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FOREWORD

Most readers of the magazine will cast at least a glance over the School Calendar, and it will be revealed that the year has been a full one, with much activity in the form of music, literary work, club meetings, games and entertainments. This is true, but it must be borne in mind that the Calendar makes practically no mention of the main work of the school. The routine of work is not found here, but on the timetable, and that that work is faithfully done can be testified by the examination successes alone. But it cannot be sufficiently emphasized that it is that part of the school activities which is considered of the foremost importance, and the events chronicled in the Calendar are fitted round that work, and in no way interrupt it.

It may interest parents and Old Girls to know that for the past two years we have given up weekly or fortnightly marks, obtained from classwork or preparation, in favour of the system of holding three-weekly tests in all subjects. These are not specially prepared, being given unexpectedly, and are devised to test the work done over short periods. Tests of this nature give the subject mistress and the pupil a very fair idea of how much the work is understood, and is a far better indication of standard.

A recent institution which has gained ground in the last two years is the use of the cinematograph for educational films. This has been found to be a valuable aid to teaching, both as a background to such subjects as history and geography, and as a clear exposition with animated diagrams as seen in scientific films. The girls are beginning to realize that films are not meant for enjoyment only, as was at first the case, but are a very definite part of the work of a subject.

A good deal of interesting work has been done of an expeditionary nature this year. The Sixth Form paid a visit to the Lever Brothers' soap factory during the fourth term, and found their time well spent. The work of the factory in the mixing and preparation of the product was very enlightening. Another senior expedition was to the Filtration Plant at Steenbras. Since this was combined with a picnic at the Dam, it proved twice as enjoyable. A party of senior boarders went for a tour of the Castle one Saturday morning. As it is the oldest building in South Africa, it held out many possibilities of studying history first-hand, and was of great interest. There were punishment cells and the dungeon to inspect, the thickness of the walls and the whole structure of the building was impressive, but the part of greatest interest, to which we went back for a second view, were the living and reception rooms in the central block, with their close association with Lady Anne Barnard. Kirstenbosch is near enough to us to act as a great draw. Even apart from botanical expeditions, the beautiful gardens are a source of attraction for those left in on exact Sundays, and for occasional picnics. We should like to spend even more time there, for they seem never to fall short of perfection in any season.

We are trying to qualify for a Meteorological sub-station at Herschel, the only real difficulty being the keeping of records over the holidays. We have an aneroid barometer, thermometers, both maximum and minimum, and wet and dry bulb; a rain gauge set in the lawn; we have also a wind vane waiting to be erected, but there is some difficulty in getting it into position.

Work is in progress at the present moment on a new type of tennis court, a gift to the school of the Jooste Family Trust for which we cannot be sufficiently grateful. This has a surface of cement, and is of a type similar to those used in the U.S.A. for training champions, so there is no telling what we may produce in the future. This will be used for netball in the winter, and since it has a firm surface, it will preclude the possibility of sliding in both games, and should raise the standard of footwork. At the same time the front drive is to be repaired. After deep deliberation, the Council has decided to surface it with asphalt, and the dry surface in wet weather, and the dustless one in dry, windy wather, will be a great boon.

The last event of the third term was the school dance, held at the school after the term had ended and the boarders had left. The Sixth and Fifth Forms invited their friends, and the dining-room made a really beautiful dance room; the little quadrangle by the Hall, with coloured lights hung round the pillars, made a delightful sitting-out place between dances, and the supper tables were laid in the gym, which was decorated for the occasion. The evening passed very pleasantly, and without a hitch, thanks to the efficient organization of the committee, and the excellent household arrangements behind the scenes.

The Music Department, which has always taken a very important place in the life of the school, has been very active all through the year, and the highlight of its activities was the performance in June of the operetta, "Alicia". This charming, short musical performance with its colourful costumes and really beautiful backcloth from the Art Department, was enjoyed by all the performers, and was the occasion of two happy evenings. It is gratifying to know that our visitors expressed great pleasure in the performance, too, so we felt that the arduous rehearsals were well rewarded.

We are hoping for a good attendance and fine weather for the Christmas Fair to be held in the school grounds on November 13th. Preparations have been in hand for six months and the target is £1,000. The girls decided, in view of the urgent need, to donate 25 per cent. of the takings of the day to U.N.A.C., so we want the total to be as high as possible for their sakes as well as our own. The present total of the Extension Fund can be seen later in the magazine.

Finally a word about the Old Girls. As time goes on, we feel more and more the need for stronger links between the past and the present. The interest taken by Old Herschelians in the school at present means more to us than they realize. Their practical support of our Christmas Fair is highly valued, but even more we want them to take a greater interest in the progress of the School, and to enjoy with us every innovation, or addition to our amenities. We have been very pleased with the letters received this year, giving welcome news of Old Girls we thought had lost interest, but the strongest and safest link is that of the Old Herschelians' Association. An annual re-union is essential if a steady interest is to be maintained, and to that end an Old Girls' Day was held at the School in March, with a promising attendance. Those who were not able to come for the whole day spent as much time as they could spare with us, and there was a general coming and going all day. We started with morning tea, played a tennis match against the present team, had lunch, attended a general meeting in the library in the afternoon, and had friendly tennis with past, present and staff all mixing together. A service in the chapel was suggested, but was not held on this occasion. We are holding a similar day in 1949 on Saturday, March 19th, and hope for a large party of guests. We have been very encouraged by the news of the flourishing condition of the London Branch, and are looking forward to further news of a re-union dinner in Johannesburg and possibly Durban.

We send every good wish to the Sixth Form entering for their Matriculation in November, and hope they will have every success.

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. Cilliers*, who is responsible for Afrikaans.
- Mrs. Donovan*, who has taken Miss Robertson's place as second Matron.
- Miss R. Hodgson*, who has joined the Elocution Staff.
- Miss Mossop*, who has taken Miss Collier's place on the Music Staff.
- Mrs. Pierce-Jones*, who has taken Mrs. Clark's place in English.
- Mrs. Shiffman*, who has been doing Mrs. Pienaar's work in Maths, while she is away.
- Miss Moir and Mrs. Gordon*, who are taking Gym and Games respectively, while Miss Hebditch is in England.
- Miss Duff*, who has become School Secretary.
- Mrs. Cowan Douglas*, who took over Miss Duff's work in July.

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NEW GIRLS, 1948

FIRST TERM.

- Kindergarten:* G. Beresford, L. Harris, E. Hennessey, M. McManus, B. Musgrove, B. Nel, A. Stewart.
- Lower I:* D. Straus, C. Wisdom.
- Upper I:* C. Fowles.
- Upper II:* W. Hartford, J. Murphy, V. Owen-Smith, T. Rylands, S. Sly, D. Townsend, H. Whiting.
- Upper III:* J. Gale, J. Russell.
- Lower IV:* A. Simpson.
- V:* S. Kirkpatrick, C. Norgarb.

SECOND TERM:

Upper IV: H. Vincent.
Kindergarten: P. Carter, C. Robinson.

THIRD TERM:

Kindergarten: J. Chappell, D. Meyer, C. Simonds, T. Sutton, V. van der Bijl, I. van Winsen.
Lower I: K. Ingermann.
Upper I: C. Evans, V. Ingermann.
Lower III: C. Faure.
Lower IV: S. Maydon.
Upper IV: S. Rockey.
V: S. Simonds.

FOURTH TERM:

Lower I: S. Du Bois.
Upper I: P. Leeman.
Upper III: L. Hyde Jones, E. Windham.
Lower IV: M. Hyde Jones.
Upper IV: S. Wilson.

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At the End of 1947

From Form VI: P. Bauman, P. Dicey, J. Ethelston, A. Foot, J. Gordon Brown, S. Hollebone, N. Howie, J. Jeppe, V. Kilpin, R. Knight, S. Langford, P. Machanick, M. Metje, M. Murphy, A. Nicolls, M. O'Connell, M. Page-Wood, R. Withiel.

From other Forms:

A. Bridger, D. Beck, V. Myers, A. McIlhinny, B. McIlhinny, A. Worth, M. Chapman, V. Edge, E. Melck, A. Watzek, L. Korte, A. North, B. Watzek, M. Lomas-Walker, K. Scully.

