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LETTER FROM THE SISTER IN CHARGE

Dear Girls of St. John's, Past and Present,

Last year was a very momentous one in the life of the School. The Golden Jubilee Celebrations will not soon be forgotten by those whose joy and privilege it was to take part in them. At the May meeting it was arranged to have a week-end reunion of past and present girls, and the last week-end in September was decided upon.

The loyal interest and generosity of the Old Girls' Association brought into being the Golden Jubilee Building Fund. At the September Re-union the sum of very nearly £500, invested in the City Permanent Building Society, was presented to the School by the Chairman of the O.G.A., Miss Merle Simkins. Before the magazine reaches you the proceeds of the all-day fete on April 10th will, I am sure, have substantially increased the Fund.

As I write this in March the O.G.A. is energetically and enthusiastically preparing for this event. We are more than grateful to the O.G.A. for their keen and practical interest and for their efficient help. As soon as the Fund was launched we sent out an appeal to all our parents and friends inviting them to join in this tangible recognition of the Golden Jubilee. We have received many most generous donations in response to this appeal and the Fund now stands at £711 9s. 2d. without the proceeds from the fete.

The electric clock- with its inscribed plate, ** Presented by the Old Girls on the occasion of the Golden Jubilee, 1947, has been installed over the entrance to the Senior School and now that the enthusiasm for switching off the metre has been curbed it is proving a great boon to house and School, and is accepted as * Standard Time.

Both at our St. John's Festival in May when a record number of past girls were present at the Sung Eucharist, breakfast and General Meeting, and at the September Week-end, when again a record number were present, the spirit of loyalty and friendship which prevailed were most heart-warming. It made all the dark and dreary patches seem worth while. The spirit is immortal and as long as it animates St. John's the School will progress in the highest sense of the word.

Accounts of the Jubilee Festivities will be given elsewhere in this magazine.

It was a good omen that we had the pleasure of welcoming Miss Richards on our St. John's Festival, on her arrival at the School. She slipped straight into the heart of St. John's, and we feel she really belongs to us. I am more than thankful for such a loyal and co-operative colleague.

Sister Miriam left the School on June 1st and left a big blank in our life. We missed her as much as we knew we would, but we have her love and interest all the time, and have had the happiness of having her with us on all the big occasions during the past year.

In November it was felt that we must send Sister Pauline to England on compassionate leave to visit her mother who is old and ill. She was gone almost before we realised it. Needless to say after ten consecutive years she was missed in House, School and Chapel more than I can say. We are deeply grateful to Mrs. Bynoe for nobly stepping into the breach for the Chapel music and taking the Choir practices.

In School Sister Maria, and in the House Sisters Faith and Maria took over as much of Sister Pauline's work as they could and Barbara A-Bear, who lives with us and lends a hand is most generous in the help she gives in the House,

Since August Sister Elizabeth has been working with the youngest children in St. Joseph's with Miss Chisholm. This has proved a very happy arrangement, and the members of St. Joseph's are developing a thirst for being read aloud to, and sit quietly and happily listening to the * story > whenever Sister and they have a few minutes to spare.

In spite of many problems and difficulties the Golden Jubilee year has been one of great joy and encouragement. Let us continue to hold fast to that which is good, and put God and His Church first in our lives without cowardice or compromise. We may then feel confident that St. John's will go forward to fulfil the Divine Purpose.

With affectionate greetings to you all, :
+Mary Richmal, S.S.J.D.

HEADMISTRESS" REPORT, DECEMBER, 1947

My Lord, Dr. Malherbe, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present the Annual Report for the first time and, on behalf of the School, to welcome to-day our guest of honour, Dr. Malherbe the Principal of Natal University College, whose work in the field of education is so well known throughout South Africa. It is also a great pleasure to be able to extend a welcome to the many parents and friends who are with us. It is a great help to the School to have their support for our activities.

Half of this report should really be given by Sister Miriam, as she did not relinquish her post until the end of May of this year. I cannot proceed further with this report without saying how very glad we are to have her with us to-day. For many years she guided the School with a spirit of devotion and service that is an example to us all and I am indeed fortunate in that she has handed over to me, in the words of the Inspector's report, a very good School indeed.

She has given me invaluable help and advice, for which I can never thank her enough. Her retirement is a great loss to St. John's, but we have not lost her interest in us. She has our good wishes for the years to come and for enjoyment in the work she is now called upon to do for the Community.

During the year there have been some Staff changes. In January Mrs. van Rensburg joined us in the Junior School, to the great benefit of the junior Afrikaans teaching. In July we were sorry to lose the services of Miss Slatter and Mrs. Allen and we welcomed Sister Maria and Mrs. de Roos. In September we also had to say goodbye to Mrs. Middleton, who is greatly missed in the Music department. We were fortunate in having Mrs. Jones here already to take on her pupils. We have also had to lose Sister Pauline, we hope only temporarily, while she is on leave in England. We miss her more than we can say in both House and School. In her place we thank Mrs. Bynoe for her very generous help with the Chapel music, Mrs. Searle for her work with the Class singing, which has enabled you to hear items by the Senior Choir earlier to-day, and Mrs. Strydom and Mrs. Foster for helping us in the Junior School. I am glad of this opportunity of expressing my very warm appreciation of the work of Mrs. Murray as Senior Mistress, and of the whole Staff, and of thanking them sincerely: for their unfailing help and co-operation which they have so willingly given to me. No thanks would be adequate without speaking of the work done by all the House Staff, without whose untiring efforts the harmonious working of the School could never be achieved.

The Prefects for the year have been P. Goodman (Head Girl), J. Henwood (Day Scholar), P. Lowe, V. Phillips, M. Milne, The School owes a

great deal to them for their loyal service and they have set a standard which will be a challenge to future generations of Prefects. I realise how fortunate I have been in having such a splendid Head Girl in my first year and I am indeed grateful to them all for their co-operation.

In the first quarter of the year the chief interest was the Royal Visit. The School took part in the celebrations and they will long be remembered. This year is also an important landmark in the history of St. John's for we have celebrated its Jubilee. The Bishop and Mrs. Fisher were with us for the Sung Eucharist on Sunday, May 11th, to which over 50 Old Girls came. At the General Meeting of the Old Girls Association held that day a Jubilee Reunion was planned. This took the form of a very successful week-end held at the School with the present girls on 27th and 28th September. The Old Girls inaugurated the Building Fund and presented the Sister-in-Charge with a cheque for £500. They also presented a clock to the School, suitably inscribed. This has been put up outside the Senior Block from where it is visible over a wide area. I am sure the Staff are particularly grateful for this gift as their pupils will now have no excuse for lateness. The activities of the Old Girls' Association, both here and in Durban have increased and we much appreciate their closer connection with the School.

During the year over £150 has been raised and been distributed to charities, the Library and Building Funds. The School has contributed over £90 to the Building Fund as the result of a very successful fete held by Form 5 on 18th October.

The enrolment of the School remains steady and the Boarding House is full, although we could take more Day pupils. At the present moment we have 178 pupils of School age, of whom 122 are boarders and 56 day scholars. In the Kindergarten there are 32 children under school age, but in future we shall only take those who are five years old. The general health has been good throughout the year and we have escaped epidemics. We thank Dr. Michel-Smith for his unfailing care of the girls.

Last December 9 girls entered for Matriculation. There was 1 failure, since converted to a 2nd-Class Matriculation Certificate, 2 School-leaving certificates, 1 3rd-Class, 4 2nd-Class and 2 1st-Class Matriculation certificates, -one with 3 distinctions. In the Junior Certificate Examination the results were not good. 23 entered, of whom 6 failed, 9 obtained 3rd-Class, 6 2nd-Class and 2 1st-Class certificates. In the Natal Standard VI Examination 20 entered and all gained the continuation certificate. A bursary was awarded to M. Esmonde-White.

Three girls entered and 1 passed the Laer Taalbond and 5 entered and 4 passed the Voorbereidende. I am glad to say that more pupils have entered for Afrikaans examinations this year. Girls studying Commercial subjects have taken Intermediate and Junior Book-keeping examinations and Shorthand speed tests. There have been 6 entries, 5 passed with 2 distinctions.

