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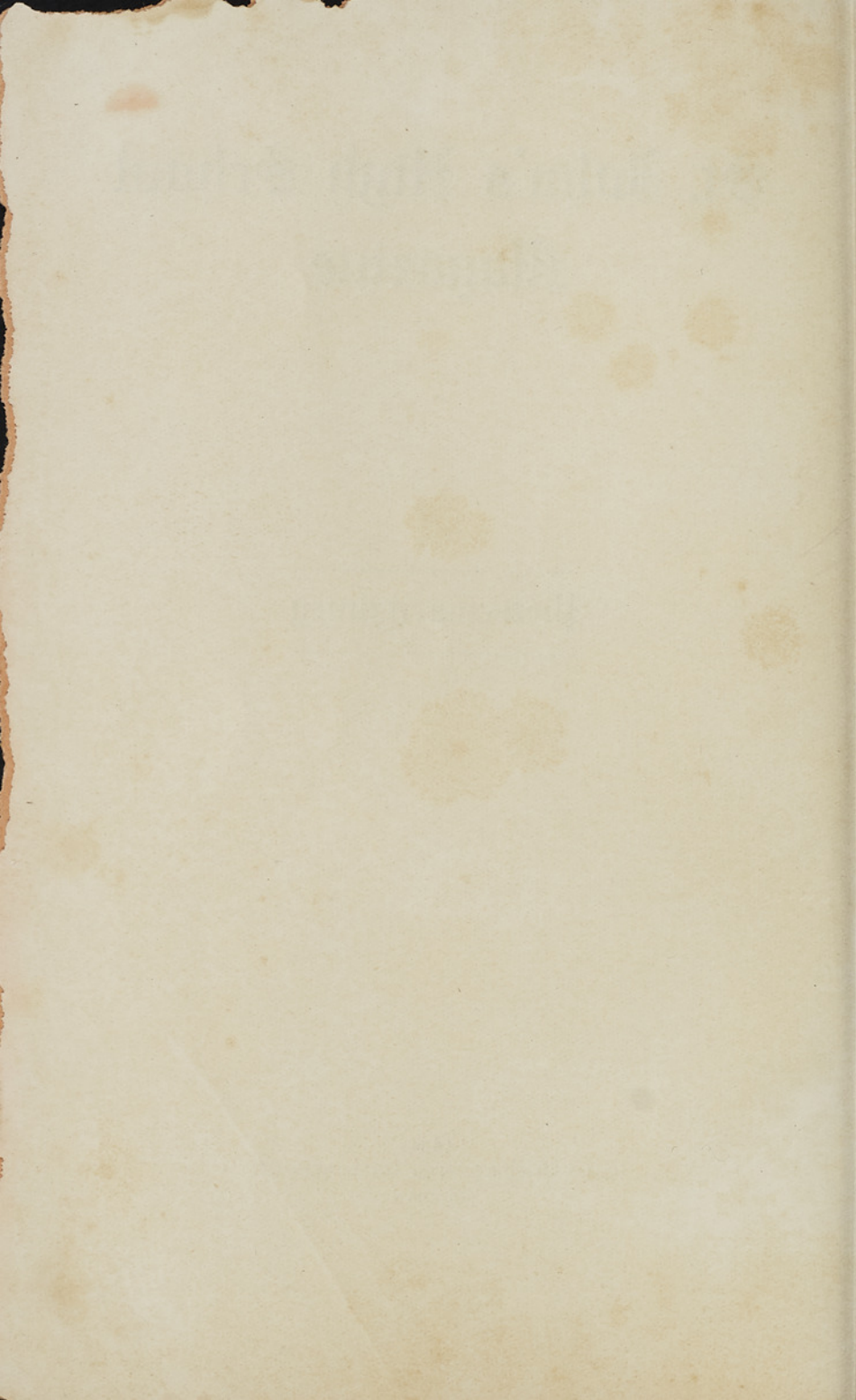
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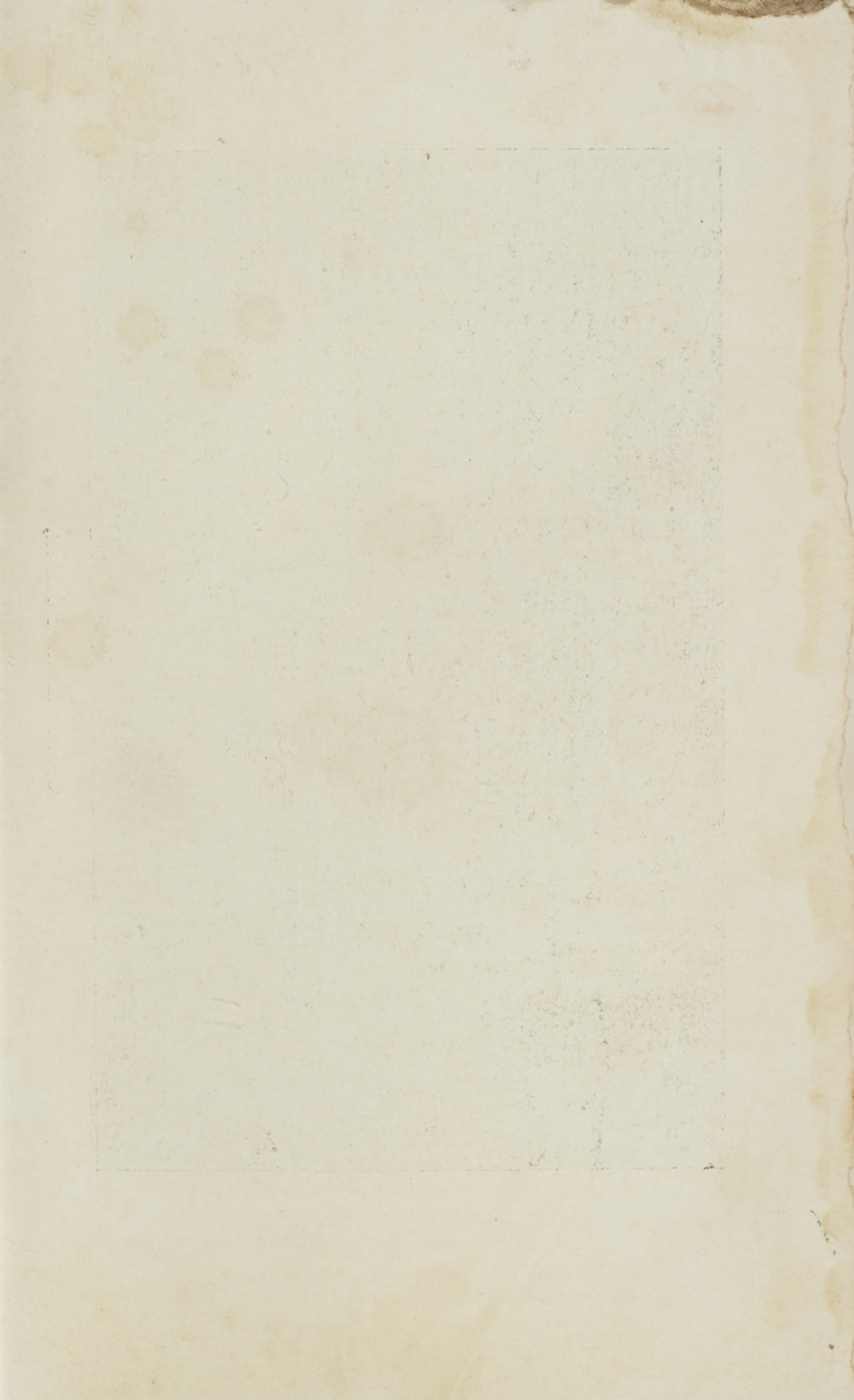
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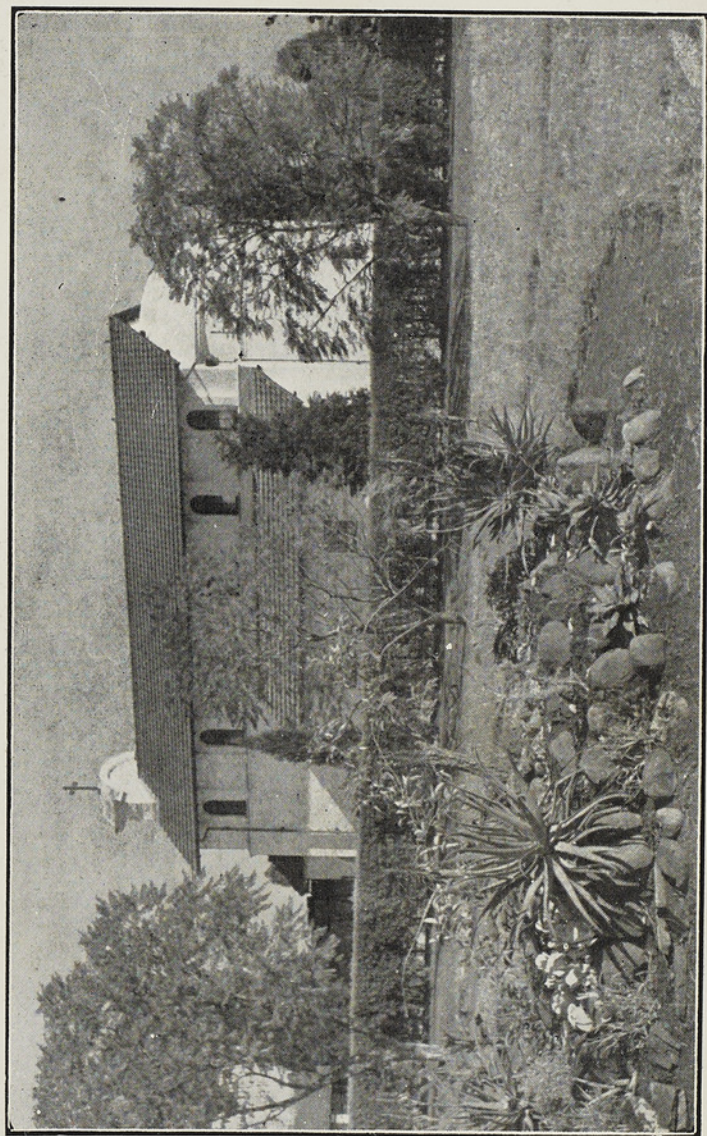
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CHAPEL LOOKING NORTH.

