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LETTER FROM THE HEADMISTRESS.

Dear Herschelians,

I feel that I am in an unusual position: to be asked to write what is headed "Letter from the Headmistress" and get to be the newest comer. So that this letter cannot take the customary form in which it is, perhaps, usual to review the past year and to speak of hopes and aspirations for the future. The first, I am in no position to do beyond looking up statistics and acclaiming them. But a school's achievements can in no wise be measured by the printed word, there is so much out and beyond that counts so high. As for hopes and aspirations, I am still too new to mention those.

But there are some things that I should like to mention.

At the end of the year we must lose a very good friend. Canon Gibbs has been appointed Dean of Cape Town, and when he takes up that appointment can no longer be our Chaplain. The School, who have known and enjoyed his help and guidance for six years, will say good-bye with extreme reluctance and I, with much regret that it is for so short a time that I have been privileged to work with him. I had heard from so many sources how much his help would mean to me. To him and to Mrs. Gibbs we offer our gratitude and our good wishes for the future.

Soon after my arrival I very quickly realised that Herschel had an Extension Fund. Almost at once deputations came saying, "May we have a sweet sale?" "When may we have our play?" "We made £7 3s. 10d. at our play," or "May we sell hot-dogs in break?" The enthusiasm is good and the money is coming in.

I have, too, attended a meeting of the Sociological Society. That such a society exists within a school interests me greatly. There is so much to learn of other people's difficulties and of a tangible way to help alleviate them.

If the ability to raise money can be co-ordinated with the desire to help others we have indeed taken a step in the right direction. You may argue that the Extension Fund is for ourselves, not others. But through these added facilities, for which the fund is needed, we shall be better trained in all branches, academically, physically and socially. "Socially" meaning here the ability to live with others, the which we must all learn to do amicably, if our way is to be progressive and not retrogressive. Above all I hope we shall have learnt to discriminate between the good and the bad and so, how to offer and to give help to others, wisely and with benefit to the recipients.

Lastly, I would like to say how fully I appreciated the very warm welcome that I have been given by everyone here.

Yours very sincerely,

CAROLINE McLEAN.

FOREWORD

1947, our twenty-first anniversary, has been for the School a year of changes, pleasant and unpleasant. From the beginning of the year we knew that we were going to lose Miss Elcome, so that even our Founder's Day celebrations in the first month were clouded by that fact. To say that Miss Elcome had been with us for so short a time is true as far as it goes, but we all felt that she had identified herself with the School so quickly and so completely that it was hard to believe that the time she was with us only two and a half years. In that time she accomplished so much, too much indeed to tabulate here, but we feel daily the benefit of many of her institutions. Each section of the School has much for which to thank her: the boarders for their spacious and comfortable sitting-room; the domestic staff for the extended kitchen and new bedrooms; the house staff for their rest room; the teaching staff for the extra comfort of the staff room; the prefects for their new study, while the whole School is proud of the crypt chapel and we think that our sense of unity has been increased by a chapel of our own within the School walls. These are but a few, and the most tangible, of the benefits added to us under Miss Elcome's energetic guidance. We know that we shall always have a good friend in her, and that her affection for the School will continue. It is good as well to know that she is to make her home in South Africa, and that the School is likely to have her as a frequent visitor when chance should bring her to Cape Town.

But Herschel has always been fortunate in its Headmistresses, and even while we speak with sincere regret of our farewell to Miss Elcome, we are looking to the future with confidence. In Miss McLean, whom we welcomed at the beginning of the October term, we are once more fortunate beyond our deserts. Coming from St. Anne's, Hilton Road, Natal, where she has been Vice-Principal for some years, she has brought to Herschel a wide experience and a fresh outlook which augurs well for us. We look forward to her régime with keen anticipation, and although she has been here for only a month, we have no room for any doubt that Herschel will continue to expand in every activity under her rule. We are anxious to be able to make her happy here, and we trust she will find in us all the qualities of hard work and co-operation which she plainly expects of us.

And so we start on the second twenty-five years with every hope for a great future, and some place in helping to mould the women of South Africa who are to take their share in shaping the events of to-morrow.

WELCOME TO NEW STAFF

We want to extend a very cordial welcome to new members of the Staff who have joined us since the last issue of the Magazine.

Mrs. Altiny-Mees, who is responsible for French.

Mrs. Boall, who came to teach Junior Afrikaans.

Miss Botha-Reid, who came in June to be Assistant Kindergarten Mistress.

Mrs. Bramley, who took over the Housekeeping from Mrs. Godsiff at the beginning of the year.

Miss Budd, who joined the Music Staff in October.

Mrs. Clark, who came to teach English in place of Miss Kay.

Mrs. Dawes, who has joined the Music Staff to teach the violin.

Miss Hebditch, who has taken over Gym. and Games from Mrs. Fischer.

Miss Mulliner, who is teaching History in Miss Wightman's place.

Miss Walden Smith, who is Lower I form mistress.

We hope that they will be happy with us, and we shall do our best to make them feel at home.

SCHOOL CALENDAR, 1947

FIRST TERM

- Jan. 29—Boarders return.
 30—School re-opens. Welcome to Miss Mulliner, Mrs. Clarke, Mrs. Altin-Mees, Miss Hebditch, Mrs. Boall, Mrs. Bramley.
 31—Sports and House Captains elected.
- Feb. 1—A party of Boarders go to the Rectory Fête.
 7—Meeting of Geographical Society.
 8—Junior Boarders go to St. James to bathe.
 Tennis Match v. Springfield.
 11—Annual General Meeting of Debating Society.
 14—Films: "Arctic Lands," "Channel Islands."
 15—Tennis and Swimming Matches v. Ellerslie.
 Boarders go for a long week-end.
 17—School Holiday to celebrate arrival of Royal Family.
 19—School Holiday. We line up in the Main Road to watch Royal Family drive to Simonstown.
 20—A few girls go to Mrs. Waterson's dance to meet the Princesses.
 21—Music Club Meeting: Films on "Woodwind" and "Symphony Orchestra."
 22—Party of Boarders go to St. James to bathe.
 28—Founder's Day.
- Mar. 1—A party of Boarders go to Diocesan College Fête.
 4—Meeting of Sociological Club.
 5—Meeting of Barnardo League Members.
 Prefects' Meeting.
 6—Meeting of Natural History Club.
 8—Inter-School Tennis Tournament.
 Boarders go to the Buxton Home Fête.
 10—Form VI pay a visit to the Museum.
 11—A few senior members go to a meeting of the Junior Natural History Society of the Cape.
 13—Swimming Match v. Rustenburg.
 14—Debating Society Meeting.
 Music Staff Concert for the Extension Fund.
 16—Eccat Sunday.
 18—A speaker from S.P.C.A. addresses the School on "Kindness to Animals."
 19—A party of girls swim in Gordon's Gala.
 21—Natural History Club Film: "Animals' Protective Colouring."
 22—Inter-Schools Swimming Gala.
 26—Prefects' Meeting.
 27—Inter-House Swimming Competition.
 28—Sociological Club Meeting: a Lecture by Sister Thompson.
 Tennis Match v. Bishops.
 Meeting of the Debating Society.
 29—A "Wild West" film for the Boarders.
 31—Inter-House Diving Competition.
- April 1—A small party of Seniors go to "The Passion of the Lord" at Diocesan College.
 3—End of first term.

SECOND TERM

- 15—Boarders return.
 16—School re-opens.
 19—Boarders start a long week-end.
 21—Public Holiday to celebrate Princess Elizabeth's 21st birthday: fireworks.
 22—Welcome to Miss Bronke who is taking Mrs. Hodgson's place while she is away.
 24—Half-holiday to see the departure of the Royal Family in "Vanguard."
 25—Sociological Club Meeting: Talk by Mrs. Harward.
 Concert by Music Staff for S.A.S.M.T. funds.
 28—Form VI visit University Museum.

- May 3—Netball Matches v. Rustenberg.
 Films in the evening to Boarders: "Clyde Built," "Night Mail."
 9—Sociological Club: Talk by Mrs. Harward.
 10—Hockey and Netball Matches v. Springfield.
 15—Ascension Day: School holiday.
 16—Talk to Sociological Club by Miss McKellott.
 17—Lacrosse Match v. Old Herschelians.
 18—Christening in Chapel of great-grandchildren of the Founder.
 22—Choir admission Service.
 23—Public Holiday for Empire Day. Long week-end for Boarders.
 29—Members of the Choir and Music Club go to the opera "Samson and Delilah."
 30—Public Holiday: Boarders' long week-end.
- June 4—Examinations begin.
 7—Members of 1st XI Hockey go to Provincial Trials.
 10—End of Examinations.
 12—Inter-House Netball Matches.
 13—A party of Music students go to hear the pianist Moiseiwitch.
 14—Hockey Match v. Observatory.
 Music Club party.
 15—First Communion of two girls who have been confirmed.
 16—Staff Farewell Party to Miss Elcome.
 18—School ends for the second term. Good-bye to Miss Elcome, Miss Bruce and Miss Brooke.

THIRD TERM

- July 21—Boarders return.
 22—School re-opens. Welcome to Miss Botha-Reid.
 28—Netball Match v. Observatory.
 31—Inspector James comes to speak after prayers on "Traffic on the Roads."
 Miss Elcome married in England.
- Aug. 1—Debating Society Meeting.
 2—Boarders' long week-end.
 4—Public Holiday.
 5—Games Committee Meeting.
 7—Patronal Festival at St. Saviour's.
 A party of Boarders went to the Parish Social Evening.
 10—Children's Festival Service at St. Saviour's.
 15—House Meetings.
 16—A party of Boarders go to see "Bambi."
 24—Exam Sunday.
 26—First edition of "Herschel Highlights" is issued.
 29—Natural History Club visit U.C.T. for a lecture on "Sea-birds."
 Debate v. Diocesan College.
 30—Films to Boarders in the evening.
 Netball Match v. Wynberg.
- Sept. 1—Prefects attend a Service in memory of Bishop Gray, and have tea at the Rectory afterwards.
 2—Prefects' Meeting.
 Lacrosse Match v. Mrs. Wallers' Team.
 5—Inter-House Singing Competition. Won by Robt.
 6—Inter-Schools Hockey Tournament.
 9—Junior Natural History Club Meeting in Town.
 10—Matriculation Afrikaans Oral Examination.
 Recital at School given by Mr. Granville Britton, the well-known 'cellist.
 13—Inter-Schools Netball Tournament.
 14—Exam Sunday.
 20—A party goes to see "The Merchant of Venice" at the Little Theatre.
 22—V and Upper IV Entertainment: "A Page from Herschel's History."
 23—Staff v. Form VI Hockey Match.
 24—Welcome to Miss Budd.
 25—Inter-Form Gym. Competition.
 26—End of third term.

