate the fact that Mrs. Chaplin has travelled up from Durban to be with us.

I have the honour of presenting my report for 1967.

During the year we suffered the sad loss of two people from our Staff, Miss Newton, who died suddenly at the end of last quarter and the Reverend Father Baker, who had to give up after a gallant struggle against ill-health. They had in common a deep devotion to duty and a strong loyalty to the school.

Many of us knew Miss Newton as a good friend and to all she was a sincere and understanding companion. She was keenly interested in her work and in the welfare of her pupils and never spared herself in the service of others. We miss her energetic presence and I should like to record our genuine appreciation of her willing and unselfish co-operation at all times.

Father Baker had a vitalising influence on the centre of our school life, our Chapel. His Christian love of us all, his enthusiasm and his example of devotion and sincerity in worship will be remembered gratefully. We hope that he will be able to visit us in the not so distant future and can assure him of a very warm welcome.

The Reverend Father Matthews assisted by Father Hays and the Sub-deacons of St. Alphege have ministered to us both since Father Baker's retirement and on those occasions when he was not well enough to officiate himself. We are very grateful to them and especially to Father Matthews who has gone out of his way to help keep the traditional form of our services. Professor Brookes had taken Evensong on several occasions and Chapel prayers regularly on Thursday mornings. We thank him for fitting these extra duties into his already very full programme.

Reverend Mother and the Sisters have been so busy that we have seen all too little of them lately. We have greatly missed Sister Faith and should like to assure her of our affectionate gratitude for the example she set us in her loving care of the Chapel. Her thorough training of our Servers and the high standard she demanded of them have established a tradition which will, I am sure, have an influence for many years. It was a very sad day indeed when she had to give up her active

work. She must, however, find some consolation in the knowledge of Mrs. Bure's devotion and hard work for the Chapel.

You all know, I think, that the Society of St. John the Divine is moving to Durban about the middle of next year. A future without the guiding influence of Reverend Mother and the Sisters seems unthinkable. Although not active in recent years, their presence and prayers have sustained us. Now that their presence is to be removed we feel the chill winds of change and an impending sense of loss, but Christian foundations have been dug deep. St. John's has been nurtured in Christian love and faith in the past; with the prayers of the Sisterhood to support us, we hope to continue in the Christian tradition in the future.

With love and gratitude we thank the Sisters for the past and wish them Godspeed in the new work they are to take up.

Our academic results have been good. 31 girls wrote the Senior Certificate Examination. Of these 29 passed at Advanced Level and 2 were awarded Ordinary Level passes. The subjects and level of achievement of 14 candidates qualified them for Matriculation Exemption and amongst these there was one merit pass. Nobody failed.

The results in Afrikaans were also good. 7 passed the Hoër Taal-eksamen and 28 were successful in the Laer Eksamen, 4 being placed in the Higher Grade.

Mrs. de Wit encouraged many of the Juniors to compete in the Afrikaans Eisteddfod. They all did well. 14 obtained As for speech, 8 for solo singing and Standards 4 and 5 an A in the section for Afrikaans choirs. It is encouraging to see that the spoken word is taking its rightful and important place in the teaching of the second language.

In the course of the year a number of girls entered for Royal Schools of Music practical and theoretical examinations, with the gratifying result of a pass rate of 100%.

1967 has been a year of much extra-curricular activity.

Some of our Senior Choir members joined Hilton, Kearsney, Wykeham and Epworth in the first of the proposed bi-annual Private Schools' Music Festivals. The Senior Choir and the Recorder and Percussion Groups were invited to combine with Girls' Collegiate in their production of Noyes's Fludde. At the annual concert of the South African Society of Music Teachers we provided Recorder items and piano and clarinet solos.

In June our juniors assisted by the Recorder Group put on the Pied Piper as an outdoor production and last term we presented our own dramatised version of Hiawatha's Wedding Feast.

There was also an evening of one-act plays by the Vth Form and in August the Vth Form and the Juniors entered the Inter-schools' Drama Competition. The Juniors won the Junior Cup and a money prize.

This quarter we had an enjoyable evening of plays which were the results of various projects in the junior classes e.g. the script of one of the plays was written by the children themselves as a joint class effort.

A group from Illa voluntarily contributed a one-act play to this entertainment.

In the various performances, Miss Wilson has been responsible for the high standard of singing, Miss Murray for the Recorder Playing, Mrs. Martin for the speech, the staff of the Junior school for the Junior contribution and Mrs. Watt for the dancing, movement and general organisation. Miss Robinson's valuable advice and generous help are always available and we all depend on her a great deal for guidance and assistance.

The girls have had a year rich in musical and dramatic experience and I am pleased to have this opportunity of thanking all those members of staff who were concerned in so many different ways with these activities.

I shall now give you a summary of events in the field of sport

Our Ist tennis team won the Lyle League and our Ist hockey team tied with Wykeham for Ist place in the hockey league. To share the hockey cup seemed to be the answer to the fine spirit of a hard fought final and this both sides agreed to do. We also managed to wrest the Sulin Cup from Durban Girls' College at our annual hockey match.

The swimmers did well in coming 3rd in both the Senior and Junior Inter-schools Galas. The younger children, from K.G. to Standard 4 had their own private gala at school and gave a swimming display to their parents and friends. All of them, except the few who were not well, took part. 25 girls obtained their Bronze medals for life saving. Congratulations to them and to the girls who trained them.

Congratulations also to the following girls who won individual honours:

Selected for Maritzburg Schools hockey team were Helen Bircher, Colleen Calder-Potts, Gillian Train and Susan du Plessis; Helen captained the side. Helen Bircher, Colleen Calder-Potts and Gillian Train were also chosen for the S. Natal team of which Helen was vice-captain. In the Maritzburg Schools swimming team St. John's was represented by Hilary Stewart and Linda Hathorn.

Mention must be made of the very successful tours our teams have enjoyed: the hockey team to Cape Town in July, the tennis team and a gymnastics team to Johannesburg at Michaelmas.

Mrs. Watt deserves our congratulations not only on her team successes but also on the very high standard of sport in the school. I should also like to say how grateful we are to her for conducting tours during her holidays. No doubt parents will agree with me that visiting other schools and other cities is both enjoyable and educational.

Two Vth Form girls, Mary-Ann Liebenberg and Elizabeth Hopkins were our delegates to the Modderpoort Conference organised for pupils of Private Schools throughout South Africa and South West Africa with the purpose of enabling boys and girls to discuss their problems and ideas and to experience Christian Community life.

On 15th June the Lord Bishop confirmed 33 St. John's girls in the School Chapel. After the Service, tea was served on the lawn.

Reverend Mother arranged for Canon Peter Hide, Mrs. Gwen Barrett, Mrs. Joy Eagle and Mrs. Joy Frost to conduct the Leaving Girls' week-end. It appears to have been a challenging, thought-provoking and memorable experience for the girls and we are indebted to the team for the thought and time they spent on it.

We share, with so many others, a deep regret at the loss of Canon Hide and extend our sincere sympathy to his family, his friends and his congregation.

We welcomed Old Girls to Mass and breakfast on the Sunday of St. John's week-end. After breakfast everyone assembled in the Hall, the present girls on the floor and the Old Girls packed on the platform, so that Mrs. Davis, on behalf of the St. John's Old Girls' Association could give the school a 70th birthday present. This was a Philips Record Player and a Grundig Tape Recorder - most generous and valuable gifts, for which we are very grateful indeed.

Informal Social evenings at which short introductory talks were followed by tea and a get-together of parents and teachers, were again held this year. The addresses we heard were, 'Choosing a Career', 'The Modern Approach to Mathematics in the Junior School' and 'A short History of St. John's', the last being given by Reverend Mother who enlivened our evening with some delightful reminiscences. I am sure that it is valuable for parents to meet the staff and to meet each other and am only sorry that more of you have not been able to avail yourselves of these opportunities. We shall try again next year.

We all owe a great deal to our active Board of Governors whose help and advice are always available and who are most generous with their time, and with the thought and interest given to our affairs.

Now that the school year has ended we have to say goodbye to some members of staff. Mrs. Seldon contracted to teach for a year and this unfortunately for us, is up. Mrs. Brown who has given years of faithful service is also leaving. I am very sorry about this and should like to record my appreciation of her enthusiasm and of her very good work particularly in the field of Junior Mathematics. Mrs. Williams has been doing part-time work and has already left with her husband for England. To each of them we offer our good wishes for future happiness.

We shall miss Professor Brookes, a tower of kindly strength at all times, who is going on leave for 6 months, and Mrs. de Wit who has done so much for Junior Afrikaans and who will be away in America for 1968. St. John's will have a warm welcome for them when they return.

Mrs. Drakes, our Housemistress, left at Easter and we were very pleased to welcome Mrs. Goodricke in her place. There have been several changes of matrons but we now have Mrs. Tune and Mrs. Tedder and hope they have settled in happily. 5

I have expressed or implied the school's gratitude to various in-

dividuals and groups and should now like to express my personal appreciation and sincere thanks to Mrs. Buchanan and the teaching Staff, Mrs. Goodricke, the Housekeeper and the matrons, the Bursar, the Secretary, our resident students and our caretaker, Mr. Lamb. for their willing co-operation and loyal backing at all times. I am particularly grateful to those who have so cheerfully shouldered extra burdens after the sad loss of Miss Newton and during Mrs. Greene's illness. Somebody who falls outside the category of staff but who nevertheless is always available to assist wherever she sees the need, is Miss Savory. Her generous help, given for the love of St. John's, is one of those happy acts of friendship and loyalty that the school is fortunate to experience.

I should also like to thank Caroline Camm and those girls who have held positions of authority and leadership and who have served the school in a variety of ways. In thinking of service to the school, my mind always includes the many who have held no particular position but whose thoughtfulness, co-operation and integrity have made our community a happier and a better place.

I shall conclude with a few words to those of you who are leaving.

Most of you will be undertaking some further study or training.

Mr. Quinton Hogg, a great educationalist, said, in answer to someone who was talking of 'higher' and 'lower' education, that the education in schools was lower than that in the Universities only in the sense that the roots are lower than the aerial parts of a plant. The geographers and farmers daughters amongst you will know that sheep are often turned into the wheat to eat away some of the aerial growth and so force better root development, and that trees must be pruned, often ruthlessly, if they are to bear good fruit. Both painful processes!

Your staff have often had to act as sheep or pruning shears! You have naturally resented the curtailment of your too rapid fruition but we hope that your roots have gone deep and will now be able to support a full and happy development.

There are many worthwhile things in many different fields of endeavour to exercise your energies and afford avenues of growth. You can through reading meet great minds and spirits of all ages, and I think few of us, young or old are sufficiently aware of this privilege: you can deepen your knowledge of art and music; you can enjoy games and outdoor pursuits; you can face and accept the demanding and sometimes exciting challenges of life whether these come to you in your own homes, in your careers or in your social contacts.

In a nutshell you can live very much more fully than is the unfortunate fashion of our rather superficial. materialistic age.

Our hopes for a finer, happier society lie in you young people and depend on your response to the things that really matter in human experience and human relationships.

May I wish our leavers, then. a life of worthy endeavour which will lead, even through conflict and perhaps disillusionment, to a deeper human understanding and a fuller joy.

A blessed Christmas, good luck and true happiness to you all.

## REPORT OF THE HEADMISTRESS

December, 1968.

I have the honour of presenting my report for 1968.

This year we welcomed Mrs. Ward, Mrs. Pauw, Miss Stainbank, Mrs. Hawkesworth and Miss Bredenkamp to the Teaching staff and Mrs. Gunning to the House staff.

Unfortunately, but inevitably, we now have good-byes to say. Mrs. Webb and Mrs. Graham are going overseas with their husbands: Mrs. Symons, our bursar is also leaving Pietermaritzburg; Mrs. Palmer, who faithfully comes to our rescue when we need extra help and who has been doing part-time work, has decided to have a break from teaching; Mrs. Hawkesworth has completed the year during which she kindly filled a gap, and Mrs. Stewart and Mrs. Dowle are retiring.

Mrs. Stewart has been here 144 years and has started many a girl on her school career with a sound and thorough grounding. Always kind but firm, she earns the real affection and respect of her little charges and is a well-loved and most successful Kindergarten teacher. She does much more than teach children the rudiments of the three R's. In her care they develop a remarkable degree of independence, good standards of general behaviour, consideration for each other and a feeling of security in the strange new environment of school. We are very grateful to her for all she has done in her very important position.

Mrs. Dowle, while still Miss Vine, was made Vice-Principal in 1957 when she had been at St. John's 31 years. Most of us, as rather nervous new members of staff, have experienced her friendly welcome and her sympathetic helpfulness. As resident Vice-Principal she willingly accepted a good deal of responsibility and was a great support to Mrs. Evans and later to me. A year after I became Head she changed her name and her abode and decided to give up her duties as Vice-Principal. Mrs. Dowle has been a dedicated teacher genuinely interested in the welfare of her pupils and a devoted and loyal member of the school.

We shall miss both Mrs. Stewart and Mrs. Dowle very much and we hope they will enjoy many happy years of well-earned retirement.

All those leaving have our sincere good wishes for their future happiness and our gratitude for what they have done during their time here.

May I take this opportunity of thanking Mrs. Buchanan and the Teaching staff, Mrs. Goodricke and the House staff, the Secretary, the Bursar and the Caretaker for their whole-hearted interest in the affairs of the school and for their friendly and unfailing co-operation with me. We are all grateful to Miss Savory, ex member of Staff and Honorary Old Girl, for the help she has so willingly and voluntarily given.

At the end of 1967, 38 girls sat for the Natal Senior Certificate examination. Five candidates obtained Ordinary Level passes. Of the other 33, 8 obtained Senior Certificate and 25 Matriculation Exemption. There were 6 merit passes. Nobody failed.

In the Afrikaanse Taaleksamens of 1967, 16 girls passed the Laer Eksamen and 12 were successful in the Hoër Eksamen.

The results in the practical examinations of the Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music were particularly gratifying. 16 pupils entered and all passed, 5 with merit and 6 with distinction.

There are always numerous activities outside the normal curriculum. All the school societies have met regularly. At the beginning of July the Inter-schools Science Society held its annual Conference at the University. Some of our members attended and Rosemary Joyner presented a paper. Parties of girls have had opportunities of attending concerts, plays, exhibitions, debates and the ballet. We thoroughly enjoyed the performance of the Xander Haagen Opsra Group and the programme of music given by the choir of St. Mary's, Kloof. We have also been privileged to hear a number of very interesting guest speakers.

School productions have been varied in type.

The opera Dido and Aeneas by Henry Purcell was an ambitious venture and a fine musical experience for the girls taking part. Miss Wilson was responsible for the high standard of the singing, Mrs. Watt for the production, Miss Carew for the décor and the ingenious lighting effects and Miss Bredenkamp was wardrobe mistress.

We also had an enjoyable evening when Stds. 1â\200\2245, under Mrs. Martin and Mrs. Watt, presented dramatised versions of some Greek myths and legends. The Std. 4 and Std. 5 plays from this group were entered for the Bryant Berriman Memorial Drama competition at the Rowe Theatre. Two girls, Florence Stubbs and Gillian Eagle were judged the best actors in the junior section of this competition.

As projects in English, Std. 4, Form I and Form II wrote, cast and produced their own plays which were a great success. These projects were done under Mrs. Candy's guidance and I should like to say how much I value her encouragement of creative work in English and Scripture classes.

Societies, plays, musical productions and excursions are possible only because members of Staff willingly and generously give up their time out of school hours. We are very fortunate in having teachers who are interested in thus broadening the educational experience of the children. The girls also play a large part in making their school life interesting and varied. Many take a considerable amount of responsibility in societies, sport, the library, the Chapel, as Prefects, House Captains and so on, and many others are very willing to help in various ways when called upon to do so.

The general standard of sport continues to be high and our teams have acquitted themselves well. We came second in the tennis league and were successful in all 12 hockey matches played against Maritzburg schools. Our annual fixture against Girls's College was in Durban this year. The first team was beaten and we had to leave the Sulin Cup behind. However we did not come home empty-handed as the other trophy for which we compete was won by our Under 14 team.

In the Junior and Senior Inter-schools Swimming Galas we were

placed respectively 4th and 5th. We hired floodlights for the inter-house gala and held it in our own bath. As it was an evening function it was possible for many fathers to be with us. I think we all appreciated the intimate atmosphere of a school function held at school, and I hope that one day we may be able to have our own lighting system. The Juniors from Kindergarten to Std. 5 had an afternoon of swimming to which parents and friends were invited. There were races, demonstrations of strokes and of diving and a display by the Kindergarten.

Several individual honours were gained in sport. In the inter-district tennis tournament Mercia Raubenheimer played tennis for Maritzburg and Barbara Lee for Zululand. Mercia is also to be congratulated on being the school singles champion. Helen Bircher was chosen as captain of Maritzburg Schools A Hockey team and as Vice-captain of the South Natal team. In the Maritzburg Schools B team Ann Fletcher won a place and Susan du Plessis was a reserve. Three girls, Linda Hathorn, Susan Dalton and Caroline Forbes swam for Maritzburg Schools and Beverley Williams was selected to dive. Beverley was also a reserve diver for South Natal and Jennifer Murray-Rogers a reserve for the Maritzburg Under 14 team.

Life saving is a very important branch of our swimming. Congratulations to the 24 girls who obtained the Bronze Medallion of the South African Life Saving Association and to Karin Kerr who passed the Bronze Cross examination with merit.

Mrs. Watt has reason to feel proud of the achievements of her pupils in the various fields of sport.