Letter to Old Girls.

St. John's High School,
Scottsville, Maritzburg.



Y dear Old Girls,

I have had much pleasure during the past year in the many opportunities which have been afforded me of meeting you, or getting to know you better by letter.

You have responded most kindly to my hope that this might happen, and I feel that my circle of friends has enlarged considerably. The letters from you have also encouraged me very much, because they have proved what a deep-rooted loyalty and love exists, for all that the school stands for.

It is vitally important that this spirit should animate the Old Girls' Guild and Association, as the present generation of St. John's girls naturally look to those who have been through the school and all its experiences, for a certainty and standard of vision and attainment. These things, these ideals for the school are very much in your hands, and so it makes us very happy to see how clearly you are recognising them, and accepting responsibility.

I am sure that those of you who remember Mother Margaret will recall how practically the whole of her life was given to the cause of Christian education, and will agree with me that nothing would have given her more pleasure than your Bursary scheme, the details of which have just been decided upon. One of her everyday working theories was, that every person is responsible in some degree for the betterment of those with whom she comes into contact, and that the hall-mark of all true Christian socialism is the recognition of stewardship rather than ownership. This plan of yours, by which a girl who otherwise, owing to force of circumstances, would have to leave school with a scarcely-begun education, is financially helped on for two years, is just that practical and personal idealism which would have received her most emphatic approval and encouragement. It would have appealed to her not only because it is a means by which some girl may have needed help, but also because of the generally ennobling effect all "handing on of the torch" has, since it cannot be done without self-sacrificing effort.

I hope the Bursary Scheme is going to grow into a big thing, a truly living memorial of the Old Girls', rooted as it must be in your love and enthusiasm, and consciousness of past blessings.

I am sure that you will all be very pleased to see how good our examination results were, and to join us in congratulating Irma

Rhind, who has been awarded the "Janet Dick" bursary at the University—an honour which she most thoroughly deserves.

The Old Girls' annual meeting last year had two disappointments. One in the fact that owing to the illness of the Chaplain it was impossible to have the usual Mass and General Communion, and also because the Rev. Mother was absent, being in England on important Community business. We hope this year that we shall all meet at the Altar and also have the Rev. Mother with us.

There have been several weddings of great interest to old St. John's girls during the past year. On August 1st Pat Maurice was married to Michael Pearse, of the Rhodesian Air Force, and came before the wedding to ask if the girls might go to the Cathedral, and as, with commendable foresight, she had arranged it for a "Free Saturday," a large number were present.

One of the hymns she chose was Bunyan's "He who would vaillant be 'gainst all disaster," the kind of original touch one might expect from Pat, as was also the fact that she almost stepped into an aeroplane at the door of the Cathedral for her journey home.

Another Maritzburg wedding was that of Miss Simpkins, a much loved music mistress, to Mr. King, of Johannesburg. A strong contingent of girls went to that, and returned to eat a marvellous wedding cake which Mrs. King sent to the school—so beautifully iced and decorated that even some of the children thought it was a pity to eat it—a merely passing feeling, I may add.

The other wedding, that of Roma Trebble to Stanley Meumann, was at Piet Retief, so the school had to be content with just sending its loving greetings.

The magazine went to press last year before I had the opportunity of writing about the visit from Fr. Raynes, C.R., during Holy Week and Easter. He came and stayed in the chaplain's rondavel and held what was practically a simple mission in the school. We all felt it was a great privilege to have this help during Holy Week, woven as it was very quietly into the ordinary life of the school, but making us all conscious of the demands of that Holy Season upon our devotion. It was a deeply happy time for many, as I have been told, and I hope it will be possible in the future to always observe Holy Week and Easter in this way.

The Confirmation this year was on September 26th and the Bishop held it in our Convent Chapel. Our eighteen candidates went down and joined our girls of St. Lucy's and St. Cross, coming back after the service to a happy informal tea with their friends in the dining room here.

I am glad for the present generation to go sometimes to the Chapel, which was very dear to many of you, when the school was in Burger Street.

I think, in glancing over the whole year, that the school has

had some very happy social affairs, and rather more of them than usual. You will find reports of some of them in other parts of the magazine, and I must not encroach upon the province of others. I should like, however, to say how much the girls appreciated two evenings with Gilbert and Sullivan, for which we had to thank our Chaplain, Fr. St. John. He brought his splendid records of the whole of the Mikado and H.M.S. Pinafore, and not only played them but read the libretti, thus making a considerable addition to what one might call the classical education of many of the girls.

We have had fresh proof of Fr. Alston's kind interest in the school, in the gift of some very beautiful photographic studies of his own. I should like you to see them. They have been hung in the library, which is really becoming a most alluring place. The librarians will tell you elsewhere of the fine books which have lately been given.

I have had no experience of other schools—I nearly wrote I am glad to say, but that might be open to misconstruction—yet it always seems to me that we have some extraordinarily good dramatic talent here. It is always cropping up, even among the younger children, and I welcome it with gladness—there are few things so recreative, indoors, that is, as good acting; and it has a happy way of drawing out inventive and artistic talent in other directions.

We are fortunate in having mistresses on the staff, some of whom not only have histrionic gifts themselves, but also the great gift of being willing to take enormous pains and spend endless time in helping the girls to produce good work. Certainly some of the little plays given this year in aid of the Tennis Court Fund, and the reference library, have been very real contributions to the art and the pleasure of the school.

The St. John's Day dance on May 8th was, so all agree, a very happy one. There was fun, simplicity, charming dresses and old friends, whose presence we greatly valued, all combining to make that family feeling so characteristic of St. John's dances. In passing I should like to assure some old girls that there is not the least need for them to engage in research work upon the floor of St. Margaret's sitting-room in between the dances; the old trap-door is still there.

I am sure that I have taken up quite enough space, and I will just conclude with the hope that you will continue to keep in as close touch as is possible with us. Sister Faith, Sister Dorothea and Sister Olive join with me in loving wishes for your happiness and well-being during the coming St. John's year.

Yours affectionately,

+ CONSTANCE, S.S.J.D.

St. John's wishes to offer its congratulations to Mrs. King (née Simkins) on the birth of a son, March 23rd.

Headmistress's Report.

1933.



E thank the Rev. Mother for her great kindness in coming here to-day to present the trophies.

Another milestone reached! During the past year the school has made steady progress and, in spite of the economic depression, the number of boarders has kept up. An increase in the number of day girls is much desired.

Early in the year a few cases of malaria caused us much inconvenience but the last six months have not been marred by any epidemic and the health of the school has been good.

The examination results, which came out in January, enheartened everybody and gave us a big uplift. Of the six girls presented for Matriculation all passed, four in the Second Class and two in the Third. Fourteen girls sat for the Junior Certificate Examination. Out of these the results were one First, four Seconds and six Thirds.

In musical examinations the results were: University of South Africa Preliminary, two passes. Trinity College: Intermediate Piano, two passes (one of these, Elaine Minchin, with honours); Junior Piano, two passes; Violin, one pass; Preparatory Piano, two passes (one of these, Mildred Piers, with honours). Theory of Music, Junior Division: Marion Nichol and Gaynor Arbuthnot both passed with honours. There were no failures.

In the Trinity College Elocution Examination there was one pass in the Intermediate Division and one in the Junior Division. There was one failure. Very good work is being done in music and elocution but few girls take examinations in these subjects.

Art is growing vigorously under the control of Miss Stewart. The display of work done by the Art and Dressmaking Classes was most interesting and exhibited much talent. Edith Fairbrother's sketches deserve high commendation and the same may be said of the beautiful work done by Patricia Cundill in the Dressmaking Class.

The Dancing Classes are growing steadily and it is good to have Miss Grigson with us again.

Games have been carried on with enthusiasm. Details of these will be found in the magazine to be published next year. It was a proud moment when the hockey team, after a magnificent struggle with St. Anne's team, captured the League Hockey Cup for the third successive year. While speaking of hockey I must mention an interesting item which came to my knowledge recently: Hockey

for girls was introduced into Maritzburg by Mother Edith, who, as headmistress of St. John's School, laid so well the foundations of the school, and still takes an interest in all our doings. Thus the school during recent years has recaptured the brilliant record for hockey which it held in early days.