FOURTH TERM

- Oct. 7—Boarders return.
 8—School re-opens. Welcome to Miss McLean.
 11—VI Form Boarders attend Bishops' Dance.
 14—Games Committee Meeting.
 16—A party of Juniors attend the Bishop Gray Centenary celebration in St. George's Cathedral.
 The Bishop of Southern Rhodesia visits the School and meets the Rhodesian pupils here.
 17—Prefects' Meeting.
 17—Middle and Senior School go to the Cathedral for a Centenary Service.
 18—A party of Boarders go to St. James to bathe.
 19—Eccat Sunday.
 24—Miss Moody talks to the Sociological Club on the work of the Janet Bourhill Institute.
 Miss Valentine Brown comes to coach the tennis teams.
 25—Tennis Match v. Observatory.
 A party of Boarders go to St. Cyprian's Fête.
 Junior Boarders' Entertainment.
- Nov. 1—All Saints' Day. Service in the School Chapel.
 7—Lower II and Upper II plays.
 19—Matriculation candidates start their free week.
 25—Matriculation Examinations begin.
 26—School Examinations begin.
- Dec. 5—Confirmation at St. Saviour's Church by His Grace the Archbishop of Cape Town.
 8—Carol Service.
 10—End of fourth term.

FOUNDER'S DAY

Founder's Day this year was postponed to a later date than usual owing to the coincidence with the Royal Visit to Cape Town, so it was not celebrated until February 28th.

At the service in St. Saviour's Church, where parents and pupils gathered, His Grace the Archbishop spoke to us about a few aspects of education, saying that there was inevitably something irksome as well as something delightful in the process. In school one might be particularly interested in Mathematics, or find Science absorbing, but there was always something one did not want to study. He agreed with many who say that after a few years one would probably forget most of the actual facts one had learnt, so it was obvious to ask why one should not learn only those things which interest one most. In that case everyone would be happy. But we should then be like peaches which were ripe only on one side. Even worse than that, we should find ourselves unprepared to do the things which were irksome. The value of education lay in the fact that it trained one to endure drudgery, that of homework and holiday tasks, and subjects one did not like, as well as to work at the more pleasurable tasks. Another value of a wide education was that it trained one to join in any conversation. "Blessed be drudgery" expressed his feelings.

His Grace said that if we had tried hard, though we thought that much was doomed to be forgotten soon, something had happened to our minds so that we could truly appreciate the world. Not long ago he had received a prospectus of a Greek book, because it was known that he had once learned Greek. Because he knew something of it, he found the introductory poem charming. It was the epitaph to a boy who died when he was three years of age, and the writer appealed to Charon to be gentle with him because he was so young, and had only just learned to walk.

"Ferryman, that rowest that barge the buried fare on,
 With all its freight of anguish across Death's reedy mere,
 Give the child of Cinyras, O gloomy Charon,
 A helping hand for climbing to thy boat as he draws near.
 For the little chap trips in his sandals: yet will he shrink to tread
 Barefoot the sandy beaches of the river of the Dead."

His Grace read the poem to us in Greek and then gave us the translation, and asked us whether we did not think it a good thing to be in possession of such knowledge to make the reading of that poem possible, however much drudgery went to the work of acquiring it.

Another great advantage of education was that we had to learn how to get on with other people. We learnt that in our homes, but we learnt it also at school, where we inevitably met some girls whom we disliked. Some people might say that they were never happy at school, but it was usually their own fault. We had to realise that there were so many other people in the world, that we must learn to live and bear with the uncongenial ones. His Grace added that it was nearly fifty years since he had been at school, yet he still kept up a connection with many of his school friends, and a great friend of his now was one whom he could never get on with at school.

So in school and in life after it was a good deal of irksomeness and drudgery. But there was a way to bear it, and to learn to be patient under punishment, and even injustice. We should remember that it was God who said that in this world we should have tribulation. We were born to sorrow, but also to great joy.

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At the afternoon gathering in the School Hall there was a larger number of parents and friends than usual.

Miss Elcome in her report of the year gave a comprehensive account of the School's activities. Herschel's twenty-fifth birthday had seen the completion of the new third storey of servants' quarters. On the first floor there was a new prefects' study and Staff rest room. On August 13th the Crypt Chapel was dedicated by His Grace the Archbishop, and parents and old girls would always be welcome at evening prayers held daily there at 6.30. As a tribute to Mrs. Duncan Baxter a niche had been built in the entrance vestibule.

The details for work, games and other activities were to be found in the School Magazine. Miss Elcome said that she was grateful for the co-operation of parents in securing a good general education for girls, and wanted their further help in not allowing them to drop a subject unless they had attained a satisfactory standard. She deprecated the spoiling of the school's effort to give a general education, and also said that the moral value of attempting something difficult was lost.

On the question of extra subjects Miss Elcome expressed her opinion that much energy was dissipated on these, and that it was advisable to concentrate on one or two only, and reduce them still further on entering the senior school. Besides this it was extremely hard to fit them in to the short time between 1.30 and 5 p.m.

In Herschel there was a crying need for more land, so that the School could take in more boarders, and so that the number of boarders to day girls would be less disproportionate. It was at present an ideal size for teaching with regard to the size of the forms, but if the boarding house could be enlarged we could carry out the policy of giving many more girls an opportunity of being a boarder between the ages of eleven and seventeen, where they could have the companionship of girls of their own age, and could be shielded from the social distractions which were sometimes hard to combat in the home. In view of the need for land Miss Elcome had started an Extension Fund, and Herschel's great effort in aid of it was the Christmas Fair held on November 23rd. Everyone had worked very hard and harmoniously, and at that moment the amount in the Fund was £1,122. She hoped that parents and old girls would continue to give their support to it.

Herschel had a great future in South Africa, and Miss Elcome hoped that many old Herschelians would become doctors, lawyers and members of Parliament, and she felt sure that, whether as independent women or as wives and mothers, they would dedicate their lives to the good of their country, and approach problems with sympathy and Christian hearts.

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The prizes were presented by Lady Bett, and Sir Alfred Bett addressed us after the presentation.

Sir Alfred started his speech by saying that when he had been asked to come he had not known that it was the School's twenty-fifth birthday. He commented on its progress and success but agreed that it was overgrown, and strongly supported Miss Elcome's appeal for Extension funds. He saw the need of a new School Hall separate from the gymnasium.

Sir Alfred compared the school's twenty-fifth birthday with that of a young man's coming of age. It reminded him of the story of the son of a rich landowner in England.

The father gave a party for his son to which all the people of the village were invited. The Vicar was called upon to present the village gift. Standing with a clock under his arm he said, "Time may change and men may go, but here at least is something which will never go."

Sir Alfred said that he was not a South African yet, although his forbears had lived here for many years, and had played a big part in the development of modern South Africa and the creation of Rhodesia. He was delighted to know that seventeen girls from the latter were present as boarders at Herschel. It was a good thing, he thought, to get to know the Union and the people there, and it was good for the Union to know Rhodesia, as he believed that in the next generation it would be the keystone of Africa.

He spoke of the Church schools and their work, and he said that he had always found in them a happy atmosphere of work and an admirable Staff. The Church thus followed its tradition of being the leader in educational development. He said that it was almost impossible to avoid comparisons between schools in South Africa and schools in England. The difference in climate and possibly in outlook meant that girls and boys grow up more quickly, and often education becomes irksome at an earlier age than in England, for there, girls of sixteen were still as much interested in work as in dances and parties. It would be absurd to try to alter this, but he would like to ask the girls to go on educating themselves after schooldays were over, as they had great responsibilities as mothers of the future generation, and representatives of the dominant race. Therefore they must develop the social sense to set a good example, but they must read widely to give them the desire to know even more. He suggested that they should read literature in as many languages as possible. Sir Alfred said that he himself had learnt more after than he had ever learnt there. When he left, he had known a little Shakespeare, few writers except Dickens, and a smattering of French. He had since added to that knowledge considerably, but could not have done so had he not while at school learnt how to learn.

He was very glad to hear that Herschel had tried to give girls a sense of social problems by taking parties to such places as Windermere, Langa, and others. If everything else failed to raise a sense of responsibility, this should do so. One hundred years ago Disraeli referred to Britain as two nations, the rich and the poor. In South Africa there were more than two nations, so that everyone must work harder to weld them into one, and learn the ways in which the others lived.

Sir Alfred concluded his speech by saying that, when he remembered the youth, promise and beauty he had seen before him that day, he would raise his glass and offer us the old toast of: "Gesondheid in die rondheid en al die mooi meisies in die blomtyd."

SCHOOL OFFICERS FOR 1947

Senior Prefect: P. Machanick.

Senior House Prefect: P. Dicey.

Second School Prefect and Prefects' Secretary: S. Hollebhone.

Prefects: J. Gordon Brown, J. Jeppe, A. Foot, R. Withiel, N. Howie.

Tennis Captain: A. Jooste. *Vice:* G. Paver.

Swimming Captain: J. Jeppe. *Vice:* N. Howie.

Hockey Captain: A. Jooste. *Vice:* M. Metje.

Nethall Captain: J. Jeppe. *Vice:* H. Waterman.

Lacrosse Captain: P. Dicey. *Vice:* S. Hollebhone.

CHRISTENINGS

On Sunday, May 18, 1947, the great-grandchildren of the Founder were christened by Canon Gibbs in the School Chapel. They were Elspeth Jean Henderson and Duncan Alexander Henderson. It was a special event in that these two children were representing the fourth generation of a family closely connected with the School. Mr. J. W. Jagger founded the School; his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. W. Duncan Baxter, have been benefactors of the School for many years and members of the School Council; their daughter, Shellah, matriculated from Herschel and is the mother of Duncan Alexander; and Moira was in the Kindergarten until the family moved out of Cape Town and is the mother of Elspeth Jean. We are confident that the latter will carry on the family tradition.