During 1948

N. van der Bijl, A. Kilburn, J. Wringley, C. Kilburn, K. Baring, E. Baring, M. Bisset, G. Garlick.

IN MEMORIAM

It was with deep sorrow that we heard on April 13th of the very sudden death of *Jennifer Selzer*. Jennifer had been with us here since the Kindergarten, and her lively intelligence, and cheerful, friendly disposition had been outstanding in her group as it moved up the School. The loss of such a happy companion has been felt very deeply by her many friends, and we should like to offer our sympathy to her family.

THE ARCHBISHOP

JOHN RUSSELL DARBYSHIRE

ARCHBISHOP OF CAPE TOWN, 1938-1948

The relationship of an Archbishop with a girls' school might be a merely formal one, calling for the discharge of certain duties as Chairman of the School Council and a routine visit to the school at the Annual Prize-giving. Especially might this be so if, by its constitution, the school were not in the strict sense a Diocesan school.

But when the unexpected news of the Archbishop's sudden death in London, where he had gone for the Lambeth Conference, reached South Africa, the youngest member of Herschel will have said to her friend, quite solemnly and knowingly, "The Archbishop has died"; and before her mind will have come for a moment, very clearly, the image of one who was part of her school world: a figure standing very erect in the pulpit of St. Saviour's at the Founder's Day Service, and saying things she could not really understand in a musical voice; or a figure, seen now and then in the grounds of the School, in his gaiters and Bishop's long coat, and with his white hair; or sitting in the middle of the platform at the Prize-giving, and rising every now and then to his feet and saying, not only the things which she supposed had to be said, but saying them in such a way that everybody was amused, comparing for instance a Headmistress to a Queen Bee, and things like that.

For more senior members of the School the news of the Archbishop's death will have brought to their minds a more defined impression of a personality; of one who could teach, because after he had spoken he left you wondering what exactly he meant, and so you went on thinking it out, and that is of the essence of good teaching; and of how when he stood among the congregation in the little new basement Chapel at its Dedication (for there was no

space to set the Bishop of the Church apart from the Girls of the Church), he stood there impressive in all the habiliments of his office, but when he spoke of the things which we may offer to God (of which the Dedication of the School Chapel was symbolic), he spoke as one who made you want to love God better for His own sake, and you realized that while it was the Archbishop who was standing there, it was John Darbyshire, the humble servant of God, who was speaking.

For still more senior members of the School, Headmistresses, past and present, members of staff, the School Chaplain, and that remote body (as it must seem to the generation at School), the School Council, the Archbishop's death will have conjured up before their minds the vivid impression of one whom, thanks to their association with him in the life of the School, they had come to know; as, perhaps, they would never have done otherwise; and for that fact alone they will always be grateful. For no one could come to know Dr. Darbyshire personally and remain unaffected by it.

In all the developments of recent years in the School the life of the Archbishop played a big part. How eagerly he welcomed the opportunity of contriving a small chapel to serve until the more worthy one could take its place! Always in his mind's eye he saw the School as serving something beyond itself, as a place of Christian life and training, and with an influential part to play in the developing life of South Africa.

John Russell Darbyshire was born in 1880. He was educated at Birkenhead School and Dulwich College, and finally at Emmanuel College, Cambridge, where he won distinction as a classical and theological student. He was ordained Deacon in 1904. From 1908 to 1913 he was Vice-Principal of Ridley Hall. Thereafter he took charge of successive industrial parishes in the north of England. In 1920 he became Chaplain to the Bishop of Bradford, and in 1922 Vicar of Sheffield. He was appointed Bishop of Glasgow and Galloway in 1931. He had thus accomplished much of his life's work before he came to Cape Town as Archbishop in 1938, and under the strain of responsibility he had come latterly to have often the look of an old man, yet, in mind and spirit he displayed the eternal youthfulness which is the product of the Christian faith and is the one quality which renews the world. He never missed an important point in the Council and generally saw it first; no detail of school administration was beyond his notice.

He gave much to Herschel, and he would have been the first to say that Herschel gave much to him, for in his association with the School he found occasion for renewing his own youth. Herschel remembers John, our Archbishop, with affection and gratitude.

M. McM. GIBBS, Dean of Cape Town.

It was with deep regret that we heard of the sudden death on November 24 of *Franz Bickell*, who has been for many years associated with the School as a teacher of German, and a French coach. Her long experience as a teacher and her wide culture made her a valuable friend, and we shall miss her cheerful optimism and humour very much.

SCHOOL CALENDAR, 1948

FIRST TERM

- Jan. 28—Boarders return.
 29—School re-opens. Welcome to Mrs. Cilliers and Mrs. Donovan.
 30—Welcome to Miss Duff as School Secretary.
 31—A party of boarders go to bathe at St. James.
- Feb. 6—Founder's Day. Thanksgiving in the morning; prizes given away, and address by Sir Evelyn Baring.
 7—A party of boarders go to bathe at St. James.
 The Rectory Fête.
 8—The first occasion of Evensong in Chapel.
 10—Induction of the new rector of St. Saviour's Church.
 11—Ash Wednesday: service in Hall taken by Rev. Eustace Wade.
 15—Eccat Sunday.
 17—Seniors go to the Afrikaans play at the Little Theatre.
 18—Welcome to Miss Ruth Hodgson in the Speechwork Department.
 20—A party go to watch Tennis Test Match, S. Africa v. Britain.
 21—Tennis and swimming match v. Ellerslie.
 25—French pupils go to hear an address by M. Duhamel.
 28—Swimming match v. Rustenburg.
 Buxton Home Fête.

- Mar. 4—Good-bye to Mrs. Clark, welcome to Mrs. Pierce-Jones.
 A party of riders go to the Rosebank Show.
 6—Inter-schools Swimming Gala.
 7—Ereast Sunday: some girls go to the Zoo and the Rhodes Memorial.
 8—A large party of Music and Choir members go to a concert conducted by Enrique Jorda.
 12—Music Club Meeting.
 13—A party of boarders go to "The Glass Slipper" at the Little Theatre.
 Inter-Schools Tennis Tournament.
 A party of boarders go to "The Glass Slipper" at the Little Theatre.
 18—Inter-House Swimming and Diving Matches.
 19—Sociological Club Meeting addressed by Mrs. Field.
 Inter-House Swimming and Rounders, Jagger v. Merriman.
 20—Old Herschelians' Day, tea and lunch and tennis.
 22—K.G. Swimming Gala.
 Cricket and Rounders Inter-House Match, Rolt v. Jagger.
 23—Inter-House Rounders and Cricket Match, Rolt v. Merriman.
 24—Communion in Chapel. End of first term.

SECOND TERM

- April 5—Boarders return.
 6—Term opens.
 16—School Debating Society meets.
 17—Hockey Match v. St. Cyprian's.
 Rummage Sale at Lonsdowne in aid of Extension Fund.
 24—Hockey Match v. Wynberg.
 25—Ereast Sunday.
 26—We listen to broadcast from St. Paul's Cathedral of the Royal Silver Wedding Thanksgiving Service.
 30—Sociological Club addressed by Mr. Steyn.
- May 1—Hockey Match v. Wynberg.
 2—A party of boarders are invited to High Commission House to hear the Amsterdam String Quartette.
 4—Lower III has a Sweet Sale for Extension Funds.
 5—Hockey Match v. St. Andrew's, Grahamstown.
 6—Ascension Day: service in Chapel: a film is shown to the boarders.
 7—Natural History Club addressed by Mr. McNae on Tristan da Cunha.
 14—VI Form Lunch Party in the Domestic Science Room.
 Sociological Club addressed by Mrs. Davie.
 15—Western Province Schoolgirl Hockey Trials.
 21—Music Club Meeting: a concert by Esther Salomon and Paul Hamburger.
 Week-end ereast begins.
 27—A party of Music students go to the Municipal Orchestra Concert.
 Match against Rustenburg.
 28—Ereast week-end begins.
- June 2—Visit of Mrs. Payne (Miss Elcome).
 4—Sociological Club Meeting addressed by Miss Phillips on Toc H.
 A party goes to the Opera, "La Traviata".
 5—Hockey Match against Observatory.
 7—Examinations begin.
 9—Dress rehearsal of Operetta, "Alicia".
 13—Form VI boarders go to hear "Hallelujah Chorus" in the Chapel at the Diocesan College.
 15—End of examinations.
 16—Dress rehearsal for "Alicia".
 18—Operetta.
 19—Operetta.
 Guide Enrolment.
 22—Miss McLean takes Form VI to "She Stoops to Conquer".
 23—Communion in Chapel. End of second term. Good-bye to Miss Collier.