The gymnastic display held in our Hall was excellent. Miss Katharine Lee, a former St. John's girl and at present Games Mistress at the Girls' High School, adjudicated, and Sister Frances, in the absence of the Rev. Mother, very kindly presented the cups which were awarded to VI.A., V.B. and III.

St. John's entered for five events in the swimming gala. Joan Adnams secured a first and a second prize, Helen Rawlins a first, and Marion Nichol a second.

Distinctions have also been gained in the Empire Day Essay Competitions. The first prize was awarded to Jill Glasse for her essay on "The Spiritual Values of the British Empire." Edna Dorning, Mignonne Pascoe, and Rosalie Pemberton were also awarded prizes. Una Gwilliam was awarded first prize for Elocution in the section for girls under 11, and Muriel Dorning also gained a prize for Elocution.

Irma Rhind competed for the Victoria League History Scholarship. Her paper was very highly commended; the winner of the scholarship headed her by two marks.

A very praiseworthy and most successful achievement was the series of entertainments for raising funds to provide for another tennis court. The enterprise, organised by Miss Friend, brought in the good round sum of £61 1s. 9d. The entertainments included: (1) A good production by V.A., organised by Miss Wood. (2) An excellent varied programme arranged by Misses Coulthard, Wood and Tamblyn. (3) A very fine dancing display by the pupils of Miss Grigson's dancing class, assisted by the pupils of Miss Abrahams and Miss Stanborough-Tait. The orchestra, conducted by Mrs. Sutcliffe, gave an added charm to all these functions.

Mention must be made of the annual plays produced by VI.B. to raise funds for the Matriculation Form Reference Library. Due to Miss Livingstone's careful coaching the performance was excellent, very noteworthy being the improved enunciation and accent of the players.

The charming historical play and tableaux produced by Miss Ovendale, assisted by Mrs. Talbot, was much appreciated. Yesterday afternoon Form I., not to be outdone by their elders, produced a most enjoyable entertainment under the direction of Mrs. Clarke.

In speaking of the staff I am bound to repeat myself and the repetition is a very happy one: "a loyal, hard-working, enthusiastic band, who give their best to their work." I thank each member for her co-operation. Two much-valued members of the staff left us

to be married, Miss Stubbings at the end of the year and Miss Simkins at Easter. Miss Simkins, as a music mistress, did excellent work for nearly ten years and Miss Stubbings handled Form I. in excellent style. This year we welcomed two new mistresses, Mrs. Talbot and Mrs. Clarke.

Owing to the regrettable absence of Miss Coulthard on sick leave since August it was necessary to fill her post temporarily. We were fortunate in securing the expert help of Mrs. Hobden. She has given herself out most generously and her work has been much appreciated.

It is with a pang that we say good-bye to our valiant VI.A. Throughout the examination they have preserved their cheery outlook, dispelling that heavy cloud of depression which usually befalls us at the end of the final term. It is so good to hear of their plans for their careers. Our Prefects, Irma Rhind, Helen Chennells, Mary Bellow, Edna Dorning and Joan Forder have been a real stay and they will be much missed.

In conclusion, I thank Sister Constance, the Sister-in-Charge, most heartily for her unfailing kindness and great help in smoothing difficulties along the road. To her and to the other Sisters we are deeply indebted for the existence of a fine school.

December, 1933.

Did You Know That—

1. The chameleon shoots its tongue out to catch its foot.
2. People were gelatined in the French Revelation.
3. When a girl becomes a Guide she is first unrolled.
4. Overheard in the Library—
 - A. Have you a copy of Oliver Untwisted?
 - B. No, but we have a copy of Oliver Twist.
5. Abraham waxed exceeding.
6. Florence Nightingale helped Bonny Prince Charlie to escape to France.
7. Michael Angelo's first statue was of Queen Elizabeth.
8. The climate of Canada is very embracing.
9. The hymn "Led us Heavenly Father led us" was sung by the crows and St. Paul's choir.
10. By the Act of Supremacy Queen Elizabeth was declared supreme over Celestial Matters.

From a School Girls' Diary.

- May 6.—S. John's Day. Form V.A. presented the "Moon Dream" in aid of the tennis court fund. A very successful and much appreciated performance.
- May 8.—The School kept its festival during the Octave as formerly. A holiday was granted, which was spent by everybody in the grounds, lunch and tea being taken to favourite haunts; whilst decorations of dining-room and hall were being tastefully arranged by members of staff, assisted by the senior girls, in preparation for the annual dance and supper in the evening. The catering by Christies was most efficient. A very great and enjoyable success.
- May 18.—The Sister-in-Charge allowed the Upper Sixth to attend a Shakespearean entertainment presented by the pupils of the Roman Catholic Convent in Scott's Theatre.
- May 19.—The staff and girls attended a musical concert given by the Durban Orchestra.
- May 24 (Empire Day).—Four girls won prizes in the Empire Day essay competition and two won elocution prizes. Some of the children attended the evening entertainment arranged for the prize-giving.
- Sports Day.—"Rhodes" won the House Cup.
- May 31 (Union Day).—The Sister-in-Charge and Headmistress accepted an offer from the staff to take the School for a picnic to the Botanical Gardens, which everybody enjoyed tremendously.
- June 7.—A lantern lecture on mediaeval architecture was delivered in the School Hall by Father Alston. A thrilling evening!
- June 10.—The staff arranged and presented a dramatic entertainment in aid of the tennis court fund. The programme included country dancing, "The Mad Hatter's Tea Party," "The Poetasters of Ispahan" and "Catharine Parr."
- August 12.—S. John's Hockey 1st XI. succeeded in winning the hockey cup for the third time in succession and making the fourth year of possession.
- August 20.—Eva Palmer paid the School a short visit whilst in Africa on business. She returned to England by aeroplane.
- August 28.—The Chaplain very kindly gave a Gilbert & Sullivan evening in the library. Very much appreciated, and a repetition asked for on all sides.
- August 24.—The Sister-in-Charge rewarded the hockey teams by a cinema entertainment at the Grand Theatre.
- September 1.—The School, with the exception of the 6th Form, went to see the Pageant of Church History at the Town Hall. Nine pupils took the parts of angels.
- September 4.—Work on the new tennis court begun.
- September 21.—Professor du Plessis delivered a most interesting and enjoyable lantern lecture in the School Hall on African fauna.
- September 23.—Form VI.B. gave their annual entertainment in aid

of reference library funds. They presented "The Unexpected" and "The Bloaters." Items were also contributed by B. McNab and J. Adnams.

September 27.—The inter-form gymnastic display.

September 28.—Miss Grigson's dancing display in aid of the tennis court fund, assisted by the pupils of Miss Abrahams and Miss Stanborough-Tait.

October 14.—The annual sale for Missions was held this year from 10 to 1 p.m. The girls had worked very steadily and joyously all through the year, under the voluntary direction of members of the staff. The usual stalls were held, as also was the Old Girls' stall. Approximately £40 was raised and was apportioned to the following:—Frere Native Mission, S. Luke's Coloured Mission, S. Barnabas' Native Mission and S. Cuthbert's Native Mission.

October 18.—The Upper Sixth was allowed to go to a matinee of Bernard Shaw's "Arms and the Man," a set book of this year's matriculation.

October 23.—The School, with the exception of the examination girls, attended a concert in the Town Hall.

October 25.—The VI. Form were given permission to attend a matinee of J. B. Priestley's "Good Companions" at the Grand Theatre.

November 9.—Mrs. Christiansen addressed the School on the origin of the "Christmas Stamp" and the good work carried on by the scheme.

November 16.—The Chaplain entertained the school in the library with his records of "H.M.S. Pinafore."

November 19.—The examination picnic. The weather prevented the plan of going to Gordon Falls. A friend generously offered a lorry, and World's View was the happy meeting place. Rain in the afternoon rendered a return necessary, and so a visit to the King's Theatre in the evening made up for all mishaps during the day.

November 27.—A number of the children went to a Municipal Orchestral concert.

December 2.—The Juniors presented a number of historical tableaux. The proceeds were for the subscription to a children's magazine.

December 14.—End of school year. The Rev. Mother Superior, S.S.J.D. was present, and after the Headmistress's Report presented the trophies to the respective forms and the stripes won by the girls.

The St. Mary's Girls won the privilege of having the name of their house engraved on the "House Shield."

February 1.—Beginning of school year, 1934.

March 2.—The Senior girls went to see "Cavalcade" on the films.

March 5.—Visit of H.R.H. Prince George to Maritzburg; the school lined the route at the race course and welcomed the Prince with their special cheer, later lining the railway track at the Brickfields to cheer the departing train.

Debating Society Notes.

During the past year the Debating Society has made considerable progress.

The speeches at most of the debates have shown careful thought and attention. The open debate has improved, but keener interest and greater effort in that direction are still needed and quick repartee is lacking.

A very successful debate was held on March 7th. The motion before the house was, "The modern craze for record breaking does more harm than good." The proposers of the motion, H. Chennells and P. Southey, showed the absurdity to which record breaking has been reduced; in spite of clever opposition from R. Pemberton and S. Stanford the motion was carried.

The special effort made by the speakers on the subject, "Another war is impossible," was wasted owing to the apathy shown by the house.