CONFIRMATIONS

On December 5th, at St. Saviour's Church, Claremont, the following candidates were confirmed by His Grace the Archbishop of Cape Town, the Most Reverend Dr. Darbyshire:

D. Douglas-Hamilton, D. Beck, J. King, J. Sprot, S. Maskell, J. Finch, B. Mills, J. Visagie, M. Bennett, J. de Wet, D. O'Connell, D. Barlow, M. Jones, J. Marshall.

AVE ATQUE VALE

NEW PUPILS, 1947

FIRST TERM

Kindergarten: M. Bisset, M. Godbold, P. Griffin, R. Hund, A. Kenny, S. Little, M. McGregor, A. North, S. Pyott, J. Regnier, J. Small, N. Sutton, B. Watzek.

Lower I: J. van Winsen, L. Thornton-White.

Upper I: P. Minty.

Lower II: C. Kilburn, P. Pelletier, B. Rudland, J. Thornton-White, A. Vos, D. Versfeld, V. Edge.

Upper II: C. Arbathnot, G. Glennie, B. Liefeld, J. Forsyth, R. Hari.

Upper III: B. Penny.

Lower IV: J. Howes, J. Marshall, B. Mills, E. Webster.

Upper IV: J. Tyndale-Biscoe, J. Visagie.

SECOND TERM

Lower II: J. Humphrey.

Upper IV: J. Sprot.

THIRD TERM

Kindergarten: C. Abraham, E. Gough, A. Kipps, D. Meyer, J. Francis.

Upper IV: A. Barry, S. Himing.

FOURTH TERM

Kindergarten: S. Reid-Rowland, H. Ritch.

Lower I: D. Parry, S. Ritch.

Lower II: B. Reid-Rowland.

Upper II: V. Guicherit.

Upper III: T. Guicherit, J. Wrigley.

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AT THE END OF 1946

From the Matriculation VI: P. Baker, P. Barlow, D. Beard, J. Brink, J. Elliott, F. Cloete, P. Duncan, A. Halley, R. Hall, S. Johnson, S. Knight, A. Lomax, G. Parker, Y. Petersen, S. Rhodes, L. Rocher, P. Starck, H. P. Stubbs, M. v. d. Byl, D. Wessels, R. Wilks.

From Other Forms: E. Forman, V. Owen-Smith, B. Longton, N. Ahrenson, G. Hochschild, S. Ratcliffe, J. Knight, A. M. Scully, F. Secretan.

DURING 1947

S. Leask, R. Levetan, D. Pringle, E. Smith, A. Stansbury, E. Baker, M. Moore, B. Stratford, A. Hall, M. Skewes, H. Waterman, D. Naude, R. Hart.

HERSCHEL EXTENSION FUND

1946—Balance in hand	£1,145	3	0
1947—March 15—Mrs. Myers	5	5	0
March 16—Music Staff Concert	27	19	10
May 14—S.A.B.C. Inter-school Quiz	1	1	0
September 23—Upper IV, V Entertainment	6	0	0
October 15—Lower III Sweet Sale	6	15	0
October 22—Jagger "Hot Dogs"	4	10	0
October 29—Lower and Upper I Sweet Sale	2	16	0
October 31—Form V Entertainment	9	10	0
November 1—Junior Boarders' Play	1	0	0
November 7—Lower and Upper II Plays	15	5	0
Sale of Uniform	16	8	
"Jobs"	30	15	0
	£1,257	16	6

EXAMINATION SUCCESSES, 1946

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH AFRICA

MATRICULATION

Class I

Felicity Cloete.

Class II

Diane Beard.

Jean Elliott.

Anne Halley.

Gillian Parker.

Sally Knight.

Alison Lomax.

Y. Petersen (Distinction
in English and Arts)

Sylvia Rhodes.

L. Rocher.

Helen Pat Stubbs.

M. v. d. Byl.

R. Wilks.

Class III

Phoebe Barlow.

Prudence Duncan.

SCHOOL LEAVING CERTIFICATE

F. Baker.

R. Halls.

D. Wessels.

JUNIOR CERTIFICATE

Class I

Thelma Bergh.

Mary Gibbs.

Jennifer Johnstone.

Pamela Swart.

Patricia Thresher.

Nicolette v. d. Byl.

Priscilla Waterson.

Class II

Gene Adams.

Barbara Bolus.

Adele Jooste.

Patricia Lindsay.

Judith Makin.

Gillian Paver.

Jean Stoddart.

Elizabeth Walton.

Class III

Ingrid Brinckman.

Helen Waterman.

MUSIC EXAMINATIONS.

Janet King: Intermediate Piano.

M. de Villiers: Lower Violin.

Janet King: Transitional Violin.

SCHOOL MUSIC

We welcome Miss Budd from England who came to join the Music Staff at the end of the third term, and Mrs. Dawes, who came to teach the violin, and we hope that they will be very happy with us.

Our thanks go to Miss Stevenson and Miss Budd for free cello and violin lessons, by which it is hoped to encourage string-playing enthusiasts to swell the ranks of the School Orchestra.

Two new pianos have been purchased during the year, and we are expecting a new radiogram before the end of the last term.

Current events and general musical knowledge are now displayed on two new notice boards in the music quadrangle, the forms taking it in turns month by month to contribute information. For those who are interested, gramophone records are played on Thursdays from 1.30 p.m. to 2 p.m. These recorded programmes are designed to illustrate the work shown on the notice boards.

The School Extension Fund benefited by a concert of Chamber Music given by the Music Staff. The hard work that must have been necessary was appreciated by all.

School parties were taken to a performance of Saint-Saëns' opera "Samson and Delilah," and also to hear the distinguished pianist Moiseiwitsch.

The Inter-house Music Competition was held on September 5th, and we were grateful to Miss Stevenson of the College of Music for so ably adjudicating for us. We were delighted to have Mrs. P. Smuts, the donor of the cup, with us for the occasion who very kindly found time to listen to the competition and to present the cup to the winners—Rolt House.

For the first time we have held a Junior Music Competition for forms Lower I to Upper II. The prize, a picture, is to be awarded annually, and this year was won by Upper II. Mrs. Dawes, who came to adjudicate for us, had special praise for Lower I, and herself gave them a consolation prize for their valiant attempt.

Our thanks go to all the Music Staff for their help and encouragement throughout the year.

P. DICEY and P. THRESHER, Forms VI, V.

CHOIR

Members: J. Jeppe, N. Howie, R. Withiel, P. Dicey, P. Thresher, G. Adams, N. van der Byl, J. Watson, J. Makin.

New Members: A. Foot, L. Gie, G. Hart, J. de Wet, V. King, A. Phillips, D. Douglas-Hamilton, R. MacLeod, J. King, E. Webster, J. Dix-Hart.

On Founder's Day this year we sang Gordon Jacobs' setting of the Twenty-third Psalm, "Brother James' Air." At the Choir Admission Service held on May 22nd we sang "Let the Bright Seraphim" (Handel).

We are joined every Wednesday afternoon at Choir Practice by the Junior Choir, amongst which there are many promising singers who will eventually become members to the Senior Choir.

We look forward to the Carol Service to be held on December 9th. Amongst others the Choir is to sing two new carols, "I sing of a Maiden" and "Ring out, Wild Bells."

The Choir has worked hard throughout the year, and enthusiasm among the members has increased.

P. DICEY, Form VI.

HERSCHEL SCHOOL CHARITY FUND, 1947

January—	£ s. d.			£ s. d.
In hand	42 16 1	Rev. Reindorp's Appeal	10 10 0	
Collection	28 7 0	Elizabeth Stars	2 3 2	
		Save the Children	21 0 0	
		C.A.P.D.A.	5 5 0	
		Empire Youth	2 2 0	
		Crippled Care	3 3 0	
		Sailors' Home (Harmonium)	2 2 0	
		Balance	24 17 11	
	£71 3 1		£71 3 1	
April—	£ s. d.		£ s. d.	
In hand	24 3 1	Econ Group	2 2 0	
Collection	26 16 0	Flood Relief in Britain	12 12 0	
		Service Dining Rooms	4 4 0	
		Animal Welfare	4 4 0	
		St. Dunstan's	4 4 0	
		Oramboland	3 3 0	
		Civilian Blind	4 4 0	
		Balance	17 0 11	
	£51 13 11		£51 13 11	
July—	£ s. d.		£ s. d.	
In hand	17 13 11	St. John Ambulance	3 3 0	
Collection	27 7 0	Red Cross	3 3 0	
		Kensington Clinic	3 3 0	
		Balance	34 18 11	
	£44 7 11		£44 7 11	
October—	£ s. d.		£ s. d.	
In hand	34 18 11	C.A.P.D.A.	5 5 0	
Collection	28 11 0	Christmas Parcels	2 1 0	
		Our Children's Day	5 5 0	
		U.N.E.S.C.O.	5 5 0	
		Memorial Hospital	10 10 0	
		Missions for Seamen	5 0 0	
		Coloured Children's Holiday	5 5 0	
		Postage on Parcels	1 4 6	
		Balance	23 14 5	
	£63 9 11		£63 9 11	

GIFTS TO THE SCHOOL

We should like to express our grateful thanks to the many friends of the school for their generosity.

A complete set of "Punch" from *Pauline Machanick*.

Furnishings for the prefects' sitting room, including an electric clock, and dresses and a mantelpiece for the Acting Cupboard from *Mrs. Machanick*. Second-hand uniform from *Mrs. Selzer*. Books on Art for the Library from *J. Gordon Brown*. Gifts of books for the Library from *Miss Elcome* and *Mr. Baxter*. And several cheques towards the Extension Fund from parents.

BARNARDO LEAGUE

For many years Herschel has had a successful Barnardo Helpers' League, which now pays for the annual support of two children. The first, David John Child, who is now five years of age, we have supported ever since he was three weeks old. The second child, John Sandell, is one year old.

The collections for 1946 amounted to £129. Of this, £35 is paid for each child, which leaves £59 for general funds.

Our very enthusiastic helper, Mrs. Kinghorn, sent us £40. She is a valuable member, and works in her garden for the money which she sends to us each year.

On March 6th we held our annual Barnardo Tea, which we all enjoyed very much. An incredible amount of cake was consumed, but no one was ill.

Nineteen members have qualified for short service badges—three years' service, and four members for Founder's award—six years' service.