THIRD TERM.

- July 21—Boarders return.
 22—School re-opens. Welcome to Miss Mossop and Mrs. Douglas.
 A small party go to the Symphony Concert.
 30—Exam week-end begins. A small party of boarders go to the Rhodes Memorial.
 31—A small party of boarders spend the day at Kirstenbosch.
- Aug. 4—First of a series of weekly talks on Current Events given by Miss Mulliner.
 5—Rondebosch Boys' School Orchestra joins us for a practice concert.
 A small party of girls go to the Symphony Concert.
 6—Meeting of the Debating Society.
 Senior boarders go to the Patronal Festival at St. Saviour's Church.
 7—A number of senior girls go to the Bishops Form VI Dance.
 A party of boarders go to the St. Saviour's Church Social.
 Some members of the Sociological Club give an entertainment for the cripples of Princess Alice Home.
 9—Welcome to Mrs. Shiffman, who has come to teach Mathematics.
 11—A party of boarders go to the display given by Greek dancers.
 13—Music Club Meeting: a concert of records.
 14—Seniors go to watch the Hockey Match between the visiting team from Oxford and Cambridge and the Western Province.
 Hockey Match v. Ellerslie.
 16—Confirmation Classes begin.
 19—A party of boarders go to hear "The Dream of Gerontius", conducted by Albert Coates.
 20—School party go to hear a rehearsal conducted by Sir Thomas Beecham.
 Dr. Gill shows his films to the Natural History Club.
 21—Hockey Match v. St. Mary's.
 22—Exam Sunday.
 23—A large school party goes to see the film "Hamlet".
 27—Sociological Club addressed by Senator Brookes.
 28—Inter-Schools Netball Matches.
 31—A party of boarders go to the film, "The Barber of Seville".
- Sept. 2—A small party go to the Symphony Concert.
 3—Debating Society Meeting.
 Hockey Match v. Observatory.
 4—Inter-Schools Junior Netball Matches.
 VI Form boarders take Miss McLean to the cinema.
 5—Guide Service in the City Hall.
 9—Matriculation Afrikaans Oral Examinations.
 Hockey Match v. the Staff.
 10—Natural History Club Meeting.
 The School Orchestra goes to Rondebosch Boys' School to practise.
 12—Exam Sunday.
 13—VI Form go to visit Lever Brothers' factory.
 Inter-House Hockey, Jagger v. Merriman.
 15—Traffic Talk by Inspector James.
 Inter-House Singing Competition.
 16—Inter-Form Gym Competition and Vaulting Display.
 A party of girls go to the Symphony Concert.
 17—Inter-House Hockey Match, Rolt v. Merriman.
 Advocate Molteno speaks to the Sociological Club.
 18—Inter-Schools Hockey Matches.
 A party of boarders visit the Castle.
 School Orchestra join other School Orchestras in a rehearsal.
 19—Youth Service at St. Saviour's Church; a group of boarders form the choir.
 20—Inter-House Hockey Match, Merriman v. Rolt.
 21—Miss Neville-Rolfe speaks to seniors on the work of The House of Citizenship.
 Inter-House Hockey, Rolt v. Jagger.
 22—Lacrosse Match v. Visiting Team.
 23—End of third term. School Dance.

FOURTH TERM

- Oct. 5—Boarders return.
 6—School re-opens.
 8—Lower IV Form visit to Kirstenbosch.
 9—Forms VI and V visit the filtration plant at Steenbras.
 Rehearsal of the School Orchestra in Cape Town.
 15—School debate.
 Cinema show given by Lower III in aid of Extension Funds.
 16—Rehearsal of School Orchestras in the School Hall.
 Party of Upper IV in Domestic Science Room to pack up sugar for English parcels.
 Party of boarders go to "Oliver Twist".
 17—Youth Service at St. Saviour's Church; we form the choir.
 20—School Orchestras broadcast.
 22—Sight-reading Competition adjudicated by Mr. Colin Taylor.
 23—Tennis Match v. Rustenburg.
 24—Ecclesiastical Sunday.
 29—Parents and friends invited to a Musical Evening.
- Nov. 1—Communion in Chapel; Confirmation Service at St. Saviour's Church.
 5—Boarders have a small fireworks party.
 6—Tennis Match v. Observatory.
 Guide Hike.
 13—Christmas Fair.
 14—Ecclesiastical Sunday.
 19—Music Club Meeting; visit by the "Singing Circle".
 20—Junior Tennis Match v. Springfield.
 21—Youth Sunday Service.
 24—Matriculation begins.
 27—Tennis Match v. Wynberg.
- Dec. 7—Carol Service.
 8—End of the fourth term.

FOUNDER'S DAY, 1948

Founder's Day fell on the 6th February this year and, as usual, we had beautiful weather for the celebrations.

The Thanksgiving service in St. Saviour's Church was attended by many parents and a few Old Herschelians. We hope that our next Founder's Day will see more of our Old Girls with us. The service was conducted by the Rector, and the address was given by His Grace the Archbishop of Cape Town.

His Grace commented on the fact that almost every Founder's Day up till then had fallen in Lent. But this year it had fallen on a feast of the church called The Purification of the Virgin Mary, or the Presentation of Christ in the Temple, or Candlemas. This feast was to commemorate the occasion when Christ was taken by his parents to the temple, where they made their sacrifice of two pigeons. It was here that Simeon cried out his song of joy, and professed himself ready to die gladly, having seen the young Christ, in whom he recognised the long-awaited Messiah.

His Grace told us that the origin of the name, Candlemas, was in the ceremony of the early church when lighted candles were brought to the altar. He thought this a good finish to the Christmas festivities, when the darkness outside emphasized the brightness of the candles within. The more recent expression of the same custom was the candle-lighted Christmas tree; the darkness of the tree is also lighted with the brightness of the candles.

His Grace went on to say that the worship of God with candles was a wonderful expression of the line, "Let your light so shine before men that they may glorify your Father which is in Heaven". To let the light of Christ shine in their lives was the privilege of every Christian man, woman or child. We were more fortunate than most as being members of a Church school we had more opportunities than others of growing up to understand and love Christ, so that our light should shine far.

It is interesting to note that the text of His Grace's address, "The spirit of man is the candle of the Lord", was a favourite of Benjamin Winchcombe, who persuaded the Puritans to spare the church windows in King's College Chapel. And if we lived our lives well, our light would shine as his did when he saved the windows from destruction for the glory of God.

In the afternoon many parents and friends gathered with the School for the Prizegiving. Miss McLean in her report said:

"Your Grace, Sir Evelyn, Ladies and Gentleman. On behalf of Herschel School I welcome you here today on the 26th Anniversary of our Foundation. To Sir Evelyn we are especially grateful for his kindness in coming to speak to us and to present the prizes. We are proud to have him as our Guest of Honour.

To our other distinguished visitor, the Dean of Cape Town, we offer a very warm welcome. We are glad to have him with us on the platform, but deeply regret that it is no longer as a member of the Council and School. It was with great reluctance that we said good-bye to him in December. He has been Guide and Friend to Herschel for six years and I would add a personal regret that my opportunity of sharing that guidance and friendship has been so brief. We have his daughter now as Head Girl and because of this and, we hope, of his affection for the School, we feel assured of his continued interest and help. He takes with him our sincere good wishes.

May I now extend a welcome to his successor, Mr. Wade, to whose help and guidance, in the spiritual life of the School, we look forward, and hope that his association with us will be a long and happy one.