Further effort on the part of the speakers in the "Hat Debates" would be appreciated.

M. BELLEW, *Secretary*.

Trophies.

DECEMBER, 1933.

VI.—For Good Work.

VI.A.—For Good Order.

V.A.—For Good Order.

IV.B.—For Good Order.

II.—For Good Work.

I.—For Good Work.

I.—For Good Order.

Obituary.

Many of you will remember Maria Dolan, who lived in "Rose Cottage" in our grounds and was for so many years a faithful friend and servant of the School. She passed away in Grey's Hospital on October 24th, 1933. We still miss her gentle personality about the place, but are glad for her sake that her long sufferings are now ended. R.I.P.

Library Notes.



GREAT deal of interest has been taken in the Library during the year, and we have to thank the Librarians for stimulating this. We are very pleased indeed that the Library is so fully used and appreciated, and we in our turn would appreciate a greater care in handling the books, and we often find that books which have been in the Library scarcely more than a quarter are in a very shabby condition, and readers are definitely asked to take more care of the books, which are really the property of every subscriber. We need to be reminded that our books are our friends and to be treated as such.

We have especially to thank the Sister-in-Charge for re-upholstering and re-polishing our furniture for us and hanging the room with new curtains.

We have also to thank the Rev. Canon Alston for pictures and books; the Rev. Mother, S.S.J.D., for a large donation of books; Mr. Charles Fairbrother for a gift of books, especially the life of John Edwin Watts Ditchfield; and Miss Gemmer for two volumes of "The Saints in Christian Art"; Miss Loggin for a donation in money; Mrs. Holden and Mrs. Clarke for books.

Mention must also be made of the precedent created by Mary and Elizabeth Murray and Joan Forder, who have each presented the library with valued biographies on the occasion of their terminating their school days.

We hope that their example will be followed by the rest of the school.

B. LEE,
G. ARBUTHNOT,
M. COX,
R. CHENNELLS,
Librarians.

Lino Cuts.

It has been suggested that we should have lino-cuts as well as photographs in this number, as probably the Old Girls would be interested to see some of the work that the present girls are doing. The Chapel illustration shows the West End exterior entrance, and the rondavels are new to most of the Old Girls.



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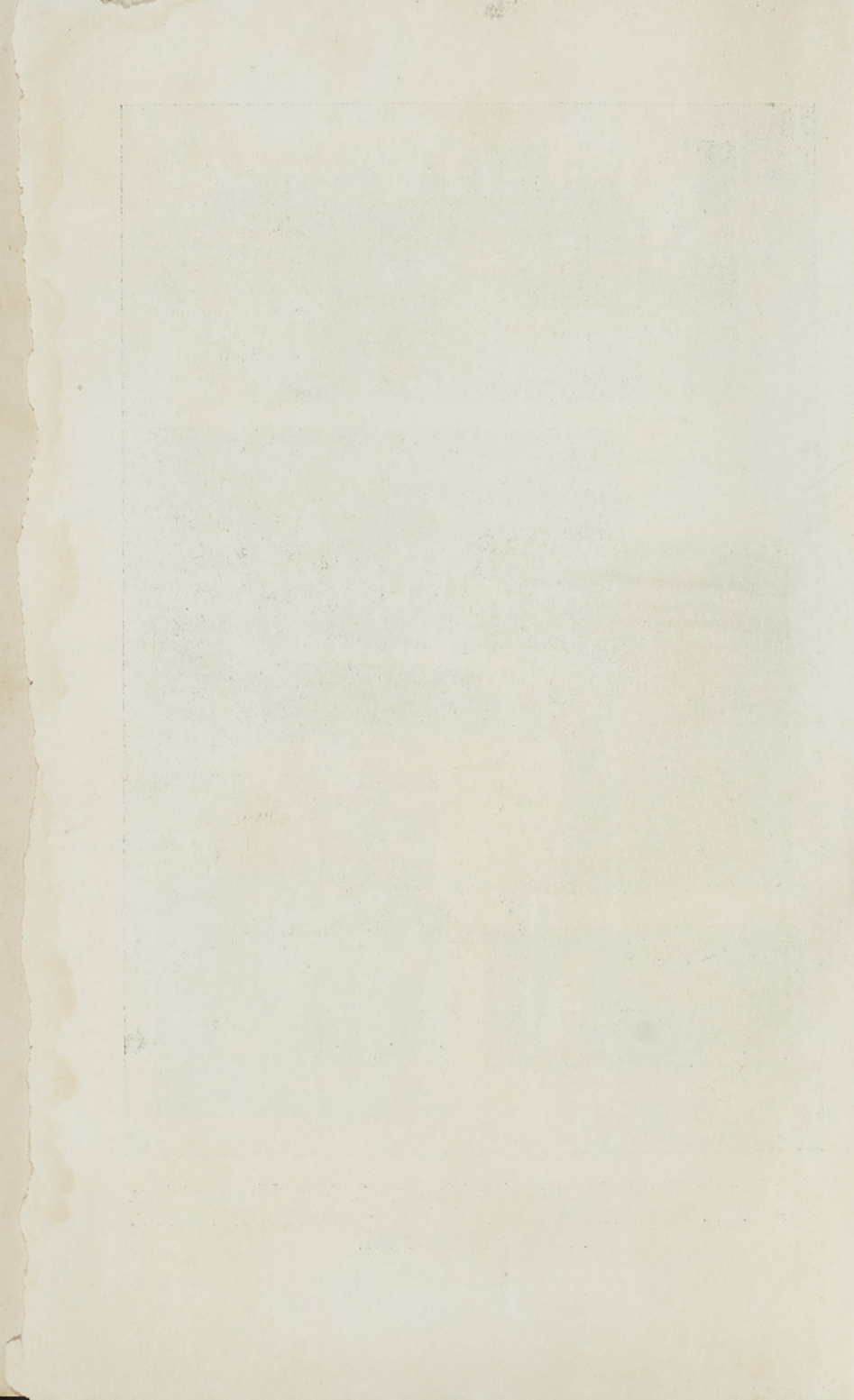


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1. HOCKEY TEAMS LEAVING FOR MATCH. 2. MAD HATTERS' TEA PARTY. 3. FIRST TENNIS TEAM. 4. THE POETASTERS OF ISBAHAN. 5. FIRST HOCKEY XI.



Art in the School.

"Art is a spontaneous product of human nature born before civilisation but fostered by civilisation to further growth."

Art is a spontaneous expression of every child and if one looks on the teaching of art as the helping of the child to express itself, we get the aim of teaching. Art is not merely a "frill," but a cultural element; it can enrich the life of the child by satisfying the creative instinct, stimulating the imagination and training the power of observation and the memory. It therefore holds an important place in education—especially in the primary and secondary school.

"Drawing" in the school thirty years ago was merely reproduction; an object placed before a class allowed for little or no creative or imaginative work. It was but the training of the eye and the muscles of the hand. Art education has been readjusted to meet our present day needs, to offer a liberal education and to deepen the child's interest and instincts and to provide for an appreciation of Nature and of industrial and fine art. To-day in most schools children have the facility to learn to sketch from Nature, to produce beautiful handicrafts in leather, pewter, wood-carving, embroidery; they understand and create the great force in our modern world of advertisement—the art of the poster—our book illustration, creative design, and a host of other useful crafts.

This brings us to the utilitarian aspect of art. The majority of girls on leaving school do not take up art as a profession. But they are the future generation. Each one of them will have her share in creating the demand for the goods of the manufacturer. If the aesthetic standard of these girls is a high one, the manufacturer will raise his standard in order to sell his goods. This entails the whole world's standard—indirectly the boys and girls who are in our schools to-day will raise or lower the standard of the world's production in everything—in music, in art, in the pleasing design of a floral material, in the latest jazz "hit."

Art is in every walk of life—in pre-school days, in the school, the business, the home, in sport and in play, in country and in town, from sunrise to sunrise—and one of the most important roles is played in the school.

EILEEN STEWART, B.A. Fine Arts.

Sports Notes.



SCHOOL Sports Committee: H. Chennells, J. Forder, M. Dorning, R. Boyd, M. Aubrey, A. Norton, Miss Friend.

The Inter-House Games Cup was won by Athlone.

The Senior Inter-Form Drill Cup was won by VI.A.

The Middle Inter-Form Drill Cup was won by V.B.

The Junior Inter-Form Drill Cup was won by III.

The Senior Sports Cup was won by Rhodes.

P. Southey (VI.A.) won the Senior Tennis Singles Cup.

M. Piers (IV.B.) won the Junior Tennis Singles Cup.

HOCKEY.

1ST XI. LEAGUE MATCHES.

- St. John's v. Epworth, away, won 3-0.
- v. Wykeham, home, won 5-1.
- v. St. Anne's, away, won 11-0.
- v. G.H.S., home, won 6-0.
- v. G.C.S., home, won 4-0.
- v. Convent, away, won 4-1.

Goals scored by 1st XI.: 33. Goals scored against 1st XI.: 2.

Final position in the League: 1st, for the third year in succession.

2ND XI. LEAGUE MATCHES.

- St. John's v. Epworth, away, won 2-0.
- v. Wykeham, home, won 2-1.
- v. St. Anne's, away, drew 2-2.
- v. G.H.S., home, won 1-0.
- v. G.C.S., home, won 6-0.
- v. Convent, away, won 3-1.