For 1947 we have a grand total of 112 members.

The total amount collected for the year ending February 1947 was £129 13s. 7d.

R. PORTER.

HOUSE NOTES, 1947

ROLT HOUSE

House Mistresses: Miss Porter, Mrs. Clark, Miss Hamant, Mrs. Abing-Mees, Miss Millward, Miss Mulliner, Miss Budd.

House Prefects: P. Dicey, J. Jeppe, N. Howie, S. Hollebunc.

We were sorry to lose Miss Rund, Miss Kay and Miss Wightman at the end of last year, but we welcomed in their places Mrs. Mees, Mrs. Clark, Miss Mulliner and Miss Budd.

We congratulate Helen Pat Stubbs, our former House Captain, Mary van der Byl, Jean Elliott, and Rosemarie Wilks on achieving their Matriculation Certificates, and the successful Junior Certificate candidates.

We were overjoyed to hear that we had again won the Efficiency Shield. We have now managed to retain it for three years in succession. Instead of a "Water-melon feast," which we had held to celebrate two former momentous occasions, we decided to hold a House Tea in the Domestic Science Room, which was heartily appreciated by all members of the House.

A high standard of sport has been maintained throughout the year, and we managed to retain both the Swimming and Tennis cups, and won the Diving Shield. We congratulate Jacqueline Jeppe who has gained her swimming, netball and gymnastic colours. Through the combined efforts of the unmusical Sixth Form, who directed the singing competition, we were fortunate enough, much to our surprise, to gain the Music Cup.

The number of distinctions this year has been good, and of those who gain them for us Jennifer Selzer and Diana Dicey deserve special mention. The order marks unfortunately do not seem to be on the decrease, as they should be. With a great effort from the junior members of the House, the numbers of the order marks will undoubtedly diminish.

A good House spirit has prevailed throughout the year, and I hope that Rolt will continue to do as well as, if not better than it has done this year.

P. DICEY, Form VI.

JAGGER HOUSE

House Mistresses: Miss Stevenson, Mrs. Hodgson, Mrs. Piensaar, Miss Duthie, Miss Walden Smith.

House Prefects: R. Withiel (capt.), J. Ethelston (vice).

We were very sorry to lose our House Mistress, Miss Bruce, in June, but we welcome Miss Stevenson as our House Mistress, and Miss Walden Smith, and all new members of Jagger.

We congratulate Felicity Cloete on obtaining a First Class Matriculation and Jasmin Petersen for her Distinctions in English and Art. We also want to congratulate our former House Captain, Anne Halley, and Lucille Rocher who both obtained a second class.

Jagger came second in the Inter-house Music Competition, which was judged by Miss Stevenson's sister. The exciting Hockey matches resulted in a draw between Merriman and Jagger. We also managed to win the Netball and Netball Shooting Cups.

At the beginning of the year members of the House Knitted for Britain's Babies, and we had a fine collection of garments. During the year we were able to send a donation to the Society for the Protection of Child Life, for which we received a letter of grateful thanks.

The number of distinctions this year has increased, Jean Pollard and Helen D'Ewes deserving special mention. Order marks have decidedly decreased in number although there is plenty of room for improvement.

We can be very proud of our "Hot Dog" Stall which we held on Friday, October 24th. It proved very popular and successful, and it brought in £4 10s. towards the Extension Fund.

We hope that all the junior members of the House will make a special effort on the sports field, and regain Jagger's former glory there, which has suffered an eclipse lately.

R. WITHIEL, Form VI.

MERRIMAN HOUSE

House Mistresses: Miss Taylor, Mrs. Steyn, Miss Kisch, Miss Collier, Miss Botha-Reid.

House Captain: P. Machanick.

We were very sorry to lose Miss Fennell at the end of the first term. We were fortunate in having Miss Botha-Reid to take her place.

We wish our former House Captain and her colleagues the best of luck in their future careers.

Merriman has succeeded in improving on last year's record. Many members of the House have been co-operative, but the whole House cannot depend on a few people to carry it to victory. Everyone must pull their weight to the best of their ability, not only in one sphere but all round.

We tied with Jagger for the Inter-House Hockey Cup. This achievement did a great deal for the morale of the House.

With the combined efforts of both juniors and seniors, Merriman should play a prominent part in the future activities of the School.

P. MACHANICK, Form VI.

SCHOOL LIBRARY

The Library continues to play an important role in the life of the School. We endeavour to keep it as a room where peace and quiet is assured, and where quiet reading or study is the order of the day. For those reasons we are very strict in barring those who wish only to do preparation, or to sit and gossip there. So successful have we been in this, that the Library has a steadily growing atmosphere of earnest study and absorption. It is a room much admired by all visitors to the School with its noble proportions and comfortable furnishing, with its growing collection of excellent books. The Fiction Library is well patronised, and the Middle School are to be congratulated on the quality and quantity of their reading. We have added forty books to this section during the year.

RECEIPTS	£	s.	d.	EXPENDITURE	£	s.	d.
Balance from 1946	5	1	2	Books	13	11	2
From Subscriptions	7	15	9	Filing Cabinet	2	17	0
From gifts	10	0	0				
	£22	16	11				£16 8 2

Balance: £6 8s. 9d.

J. M. LANSDALE.

MUSIC CLUB

President: Miss McLean. *Chairman:* Miss Collier.

Committee: J. Gordon-Brown (Hon. Sec.), P. Machanick (Treas.), R. Withiel, P. Thresher, Y. Roux, J. King, J. Barry, N. Bettison. *Er Officio:* Miss Stevenson, Miss Montgomery, Miss Murray, Miss Budd, Mrs. Dawes.

This year we have held three meetings. At the first on February 21 we saw two interesting films, "The Woodwind Choir" and "The Symphony Orchestra." The second film showed the placing of the various instruments in the formation of the orchestra very well.

On Saturday, June 11th, the Music Club party was held. We played musical games, and musical competitions were organised. The first competition, in which everyone wore a label illustrating some musical composition, was won by P. Thresher. The Inter-House musical quiz was won by Jagger House. Other prizewinners were A. Withycombe, J. King and D. Beck. We are very grateful to the Music Staff for giving us this party, and for the unfailing interest which they always show in the activities of the Club.

Mr. Granville Britton, the well-known cellist, gave us a most inspiring recital on September 10th. His programme was as follows: Sonata by de Peschi; Aria by Bach; Menuetto by Beethoven; Reverie by Schumann; Elegie by Faure; Pièce in C-sharp minor by Nadia Boulanger; Tarantelle by Popper. We were very gratified to have Mr. Britton with us, as we understand that Herschel is the first school he has visited.

This year there have been 56 members of the Music Club, and we hope that next year this number will increase. J. Gordon-Brown, Form VI.

SCHOOL ORCHESTRA

The School Orchestra has not given any performances this year as there has been no School Concert. Nevertheless we have been practising every week. We are grateful to the four members of the Music Staff who have, by so kindly giving their time to join us, enabled the Orchestra to carry on over a period when there have been only seven girls learning cello and violin. On two occasions the Junior Percussion Band joined us in playing the Mazurka from "Coppelia" by Delibes.

Following Mrs. Dawes' suggestion, seven of her pupils from Star of the Sea School visited us on Tuesday, October 27th, and we all played Mozart's "Kleine Nacht Musik." We enjoyed their visit very much, and felt that the half-hour was all too short.

Having heard the result of the combined orchestras, we realised how greatly our School Orchestra would be improved if we had more members, and we hope that all the new pupils who have just started to learn the violin and cello will be able to join us during next year.

We are very glad to welcome Miss Stevenson of the College of Music, who so kindly helps us by adding her viola to our number.

Mrs. Dawes arranged a competition among seven of her pupils which was held on Wednesday, 29th October. The pupils were from various schools, and four were from Herschel. Miss Roberts, the adjudicator, helped us with her constructive remarks. The competition was won by a competitor from Star of the Sea. J. ECHTSON, Form VI.

NATURAL HISTORY CLUB

The Natural History Club was formed at the beginning of this year. A committee of six was elected, with J. Gordon-Brown as Chairman. It was decided that members should work together in groups, namely, the Animal, Bird, Insect, Water and Plant groups.

At the first General Meeting on March 21st a film was shown on "How Nature Protects Animals." On Sunday, May 18th, we went for an expedition up Skeleton Gorge, taking a sandwich lunch. At this expedition, the Water and Plant Groups had the best opportunity of finding specimens. While walking to Kirstenbosch, the Plant Group collected a large variety of fungi. The Water Group found several interesting larvae in the Skeleton Gorge Stream. After lunch the party climbed up to the top of the Gorge before returning.

In the third term Miss Stevens kindly invited us to the University, to give us a lecture on "Birds of the Vlei," and she showed us round the Botanical Section. Miss Stevens has offered to take us down to Ronde Vlei to show us the Heronry.

Ten members from the Vth Form joined the Cape Town Junior Natural History Club. This club meets on Tuesday evening once a month in the Mountain Club Room. Here we have been given most interesting lectures and lantern-slides on Astronomy, Archaeology, Social Insects, and Photography. Mr. Simonhoff, who talked to us on Astronomy, has offered to take a few members from each school to look through his telescope in November.

At the last meeting we were able to look at the excellent Mountain Club Photographic Exhibition. Mr. Harris then showed us some beautiful colour photography of South African Flowers.

M. Guss, Form V.

SOCIOLOGICAL CLUB

President: Miss Elcome. *Hon. Sec.:* V. Kilpin.

Members of the Committee: P. Machanick, T. Bergh, M. Page Wood, R. MacLeod.

At the first general meeting on March 4th the Club resolved to ask Miss Elcome to be their President, a position which she kindly accepted. On March 28th Sister Tomlin spoke to us on the history and work of the Lady Buxton Home. After a very interesting talk Miss Tomlin gave us a chance to ask questions, and good use was made of the opportunity.

On April 25th Mrs. Harwood spoke to us on "Living Conditions among the Coloureds." She gave us a vivid picture of the appalling conditions in which many of the non-Europeans live, of the spread of disease, and lack of education.

On May 9th Mrs. Harwood gave us another very interesting talk on the new housing schemes and the work of the housing manager. She told us that the tenants of the new houses and flats were usually glad to have the opportunity to live decently, and keep their houses clean and bring up their children well. After the talk several questions were asked by the members at Mrs. Harwood's request. The meeting was a great success, and we are very grateful to her for her two instructive visits.