On this, my first Founder's Day at Herschel, I read my report as a spectator. All that has been accomplished during the year rightly belongs to Miss Elcome, to Miss Lansdale and to the Staff. Miss Elcome, who, I fear, will always be known thus, and not as Mrs. Payne, is now on her way back to South Africa and we hope that she will find time to visit us on Thursday during her brief stay in Cape Town. To Miss Lansdale I would offer a special tribute for her work during the third quarter, but more so for the arduous task of guiding me through what, without her indefatigable and generous assistance, might have been a difficult undertaking. As it was, nothing could have gone more smoothly and happily as far as I was concerned. To her is the credit, and my very deep appreciation of her generous and patient help.

Three years ago I had tea with Miss Robinson on the lawn under the ilex tree. Little did I think then that one day I should be so closely associated with the School to whose many advantages she pointed with pride. Neither did I think I should direct the lopping of that tree as I have done this week. The tree, I feel, has kept pace with the School, whose growth I should be loath to curtail in a similar manner, rather let us find room for its expansion. For this purpose an Extension Fund was launched last year and has reached a total of £1,257 16s. 6d. as a result of the Fête, the enthusiasm within the School, and generous friends. I hope I may see this grow, too. Herschel has a beautiful setting, good buildings, and it is well equipped with a fine Library, excellent accommodation for Domestic Science and Science, a modern swimming bath and good classrooms. Our greatest need is for more ground, and this is going to be difficult to find and expensive to purchase, living as we do in a built-up area. There is still room on our present site for an additional wing, which should include a Hall, the need for which is clearly seen this afternoon, more sleeping accommodation, for we are more crowded than is ideally comfortable, and more room for Staff. As well, and of the greatest significance in the life of the School, a Chapel which will hold us all. One of Miss Elcome's many achievements was to visualise the use to which some store rooms could be put, and to bring that vision to reality in building our present Chapel. We use this every evening, sometimes to celebrate Communion, and now for a short service on Sundays. During the year the great-grandchildren of our Founder were christened there and we are proud to feel that the fourth generation are already connected with Herschel through this most vital channel.

We are glad to see Old Girls and day girls at our Services, but the seating does not allow of us extending this invitation too widely. The Chapel we have now is only a beginning and we have high hopes that the School may soon have one worthy of its standing. The School by its association with Sir John Herschel and with the Founder, Mr. Jagger, has a strong tradition of Service. My first introduction to the Archbishop was on a similar occasion to this, when he inspired us all by his address, in which he spoke of the joys of Service. Our ideals of Service will be strengthened, not always by helping others, but by seeing that we ourselves are fitted to direct our activities aright, that the spirit in which we offer and give help is correct and springs from a desire to give not only in kind, but of ourselves; that the giving may be unostentatious, for the comfort both of the recipient and of the donor. There is such untold joy to be had from the planning and organising of a gift in order that it may fit the need, whether the gift be in thought, word or deed.

It is this tradition of Service that I hope I may maintain.

And now to turn from aspirations to our immediate achievements.

The Examination results, you will see, are headed School Leaving Certificate. I would remind parents that this Certificate should be considered as the normal attainment, with Matriculation ranking as entrance to the University. New regulations have come into force this year which make it imperative that this should be recognised both by parents and by the general public. To gain a good School Certificate is not to fail. The new regulations demand for Matriculation a pass in three languages or two languages and Mathematics, as well as the three or four other subjects.

Of our 18 entrants, 15 obtained Certificates, 10 with exemption from Matriculation and two with Distinction in English. In the Lower Taalbond, 7 candidates were successful, 4 were placed in the Hoër Graad. As you know, we did not enter for the Junior Certificate this year for the first time, with the result that at this stage in the School, the syllabus remains wider and more varied than was before possible.

We are now changing our policy over the choice of languages. In future Afrikaans will be taught as the second language throughout Standards I to V. From Standard VI upwards a choice of two from Afrikaans, French and Latin must be made. It is essential that those who intend to live in South Africa should speak Afrikaans as part of their contribution to a united country.

On the musical side those who entered for examinations were successful; we have heard the Choir today and with the Orchestra at our Carol Service. We hope to hear them both again before long. We now have a new radio-gram with extension loudspeaker to the Hall. This will enable larger groups of children to enjoy wireless programmes and recorded music. Many of these recordings are given in the lunch hour during the week.

The activities of the many clubs have been reported in the Magazine. Of great interest to me amongst these is the Sociological Club with its opportunities of fostering the ideals of Service. Another training for Service, which I would mention here, is the Guide Company. It has been in abeyance and is fortunate in having Miss Grant, Head of Training for South Africa, to restart it now. The Brownie Pack, in Mrs. Ratcliffe's absence, is being run by Mrs. Cowan-Douglas, former Guider in Charge of Waddow Training School. We are indeed fortunate in these opportunities.

Games activities are also reported in the Magazine. We still have no permit for our bathing cubicles and, to repeat myself, we do need more room for playing fields.

There are exhibitions in the Art and Science Rooms and we hope you will visit these this afternoon and find interest there. Our new fluorescent lighting in all the classrooms is now in use and is a great improvement.

During the year the School has said good-bye to Miss Bruce, Miss Fennell, Mrs. Eoali and Mrs. Nel. In their places we have Miss Walden Smith, Miss Botha-Reid, Mrs. Cilliers and Miss Duff. As well, Mrs. Dawes and Miss Budd have joined the Music-Staff. To all we extend a very warm welcome.

No report this year, especially for a school in Cape Town, can be complete without mention of the Bishop Gray Centenary. We were proud to be at the centre of the scene of his great work and to play our humble part in the celebrations.

In conclusion I would like to thank all those who have helped me so greatly in beginning my work here; the parents for their co-operation on which so much of the School relies; the Headgirl in her difficult task of having a new Headmistress for her last term, and the Prefects with her for shouldering their responsibilities so well; the Staff for their kindness and readiness to explain so much so patiently; the Council for their help and guidance.

With so much to assist me I face the future with confidence and the hope that all that is best at Herschel will continue to grow in a manner worthy of its traditions.

Your Grace, Sir Evelyn, Ladies and Gentlemen, I thank you."

Miss McLean's report was followed by the Prizegiving, and then we listened to an address by Sir Evelyn Baring. Sir Evelyn said that it was an alarming task for any man, but especially for a parent, to address a girls' school. He gave us several stories of men in fact and fiction, who had attempted to give advice on the conduct of a girl's life after she left school. He hoped that his suggestions would be as useful as theirs.

In the dark future much will depend on the women. The girls of the present are the mothers of the future, and the attitudes of mind which they inculcate into their children will remain there for the rest of their lives. It is imperative that these attitudes shall be the right ones.

To this end Sir Evelyn had three suggestions to make. The first was that everyone should try to think for herself. By this he meant that no one should be a mere sheep, just following the mob. But he pointed out the danger in this connection of trying to gain a name for individuality by being obstinate. The ideal citizen was one who formed his own opinion based, not on emotional speeches and propaganda, but on the merits of the case.

The second suggestion was that ideals should be formed. If the ideals were coupled with sense and not with impatience or over-optimism, they had hope of being fulfilled.

Lastly, Sir Evelyn suggested that, as every girl and boy in a democratic country would eventually get the vote, they should use this as a means to stop all wars and to weld the nations of the world together, as the Dominions were welded, into one strong whole. Of course, it is far easier to loose than to bind, but if everyone tried to help to build up a better world, each would feel that his life had been really well spent.

After the meeting in the Hall was over, all our guests assembled in the dining room for tea, and then those who wished stayed to talk or to make their way round the School, looking at exhibitions of work in the different departments.

SCHOOL OFFICERS, 1949

Senior Prefect: Mary Gibbs.

Senior House Prefect: Priscilla Waterson.

School Prefects: A. Jooste, P. Lindsay, G. Paver, P. Thresher, N. van der Byl (left in June).

House Captains: Jagger, P. Lindsay.

Merriman, G. Paver.

Roll, M. Gibbs.

Hockey Captain: M. Impey.

Lacrosse Captain: G. Paver.

Nethall Captain: A. Jooste.

Swimming Captain: G. Paver.

Tennis Captain: A. Jooste.

Cricket Captain: L. Gie.

CONFIRMATIONS

On November 1st, at St. Saviour's Church, Claremont, the following girls were confirmed by the Coadjutor Bishop of Cape Town:—

Geraldine Ainslie, Jennifer Barry, Molly Bennett, Jean Campbell, Sheila Cantley, Jane Dix-Hart, Shirley Himing, Auriol Hollebone, Virginia Makin, Joan Mellish, Ann Phillips, Laura Silberbauer, Susan Simonds, Carol Squires, Clemency Watson.