As in previous years, we have tried to meet the needs of the Sixth Form. Reverend Mother invited the Rev. Fr. Naters, S.S.J.E., to conduct the Leaving Girls Week-end. He was assisted by Mrs. Barrett, Mrs. Daynes and Mrs. Eagle. From all accounts this was a very valuable experience for our Leavers and we are grateful to the members of the team for the time and thought they gave to it. Earlier in the year a series of talks was organised by the Marriage Guidance Society and for these interesting and helpful sessions we should like to thank Mrs. Eagle, Mr. Harrison, Mr. Kedian and Reyv. Bredenkamp. During February three VIth Form girls were able to attend the Modderpoort Conference.

Lately the girls have been taking a more active part in our community worship. Forms I, 11 and Std. 4 have each conducted Thursday morning Junior Prayers. I also invited the boarders to take Chapel Prayers once a fortnight. This has been done by Form VI twice, by Form V and by Form 1V. In all cases the service has been reverently and sincerely conducted and the congregation has entered into it wholeheartedly.

We were very pleased to have so many Old Girls with us for the St. John Week-end. Their interest in the school never flags and is greatly appreciated by all of us. It often finds expression in practical ways. This year the Old Girls have donated R2.,500 towards four all-weather tennis courts and are already working hard for a fête to be held on our behalf in May, 1969.



I do not have to tell most of you that the present girls are also busy collecting money for the fête. Thanks to their hard work and to your generosity we have approximately R550 in the building society at the time of writing.

Those of you who support the Development Fund will be interested to hear how your money has been spent. This year, thanks to your contributions and to the gift from the St. John's Old Girls' Association, we have been able to have the four all-weather courts constructed. In addition extensions have been made to the Headmistress's office.

We are always deeply indebted to our Board of Governors for their interest in our welfare and for the work they undertake on our behalf. The General Purposes Committee has been particularly busy considering various possibilities for the continued development of the school. It is felt that the time has come to take a positive step forward. After thorough investigation, several decisions have been taken. A new science and biology block is to be built on the site of the Tin Town which has been condemned and has to be pulled down. As there appears to be a need for a nursery school in the Scottsville area, it is planned to build such a school in the belief that it will become a feeder to our Kindergarten. We expect that the building will be completed by the middle of 1969 and the idea is to site it just below the gate in New England Road. that is, where our vegetable garden is at present. We hope you will tell your friends and acquaintances about this project so that we can start with a full house. General improvements to existing facilities are also envisaged, perhaps the most important being new bathrooms for St. Anne's and St. Margaret's and the installation of an oil-burning hot water system.

23 of our girls were prepared by Fr. Matthews and confirmed by the late Rt. Rev. Cullen, D.D., Assistant Bishop of Natal. I should like to express our thanks to Fr. Matthews and Fr. Hays for ministering to us. We are also grateful to the sub-deacons of St. Alpheges for their assistance and to Dr. Brookes who has taken Evensong on several occasions.

Two members of Staff, the Head Girl, the Head Server, the Chapel Organist and I were privileged to attend the laying of the Foundation Stone of the new Convent of St. John the Divine in Durban. We feel very deeply the loss of the presence of the Sisters. Having them at hand was a blessing which we now realise we took too much for granted.

Since its foundation by the Sisters a great deal of effort, dedicated love and self-sacrifice have gone into the building up of this school. We have inherited in its tradition certain fundamental values. It should be our endeavour to keep them alive and you girls who are leaving should deem it a privilege to take these values out into the world. The friendships you have formed here, based on common ideals and interests, are valuable. Try to keep in touch with one another and with St. John's. As a Sixth Form under the able leadership of Elizabeth Hopkins you have given much to your school; as adults you can go on doing so. The link between Old and Present girls helps to preserve

our tradition and I suggest that the first step you should take is to join the Old Girls's Association where you will find a nucleus of women who are really concerned with the ideals of our heritage.

At the risk of taking up too much of your time, I do want to say one thing more. There is a present craze to divide society into horizontal layers according to age groups. One of these, as you have no doubt heard, is the teenage group. Whoever introduced the word teenager did society -a disservice. The expression has been taken up, brought into undue prominence and popularised extensively by commercial enterprises who have exploited the idea for financial gain. The concept with its exaggerated emphasis on one age group appears to me artificial and unrealistic. Surely society can much more truly be divided. not horizontally, but vertically into quality groups. A teenager has as much individuality as anyone else and many of us in older age groups would be proud to possess the innate good qualities of many of you.

I should like to suggest that you drop this offensive teenage label and think of yourselves as independent, unique characters developing and maturing along your own lines and already, in spite of your age or perhaps because of it, having a valuable contribution to make to the community.

May I wish each one of you a happy, interesting and successful future. God bless you all.

# PRIZE LIST, 1967

## Class Prizes

STANDARD 1: B. Harding.

STANDARD 2: K. Lee Jones, M. Boltman.

STANDARD 3: B. Parker.

STANDARD 4: G. Eagle, B. Taylor, B. Train.

FORM 1I: J. Henderson.

FORM II: A. Joyner.

FORM IIlb: B. Taylor.

FORM IIla: A. Harper, L. Hunter, G. Williams, H. Camm, A. Stanford.

FORM 1V: T. Sinclair.

FORM Vb: M. Mennie.

FORM Va: B. Kirkpatrick, R. Joyner, G. Boulter.

FORM VIb: H. Hensman.

FORM VIa: A. Swan, W. Hobson, H. Taylor, D. Eaglestone, G. Train, H. Abrams, E. Forbes, J. Saunders.

DUX: A. Darby.

## Special Prizes

DIVINITY (Presented by S.S.J.D.): Senior: D. Eaglestone. Junior: M. Davey.

ENGLISH (Berry-Jennings Cup): J. Saunders, H. Abrams.

AFRIKAANS (Guiney Cup): M. Turner.

MATHEMATICS (J. Abbot and C. Hyams Cup): H. Taylor.

HOUSECRAFT: Senior: A. Swan. Junior: C. Bultitude.

ART (Presented by Mrs. Russell): Senior: R. Joubert. Junior: R. Yates.

PROGRESS (Presented by St. John's Old Girls's Association): Senior: L. Lund. Junior: C. Stubbs.

MUSIC: Senior: L. Bultitude. Junior: L. Camm.

JUNIOR MUSIC CUP (Presented by Mrs. Richards): H. Molony.

SENIOR MUSIC CUP: Senior Choir.

TOKENS OF APPRECIATION: Head Girl's Cup: C. Camm. Head Day Scholar: G. Train. Chapel Organist: R. Joyner. Long Attendance: P. Croudace.

SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS (highest marks in Std. 8) (Foundation of Education, Science and Technology): T. Sinclair.

## SWIMMING CUPS:

Douille Cup for Style: G. Train.

Lambert Cup for Progress: S. Lewis, F. McAllister.  
Macleod Cup, Most Able: E. Forbes.

Maxwell Cup for Diving: B. Williams.

Inter-house Swimming Cup: Rhodes:

GYMNASIUM CUPS:

Kay Miller Cup: Juniors: F. McAllister.

Heather Dukes Cup: Middle School: L. Hathorn.  
Kerby Shield: M. Tweedie.

Inter-house Gym. Cup: Rhodes.



TENNIS CUPS AND PRIZES:

Bunnies: Junior School: L. Greene.  
 Under 13: D. Raubenheimer.  
 Under 14: A. Stanford.  
 Under 15: B. Fly.  
 Senior: School Champion: P. Croudace.

DEPARTMENT CUP: W. Hobson.

INTER-HOUSE HOCKEY CUP: Rhodes.

GOODMAN CUP: All round sport: G. Train.  
 AGGREGATE CUP: Academic, Sport, Behaviour: Rhodes.

RESULTS OF SENIOR CERTIFICATE EXAMINATION,  
 DECEMBER 1967

Senior Certificate with Matric Exemption:  
 MERIT PASSES

Abrams, H. Forbes, E. Taylor, H.  
 Darby, A. Swan, A. Train, G.

PASSES

Armstrong, J. Geekie, J. Saunders, M.  
 Calder Potts, C. Goddard, B. Schafer, J.  
 Camm, C. Hobson, W. Shepherd, G.  
 Croudace, P. Joubert, R. Sidey, D.  
 Eaglestone, D. Knight, M. Turner, M.  
 Emary, E. Manners, S. Tweedie, M.  
 Foss, L. Roe-Scott, R.

Senior Certificate:

â\200\234Aâ\200\235 LEVEL PASSES

Abbott, C. Hay, J. Matthews, J.  
 Albers, A. Hensman, H. Reid, R.  
 Coldbeck, S.

â\200\234Oâ\200\235 LEVEL PASSES

Dorning, H. Mundell, C. Wood, J.  
 Groenewald, A. Smythe, J.

PREFECTS 1968

E. Hopkins (Head Girl)

M. Raubenheimer (Head Day-girl)

J. . Attwood F. Henderson M. Pretious  
 H. Bircher M. A. Liebenberg H. Stewart  
 C. Gace J. Manning C. White  
 M. Hargraves L. Marlton

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Wykeham.  
Hilton College.  
Ladysmith High School.  
University of Stellenbosch.  
Kingsmead.  
Queen's Park High School, C.P.  
Girls' High School. Pietermaritzburg.  
St. Barnabas College.  
St. Andrews School, Bloemfontein.  
Durban Teachers' Training College.

## CHAPEL NOTES, 1967-1968

During the course of 1967 we were most unfortunate in that we lost two valued friends. Sister Faith retired and we have missed her greatly, both in person and in the many things she did for the chapel. She did not leave us to struggle on without any guidance, however, for she has left behind a very adequate record of Sacristan's duties and the forms taken by all the services which we have in the chapel. This will prove invaluable to future sacristans and enable them to continue the traditions of St. John's. Before Sister left us, she trained Fay Smythe and Colleen Calder-Potts to carry on her work. Thank you Sister Faith, Colleen and Fay.

Towards the end of last year Father Baker was taken ill and unfortunately was unable to return to us. We have missed him greatly and we all have great pleasure in seeing him on his frequent visits to us now that his health has improved.

Father Matthews and Father Hays kindly stepped into the breach during Father Baker's illness and have welcomed the school into the parish. They have added this extra burden to their already busy lives and we are very grateful to them. Our thanks also go to the St. Alphege's Sub-deacons, who so kindly take our Sunday Evensong services and also to Prof. Brookes who is still willing to take services for us despite his many other commitments at the University.

On St. John's Day we were pleased to welcome a large number of Old Girls, who stayed for breakfast after the services. On two occasions Mass has been celebrated in the School Chapel by visiting priests. On Sunday, February 18th we were greatly privileged in having the Lord Bishop of Natal to officiate. As on his former visit, he stayed to breakfast after the service. On Sunday, 31st March, we were pleased to welcome Father Naters, who took Mass during his brief visit to Natal from his Transkei Mission Station.

This year Father Matthews prepared 23 girls for confirmation and baptized two of them before the service. On the 13th June the Confirmation Service was held in the School Chapel by the late Rt. Rev. Cullen, D.D. The Rev. Father Naters, S.S.J.E., Mrs. Eagle, Mrs. Barrett and Mrs. Daynes were very kind in conducting our Vith Form Leavers' Week-end for us. The Conference was much enjoyed and our thanks go to them all for a wonderful week-end.



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In the past few years we have saved up sufficient money to enable us to have kneelers made for the chapel. They came into use in the second term. I should like to thank many of the Vith Form girls, and especially Angela Frank, my assistant Sacristan, for the help they have given me with the re-lining of the gold St. John's Day vestments; without their help these could not have been completed in time for St. John's Day.

MARY-ANN LIEBENBERG, Sacristan.

ST JOHN'S OLD GIRLS' ASSOCIATION  
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City Hall, Pietermaritzburg - Saturday, 10th May, 1969

Stalls include:-

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Convener:-

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Book now for THE week-end of the year.  
The Royal Show will be officially opened,  
The Old Girls' Re-union will take place,

- and -

THE FETE

Please support us and make it a great success.

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SCHOOL DIARY

School Re-opens.

Tennis: Epworth v. St. Johnâ\200\231s.

Tennis: Commercial High v. St. Johnâ\200\231s.

Zena Geyvisser to speak on Personal Hygiene.

Illustrated talk on EXPOS (Canada) by Mrs. Towner Costen.

Tennis: St. Johnâ\200\231s v. Russell High.

Swimming: Match at Convent.

The Lord Bishop of Natal to Mass and breakfast.

Friendly tennis: Cordwalles v. St. Johnâ\200\231s, U.15a.

Blessing of the Prefects.

Tennis: St. Johnâ\200\231s v. Russell High.

Tennis: St. Johnâ\200\231s v. Convent.

Film: Vanishing Kingdoms (John Tunstall).

Blessing of the Servers at Evensong.

Salzburg Marionettes.

Ash Wednesday.

Girls leave for Modderpoort Conference.

Mr. Hawkesworth to address Science Society.

Free Saturday.

Swimming: Trials for Maritzburg Schools.

Diving trials for Maritzburg Schools.

Inter-schools Science Society. Quarterly meeting.

Tennis: St. Johnâ\200\231s v. G.H.S.

Film: â\200\234Rotten to the Coreâ\200\235.

Junior Inter-Schools Swimming Gala.

Tennis: Collegiate v. St. Johnâ\200\231s.

Senior Inter-Schools Swimming Gala.

Literary and Debating Society: Debate v. Hilton (at Hilton).

Tennis: St. Johnâ\200\231s v. Wykeham.

Film: â\200\234Not with my wife, you donâ\200\231tâ\200\235.

Inter-house Swimming Gala.

Wild Life Society. Illustrated talk by Miss K. Nixon.  
Smythe Trophy (tennis).

Talk: â\200\234Education of the Blindâ\200\235 â\200\224 Mr. Nursoo and senior pupil.

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Art exhibition of work from various schools.  
Music Society to meet.

Variety Concert.

Tennis: St. John's v. Ixopo.

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School breaks up at 12 noon for the Easter holidays.

Second Quarter, 1968

School reopens.  
Literary and Debating Society: Miss Cabhill.  
Musgrove and Watson: Talk to Form V and VI

Wild Life Society: Dr. Bigalke.

Hockey: St. John's v. Collegiate.

Film on Artificial Respiration (St. John's Ambulance).  
St. John's Day.

School photographs.

Hofmeyr Speech Contest (at College).

Hockey: Commercial High v. St. Johnâ\200\231s.

St. Johnâ\200\231s Weekend. â\200\234Old Girlsâ\200\235 to Mass and breakfast.

Tennis: St. Johnâ\200\231s v. St. Maryâ\200\231s, Johannesburg.

Laying of the Foundation Stone of the new Convent,  
S.S.J.D. in Durban.

Examinations start.

Hilton production of Hamlet.

Hockey: Maritzburg Trials.

Hockey: St. Johnâ\200\231s vs. Greytown.

Long weekend.

Show Half-holiday.

Long weekend.

â\200\234The Only Wayâ\200\235 â\200\224 a play at Alexandra High School.

Visit to Alcan.

Marriage Guidance talk to Form VI.

Inter-schoolsâ\200\231 Science Society and Music Evening.

Hockey: Ixopo v. St. Johnâ\200\231s.

Film: â\200\234Torn Curtainâ\200\235.

Confirmation.

Marriage Guidance talk to Form VI.

Literary and Debating Society: Play reading.

Hockey: South Natal Trials in Durban.

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Tennis: St. Johnâ\200\231s juniors v. Cordwalles.

St. Maryâ\200\231s Choir.

Marriage Guidance Talk to Form VI.

Literary and Debating Society.

Hockey: St. Johnâ\200\231s v. Estcourt.

Orchestral concert in City Hall.

Orchestral concert for juniors.

Inter-schoolsâ\200\231 Science Society Conference begins.  
School closes for July holidays.

Third Quarter, 1968  
Boarders return.  
Boarder Parents to meet Staff.  
School re-opens.

Marriage Guidance Talk to Form VI.

Hockey: St. Johnâ\200\231s v. Johannesburg Schools.

Science and Wild Life Societies.

Hockey: St. Johnâ\200\231s v. G.H.S.

Talk by Dr. Brookes.

Hockey: Clifton v. St. Johnâ\200\231s Junior teams.

Inter-house Cent Race in aid of Fete Funds.

Afrikaans Film: â\200\234Jy is my Liefelingâ\200\235.

â\200\234Royal Pardonâ\200\235 at G.H.S. (University Players).

Literary and Debating Society: Play reading.

Roedean hockey players arrive.

Hockey: St. Johnâ\200\231s v. Roedean.

Netball tournament.

Staff Hockey Match.

Senior Choir â\200\224 evening out.

Junior Play (Std. 4 and 5) at Rowe Theatre.

Science Society.

Hockey: Intertown, Durban v. Pietermaritzburg. South

Natal v. Rhodesia.

Orchestral Concert.

Dr. Brookes â\200\224 talk to Form VI.

Long weekend.

Cake sale for Fete Funds. Forms I and II.

Day scholar Parents to meet Staff.

Xander Haagen Opera Group in â\200\234The Cooperâ\200\235.

Hockey: St. Johnâ\200\231s v. Mablereign.

Debating Society: Marists v. St. Johnâ\200\231s.

Jumble sale in aid of Fete Funds.

Saturday 7 Hockey: Durban Girlsâ\200\231 College v. St. Johnâ\200\231s.

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Thursday 12 Netball: St. Johnâ\200\231s v. Convent (Std. 6).

Friday 13 Record Evening.

Saturday 14 Junior Plays: Forms II, I and Std. 4.

Hockey: Wykeham v. St. Johnâ\200\231s.