On May 16th Miss McElrath addressed the Club on "Housing Schemes for Europeans," and the work of the Citizens' Housing League, which is a private concern. Interest was shown by the members in the training of a Social Worker, and Miss McElrath told us the range of subjects included in a B.A. Social Science course.

At the beginning of the third term members of the Sociological Club were privileged to visit the Lady Buxton Home. They were shown round by Miss Tomlin who explained the different sections of their work. We enjoyed seeing the children, and altogether it was an interesting afternoon.

On October 24th Miss Moody spoke to us about the growth and work of the Janet Bourhill Institute. She pointed out that the Staff try to be friends to the people, so that they can come to them when they are in trouble. We were particularly interested in this talk, as we have often given things to the Institute without quite knowing what its work was.

We are very grateful to all those who have kindly given up their time to speak to us. Their talks have been most useful in showing us in what ways we can become useful members of society.

We feel that our Club should do more practical work, but this has been greatly hindered through lack of free time. However, as the result of the Committee Meeting of October 28th, four girls have offered to help the Girl Guide Movement at the Janet Bourhill Institute beginning next year. A number of girls hope to be allowed to spend a Saturday afternoon at the Princess Alice Home, helping to entertain the children. And we also hope to give a party to the orphans of the House of Bethany at the School.

V. KURIN, Form VI.

DEBATING SOCIETY

At the first general meeting of the Debating Society the following officers were elected: *President*, Miss Elcome; *Chairman*, V. Kilpin; *Secretary*, P. Dicey.

It was decided we should hold several school debates to enable new members to gain experience before we attempted any outside discussions.

The subject of the first debate held on March 14th was "That this house approves of co-education." The motion was carried by a small majority. There were few speakers from the floor and it was therefore decided to hold a second school debate on March

28th. The subject was "That in the opinion of this house ambition is the root of all evil." There was a slight improvement in the general standard. The motion was lost by an overwhelming majority.

The last school debate was held on August 1st. The subject under discussion was "That the world does not progress; it merely changes."

We were then challenged by the Diocesan College Debating Society to hold a joint debate on August 29th. It was held at the Diocesan College, and was on the subject: "That our greater knowledge makes us happier than our forefathers." Speeches from the platform did not come up to expectations, but those from the floor were of a higher standard than previously. The motion was lost by a small majority.

The standard of speaking has improved steadily throughout the year. New members are still a little uncertain of themselves, even in the latter part of the year, although one or two proved themselves worthy members of the society. It is hoped that next year speaking will reach a higher standard, and that speakers will gain more self-confidence.

P. Dicey, Form VI.

GAMES NOTES

HOCKEY

At the Games Committee Meeting at the beginning of the year it was decided to make Hockey and Netball compulsory. Owing to this decision, more girls than hitherto have been playing hockey. Although there were a great many beginners, the standard of play gradually improved as the season progressed. Several of the 1st and 2nd XI were beginners and consequently the match results were not very good at the beginning of the season. The 1st XI however played well in the Inter-schools Tournament and with more experience should be a really good team. Good stickwork and footwork are essential for ball control, and both these need constant practice.

Colours: M. Impey, M. Metje.

House Cup: 1st Jagger and Merriman, 2nd Rolt.

CRITICISM OF 1st XI

Goal-keeper, J. Visagie and M. Jones shared this position during the season. Both show promise but as yet are lacking in experience. They must learn to use their feet more and to kick more accurately.

Left Back, J. Jeppe. Has improved tremendously during the season, showing intelligence in passing and intercepting. Her stickwork has improved and with more experience she should do well.

Right Back, S. Hollebhone. Has fairly good stickwork and is a steady and reliable player.

Left Half, M. Impey. Has played well throughout the season, and is most enthusiastic. She is a very promising player.

Centre Half, A. Jooste. Has been a keen and helpful captain, and has the makings of a good player. She must try to vary her passes, and be quicker both in attack and defence.

Right Half, M. Metje. Has played steadily, and though a little slow has been reliable in defending, and her passes have been constructive.

Left Wing, P. Dicey. Has tackled this difficult position well, and has shown speed and dash in attack. Improved stickwork will ensure more accurate passing.

Left Inner, O. Buchanan. She must learn to keep in her place when attacking. She is enthusiastic but needs to improve her stickwork.

Centre Forward, G. Payer. Has plenty of dash, and with improved stickwork and consequently better passing, should do well.

Right Inner, M. O'Connell. Is an enthusiastic and reliable member of the team. Her stickwork needs constant practice, but she attacks well in the circle.

Right Wing, G. Hart and L. Gie shared this position. Both show initiative in attack, and tackle back well when defending. With practice and experience they should be reliable players.

NETBALL

Netball has been played with much enthusiasm this year, but unfortunately the weather curtailed the match fixtures. We did play a few matches, however, and the 1st and 2nd Under-Fourteen VII's did very well. The 2nd, 3rd and Under-Thirteen VII's were not so successful and need to improve their footwork a great deal to improve their speed and spring. The 1st VII did quite well in the Inter-schools Tournament, winning

three and losing two matches. Each game was very keen and played at top speed. Closer marking and more accurate passing must be aimed at for next year. The Under-Thirteen VII also did fairly well, winning two and losing two matches, and drawing one. This team must try to be much quicker in all departments of the game, and constantly practise shooting.

Colours: J. Jeppe, A. Jooste.

House Cup: 1st Jagger, 2nd Rolt, 3rd Merriman.

House Shooting Cup: 1st Jagger, 2nd Merriman, 3rd Rolt.

LACROSSE

As Lacrosse is a voluntary school game, only a few of the seniors decided to play this year. Unfortunately we could play only once a week, and the day we chose proved to be not a good one for games owing to extra classes. It is hoped that next season many more juniors will decide to play and so add to the general number of players. We played two matches, of which we lost one and drew the other. Both matches were most enjoyable, and it is hoped that many more girls will wish to forego their hockey or netball on Tuesdays, and come to lacrosse, which is a most delightful and beneficial game.

TENNIS

The tennis team did quite well at the beginning of the season, and, until the Inter-schools Tournament, had won all their matches. At the Inter-schools Tournament the senior couple won two matches and lost two, coming second in their section. We entered two junior couples this year, and one of them came first in their section, tying with Wynberg. At the replay our team lost after a good fight.

The general standard of tennis has improved during the season, and there is great competition for places in the teams this term.

Footwork is again the great weakness which has to be overcome, as stroke production is almost entirely dependent on speed of footwork and balance.

House Cup (1946): 1st Rolt, 2nd Jagger, 3rd Merriman.

Tennis Singles Shield (1946): A. Lomax.

Junior Singles Cup: J. de Wet.

Doubles Cup (1946): A. Lomax and D. Beard.

SWIMMING

Great enthusiasm has been shown both for swimming and diving this year, and although the teams did not excel themselves by winning many events at the Inter-schools Gala in March, a good steady standard has been maintained throughout the School. The House Gala and Diving Competition were very keenly contested, and both competitors and spectators were most enthusiastic.

To gain speed, a correct style is the first essential. Then with constant training speed will be developed. Divers must concentrate on getting more spring out of the board in order to get greater height and poise in the air.

Colours (1946): A. Jooste, G. Paver.

Inter-house Cup (1947): 1st Rolt, 2nd Merriman, 3rd Jagger.

House Diving Shield (1947): 1st Rolt, 2nd Merriman, 3rd Jagger.

GENERAL CUPS

Gymnastics Cup: Senior: Upper IV.

Middle: Lower IV.

Junior: Upper II.

B. M. HENRICHT, Games Mistress.

ORIGINAL WORK

THANK YOU, HERSCHEL

Gladly I went to school on the first morning. I was proud of my new uniform and clutched my little bag which contained nothing more as yet than a brand new pencil-box. At last I felt myself to be the equal of those formerly superior beings, my elder brother and sister, although I still had to suffer the indignity of being escorted to and fro by a nanny! I sternly dismissed her a yard or so from the gate, and marched in with an air of independence. Nor was she permitted to take my hand when she came to fetch me until after we had left the school grounds.

Inevitably my first enthusiasm for school waned as the novelty faded. Years, however, have a way of passing more rapidly than one expects, and suddenly I realised that in a short time I should be a schoolgirl no longer, and that I had a great affection for the place which had been, in a way, my second home. I realised how fortunate I was to have had the opportunity of receiving my education under such favourable circumstances, and in such gracious surroundings.

Herschel, where classes are never crowded to the point where individual attention could not be given, and where facilities were provided for mental and physical development, has given me a sound foundation on which to build. The School has taught me many useful lessons about life which cannot be learned from text-books; how to command, how to obey, how to control myself, and how to establish easy relations with my fellow men, how to acquire principles to guide my conduct, and how to abide by them. These are some of the lessons we all learn unconsciously during our school years.

The only way in which I can show my appreciation and gratitude is to go into the world and endeavour to live up to these ideals and to use the knowledge that I have gained at Herschel to help others.

P. MACHANICK, Form VI.

'N BESOEK AAN ST. HELENA

Toe ons van Engeland terug Kaap-toe gereis het, het ons skip die historiese eiland, St. Helena, aangedoen.

St. Helena was die eiland waarop die Engelse slawe geplaas het. Hierdie slawe het hulle van die skepe van die slawehandelaars waarop hulle beslag gelê het, weggeneem. Daar het hulle vir die slawe wat nie al van mishandeling omgekóm het nie, gesorg. Nadat hulle weer gesond was, het die beampptes hulle terug na Wes-Afrika gestuur. Party van die slawe het besluit om op die eiland te bly—party het selfs vir die Engelse koloniste gewerk.

St. Helena is vol spookverhale. Dit is nie nodig om onder die helm gebore te wees om spoke op die eiland te sien nie. Die inwoners praat van bepaalde spoke, en hulle vertel een vreeslike verhaal. Die slaaf van 'n Engelse kolonist het verlief geraak op sy baas se dogter, en sy op hom. Hulle het besluit om saam weg te loop. Die baas het hiervan gehoor, en in die binneplaat het hy hom met 'n kat geslaan tot hy dood geval het. Nou dwaal sy spook rondom die huis waar hy sy wrede dood ontmoet het. St. Helena is vol bouvallige, verlate huise waarin mense nie wil woon nie, want hulle sê dat hulle spook.