GIFTS TO THE SCHOOL

We gratefully acknowledge the following gifts to the School:—

Mr. Baxter: Marloth's "Flora of South Africa" and many books for the Library.

Mr. Corder: Framed map of Palestine; this is one of the First Edition, hand-painted and signed by Peter R. Furse.

Jooste Family Trust: Cement Tennis Court, as used in California.

A. Kilburn: Leather-bound Prayer Book for the Chapel.

C. Kilburn: Leather-bound Hymn Book for the Chapel.

Mr. McCarthy: Stand for the Filmo-Sound Loudspeaker.

Mrs. Payne: Chalice and Paten for the Chapel.

Mr. Wilks: Motor Lawn Mower.

SCHOOL LIBRARY

The Library continues to be a centre of the scholastic work of the School, and there is a steady increase in the number of books regularly used by the senior girls. We are proud to use the room for special meetings when visitors can enjoy it as well. We have had debates against other schools there. It was used to entertain members of the Citizenship Course during the Michaelmas holidays, and a regular course of lectures on Current Events is held there every Wednesday. We use it for occasional meetings of Old Herschelians, but its important function is as a quiet centre for concentrated reading of reference books. We steadfastly avoid using it as a preparation room, even for seniors, as we feel with such adequate accommodation for that purpose elsewhere in the School, such a use would be the first step in the misuse of a room of which we are very proud.

The Fiction Library continues to be well patronized, and the quality and quantity of books read is very encouraging. We have added seventy-five books to this section during the year.

The Library Fund has subscribed to interesting publications this year. One is Keesing's Contemporary Archives, a weekly detailed account of world events, carefully documented with a good current index, of great value to the Staff and seniors of the School for current events. Another is the S. African monthly on "Wild Life". And we are hoping soon to have the first copy of "Folio", a publication on important events in South Africa in the realm of Art, Literature, Theatre, etc.

RECEIPTS			EXPENDITURE		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Balance from 1947	3	4 3	Books, New	35	10 0
From School Account	20	0 0	Subscriptions Paid	9	2 0
From Subscriptions	11	10 3	Bookbinding	9	1 1
From Gifts	20	0 0			
	£54	14 6		£53	13 1
			<i>Balance in hand: £1 1s. 5d.</i>		
			J. M. LANSDALE.		

EXAMINATION RESULTS

SCHOOL CERTIFICATE

(M) by the name denotes Matriculation. Subjects in brackets denote distinction.

DECEMBER, 1947

Class I

- (M) Jean Gordon-Brown (English).
(M) Valerie Kilpin.

Class II

- (M) Patricia Dicey.
(M) Jane Ethelston.
(M) Sonia Hollebhone.
(M) Nancy Howie.
(M) Pauline Machanick.
(M) Marianna Metje.
(M) Molly Murphy.
(M) Marygold Page-Wood (English).

Class III

- Penelope Baumann.
Annette Foot.
Jacqueline Jeppe.
Robin Knight.
Sheila Langford.

MARCH, 1948

Class III

- (M) Sheila Langford

MUSIC: UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH AFRICA

AUGUST, 1948

- PIANO: Higher: Norma Bettison (Honourable Mention).
Lower: Christine Stobie (Honourable Mention).
Ann Montgomery.
Transitional: Barbara Sandell (Honours).
Wendy Hartford (Honours).
Wendy Francis.
Elementary: Jean M. Call (Honourable Mention).
Rosemary Robertson.
Diana Townsend.
VIOLIN: Higher: Mary de Villiers.
Elementary: Patricia Dukes.

HERSCHEL SCHOOL CHARITY FUND, 1948

January—	£	s.	d.			£	s.	d.
In hand	23	14	5	National Health Fund	5	5	0	
Collection	26	10	3	Animal Welfare	4	4	0	
				Save the Children	21	0	0	
				St. Mark's	10	10	0	
				C.A.F.D.A.	5	5	0	
				Balance	4	0	8	
	£50	4	8			£50	4	8
April—								
In hand	4	0	8	Christ the King	2	2	0	
Collection	27	18	0	St. Saviour's	3	3	0	
				Service Dining Rooms	4	4	0	
				Easter Stamps	3	3	0	
				Janet Bourhill	3	3	0	
				St. Saviour's Donation	4	4	0	
				Civilian Blind	4	4	0	
				Leper Holiday Fund	5	0	0	
				St. Saviour's Library	10	0		
				Balance	2	5	8	
	£31	18	8			£31	18	8
July—								
In hand	2	5	8	St. Monica's Home	5	5	0	
Collection	28	5	0	St. Dunstan's Fête	4	4	0	
				St. John's Ambulance	3	3	0	
				Windermere Clinic	4	4	0	
				Child Life Society	4	4	0	
				Balance	9	10	8	
	£30	10	8			£30	10	8
October—								
In hand	9	10	8	Ovamboland Mission	2	2	0	
Collection	28	5	0	Rose Day	5	5	0	
				Guide Camp Site	2	2	0	
				St. Saviour's Donation	1	1	0	
				Parcels to Europe	2	2	0	
				Balance	25	3	8	
	£37	15	8			£37	15	8

SCHOOL MUSIC

We should like to welcome Miss Mossop, who came to join the Music Staff at the beginning of the third term. We hope she will be very happy with us.

We have been fortunate enough this year to have heard the Cape Town Orchestra conducted both by Enrique Jorda and Sir Thomas Beecham. Besides these concerts which we attended in large parties, small parties of girls are taken to the Symphony Concerts held every fortnight. We regret very much that the Orchestra was unable to fulfil its engagement to come to the School this year.

The senior boarders were taken to see the film "The Barber of Seville", and enjoyed the evening of first class singing which the film provided. Earlier in the year a small party was invited to High Commission House by the kindness of Lady Baring to hear the concert given there by the Amsterdam String Quartette and Miss Elsie Hall. It was a wonderful opportunity to hear such distinguished musicians in such lovely surroundings.

We have felt the benefit already of the new radiogram. We have had several concerts of records, and have used the extension into the Hall by means of which much larger numbers of girls have been able to listen to broadcasts.

In the House Music Competition this year, Jagger was placed first, Rolt second and Merriman third. We are very grateful to Miss Helga Bassel for adjudicating, and for her helpful criticism.

During the last term the boarders have attended the Youth Service in St. Saviour's Church on the third Sunday of every month. Since the Church Choir does not appear at this service, a choir is formed among the boarders, to take its place at that service, and they have done very good work there.

On October 22nd we had a Sight Reading Competition, and were very fortunate to have Mr. Colin Taylor as adjudicator, and are very grateful to him for coming, and for his helpful advice and encouragement. The winners of the competition were *P. Thresher* and *J. King*.

We should like to thank *Y. Roux* for the books presented to the Music Library. Our thanks are also due to the Music Staff for all their valuable help extended to us during the course of the year. The work of some of the senior girls among the Music pupils of the School has been greatly appreciated. Several of them play for services in Chapel, and the work of *P. Thresher* must be particularly mentioned, not only for her work in the Chapel, but for her services to School Music in general.

ORCHESTRA

The Orchestra has kept up its weekly practices throughout the year. The members have been most enthusiastic and have worked very hard, and we should gladly welcome new members.

On August 6th the Rondebosch Boys' Orchestra came here to practise with us, and on September 10th we went to Rondebosch for a return practice.

The S.A. Music Teachers' Association decided to form an orchestra of school children, and we began to practise in earnest the third term of the year. A very enthusiastic orchestra of 55 players was formed, and we had combined practices in town and in our School Hall. On Wednesday, October 20th, the Children's Orchestra broadcast under the baton of Dr. Whiteman.

CHOIR

Members: *P. Thresher*, *G. Adams*, *J. Watson*, *J. Makin*, *L. Gie*, *G. Hart*, *V. King*, *J. de Wet*, *A. Phillips*, *D. Douglas-Hamilton*, *R. MacLeod*, *J. King*, *E. Webster*, *J. Dix-Hart*.