Thursday 19 Hockey: Convent v. St. Johnâ\200\231s.

Vienna Boysâ\200\231 Choir.

Friday 20 Quarterly Inter-Schools Science Meeting.

Saturday 21 Hockey: St. Johnâ\200\231s v. Epworth.

â\200\234The Bartered Brideâ\200\235 â\200\224 St. Anneâ\200\231s.

Wednesday 25 Merchiston Play: â\200\234Listen to the windâ\200\235.

Friday 27 Science Society.

Saturday 28 Preliminary Rounds: Tennis Doubles Championships.

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OCTOBER:

a%%sggs{ia y Ll, St. Johnâ\200\231s production of Dido and Aeneas.

Thursday 3 Dramatised version of some Greek Myths and Legends  
(Stds. 1â\200\2245).

Friday 4 Break up for Michaelmas at 12 noon.



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ST. JOHN\200\231S HIGH SCHOOL  
CALENDAR

4th Quarter, 1968

School re-opens.

Cake sale for F&te (Stds. 1\200\2244).

Tennis: Voortrekker vs. St. John\200\231s.

Bingo and refreshments in aid of F&te (Form IVa).

Social and Tennis: St. John\200\231s vs. Old Girls.

Taaleksamens.

Play Reading (Form III).

Tennis: St. John\200\231s vs. Ixopo.

Film: Ballerina (Form III in aid of F&te).

Braaivleis for Form VI arranged by S.J.O.G.A.

K. G. Play at Assembly.

Symphony Concert.

Finals of Tennis Championships.

Quarterly Science Meeting at Hilton.

Free Saturday.

Kindergarten Party.

Science and Wild Life Society: Film: African Lion.  
Talk by Miss Finlayson on her experiences at the Royal  
School of Ballet.

Remembrance Day.

Gymnastic competition.

Form VI go for their long week-end.

Literary and Debating Society meets.

Schools and Universities Camp slides.

Science and Wild Life excursion to Lion Park.  
IV Form examinations begin.

Senior Certificate examinations begin.  
Examinations for Forms I, II, III and V begin.  
Record evening.

Christmas Dinner.

Senior Certificate finishes.

Form VI Dinner.

Carol Service.

Prize Giving.

School closes for the Christmas holidays.



## MUSIC NOTES

How truly we can say of 1967 with its continuous activity â\200\224 never a dull moment!

In the second term in particular it became quite a challenge trying to fit in lessons, games, rehearsals for three shows, the Royal Show half-holiday, confirmation, speech festival and practices for St. Johnâ\200\231s Day â\200\224 the 70th Anniversary.

On this occasion the Old Girls presented the school with a Phillips Record Player and Grundig Tape Recorder. In her report, Miss McAlister has thanked the Old Girls for their magnificent gifts, which are greatly appreciated and used frequently.

In May, we were invited by Collegiate to take part in the opera â\200\234Noyeâ\200\231s Fluddeâ\200\235. This unusual work by Benjamin Britten gave our Recorder and Percussion Groups and Senior Choir valuable experience in combining with others.

A delightful adaptation of â\200\234The Pied Piperâ\200\235 was given by the juniors at school and at the Rowe Theatre, enhanced by music from the Recorder Group and Junior Choir.

In the first Music Festival to be presented by the Private Schools, some sopranos from the Senior Choir took part in the main item â\200\234Hiawathaâ\200\231s Wedding Feastâ\200\235 by Coleridge Taylor. This gave the girls good practice in singing in a mixed choir, with orchestral accompaniments. It also proved to be an enjoyable social occasion and â\200\234bun feastâ\200\235, whenever Wykeham, Epworth, Hilton, Kearsney and St. Johnâ\200\231s got together!

Our own dramatised version of the above â\200\234Hiawathaâ\200\235, given at the end of the third term, was a great success, both scenically and musically. All the hard work entailed was well worth while, and everyone who took part enjoyed the experience. We are indebted to Brother Bongstrom for his fine singing of the tenor solo.

Later in the year, Std. 4 used some of the â\200\234danceâ\200\235 music in their own play, with good effect.

Holiday music camps, to which some of the girls went were held at Port Shepstone and Nottingham Road and were much enjoyed.

At a S.A. Society of Music Teachers concert, two items were provided by the Recorder Group, a piano solo by I. Knox and clarinet solo by L. Bultitude.

Congratulations to the two last named for being awarded the Reid Memorial Prize and the Senior Music Prize respectively.

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The list of examination results given below reflects some good and varied work done by the music pupils.

Several girls and the Junior Choir took part in the Afrikaans Eisteddfod held in October, and some favourable comments were made by the adjudicator.

Our thanks again to E. Hopkins and R. Joyner, the reliable chapel organists and also to their helpers â\200\224 H. Bircher and L. MacNeillie.

With the award of the Senior Music Cup to the Senior Choir, recognition has been given to this group which has worked so well generally, and particularly in â\200\234Hiawathaâ\200\235, which required much extra practice.

Unfortunately Father Baker was prevented by illness from taking the Carol Service and we are very grateful to Father Hopkins for doing so in his place.

#### MUSIC EXAMINATION RESULTS, 1967

Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music  
Practical (Pianoforte):

Grade I Pass: B. Taylor, T. Greene.

Merit: L. Greene.

Grade II Pass: M. Shipman, B. Fly, C. Forbes, S. Routledge, A. Joyner. ,

Grade III Pass: B. Snijman.

Grade IV Pass: L. Hathorn.

Grade V Pass: K. Kerr.

Merit: 1. Knox.

Grade VI Pass: W. Hall, R. Joyner.

Duets (Junior) Pass: E. Hopkins and H. Stewart.

Theory:

Grade II Pass: M. Shipman, H. Molony.

Grades III and IV: Pass: K. Kerr.

Grade V. Pass: 1. Knox, A. Molony.

Trinity College of Music

Practical (Recorder):

Grade II Honours: L. Camm, J. Murray-Rogers.

S.A. Society of Music Teachers

Reid Memorial Prize: 1. Knox.

Music Prizes

Junior: L. Camm.

Senior: L. Bultitude.

Cups

Junior Music Cup: H. Molony.

Senior Music Cup: Senior Choir.

Token of Appreciation

R. Joyner (Chapel Organist).

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MUSIC DIARY, 1968

Salzburg Marionettes at Grand Theatre.

Variety Concert â\200\224 items devised and produced by the girls with some staff members as guest artists.  
Recorder Group to Kloof for day given by Recorder Society.

Drakensberg Choir â\200\224 City Hall.

N.A.P.A.C. Ballet at Grand Theatre included Nut-cracker Suite.

St. Maryâ\200\231s D.S.G. Choir from Kloof conducted by Miss Bisheuvel, gave a concert at the school. Items included songs by Choir, Recorders, Percussion and Guitars.  
Two concerts for schools given by Natal Education Department in association with Philharmonic Society.  
Completion of overhauling of school pianos - cost R400.

S.A.B.C. Orchestral concert for schools in City Hall.  
Music Examinations for Royal Schools of Music, held at new Y.M.C.A. Sixteen candidates.

Miss Murray gave the school a very nice selection of records including concertos and symphonies.

PACT presented the Xander Hagen opera group in â\200\234The Cooperâ\200\235 by Thomas Arne, in our hall.

Record evening included several new records purchased with money from last yearâ\200\231s Carol Service.

Vienna Boys Choir delighted a capacity audience.  
â\200\234The Bartered Brideâ\200\235 by Smetana performed at St. Anneâ\200\231s.

Purcellâ\200\231's opera â\200\234Dido and Aeneasâ\200\235 presented by the Senior Choir and senior girls.

Chapel Organists: E. Hopkins and R. Joyner.  
Assisted by: L. Hathorn, L. McNeillie, H. Camm, B. Taylor, P. Mundell.  
MUSIC EXAMINATION RESULTS, 1968

Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music  
Practical (Pianoforte):  
Grade 1 Pass: N. Ross.

Merit: M. Mason.

Distinction: J. Eagle, J. Routledge.

Grade II Merit: M. Braatvedt.

Distinction: L. Greene, B. Parker, F. Stubbs.

Grade III Pass: M. Shipman, B. Fly, H. Edwards.

Merit: H. Molony, L. Camm, A. Joyner.

Grade 1V Pass: B. Snijman.

Grade VI Distinction: 1. Knox.

## HOUSE REPORTS

### ATHLONE

Captain: Margaret McIlrath. Vice-Captain: Linda Macneillie.  
Junior Captain: Colleen Eaglestone.

We were very pleased to have Mrs. Franklin as our new house mistress last year and we would also like to thank her for all her encouragement. Athlone did not do exceptionally well in 1967 but the team spirit flourished under the enthusiastic captaincy of Colleen Calder-Potts.

In the inter-house gala we came second to Rhodes; however, everyone swam extremely well and our congratulations are extended to

everley Williams, who won the trophy for diving and was also chosen to represent St. John's in the Inter-Schools Gala.

Elizabeth Forbes and Hilary Stewart must be congratulated on being selected to swim for Pietermaritzburg and Elizabeth Forbes was awarded the Henwood Cup for progress in swimming.

After much stiff opposition from the other houses we were placed third in inter-house hockey. However, Colleen Calder-Potts was selected to play for Pietermaritzburg's 234 team and later to play for South Natal. Congratulations, Colleen. Athlone is very proud of you.

Again in the inter-house tennis Rhodes beat us and in the gymnastics we came second to Rhodes. Each member of the teams did however, do outstandingly well and was rewarded for her efforts.

In the third term the school was occupied with Hiawatha's 235, with the result that little time was spent on netball and the house matches were cancelled.

Our achievements are in large measure due to the never-ending help from Mrs. Watt, which she gives so readily. We should like to take this opportunity of thanking her for everything.

Remember, Athlone, that nothing is achieved without determination, and if you keep up the good spirit, you will do well in the future!

MARGARET MCILRATH.

### CONNAUGHT

Captain: J. Gecekie. Vice-Captain: E. Hopkins.  
Junior Captain: B. Snijman.

Although Connaught did not succeed in winning any cups, every

member showed great house spirit and we entered everything with great determination to do better than before.



The inter-house swimming gala was held in the evening of March 15th at the Alexandra Baths. Connaught was very low in points at the beginning of the gala, but no down-heartedness was shown at any stage, and all the swimmers acquitted themselves very well. Congratulations to Renee Andries who was chosen to swim for Pietermaritzburg.

During the first term the inter-house tennis matches were played., and although we were beaten, everyone did her best.

Inter-house hockey matches were played one extremely hot day during the 3rd term. Connaught played exceptionally well and tied with Athlone for 2nd place.

As Netball fell by the wayside, no inter-house matches were played.

Congratulations to Mary Tweedie for winning the Kerby Shield for seniors in the Gym competition held during the fourth term. Well done Rhodes for winning the Aggregate Cup after a very successful year!

In concluding I should like to thank Mrs. Dowle for all the interest and enthusiasm she always shows in our house activities.

Good luck for next year, Connaught.  
GILLIAN BOULTER.

RHODES

Captain: D. Hunter. Vice-Captain: B. Lee.  
Junior Captain: J. Murray-Rodgers.

Once again Rhodes was the most successful house in 1967, winning all the sports cups and the Aggregate Cup. Our thanks go to Elizabeth Emary, our captain, and to each member of the house who helped to make Rhodes so successful. We are also very grateful for the willing advice that Miss Murray so readily gave.

Each member of the swimming team did extremely well in the inter-house gala. Gillian Train, Sally Lewis, Fiona McAlister and Linda Hathorn must be congratulated on their achievements, which are detailed in the Swimming Report.

After very exciting matches against other houses, Rhodes again won the Hockey Cup. We are very proud of Gillian Train and Helen Bircher, who were both chosen for the Maritzburg 200\234A 200\235 team and later for South Natal.

Unfortunately there were no inter-house netball matches in the third term, as the school's production of 200\234Hiawatha 200\235 took up most of the time. However, we must congratulate Gillian Train for being chosen as a reserve for the Maritzburg team.

We achieved other victories by winning both the Tennis and Gymnastics Cups. We are very proud of those who helped in these achievements â\200\224 their names appear in the Tennis and Gymnastics Report.

Gillian Train was again awarded the All-Round Sports Cup. Congratulations, Gill.

I should like to give my sincere thanks to Mrs. Watt whose continual help and encouragement was appreciated by all and greatly beneficial to us.

Best of luck to you all for 1968, Rhodes.

DIANA HUNTER.

## SCHOOL SOCIETIES

### SCIENCE SOCIETY, 1967-1968

In June last year we held our last meeting for the year 1966-1967. Mr. Naudé, a local optometrist gave us a very interesting talk on eyes and vision and how eyes are tested. In August last year, our first meeting for 1967-1968 was held in the small hall. Forty-three members enrolled, Lynn Marlton was elected President and Helen English Secretary. Included on the committee were M. A. Liebenberg, T. Sinclair, S. Jordan and J. Titren. Three papers prepared for the P.I.L.N.S.A. Conference were read.

St. John's is a member of the Pietermaritzburg and Inland Natal School Science Association and for the year July, 1967 to June, 1968, was the headquarters school, L. Marlton being the Chairwoman and T. Sinclair the Secretary. In September, the representatives from various schools met in the big hall for the Third Quarterly meeting. Mr. Potter from the Natal Parks Board was our guest speaker and gave a well-illustrated talk on marine turtles.

In October a meeting was held in the small hall, open to the school. Mrs. Franklin and Mrs. Harrison, two staff members, discussed the geographical structure of the North Coast with emphasis on St. Lucia Lake and vegetation of the lake and surrounding nature.

Representatives from St. John's attended the Fourth Quarterly Meeting at Epworth in November. Mr. Mouton gave a most interesting talk on the Wadi Haudremaut area in S. Arabia. He showed us some excellent slides and some of his souvenirs.

As from the beginning of 1968, the Science Society and the Wild Life Society combined, under the leadership of Mrs. Franklin. In February at our first meeting R. Joyner was elected President and H. English Secretary. L. Marlton, T. Sinclair, A. Stanford, E. Heynes, V. Armstrong and H. Bastard were elected to the committee. 80 members, including Mrs. Hové and Miss Stainbank enrolled. It was decided to alternate scientific and wild life topics at meetings.

Miss Nixon from the Wattle Research Trust spoke to us in March on the methods of conserving wild life. She illustrated her talk with slides. Dr. Hawkesworth gave us a very interesting talk on electricity from chemicals, which he demonstrated with some experiments. The Quarterly Meeting was held at St. Anne's where Mr. Eagle, the guest speaker, gave us a most interesting talk on "The Physics of the Moon" which he illustrated with slides.

In May Dr. Bigalke, senior research officer at Queen Elizabeth Park, gave us a well-illustrated talk on the need to conserve. A R10

donation for Wild Life Research was presented to Dr. Bigalke at the meeting. Representatives were present at the Quarterly Meeting held at Epworth in June. Dr. Noel from the University spoke to us on

â\200\234Understanding DNAâ\200\235.

Miss Stainbank and Mrs. HovÃ© accompanied our members to the Alcan factory on an enjoyable afternoon visit. We were shown a film on the mining of bauxite and extraction of aluminium and were then shown over the factory to have glimpses of the stages of production.

For our first meeting after the July holidays, two of the prize-winning papers at the P.I.LN.N.S.S.A. Conference, held in the beginning of July, were read. Wykeham representatives were also present. The readers were Michelle Ducasse from Collegiate High School and Michael Mullany from Alexandra High School. In August Dr. Faulds from the University came and talked to us on Psychology and the use of rats in research. We had great enjoyment playing with the rats afterwards!

In September the Quarterly Meeting was held at Wykeham where Prof. Reid from Durban spoke to us on the heart and heart diseases. All these quarterly meetings have been well supported and much enjoyed. We would like to express our thanks to Mrs. Franklin especially and the members of staff for all their help and interest shown in this society. I hope the society will continue to grow from strength to strength.

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#### LITERARY AND DEBATING SOCIETY, 1967-1968

Throughout 1967 the Literary and Debating Society was once more ably supported and helped by Mrs. Harrison and Mrs. Veldman. Our first meeting was held on 3rd March. Mr. Cook gave us a most interesting lecture and showed us slides on the old buildings of Pietermaritzburg.

Hilton came down to St. Johnâ\200\231s for our annual debate. The motion under discussion was â\200\234That a truly scientific attitude of mind is incompatible with religious convictionsâ\200\235. St. Johnâ\200\231s, supporting the motion, was represented by Marion Turner, Jean Saunders and Mary-Anne Liebenberg. Roderick Smith, Alistair Dickson and Charles Lund, speaking for Hilton, opposed the motion. Mr. Fouche of the University Department of Education adjudicated and finally gave the decision in favour of Hilton.

Robin Joubert represented St. Johnâ\200\231s in the first round of the Jan Hofmeyr Speech Contest, which was held in our school hall. She spoke on â\200\234The Impact of Modern Entertainmentâ\200\235. During the second quarter, we were fortunate to have Professor Gardener of Natal University to give us a very interesting lecture on the life and works of Gerard Manley Hopkins.

Several play-readings were held and a short scene from â\200\234Twelfth Nightâ\200\235 was followed by a successful balloon debate in which Caroline Forbes was voted best speaker. Our thanks go to Mrs. Harrison for

the interesting films which she arranged for us to see on flower arrangements and the Japanese Press. Mary-Anne Liebenberg was voted President of the society for 1968, with Linda Hathorn as Secretary.