In addition to the academic subjects of the School Course there are opportunities for studying music, art, elocution, needlework and dancing, which are of immense value and I would urge parents to allow their daughters to take more part in these activities, which we are able to provide, in order to widen their curriculum and stimulate interests. There is every indication that people in South Africa are realising that the Matriculation Examination, with its narrowing effect on the curriculum, should not be the most important measure of achievement and that welcome reforms in the examination system and methods of assessing the capabilities of pupils will come in the not too distant future.

_ The School music continues to make good progress under the enthusiastic direction of Mrs. Bynoe. There have been many successes in examinations of the University of South Africa. In Pianoforte examinations there were two

entries and both passed. In the Sight-singing examination there were 14 entries and all passed with Honorable mention and 6 with honours. In Trinity College of Music examinations there were 5 entries and all passed, 4 with merit. There were also several successful entries for the Local Eisteddfod. The Arts and Crafts pupils have, under Miss Newton's able tuition, started making puppets. They gave a successful puppet show of Cinderella in October. We hope that this is the beginning of the development of a real puppet theatre. Miss Abraham's elocution pupils have entered successfully for the Eisteddfod and they gave an enjoyable performance in the School Hall on November 28th. The Dancing classes are doing good work under the direction of Mrs. Nancy Graham and her assistants. Girls have entered successfully for Bronze Medal tests of the Midlands Association of Teachers of Dancing (England) and Grade I of the Imperial Society of Dancing's Cecchetti Branch.

Physical Training is an essential part of the School life and throughout the year the standard in gymnastics, games and swimming has been well maintained, although there is considerable room for improvement in the general deportment. In the first quarter some time was devoted to dancing rehearsals for the Royal Visit, and the dances were repeated in October at a Garden Party organised by the Victoria League in aid of the War Reliefs for Britain. The girls have taken part in the organised sport of the town.

During the year parties have been taken to concerts, lectures and dramatic performances in Maritzburg. A Social Club for the Senior girls has been started and meetings have taken the form of lectures and debates. We hope to have musical and dramatic performances and draw up a varied programme each year.

The Bishop held a Confirmation in our School Chapel on 28th May when 22 girls were confirmed. On Sunday evening 7th December a Carol Service was held in the Chapel at which Canon Badham gave the address.

The School was inspected in March, when Temporary Inspector Mr. MacLeod visited all departments for 3 days. The report was satisfactory.

Before closing, I should like to address a few words to the parents among you. You send your children here that we may educate them in the full sense of the word. The world which your children will have to face when they leave us is not going to be an easy one, as South Africa cannot escape the repercussions of economic and political troubles in the world, and it will require individuals of strong character among its future citizens. We must try to develop intelligent young people with a sane outlook and ready to put the general good before their own individual desires. This School is a small-scale world where they may begin their training in being members of a community. We can only do our part if you will co-operate with us. Of necessity there must be wholesome regulations and discipline in a community. Do not therefore ask for exceptions and exemptions on behalf of your children, except under extreme pressure of circumstances. [I refer particularly to the end of term when many of you ask for your daughters to leave early and so make the work of my staff extremely difficult. If you do ask for any such special treatment you weaken their characters. Your children must feel that they have your understanding and guidance, but they should not rely on you to solve their difficulties and problems which arise while they are at School. If you make this error you do not help them to develop self-reliance and a strong moral character, but you weaken the equipment which we try to give them as they face life in the future.

EXAMINATION RESULTS, 1947

MATRICULATION, December, 1947â\200\22415 entriesâ\200\224

Ist Class : P. Goodman, Joan Henwood.

2nd Class : J. Bruce, D. Hindle, P. Lowe, V. Phillips.

3rd Class : M. Milne, P. Milner-Smyth.

SCHOOL LEAVING CERTIFICATEâ\200\224

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2nd Class : A. Carr, Jen. Henwood, D. Stedman.

JuNIOR CERTIFICATEâ\200\22417 entriesâ\200\224

Ist Class : M. Ussher.

2nd Class : D. Labistour, G. Lee, B. Martin.

3rd Class : J. Catchpole, A. Harward, N. Stedman.

P.S.C.â\200\224CONTINUATION CERTIFICATEâ\200\224

R. Allen, M. A. Bosman, D. Brook, S. Brown, B. Cowie, R. Crow,

S. Elliott, J. Fiddes, L. Impey, F. Jackson, P. Johnston, D. Leppan,

E. Lewis, M. Miller, R. Pennington, P. Rose, M. Scott, . Shuker,

A. Thomson.â\200\224A Bursary was awarded to S. Elliott.

SCHOOL LEAVING CERTIFICATEâ\200\224

P. Joliffe, P. Milne.

LLAER TAALBONDâ\200\224

Hoer Graad : P. Milner-Smyth.

Laer Graad : P. Goodman, J. Henwood, S. Lambert, N. Little, P. Lowe,

M. Milne, V. Phillips.

Voorbereidende: V. Bruce, E. Evenett, J. Harrison, l. Hirst, R. Kennan,

A. McKenzie, M. Ussher.

COMMERCIAL E XAMINATIONSâ\200\224

Shorthand Speed 70 and 80 w.p.m. : S. Lambert.

Bookkeeping (Intermediate) : N. Little (with distinction), D. Stedman,
Jen. Henwood.

Bookkeeping (Junior) : J. Cooper (with distinction).

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH AFRICAâ\200\224MUSIC EXAMINATIONâ\200\224

Pianoforte : Primary Division : C. Dobbin.

Lower Division : G veet

Sight-Singing Examination :

Elementary Duvision : L. Coffey, J. Harrison, V. Bruce, M. Esmonde-

White, S. Little, M. A. Bosman, R. Crow,

J. Eastwood, S. Elliott, J. Himsworth, M. Scott,

L. Impey, A. Thomson, F. Shuker.

SPECIAL PRIZESâ\200\224

DOMESTIC SCIENCEâ\200\224Presented by Mrs. Henwoodâ\200\224

Senior : A. McKenzie.

Junior : R. Pennington.

Musicâ\200\224Presented by Mrs. McKenzieâ\200\224

l. Hirst, D. Leppan, J. Brockwell.

Form TropHiEsâ\200\224For work and conductâ\200\224

Standards I, II, III, V, VI

Forms V, VI

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SPORTS TROPHIESâ\200\224

Tennis Singles . Senior : P. Goodman.

Junior : M. A. Bosman.

Inter-house Swimming : Rhodes and Connaught.

Inter-house Sports : Junior : Connaught.

Senior : Rhodes and Connaught.

Inter-house Hockey : Rhodes.

Inter-house Gymnastics : Junior : Rhodes.

Senior : Rhodes.

Aggregate Cup : Rhodes.

Inter-house Singing Cup : Connaught.

Dux Cup to Head Girl : P. Goodman.

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MARCH 8 Song Recital by Mrs. Cockburn.

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25 Inter-Schools Swimming Gala.

29 Impromptu Inter-house Entertainment Contest, won by Athlone.

1L 2 Life-saving Comgetition held at G.H.S.

21 Public Holiday for Princess Elizabethâ\200\231s 21st Birthday. St. Johnâ\200\231s picnic was held.

24 Listened to speeches of Royal Family at Farewell Luncheon.

26 Pupilsâ\200\231 Concert.

MAY 11 St. Johnâ\200\231s Day Mass. Old Girlsâ\200\231 Association Meeting. Miss Richards arrived.

13 Miss Richards introduced to the School by Fr. Cockburn.

15 Ascension Day Sports. Â£55 made for Uplands Cripple Home and School Funds. â\200\231

17 St. Johnâ\200\231s Dance. Costumes of 50 years ago worn by some girls.

28 Confirmation by the Bishop of Natal.

29 City Link-up with Lincoln. = Miss Richards spoke on Lincoln at Prayers.

30 D. Labistour and G. Lee represented the School at the Smythe Trophy matches.

JUNE 6 A party of 30 went by special train to see St. Joan at Michaelhouse.