Op St. Helena het Napoleon sy ballingskap deurgebring en ook daar gesterwe. Ons het sy huus, „Longwood," besoek en ook sy graf. Daar het die ou inwoners probeer om ons heilige water te laat drink, maar dit het so vuil en onhagig gelyk dat ons te bang was om dit te proe.

'n Interessante ding in St. Helena is die „Jacob's Ladder." Dit is 'n lang steil trap wat uit negchonderd en zestig treetjies bestaan. Die klenkies wat op die eiland woon, sit hulle skoors op een trapleuning en hulle voete op die ander en gly van die top van die berg tot by die voet. Hulle is gewoend daaraan, maar vir die toekouers is dit 'n senuweeskokkende toneel.

Daar is te veel dinge omtrent St. Helena vir my om te vertel, maar wat met my op die eiland gebeur het, was vreeslik!

Ons het naby Napoleon se graf gestaan en na die tralies gekyk wat daar rondom is. Toe het ek vir die meisie wat naby my staan, gesê „Daar is 'n ou heks in Wynberg, in die Kaap wat die oorspronklike tralies in haar tuin het."

„Ja, ek weet," het sy geantwoord, „sy is my tante!"

J. GOSDON BROWN, Form VI.

LE SECRET DE MAITRE CORNILLE

Il y avait tout autour des villages de la Provence des moulins à vent pour moudre le blé. Les meuniers et les meunières y dansaient la farandole parce qu'ils étaient riches et heureux. Mais un jour des français de Paris vinrent et établirent une minoterie à vapeur sur la route de Tarascon. Tous les gens commencèrent à donner leur blé à moudre à la minoterie. Pauvre meuniers. Ils quittèrent leurs moulins et trouvèrent d'autres occupations. Maître Cornille était un vieux meunier et il avait une petite-fille Vivette, dont les parents étaient morts. Après que les autres moulins se fermèrent Maître Cornille agit très étrangement. Il renvoya Vivette qui n'avait que quinze ans, pour travailler au man.

Il s'en alla par les rues comme un vrai Bohémien. Il avait honte des loques dans lesquelles il était vêtu, à l'église il s'asseyait parmi les pauvres. Mais cependant ses ânes apportaient des sacs de blé au moulin et les ailes virèrent. Un jour Francet Mamai découvrit qu'un de ses garçons et Vivette étaient devenus amoureux. Francet se rendit au Moulin pour discuter l'affaire. Arrivant au Moulin, Maître Cornille ne le laissa pas entrer et lui dit d'aller chercher des filles à la minoterie pour son garçon!—

Les deux amoureux décidèrent d'aller au grand-père. Arrivant Maître Cornille venait de sortir. Ils entrèrent par la fenêtre car la porte était fermée à double tour. Il n'y avait pas un seul sac de blé ou de farine, mais il y avait quelques sacs pleins de sable blanc. Pour sauver l'honneur du moulin c'était ce blé et non pas de la farine qu'il promenait tous les soirs.—

Quand Maître Cornille sut que son secret était découvert il fut bien triste. Mais les gens admirèrent son courage et ils lui apportèrent du blé à moudre jusqu'à sa mort. Puis les ailes du dernier moulin cessèrent de virer pour toujours.

RUTH McLARON.

LA LITTÉRATURE FRANÇAISE EN QUATRIÈME SUPÉRIEURE

Pour bien comprendre l'histoire suivante, il me faudra vous donner un petit résumé de la vie d'Alphonse Daudet. Cet auteur fameux est né en 1846 à Nîmes dans le Sud de la France. Il fit ses études au Collège d'Alais. Quand il avait 17 ans il alla à Paris. Pendant plusieurs années il travailla au théâtre. Entre 1866 et 1897 il écrivit beaucoup d'ouvrages fameux, entre autres "Tartarin", ce qui le rendit immortel. Alphonse Daudet appartient à l'école réaliste, il fait ses histoires très intéressantes avec de très bonnes descriptions. Il écrit les histoires de la vie en Provence dans un Moulin. Avant de mourir en 1897 il écrivit ces "Lettres de mon moulin", dont je vais vous parler. Ayant lu les quatre histoires les plus connues: "Le secret de maître Cornille", "Les vieux", "La mule du Pape" et "La chèvre de Monsieur Seguin", j'aime vous raconter celle que j'ai préférée.—

URSEN IV.

LA CHEVRE DE MONSIEUR SEGUIN

Monsieur Seguin avait souvent essayé de garder des chèvres mais elles s'étaient toujours échappées. Il décida d'essayer une fois de plus et il acheta une jolie petite chèvre qui s'appela Blanchette. Il lui donna le clos derrière sa maison où elle broutait. Il prit soin de lui laisser beaucoup de corde. Il la rendit aussi heureuse que possible. Mais un jour la petite chèvre vit la montagne et pensa aux bonnes herbes qui devraient y avoir là. A partir de ce moment la chèvre languissait et M. Seguin ne put comprendre pourquoi.

Un jour Blanchette échappa à travers la fenêtre de l'étable et alla à la montagne. Etant au sommet elle mangea l'herbe douce et fraîche. Elle sautait et elle jouait avec les feuilles tombées. Vers le soir elle eut peur, mais elle pensa au pieu et à la corde et elle décida à rester.— A ce moment elle entendait un bruit de feuilles. Elle se retourna et vit le loup. Tout de suite elle commença à se battre avec le loup. Toute la nuit la bataille dura mais à l'aube elle fut à bout et le loup la mangea.—

La morale de cette histoire est que dans la vie on doit souvent choisir entre une vie facile mais liée, et une vie libre avec le risque d'être mangé par le loup.

JANET T. BISCOE.

MY FAIRY STORY

A fairy story shall I write,
Very, very late to-night,
Then I can see them playing round
Under mushrooms on the ground.

I'll write about their fairy wings,
Their tinkling bells and fairy rings,
Then off I'll go to dream sweet dreams
Of fairies dancing by the streams.

G. Buss, Lower II.

KIRSTENBOSCH, 6th OCTOBER, 1947

"For Lo, the Winter is past and the rains are all gone."
(Song of Solomon).

Colours as gay as a bright patchwork cushion,
Symphony woven of flowers and leaves,
Stately trees decked in the garb of the Springtime,
Winter's grey tracery covered with life.

Fragile new leaves now rejoice in their freedom,
Hiding bare branches in fresh living clouds.
In the light breeze they are skipping and dancing,
Fluttering, waving like pale green wings.

Soft, Malay voices there, rising and falling,
Blending with tones of a strumming guitar,
Filled with the life and the pulse of the Springtime,
Throbbing with ecstasy born of content.

Languid and golden the heart of the sunshine,
Lick in the cups of the radiant flowers:
Happy the choir of twittering birdlife,
Lively the chirping of cicadas there.

Ruby red riot—exotically blooming—
Covers a bush in the shade of a tree,
Symmetry green of a cycad reflected
Over a crystal-clear mirror beneath.

Pastel-hued chalices rise from still waters,
Fed from the peaks by the murmuring streams;
Delicate fronds bend caressingly over,
Water smiles limpidly up from below.

Soft bluish mist lying over the ocean,
Purple the haze lying over the land,
These are the visible breath of the Springtime,
Bathing all earth in a wave of new hope.

Spring song, as old as the song of the ages,
Every year you will be new as your leaves;
As we grow older retaining your sameness—
Ever symbolic—dear lyric of youth.

JEAN GORSON-BROWN, Form VI.

THE CANGO CAVES

The Cango Caves are one of South Africa's striking attractions for tourists. They are situated in the side of the mighty Zwartberg Mountains and they are about twenty-one miles from Oudshoorn.

The road to the caves is very dusty, especially in summer, but it passes through very pretty scenery. Schoemanshoek is a delightful village of old-fashioned houses lying alongside a small river. Around the settlement tobacco and cornfields splashed with red poppies weave a lovely pattern.

"Caves" usually mean dark, small caverns, but the Cango Caves are anything but small and dark. The first chamber, van Zyl's Hall, is named after the farmer who discovered the caves in the first instance. The first glimpse of this weird and wonderful artistry of nature reminds most people I am sure, of a fairy palace. The huge columns and fantastic formations of lime form an endless design. Steps have been built in the place of steep, rocky ascents to make it easier for tourists to see the hidden wonders of the caves.

The sides of the caves are in places made of damp clay which breaks off in the fingers. Lights have been installed to enhance the natural beauty, but I do not think that they do so.

Here and there crystals sparkle like diamonds. The lime has formed many strange shapes, some of them almost human. There is a Pulpit, a canopied Bed, and an amazing likeness of the Madonna and Child. There is one chamber called the Bathroom in which there are several "baths" which sometimes even contain water. Nobody knows where it comes from. One must bend almost double to go through Lumbago Alley which is very appropriately named.

There are many other rooms, one of which is called "King Solomon's Mines," and contains a canopied throne. Truly, the Congo Caves are one of South Africa's beauty spots.

Y. Roux, Upper IV.

VIEWS OF OLD NEW YORK

As the light of dawn crept slowly over the countryside, the stream-lined train sped swiftly towards its destination. An hour later the sun shone on the large Central Station where travellers poured out of the train, and dozens of porters hurried to and fro with their luggage. Outside the station, bright red and yellow, green and white, and even orange taxis moved through the streets. Buildings rising above the broad avenues loomed against the sky. This was my first impression of New York.

The second view I had of the city was from the twentieth storey of "Hotel New Yorker." Ahead of me the Empire State Building and the Chrysler Building rose high among the rest. I tried to imagine what the city would look like from the former, the tallest in the world. Below me the people hurrying through the streets seemed no larger than ants. The brightly coloured taxis were everywhere. No one could mistake them for ordinary cars.

The shops in this city were fascinating, especially near Christmas. In "Macy's Department Store" one of the many windows contains a set of mechanically worked puppets acting Dickens' "Christmas Carol." Every time I passed this window there was a crowd around it watching with intense interest. There was an exciting Christmas spirit in New York.

The streets were certainly crowded with Christmas shoppers and would have been even more so had it not been for the subways of the city. Many people used this quick and convenient form of transportation when they did not want to see the sights of the city as I did. I discovered that a good view could be obtained from the top of a double-decker bus going along Fifth Avenue. There were many fine buildings along this route. They were not as tall as those in the business section of the city, but I found them more interesting. I visited a large Public Library, an Art Gallery and a big Museum, where I should like to have stayed all day.