Our 1968 activities began with our annual debate against Hilton, which was held at Hilton. The motion debated was that "Money is the root of real happiness in our modern, highly materialistic world". St. John's speakers., Mary-Anne Liebenberg, Ann Fletcher and Toni Sinclair proposed the motion and the Hilton speakers, R. J. Smith, G. M. Thompson and Q. J. Thom opposed the motion. The Rev. Gamley adjudicated and decided in Hilton's favour.

In April, Miss Cahill from the University English Department came to speak to the VIth Form about T. S. Eliot, with particular reference to "Murder in the Cathedral". In the 2nd quarter Mary-Anne Liebenberg represented St. John's in the first round of the Jan Hofmeyr speech contest, held at Maritzburg College. She spoke on "Crabb's Age and youth cannot live together".

From time to time our meetings have consisted of play readings held by IVth Form and Vth Form have put on some mini-debates. In June, Mrs. Harrison kindly came one evening to show us some films of Australia chosen by the girls, which were very interesting.

A debate against St. Charles was held in August at St. Charles. St. John's speakers, Felicity MacQueen, Carolyn Fawcett and Gwyneth Williams opposed the motion "That women should undergo compulsory military training". St. Charles's speakers G. Daniels, C. Seymour and A. Dye proposed the motion. Mrs. Veldman and Mr. MacNeil gave the decision in favour of St. John's and G. Daniels of St. Charles was judged the best speaker.

## TENNIS REPORT, 1967

Captain: P. Croudace. Vice-Captain: E. Emary.

For the second successive year, St. John's 1st team enjoyed the honour of winning the Lyle League by narrowly beating Girls' High and St. Anne's on the count of games.

During the Michaelmas holidays the team travelled to Johannesburg to play matches against Roedean, Kingsmead, Waverley and St. Mary's. This was a most enjoyable and successful tour, with all matches ending in our favour. The team members were P. Croudace (C), A. Swan, E. Emary. M. Raubenheimer, S. Meanwell, B. Taylor and B. Fly.

Patricia Croudace and Colleen Calder-Potts were once again selected to represent the school to play for the Smythe Trophy. Unfortunately this popular event had to be cancelled owing to heavy rain.

Two of our girls were selected for the Maritzburg Junior teams which played in the Inter-District competition at Kershaw Park. Patricia Croudace played for the 1st team and Mercia Raubenheimer for the 2nd team. Many junior matches were played and a number of the younger players have shown promise for our future teams.

Our thanks go to Patricia Croudace, our captain for 1967 and also to Mrs. Potgieter who provided many enjoyable teas. Last but by no means least, our sincere thanks go to Mrs. Watt, who has helped to raise the standard of the St. John's teams considerably. Thank you very much, Mrs. Watt.

### School Championships

Senior Singles: P. Croudace.

Senior Doubles: P. Croudace and C. Calder-Potts.

Under 15 Doubles: B. Fly and B. Taylor.

Bunnies Singles: L. Greene.

Under 15 Singles: B. Fly.

Under 14 Singles: B. Taylor.

Under 14 Doubles: A. Stanford and J. Titren.

Bunnies Doubles: L. Greene and L. Camm.

## TENNIS, 1968.

We have had a very enjoyable season of tennis again this year. We were successful in being placed second in the Lyle League, having lost 55/44 to St. Anne's - the eventual winners. We won all other league matches played against local schools. In a friendly match against St.

Maryâ\200\231s of Johannesburg we lost 48/33. We had a close encounter with Ixopo, narrowly beating them 50/49. In the annual Durban Girlsâ\200\231 College match we lost 63/36.

We were represented at the Smythe Trophy by M. Raubenheimer and S. Meanwell. The 2nd team played a few matches and were successful in winning all of them. The under 15 A/B had a number of matches as well.

The following awards were made this year:

Full colours â\200\224 M. Raubenheimer.  
colours â\200\224 S. Meanwell.  
colours â\200\224 A. Fletcher.  
colours â\200\224 D. Raubenheimer.

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Tennis Umpires:

M. Hamilton S. Stokes E. Heynes  
G. Boulter C. Fawcett P. Hayter  
Teams:

1st 2nd Under 15 A B

M. Raubenheimer B. Lee L. Greene J. Bowes  
S. Meanwell L. Simson A. Harper L. Camm  
H. Bircher J. Titren M. du Plessis S, Thiruba  
A. Fletcher A. Stanford J. Bowes D. Barron  
D. Raubenheimer G. Boulter C. Wait  
B. Taylor S. Braadvedt J. Oscanft  
B. Fly

HOCKEY REPORT, 1967

Captain: H. Bircher. Vice-Captains: G. Train and C. Calder-Potts.  
Secretary: F. Smythe.

Once again we all enjoyed a most successful hockey season and tied in the winning of the Lyle League Trophy with Wykeham, after having beaten them in the first match, but drawing 1-1 in the final match.

We undertook a hockey tour to Cape Town, flying both ways. Rustenburg High School, Rondebosch was our hostess school and all the families with whom we stayed looked after us very well. We had an unforgettable time, which we owe entirely to Mrs. Watt, who so willingly gave up her holidays for us and organised accommodation. We played four very well-known schools and were successful in all four matches, the scores being:â\200\224

Rustenburg High 0 St Jolmaks  
Herschel School 1 S OhMESEES  
St. Cyprianâ\200\231s 1 St. Johnâ\200\231s 6  
Sans Souci ) St. Johnâ\200\231s 10

Besides playing some good games of hockey, we also saw around

Cape Town and managed some educational tours up Table Mountain,





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a visit to the Castle and to the K.W.V. After an enjoyable eight days there we flew back with happy memories, only missing half a day of school!

At the Maritzburg Hockey trials C. Calder-Potts, G. Train and H. Bircher gained places in the A team and S. du Plessis was chosen as a reserve for the B team. Well done! H. Bircher was chosen as captain of the A team.

At the South Natal trials C. Calder-Potts, G. Train and H. Bircher gained places in the team which went up to Johannesburg to play in the Inter-Provincial Hockey Tournament. H. Bircher was chosen as vice-captain of the team.

A touring team from Kingsmead came down and played a thrilling match with us resulting in no score. We played our annual match against Durban Girls' College here this year and our 1st team won the Robertson Trophy, whilst their Under 14 team won the other trophy. The day was most enjoyable and we very much appreciated the hard work put in by many mothers to prepare delicious refreshments for us. Thank you very much everyone! We also thank Mrs. Potgieter for providing the teas throughout the season.

This successful season we owe entirely to Mrs. Watt who so willingly coached all the teams to an exceptionally high standard. Best of luck for 1968 everyone. Keep up the good standard.

H. BIRCHER.

1967 Teams

1st 2nd Under 15

G. B. Lee} J. Schafer} J. Oscan  
IRE R (GEEKICH A. SWAN} B. TAYLOR  
R.B. E. Emary} H. Stewart P. Mundell  
L.H. C. Calder-Potts\* S. Kaldelis L. Hathorn  
(CIETE G. IRAINE C. HORNER A. ORBELL  
R.H. A. Fletcher} G. Boulter} L. Bultitude  
L.W. E. Forbes} J. Snijman A. Harper  
LI. L. Simpson} S. Meanwell} H. Camm  
GRS Bitchend H. Dornink C. Forbes  
ROSVIHE L. McNeillie J. Bowes  
R.W. S. du Plessis} D. Hunter S. Train  
Reserves:

S. Meanwell}

J. Schafer}

G. Boulter}

M. du Plessis

Awards: \*Full colours. % colours. % colours.

## Results of Matches:

Againstâ\200\224  
 Collegiate we won 5â\200\2240  
 Voortrekker we won 2â\200\2241  
 Wartburg we won 10â\200\2242  
 Estcourt we drew 2â\200\2242  
 Epworth we won 6â\200\2241  
 Technical High we won 3â\200\2242  
 Alexandra\* we drew 1â\200\2241  
 G.H.S. 2nd we won 4â\200\2240  
 Maritzburg College\* we lost 6â\200\2241  
 Kingsmead we drew 0â\200\22400  
 Greytown we won 3â\200\2241  
 Durban Girlsâ\200\231 College we won 4â\200\2242  
 \*Friendly.  
 Goals for us 39. Goals against us 11.

## HOCKEY, 1968

Captain: H. Bircher. Vice-Captains: A. Fletcher and S. du Plessis.

We maintained a high standard of play and did not lose a match against a Pietermaritzburg school team. We came top of our section, this being the third year running. Congratulations, girls, and best of luck for the forthcoming season!

We congratulate Ixopo on beating us in a fine, closely contested match. To our dismay we had to play the strong Estcourt side â\200\224 two of whom were chosen to represent Northern Natal â\200\224 minus H. Bircher, our injured captain, and then a â\200\231flu epidemic depleted the team of yet another three team members. We enjoyed playing four touring teams against whom we were victorious. They were Wynberg, Cape Town, Roedeian, Mabelreign, Salisbury and the Combined Johannesburg Schools.

In our annual Durban Girlsâ\200\231 College matches, College 1st gained the victory, thus winning the trophy. Our Under 14 XI were lucky in winning their match and thus the trophy. We thank College very much for the most enjoyable day.

H. Bircher was selected as centre forward and vice-captain for S. Natal. Unfortunately she missed the Inter-Provincial tournament at Grahamstown, owing to injuries. S. du Plessis and A. Fletcher were chosen to play for Pietermaritzburg schools â\200\234Bâ\200\235 team and H. Bircher captained the â\200\234Aâ\200\235 team, which played against the Rhodesian Combined Schools.

Lastly we would like to thank Mrs. Watt, who coached our teams to success. What would we do without her! A great thank you to all the families who so kindly gave hospitality to the touring teams making their stay so enjoyable. Another thank you to the parents for helping with the transport and we would also like to thank Mrs. Potgieter for arranging refreshments for our matches.

## 1968 Teams

Ist 2nd

G. M. Hamilton} C. Gace  
L.B. D. Barron} V. McGlew  
LH. A. Fletcher E. Heynes  
CH. M. du Plessis} H. Stewart}  
R.H. L. Hathorn} S. Kaldelis  
L.W. C. Horner} M. McIlrath (C)  
LAL L Shinern J. Snijman  
RN Bircheni L. McNeillie  
R.I. S. Meanwellt D. Dunning  
R.W. S. du Plessist D. Hunter  
R.B. G. Boulter} A. Lowe

Reserves: Reserves:

H. Stewart P. Mundell

L. McNeillie H. Camm

3rd Under 14

P. Thompson P. McGarvie

C. Fawcett IL, Gitgem

P. Mundell D. Raubenheimer

B. Taylor S. Geekie

B. Fly C. Bultitude

A. Orbell B. Taylor

B. Williams C. Marjoribanks

B. Lee (C) J. Murray-Rodgers

â\202¬ Horbes S. Train (C)

H. Camm R. Torr

M. Horner D. Bultitude

Reserves: Reserves:

A. Stanford S. Bastard

A. Harper J. Bowes

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tHonours. \*Colours. % colours. (C) Captain.

## GYMNASTIC REPORT, 1967

Captain: C. Calder-Potts.

A team of 12 gymnasts from St. Johnâ\200\231s were taken up to Johannesburg during the Michaelmas holidays to compete in a competition at Kingsmead. The girls in the team were: M. Tweedie, A. Darby, G. Train, P. Hathorn, L. Hathorn, S. Braadvedt, C. Forbes, S. Train, F. MacAlister, A. Harper, D. Bultitude and J. Murray-Rogers.

The work consisted of a warm-up based on the theme of quick and slow movements. This was followed by three gymnasts at a time working as a team on the theme of support â\200\224 each of the three girls had

to be lifted at least once and each team had to show ten supported lifts. The apparatus work was also based on the theme of support with the same conditions applying to each group of three with special attention being paid to lift movements. Speed and change of direction were also taken into account. The girls acquitted themselves well, being beaten in the overall result by a narrow margin.

Instead of a gymnastic display this year, all girls not involved in the choirs, which sang in the school production of *Hiawatha*, enacted the story of Hiawatha through the medium of modern dance drama. In this they were instructed by Mrs. Watt and the combination of music and gym was most successful.

An individual gymnastic competition was held in the fourth quarter. This was judged by Miss M. A. Basson, a lecturer in Physical Education at the Natal Training College. Each girl was allowed to choose her own theme, movement and apparatus. The results were as follows:

Kerby Shield: M. Tweedie.

Heather Dukes Cup: L. Hathorn.

Kay Miller Cup: F. MacAlister.

Inter-House Cup: Rhodes.

Full Colours: M. Tweedie, G. Train, C. Calder-Potts, A. Darby.

% Colours: B. Williams, L. Hathorn, P. Hathorn, V. McGlew,

D. Hunter, B. Kirkpatrick.

4+ Colours: F. MacAlister, S. Train, M. Horner, J. M. Rodgers, W. Abrams, H. Camm, L. MacNeillie, C. Forbes.

#### GYMNASTIC REPORT, 1968

Captain: B. Kirkpatrick. Vice-Captain: D. Hunter.

Secretary: B. Williams.

Senior Gym Team:

B. Kirkpatrick, D. Hunter, B. Williams, L. Hathorn, P. Hathorn,

V. McGlew, L. MacNeillie, S. Braadvedt, J. Snijman, C. Forbes,

H. Camm, W. Abrams, C. Cameron, S. Cameron, S. Heynes, A.

Harper, F. MacAlister, W. Gilson, S. Train, L. Bultitude, C.

Bultitude, D. Bultitude, M. Horner, J. M. Rodgers, C. Eaglestone.

Junior Gym Team:

C. Anderson, D. Cromhout, C. Cromhout, P. Gilson, G. Pitman,

N. Ross, B. Train, J. Horner, M. Train, G. Harding, C. Watt,

D. Mousley, K. Johnson.

A gym display was not held this year, as many of the girls were involved in the school's production of *Dido and Aeneas*. A gym display is planned for next year. The girls were, however, marked on their performance in gym lessons during school hours and the Houses placed as follows:

1st Rhodes

2nd Connaught

3rd Athlone



The following awards were made:â\200\224

Full Colours: L. Hathorn, B. Williams.

1 Colours: D. Hunter, L. MacNeillie, F. MacAlister, M. Pretious, J. Sniyman, B. Kirkpatrick, J. M. Rogers, S. Train.

#### NETBALL REPORT, 1967

Captain: E. Emary.

First team:

Shooter â\200\224 C. Fawcett

Attack â\200\224 M. Davey

Wing Attack â\200\224 S. Stephens

Centre â\200\224 M. Pretious

Wing Defence â\200\224 K. Kerr

Defence â\200\224 P. Hayter

Goal Keeper â\200\224 C. Camm

Congratulations to Gillian Train who was chosen as a reserve for the Maritzburg team. Unfortunately she was unable to continue with sport owing to illness. I regret to say that other than this no achievements were gained in Netball last year, but we are hoping for better results next year as there is an increased interest in Netball among the girls.

We played one match against Durban Girlsâ\200\231 College and though we were beaten, the day was thoroughly enjoyed by all. Well done College!

#### NETBALL, 1968

Captain: M. Pretious. Vice-Captain: S. Stephens.

Secretary: G. Boulter.

This has been a most successful year and much interest has been shown by all Netball players. Even though we have not won many matches, the team spirit has kept up throughout the season and some of the results have been very close.

We spent a very enjoyable day at Ixopo High at the beginning of the season, where we won our first match which set us off to a good start.

The Netball Association organised a Netball Tournament in which many schools participated. Our congratulations to Gert Maritz who won the day.

The last Ist team match played was against Durban Girlsâ\200\235 College in Durban. As the two teams were equal in strength it was a most exciting match.

I'm very proud of the two Std. VI teams, who put so much into their game against Convent teams and were successful in winning both, and I might add, to show the enthusiasm of these two teams, the girls were counting the hours until they played. Well done, Std. VI!

Many thanks to Miss Jayter and Miss Wessels, both students of Natal Training College, who have helped us so much with our Netball

and built up the team spirit tremendously. To them we say best of luck in their future teaching.

Sheila Oâ\200\231Brien took part in Maritzburg trials at the beginning of the season and was asked to further trials.

I, as Captain of Netball, would like to wish all teams the best of luck next year and hope the same interest is shown. :

#### Teams

Ist 2nd Under 15

P. Hayter} K. Lawrie J. Oscroft

H. Yates} J. Jephson A. Stanford (C)

S. Stephens} K. Kerr} P. Dalton

S. Oâ\200\231Brien A. Riekert D. Raubenheimer

S. Braadvedt} S. Stokes P. Mundell

M. Raubenheimerâ\200\231 Z. Blomeyer (C) W. Abrams

M. Daveyt C. Fawcett F. MacAlister

Std. VI A Std. VI B

C. Wait A. Stretton-Barry

I. Fricker N. Nilson

J. Murray-Rodgers J. Andrews

D. Bultitude (C) M. Braadvedt (C)

L. Fredricks J. Holding

L. Camm J. Bowes

C. Eaglestone B. Taylor

1 colours (scroll) 1 colours (braid) (C) Captain.

#### SWIMMING

(September, 1967 â\200\224 March, 1968)

Captain: H. Stewart.

In February, 1968, St. Johnâ\200\231s swam in a Gala at Convent High School. We gained valuable experience in competing against some of the well known South African coach, Cecil Colwynâ\200\231s pupils, who were swimming in the Rosebank Conventâ\200\231s team on tour from Johannesburg. Incidentally their Games Mistress is a past pupil of St. Johnâ\200\231s.

The following week-end Beverly Williams was placed 2nd in the Diving competition in Estcourt and Jenny Murray-Rodgers was 3rd. In the Individual Gala held at Maritzburg College to select the Maritzburg team for the Natal Schools Gala, S. Dalton, C. Forbes and L. Hathorn were chosen to swim for Maritzburg. Beverley Williams was placed second in the diving in the S. Natal trials.