3 A party went to see * Winterâ\200\231s Tale > at Girlsâ\200\231 Collegiate School.

25 Party went to a performance of Â¢ The Gondoliers > in the Technical College Hall.

26 Half-holiday given by Education Department to allow children to visit the Royal Show.

AUG. 16 A â\200\234 hatâ\200\235 debate held in the Hall.

SEPT. 3 Meeting to form the Senior Social Club.

5 First Meeting of Senior Social Club. Mrs. Parry gave an interesting

talk on South-West Africa.

13 Party went to see the Exhibition at N.U.C.

19 Inter-house Singing Competition, judged by Mr. Cyril Wright.

20 St. Cross Festival. Some of the Senior girls went to Mass and the afterncon performance.

27-28 Old Girlsâ\200\231 Association Jubilee Week-end.

29 Vith Form Girls did their scenes from Cranford at the Collegiate
School Literary Society Meeting,

Oct. 14 Party went to see the Swiss Gymnasts's performance at the Oval.
16 Senior Girls went to performance of Oedipus at N.U.C.
18 Vth Form Fete. Over £90 made for Library and Building Funds.
24 Mr. van Reenen addressed Senior Social Club.
28 School photographs taken.
31 Inter-house Gymnastic Competition, judged by Miss Thornton.

Nov. 8 Vth Form Girls went to a lecture by Prof. Bayer on Plant Ecology.
19 Open Day for Parents in Kindergarten.
24 J.C. Picnic at Sweetwaters.
30 Tennis VI played Michaelhouse.

Dec. 6 Vth Form Party to the Vth Form.
7 Carol Service at 7 p.m. A very good address by Canon Badham.
11 Distribution of Trophies by Dr. Malherbe.

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FEB. 6 Meeting of Senior Social Club for Community Singing.

13 Senior Social Club held a debate on Whether Education for the Native is beneficial to the progress of South Africa.

14 Dr. Akerman came and showed interesting films which were much enjoyed.

21 Mrs. Middleton, accompanied by Mrs. Bynoe, gave a very lovely song recital.

25 The Senior School went to watch the British Tennis team play Natal.

28 Mr. McKenzie came to show us films, amongst which was his film on Cathedral Peak.

MARCH 4 First Inter-house General Knowledge Quizz. Each House had a Junior and Senior Team. It was won by Rhodes.
8 Senator Brookes gave an interesting talk on UNESCO to the Senior Girls. :
13 First Inter-house Dramatic Competition. Won by Connaught.

DISTRIBUTION OF TROPHIES

This was held on December 11th. It opened at 9.45 a.m. with a short programme which was followed by an interval for morning tea. There was an exhibition of Art and Needlework which the visitors were able to inspect before the second half of the proceedings. The Bishop was in the Chair and on the platform, in addition to the Rev. Mother and the Sister-in-Charge were, Dr. Malherbe, Fr. Alston, Fr. Cockburn and the Headmistress. After a few words of introduction by the Bishop, in which he spoke of Sr. Miriam's retirement, and welcomed Miss Richards in her place, the Headmistress gave her report of the School year. This was followed by the distribution of trophies by Dr. Malherbe. Dr. Malherbe then gave his address in which he said we in South Africa should develop well-balanced personalities and to obtain this it was necessary to include in the School curriculum, Art, Sport and other activities that led to healthy bodies and minds. He spoke of wastage in the Universities, owing to lack of guidance of the students' individual talents. The war had provided more opportunities for girls than they had had before and he made a plea for their further education because it was essential for the development of the country that all available resources were used.

The Bishop then proposed a vote of thanks to Dr. Malherbe.

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PROGRAMME.

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S. ELLiot andp J. HIMSWORTH

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R. KENNAN

PIANOFORTE DUETccuvvnnnnn. Finale-Symphony No. 8 in Bb..... J. Hadyn
W. BowMAN AND N. Houston

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die eregraad dokter toegeken het..
P. MILNER-SMYTH

Eromie Shalkespearesf i el Fem s IR L o Sir Walter Raleigh
P. Goobman

MORNING TEA\200\224INSPECTION OF ART AND NEEDLEWORK

HEADMISTRESS\200\231S REPORT
DISTRIBUTION OF TROPHIES
Address : Dr. E. G. MALHERBE
SCHOOL SONG
Die Stem God Save the King

CHAPEL NOTES

At our Golden Jubilee Patronal Festival on Sunday, May 11th, we had the pleasure and privilege of having the Bishop and Mrs. Fisher with us at the sung Eucharist and for breakfast afterwards. The Bishop gave a short address at the service.

Some of the Sixth Form and the Chapel Monitresses served at the Mass and acted as Cross and Banner bearers in the procession, and one of the prefects attended on the Bishop in the Sanctuary. There was a record number of Old Girls at this beautiful and inspiring service.

Throughout the year the Sung Eucharist has been offered every Sunday and on the greater festivals, and the Chapel Monitresses or members of the Sixth Form have served at the Altar, taking the incense.

On the last Sunday in September when the Golden Jubilee Re-union was held, again a record number of Old Girls attended the Sung Eucharist. Mr. Thornton Dibb as Sub-deacon assisted Fr. Cockburn at Mass, administering the chalice.

One baptism was held in the School Chapel on Whit Sunday.

Twenty-two girls were confirmed in the Chapel by the Bishop on May 28th. A quiet afternoon was conducted by Fr. Cockburn in the Convent Chapel

for the candidates on May 25th. These girls made their first Communion on the Sunday in the Octave of Corpus Christi, on which day the School keep the Festival.

On Sunday, 9th November, a party of twelve girls went with three Sisters by invitation, to the Bishop Gray Centenary Service in the Cathedral at 11 a.m. when the Bishop of Blackburn preached, It was a very memorable service,

Mrs. Bynoe arranged and practised the carols for the lovely Carol Service which was held in the Chapel on Sunday evening, December, 7th. Canon Badham gave a short devotional address at the service and the collection was given to Missions.

We are very grateful to Mrs. Bynoe for her unsparing efforts in preparation for this service, and also for taking the weekly choir practice in Sister Pauline's absence.

During Lent the Juniors as usual attended the Children's week-day service at St. Alphege's. Fr. Cockburn took short services of Intercession in the School Chapel for the Seniors.

The School has gained by having Archdeacon Rogers living across the road. We are most grateful for his help occasionally on Sundays, and for his Week-day Masses for the Sisters.

THE COMMUNICANTS GUILD

The Guild membership continues to grow, and fourteen new members were admitted on December 11th in the School Chapel by Fr. Cockburn.

Members of previous years write to say that they find their membership helpful and the effort to keep the simple Guild rules. The great source of strength in the Guild is that the members are praying for one another.

As the membership grows there is an increasing need to devise some way in which the members may get together occasionally for discussion and corporate prayer. Efforts have been made each year to have a meeting at School, but usually only two or three have been able to attend.

MUSIC NOTES

There were many indications during 1947 of a steady advancement in the music of the School. The number of pupils increased considerably. new activities were undertaken and senior students came forward as soloists on many occasions.

There was a record membership for the Students' Music Club and it is hoped this keen interest will be maintained.

Through the courtesy of the N.U.C. Music Faculty, a small group of seniors enjoy the privilege of listening to a selection of very fine recordings one Sunday afternoon in each month.

As will be seen from the School Chronicle there have been a number of musical recitals during the year, and we are grateful to Mrs. Cockburn, Vera Benenson and Mrs. Middleton for giving us such enjoyable evenings.

A pupils' concert was arranged for the 26th April. Valiant efforts were made by all concerned and we hope for further concerts of this kind.

Students have entered successfully for University of South Africa Piano-forte and Sight-Singing examinations and for Trinity College of Music examinations,

At the local Eisteddfod A. Harward gained a Silver Medal award in the senior singing class and P. Reynolds a Bronze Medal award in the elementary pianoforte class.

Connaught House receive our congratulations on being the winners of the Inter-house Singing Competition. The songs chosen were 'Green and Gold' (Part-song), 'When Icicles Hang on the Wall' (Unison), 'Loch Lomond' (Free Choice). Mr. C. Wright acted as adjudicator.