No new members have been admitted to the Choir yet, but new members have been chosen and the Admission Service will be held during the course of the fourth term. Those chosen and the Junior Choir continue to join in the choir practices.

During the opera season, the Choir and members of the Orchestra were taken to hear "La Traviata".

A large part of the Choir and several others took part in the operetta, "Alicia", which was produced for the Extension Fund of the School in June. The story of the operetta is based on a narrative by Charles Dickens, and set to music by Thomas Dunhill. The soloists were as follows:—

"Alicia", *M. Corder* and *E. Webster*; "King", *S. Maskell* and *D. Douglas-Hamilton*; "Fairy Grandmarina", *P. Thresher*; "Fish Merchant (Mr. Pickles)", *J. King*.

The operetta was held on two consecutive nights. We should like to thank Miss Collier, Miss Porier, and members of the Staff and School who helped to make "Alicia" the success it was. Here the Art Department's excellent work must be mentioned in their production of Mr. Pickles' fish, and the really effective backcloth, mainly the work of *N. van der Byl*, *G. Adams* and *J. Johnstone*.

As a whole the Choir have worked well this year, and they are to be congratulated on the hard work they put in to "Alicia".

P. THRESHER, Form VI.

SPEECHWORK

An entertainment by Speechwork pupils was held in November, 1947. The pupils of the Kindergarten, Lower I, Upper I and Lower II gave a morning entertainment to the School. It took the form of "Illustrated Verse". The Kindergarten acted nursery rhymes, and the older girls illustrated the poems of A. A. Milne and others. *Betty Rudland* gave a humorous monologue, entitled "The Baldheaded Man", which was much appreciated. So also was "Mr. Twiddle", an amusing sketch, acted by *R. Jenkins* and *J. Humphreys*.

A silver collection was taken for Extension Funds.

We are very glad to welcome Miss Ruth Hodgson as a member of the Speechwork Department.

EXTENSION FUND

This now stands at £2,143 4s. 8½d. and we are most grateful to the many parents and friends who have helped us so generously. We have sent £275 2s. 1d. to U.N.A.C. as a result of this year's effort and have added £825 6s. 3½d. to our funds, making

1947 Balance in hand	£1,317 18 5
1948 Activities	825 6 3½
	<u>£2,143 4 8½</u>

HERSCHEL CHRISTMAS FAIR, 1948

Parents:		Advertising	£3 12 0
Christmas Gifts	£95 7 6½	Dunbar Radio	4 4 0
Cinema	1 19 0	General Expenses	9 6 9
Fortune-Telling	5 15 0	Hiring Goods	7 14 0
Ice-creams	2 1 3	Wood	2 0 0
Lunches	46 0 0		
Pepsi-Cola	2 16 6		
Tea	52 3 0		
Week-end Larder	57 0 0		
	<u>261 2 3½</u>		
School:			
Books	35 2 4		
Cakes and Sweets	32 3 4		
Carriers	1 7 3		
Christmas Gifts	41 17 0		
Dancing	16 6		
Gate	8 11 6		
Household Goods	52 12 3		
Overseas Parcels	40 14 0		
Raffles	15 12 6		
Side Shows	7 13 7		
Tombola	6 18 0		
Toyland	66 12 6		
White Elephant	9 14 0		
Woolen Goods	41 14 7		
	<u>362 9 4</u>		
Activities, 1948	167 4 10		
Cakes and Sweets (Old Girls)	27 17 6		
Dancing Display (Dulcie Howes)	23 10 6		
Donations	251 0 10		
Flower Stall (Girl Guides)	32 3 10		
Hemo Stall	3 0 0		
Little Train	5 19 8		
Pony Rides (Miss Blackwell)	5 16 4		
	<u>£1127 5 1½</u>	Balance	1100 8 4½
			<u>£1127 5 1½</u>

THE COURSE IN CITIZENSHIP

Every year since 1944 there has been a course in Citizenship for boys and girls from fifteen schools from the Peninsula's bigger schools. The course is held in the September holidays, and each year a particular theme is followed.

The theme this year was "Careers in relation to the Community". The careers chosen were Medicine, Law, Journalism, Teaching, Business, Social Service, Politics and the Ministry. On these subjects we were given lectures by men and women prominent in their particular professions, and in the afternoons visits were arranged to places of particular interest to those taking the course. The programme was as follows:—

Monday, 27th Sept.: Advocate D. B. Molteno on "The Legal Profession". Mrs. T. B. Davie on "Careers in Social Science". A visit to the Law Courts.

Tuesday, 28th Sept.: Senator Dr. the Hon. E. H. Brookes on "Careers in Politics". Dr. Gordon J. Key and Dr. Adele Impey on "Medicine". A visit to the Senate and House of Assembly.

Wednesday, 29th Sept.: Mr. R. Johnson on "Careers in Journalism". Mr. Leo Marquard and Miss Davies on "Teaching". A visit to Social Welfare Centres and the "Cape Times".

Thursday, 29th Sept.: Revd. D. H. Cumming on "The Ministry". Colonel A. D. Sales on "Business".

Each day of the course the members were received at different schools, first at the Diocesan College, then at Wynberg, then St. Cyprian's, and on the last day we were glad to be able to entertain the members at Herschel. The course ended on a cheerful note in the Library, where a general discussion was held, and suggestions made for next year's course.

The five girls who had the opportunity of attending from Herschel were Mary Gibbs, Pamela Swart, Judith Makin, Pamela Mueller and Elizabeth Walton. All five of us who attended the course are glad to have had this excellent opportunity of hearing such exceptional speakers and, above all, of being able to meet contemporaries from other schools with whom to exchange ideas.

M. GIBBS and P. SWART, Form VI.

BARNARDO HELPERS' LEAGUE

Our members have done very good work this year. In February we had our annual box opening, and the amount collected was £109 7s. The sum required for the support of a child in the Homes is now £70 per annum, which we were able to send for our new protégé, Pamela Nicholls, plus £39 7s. for general funds.

Our two former protégés, David Childs and John Sandell, have both been adopted. We were sorry to lose them, but very pleased for their sakes. May they both have happy home lives. Pamela Nicholls, aged 3 years, is a pretty little girl, with fair hair and very blue eyes.

At our annual Barnardo tea, which was a great success, we welcomed 23 new members, making our total number for 1948, to 109 members.

Service awards were obtained by the following girls:—

For *Short Service Badges* (3 years): G. Adams, J. Mellish, M. Moore, V. Myers, A. Thorne.

For *Founder's Award* (knives), 6 years' service: R. Ashton, P. Dicey, D. Douglas-Hamilton, M. Impey, J. Johnstone, A. Jooste, S. Maskell, D. O'Connell, J. Stoddart.

For *Long Service Badge* (10 years): Oswynne Buchanan.

We congratulate all these members for good consistent service, especially Oswynne, who has given faithful service since her kindergarten days.

A parcel of woollies was sent in February to the Kelvedon Babies' Home. The matron was most grateful for our gift and we hope to send another parcel next February.

All members continue to show great keenness.

R. PORTER.

HOUSE NOTES, 1948

ROLT HOUSE

House Mistresses: Miss Porter, Miss Harsant, Mrs. Altling-Mees, Miss Millward.

Miss Mulliner, Mrs. Pierce-Jones, Miss Budd.

House Prefects: M. Gibbs, A. Jooste.

We were very sorry to say good-bye to Mrs. Clark, who left near the end of the first term, but welcomed Mrs. Pierce-Jones in her place. We also miss Nicolette van der Bijl, who left for England in June. She always contributed many of our distinctions.

We were fortunate to win the Efficiency Shield for the fourth year in succession. To celebrate our achievement we had our usual water melon feast.

This year we retained the Swimming Cup and also won the Nethall Shooting Cup.

We congratulate P. Dicey, our former House Captain, and S. Hollebhone and N. Howie on obtaining their Matriculation Certificates, and wish them luck for the future. We thank Mrs. Woolaston, who so kindly made our new House banner for us.

It was with great sorrow that we heard of the death of Jennifer Selzer, who is indeed a sad loss to the House.

The standard of work this year has not been as high as usual; there have been many distinctions, D. Dicey deserving special mention, but the numbers of order marks have been too great. With fewer of the latter we should regain our former position.