The Inter-School Relay Gala was as exciting as ever and St. Johnâ\200\231s were placed Sth. Beverley Williams once again won second place in the open diving and Jennifer Murray-Rodgers was placed third in the under 14 group. Our Juniors came 4th out of 16 schools.

This year the Inter-House Gala was held at night at St. Johnâ\200\231s. The occasion was exciting and happy. Eventually Rhodes were 1st, Athlone

2nd and Connaught 3rd. A good number of records were broken and we are proud of the improvement shown in so many of our Juniors. The better swimmers competed in the championship races over longer distances and were not allowed to swim in the Relay races, thus giving the second team swimmers a chance to compete and gain experience.

The House Gala ended with a display of water gymnastics by the day girls and a water ballet by the boarders. The latter were trained by Caroline Forbes and the former by Leslie Bultitude and Wendy Gilson.

Elizabeth Hopkins the Life-Saving Captain arranged a most attractive display using Life-Saving methods with the main lights extinguished and lit only by the twinkling lights of torches, her team wove most effective patterns on the water.

We were very glad to see our well-loved ex-Chaplain with us once again. His continuous cheerful support of all our sporting activities gives us great encouragement. After a very brief speech, he presented

the Doulle Cup for Style to P. Dalton;

the Macleod Cup for the most able swimmer to L. Hathorn and

H. Stewart;

the Henwood Cup for Progress to S. Train;

the Maxwell Diving Cup to B. Williams;

the Inter-House Cup to Rhodes.

We should like to thank Mr. Horner for his generous offer to pay for the lights used for the Gala. The money we collected, R18.00, at the end of the Gala, will now be put towards the permanent lighting of the Bath and to our Trampoline Fund.

Woe to all who have unmarked costumes! The 50c fine also goes to our trampoline fund, as do the cents from fines for costumes left lying about.

Finally thank you, Mrs. Watt, for everything you have done to maintain the high standard of swimming.

Ist team:

H. Stewart C. Forbes D. Barron  
L. Hathorn S. Lewis S. Train

B. Williams J. Murray-Rodgers F. McAlister  
K. Kerr H. Dunning Shipman

S. Dalton J. Jephson Armstrong

LIFE-SAVING REPORT, 1967  
Captain: H. Bircher.

During 1967, under the captaincy of Helen Bircher, Life-Saving continued to play an important part in school activities. At the end of 1967, twenty-four girls entered for the South African Bronze Medallion Life-Saving Examination, all of whom were successful. Karin Kerr must be congratulated on having obtained her S.A. Bronze Cross with Merit. Well done, Karin! The candidates were drilled and trained by E.



Hopkins, B. Kirkpatrick, G. Boulter and H. Stewart and I should like to thank them all for their very valuable help.

At the 1967 annual Inter-House Gala, a Life-Saving Display was given, which all the rescue methods were demonstrated. I should like to conclude by thanking the whole Life-Saving team for giving up their free time so willingly to do their duties over the week-ends.

#### Life-Saving Awards

Full Colours: E. Hopkins, B. Kirkpatrick, H. Stewart, G. Boulter.

colours: L. Hathorn, P. Hathorn, B. Lee, K. Lawrie.

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+ colours: C. Forbes, H. Camm, C. Cameron, S. Cameron.

## MY TOWN IN 75 YEARS TIME

I am a greatgrandmother living in Pietermaritzburg in the year 2042. The time is 8 a.m. and I am sitting in the penthouse on the top-most floor of a gigantic block of flats where I am spending my last few years with my greatgranddaughter. This block of flats is situated on â\200\234Space Age Hillâ\200\235 formerly known as â\200\234Worldâ\200\231s Viewâ\200\235.

It has been called this because just recently an important space and atomic research station has sprung up, thrusting mercilessly to the ground the beautiful green vegetation of the once picturesque Worldâ\200\231s View. A cruel mesh of barbed wire fences ensures the utmost secrecy, for in this modern world man is still fighting for power, for the control of the entire universe in space.

My thoughts cannot keep up with the furious pace of today for at this very moment helicopters soar overhead carrying businessmen to their work in the thriving town below me. There it crouches like a colossal concrete monster, chained to the earth by the tall skyscrapers and intricate maze of highways.

Every minute the silver wings of weird-shaped airliners glint in the early morning sunshine as they nose down to the great aerodrome to the south of the city. They are actually coming down to land in the suburb of Richmond, which was once a sleepy country village.

My attention now turns to the huge balloons hovering over the Willowton Industrial Area. Modern scientists have eventually found a method of combating the ever-increasing volume of smog belched forth from these monstrous towers, threatening the lives of the inhabitants. These balloons are like huge air-conditioners in the sky. sucking up smog and replenishing the atmosphere with fresh air.

But I think the most stupendous of all the developments of the city is the construction of a tunnel straight beneath Space Age Hill linking Johannesburg and other important places almost directly with Pietermaritzburg. Day and night streamlined tubular trains glide silently into the gaping black hole while others emerge on their way to the grand New Central Station.

As a result of the lack of natural colour in this drab gray concrete city many of the buildings have been painted brilliant colours. An excellent example of modern architecture and the use of colour, is the Civic Centre. It has a wonderful theatre and cinema, as well as a well-stocked library and Law Courts.

Not so long ago I visited my old school and was amazed to find that it is now a five-storey building with hockey fields and tennis courts

on the top level of this impressive structure. The school has been forced to do this because taxation of land is extremely high. The old, dignified Dutch gabled buildings have been demolished and in their place is this square, compact, box-like structure.

Gone are all the quaint Victorian buildings with their ornate domes and pillars and frilly iron lace. Man has progressed a step further in civilisation and he demands that everything be simple and compact.

ERICA BURCHELL, Form Illa.

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#### THE SEASHORE

I love to, and often do, walk alone along the sea shore. If I am in a bad mood, a quiet walk along the sands finds me once more at peace with the world. I think it must be the beauty and the solitude of the endless seashore that calm my angry thoughts.

When walking along the beach, I often stoop to pick up a pretty shell that happens to catch my eye. The tiny grains of the soft sand hide many a shell, but each breaker brings in a fresh collection. After the little brown wave has dwindled and gone home, it leaves in its white foam an assortment of mother-of-pearl fragments, cockle shells and many other kinds of exquisite and pale-coloured shell. Each shell is a sculptured perfection and captures in its delicate frame the sound of the breakers thundering onto the sand and the sad murmur of far distant seas. Often I find little sea animals inside them.

The never-ending waves also bring in the deep red and purple-brown sea-weed and piles of drift wood. Sometimes even fish-boxes, and the skulls of deer and other wild animals!

There are often stretches of sand-dunes on the more deserted beaches and on these green succulent plants with flat hairy leaves grow. From these little hills one has a lovely view of the vast ocean and beach. Sometimes a ship or two appear on the horizon, where the sea is a clear dark blue.

Of course, not every strand is solitary and deserted; many are brimful with happy holidaymakers with the inevitable collection of multi-coloured beach umbrellas. On the rocks stand a few optimistic fishermen intent on their rods and bait. Everyone is enjoying a day on the beach.

ANN HARPER, Form Illa

#### THE CUCKOO'S VIEW OF HUMAN PARENTS

No wonder humans are so drab and dull looking.  
No wonder they never laugh or sing.

Just look at them!

Fussing! That's all they ever do.

When the first child arrives,

It brings with it the loss of freedom.

Horrors, itâ\200\231s really true!

The dull look creeps slowly into their faces,  
Starting at their eyes,

Which lose their twinkle,

And slowly travelling down to their mouths,  
In a depression, of one monotonous feeling,  
Worry!

You canâ\200\231t imagine it, but itâ\200\231s really true.

They have regular times for;

Weighing, feeding â\200\224 and playing with their young!  
They make martyrs of themselves,

The poor youngsters, very pampered and weakly,  
Have to be fed on special diets,

Not like our healthy youngsters,

Who fend for themselves.

Whatâ\200\231s more, these foolish humans,

As if they havenâ\200\231t done enough already,  
Transport their young from place to place,  
Absolutely destroying their independence.  
Besides being bad for their young,

This also leaves its effect on the parents.  
Poor things, they lose their beauty,

Their voices become cracked and worn out. .  
They never go anywhere by themselves,

In order, by flirting and singing,

To catch a new mate â\200\224

This being my favourite occupation.

You can see that my opinion of

Human parents amount to this;

EGGHEADS!

WENDY GILSON, Form IVa.

#### AN IDEAL HOLIDAY RESORT

Recently my family and I travelled in a luxurious Italian liner up the East coast to Mauritius and back. The part of the holiday I really enjoyed was our stay at Mombasa, where our ship had a lot of offloading and loading up to do. We stayed at an excellent hotel on the outskirts of the town, which was frequented by tourists throughout the year and therefore catered for their every need.

The hotel â\200\224 the Kontinental, had enchanting surroundings of forests and beach. In front of the â\200\234causerieâ\200\235 of the hotel was an enormous circular mosaic dance floor and off this led a wide ornate pathway about 50 yards long right on to the beach with its inviting, gently lapping water, white sand and palm trees.

We remained in this lovely place for a week. Every night there

was dancing and the nearby town of Mombasa boasted many night clubs and other entertainments. Soon all the young people staying at

the hotel had met each other and were making up parties for dancing and sightseeing.

When we werenâ\200\231t sightseeing, we practically lived on the beach and remained the whole day in our skimpy swimming apparel, only donning a blouse or shirt when we went back to the hotel for meals. The ocean was a bright sparkling turquoise, with no waves at all, owing to the presence of a reef just off-shore. Because of this surfing was impossible and coming from Durban, I naturally missed it. The beach we frequented most had delightful white sand and palms grew in profusion, within a few feet of the lapping water.

The boys usually went skin-diving when they were not soaking up the sun, which we girls regarded as an unparalleled pastime. Many were the evenings when after dancing for some time, we would all run down to the beach for a moonlight swim under the stars. We could lie for ages on lidos on the water, with the sound of the waves and the beat of music from the dancing at the hotel providing a pleasant accompaniment to our enjoyment.

We saw many strange sights during our stay there, such as Moslem femples and often while basking in the sun on the beach. we would have the unusual pleasure of watching a dhow from India sail serenely and mysteriously past, its sails aquiver in the breeze and its sharp prow slicing through the still calm surface of the water.

Needless to say, when I returned to Durban, I arrived complete with many trinkets and souvenirs and a tan that made me appear more like one of our darker-skinned races than a European!

ANTHEA LOWE, Form V.

#### A MIRACLE

Warm, sweet vitality pours out  
Pulsing through bone and flesh  
In long, rhythmic strides

Not on the surface does

This vigour show

But works unpraised

Beneath.

The mind, once

Electrified with thought

Turns dim;

The store of memory loses

Its vibrant recollections.

The brain ceases to control,  
The heart begins to wane.  
But with anotherâ\200\231s death

And surgeonâ\200\231s scalpel

Life throbs again.

ERICA BURCHELL, Form IVa.

## MET MY KAMERA IN MY HAND

Piet van Zyl, soos ek deur almal in Kerkstraat bekend was, was 'n straatfotograf. Dit was eers 'n stokperdjie van my; om kiekies van enige mens in die woelige stad te neem, maar omdat die foto's van 'n hoër gehalte was, asook baie gewild onder die publiek, het ek besluit om dit my loopbaan te maak. Nou is ek, Piet van Zyl, nie meer 'n straatfotograaf nie! Ek het 'n nare ondervinding deurgemaak en het besluit om van loopbaan te verander.

Die hele affêre het op die eerste Saterdagoggend in April begin. Die stad was meer woelig as gewoonlik en die mense was meestal haastig. Ek is baie besig gehou deur die neem van foto's want Saterdag is die beste dag vir my besigheid. Ek was die hele tyd op die uitkyk vir interessante gesigte wat goeie studies sou maak, en vir mense wat die oog vang.

Skielik het ek 'n man wat soos 'n roofvoël gelyk het gesien. Sy wangbene het opvallend onder sy oë, wat diep in hulle kaste gesit het, uitgebult. Sy krom neus het ver oor die dun lippe gebuig. Die gesig was onvergeetbaar en die man met sy lang donker reënjas en hoed het 'n agterdogtige en geheimsinnige houding gehad. Blitsvinnig het ek 'n foto geneem en onwetend het ek bewys van 'n misdaad gekry. Ek het die man sy kaartjie gegee en terug na my ateljee gestap om die film te ontwikkel.

Toe ek die film klaar ontwikkel het, het ek dit bestudeer, en tot my verbasing ontdek dat die man met die beengesig besig was om 'n rewolwer aan 'n vrou te gee. Ek was seker dat die man sy foto sou kom haal en ek het besluit om die polisie te bel indien hy terugkeer.

Ek het die polisie net betyds in kennis gestel want toe ek die gehoorbuis neersit, het 'n Beengesig my ateljee binnegestorm. Om die tyd te verdryf het ek voorgegee dat ek nog nie die film ontwikkel het nie. Hy het my beveel om die foto's of die film te oorhandig en 'n rewolwer uitgepluk. Ek het hom sommer 'n ander film gegee. Hy was blykbaar tevrede en het begin om in die rigting van die deur te beweeg toe die polisie instorm. 'n Beengesig was totaal verslae en het so mak soos 'n hond, tronk toe gestap.

Die polisichoof het my geloof en ek het 'n beloning gekry, omdat ek 'n berugte misdadiger, met my kamera in my hand, op heter daad betrap het. My heldedaad het my egter my loopbaan gekos want ek het besluit om dadelik na 'n ander dorp te verhuis, met ingeval!

BRENDA KIRKPATRICK, Form VIa.

## THE SOUND OF MUSIC

A hot, smoke-filled room, crowded with figures moving with wild abandon to the sounds of music 'n Beat music! Music that makes one feel full of life. Music that lives in its own throbbing, pulsating way. The sort of music that goes with mini-skirts, sports cars, Hondas and the Monkees. And the beat goes on and on, and the people that go with the beat never tire of it.

A crowded concert hall, waiting for the sound of Bach or Mozart to fill their hearts. Strangely enough some of the people in this concert hall are those who swayed to the beat music last night. The pianist enters and the orchestra begins. In the audience silence reigns. Then the clapping starts; it grows louder and louder; â\200\234Encoreâ\200\235 is heard. Suddenly the noise dies down and the orchestra begins again.

One sits round a roaring braaivleis fire with a guitar on oneâ\200\231s knee. Folk-singing begins. With wandering fingers the guitarist picks out a tune then begins to sing. Others take up the refrain and soon everyone in the circle of fire-lit faces is singing the simple but attractive tunes. Another happy evening has been filled and another group of people entertained with the varied sounds of music.

How I enjoy all these sounds of music, but for me the most satisfying thing of all is to pick up my guitar, or sit down at the piano, and make my own sounds of music!

GWYNETH WILLIAMS, Form Illa.

I AM AFRAID

I am afraid

Of the unknown;  
Of little green men  
And exam. papers

I am afraid of dying

In an accident

Or eventually, after a long illness,  
In pain.

I am also afraid

Of dying young;

But then, of growing old  
And being a burden

To everybody

I am afraid

Of so much drug-taking  
And of too much

\W Breaking away

i From societyâ\200\231s old standards.

I am afraid

Of being a spinster  
But, if I marry,  
Of being mistaken  
About him.



I am afraid

That my children  
Won't understand me  
And I

Won't understand them;  
A vicious circle.

I am afraid

Of communism and yellow skins,  
And of seeing, one day,

Both my son

And daughter

March off to fight.

I am afraid

Of being able to say,  
When I'm old,

I can remember nothing  
But war.

ANN HARPER, Form IVa.

#### MY FAMILIE

My oupa en ouma is altwee in die negentiende eeu gebore. Oupa was 'n fris-geboorde mens. Hulle het hul hele lewe op plase deurgebring. Toe ouma nog net negentien jaar oud was, is hulle getroud. 'n Paar jaar later het oupa in die Boereoorlog geveg. Hy was 'n dapper soldaat. Hulle het toe vier seuns gehad. Die twee oudste seuns het in die twee wereldoorloë geveg. Hulle het baie avonture deurgemaak op die plaas. Oupa is net voor sy een-en-negentigste verjaarsdag oorlede. Ouma, alhoewel sy ook tagtig jaar oud is, is baie aktief. Sy doen al die huiswerk in haar groot woonhuis en versorg die blomtuin en vrugteboom.

Pa is op ons plaas gebore. Hy is taamlik lank en het blou oë en swart hare. Hy het 'n snor. Ma is in Engeland gebore en het aan Oxford-universiteit studeer. Ma is kort en het blou oë en donkerbruin hare. Sy is 'n onderwyseres in 'n plaasskool. Pa is die Jaaste agt jaar in die Senaat, maar is ook 'n boer.

Ek het drie susters en twee broers. Almal het blou oë en bruin hare, behalwe my een broer en suster. Hulle is witkoppe. Die oudste suster studeer aan die Universiteit van Natal in Pietermaritzburg. Die ander suster is 'n haarkapster in Dundee. Die ander drie is nog op skool. My broers wil boere word. My kleinste broertjie is vol Kattekwaad. Caroline wil 'n verpleegster word. Volgende jaar kom sy hierheen. Dit sal lekker wees. Ek sien daarna uit.

JANE HENDERSON, Std. 6a.

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BATH

I turn the taps on, fill the bath.  
Must not take so long tonight.

Yes, the water is just right.  
Mmm, it's hot and lovely.  
Wallow under, stretch out my toes  
(My toe nails need cutting)

I'll soak for just a little while.  
Just a little while.