The departure of Sister Pauline for overseas was a very real loss to the music of the School. Her outstanding work with the Senior singing classes inspired us all.

Mrs. Searle very kindly came forward to assist with the Senior singing and the Breaking-up Concert was a high tribute to her efforts. The rendering of 'Lonely Woods' (Lully) will long be remembered for beauty of tone and artistic treatment.

PHYSICAL TRAINING REPORT, 1947

GYMNASTICS.

On Friday, October 31st at 7.30 p.m. the Junior and Senior Inter-house Competitions took place and a representative table of both Junior and Senior work was completed. Miss Thornton, Physical Training Mistress from Girls Collegiate School, came to adjudicate and we hope her most efficient criticism will be taken to heart. Both the Junior and Senior Cups were awarded to Rhodes.

During the First Quarter of the year some gymnastic time was devoted to dancing rehearsals for the Royal Visit.

HOCKEY FIXTURES.

RESULTS OF LEAGUE FIXTURES

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April 26 St. John's vs. Convent Won 4-0 Won 4-0
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June 21 St. John's vs. Greytown 565 6asave DN Ile=I] â\200\224

Aug. 9 St. John's vs. Collegiate AR O D o S T D T Won 2-2490

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Aug. 16 St. John's vs. Technical College S Wong S==() Won 1-2240

Aug. 18 St. John's vs. Voortrekker Won 4-2249 Draw 0-2240

Aug. 23 St. John's vs. Russell High â\200\224 Won 2-2241

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Teams : 1st XI. R. Nicholson, M. Milne, D. Palmer, M. Ussher, J. Tyrzell, A. Carr, S. Rattray, N. Houston, P. Goodman (Captain), V. Phillips, D. Hindle, P. Lowe.
2nd XI. I. Jenkinson, C. Gaisford, V. Michel-Smith, J. Catchpole, B. Little (Captain), M. Henwood, N. Taylor, Jen. Henwood, N. Reiche, N. Stedman, A. Gregory.
The 1st XI was placed fourth in the League.

TENNIS FIXTURES.

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St. John's vs. Technical College ... Won 60's 22457
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Sports Day was held on Ascension Day, May 24th, the Junior Cup being awarded to Connaught and the Senior Cup to Rhodes and Connaught. Flat and relay races were run, high and broad jump was held, and the day ended with the traditional Donkey Race.

SWIMMING.

\ The Inter-School Gala was held on Tuesday, March 25th. During the Junior session, R. Carr broke the breast-stroke record, her time being 20.2 secs. The Juniors were placed fifth. The Seniors were placed second.

The Inter-house Gala, in conjunction with a match against Wykeham was held on Saturday, March 15th. The cup was won by Rhodes and Connaught and St. John's beat Wykeham.

On February 21st this year, Wendy Henwood swam 3rd-man in the relay team for the Natal Schools at the Inter-Provincial Swimming Gala held in East London, and as a result of the Gala Natal was placed first.

THE INTER-HOUSE DRAMATIC COMPETITION

On Saturday, March 13th, 1948, the first Inter-house Dramatic Competition was held and gave all members of St. John's and many friends an exciting and enjoyable evening. The scenes chosen were the 234 Casket * scenes from Shakespeare's Merchant of Venice ; the second act of Quality Street by J. M. Barrie and the ** Land of Memory 204¢ scene from the Bluebird by Maurice Maeterlinck. Four weeks' time had been given for preparation.

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We were very grateful to Mrs. Murray for coming to judge the scenes and for her very helpful criticism and advice. Mrs. Murray congratulated the School on a very creditable first production and said that it showed much promise.

In each case the decor was excellent and much time and effort had obviously been given to the scenery and planning of costume.

The Merchant of Venice scene presented a lovely picture with the elaborate costumes and arrangement of the stage. The diction was clear, but the performance was not sufficiently convincing.

The production of Quality Street was ambitious ; there was some good acting, but the timing was slow and so allowed the action to drop. Again the scene was well planned in much detail.

The * Land of Memory scene from the Bluebird was a very good production. Though there was a tendency to over-act, the timing was good throughout. The scene before the charming old cottage of the grand parents Tyl in the * Land of Memory > was very well planned indeed. The costumes were attractive and the action was sustained all the time. :

All the players and helpers must be congratulated on the enthusiasm and hard work put into these scenes. We are sure that there is much talent in the School which will find opportunity for expression in the future, in acting, in production and many other forms of stage craft.

The results were : 1. Connaught, 82 marks ; 2. Rhodes, 75 marks ; 3. Athlone, 72 marks.

LIBRARY NOTES

The coming of the Royal Family to South Africa aroused great interest, and our Royal Family section has become very popular. We have some of the latest books, Queen of To-morrow, Princess Elizabeth, Elizabeth and Phillip and The Royal Family in War-time.

We have some new additions to our Vith Form fiction library, among them being Vail d'Alvery, King Cotton and Britannia Mews.

This year the Vth and VI Forms have been allowed to read the papers in the library in the evenings.

Our two sub-librarians this year are Nancy Stedman and Avis Harward. I am sure they will find the work very interesting.

THE SENIOR SOCIAL CLUB

A general desire: to stimulate out-of-school activities led to a meeting being held on September 3rd, 1947, to form a society to encourage such activities. Miss Richards was in the Chair. It was decided that one society should be formed to include debates, lectures, dramatics, musicals. The Club was named The Senior Social Club at the meeting. A Committee of eight members was elected to hold office for the year June, 1947-1948. The following officers were elected :

President : Miss Richards. Vice-President : ~ Miss Stidworthy.
Secretary : M. Henwood. Treasurer : J. McKenzie. Committee : Mrs.
Murray, D. Phillips, D. Labistour, A. McKenzie.

The vacancy caused by Mrs. Murray's resignation at the end of 1947 was filled by Miss Taylor, a new member of the Staff. L. Eaton was elected as Form III's representative.

Membership was limited to Forms 3-6 and the Sisters and Staff were proposed as honorary members.

The following is the programme followed :

SEpT. 5 A talk by Mrs. Parry on South West Africa.

Oct. 24 A talk by Mr. van Reenen on the Metric System.

Nov. 7 A debate : Should the Matriculation examination be abolished.

Nov. 21 A games evening organised by the Vth Form for the examination girls. ;

FEB, 6 An evening of Community Singing organised by Mrs. Bynoe.

FeB. 13 A debate * That the education of the Natives is beneficial to the progress of South Africa.

FeB. 28 Mr. McKenzie showed films of Southern Rhodesia, St. Lucia Bay and Cathedral Peak in the hall.

Meetings so far in 1948 have been limited owing to rehearsal for the Inter-house Dramatic Cup.

M. HENWOOD,
Secretary.

NEWS OF STAFF

MRS. MURRAY is now teaching at the Girls' Collegiate School.

MRs. BOOTH is teaching at the Government School at Ixopo.

Miss Scott has returned home.

MRS. GORDON BEALE (Miss EUNICE EGAN) is now living in Grahamstown.

MRs. RELPH is the proud mother of a son, born in October, 1947.

MRs. BENNETT (nee HOWELL) is now living in Johannesburg.

MRs. Sissons (nee TAMBLYN) is living in Johannesburg.

Miss PAXTON was married on 6th December, 1947, to Mr. Thomas Michell of Cape Town.

MRrs. CALDER POTTS (nee GRAY) has a second daughter, born in February.

ST. JOHN'S OLD GIRLS ' ASSOCIATION

16TH ANNUAL REPORT

The Annual General Meeting was held in the School Library in May, 1947, preceded as usual by Mass in the School Chapel and breakfast with the present girls.

There was a record attendance of 50 Old Girlsâ\200\224it is hoped that this will continue at all future Annual Meetings.

Sister Mary Richmal took the Chair, assisted by Deena Streek (Chairman) and Sybil Barras (Hon. Secretary). Owing to health reasons Deena Streek resigned as Chairman and Myrle Simkins was elected in her stead. It was

unanimously decided by the Old Girls, as a Jubilee Gift to the School, to inaugurate a Jubilee Building Fund, and all members were to raise as much money as possible. At the close of the meeting D. Streek presented Sister Miriam with a bouquet on her retirement from the Headmistressship on account of ill-health, expressing the appreciation of all Old Girls for all she had done for the Association in the past and wishing her good health and happiness in the future.