A fine section of New York to visit was Radio City where all the broadcasting was carried on. This section contained a large theatre for entertainment, a comfortably-furnished rest room and many office buildings. From the roof of one of these buildings, "Rockefeller Centre," there was an excellent view. An amazingly quick lift conveyed tourists to the roof, where flower gardens surrounded a little restaurant. The roof was surrounded by a wall about four feet high, and telescopes were placed at intervals along the wall. It was a good observation post. The grand panorama of Central Park, a paradise in the centre of the city, stretched below and away into the distance. The millions of structures of the crowded city surrounded it but the park remained undisturbed in its natural beauty. Beyond the park was the Bronx Zoo where animals from all over the world are to be seen.

New York by night was like any other great city with its millions of twinkling lights. However, on closer inspection, such fascinating sections as "Times Square" could be found. This great cinema section enclosed the small square on which there was a lighted miniature Statue of Liberty, a perfect copy of the original facing the harbour. On the news agency building near the square there was a big band from which flashed the news of the world in electric lights. The whole scene, including the crowds, was one never to be forgotten.

The last view which I had of New York was from the harbour as our ship set out for another continent—Africa. The tall stately buildings rose, grey and misty, above the water, gradually fading into the distance until they could be seen no more. It was like awakening from a dream and wondering whether it could possibly have been true.

R. MacLean, Upper IV.

MY VISIT TO STRATFORD-ON-AVON

Great was my joy one day, while we were in England, when my father announced that we were going to visit Shakespeare's birthplace. I had always wanted to see it.

On our way there we passed Leamington Spa where "waters" are drunk. We would have liked to drink some, but there was no time and my father said they had a horrible taste.

On the outskirts of Stratford is a manor house which formerly belonged to the Lucy family, the squire of Stratford. It now belongs to the National Trust. When Shakespeare was a boy he was whipped by Sir Thomas Lucy for poaching. The house and grounds are beautiful. Whole herds of deer wander in the park.

In the hall of the house is a huge marble table. In the centre there is an enormous slab of onyx. One of the Lady Lucys liked to stitch intricate embroidery and so she had all the beautiful stained glass removed from the windows and plain glass put in. The National Trust have not yet sorted out the books in the library, but there were many of them.

In one room the wedding dress of a Lady Lucy is preserved. She was a bride of twenty-one and her dress would only fit a girl of twelve.

As a memorial to Shakespeare an American society has erected a large theatre. It is a very modern building and somehow looks very out of place beside the tiny Tudor houses. I did not like it at all.

Shakespeare's home is a tiny, little place. A very low door leads into a room in which are relics of Shakespeare, for example, a first folio edition of his plays. Now that it is empty the house is dusty and damp. The stairs twist up to the room where he was born. In it the roof slopes down to the tiny latticed windows. On the wooden beams all kinds of signatures are carved. Charles Dickens' is said to be among them.

We went to the church to see Shakespeare's tomb, but were unable to see it on account of a service there, so went to see Anne Hathaway's cottage.

There too all the rooms were on a different level, two steps up and two steps down. One bumped one's head very often.

In the kitchen with its cobbled floor and huge fireplace was the old courting settle where Shakespeare and Anne used to sit. In Anne's mother's room is a low bed and a small chest which used to contain the family deeds and money.

We also went to see Mary Arden's house. In the lower rooms there is a museum. It was very interesting. In the garden was a wishing well. We all dropped pennies in and wished and so ended an enjoyable day.

C. SQUIRES, Upper III.

SPRING IN SOUTH AFRICA

The arum is herald to welcome the Spring,
In white with green shoes, he's proud as a king.
He calls up the flowers from the cold earth so drear,
And bids them be merry, for now Spring is near.

First come then the snowdrops and oxlips so gay,
The daffodils, blossoms and lilies and may.
The crocus is English, but sometimes grows here
With violet and bramble, by riverside clear.

The woods are all glowing, in soft blue and green,
For of all four seasons, the Spring is the queen.
And birds are all nesting, while high in the sky
The larks there are singing, 'mid clouds sailing by.

The bees too are busy, and buzzing along
From flower to flower. They are singing their song
Of woods, dales and meadows, of veld green and brown,
Of copes and valleys, where willows hang down.

The lambs are all skipping, in green fields close by.
The streamlet is gurgling, the green aspens sigh.
And look how the birds and the rabbits are gay,
For Spring, she is coming to brighten our way.

E. WEBSTER, Lower IV.

THE DANCING BEAR

He's a mangy-looking bear,
 He is losing all his hair,
 He is in a sad, sad plight,
 He is beaten noon and night.

He must dance and prance all day
 So he'll make his troupe to pay,
 For his masters do depend
 For their money on their friend.

Friends, That's what they say they are
 To this poor unhappy bear.
 They, who give him endless pain,
 Know too well he can't complain.

He's unable to complain
 For he cannot talk, that's plain;
 They know that and treat him so
 That he far away would go.

But he cannot run away
 For he's chained there every day,
 Till he's made to do his dance,
 Till he's made to skip and prance.

It is cruel to treat him so
 You and I and they all know;
 We must stop these people if
 We want our beasts to live.

A. ROBERTSON, Lower IV.

OLD HERSCHELIANS

 FINANCIAL REPORT, OLD HERSCHELIANS' ASSOCIATION.
 Balance Sheet for year ending 31st December, 1946.

<i>Credit:</i>		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Balance 1945:	Petty Cash	— — 3 9	
	Savings Bank	203 8 5	
	Post Office	16 15 0	
1946:	Annual Subscriptions	2 15 0	
	Life Membership Subs.	15 10 0	
			238 12 2
<i>Debit:</i>			
1946:	General Expenses	1 13 9	
	Stamps, etc.	10 0	
			2 3 9
	Balance for year 1946		(236 8 1)
	Savings Bank, Dec. 1946		203 8 5
	Post Office, Dec. 1946		33 0 0
			236 8 5

The 21st Annual General Meeting of the Old Herschelians was held on the 14th of March, 1947.

The Office-bearers and Committee were elected as follows:

President: Miss Elcome. *Hon. Vice-President:* Miss Ralph. *Vice-President:* Miss Lansdale.
Hon. Secretary: S. Drennan. *Hon. Treasurer:* M. J. Stobie.

Committee: E. K. Wood, P. Smuts, E. Fisher, E. Kay, A. Lomax and P. Machanick.

Miss Elcome proposed that in future the Old Herschelians Annual General Meeting should be held on Founder's Day, as many Old Girls were always present at the Annual

Founder's Day celebrations. The Old Girls have decided to spend £20 on having the names of all past Headgirls and Headmistresses engraved on a Board presented by Brenda Hirschon, which is at present in the School Hall.

It would be appreciated if the Old Herschelians whose addresses are changed after marriage, could please inform the Secretary of any such address.

The President regretted the lack of attendance of Old Girls at the Annual General Meeting and hoped that more members would make a special effort to attend the next Annual General Meeting. The Old Herschelians presented Miss Elcome with a travelling rug before she left for England for her marriage in June.

The Annual General Meeting of the Old Herschelians' Association will be held on Friday, February 27, 1948.

NEWS OF OLD HERSCHELIANS

Mrs. Payne (née Elcome) is at present in the United States. When last we heard of her she had seen the Niagara Falls, but was not as impressed with them as she had been with the Victoria Falls last year. She and Mr. Payne are making their way westwards, and we believe them to have reached California.

Miss Eastwood paid us a visit when she was in Cape Town this year, and was most interested in going over the School and noting the additions to the building since she left.

Mrs. Young (née Skeeles) is still living in Constantia where her husband is running his poultry farm, which is growing rapidly. She has been very busy this year with her son, Michael, who is just two years old, and spending a good deal of time with her mother, who has been ill.

Mrs. Pargiter, who used to teach Music here, came and sang to us one afternoon in a short concert in aid of the Music Teachers' Association.

Violin pupils will have been very sorry to hear of the sad death of *Miss Leffler*, who has been connected with the School for many years. She had been very ill for some time.

Mrs. Row is living in the Transvaal, where her husband is lecturing at the Witwatersrand University.

Miss Steenson of the College of Music, who also taught here for some time, is still interested in us, and sometimes comes to play her viola in the school orchestra. She also adjudicated for us in the Inter-House Music Competition this year. She has been Chairman of the Cape Town branch of the Music Teachers' Association for the past two years.

Miss Bruce is teaching at Kingsmead School, Johannesburg.

Mrs. Knight (née Wilkinson) is living at Springs where her husband is on the Palmietfontein Mine.

Mrs. Johnson (née Adderley) is living with her husband and young son on a farm outside Kimberley. She came down on a visit some months ago, unfortunately in the holidays, so we did not see her.

Mrs. Steenkamp (née van der Merwe) has a flat in Stellenbosch, and has also been teaching. She is always interested in Herschel news.

Mrs. Jooste (née Walsh), who also taught music here, has been teaching at the College of Music in Rondebosch. She has been elected Chairman for this year of the Cape Town branch of the Music Teachers' Association.

Mrs. Toerien (née Metcalfe) was married on 29th August at Christ Church, Kenilworth. She went to Rhodesia for her honeymoon, and had measles there! She is now back and living on a farm in Caledon.

Mrs. Hugo (née Sharp) is back in the Cape from Pretoria where she has been living for a year. Her son Peter is about two years old, and she had a daughter in November.

Miss Joan Anderson is doing very interesting work as secretary to Brian Nicholls, a stamp dealer in Cape Town.

We congratulate *Mrs. Lochner*, who taught Junior Afrikaans here last year, on the birth of a son in April.

Miss Kay sailed for England earlier in the year to see if she could obtain a post in the B.B.C. She has recently announced her engagement to Peter Topping, of Wimbledon, England.

Diana Rimer has been on a lecture tour in the provinces in England, giving a series of lectures on Shakespeare. She has also been acting at the Young Vic.

Helen Steyn works at various clinics in the Peninsula, run by the City Council for the Coloured People.

Marjory Harbottle completes her course in Domestic Science at the Cape Town Technical College at the end of this year.