See how still the water is if I do not move,  
And the little island if I lift my knee.

I wonder if T passed that test today?  
Never mind, I'll think of something else.  
I wonder if that brown is dirt.

Maybe it is suntan.

Hope it's sunny next weekend.

How queer my face looks on the tap!  
My forehead stretches round the corner,  
My eyes extend for ever,

My mouth is hardly there at all,

And, oh! My chin has vanished!

Well, I guess I'd better wash.

Where's the face cloth, where's the soap?  
Screw my eyes up tightly.

(The soap got in last night).

Don't think I'll bother with my ears,

I haven't time to tonight.

I dive for soap, which slips from my hand  
And chase it all over the bath.

Got it!

Time for another wallow, then I'd better get out.  
The dirty-water-mark is dark tonight . .  
Hurry up! Have you gone down the plughole?"

LINDY HOPE, Form 11A.

NC EDUCATIONAL RICKETS HERE!

As we drive through the big iron gates of St. John's I feel proud  
that I belong here. The beauty of the dazzling white-washed gables  
against the soft green feathery palm-trees always hits me. I am sure  
our buildings are among the most beautiful of all schools in Pieter-  
maritzburg. The high beamed ceilings and hollowed out pavements  
show that this school is very old, but it has a comfortable homely  
atmosphere.

Our grounds are wide and spacious with plenty of sports fields. Our physical education is extremely good, owing to our excellent sportsmistress whom we all respect very much. Thereâ\200\231s nothing like a fast, rough game of hockey after a day of hard school work. Everybody is keen on and enjoys some sort of sport. There are usually hockey, tennis and netball matches every week to be looked forward to.

Every morning the school assembles in the hall for short prayers and a hymn. This is when notices can be read out and awards given to various people. In the evenings the boarders usually go to church. We have a lovely chapel which is simple but beautiful, with carved decorations on the woodwork and stonework. People are able to learn music and each week someone plays the organ for our chapel services.

During school hours we have a lot of fun as well as hard work. The lessons are interesting and we have many different subjects during the day. However, there is nothing like hearing the clang of the school bell at the end of the day. To hurry down the stairs amid laughing and chattering to go and see whatâ\200\231s on the bread! Food plays an important part during school, especially to the boarders. Our dining hall is a homely place with large old-fashioned windows ranging along the sides. This is one of the relaxing times when tongues are let loose and we hear amusing incidents of the day.

On Friday evenings we usually have a society meeting, to two of which I belong. They are educational and interesting as the subjects are usually things quite outside our normal school routine.

As can be seen, school is by no means a boring place and there are certainly no educational rickets at St. Johnâ\200\231s. School life offers many valued experiences. You learn much more than ordinary school work and this stimulates you mentally and physically to live a rich and full life.

HILARY CAMM, Form IVa.

AVONS-NOUS BIEN ENTENDU?

Notre Ã©quipe contenant Ann Harper, Linda Hunter, Anne Stanford, et Sally Lewis contribuait ces plaisanteries suivies en francais: Avez-vous entendu du chalandier parisien qui sautait dans le fleuve s'Ã©vader deux agents de police il vient dâ\200\231insulter? On l'attrapÃ©. Il Ã©tait reconnu coupable, mais comme les anglais disent â\200\224 â\200\234in Seineâ\200\235.

AH.

â\200\234Ceci parait Ã©tre un beau endroit pour un pique-niqueâ\200\235  
â\200\234Il serait â\200\224 cinquante million fourmis nâ\200\231ont pas tort!â\200\235

ILJEE

â\200\234Garcon! De grace mon homme â\200\224 vous avez votre pousse sur mon bifteck!â\200\235

â\200\234Oui monsieur, je ne le veux pas tomber encore au plancher!â\200\235

â\200\234Conducteur, l'autobus, sâ\200\231arrÃ©te-t-il & â\200\230Midmar Damâ\200\231?â\200\235

â\200\234Si ceci ne fait pas, madame, il y aura un fort chapotement  
SHE



We went for a walk

My mother and I,  
Where no-one could hear,  
And no-one could spy.

I looked at my mother,

I gazed at her there.

She was beautiful

â\200\224 I only could stare.

We had clambered down  
To a sort of a cave,  
Walls oozing moisture  
â\200\224 I had to be brave.  
There were nasty spiders  
â\200\224 The kind I detest.

I was rather afraid  
Theyâ\200\231d get in my vest.

The air smelled damp and earthy,  
The birds were twittering nigh:

An aura of mystery?

The thought was dispelled with a sigh  
Of bliss from my mother,

As she carefully sat herself down.  
She had put on weight, I noticed,  
And told her so with a frown.

To me my mother was perfect,

And nothing can mar her face.

She had something to say, she told me  
And I sat by her feet with good grace,  
And by the cascading waters

With the trees to shut out the sky

She told me about the new baby;

I knew I was going to cry.

She sat and she smiled at me gently.  
The unwelcome tears filled my eyes;  
I was, after all, only ten then,  
And it had been a surprise.

It wasnâ\200\231t that I was so jealous

â\200\224 I wanted a sister or brother.  
The only trouble; I wanted

All the love of my mother.

G. CUNNINGHAM BROWN, Form IVb.

Dit was 'n koue reënigerige dag, en almal moes binnenshuis bly. Ouma het besluit om haar lessenaar reg te pak, en haar laaie aan kant te maak, en ek het besluit om haar te help, of was dit te hinder?

Sy het een laai uitgetrek en die inhoud op die bed uitgegooi. Ek het 'n foto-album gevind en begin deurblaai. Die mode was anders as vandag. Die rokke was lank en die hare ook en die verstand? O! ek het so gelag.

Toe het ek 'n foto van veteraanmotors gesien en dit het my herinner aan die stories van Oupa. Hoeveel keur het Oupa nie vertel van die wonderlike vuurwa van sy tyd nie; hoe hulle agteruit bult-op moes ry sodat die petrol by die masjien kon kom, omdat die tenk te laag belê was. Ek het Ouma oor die foto's uitgevra en sy het gesê dat sy en Oupa met die ou swart Dodge duisende myle afgele het, en dat hy betroubaar was. So het die herinneringe aan die ou dae uitgeborrel.

Onder 'n bondel minnebriewe, in 'n laai het ons 'n sjokolade-blikkie gekry. Ouma het my vertel dat, tydens die Kersfees van 1899 Konigin Victoria, diep onder die indruk van haar mense se taai stryd teen die Boeremagte gekom het, en aan elkeen van haar soldate een van hierdie geskiedkundige geskenkpakkies, wat daar in my hande was, gestuur het. Na 69 jaar smaak dit seker nie meer na sjokolade nie!

Daar was ook koerantuitkrimsels en foto's van plekke van haar jeug in die Transvaal. Een was van Fort Klapperkop wat een van die vier verdedigingsvestigings van Paul Kruger se Pretoria was. Die vier forte is net na die Johannesburgse onluste van 1895/96 gebou toe die Jameson inval nog vars in Transvaal se geheue was. Pretoria, so is daar gevoel, moes tot elke prys beveilig word teen soortgelyke verassings.

Ek het gelag toe Ouma my vertel van die tyd gedurende die Driejarige-Oorlog toe die vier forte onbewapen was, en die Britse magte naamlik nie bewus van die feit was dat die fort net tande en niks byt gehad het nie! Sy het ook gesê dat dit vandag nog 'n permanente simbool van die fort se eie stukkie ironiese geskiedenis is; dis weer 'n kwessie van tandeloosheid toe sy vliegtuie kan nie vlieg nie, sy kannone kan nie skiet nie, sy soldate is van semels gemaak! Ek het besluit om indien ons weer na Pretoria gaan, die fort met sy semelsoldate te besoek.

Die tyd het baie vinnig verbygegaan en toe Ouma sê dat dit byna etenstyd was, kon ek haar nie glo nie, maar ek was bly dat ek haar gehelp het, want ek het baie geleer en het 'n pakkie briewe weggesmokkel om die aand in die bed te lees! Dis mos nie net reënigerige dae wat vervelig is nie!

DORIANNE COUBROUGH, Form Vla.

## THE LOAD

Godâ\200\231s will â\200\224  
 What is Godâ\200\231s will?  
 [ looked at the ants â\200\224  
 They had formed a chain  
 And were pulling the boulder from the blockage.  
 The boulder was heavy â\200\224  
 NYesatne  
 Weight was a burden to me â\200\224  
 I was an orphan.  
 Was that Godâ\200\231s will?  
 The ants pulled harder,  
 The boulder never moved.  
 The chains pulling in my mind  
 Were strong â\200\224  
 Ants are strong â\200\224  
 Known to be the strongest creatures in the world!  
 What a struggle!  
 Watching ants is peaceful,  
 But they struggle sof  
 â\200\224 Like me.  
 I strugeled and the  
 Weight would not lift  
 Though the chains pulling it were strong â\200\224  
 Ants always are.  
 They pulled â\200\224  
 It shifted!  
 They pulled again and again â\200\224  
 It rolled away!  
 That terrible weight,  
 The ants had done it!  
 Watching ants is fascinating

Because slowly but surely  
 They move each boulder  
 They had moved mine.  
 I got up,  
 The weight was gone.  
 I would start anew!  
 Was that God's will too?

C. FORBES, Form IVa.

#### NATURE OBSERVATIONS

(a) Watching a weaver build its nest:

I have seen many interesting things in nature, but I think the most interesting of all is watching a weaver bird build its nest.

The male weaver builds the nest, while the female sits and watches him. He attaches grasses to a flexible branch. He weaves other grasses through these and lines the nest with soft feathers or pieces of fur he might find. The nest is shaped like a shoe.

It is sweet to watch the little bird coming back and forth with little bits of grass in its beak. Eventually, when he has finished building it and tested it out, he calls his wife by singing a tune. She comes and gets inside the nest pecks at it. If she is not satisfied she pulls it all to pieces and the male has to start all over again.

The female will pull it to pieces until she is satisfied with it.

INGRID FRICKER, Form IIa.

(b) A lion kill:

The most interesting thing I have seen in nature is a lion family in the Kruger National Park. On the way to Skukuza is a place where all the lions stay and this is where I saw them, teaching their eight cubs to stalk and catch prey.

The pride went to the place where the impala buck were grazing. The lioness ran up and pounced on a buck. Immediately the lion ran up. The pride took their prey to the den, which was in a thick clump of thorn bushes and could be seen from a certain point on the road.

The lion was the first to eat as he is the head of the pride. When he had finished he went away and the mother and her cubs then began eating.

B. BERNHARD, Form IIb.

(c) The most interesting thing I have seen in nature:

When I was at Hluhluwe Game Reserve, I went to watch the animals drinking at the water-hole. We were sitting inside the hide and waiting for the animals to come down and have a drink. I heard a bird singing on the branch above us. When I looked up to see what kind it was, I noticed a little white ball hanging from the branch.



I stared at it for quite a while, then eventually I decided to ask my uncle, who is a member of a Wild Life Society, what it was. He told me that when a certain kind of tree frog is due to lay eggs, it climbs up the tree and makes a nest of foam hanging from the branch. The frog then lays its eggs in the nest and when the eggs hatch, the baby tadpoles fall through the foam from which the nest is made, straight into the pond below.

H. BASTARD, Form IIb.

(d) A hippo cow and calf:

We went to St. Lucia and spent two weeks with a Game Ranger who is a friend of ours. He took us on the lake in a canoe, as he is a strong paddler. There are many hippo, crocs and lovely birds on the lake. There are also buck and birds on the land.

One day we arranged to go across the lake to the Fern Forest. When we arrived there, we pulled the canoes on to the sand and took our provisions with us. We had lunch and then decided to walk through the forest. There are many fresh water pools in the forest and it was a beautiful sight to see all the ferns and trees around. We walked for a while listening to different birds calling. All of a sudden, expecting nothing to happen, we came upon the most enormous hippo, which looked approximately 3% tons in weight. With the cow was a calf, of which we just had a glimpse as it submerged under the water.

The most interesting thing of all was that the cow did not stay. as it was frightened, but this big animal turned around hardly making a ripple in the water and stepped out of the pan and walked towards the lake, without breaking a twig. The Game Ranger said we had to move quickly, as the cow would come back and if we were still there she would charge us, in order to protect her calf.

This experience hardly ever happens, so the Game Ranger told us, as the hippo normally only come out of the water at night to feed.

H. EDWARDS, Form IIa.

MY ENEMY

It clings to the glass,

Its body as green as grass.

Two enormous eyes situated on its queer head  
Glare menacingly at me on my bed.

It moves!

Startled I dart out of the room.  
Rather surprised,

And with its head on one side,  
It flies on to my pillow.

I arm myself with a shoe,

And with every air of braveness  
I set about my task.

Suddenly I feel weak â\200\224

I look away . . .

Then a deep breath,

Followed by an almighty thud!  
Safety!

Before my eyes

A listless Praying Mantis lies.

Now I can sleep in peace,  
(And may it rest in peace!)  
My enemy lives no more.

BARBARA TAYLOR, Form IVa

THE CHILDRENâ\200\231S PRAYER

Thank You good Lord for our dear home,  
With happiness and love we are not alone,  
For mothers and fathers that love us all,  
For brothers and sisters that joys recall.  
For uncles and aunts and friends so dear,  
We thank You God for being so near,  
We thank Thee God for holiday fun,  
For playing in sea, sand and sun.  
We thank Thee for the mountain air,  
For all the beauty everywhere.  
We worship You for wonders of land, sea and sky,  
For flowers, fish and birds that fly.  
God bless the underprivileged souls,  
Who have no homes or loving folds,  
Who have no shelter that parents can bring,  
Take them under Your mighty wing.  
Thank You God for everything.  
Form II.

ST. JOHN\200\231S OLD GIRLS\200\231 ASSOCIATION  
36th ANNUAL REPORT

Last St. John\200\231s Day. Chapel and breakfast were followed by the presentation from the Old Girls to the School as a 70th birthday gift. of a Record Player and Tape Recorder.

This presentation was followed by the Annual General Meeting, at which Office Bearers elected were:\200\224

Chairman: M. M. Davis.

Vice-Chairman: M. Simkins.

Treasurer: J. Hamilton.

Secretary: A. Steer.

Pietermaritzburg Committee Members: A. Kennedy, R. Godden.

Durban Committee Members: Dr. Lylie Chapman, L. Medway.

Since 1964 we have had set aside, in a separate fund, an amount of some R2,000, intended to be used for improvements to the Hockey field.

All attempts to obtain municipal approval of the closing of that portion of Harwin Road which would have enabled the Hockey field to be extended having failed, your committee decided at a meeting held in November, to use this money, now R2,700 for the hardening of the Tennis Courts instead.

The matter is in the hands of the General Purposes Committee of the School Council who have decided to surface 4 courts. The total cost is expected to be about R7,000, and the difference is to be met out of the Development Fund.

There having been no application for the Old Girls's Bursary last year no new award was made. The only holder of our Bursary is due to write Matriculation at the end of the year. Old Girls are reminded that application forms appear at the end of each issue of the school magazine. The rules of the fund were printed in the 1958 magazine.

St. John\200\231s has always been fortunate in its school Chaplains. The most recent incumbent of this post was Father Baker who was obliged to relinquish this office as the result of a complete breakdown in health. His devotion to his task and love for the school were such that he is sadly missed. We are delighted to hear that he has now fully recovered, and we extend our best wishes for his continuous good health.

It has been decided that in future the magazine will be published at the end of each year. That appearing at the end of this year will therefore cover 1967 and 1968.

Tomorrow will see the laying by His Grace the Archbishop of

Cape Town, of the foundation stone of the new Convent of the Sisters at Wentworth. Durban.

The occasion will mark the closing of one chapter and the opening of another in the life of the Society. In affectionate gratitude to the Sisterhood for St. John's and what they made it, we offer our prayers that the new chapter may be greatly blessed, and as richly rewarding as the last. :

In conclusion, we thank Ann Steer and Jean Hamilton for their stirring work as Secretary and Treasurer.  
M. M. DAVIS, Chairman.

#### PIETERMARITZBURG BRANCH REPORT

The activities of the Branch this year have been limited to regular monthly meetings, normally held at the homes of various members to whom our thanks are due for their hospitality. Exceptions were in October, when in recognition of the impending departure of the Sisters, Reverend Mother allowed us to gather at the Convent. It is a tribute to the affection in which the Sisters are held that this meeting attracted more than double the usual attendance. It was a most happy occasion, not untinged with a note of sadness.

The November meeting was held in the school library, and was attended by the VIth Form.

Reference was made in the last report of there being a considerable reduction in the profit of the tuckshop. In spite of attempts to remedy this, the downward trend continued, and by the end of the year it was ascertained that we had suffered a loss.

Since the beginning of the year. Jean Hamilton has nobly undertaken the personal supervision of the tuckshop every Saturday morning and we are most grateful to her for her self sacrificing service.

Myrle Simkin's delightful home was yet again the venue for the Christmas party and we thank her for a happy evening.

Lesley Rodick has been a tower of strength as your Secretary, and to her and Jean Hamilton, your Treasurer, we offer our grateful thanks.

M. M. DAVIS, Chairman.

#### DURBAN BRANCH

Chairman's Report:

The activities of the Durban Branch have been much the same as in previous years.

Meetings have been held monthly except during the school holidays. Attendances have been disappointing except for the Annual General Meeting. As is the case with most organisations, it is always the faithful few who carry the branch.

It was disappointing that more of the Durban members were unable to attend the last St. John's Day Service and the A.G.M. that followed, but the earlier start of the service and the inclement weather may have been partly responsible.