Two jumble sales in aid of the Bursary Fund were held one in May, 1947, and another in February, 1948. £19 and £15 15s. 0d., respectively, were taken.

The 1947-48 Bursary holder is the Mother Margaret pupil.

The second Bursary, relinquished by Pam Milner-Smyth on her leaving School, has been granted to Ruth Nicholson for her last year at St. John's. Ruth came to St. John's in 1938 and so will have been 11 years in the School when she finishes her Matriculation course at the end of this year.

At the Monthly General Meeting in May, Miss Richards, the new Headmistress, was welcomed by the Old Girls, with good wishes for a happy stay at the School.

During the year all general meetings were very well attended and it is hoped that this will continue.

The Golden Jubilee celebrations were held on 27th-28th September, 1947, and were most successful. Hockey and tennis matches between Old Girls and Present Girls were held on Saturday afternoon, the former being in the costume (approximately) of 50 years ago, which was most amusing. These were followed by a buffet supper for Old Girls at Mrs. Rorick's house. An entertainment by Present Girls and friends was held in the School Hall in the evening, during which the Old Girls, with great satisfaction, handed over to Sister Mary Richmal, the sum of £500 inaugurating the Golden Jubilee Building Fund.

On Sunday Mass was celebrated in the School Chapel, followed by breakfast. A treasure hunt arranged by the Durban Branch was held during the morning after which a picnic lunch for all Sisters and Past and Present Girls was held in the School grounds. This was followed by an informal meeting in the School Hall during which it was decided to hold a bazaar at the School in April for the Building Fund. All members were asked to co-operate to make it a success.

During the weekend 52 Old Girls foregathered at the School.

We welcome the following : Elaine Alexander, Jean Bruce, Joan Bower, Ann Carr, Murial Davis (Jones), Jenefer Henwood, Constance Hamilton, Eileen Kerr (Ward), Brenda Little, Sally Lambert, Dulcee Hayden Lifton, Maureen Milne, Edna Nichol (Campbell), Veronica Phillips, Kathleen Serrurier

- (Ryan), Gaynor Sanderson (Arbuthnot), G. M. Williamson, Betty Tapson.

At the close of the Financial Year the accounts showed as follows
BALANCE SHEET as at 31st DECEMBER, 1947.

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REPORT FROM DURBAN BRANCH.
Chairman : DR. LYLIE CHAPMAN.
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Committee : DoREEN DYKES (GOODRICKE), DENISE PERks, PAT CoOCKS
(SPEARMAN), GWEN WIILLIAMSON (EDMONDS), BETTY
FLETCHER.

Since the resuscitation of the Durban Branch last year, it has continued to be most active. At each monthly meeting there has been between 16-24 girls present, all enthusiastic and a considerable amount of business has been done. We would, however, like to see this number trebled.

A number of old St. Johnâ\200\231s Girls travelled up to Pietermaritzburg for St. Johnâ\200\231s Day, several leaving Durban early on Sunday morning in order to be in time for Mass. Re-unions were made at breakfast and there were many reminiscences of past school days and mischievous incidents.

At the meeting following, ways and means of celebrating the Jubilee were discussed and the Durban Branch returned full of vigour, and keen to show what they could do to raise money for the Building Fund. During the next few months great activity was seen at all the meetings. Cake sales, jumble sales, and various dances, etc., were organised in order to raise the money.

The Branch collected Â£161 3s. 3d., which was certainly a grand effort for so short a periodâ\200\224three and a half monthsâ\200\224and much credit is due to all members.

About 18 Old Girls from the Durban Branch went up for the Jubilee celebrations in September. Some amusing items by the Durban Concert party were given at the eveningâ\200\231s entertainment. After a most enjoyable picnic lunch at the swimming pool, a meeting was held at which all old girls were asked to work for the fete to be held in April for the Building Fund. Since then the Durban Branch has been hard at it, and hope to put up a very attractive stall.

During December Pat Cocks (Spearman) kindly offered her home to us to entertain the small boys of St. Martinâ\200\231s Home. A Christmas Tree and Party and a jaunt to the little train on the Beach were the highlights. In view of the success and pleasure this outing gave us allâ\200\224little boys and big old girlsâ\200\224 it was hoped to organise other functions for these little ones from time to time.

During the year we have had visits from several old girls who attended

our meetings. Margaret Manning from Johannesburg had not been seen for many years, Betty Barker (McNab) from the Eastern Province and Joan Butler

(Adnams) from Ahrens were other welcome visitors. We are pleased to welcome Beatrice Arnold back into the fold. Meryl Gilson is leaving us to go to Johannesburg and we have no doubt that she will attempt to re-organise that Branch. Meryl has been one of our most active members. Doreen Dykes as Captain of one of the hockey teams in Durban, seizes any new member who might be useful to her team and has already encouraged seven of the Old Girls to join her.

Although we have over 60 members registered on our books, only a third of these are regular attenders at the meetings. We appeal to all old girls living in and around Durban to contact the Secretary and join us at our meetings which are held monthly at the homes of various old girls. These meetings are not only business meetings, but little social and entertaining events. They will be assured of a welcome.

LyLIE CHAPMAN,
Chairman, Durban Branch.

NEWS OF OLD GIRLS

ARMITAGE, KATHERINE (LEE). Her family of four, Bill 10, Elizabeth 7, who has been entered for St. John's for 1950, David 4 and Ruth 1%, keep her very busy. She is hockey coach for the Toti > club.

ALEXANDER, ELAINE. Living in Johannesburg, working with the S.A. Airways.

BEAR, BARBARA. Living at the School, where she helps in the house, and works in the Bank.

ASBURY, JOAN. Working permanently in Durban and loves it. Became engaged last year and plans to be married in September.

AXELSON, RAY (HERBERT). Teaches dancing at the Dudley Andrews Dancing School in Durban.

ARNOLD, BEATRICE. Has returned to Durban to teach from Vryheid. The Durban O.G.A. are very pleased to have her back.

BARNES, AUDREY (INMAN). Living in Durban, her son was born in March this year.

BURROWS, MARY (BAMBER). Living in Durban, has just had her first baby.
BRICE, MARIE. Working in Durban. Attends O.G.A meetings regularly.
BALCOMB, MARY-LANE Nursing at Greys.

BARRETT GWEN (Lroyd). Recently held a cine show of the Royal Visit to Maritzburg and Eshowe, and collected a nice sum towards the Building Fund.

BROOME, JOAN (MILLBORROW). Is back living in Maritzburg, being unable to find accommodation in Johannesburg. Is kept very busy running her own business and looking after her son.

BOWER, JoAN. Is back in Maritzburg, having gained her Social Science degree and works for the Social Welfare. :

BARRAS, SyYBIL and NorMA. Norma is working for an insurance company in Maritzburg. Both of them planning a sea trip to Cape Town later on in the year. Sybil is the most efficient Secretary of the P.M.B. O.G.A.

BRUCE, JEAN. Living in Maritzburg and working in the Bank until the end of June when she starts nursing at Greys.

BARKER, BETTY (McNAB). Is teaching at the Tech. in East London and thoroughly enjoying it.

BUTLER, JoAN (ADNAMS). Finds her daughter Shelley, aged 1 year a full-time job; still living at Ahrens Rail. In June saw Peggy Williamson (Forder).

BLACKLER, NANCY. Was thinking of going to Rhodesia to nurse.
BurMAN, MERLE. Studying radiography in Durban.

Cocks, PAT (SPEARMAN). Has just spent a delightful holiday at Champagne Castle in the Drakensberg, with her family. Jane is now 24 and growing up quickly.

CLARK, GETHIN (TALBOT). Living in Johannesburg and finds her daughter Carol, who was born on st February this year, quite a full-time job.

CHAPMAN, ERicA. Has just arrived back from a very interesting tour of part of South America, which she did with a party of S.A. Students.