On the whole everyone has worked hard this year, and I wish the House the best of luck, both in work and sport, in the coming years.

A. JOOSTE, Form VI.

MERRIMAN HOUSE

House Mistress: Miss Taylor, Mrs. Steyn, Miss Kisch, Miss Mossop, Miss Botha-Reid.

House Prefects: G. Paver, P. Waterson, P. Thresher.

We were sorry to lose Miss Collier in June, but we should like to welcome Miss Mossop to the House in her place. In that welcome we include all the new girls who have joined us.

We congratulate our former House Captain, Pauline Machanick, and also Valerie Kilpin and Jean Gordon Brown on obtaining their Matriculation Certificates.

Merriman came second last year in the Efficiency Shield. The members of the House have been more co-operative, and fewer order-marks have been obtained. So far we have headed the log with the three-weekly test marks, and we should like to congratulate Anne Robertson and Wendy Hartford on their good records.

On behalf of the whole House, we must thank Patricia Thresher on the hard work she put into the preparation for the Music Competition, even though we did not do as well as we had hoped.

Our games have greatly improved this year, owing to a greater keenness being shown. We won the hockey, and hope to continue as successfully in the coming years, wishing our successors good luck for the future.

G. PAVER, Form VI.

JAGGER HOUSE

House Mistress: Miss Stevenson, Mrs. Hodgson, Miss Walden Smith, Miss Duthie, Mrs. Pienaar.

House Captain: P. Lindsay. *Vice-Captain:* J. Makin.

All things considered this has been quite a successful year. In the field of sport, Jagger has at least approached her former glory, winning the Diving, Cricket and Netball Cups. Repeating her success of last year, she holds the House Music Cup.

We greatly regret the absence of Mrs. Pienaar during the second half of the year, but we hope to see her back at School when she has recovered her health. We have missed Jean Pollard, who usually gains us many distinctions.

Special mention should be made of R. MacLeod, J. Dix-Hart, J. Barry, B. Liefeldt and H. Steens, who have gained consistently good marks and distinctions for their House. On the whole marks and distinctions have been high. We have had fewer order marks than in the past, but the list of work returned and work not done is alarming. This is our weakest point and must be remedied.

We should like to welcome S. Rockey, C. Norgarb, J. Russell, T. and V. Guicherit, R. Rifkill, J. Murphy, S. Howe, D. Townsend and B. Reid-Rowland as new members of the House.

P. LINDSAY, Form VI.

MUSIC CLUB

President: Miss McLean. *Chairman:* Miss Stevenson.

Committee: P. Thresher (Hon. Sec.), M. Gibbs (Hon. Treas.), Y. Roux, J. King, J. Barry, N. Bettison, M. Halvorson. *Ex Officio:* Miss Mossop, Miss Montgomery, Miss E.J.J., Miss Murray, Mrs. Dawes.

This year we have had three very enjoyable meetings so far. During the first term we had a film on "The Orchestra", showing the composition of the whole, and the different instruments which took part, and conducted by Sir Malcolm Sargent.

On May 21st we were very fortunate to have Esther Saloman and Paul Hamburger (mezzo soprano, and pianist) to entertain us. Miss Saloman sang a selection of folk songs, and the audience joined her in many of the choruses. Paul Hamburger not only accompanied his wife but also gave us several piano solos. We shall remember the enjoyment of the meeting for a long time.

During the third term a record recital was given by members of the Choir. The Club then had its first opportunity of giving a concert on the new radiogram.

The number of members has increased this year. We should like to welcome all new members as well as Miss Mossop, who joined the Club on her arrival. We should like, too, to thank the Music Staff and to tell them how much we appreciate their help and guidance in the activities of the Club.

P. THRESHER, Form VI.

SOCIOLOGICAL CLUB

President: Miss McLean. *Chairman:* Miss Mulliner. *Hon. Sec.:* P. Waterson.

During the year the Sociological Club has been very fortunate in its visiting lecturers, and we are grateful that we have been able to hear at Herschel, speakers who are very much in demand throughout the country.

On March 19th Dr. Sheila van der Horst addressed the Club on Racial Relations. This was the first meeting of the year, and was one of the most successful.

On April 30th Mr. Vladimir Steyn addressed us on the subject of Social Work in South Africa and Social Conditions in Cape Town. We all found this a most enlightening lecture.

On May 14th we were fortunate in getting Mrs. Davie to speak to us on Post-War Social Work. She led us to consider social legislation and the vast insurance schemes which have made possible many of the necessities of life to the poor.

On June 4th Miss Phillips spoke to us on the origin and work of the Toc H Club. It was an interesting lecture, and we were very pleased to know more of the Club and its work.

On Saturday, August 7th, a group of girls entertained the crippled children at the Princess Alice Home. The items on the programme included popular songs and percussion instruments. All the children, in spite of their crippled state, had brought happy faces, and seemed to enjoy themselves thoroughly. Those who were entertaining them found them a most appreciative audience, and came away feeling that they had learnt much from the endurance and patience of the small children.

On August 27th Senator Brookes came to address us on the subject of Native Representation. He explained the system followed in this country, how the representatives are elected, and the work they do both in and out of Parliament. This meeting was of great interest, and we are very grateful to Senator Brookes.

On September 17th we had our last meeting of the year when we were fortunate to obtain as a speaker, Advocate Molteno, who addressed us on the subject of Urban Natives, a problem which is of growing seriousness. The lecture was one of special interest to us, as citizens of the near future.

On September 21st we were privileged to have Miss Neville Rolfe to speak to us about the House of Citizenship in London, of which she is the Principal. She explained to us the different courses which students may take, both of which include lectures from eminent speakers on social subjects. She described some of the other activities of the students. It was a most interesting talk and has inspired many girls to plan to take a course there in the future.

We have had such important lectures this year that our outside activities have not been as numerous as we should have liked, but we hope to rectify this next year, and to be able to give a whole afternoon to outside visits from time to time.

We think this Club to be a very valuable one, and we are gaining a very wide knowledge of social conditions through the speakers who come to us. We hope to be able to make use of the knowledge in some practical way, and to take an enlightened interest in the work of social reform in this country.

P. WATERSON, FORM VI

NATURAL HISTORY CLUB

Chairman: Mary Gibbs. *Secretary:* D. Douglas-Hamilton.

Treasurer: Adele Jooste.

At the general meeting at the beginning of the year new officers were elected. Nicolette van der Bijl was elected Chairman, Mary Gibbs, Secretary, and Adele Jooste, Treasurer. Unfortunately, Nicolette van der Bijl left at the end of the second term, so a new arrangement had to be made.

During the first term members of the Club went for an expedition to Zeekoe Vlei, where they examined water life and spent a most interesting afternoon. Later in the term we had an indoor meeting at which papers were read by P. Waterson, P. Lindsay and Clemency Watson.

The first meeting of the second term was very interesting, as we were fortunate in having Mr. McNae, a lecturer in zoology at the Cape Town University, to speak to us. He had just visited Tristan da Cunha, and he gave us his impressions of the island, illustrating his talk

by lantern slides. During the latter half of this term Miss Millward gave us an interesting account of a walking tour she took with some friends in Europe to see Alpine flowers.

On August 20th Dr. Eric Gill, the well-known authority on birds, kindly came to show us some of his fascinating films. The first was of a pair of birds which built their nest on his balcony. This showed us the various stages of the nest building, the hatching of the young and then the first stages in their development. After this Dr. Gill showed us two more beautiful colour films, one of the Kruger National Park and the other of the Cape Peninsula.

It is intended that next year members of the Club shall begin to collect specimens for a museum.

MARY GIBBS, Form VI.

DEBATING SOCIETY

Chairman: Patricia Lindsay. *Secretary:* Thelma Bergh.

Form Representatives: Ruth MacLeod and June Marshall.

At the first School debate held on February 27th the subject under discussion was that "Communism is beneficial to mankind". In this debate the prepared speeches were very good, but the standard of speaking from the floor was low, and may perhaps be accounted for by the inexperience of some of the members and the difficulty of the subject.

The next debate was held on April 16th, and the subject was that "Discretion is the better part of valour". In this the speeches were more general, and a larger number of speakers took part, but it did not produce much originality or thoughtfulness.