Goals scored by 2nd XI., 16. Goals scored against 2nd XI., 4.

Final position in the League: 1st.

The Cup is still ours! When our bad days come, as they are bound to, let us take our beatings as our friends at St. Anne's have done, "standing up to it." The 1st XI. have fully deserved their place in the League. I shall be very sorry to lose eight of the team, but keenness will carry us a good way towards re-building.

J. Moor (L.W.).—Has played a good game throughout the season; still needs to rush in and shoot when the occasion occurs.

M. Robinson (L.I.).—Improved towards the latter half of the season.

J. Forder (C.F.).—A good, keen captain; plays a hard, rushing and unselfish game.

E. Murray (R.I.).—Has improved very much, but must try to pass more quickly to her right.

J. Glasse (R.W.).—A good wing; will be very much missed in the team.

V. Jones (L.H.).—Is gradually improving; needs to use her head more in passing.

H. Chennells (C.H.).—Has been a most reliable centre-half throughout the season, but needs to back up her forwards more on the circle.

P. Southey (R.H.).—Showed steady improvement, and learnt to keep her place better.

G. Stuart (L.B.).—Plays a hard game; must try to keep the ball from going over the side line so often.

J. Boyd (R.B.).—Plays a good, steady game.

R. Pemberton (G.).—Did well to get into the 1st XI.; needs a great deal of practice before she will be considered reliable.

2nd XI.—*P. Wright*, *N. Buckley*, *M. Nichol*, *S. Stanford*, *J. Adnams*, *D. Laird*, *P. Forder* (capt.), *M. Dorning*, *M. Southey*, *E. Wells*, *C. Harman*.

In the hockey carnival on 19th August both the XI.'s were just one point below the winners of the sections they played in.

The two teams went to the bioscope one evening to celebrate the finish of a successful season.

GYM. COMPETITION.

Miss K. Lee was kind enough to come and judge the Inter-Form Gymn. Competition on 27th September. This year it was run in three sections:—Senior: Forms VI.A., VI.B., V.A. Middle: Forms V.B., IV.A. Junior: Forms IV.B., III.

The Senior section was won by VI.A.; Middle, V.B.; Junior, III.

TENNIS.

LEAGUE TENNIS MATCHES.

St. John's 1st VI. v. G.H.S., away, won 78-39.

v. Convent, home, won 91-26.

v. St. Anne's, home, won 64-53.

v. Wykeham, home, lost 52-65.

v. Epworth, home, won 66-51.

v. G.C.S., away, won 63-54.

Final position in the League: 2nd.

J. Boyd (capt.).—Has made a reliable captain and plays a really good game.

R. Boyd.—Style has improved considerably during the season; needs to play more carefully at net, and must develop a harder second service.

J. Forder.—Her game has improved all round; still needs to use her wrist more in her backhand stroke.

E. Murray.—Has shown steady improvement except for her service, which needs to be harder and executed with more confidence.

P. Southey.—Is a little too erratic and still inclined to slash at her balls, instead of making sure of their going in, but has tried hard to remedy her faults.

J. Glasse.—After persistent trying has improved her game all round, and makes a good, steady partner.

Each member of the team has worked hard at trying to improve her game throughout the year. They have all won their pockets.

Mr. Upton has been most kind in coming up to coach the team, and they have found him a great help.

2nd VI.—*H. Chennells* (capt.), *S. Stanford*, *J. Moor*, *E. Dorning*, *M. Robinson*, *J. Adnams*.

Under 15.—*M. Dorning* (capt.), *G. Arbuthnot*, *V. Jones*, *H. Rawlins*, *M. Southey*, *M. Aubrey*.

The tennis of the whole School is steadily improving, as each girl, when she comes into the Senior School, plays every day. The juniors must remember the golden rule of never standing facing the net.

SPORTS DAY.

Sports Day is always a strenuous occasion; this year it was almost more so than usual. We had a record number of entries, girls rising to the occasion nobly, as each event entered for meant another 3d. to swell the Tennis Court Fund. This year the Houses competed against each other, and big and little had the initials of their House on their tunics. The House Committees had worked very hard running off endless heats before the day, and they made the morning a great success with their well-organised plan of campaign.

50 Yards Senior.—*J. Glasse* (R).

50 Yards Middle.—*M. Southey* (C).

50 Yards Junior.—*P. Wright* (A).

Egg and Spoon Middle.—*M. Southey* (C).

Three-legged Senior.—J. Glasse and N. Buckley (R).

Three-legged Middle.—A. Norton and K. McCalman (A).

Three-legged Junior.—J. Buckley and P. Bircher (R).

Bun Race Junior.—J. Buckley (R).

Sack Race Senior.—M. Robinson (R).

Sack Race Middle.—W. Arbuthnot (R).

Sack Race Junior.—P. Wright (A).

200 Yards Senior.—J. Glasse (R).

Dribbling Hockey Ball Senior.—N. Buckley (R).

Dribbling Hockey Ball Middle.—M. Southey (C).

Dribbling Hockey Ball Junior.—P. Bircher (R).

High Jump Senior.—V. Jones (A). 4ft. 4in. with no training.

High Jump Middle.—H. Rawlins (R) and S. Hewlitt (C).

Walking Race Senior.—J. Glasse (R).

Walking Race Middle.—P. Nicholson (C).

Walking Race Junior.—J. Thompson (A).

Obstacle Race Senior.—P. Southey (C).

Obstacle Race Middle.—M. Southey (C).

Walking on Tins Junior.—B. Henderson (R).

Biscuit and Water Senior.—R. Pemberton and C. Harman (A).

Biscuit and Water Middle.—M. Piers and P. Nicholson (C).

Potato Race Junior.—B. Henderson (R).

Long Jump Senior.—V. Jones (A). 14ft. with no training.

Long Jump Middle.—A. Norton (A).

Inter-House Relay Senior.—Rhodes.

Rhodes won the cup by gaining 35 points. Athlone and Con-naught tied for second place.

THE TENNIS COURT FUND.

It has been simply splendid how everybody has helped to raise the necessary money for the new tennis court. A cardboard thermometer on the games board let everybody know how the fund was getting on, as the red ink mercury rose with every 5/-. Plays, concerts and a dancing display by Miss Grigson's pupils sent it soaring up, and by the end of the third quarter the "mercury" could rise no more, £50 being in the bank! The court was played on before Christmas, and it will mean more tennis for everybody. I had hoped that the Old Girls out of Maritzburg would have helped, but Molly Buckley was the only one who remembered how difficult it was to get a game at times with only four courts.

SWIMMING.

This year the girls who learn swimming have been taking the Maritzburg swimming tests. E. Ward and B. Lyne have obtained their first class certificates, J. Matravers her third and second class certificates, and A. Norton her third class certificate. I hope that a good many more girls will take those tests during the first quarter of 1934.

We did quite well in the Inter-Schools Swimming Gala in 1933, but we can never hope to win the shield until more girls come to extra swimming.

H. Rawlins won the junior diving.

J. Adnams was 1st in the 50 yards under 16.

M. Nichol was 2nd in the 50 yards breast stroke.

J. Adnams was 2nd in the 100 yards under 16.

The St. John's team was 3rd in the relay race.

M. Robinson went to Durban to swim for the senior inter-town relay team.

V. FRIEND.



H. LUMSDEN.

St. John's Old Girls' Association.

THIRD ANNUAL REPORT.

The Association has now completed its third year and has a life membership of six and ordinary membership of 100.

The annual general meeting was held on Sunday, 14th May, in the School Library. It was disappointing to note that only 17 Old Girls were present and that this was a much smaller attendance than previously. On this occasion Sister Constance, the President, presided and was supported by Miss Bertram (the Vice-President), Mrs. Collier (the Vice-Chairman) and Miss Simkins (the Hon. Secretary).

This year we have to make special mention of the departure to Durban of Sister Miriam. She will be missed among Old Girls, as she was an enthusiastic worker among them and the able Editor of the magazine for many years. We welcome her successor, Sister Olive, and feel sure that there will continue to be the same co-operation that there has been in the past.

Early in the year we had an appeal from the School for a contribution towards funds for a new tennis court, which resulted in a bridge drive being held in April. The response to this was extremely disappointing to those who had put much time and thought into the arrangements. The apathy of members is very depressing when one notes that our first effort to respond to a call resulted in the small sum of £1 10s. being raised.

The annual dance was held, as previously, the night before the annual general meeting and proved a successful affair. Through the generosity of the Provincial authorities in remitting the entertainment tax, the Bursary Fund benefited to the extent of £10 18s. 6d.

A donation of seven modern novels was made to the School Library during the year.

The Old Girls again came to the fore at the K.M. sale. Contributions were sent from all quarters and the sum of about £6 was raised by this stall.

A social evening held at the School in November was a happy meeting for the Old Girls and for the Senior Girls. This year we were fortunate to have had with us the Rev. Mother.

It was decided that the time had come when an Old Girls' Bursary should be given, and though the conditions for this will have to be approved at the Annual General Meeting, it was thought advisable to give the grant for 1934. After a conference between a Bursary sub-committee, the Sister-in-Charge, the Headmistress and the Junior Certificate Form Mistress it was decided that Mary Cox should be the recipient.