Several of the Durban Old Girls were present at the laying of the foundation stone of the new Convent of the S.S.J.D. at Wentworth. We all wish them success in their new venture and pray that they may be blessed in their work now and in the years to come.

A number of cake and jumble sales have been held to enable us to fulfil our obligations for the St. John's Old Girls' Bursary Fund, etc. We are most grateful to those who have organised these functions and to all those who have supplied cakes, jumble and/or cash.

The Durban Branch is working hard for the Fete, but as it will not be possible for us to man a stall ourselves, all our efforts will be given to supplement other stalls.

Special thanks are due to Lyn Medway, our willing and efficient Treasurer year after year, to Sue Brown, last year's Secretary and Jennifer Young, our present Secretary, who frequently needs to jog the memory of the Chairman!

Last but not least, our grateful thanks to those members who so willingly place their homes at our disposal for our monthly meetings, probably to the inconvenience of their families.

L. CHAPMAN, Chairman.

ST JOHN'S OLD GIRL ASSOCIATION  
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## ST. JOHN\200\231S OLD GIRLS\200\231 ASSOCIATION

As the Chairman\200\231s next report will only appear in May, 1969, after the publication of the magazine, here are some items of interest to all members.

At the Annual General Meeting held in May. the following Office Bearers were elected:\200\224

Chairman: M. Robinson.

Vice-Chairman: M. Davis.

Treasurer: M. Abbot

Secretary: A. Steer.

Pietermaritzburg Committee Members: A. Kennedy, R. Godden.

Durban Committee Members: Dr. Lylie Chapman, L. Medway.

Presentation to Sisters S.S.J.D.

The Reverend Mother was presented with a cheque as a farewell gift by Miss M. Simkins, Hon. Vice-President, at a party at her home, to which five of the Sisters came.

The total amount now given to the Sisters is R323.

New Convent at Wentworth

Several Old Girls attended the laying of the Foundation Stone of the new Convent on 13th May.

New Tennis Courts

An amount of R2,500, raised at our last fÃ©te, is our contribution towards the cost of the courts. The balance of approximately R200 has been deposited in the Bursary Fund.

Fete

As you know, a Fete will be held in the City Hall on 10th May, 1969. Mrs. A. Kennedy will be the Convener.

Apart from contributions to the Capital Development Fund, money is urgently required to re-equip and modernise the school, and over 800 Old Girls \200\224 both members and non-members, Parents and Friends of the school, have been sent circulars, asking for their support.

Fund Raising

There have been some generous donations and offers of help, and to date about R400 has been made by the school and Old Girls.

Our greatest need now, is for every Old Girl \200\224 whether member or not \200\224 to try and make say \200\224 R20 or more, each in their own area.

It can be done. It needs energy and enthusiasm. Its success would give deep satisfaction and a sense of achievement, as well as add hundreds of Rands to the Fete Fund.

What about planning something now?

#### Drive for Members

We have sent just over 200 letters to non-members whose addresses we know or think we know! Another 200 have still to be traced. To date we have 17 new members, and hope many more will join.

#### Christmas Cards and Morning Market

These will be things of the past by the time the magazine is distributed. Our sincere thanks to Valerie Cook who designed one of the cards, and to Mrs. Akerman for the offer of her home for the Morning Market.

#### Johannesburg Group

We are very pleased to hear from Joan Butt (Forsyth-Thompson) and Ruth Ross-Marsh (Turnley), that a group of Old Girls meets every 3 months for a Bring and Buy sale to help the Capital Development Fund.

Others who attend are Joan Skeet (Treble); Jean Lauf (Westbrook); Audrey Stanley (Allen); Sylvia McDonald (Catchpole); Esme Coulter (Raw), and Gethin Clark (Talbot).

They would be very happy to welcome any Old Girls to their get-togethers and suggest they contact either: Mrs. Joan Butt, 152 West Street, Sandown; or Mrs. Ruth Ross-Marsh, 1764 Chesterfield Road, Bryanston.

#### Bursary

This has been given to an Old Girl's daughter in Form V for two years, 1969-1970.

Assistance has also been given for one year to two daughters of Old Girls who will enter the school in 1969 in Form II.

St. John's Old Girls' Association Bursary  
Application forms and Rules for this Bursary are obtainable from:  
The Hon. Secretary,  
18 Clayton Avenue, Pietermaritzburg.  
The closing date for applications is 31st July.



NEWS OF ST. JOHN\200\231S OLD GIRLS \200\224 1968

ABRAMS, Heather\200\224Greatly enjoyed her holiday at home and is now doing a secretarial course by correspondence.

ALLENBROOKE, Lynne\200\224Working in Pietermaritzburg as secretary to a firm of Architects.

ALLENBROGKE, Robyn\200\224Still in Port Elizabeth. Spent six weeks in Maderia mid 1967.

ARMSTRONG, Juliet\200\224In her first year at Pietermaritzburg University, studying Fine Arts.

BARRAS, Sybil\200\224Has undergone another operation. We all admire her wonderful courage and wish her a speedy recovery.

BARRETT, Gwynedd (Lloyd)\200\224Had a holiday in England and the Continent in 1967. Travelled extensively in Britain. Now has 7 grandchildren.

BASTARD, Danae\200\224In her second year at Training College in Pietermaritzburg.

BASTARD, Mary\200\224Doing a Secretarial Course at the Technical College in Durban, and staying at N.A.W.R.A. House.

BARROW, Margaret\200\224Has started work at a Travel Agency, and is thoroughly enjoying it and finds the work interesting.

BEEVERS, Denise (Medway)\200\224Living in Beckenham, Kent.

BIRCHER, Diana\200\224Has been working in an office in Fleet Street, and is now on a tour of the Continent. Has met several other Old Girls in London, and had a St. John\200\231s luncheon party with Diana Titren, Jill Stevens and Denise McClelland.

BLACKMORE, Sharon\200\224In her third year at University at Pietermaritzburg.

BLANN, Ruth (Robinson)\200\224Had a wonderful trip overseas last year. Her daughter Judy, has passed her final exams at Grey\200\231s Hospital.

BOARDMAN, Heather (Turnbull)\200\224Has returned to South Africa to live, following a new business appointment for her husband. Has bought a house at Cowies Hill. Has recently had a baby son.

BOSWORTH-SMITH, Jean (Peerman)\200\224Farming at Nottingham Road. Has a son Mervyn and a daughter, Gwen (14), who is at St John\200\231s.

BOVET, June (McKenzie)\200\224Happily settled in her new home in Johannesburg, and gradually adapting themselves to life in a big city! Sheena and Susan now at school at St. Mary\200\231s Waverly, and Michele starts there next year.

BOWES, Elizabeth (Lyle)\200\224Leads a busy, happy life in Guildford, Surrey, has three children, Sarah, Katherine and Caspar.

BRAY, Rozanne (Wallis)\200\224Had a son Graham Richard on 23rd June, 1967, who is a great joy. Her parents visited her in April for three months, to see their new grandson.

BRYDON, Ingrid (Eliot)\200\224Farming in East Griqualand. .A hard-working member of the Polo wives committee.

BRYINGTON, Annabel (Odendaal)â\200\224Kept very busy looking after twenty-month-old Jennifer. Still in Mowbray, Cape Town

BURNS, Peggie (Mossop)â\200\224Leads a busy life with four children. Had a lovely holiday in Greece last year.

CAIRNS, Rosemary (Jackson)â\200\224Living in Pietermaritzburg. Has two children, Dione 5 years old, who attends nursery school and Neil 2 years old. Â»

CARLISLE, Pru (Shaw)â\200\224Is now living in Johannesburg, where her husband is practising as an attorney. Has two children, Jane 41 and Justin 2 and are all very happy there.

CASKIE, Eleanor (Tyrrell)â\200\224Living on a farm in the Middlerus District near Mooi River. Has 2 children, Robert 2 years and Fenella 10 months.

CHARLTON, Catherine (Holmes)â\200\224Still living and working in Springs. Leads quite a busy life being married to Dave Charlton, the racing driver.

CLARK, Sylviaâ\200\224Attained her B.A. degree in 1967, and is now studying for her U.E.D.

CLARKE, Jeanâ\200\224Teaching history and English at Stanger High School.

CLARKE, Anne (Hesterman)â\200\224Has been trading for a number of years on the South Coast and at Boston. Have recently moved to Solitude Trading Store, 10 miles from Kranskop.

CLAY, Jean (Deeks)â\200\224Has one son who is at Natal University.

CROOK, Rosalindâ\200\224Was on holiday in Cape Town in January, and is now in her second year at University in Pietermaritzburg, together with Catherine Fourie.

CROOKES, Eva (Scott)â\200\224Has two small daughters at St. Johnâ\200\231s now.

CRGOUDACE, Patâ\200\224Working as a lady tracer in the City Engineerâ\200\231s Office in Pietermaritzburg.

CULVERWELL, Georgina (Illing)â\200\224Had a wonderful trip to South America last year, with her husband, who played polo, in an invitation team from Natal.

DAVIES, Annâ\200\224After studying Commercial Art at the Pretoria Art School, is now doing interior decorating at one of the large shops in Pretoria.

DAVIS, Prudenceâ\200\224Is happily working in a lawyers office in Kitwe, Zambia.

DEAN, Susan (Krannaar)â\200\224Keeping well and looking forward to July when her baby is due.

DEEKS, Barbaraâ\200\224Having worked at various hospitals in the Transvaal, Cape and Natal, as a Tutor, has come back to the city of her schooldays as Inspector of Nursing Education in Natal.

DE VILLIERS, Ethel (Gordon)â\200\224Has gone to the U.S.A. to live where her son is a specialist gynaecologist. She now has two grandchildren.

DOMMETT, Helen (Henwood)â\200\224Still teaching in Pietermaritzburg. Her sister Joan de Salis just done a wonderful trip to the Great Barrier Reef of Australia and sister Patricia Poll still living in Zambia and now has a boy and a girl.

DORNING, Hazelâ\200\224Commenced her training at Greyâ\200\231s Hospital in July.

DOUGLAS, Joy (Eaton)â\200\224Living near Darnal.

ELIOT, Nina (Van der Riet)â\200\224Now has four grandchildren, in whom she takes a great interest.

ELLIS, Beverleyâ\200\224Attained her B.Sc. degree in 1967 and is now study-  
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ENGLAND, Miriamâ\200\224Now in London and loves her new work there. Came to South Africa twice last year on holiday.

ENGLAND, Teazle (Fricker)â\200\224Kept busy with household chores in England. Has two sister at St. Johnâ\200\231s, who seem to be enjoying it as much as she did. Would like to know of any other Old Girls living in England. Her address is Langton Hall, Malton, E. Yorks.

EMRAY, Elizabethâ\200\224In her first year at University in Pietermaritzburg.

ERSKINE, Diana (Kannar)â\200\224All loving farm life. Now has four sons Mark 6, Timothy 5, Paul 3, and a baby son, born this year. Was hoping for a daughter to send to St. Johnâ\200\231s!

FAWCETT, Sandyâ\200\224In her third year at University in Durban, doing a Social Science degree and enjoying it very much.

FINLAYSON, Jane (Allen)â\200\224Still living in Essex. Jennifer now goes to school. Caroline and William too young so keep her busy all day.

FOSS, Lynetteâ\200\224Has completed a floristry course. Toured the Continent for 4 months.

FORBES, Elizabethâ\200\2241In her first year at University in Pietermaritzburg.

FREDERICK, Wendy (Henwood)â\200\224Eldest daughter Linda, now in Std. 6 at St. Johnâ\200\231s.

GACE, Betty (Blackler)â\200\224Left for overseas in February, on the Moth Tour, which included Belgium, France, Switzerland, Italy. Yugoslavia, Austria, Germany, Holland, Scotland, Devon and Cornwall.

GANN, Barbara (Evenney)â\200\224Was married to Michael Gann last August, and is now living in London, while her husband is at University there.

GASSON, Evelyn (Middleton)â\200\224Have turned their home and farm into a youth centre, where young folk, who are distressed and frustrated come to find peace and love. Over New Year weekend 220 such people, from many different denominations came.

GAY. Annetteâ\200\224On the Continent, working at the Hague at present.

GAY, Wendyâ\200\224In her final year at Greyâ\200\231s.

GEEKIE. Jenniferâ\200\224Studying Fine Arts at the University of Natal.  
GILLIAN, Phoebe (Butcher)â\200\224Still living in Pewsey, Wiltshire. Spent March with her parents in South Africa. :  
GOOD, Charlotte (Ridgeway)â\200\224Jacqueline 8} years and Penelope 7% years are at boarding school in Nelspruit. Margaret 3% keeps her

occupied all day.

GOODYEAR, Dorothyâ\200\224Announced her engagement to John Sterling, assistant priest of the Anglican Cathedral, Pretoria. He is from Bristol, England. Plans to get married in April, next year, after completing her physiotherapy training.

GORDON, Mary Lane (Balcomb)â\200\224Farming at Lions River. Has seen several Old Girls in the district.

GOWER, Raemondeâ\200\224Working in London at present and ' hoping to travel on the Continent in the summer.

GRAY, Peggyâ\200\224Working in the Administration Office at the University in Pietermaritzburg.

GRIPPER, Merrillâ\200\224Working in Durban.

GROENEWALD, Annâ\200\224Enjoying a course in J ohannesburg at Kirsten Academy of Fashion, but still prefers Natal.

GUINEY, Martha (Heyns)â\200\224Living in Clocolan. Will be accompanying her husband to UK. and Europe on long leave in April and hopes to see a lot of her sister, Joyce living in Basingstoke.

HAINES, Jean (Galliers)â\200\224Jean, Jessica 12 and Helena 9% paid a flying visit to Durban, Pietermaritzburg, Johannesburg and the Kruger National Park. Spent three nights with Billy Wright, visited St. Johnâ\200\231s and saw the Evanses, the Barrases and Jean Hamilton, also, 103-year-old uncle by marriage, Mr. Ross. Spent 3 weeks in Durban with sisters-in-law Edna and Hilary Galliers and families. A great re-union after nearly 15 years.

HALL, Monica (Gazzard)â\200\224Farming near Eshoweâ\200\224very happy. Eldest son, Jeremy, at Kearsney College, Ingrid, Sandra and Chauntel at local Government school and small Peter at home.

HALLOWES, Barbaraâ\200\224Returned from a wonderful year in the U.S.A. at the end of July. Went back to University in Pietermaritzburg. Doing her second year B.Sc.

HAMILTON, Jean (Catherine)â\200\224Bursar at Merchiston.

HAMMOND, Alison (Davis)â\200\224Working for Messrs. Stewart and Lloyds S.A. Ltd., in Durban. Has been with the firm for over 18 years. Regrets not having been able to attend Old Girlsâ\200\231 meeting in Durban.

HART, Gwenâ\200\224At Edgewood Training College in Durban.

HEARD, Helen (Lumsden)â\200\224Living in Howick at Forest Gate.

HENSMAN, Heatherâ\200\224Enjoyed a short holiday at home (Kokstad), but is now at Technical College in Durban.

HOOK, Jenny (Searle)â\200\224Working at Natal Blood Transfusion. Now in a house in Durban North.

ILLING, Caryleâ\200\224Nursing at Entabeni and loving it. There are quite a number of Old Girls nursing there.

INGLIS, Sheenaâ\200\224In her third year of Medicine at Cape Town University.

IRWIN-PACK, Ann (Lloyd)â\200\224Has moved into a new home at Kyalami.

JACKSON, Helenâ\200\224Living in Durban and sharing a flat with Carol Hyams and Priscilla Sinclair.



JANNETTE-WALEN, Ruth (Wilson)â\200\224Lives in Holland, where she leads a very active life as a doctorâ\200\231s wife. Her lovely family are now grown up and she has 2 grandchildren.

JENNINGS, Evelynâ\200\224Doing third and final year Commercial and Industrial Art at Durban Technical College. Enjoying it, but will be pleased to finish, although petrified to start work.

JOHNSON, Heatherâ\200\224Works at Natal Blood Transfusion Service. Also working thereâ\200\224Jenny-Lynn Pohl and Carolyn Drury.

JOHNSON, Margaretâ\200\224Still enjoying working as a secretary at the Merchant Bank in Johannesburg.

KENNEDY, Audrey (Thorpe)â\200\224Is very busy convening our Fete to be held in May next year.

KINSEY, Kathleen (Deeks)â\200\224Has a grown up family â\200\224 2 girls and 2 boys and 3 grandchildren. Hopes to retire to Munster, South Coast, on a small farm, with her husband in the near future.

KINSEY, Veroniqueâ\200\224Enjoying working at the Reserve Bank and plans to go overseas in the near future.

KINVIG, Margaret (Crookes)â\200\224Married in December, 1967, now living in Port Elizabeth. Accompanied her husband overseas in March for three months on a business and pleasure trip.

KNIGHT, Monicaâ\200\224In her first year at University in Pietermaritzburg.

LAUF, Jean (Westbrook)â\200\224Husband, herself and three daughters, Judy 20, Jen 18 and Tertia 9, spent a Winter Sports Holiday ski-ing, etc., in Austria.

LEE, Barbaraâ\200\224In her third year at University in Durban, studying for her B.A., and enjoying the course.

LEE, Dianaâ\200\224Almost completed her diploma in Nursing Course in Durban, and once completed will then be teaching at Addington Hospital.

LEGGOTT, Jennifer (Evan-Jones)â\200\224Has bought a bigger house. Has 4 childrenâ\200\224Shelley 7. Charles 6, Cindy 5 and Mark 2. Busy working for â\200\234Meals on Wheelsâ\200\235 for the Aged.