Pamela Hockley and *Nicolette de Villiers* complete their third year of studies for B.A. at the Rhodes University College this year. *Sheila Duncan* is also studying there.

Jean Southall is now in charge of a Kindergarten School for African children in Durban. She finds the work most interesting.

Pamela Smuts completes her Mus. Bac. at the College of Music, Cape Town, this year.

Margaret Joan Stobie is taking a degree at the Natal University College.

Elizabeth Appleyard, who is at present living at home at Groot Drakenstein, has decided to take a course in Librarianship at Cape Town University next year.

Moir Towers (née *Mills*), who was living in Newcastle with her husband's people, has now returned to Cape Town with her husband who has a post here. Very recently *Moir* had a baby.

Joan Fuller has a most interesting post with "Milady," and is responsible for the lay-outs.

Cynthia Cook left for England in April to continue her Dramatic Art career there.

Yvonne Chronis (née *Botha*), who was married in June and is living in Cape Town, hopes to spend a three months' holiday in Egypt towards the end of the year.

Betty Collumbell (née *Ransom*) is back in Rhodesia again after some years in England, where she married, and where her two daughters, *Angela* and *Joanna*, were born. She is planning to send them to Herschel when they are old enough.

Sally Stratford is in Lausanne in Switzerland at a finishing school.

Pauline Holt White passed Senior Certificate, Cambridge, with Distinctions in French and English. She is now at a finishing school in Switzerland. She is to return to Portugal at the beginning of 1948.

Daphne Moaf is at *Moir House*, Eastbourne, and is writing School Certificate next June.

Ann Kirk is in France at Grenoble.

Cecile Cramer-Roberts is at Wycombe Abbey. She passed her School Certificate with three honours (Mathematics, Biology and French). She has been made head of the School Orchestra and captains her house at swimming.

Ann Fraser wrote on April 11th from Exeter, Devon, where she is studying Physio-Therapy. She is sharing a small flat with a friend and enjoying herself. She wishes she could have been in Cape Town for the Royal Visit.

Alison Lomax has been accepted for the Royal Free Hospital in London and sailed in the Warwick Castle on August 1st. She wrote in October to say that she is staying in a fairly large hostel nearby. She likes her work, but finds the Physics rather hard. If she fails her 1st M.B. next June, she has no chance of a second attempt and there is nothing for it but to give up Medicine. She writes: "*Helen Pat Stubbs* and I went skating together and talked so much that we had to retire to the side! Our roller skating at Herschel stood us in good stead and we survived the dangers of the ice quite well. We are going to tea with *Robin Freemantle* tomorrow. I have seen Robin twice and she is, I believe, going to South Africa or Australia, as she wants to leave England. *Susan Stutchbury* is still at Cheltenham and it looks as though she will be there for the rest of her life. She seems to have taken all the exams she can take, and has done very well in all of them. She is now trying for a scholarship to Oxford. *Mary Elliott* has given up P.T. at Dartford and is undecided as to what to do next. She will most probably do a secretarial course, but if she cannot get accommodation, will have to go back to South Africa with her parents. I had a long telephone conversation with *Rosemarie Wilks* and *Rosemary Hall* but haven't seen either of them. The latter is in Switzerland and seems to be having a marvellous time, and the former is trying for Oxford. I'm seeing *Ann Kirk* and *Jean Elliott* soon, but I shall not be free to go and see *Miss Robinson* as I cannot get off. *Ann Stutchbury* is also at the Royal Free and I see a good deal of her."

Penelope and *Jill Southam* have gone to St. Mary's School, Brighton, where *Miss Robinson* is Principal.

Mary van der Bil, after completing a Secretarial course at the Technical College, has now obtained a post as secretary to Borroughs in Cape Town.

Edith Wylie is now at Cranbourne Chase School, Dorset, and hopes to pass her School Certificate in December.

Gugle Baughart paid a short visit to South Africa, and came to see us at Herschel, but she has now returned to Cushing Academy in Massachusetts.

Eve Robins has completely recovered from her accident and is working in Cape Town on "Radio Week."

Anthea Bright wrote last March from Herta, to say that she found the winter very cold. As she has hurt her finger, she has had to give up the violin for the organ.

Barbara Brunhill wrote in April from St. James that she was going to a Domestic Science School in Eastbourne next year. She wrote her School Certificate in June, and, when last we heard of her, had started to drive but was still wearing a large L on the car.

Elizabeth Keeling (whose address is 8, Green Place, Edinburgh 10), wrote on April 27th. She is, at present, in Edinburgh doing her second year at Athol Crescent, on a course in Needlework, which she finds quiet and peaceful after her year in Canteen Management. Then she spent half her time working out at various institutions, one of which was a mental hospital, where they had several patients working in the kitchen! Elizabeth has missed the South African sun very much and would gladly return here if an opportunity ever came her way. She has seen several Old Herschelians: *Belinda Nannerley*, *Mary Elliott*, *Anne Palmes* and *Robin Samson*.

Margaret Kennedy has returned from India and is now living in Claremont.

Isobel Fawcus (née *Ethelston*) is living at Mafeteng in Basutoland. Her husband is in the Basutoland Service.

Jasmine Houwe is now back in South Africa teaching at Cape Town University. Most of us remember her for her memorable performance, while at school, of "St. Joan." She has chosen ballet and choreography as her career, but keep up her interest in Music. She has written a most interesting account of her year in England where she had lessons in dancing from Margaret Craske and Elsa Brunelleschi. She joined the Ballet Rambert for their London season and went for a tour over England and Ireland and, in spite of a full programme, managed to fit in brief visits to Paris, Switzerland and Florence. Jasmine's overseas experience has increased her appreciation of the standard of ballet in South Africa and she hopes to be able to contribute her share in carrying on the work.

Joyce Reay (now Mrs. *Philip Spicers*) worked in the Admiralty, Simonstown, during the war years. She decided to go overseas in 1945 and was married in September, 1946. She and her husband managed to get a lovely little old cottage in Nettlebed, Henley-on-Thames. She finds life in England strenuous, but she is nevertheless enjoying house-keeping and finds time for an occasional party, and to go to a show. She is always very glad to see South Africans and would welcome Herschelians at any time.

Pauline Rankin is at present doing an Occupational Therapy course at Hampstead, and finds it very thrilling. She particularly loves carpentry and has made an oak stool. She is aiming at a hospital course which will take 3½ years. She lives in a hostel at St. John's Wood. Pauline was in Special Signals during the War.

Joy Pollock (née *Le Mesurier*), is living in Salisbury where her husband is a school-master.

Margaret Reynier (née *Geberi*) and *Jean Godbold* (née *Robertson*) each has a daughter in the Kindergarten at Herschel.

Anne and Patricia Denniston are both in England, Anne as a hospital almoner, and Patricia at Camberwell Art School.

Phyllis Schoefield (née *Hoeg*) is living in Tyrford, England, and has two small sons.

Evelyn Fisher has gone to Columbia University, U.S.A. She wishes to study the Cottage Home System in America, and in order to do so must be a member of the University. So Evelyn is aiming at her M.A. and will then continue her Social Science studies.

Barbara Hunt, who had to give up her training at the Froebel Educational Institute owing to illness, was recently married in Johannesburg.

Susan Ethelston is writing her Final B.Sc. examinations at the Cape Town University.

Joan Frost is still training at the Buxton Pre-School Training Centre and *Valerie Kinghorn* is taking the same course.

Joy Ferguson left for England in April and is living in London. She has a very interesting post there in the Colonial Office.

Mariel Mills is studying English at Oxford University, having obtained her degree in Cape Town last year.

Valerie Topham is writing her Final B.A. examinations at the end of the year. She is at Cape Town University.

Margaret Blagden is studying for her M.B., Ch.B.

Gillian Parker is studying ballet, and *Jasmin Petersen* is working at the Michaelis School of Art.

Diana Moorsom, who is married, is doing part-time work at Oxford University.

BIRTHS

Douer. To Cheslyn and Constance (née Rouse), a daughter, on August 23rd in Cape Town.

Payne. To Colin and Wendy (née Thomas), a daughter, on August 21st, in Johannesburg.

Rowe. To Mary (née Howie), wife of Brian Rowe, at Newcastle-on-Tyne, England, on August 22nd, a daughter, Diana Caroline Mary.

Lochner. On April 29th, a son.

Skuse. To Dorothy Margaret Anne (née Bright), wife of Major L. E. E. Skuse, R.A., at Ahmednagar, India, a son, April 1947.

Henderson. To Moira (née Baxter), wife of C. E. W. Henderson, a daughter, Elspeth Jean, on January 30th at Mbotlong, Basutoland.

Henderson. To Shellah Helen (née Baxter), wife of A. R. L. Henderson, a son, Duncan Alexander, on March 27th, in Constantia.

Hugo. To Joy (née Sharpe), a daughter, on November 2nd.

Knath. To Phyllis (née Falconer), a daughter.

ENGAGEMENTS

Wilson—van der Byl. In August, 1947, Ronald Wilson to Peggy van der Byl.

Ross—Watson. John Dudley, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Ross of Rondebosch, to Hilary, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. V. U. T. Watson, of Claremont, in May.

Topping—Kay. On November 8th, Mary Elizabeth Kay of St. James to Peter Stuart Topping of Wimbledon, England.

MARRIAGES

Passmore—Thomas. On May 21st at St. Thomas's Church, Rondebosch, Lt. F. W. A. Passmore, R.N., to Gillian Thomas, daughter of Comm. G. V. Thomas, S.A.N.F., and the late Mrs. Thomas, of Elgin.

Ger—Marks. On May 7th, at Sea Point Synagogue, Dr. Ralph Ger, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. Ger of Cape Town, to Zelda, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. Marks of Sea Point.

Fullerton—Jeans. In London, August 23, Lieut. Alexander Fullerton, R.N., youngest son of the late Colonel J. S. H. Fullerton, J.P., D.L. of Thribergh Park, Yorkshire, and of Mrs. J. H. Roberts, of Brussels, Belgium, to Elizabeth Pamela, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Jeans, formerly of Ridgeway, St. James, Cape.

DEATHS

Beck. Sonia Pauline, only child of Harry and Rene Beck, passed away peacefully in London on May 14, 1947.

Wanklyn. Jennifer, daughter of Captain and Mrs. E. N. Wanklyn, Claremont, passed away in London in April, 1947.