At the close of the year the accounts showed: Life Memberships, £18/18/-; Bursary, £18/2/5; Association, £16/7/3; Interest, £3/1/1.

The following members joined the Association in 1933 :—M. Alder, J. Arthur, B. Arnold, L. Bennett, J. Clark, D. Chapman, G. Edmonds, M. Foxon, S. Holmes, M. Howells, B. Moxham, E. Mulcahy, P. Rylett, D. Raw, L. Strachan.

M. I. SIMKINS.
E. McDougall.



E. FAIRBROTHER.

News of Old Girls.



Marriages.—Pat Maurice to Michael Pearse; Roma Trebble to Stanley Meumann; Madeline Rymer to Mr. H. B. Wroughton; Sheila Watson to John Silburn; Natalie Meanwell to L. Pattinson Wheeler; Annie Bristoe to Mr. Cronwright; Edna Campbell to M. Nichol.

Engagements.—Vera Munday to Mr. Kelly; Margaret Houghton to Ashley G. Brooker; Joan Davidson to David Westgate; Marjorie Glasse to Mr. I'Ons. Kathleen Lee to Mr. Armitage.

It has been a great pleasure to receive visits from Old Girls during the past year. Among those who have been here were:—E. Palmer, on a flying visit from England; O. Wolfaard, J. Davidson, V. Grimes, R. Pemberton, P. Southey, J. Moore, J. Forder, C. Laird, D. and E. Raw, B. Boyd, J. Harcourt, O. and E. Stokes, P. Maurice, M. Antel, D. Westbrook, J. Abrahamson, L. Strachan, G. Talbot, D. Herbert, M. Foxon, C. Bircher.

ABRAHAMSON, J.—Training for nurses' profession at Guy's Hospital.

ANTEL, M. (HARRIES).—Played hockey at St. John's for Richmond ladies' team.

ALDER, M.—Studying overseas and taking a secretarial and journalistic course. She has seen the Codex Sinaticus in the British Museum, has enjoyed holidays in Ireland and on the Continent and enjoyed especially the winter sports at St. Moritz. When attending lectures she noted the large number of Indian and Japanese students. English—sepecially men—were very much in the minority.

BURKIMSHA, P.—Temporary typiste in Town Clerk's office, Maritzburg. Has obtained her driving licence and enjoys her car.

BERRY, P.—Suffering from catarrh and has undergone two operations and is now convalescing at Underberg till end of April.

BRIDSEN, C., and a friend have opened an art studio in Pretoria.

BAIN, D., has now recovered from her accident.

CHAPMAN, D.—Enjoying legal work in her father's office.

CHAPMAN, DR. LYLIE.—Has passed her final medical examination and will have the degree conferred on her on March 24th. She already has her B.Sc. Hons. degree. Interested in mission work, has joined the Medical Mission and has been appointed Resident Medical Officer for Princess Alice Nursing Home for Native Women, and will take up duties in October. The Mission will first send her to

Pondoland for a few months. She still plays hockey and this is the fifth year she has represented her Province.

CHAPMAN, DULCIE.—Teaches music. She has so far had no failures in practical examinations and honours in theory. She has her own little car and gets about a good deal.

CHAPMAN, OLIVE.—Has now quite recovered from her serious illness.

DE VILLIERS, E. (GORDON), is paying a visit to Natal from Rhodesia, where she lives. Part of the holiday will be spent at Umkomaas.

DAVIS, A.—Is living at 157 Howick Road, Maritzburg.

DYER, I.—Is now Nursing Sister at General Hospital, Pretoria.

EDWARDS, I.—Has opened a School of Dancing at Randfontein.

EDWARDS, C.—Married and living in Pretoria. Please send particulars.

EVANS, D.—Training for the nursing profession at Greys, Maritzburg.

FOXON, M.—Living at home and studying housewifery at Collegiate, Maritzburg.

FORDER, J.—Spending a holiday with her aunt at the Cape.

FAIRBROTHER, E.—Living at home and teaching her little sister. Learning dressmaking and playing golf.

FRYER (ABBOTT).—Busy and happy with two baby girls.

GLASSE, T.—Living at home.

GLASSE, M.—Finished her training at General Hospital, Johannesburg, October, 1933.

GLASSE, J.—Taking a course of Domestic Science at Pretoria University.

GILSON, M.—Living at home. Has just enjoyed a motor tour through Knysna, Wilderness and George.

GRIEVESON, J.—Working at Messrs. Goodricke & Son, solicitors, Durban.

GILES, J.—Training as masseuse at Guy's Hospital, London.

GRIMES, V. (WILL).—Called at St. John's with husband en route to Durban for a holiday.

HOLEY, B.—Housemistress at St. Anne's. Writes of a wonderful trip to Capetown with her sister, Mrs. Koe, and had tea with May Chapman and exchanged the notes of 13 years.

HOLMES, S. and A.—Living at home. Sheila has just recovered from an operation for appendicitis.

HARMAN, C.—At Highfield Terrace, Johannesburg, taking a course of needlework, dressmaking and housewifery, and thoroughly enjoying herself.

HOUGHTON, M.—At S. Michael's, Bloemfontein, teaching favourite subjects and enjoying herself.

HAMLIN, B.—Continuing studies in Durban and hoping to take up studies in the near future.

HODGES, I.—Leaving in June for a trip to England and Scotland and possibly to Norway and Sweden.

HAMILTON, B.—Working hard at singing.

HAMILTON, J.—Studying commercial art.

HONS, M.—Resting from teaching and waiting to enter Grey's Hospital to begin nurse's training.

JONES, C.—At home at present having obtained her B.A. at Rhodes University College.

JONES, M.—Visiting Capetown.

LLOYD, G.—Doing private nursing in Durban. Sails for England on May 2, when she will tour England by car with Mrs. Musmann (Blossom Pitcher).

LYNE, M.—Nursing at Grey's Hospital.

LEE, K.—Games mistress at G.H.S., Maritzburg.

LIDGETT, J. (OXLAND).—We congratulate Jean on the birth of a daughter.

MOOR, J.—Left on "Warwick Castle" for a tour of England and Scotland for an indefinite time.

MCAUGHT DAVIS, M.—Training in hairdressing and beauty culture with a view to opening her own business, 1935.

MOXHAM, B.—Now at home, having enjoyed a tour with an aunt from Kingwilliamstown.

MOORE, B.—Working at Central News Agency, Benoni.

MUNRO, D.—Is working for her father at present, but hopes to take up maternity nursing in October.

MURRAY, M., has just returned from England, having just completed a kindergarten course at Bedales. She has thoroughly enjoyed herself, also the visits she paid to the Continent, including one with I. Houghton to Belgium. At the end of May she will join the staff of St. Cyprian's School, Cape. Our love and interest go with her in this new sphere of work.

MURRAY, E.—At present at home enjoying life. Both she and Mary were at the Government House Garden Party and had the privilege of meeting H.R.H. Prince George.

MALDEN, MAVIS.—Very interested in her X-ray work at Kleinfontein and looking forward to a trip overseas to obtain her diploma.

MALDEN, G.—Lives at Johannesburg in a beautiful home and very happy with two charming sons.

MALDEN, M.—Has a little kindergarten school at home.

MILNE, B.—Interested in social work of her town and secretary of Bachelor Girls' Club.

NEL, B.—Working very hard for Teachers' Licentiate in August. Hoping then to go to Royal Academy for L.R.A.M.

NAESER, H.—Working in her brother's office and hopes for a permanent post at Easter.

NEWBORN, D.—Probationer nurse at St. Thomas' Hospital, London.

NICHOLL (CAMPBELL).—Does much gardening and interested in Women's Institute at Nottingham Road.

ORN, E.—Does health visiting for Public Health Department, Johannesburg. Her particular work is among the Bantu people in two large native townships, about 3,000 houses. Her experience in midwifery is necessary and she loves watching the development of the infants.

DEEKS, B.—Has a kindergarten school of her own at Randfontein, about 25 pupils.

DEEKS, K.—Helps her sister in the school, especially with extra subjects.

LIDGETT, J. (OXLAND).—We congratulate Jean on the birth of a daughter.

PAYN, ESME.—Teaching at Illovo Beach.

PEMBERTON, R.—Attending Maritzburg University.

PITCHER, J.—Living with her parents and has adopted newspaper work as a career. She is resident correspondent and agent for "Natal Witness." A member of Estcourt Railway Tennis Club and a league player.

PALMER, EVA.—Paid a short business visit to South Africa and called at the school on August 24th. Returned to England by air. She is teaching in a school at Folkestone.

PARK, J.—Training for the nursing profession at Guy's Hospital, London.

RAW, A.—Teaching in Government school at Dannhauser.

ROWLEY, J.—Living at home on the farm; plays much tennis between housekeeping and mending for her brothers.

RILETT, P.—Enjoying a secretarial training in London.

RHIND, I.—At Pietermaritzburg University.

ROBINSON, L.—Nursing at Ethelbert Home for Children, Malvern, Natal.

STYLES, O.—Living a quietly happy married life and has charge of a small Sunday School at the mine.

SOUTHEY, P.—Taking a two-years course at the Training College, Maritzburg.

SANDMANN, I.—Lives at home. Studies elocution and plays much tennis.

STOKES, E.—A governess in the High Flats district.