LEONTSINIS, Cynthia (Morris)â\200\224She and her husband are in Canberra, Australia, at present and Cynthia teaches in a very modern school. They hope to move on to some other country next year.

LIFTON, Dulcie (Chapman)â\200\224Still in Salisbury. Elder daughter, Lylie-Marie iust obtained her B.Sc. deeree with First Class Psvchology, and Hilary now in her second year B.A. at University in Pietermaritzburg.

LINDSAY, Jeanâ\200\224Attained her B.A. degree in 1967 at Rhodes University, now studying for her U.E.D. at University in Pietermaritzburg.

LISTON, Barbara (Holmes)â\200\224Has two childrenâ\200\224James 3 and Sandra 1 year old.

LOMBAARD, Christine (Henderson)â\200\224Has a baby daughter, Lisa Mary.

LONG, Denise (Oelschig)â\200\224Is now working at Whitehorn and Gough in Pietermaritzburg, her daughter Michelle is just over 1 year old.

MACASKILL, Glyndwr (Taylor)â\200\224Very happy living in Cape Town. Nursing at Groote Schuur. Making plans to go to America, as her husband, Ian, wishes to further his studies there.

MACQUEEN, Jenniferâ\200\224Enjoying nursing at Greyâ\200\231s and now in her third year.

MASSON, Lesleyâ\200\224Completed training at Entabeni Hospital in March and went to Oxford for further studies, in May.

MASTERTON-SMITH, Fay (Kippen)â\200\224Has two daughters. Still living in Kloof, but building her own home .at Hillcrest.

MCCORMICK SMITH, Betty (Shaw)â\200\224Married Tan McCormick Smith in October, 1966 and has been living in England since then. They have a cottage in Sussex and are possibly coming back to South Africa in 3 or 4 yearsâ\200\231 time.

McLEAN, Jennifer (Laughton)â\200\224Living in Florida, Transvaal. Has a daughter aged 2½ years and a son Sean, aged 5 months.

MEDWAY, Sueâ\200\224Teaching at G.H.S. in Pietermaritzburg and going overseas in April until the end of the year.

MENTEATH, Elaine (Alexander)â\200\224Married in November of 1967. Still working with South African Airways.

METER, Annâ\200\224Lecturing in Social Work at the Indian University College in Durban and doing an honours course (part time), at Natal University.

MEYER, Sally (Kent)â\200\224Still living in good old Rhodesia with her husband and two sonsâ\200\224Karl and Brett. Doing occasional T.V. work.

MILLS, Philippa (Ballard)â\200\224Paid a short visit to Pietermaritzburg, with her husband and two small children, on her way from Hong-Kong to England. They would like to return to South Africa to settle. â\200\230

MURRAY, Dagmar (Oxley Oxland)â\200\224They have a sheep farm at

Woatin and all work very hard. Daughter Valerie, still at school. They live approximately 12 miles from Joy Talbot.

MUSSELWHITE, Joyce (Heyns)â\200\224Living in Basingstoke, England.

NICHOLSON, Helen (Bourhill)â\200\224Flew overseas last year and toured Norway with her daughter, whom she met in Oslo, and who has since flown to Canada to teach. They also spent a lovely holiday in Holland, staying with Ruth Jannette-Walen (Wilson) and her family before going to England and Scotland.

NILSON, Lynetteâ\200\224In her second year Commercial Teaching Course at the Technical College, Durban. Staying at N.A.W.R.A. House.

NORISKIN, Lee (Taylor)â\200\224Living in Johannesburg. Recently had her second daughter. Teaches swimming at home in her spare time and does a great deal of pottery as a hobby.



Oâ\200\231HAGAN, Wendyâ\200\224Living in Toronto, Canada. Teaching and enjoying life to the full. Finds teaching methods are changing, one is becoming a technician what with visual aids, tapes, television, computers, etc. She is not feeling the cold as much as in England or Scotland, although temperatures are down to 22 degrees below zero. Every building is heated, even her car is in a heated basement, where she has her apartment, and she parks right next to her classroom.

O'â\200\231FLAHERTY, Elaine (McFarlane)â\200\224Returned to South Africa in November after spending 20 months in Britain. Also toured Scandanivia and Europe. Her son, Robert Brian. born in New-castle-upon-Tyne, is now 1½ years old. She is now living in North-cliff, Johannesburg.

PASCOE, Pennyâ\200\224Has finished one year at the University of Cape Town, and is doing second year B.A. this year.

PEACOCK, Margaretâ\200\224Working in the Natal Building Society in Pietermaritzburg.

PECKHAM, Noelle (Little)â\200\224Still living in Schroeders, Gavin is at the Air Force Gymnasium, Pat and Lynne are in Std. 10 at Wart-burg Kirschdorf High School.

PEYCKE, June (Pope Ellis)â\200\224Now attending Teachersâ\200\235 Training College as a mature student. Her family are all grown up. John is in his second year at Manchester University, Edward and Raymond leave school this summer, Shirley started at a girlsâ\200\231 grammar school.

PIERS, Sue (Bayldon)â\200\224Moved from Miinster to Osnabriick. Germany, at the beginning of this year. Now has two daughters, Marie, a sister for Ann was born in October, 1967.

PORRILL, Lynette and Jenniferâ\200\224Went overseas in May, touring the Continent and England, returning to South Africa in January, 1969.

PRINGLE, Sandraâ\200\224Nursing at Greyâ\200\231s Hospital (2nd year) with K. Swan, G. Harper and C. Ridgeway.

PURNELL, Margaret Ann (Aâ\200\231Bear)â\200\224Still in Glenashley. Deanne started school this year and Sally Ann is 2½ years old.

QUICKE, Christine (Jamieson)â\200\224Living in Pietermaritzburg, with her husband and three children. Had a baby daughter in July. Attends Old Girlsâ\200\231 meetings regularly.

RADLEY, Jean (Midgley)â\200\224Living in Bulawayo. Glyn and Avryl are now working, Judy still at school. Sisters, Mary living in Umtali and Anne with her family arrived from the UK. in April, for Gwelo.

RICHARDS, Rhonaâ\200\224At Durban Technical College, doing her third and final year Commercial Art and Textile Design.

ROBINSON, Elizabethâ\200\224Now doing Midwifery at Addington Hospital, having passed her General Nursing training in September, 1967.

ROBINSON, Marionâ\200\224Is kept very busy as Chairman of the Association.

RODICK, Lesleyâ\200\224Has become engaged to Michael Gibson.

ROE-SCOTT, Ronwynâ\200\224Studying B.A. Languages, at the University in Pietermaritzburg.

ROSS MARCH, Ruth (Turnley)â\200\224Is now a grandmother, as her daughter recently had a baby. Her son Ian is at school in Johannesburg. Attends Old Girlsâ\200\231 meetings which are held at least twice a year in Johannesburg, and at which Bring and Buy Sales, Cock-tail Parties, etc., are arranged to raise funds. "

SALMOND, Jeanâ\200\224Recently returned from a five months overseas trip. visiting â\200\234Britain and her islandsâ\200\235 which includes the Channel Islands, Isle of Man, Isle of Arran, Iona, the Hebrides and Shetlands.

SCOTT, Jean and Lynnâ\200\224In their third year, nursing at Entabeni.

SHENTON, Barbara (Aâ\200\231Bear)â\200\224Still farming in Mazabuka, Zambia. Her three elder children are at school in Bulawayo, and she teaches Linsey at home.

SHIPMAN, Ismay (Hodges)â\200\224Has moved from Crammond and is now living at Thornville Junction. Has a daughter, Morelle at St. Johnâ\200\231s, a younger one at junior school, and sons, Roger with family and Malcolm now back in South Africa.

SIMPSON, Deline (Richards)â\200\224Living in Grahamstown.

SMITH., Patriciaâ\200\224Has just returned from the U.S.A., where she was a Rotary Exchange Student in Dover, Ohio. Visited 30 States in her year there, now working in the Standard Bank.

SMYTHE, Fayâ\200\224Is enjoying training at the Pietermaritzburg Business College for a private secretary.

SORENSEN, Penelope (Petty)â\200\224Living in Carletonville, on Western Deep Levels Mine property. Has three children, David 7, Barbara 5 and Veronica 2. Very involved with teaching and coaching swimming. Her husband is a professional coach.

SOROUR, Vera (Gace)â\200\224Living in Johannesburg. Has a little son Michael, born 11th December, 1967.

STANFORD, Beryl (Spooner)â\200\224In Swaziland. Saw Elaine Menteath (Alexander) in Durban, when there on leave recently.

STEAD, Shirley (Wilkinson)â\200\224Was married in June, 1967, and is farming in the Camperdown district.

STEER, Ann (Gregory)â\200\224Has two daughters at St. Johnâ\200\231s, Jennifer in Std. 4 and Lynne in Std. 2, and son Bryan at Merchiston.

STEPHENSON, Jean (Clowes)â\200\224Living in Pietermaritzburg. Has two daughters.

STEVENS, Gillian (McKenzie)â\200\224Has returned to Pietermaritzburg from Ladysmith. :

STEVENS, Jillâ\200\224Overseas, also there Di Bircher, Di Triten and Denise McClelland.

STEWART, Ireneâ\200\224In her third year at Pietermaritzburg University.

STEWART, Shelaghâ\200\224In her fourth year at University in Pietermaritzburg.

STREElg(, Deena (Clayton)â\200\224Her daughter Jocelyn is an A.F.S. student in California, and son, Barry is reading law at Rhodes University.



STURDY, Roslynâ\200\224Working as a private secretary to a big manufacturing firm in Durban. Also doing a Diploma modelling course.

TALBOT, Joy (Abrahamson)â\200\224Happily settled in New Zealand. They have a raspberry farm and market approximately 10,000 lbs. of berries during the Christmas season. They live within a few miles of Nancy Hodges (Guy), ex games mistress at St. Johnâ\200\231s. She and her husband have retired and have a very beautiful home and garden beside the Arapuni Lake.

TAYLOR, Dawnâ\200\224Working for a local firm of Attorneys, hoping to move to Johannesburg in May.

TAYLOR, Hillaryâ\200\224Enjoying her course at Training College. and hoping to become a journalist.

TRELOAR, Joy (Allenbrook)â\200\224Had her second child, a daughter, Adrienne Robyn, on January 7th. Arrived in South Africa from Perth, Western Australia, at the end of April, with son, daughter and husband on first visit home.

THOMPSON, Shirley (Thorne)â\200\224Her husband, Bryan, passed away suddenly, in July, at Hong Kong.

TURNER, Marionâ\200\224In her first year at University in Pietermaritzburg.

TWEEDIE, Maryâ\200\224Attending Training College in Pietermaritzburg. Hoping to specialize in Infants.

VAN DONGEN, Elizabeth (Griffiths)â\200\224Oldest son, John, started â\200\234bigâ\200\235 school this year, and the two younger are at Nursery school.

VLOK, Veroniqueâ\200\224Working as a nursing sister at the Brentwood Clinic in Johannesburg and liking it very much.

WALKER, Daphne (Phillips)â\200\224Farming in East Griqualand. Has one son at Hilton, and one son at Cordwalles, and a daughter at Kokstad Convent, who will be coming to St. Johnâ\200\231s in 1969. Has taken over tennis coaching of the Seniors at the Convent and plays a lot of squash. She is also secretary of the Kokstad Polo Club.

WATSON, Denise (Lott)â\200\224At Platburg Colliery. Has two sons, Rodney S, and Alan 4.

WHEELER, Rosamundâ\200\224Left for a tour overseas in September, 1967. Had a wonderful time touring the Continent and has now settled down in London, nursing at St. Thomasâ\200\231.

WHITELAW, Jenniferâ\200\224Working at the Natal Society Library and studying hard.

WHITFIELD, Deidreâ\200\224Working for the Royal Insurance Co., in Port Shepstone.

WHITTLE, Pat (Bowman-Edgar)â\200\224Living at Swartberg. Has a son, Mark.

WILKINSON, Jillâ\200\224Has just become engaged and working for a legal firm in Durban.

WILLIAMS, Ann (Blomeyer)â\200\224Living in Pietermaritzburg. Has 3 children, Keith 5, David 3. and Gail 1.

WILLIAMS, Veronica (Phillips)â\200\224Living in Pretoria. Enjoying teaching in a nursery school. Her daughter Bronwen 13 attends St. Maryâ\200\231s DS.G., also Fritha, aged 5, and sons Patrick 10 at Prep. school, and Matthew 2 at Nursery School.

WING, Reva (Fort)â\200\224Has now 3 sons to keep her busy, Lloyd 9, Craig 63. and Grant 8 months. Still keeps up her horse riding though.

YOUNG, Jane (Bennet)â\200\224Moved to Eshowe in January. Family all

settling in and thoroughly enjoying baby Derek.

#### MARRIAGES

Judy Maquire to Julian Pearse.

Cheryl Merrick to Dr. Andrew Cohen.

Denise Medway to Michael Beevers.

Shirley Wilkinson to Jack Stead.

Glyndwr Taylor to Ian Macaskill.

Robin Francis to Paul Bennett.

Lindsay Ash to John Glaum.

Penelope Ridgeway to Gordon Pechey.

Shelley Charles to Nolan Ellis.

Margaret Crookes to John Kinvig.

Tina Bowes (van Ysendyk) to Neville Seymour.

Nora Peattie to Ernst August Wortman.

Diana Stacey to David Shepherd.

Valerie Taylor to Alister Luttrell.

Cynthia Morris to Jonathan Leontsinis.

Carolyn Spiller to John Gers.

Esme Tremearne to Barry Weir Smith.

Barbara Evennet to Michael Gann.

Elain Alexander to - - - - Menteath.

Betty Shaw to Ian McCormick-Smith.

#### BIRTHS

Vynne, Wendy (Douglas), a daughter.

Wing, Reva (Fort), a son.

Caskie, Eleanor (Tyrrell), a daughter.

Young, Jane (Bennett), a son.

Jenkins, Margaret (Shaw), a son.

Ashworth, Joan (Collie), a son.

Ehlers, Jean (Bruce), a daughter.

Dâ\200\231Oliviera, Bryony (Dobeyn), a son.

Mackenzie, Margaret (Knox), a daughter.

Phillips, Jennifer (Reynolds), a daughter.

Farrow, Pauline (Milne), a daughter.

Human, Christine (Paul), a son.

Stephenson, Jean (Clowes), a daughter.

Kellerher, Alison (Lyle), a son.

Noriskin, Lee (Taylor), a daughter.

Strachan, Merrilee (Logan), a daughter.  
Sorour, Vera (Gace), a son.

Gladwin, Diane (Fletcher-Campbell), a son.  
Crawford, Rosemary (Pennington), a son.  
Crago, Elizabeth (Proudfoot), a daughter.  
Treloar, Joy (Allenbrook), a daughter.  
Macintosh, Wendy (Maling), a daughter.  
Te Riel, Jane (Mitchell), a son.

Purnell, Margaret-Ann (A\200\231Bear), a daughter.  
Erskine, Diana (Kanaar), a son.  
Culverwell, Pat (Wattam), a son.

Milne, Pat (Geekie), twin son and daughter.  
Howells, Edwina (Mayo), a son.

McLellan, Elizabeth (Buchan), a daughter.  
Oâ\200\231Brien, Wendy (Clarke), a daughter.  
Barker-Goldie, Evelyn (Laughton), a son.  
Quicke, Christine (Jamieson), a daughter.  
Nisbet, Ingrid (Christiansen), a daughter.  
Boardman, Heather (Turnbull), a son.  
Ellis, Shelley (Charles), a daughter.  
Wessels, Maeve (Walker), a son.

Watson, Lynne (McKenzie), a daughter.  
Bray, Rozanne (Wallis), a son.

Piers, Sue (Bayldon), a daughter.

McLean, Jennifer (Laughton). a son.

R.L P.

EVA HUBBARD

On August 30th, 1967, Eva passed to her rest in her 90th year.  
Many past girls will remember her as a part of St. Johnâ\200\231s where she gave devoted service for over 25 years.

Eva came as a girl from S. Helena and her connection with the Sisters began when she worked for us in S. Cross helping to look after the â\200\234babiesâ\200\235. Later she moved to S. Johnâ\200\231s where she was housekeeper for many years. When the Sisters were unable to continue staffing the School Eva retired on an Old Age Pension, but continued to live in her two little rooms in â\200\234Tin Townâ\200\235. She helped in many ways, sorting laundry, preparing vegetables and mending clothes. Once when I found her mending one of the girlâ\200\231s clothes and told her she was spoiling the child she said, â\200\234Well she has no mother to do these things for her.â\200\235

When she could no longer live alone we took her to live in our Sistersâ\200\231 infirmary at the Convent in Loop Street where we were able to care for her until she died. All her working life was given for us, and it was our privilege to care for her for her last few years.

Eva was supremely happy in our care and never did she utter one word of complaint. Always a grateful smile and a â\200\234thank youâ\200\235. She had a lovely sense of humour, great integrity, and a very high standard

of conduct and expected the same from others, not least from the girls of St. John's, on whom her comments were often very discerning and to the point.

May she rest in peace.

Winifred May Collier (Goldborne), on 14th December, 1967.

Grace May Low (Ashford), foundation pupil of St. John's on 5th July, 1968. :

Miss M. Newton, a member of the staff, on 28th September, 1967.

Natalie Pous (Fletcher), tragically killed in a motor accident, on 19th January, 1968.

Ruth Thorburn, a former matron at St. John's on 9th March, 1968.

Sister Florence S.S.J.D. in her 96th year.

Mrs. L. Tranchell, a former member of the staff, on 12th September, 1968.







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