CARR, ANN. Working in Johannesburg.

Cook, GWEN. Working in Maritzburg. Mavis living in England and has just had her second child.

CLARKE, DAPHNE (EVENS). Has been living in Maritzburg, but is now on transfer. Has a son Stuart, nearly 2 years old.

COLLIER, WINNIE (GOLBORNE). Is an enthusiastic O.G. and is in charge of the serving of teas at the Bazaar.

CHAPMAN, DR. LyLie. Is Chairman of the Durban O.G.A., and a very hard-working member of the O.G.A. too. Has a post in the City Health Department.

CHADWICK, LESLIE. Working in Durban.

DykeEes, DOREEN (GOODRICKE). Was President of the Durban O.G.A. last year, has a son at Mearchiston, Maritzburg.

DALES, ANNE. Is now working for a solicitor in Pinetown and prefers it to working in Durban. Spent a very enjoyable holiday in Rhodesia last year.

Davis, MURIEL (JONES). Now living in Maritzburg.

EGNER, PHYLLIS. Working at * Palo-Alto at Botha's Hill and loves the work.

EVERTON, JOAN (DAVIDSON). Lives at Bellair, where she and her husband run a service station. Have a little girl.

EDEN, MARY (WEST). Lives at Westville, Durban, has two children.

FLETCHER, BETTY. Lives in Durban and works for Marshall Industrials. Natalie works in Barclays Bank. Both staunch members of the O.G.A.

FRICKER, THERESA. Doing 2nd year at the Training College. Attends all meetings of the O.G.A.

FRANKLIN, ROSALIE (PEMDERTON). Now living in Maritzburg. has 3 sons.

Mark 5, Owen (2) and Leigh (5 months).

FrY, OLWEN (WOLFAARD).â\200\224Has 2 children. Lynette (9) and Errol (7).

GEEKIE, JOAN (LAURENS).â\200\224Was married in November and lives in New Hanover.

GALLIERS, EDNA and HiLary (DORNING).â\200\224Edna and Hilary help in all Durban O.O.G. activities and some pleasant meetings have been held in Ednaâ\200\231s home.

GILSON, MERYL. Is to be married in May and will make her home in Johannesburg. The Durban O.G.A. are very sorry to lose Meryl.

GILCHRIST, NANCE (MINCHIN). Is now married and living in Durban.

GARDNER, AMY (Horwmes). Has four children, Jennifer 7, to enter St. John's next year, David 4, Michael 3, Clive 7 months.

Hirr, PAT (TALBOT). Has left Johannesburg and now lives in Salisbury and likes it very much.

HINDLE, DOROTHY (CoE). Lives in Maritzburg; her daughter Daphne is living at home, working in the Reserve Bank until she is able to start her nurse's training at Greys.

Houston, PAT. Living in Pietermaritzburg.

Henwood, Pam. Working in Maritzburg, and is a Committee Member of the O.G.A. Recently spent a holiday down in the Cape.

HAMILTON, CONSTANCE. Living in Johannesburg.

HAMILTON, JEAN (HINTON CATHERINE). Was married in September and is living in Maritzburg. Has a small flat. Is working as receptionist at the Aluminium Company.

Henwood, HELEN. Is now teaching at Port Shepstone, having gained her Education Diploma (Graduate), where she does a lot of P.T. and is in charge of the boys and girls hockey. Pat has completed a year of her training as a nurse. Joan has started at the N.U.C. where she is taking a B.A. course in History and Geography.

Heyns, MARTIE. Helping her father on the farm. Joyce is doing her second year National Commercial Teachers' Certificate in Durban.

HARMAN, THEO. Plans to be married on 3rd April.

HAALLOCK, ENA (WELLS). Managed to get a house in exchange for their flat, and Brian (4) and baby Gerald keep Ena busy.

HENWOOD, JENEFER. Staying at home until August, when she leaves for Cape Town to take up nursing at Grootte Schuur.

JENNINGS, HELEN (BOURHILL). Has been on holiday in East London with her children Barbara and Peter. Was able to attend the Golden Jubilee week-end in September and stayed with Muriel Rorich (Dorning).

[vins, (INEZ (WESTBROOK). Is living at Highflats, her small daughter Jennifer will be attending St. John's in 1949.

KLEMPNER; VIDA. Has left Durban and now working in Johannesburg. Would like to meet O.G. in that City. Her address is P.O. Box 1803, Johannesburg.

KERR, EILEEN (WARD). Eileen's husband has at long last managed to get a passage out to S.A. from England. They and their 2 children are happily settled in Durban now.

KELLY, VERA (MUNDEY). Living in Durban and has a son Michael born last year.

KENNEDY, AUDREY (THORPE). A very helpful O.G. Took over the Secretary's duties for a few months last year.

KING, JOAN. Studying Radiography at the Leeds General Hospital, England.

LITTLE, BRENDA.â\200\224Staying at home, but intends studying ceramics next year.

LAIRD, CICELY.â\200\224Living in Cape Town and is planning to take a trip to Canada and America this year, hopes to leave in April. Daphne (Mrs. Bryden) lives at Cato Ridge. Both Cicely and Daphne spent a day with Elizabeth Murray in July, and were so pleased to meet Sister Miriam again, who was staying with Elizabeth.

LAMBERT, BERYL. Working for Anglo-American in Johannesburg.

LAMBERT, SALLY. Working in a solicitor's office in Maritzburg and is a keen new member of the O.G.A.

LIRTON-HAYDEN, DULCIE (CHAPMAN). Living in Bishopston, Bristol, England. and has a daughter Lylie Marie aged 2.

LIESEGANG, DULCIE (BARKER). Married this year. Visited the School in November whilst staying with Helen Henwood ; and again in February with her husband, on the return from their honeymoon.

LONSDALE, MARION (NICHOL). Is living in Durban, does temporary teaching. Has a little son James.

LOWG, PAT. Staying at home at present. Starts nursing at Wentworth Hospital, Durban, in April.

MCDONNELL, FRED (SMITH). Called in February to show her small daughter the School. Is living in Johannesburg and has a son and daughter.

MCDUGALL, ELIZABETH. Recently spent a month's leave in the Transvaal. Is the very energetic convener of the O.G. Bazaar.

MILNE, MAUREEN. Studying at the Natal Training College.

MOUNTAIN, MADGE (EDWARDS). Living in Durban.

MIDGELEY, JEAN. Has finished her training at Greys, and is now qualified.

MOSSOP, PEGGIE. Has recently become engaged. Works for Field and Dain, Durban. Visited the School with her fiance early in February.

MEDWAY, LYN (STRACHAN). Living in Durban now, has 3 children. The Durban O.G.A. is to have a meeting at Lyn's home very soon.

MATRAVERS, JOAN. Living in Durban, has a post with the Natal Land and Colonisation Co.

MIDDLETON, MOLLY. Is to be married to Mr. James Desmond Boyd on March 29th.

NEWMAN, Pam. Working in the Town Office, Kokstad, and finds the work very interesting.

NICHOL, EDNA (CAMPBELL). Living at Nottingham Road and attended the Golden Jubilee week-end.

OSLER, IRENE (DYER). Living in Salisbury, Rhodesia, has 3 little girls, Diana, Pamela and Irene.

PULLIPS, HELEN (RAWLINS). Left for England in July last year for a six-month stay.

PHILLIPS, VERONICA. Taking a post-matric. course at St. John's.

PEERMAN, JEAN. Has returned to the Union after spending 8 months in England, having gained her Instructor's Certificate of the Institute of the Horse in May. In August she went over to the Dublin Horse Show.

PERKS, DENISE. Working in Durban, was sorry she had to give up nursing owing to ill health, as she enjoyed the work so much.

PEYCKE, JUNE (POPPE-ELLIS). Living in Mooi River and has a son, John, aged 1 year.

REIN, Lypia (BENNETT).â\200\224Living at Roberts Heights, has 2 children, Jeanette and Patricia.

RawLins, HazerL.â\200\224Spending a holiday in England, and at Christmas-time was at Gibraltar, waiting for a ship to the U.S.A., where she intends spending a short time before returning to the Union,

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Rorich, MURIEL (DORNING).â\200\224Has been a very helpful member of the O.G.A. Both her children are now going to School. Shelagh attends St. Johns.