HORE, A.—Enjoying married life and looking forward to a second honeymoon.

STOCKS, D.—Has had to give up nursing career owing to indifferent health. Is now working with Dr. Croudace at Maritzburg.

TALBOT, G.—Still enjoying her work in a lawyer's office.

TALBOT, M.—Transferred from Eshowe to G.H.S., Maritzburg, as assistant matron and is thoroughly enjoying herself.

TALBOT, P.—Living at home, gardening and selling cut flowers.

TUBBLE, J.—Has given up poultry farming and has now a small kindergarten.

WATSON, S.—To be married at St. Peter's Church, April 7, 2.30 p.m., to John Silburn, of the editorial staff of the "Natal Mercury."

WESTWOOD, D. (POTTER).—Has been spending a holiday in Johannesburg and called at the School, October 29th, with daughter of five months.

WELSH, A. (WRIGHT).—Writes happily of the plans of building their own house and the new little car her husband has bought for her.

WILSON, A.—Lives at home. At present holidaying at the Cape with her mother.

WOLFAARD, O.—Theatre Sister at the Nursing Home, Park Street, Arcadia, Pretoria.

WESTBROOK, I.—Living a happy life as governess at Ladysmith.

WALSHAW, R.—Shorthand typiste at Messrs. W. Palmer & Son, Durban.

WROUGHTON, M. (RYMER).—Farming with her husband at Ol' Manyatta Estate, Subukia, Yenza.

WILSON, B.—Works at the Pretoria Municipality. Has just recovered from an operation and was nursed by an "Old Girl." We shall look forward to your visit.

WOOLLEY, N.—Is living with her mother and doing private teaching.

WEST, M.—Continuing studies at Wynberg High School.

WINDER, J. (KEEN).—Spent January at the coast and met E. Hudson.

DUNCAN, M.—Has now left College, having taken a diploma which is equal to B.A. degree, i.e., Associate of the Royal College of Art (A.R.C.A.), and will begin work as Art Mistress at the Alice Otley School, Worcester, at which are 230 pupils. Our love and interest go with her in her new work.

BUCKLEY, M.—Has a permanent post as Domestic Science Mistress at Holy Cross, Eastern Pondoland, and is very happy.

BUCKLEY, N.—Leaves in July to go to Atholl Crescent College of Domestic Science, Edinburgh, where she will take a three-year diploma course.

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Joubert Park,
Johannesburg.

Dear Sister,

Your note has just this minute arrived, forwarded on to me, so a little time was lost. It arrived on my 52nd birthday, too, so you know that I was born on March 9th, 1882, at Potchefstroom, Transvaal. We lived in Kimberley for a while, then at the Cape for a year or two, going on to a beautiful farm (Bocobel) in Bechuanaland. No education there for my parents' growing family, so we "trekked" to Johannesburg in a long, covered, comfortable wagon, taking three weeks to do it, of which time I have a happy memory. We arrived in Johannesburg in March or April, 1898. I attended two dames' schools. Then one bitterly cold August morning my father and I left for Maritzburg—left Johannesburg about 5 a.m. by a large red coach drawn by 16 mules, arriving at Standerton, the rail-head, late in the afternoon, and left there that night, going by rail to Maritzburg the next day. When I arrived at St. John's the girls were just off to the Botanical Gardens, taking buns, etc., with them. The large cake mother had given me and I went with them. The cake helped to thaw the ice that surrounds a new girl. So I began my school life at St. John's and met that great and lovely influence in my life, Mother Margaret, whose memory has never faded one little bit from my mind. I can conjure up at will her very look, her very voice, and many of her very words. She told me once that she did not know why she loved me, for I was the naughtiest girl she ever met, adding with a smile, "Perhaps, dear, it's fellow feeling, for I was rather a naughty girl myself!"

After leaving St. John's I went on to the D.S.G., Grahamstown, where, after the first term, I was asked to be the sacristan of the chapel! I nearly dropped with surprise, but realised that St. John's must have reformed me tremendously, or I should not have been chosen. I've always loved my old school and sent three of my daughters to follow me. Some day I hope to have a granddaughter there, too, and so on!

ELAINE MANNING (HOLDER).

There is Pleasure in the Pathless Woods.

" I love not Man the less, but Nature more,
From these our interviews, in which I steal
From all I may be, or have been before,
To mingle with the Universe, and feel
What I can ne'er express—yet cannot all conceal."

There is something alluring and fascinating about the heart of the bush. There Nature seems nearer and more friendly than anywhere else. On a very hot summer's day the cool, green depths of the bush hold innumerable attractions, and it is impossible to resist their persistent call!

I stood on the edge of the bush and listened. Yes, I could hear the old, familiar Spirit of the Bush calling me down to her shady haunts. The attraction was too strong. I bade farewell to the sun, who at that moment sprang out from behind a cloud and shone more lustily than ever, causing the hosts of crickets and grasshoppers to shout with glee and merriment. Then I stepped inside the bush and descended to the very heart.

How different it was in there! A tremendous silence seemed to have fallen upon the world. Then I was conscious of one different sound after another, such sounds which did not disturb the peace, but rather seemed to mingle with it and become part of it: the endless songs of the hundreds of birds which revelled in this paradise; occasionally the chatter of some monkeys in the tree-tops overhead; and above all the musical murmur of the stream which I could see sparkling through the trees not far away. In front of me stretched an orange carpet of Bush Lilies, brightened by the rays of sunlight which filtered through the trees, and which made their smooth, green leaves glisten. There had recently been rain, and a delightful smell of damp earth, moss and leaf mould filled the air.

Softly I picked my way over the great grey boulders covered with lichen, and through the tangle of wild grape vines and convolvulus to the little stream. Here the bush was not so dense: trees bent over the stream and sometimes met, but there was room for the sun to break through and join in the dance of the waters as they made their way swiftly over the smooth pebbles and white sand. Brightly-coloured dragonflies skimmed over the water gleaming in the sunlight; now and again a frog jumped into the stream with a loud splash and swam away under water.

Everything tended to make me drowsy. The enchanting music of the Genius of the Wood had taken possession of me, but I realised that life held duties as well as pleasures, and that I could not spend my days idling with the enticing Wood Nymph. So I turned away regretfully and sought the sunshine once again.

The merry concert of the crickets was still in progress. The sun had by this time chased away any less timid cloud who might have ventured out, and the land lay powerless under his merciless gaze. I carried away with me memories of the verdant coolness of those shady haunts which contrasted so strongly with the heat of the open veld.

M. BELLEW (VI.A.).

An Unsuccessful Porcupine Hunt.

Owing to the news that the porcupine had been holding his midnight revels in the mealie fields, with disastrous effects on the crops, we decided to surprise him in the midst of his festivals and, if possible, each bring hom a quill as a trophy.

At half-past eight we set out, accompanied by a tall Alsatian, superbly contemptuous of his lesser contemporary, a diminutive terrier, who trotted ahead, debating in his doggy mind what plan the strange human beings in the rear had on foot.

Our path lay through a road six inches deep in mud. Gingerly though we trod the greater part of the way was traversed in slipping, sliding and clutching hold of our next-door neighbours.

We descended into the valley, crossed the stream, which broke the great silence of the night with its rustling tongue, and came out finally in the mealie field. We had divided into a long Indian file. The stalwarts strode ahead, the lazy people dawdled in the rear. Suddenly the leaders gave a shout. We began to run, but the mealies, jealous of the intruders and faithful to the denizens of the field, impeded our progress.

Soon the flashing torches showed up the dark, eager faces of the natives bent over the entrance of an ant-bear hole. The Alsatian was digging frenziedly, expressing his satisfaction by a furiously wagging tale and a series of short, sharp barks. Near by sat the terrier, a wounded hero bearing the marks of the conflict that had just taken place. From under the ground came the rattle of the quills, like distant thunder.

Several hours were spent in fruitless digging. The porcupine had escaped successfully through the network of tunnels beneath the surface and had remained free to laugh satirically.

We returned to the stream at midnight to assemble round the camp fire. Never before had coffee and sausage rolls tasted so good. It was a glorious night. The undulating hills rolled away and were lost eventually in the blackness of the horizon. The sky was a dome of jet brilliant with myriads of twinkling stars.

Defeated we were, but we had enjoyed ourselves none the less for that. Home we marched and woke the night echoes with our singing.

I. RHIND (VI.A.).

Maths.

I dreamt of Maths; and all night long,
Around my bed, with angry looks,
There crowded a most horrid throng
Of creatures from Mathematic books.

Cosines and sines in form of hogs
With britsles, came as from their styes,
And nasty, musty, moss-grown logs
Did gaze at me with smouldering eyes.

And laws of indices in flocks
Like angered geese did hiss and squawk;
And graphs, parabolas, and blocks
Did curse me in their drawling talk.

Quadratics, monsters with four heads,
Came growling at me from their lair.
Identities in y's and z's
Came prowling round me pair by pair.

A slimy curve crept like a snake
Along the bottom of my bed,
And riders, hovering, did make
A mournful sound above my head.

A circle mouthed and gibbered low,
With vacant idiot eyes, insane.
While mangled lines rocked to and fro
And groaned aloud as if in pain.

And angles, high and low degree,
All snatched at me with snapping jaw.
And all these creatures surged round me,
Indignantly, and score by score.