Ritchie, VERA (PAVEY).â\200\224Has two children. Robert now goes to school. Is Secretary for the O.G. Bazaar.

Rossow, Joy (ANDERSON).â\200\224Working in Johannesburg and has a son of 6 and a daughter of 4.

Ross, Gwynneth (FLEMMER).â\200\224Has a lovely home in Durban where numerous O.G.A. meetings are held. Gwynnethâ\200\231s eldest daughter has started her first year at N.U.C.

SALMON, Joyce.â\200\224Has started her nurseâ\200\231s training at Greys in October.

SMYTH-MILNER, PAM.â\200\224Is recuperating after having her tonsils out. Starts at the Durban Business College in April.

STANLEY, AUDREY (ALLEN).â\200\224Living in Durban.

SUTCLIFFE, HILDA.â\200\224Living in Durban, was bridesmaid to Nance Gilchrist (Minchin).

SILBURN, SHEILA (WATSON).â\200\224Has left Durban and is now farming.

SWAIN, BERYL (THORNE).â\200\224Now in her own home in Maritzburg.

SANDERSON, GAYNOR (ARBUTHNOT).â\200\224Lives in Rhodesia and spent a holiday in Natal last May. Attended the Re-union with Audrey Barnes (Inmâ\200\230an).

SERRURIER, KATHLEEN (RYAN).â\200\224Living in Johannesburg.

SIMKINS, MYRLE.â\200\224A very hardworking and enthusiastic Chairman of the O.G.A. s preparing for a monthâ\200\231s holiday in Cape Town and Johannesburg.

SOLOMON, OTTLEY (TREBBLE).â\200\224Living in Johannesburg, and has a son who was born the end of last year.

STANFORD, BERYL (SPOONER).â\200\224Now living in Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire, England, where her husband is stationed with the R.A.F.

SPENCE, PAULINE (WRIGHT).â\200\224Is now living in Beira, has a daughter Lynn Mary, born 10th August, 1947, who was baptised by the Priest-in-Charge of St. Johnâ\200\231s Church, Umtali.

SKINNER, SYBIL (ALLISON).â\200\224Was married on 3rd January, 1948, and now living in Bulawayo. Has seen the Victoria Falls, the Matopos and Rhodesâ\200\231 Grave and generally thinks Rhodesia a wonderful place.

Sawer, DEHLIA (FENN).â\200\224Living in Cape Town.

STANFORD, MURIEL.â\200\224Working for the Junior Literary Society in Cape Town.

SWAN, WENDY (Forsyth THOMPSON).â\200\224Was married at the beginning of this year and living in Durban.

THORBURN, JEANNE.â\200\224Working in the local Health Commission, Maritzburg, and loves it. Became engaged last year and hopes to be married early next year.

TALBOT, MOLLY.â\200\224A very enthusiastic member of the O.G.A. Recently spent an enjoyable holiday with her mother in the Cape.

THORNE, SHIRLEY.â\200\224Has obtained her kindergarten Teacherâ\200\231s Diploma.
Recently became engaged.

TEDDER, GWEN.â\200\224Now in her second year at Training College, was elected
House President at the end of last year,

Tapson, VERA (PASSMORE).â\200\224Vera has moved from Springfield Hospital to the McCord Zulu Hospital in Durban. Her daughter Betty, has just left St. Johnâ\200\231s and is taking a business course at the Durban Business College.

Theron, Winifred (ARBUTHNOT).â\200\224She and her husband are living in England with their little girl Jane.

Varty, Winifred (DORNING).â\200\224Has recently moved into a new house. Worked hard for the O.G. Bazaar.

Van Ysendyk, Tinieke.â\200\224Is now working in Durban.

Vowles, Peggy.â\200\224Now working at Howard College, Durban. Returned in November from a very interesting nine-month stay in England and Scotland.

Wynne, Mollie (Lee).â\200\224Lives in Dundee, and her daughter is taking Matric. this year at G.H.S.

Westbrook, Shirley.â\200\224Staying at home and helping on the farm. Esme, now Mrs. Pat Perfect, is farming with her husband, not far from her people ; and Jean (Mrs. John Lauf) lives in Germiston and has a daughter Judy Colleen.

Waspe, Veronique (Pascoe).â\200\224Was married on 7th February, 1948, and living in Johannesburg.

Woobprow, Clare (Popham).â\200\224Living at Sweetwaters.

Wright, Phiddis.â\200\224Teaching in Dundee, sees a lot of Peggy Williamson (FForder). Recently spent an enjoyable holiday in Cape Town and attended the opening of Parliament. Jean Gallieers went with her.

Wilson, Betty (DuUncaan).â\200\224Attended the Golden Jubilee week-end at the School in September, and enjoyed being back. Has two children, Brian 10 and Heather 13.

Walshaw, Royce.â\200\224Is a very hardworking Secretary of the Durban O.G.A.

Wheeler-Patterson, Natalie (MEarwell).â\200\224Is always very helpful at the different functions we have, and is in charge of the Ice-cream and Mineral Stall at the Bazaar.

Wade, Joan (Arthur).â\200\224Living in Durban. has recently started working for Dr. Court. Her 2 daughters are both at School in Durban.

Williamson, Gwen Edmonds.â\200\224 Is working as a typiste in Doreen Dykesâ\200\231 business. She and her little girl Ann live in a flat on the Beach in Durban.

BIRTHS

Mr. and Mrs. Clark (Gethin Talbot), a daughter Carol.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Franklin (Rosalie Pemberton), a son Leigh.

Mr. and Mrs. G. Spence (Pauline Wright), a daughter Lynn Mary.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Streek (Deena Clayton), a son Barry.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Burrows (Mary Bamber).

Mr. and Mrs. Len Butt (Joan Forsyth-Pemberton), a son.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Barrett (Peggy Martin).

Mr. and Mrs. L. Barnes (Audry Inman), a son.

Mr. and Mrs. Colin Shaw (Hazel Payn), a daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. Reynolds (Charlotte Jones), a son.

Mr. and Mrs. Hart Bennett (Honor Brown), twin sons.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Taylor (Frances Hart), a daughter.

ENGAGEMENTS

Theo Harman to Daniel Roberts.

Shirley Thorne to Bryan Thompson.

Jeanne Thorburn to Glen John.

Joan Asbury to Jack Robertson.

Meryl Gilson to Basil Bodley.

Peggy Mossop to Peter Burns.

Molly Middleton to James Desmond Boyd.

MARRIAGES

Joan Laurens to Kinsey Geekie.

Jean Hinton Catherine to Major James Hamilton.

Veronique Pascoe, to Dr. Douglas Waspe.

Sybil Allison to Mr. Harry Bennett Skinner,

Wendy Forsyth Thompson to Mr. Bill Swan.

Muriel Jones to Mr. George Davis.

Valerie Jones to Gordon Ditchfield.

Rosemary McDonald to Mr. Ladlaw.

Dulcie Barker to Leonard Leisegang.

Margaret Worthington to Mr. O. Wolmarens.

Nance Minchin to Mr. Gilchrist.

Margaret Manning to Mr. Bennett.

Margaret Holmes to Mr. Valentine.

- WHY I LOVE MOUNTAINS

I was born in the midst of the mountains, and [have grown up among them, which probably accounts for my love of them. Mountains, to me, are changing characters, they change with my mood and the time of day.

In the early morning I love to walk along the little winding mountain paths, made by wandering sheep. The mist clings lightly to the curves of the hills, and the sun's rays pierce the white cloak with soft, mellow colour. Twisted trees and pointed rocks loom out of the mist on the round hill's edge. The dew lies heavy on the grass and every tuft holds a tiny drop of fresh mountain water, pure and glistening. The dew encrusts the myriad cobwebs stretched out on the piercing blades of grass. I often think they look like small wrought-iron gates.

In the early morning the mountains are friendly and very interesting, they make me happy and I feel free with the light wind on my cheek.