And just as Euclid's outraged ghost
with compass-point came into sight,
A bell clanged, scattering the host,
And all were gone into the night.

MIGNONNE PASCOE (VI.A.).

The Hockey Team.

This is the cup that we won.

This is the team that worked for the cup that we won.

This is the mistress who coached the team that worked for the cup that we won.

This is the captain who talked with the mistress who coached the team that worked for the cup that we won.

This is the half who backed up the captain who talked with the mistress who coached the team that worked for the cup that we won.

This is the ball that passed the half who backed up the captain who talked with the mistress who coached the team that worked for the cup that we won.

This is the goal with spotless pads who stopped the ball that passed the half who backed up the captain who talked with the mistress who coached the team that worked for the cup that we won.

This is the back who cleared the ball that was stopped by the goalie with spotless pads who stopped the ball that passed the half who backed up the captain who talked with the mistress who coached the team that worked for the cup that we won.

This is the wing who took up the ball that was cleared by the back that was stopped by the goalie with spotless pads who stopped the ball that passed the half who backed up the captain who talked with the mistress who coached the team that worked for the cup that we won.

This is the inner who shot the goal, who received the ball from the wing who took up the ball that was cleared by the back that was stopped by the goalie with spotless pads who stopped the ball that passed the half who backed up the captain who talked with the mistress who coached the team that worked for the cup that we won.

This is the whistle that sounded the time as the goal was shot by the speedy inner who received the ball from the wing who took up the ball that was cleared by the back that was stopped by the goalie with the spotless pads who stopped the ball that passed the half who backed up the captain who talked with the mistress who coached the team that worked for the cup that we won.

This is the team victorious that was cheered by the school as the shrill whistle blew which sounded the time as the goal was shot by the speedy inner who received the ball from the wing who took up the ball that was cleared by the back that was stopped by the goalie with spotless pads who stopped the ball that passed the half who backed up the captain who talked with the mistress who coached the team that worked for the cup that we won.

DAPHNE C. F. LAIRD.

ELIZABETH M. MURRAY. (VI.B.).

A Music Discrimination Contest.

On September 22nd, 1933, the first South African Music Discrimination Contest was held in the City Hall, Maritzburg.

In the United States of America such contests have become a definite part in the school curriculum.

Nine hundred children of all ages, of whom about half contested, were present. The Durban Municipal Orchestra provided the necessary instrumental pieces and three singers the vocal items.

Ten compositions were played. Each member of the audience was provided with a printed paper of questions. In the first piece we were asked to state the form of the composition: rondo form, sonata form, three-part song form, or theme with variations, and also to say whether it was classical, romantic, impressionistic or modern in style. In the second composition we were asked to state what instruments gave out the theme and whether the key was major or minor.

Then followed another composition and we were asked what composer its style suggested and from three rhythms to pick out the rhythm of the principal theme. The fourth, fifth and eighth compositions were vocal items and in these we had to state the type of voice and type of song.

Next followed "The Ride of the Valkyries" and we had to write down the names of the instruments which represented the galloping hoof beats, the neighing of the horses, the battle-song and the battle-cry of the Valkyries. The seventh composition was in the same style as the first, while in the ninth we were asked to state the pattern (by letter representation) of Schubert's "March Militaire."

The last test asked us to suggest a suitable title for an unfamiliar composition and to give reasons in support of our suggestion. This caused a lot of fun and our answers varied from a storm at sea to a revolution.

The papers were marked by a special "panel" of markers in time for the evening orchestral and choral concert. Mrs. Gordon Watson, wife of the Administrator of Natal, presented the prizes to the winners.

PHYLLIS WRIGHT (V.A..)

The Last Day at School.

We wake with a start, that bell oh! Surely it has been rung too early, and, with a grunt, we turn over, thinking of prep. and another day's school, when suddenly we remember it is the last day, or did we only dream it? And, hardly daring to open our eyes we look around, then what a sigh of relief escapes our lips, for indeed it is the last day. How bare everything looks and, yes, there are our suit cases half packed already, although some of us are not going till quite that night. We roll over again and that delicious feeling of happiness and excitement starting from the tips of our toes creeps up to the very last hairs of our head. Then, leaping out of bed, we dress hurriedly.

What a roar! Breakfast is in full swing; already there are a few empty places where some lucky people have gone home early. In vain a silence bell is rung, for as soon as talking is allowed again we burst forth into an even greater roar like a dam which, having been held for a long time, bursts and rushes away. We get impatient will breakfast never be over? Will we never stand up? But at last we rise with that feeling of satisfaction, when one meal is over—the last for a great many of us.

After breakfast we do not do much although we are doing an enormous amount, hurrying wherever we go. This goes on until the school bell rings and we assemble for prayers and after two never-ending periods we are at last allowed to tie up our books and clear up generally. The bell goes again, the last time for at least six weeks, and we march into the hall for mark reading, most of us feel very guilty. Surely we could have worked harder? Of course we could have; do not we remember when over and over again we dreamed our time away?

Mark reading is over, prize giving is over, everything is over. We have said good-bye to the mistresses, we have watched the car girls go, and now we wait until our turn comes. We have a dull lunch, then go and pack again for about the third time, and take at least two hours over our bathing—anything to pass away the time. Will half-past five ever come? We go to look at the clock. Half-past four. Why, it is getting quite late. We had better go and see if everything is ready. Time is getting on. Of course everything is ready, and has been since breakfast.

The taxi has arrived, everything is hurry and bustle. We say good-bye, scramble in, and then we are off. We get to the station. Really, how nice a station can be on these occasions, and yes, there is our train already in. Have we got our tickets? That is only about the ninth time that the unfortunate ticket has been dragged out of the purse. At last we are all aboard, the train whistles, and we are really off, and our holidays have really begun.

S. RYLETT (V.B.).

Holidays.

Our boxes are standing
On top of the landing,
All school girls are grinning,
The whole world is spinning.

"Why?"

The answer is, "Holidays."

Our school books are flying,
The whole school is sighing
For days that are humming,
The tune that is coming.

"What?"

The answer is, "Holidays."

We'll have no more working,
Or morning prep shirking
In days that are brimming
With gay times, and swimming.

"Which?"

The answer is, "Holidays."

Here are the "Holidays,"
They'll be such jolly days.
For home we are yearning,
We'll quit all book learning.

"When?"

The answer is, "Holidays."

S. HEWLETT (V.B.).

A Ship Wreck.

The sea was dashing against the cliffs,
The wind was blowing in angry whiffs.
The seagulls wheeled above the spray,
And a tiny boat tried to gain the bay.
Till she struck at last, with a shivering shock.
But she drifted near a jagged rock
And firmly wedged stayed the little craft,
Till a big wave split her, fore and aft.
The boats put out, and the places filled,
The Captain stayed; 'twas as he willed.
"Put out to sea; leave me," he said,
"I'll go with my boat to the ocean's bed."

J. MATRAVERS (IV.A.).

Learning to Swim.

The summer was very hot, and I thought how lovely it would be to be able to swim, it would be exercise as well as a way of getting cool. So I decided I would go to the swimming baths as often as I could, and perhaps by practice I should soon learn to swim.

The next afternoon I bought a pair of airwings, which I thought might help me. I soon made my way to the swimming baths. It did not take me long to get into the water, for it was a hot day, I just longed to get into the cool, clear water. I blew up my wings, I lay across them, and started kicking madly with my legs, forgetting all about my arms. All the time I was drifting towards the deep end. Then getting a bit of confidence in myself I let myself drift. It was a grand feeling. When suddenly the air came out of the wings, down they went and me after them. But feeling the bottom with my feet I pushed myself up again, to find, fortunately, that I was near the edge. I stretched out my hand and caught it. I managed to scramble out, for I had had quite enough for one afternoon.

When I got home I found I hadn't had quite enough, so I began to practise. I lay across a chair and kicked with my legs, and tried some kind of movement with my arms.

The next day I went again to the baths, but there was no improvement. I went often, and suddenly one day I found myself keeping up in the water, after that I was more keen than ever, and I soon was able to swim quite a decent length.

K. MCCALMAN (IV.B.).

Butterflies in My Garden.

I went into my garden and I saw lots of butterflies and two little green things in front and when I went closer I found they were two little fairies and they were getting married. And when they saw me they said in a cross way, "What are you doing at our wedding?" I said, "I did not know you were having a wedding," so they said, "Come to tea with us." So I said I would go. They rang a little blue-bell and we went to tea in a chariot drawn by dragon-flies. The table was a mushroom and the cups and saucers were made of pink petals and we ate honey and drank dew and went home in the same chariot, but this time it was drawn by butterflies and they were dressed in beautiful colours. I told my mother about it but she did not believe my story.

JOAN TAYLOR (II.B.) (aged 8 years 11 months).

St. George.

A fair lady rode
Upon a white ass,
She seeks the Queen,
She has come for help.

"Sir George will go,"
Said the Queen.
"George, art thou brave?"
"I could not say, Princess."

"What dost thou want me do?"
"Sir, to kill a dragon!"
"Wilt thou do this deed?"
"Yes," answered Sir George.

Next day he fought,
He fought well that day,
And the dragon fell at his feet.
"Thou art a brave knight, Sir George."

N. CRONDACE (III.).

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