; During the day the distant mountains are pale-blue and they look lovely and dreamy, it makes me feel lazy to see them. Sometimes in winter the majestic peaks are covered with snow which sparkles in the sun.

The sunset is like a great pantomime, weird shapes flit across the sky. First the mountains are bathed in a calm rosy light, this fades and they gradually change to deep purple. The clouds above them change as well.

The mountains in the evening are frightening, the oncoming night gives them the appearance of foreboding monuments. They stand out against the vivid sky in finely cut outlines. Pointed peaks and steep slopes are shown, and the valleys are black and sinister.

The light changes to pale blue and the mountains do not seem so threatening, but they look unreal and withdrawn as if in another world. Slowly the moon rises over the curved hillocks in the east and sends its ghostly ray across the plain.

I peep from my window and all is silent, the tall mountain outside towers to meet the sky. It is draped in soft white moonlight. All is silent save for a jackal calling on the hillside, I shiver and creep back to bed. I seem so insignificant after the grandeur of that mighty fortress beneath which the little homestead nestles.

R. DORNING, Form VI.

THE SEA

In moonlit calm the nearby ocean lies,

Its furious passions of the noon-tide stilled ;
Yet moving ever underneath the starlit skies,

Its throbbing heart with deep emotion filled.
It falls and rises in relentless flow

A twisting, writhing, throbbing grey-green sea,
With path of silver in the moon's stark glow,
And holding in its heart some mystery.

O, that I could translate its murmurings
That sound like elfish jargon to my ear,
Could understand the wild notes that it sings,
When on the rocks its music echoes clear :
Then from its greeny depths I could obtain
Dark secrets which there long have hidden lain.

ROSEMARY BROOKES, Form VI.

THOUGHTS ON THE SCHOOL HAT
Inspired by the Golden Jubilee

In eighteen ninety-seven,

The hat sat on the brow ;
But ah ! 'tis very different
Where the hat is sitting now !

What keeps it to this back-most spot,
I really have no clue.
(Gentle reader pardon me,

' For using English new !)

The head must not be turned about,
The neck must rigid stay ;

And so it looks as if she had

Stiff neck ' in a big way ' !

If the hair so frownsed and fluffed,
The brim entire conceals,

This, my dear, looks simply cute
A super style reveals !

What needs there now to shade the face ?
With creams and paints galore,

If freckles come there's nixoderm
Removes them by the score.

Since eighteen ninety-seven,
*Tis well to bear in mind,
That many worthy customs
Have fallen far behind.

And this is true of the school hat
In nineteen forty-seven,

'Tis worn as are the halos

By Angels up in Heaven.

WITCHES

Witches, witches, bending low
Muttering curses as they go ;
Then leaping madly round the fire,
Yelling threats and warnings dire.
Throwing frogs and fingers in
Hair of fish and piglets' skin
Mixing, mixing all the time,
Cursing men in crudest rhyme.
Cackling to themselves as they
Writhe and twist and chant their lay !
Oh ! the ugly creatures there
Crooked noses, straggling hair,
Clawing nails and cracking skins,
Shrilling voices, bearded chins
A gruesome sight ! let us away,

Escape their curses while we may !

RutH KENNAN, FOrRM 4.

TRANSCIENCE

Oft on a summer's eve [I stood

And watched the far horizon fade
The rusty glow of twilight skies

With beauty sad, inlaid.

And heard the swifts thrill past my head,
Whistling a last farewell to day ;

And seen the rays' slow kiss to earth
Pleadingly, to stay.

The trees around, their leafy arms
Becalmed in evening dew,

Stand strangely quiet, as if they too
A melancholy knew. :
Then far across the sleeping vale
The cattle, lowing callâ\200\224â\200\224â\200\224,

How many ages so have passed
Before autumn's strident call.

D. pE R. LABISTOUR, FORM 5.

SOUTH AFRICA

When dust lies thick upon the ground,
The insects' buzz the only sound ;

And cattle drag their weary feet

To search in vain for food to eat ;

And farmers raise their watchful eyes
To read their future in the skies ;

What is it in your plain and hill

Which calls all men to toil on still ?
The song of rivers running by,

The call of the veld and bright blue sky.

L. ImPEY, FORM 3.

AN ALARM

He stood on the knoll, his head erect and his ears forward. He sniffed the air. His forelock, mane and tail were blowing in the breeze. He was still, then, his ears twitched. He smelt his enemy, man ! He pawed the turf, paused, and then whirled around, and galloped on his long, slender legs towards the snow-tipped mountain peaks.

The sky turned pink as the sun slowly sank beneath the horizon. The clouds were gold with a silver lining. - Gradually the sky turned darker almost to a light purple, and a creamy-shade of pale orange took the place of the gold. When at last the sun sank, the sky in the west still glowed with colour for a short while, but as dusk grew the shadows deepened until everything became black, Now rid of his pursuers, the horse, after a long drink rested peacefully.

R. ALLEN, Form 3.

JACKO THE BABOON

My great grandmother had a large family of sons and daughters, and they had a pet baboon called Jacko, who used to accompany them on all their journeys.

One summer they all went camping and, as usual, Jacko came too. He had a weakness for sugar, and night after night he would go from tent to tent and gently pinch the occupants to make sure they were asleep, and then go and steal the sugar. Archie, the eldest, followed Jacko one night and saw him eating the sugar, so he was determined to pay him out.

He waited until one day Jacko was sitting on top of the tent holding on to the tent-pole, then he got a pin and pushed it through the canvas until he pricked the baboon.

The rest of the family were sitting together talking when Jacko rushed into the tent and peered right up into everyone's face in turn, with a questioning gaze, until he got Archie, who unfortunately laughed, Jacko gave him a sharp pinch and fled outside and up a tree.

MonNICA MILNE, Form 3

BACK TO SCHOOL

On the platform we wait around,

To see if we can hear a sound.

Then round the corner comes the train
To take us back to school again.

Then with a sob, we're in the train,
On our way to school again ;

Then our hats and hankies wave
Each one being very brave.

Maritzburg station is in sight,
Wrapped in palest evening light ;
A taxi's there to meet the train,
And soon we're in St. John's again.

A. CLOUGH, STD. V.

A CYCLING TOUR

My two friends and I decided to cycle to the National Park for the day.
We set off as the sun was rising.

We rode along a dusty, bumpy road with tall yellow grass on either side, while now and again a clump of trees would flash past us. As we rode on we would pass quaint, old farm houses with picturesque little gardens. When we neared the Drakensberg, we passed over a cool, clear mountain stream. Suddenly I heard a queer sound and on turning round I saw an old heron standing patiently on one leg waiting for a fish to dart past,

We came to the Park just in time for lunch. We decided to go to the Cascades and have our lunch by the clear running stream. After lunch we had a swim and then started on our way home.

As we came to the summit of the hill we turned round and had our last glimpse of the Park.

HELEN GEEKIE, FORM 3.

A LESSON IN MATHS

To teach girls maths is just the end,

And pity all who do !

Their powers of reasoning they do rend
But gifted >only few !

They would their *breathy noises make,
And pass the golden rule,

Or forget to even concentrate ;

Result ?A dunce's stool !

*That's all, they'd write in ** top gear style,
* But actually you know,

* Keep to the left in single file

[s just the way to go !

Attend ! my hearties just to-day,
And * listen to the wise ;

Don't learn the ** wooden dolly's way,
But just make brainy tries !

D. pE R. LABISTOUR, FORM 5.

(With apologies to our Maths. Master.)

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Mrs. KENNEDY.

Many Old Girls will hear with deep regret of the passing of Mrs. Kennedy (Florence Claire) early in February.

Mrs. Kennedy's connection with St. John's was one of long-standing and it was indeed a loss to the School when she found, about ten years ago, that her strength was no longer equal to the strain of travelling backwards and forwards to take her French classes.

She was brilliantly successful in her work, and many of her pupils are able to thank her for giving them a living and abiding interest in the French language. !

Not least of all she is remembered for her unfailing cheerfulness, and for the gallant courage with which she faced the trials of her life. She gave us the consistent witness of a deep and earnest Christian faith. May she rest in peace.