There was a great improvement at the third meeting on August 6th, when we discussed whether "Voluntary sport is preferable to compulsory sport". This subject aroused much attention, and the standard of speaking was higher and the speeches more various.

On September 3rd the subject under debate was that "Large schools provide a better education than small ones". Although there was not such a number of speeches here, the standard was very much higher.

The last School meeting was on October 15th, when short subjects were selected and speakers were chosen at random. This arrangement was interesting for a change, and it was a successful meeting.

We hope to be able to arrange a debate against Rustenburg early in November.

Throughout the year the speeches from the platform have been of a consistently high standard, but these from the floor have lacked spontaneity and speech form. But a steady improvement has been shown during the year and we have high hopes that it will be maintained next year.

THELMA BERGH, Form VI.

GUIDE ACTIVITIES

2ND CLAREMONT (HERSCHEL) COMPANY

On Saturday, February 14th, after a lapse of six months, Guiding came to life again at Herschel. Since then our Captain, Miss Grant, has been running the Company with the help of Mrs. Douglas and Janet Gordon. There have been busy meetings on Saturday mornings, either in the Hall or on the games field if the weather permitted. These meetings have included fun and games as well as hard work.

The senior Guides who play in matches on Saturday mornings have had to give up attending these meetings. However, we hope they will continue to take an interest in Guide activities. In spite of this loss the numbers of the Company have increased so much that it is not now possible to take any more recruits until next year, when a number of Brownies will be coming to us from the Pack.

Meanwhile we are training the Brownies who came up and were enrolled on June 19th, and the many recruits who have been coming in steadily.

On September 5th we attended the Annual Guide Service in the City Hall, after which gifts of fruit and flowers from our Company were taken to the Princess Alice Home. We also took part in the District Games Evening.

At the moment we have plans for raising funds for the new camp site which is to be a memorial for Miss Steytler, who did so much for camping in this Province. We hope to camp at the new site early next year.

So the Guides are as busy as bees, and really enjoying all their activities.

RUTH MACLEOD and TANIS GUICHERIT, Patrol Leaders.

BROWNIES

2ND CLAREMONT (HERSCHEL) PACK.

The Brownies activities during the past year have of necessity been few, owing to a change in the day and time of our meetings. This depleted our numbers very much, though now we are up to full strength again. We did, however, manage to obtain 6 Golden Hands, 7 Golden Bars and 8 recruits.

We were fortunate in having Gillian Gie as acting Tawny for part of the year. She has now gone overseas to continue her studies.

Fay Phillips has obtained her warrant, and is now with us permanently as Tawny Owl.

Our thanks go to Mrs. Douglas, who very kindly took over the Pack during my absence in England. B. RATCLIFFE, Brown Owl.

GAMES NOTES

TENNIS

This game has been played with enthusiasm right through the season. We were fortunate in having the use of two more courts this year, the Claremont Tennis Club having kindly allowed us to hire two of their courts on Thursdays and Fridays, a very great help to us. More girls are now able to come to team practices, so there is greater competition than ever for places in the team. I should like to see girls putting more force into their first services during the coming season, and to practise volleying more earnestly. More courage and determination is needed in order to gain confidence in this department of the game, which is essential for match play.

Our teams did well in the Inter-School Tennis matches. The first couple were tied top of their section, but in the replay Wynberg won the match 3-0. Although our couple played steadily, they did not produce enough winning shots to defeat their opponents. Wynberg beat Rustenburg in the final.

The Junior couple played well throughout, and were top of their section. They met Ellerslie in the final, and after a tremendous struggle, in which both couples played extremely steadily, Herschel managed to win 4-3.

Senior Couple: A. Jooste and G. Paver.

Junior Couple: M. de Villiers and L. Gie.

Tennis Colours were awarded to A. Jooste and G. Paver.

Tennis Singles Cup (Senior): A. Jooste. *Runner-up:* G. Paver (1947).

Tennis Singles Cup (Junior): M. de Villiers. *Runner-up:* J. Pollard (1947).

Tennis Doubles Cup: J. Jeppe and O. Buchanan (1947).

House Tennis Cup: Merriman (1947).

SWIMMING

There has been tremendous competition for places in the swimming teams this year, and the standard of swimming has improved throughout the School. The Juniors in particular have shown great promise and enthusiasm. In the two matches we played the results were favourable. We won against Ellerslie by 20 points to 10, and after a very close match with Rustenburg we lost by 3 points. In the Inter-Schools Gala, the Juniors were placed in four out of seven events. F. Wright swam extremely well to win the Under 10 event.

The Seniors lost their match to Ellerslie, but beat Rustenburg, and in the Inter-Schools Gala were placed 1st, 2nd, 3rd or 4th in every event except one, i.e. the diving. In the latter more use should be made of the springboard to gain height in diving. Concentration and perseverance in getting the correct run and hurdle step before the final beat on the end of the board is essential for good springboard diving. The greater the height the more time the diver has to show the correct flight position before entry into the water.

Racing dives have improved, but each girl must work hard to get a correct style in all her strokes before concentrating on racing.

Fourteen girls entered for the Bronze Medallion, and seven for the Intermediate Certificate of the Royal Life Saving Society. All were successful, so now we have twenty-one competent life-savers in the School. It is hoped that many girls will want to train for more advanced examination in the coming season, and so fit themselves for service to the community in this way.

Bronze Medallion

G. Paver
P. Mueller
G. Hart
O. Buchanan
M. Impey
D. O'Connell
D. Barlow

A. Jooste
P. Swart
S. Himing
D. Douglas-Hamilton
J. Pollard
M. Corder
J. Finch

Intermediate Certificate

V. Makin
M. Arbuthnot
J. Grove
J. Rudland
R. Pearce
A. Withycombe
W. Francis

The following girls represented the School at the Gala:—

Seniors: G. Paver, A. Jooste, J. Finch, D. Barlow, D. Douglas-Hamilton, C. Norgarb, J. Pollard, S. Maskell, M. Corder, L. Williams, J. Wrigley.

Juniors: F. Wright, P. McCarthy, K. Baring, J. Rudland, I. Frith, J. West, J. Grove, P. Jones.

Swimming Colours: G. Paver, A. Jooste, J. Finch.

Swimming Cup: Rolt House.

Diving Cup: Jagger House.

CRICKET

We started cricket in the Senior School (Forms VI, V, Upper IV) at the beginning of the year. This proved far more popular than rounders as a third sport, and by the end of the season we were able to have House matches which were supported enthusiastically by the Juniors as well.

Bowlers must work hard to obtain a good length before trying to spin or to make a ball break. Batsmen must work hard at their footwork in order to be able to play the ball on both sides of the wicket. Fielders must be much more alert and on their toes all the time. Fielding can be full of excitement or deadly dull according to the attitude of the fielder herself. If she is alert and ready, her anticipation will be good and she will find that catches and opportunities of running a batsman out will come far more often than she was previously aware of, and then fielding becomes really interesting.

It is hoped that some school matches may be arranged next season, possibly with Western Province Preparatory School and the Parents.

House Cricket Cup: Jagger.

ROUNDERS

The Junior and Middle School Forms have been very enthusiastic about this game, and at the end of the first term House rounders matches were played. The standard of fielding has improved a great deal, but batting and bowling need much practice.

House Rounders Champions: Jagger.

NETBALL

This has not been a very successful season as far as match results go, but there is a fair general standard throughout the School. We have fielded three Senior teams, an Under 15 VII, an Under 13 VII, and an Under 10 VII, all of which have had matches. The 1st VII did well in the Inter-Schools Tournament, only losing to Springfield in their section. Springfield won the tournament by beating Ellerslie in the final.

The Under 15 VII and the Under 13 VII both show promise, but are still too slow in getting free, and need to practise quicker and more accurate passing. The Under 10 team won their only match and are very enthusiastic.

More could be made of break times to work out tactics and to practise shooting, which is still far too erratic, especially in matches.

CRITICISM OF THE FIRST VII

Goal Shooter. D. Barlow has played well in her first season in the team. She jumps well to receive passes, but her shooting is erratic.

Attack. O. Buchanan has played very well in the court and gets free quickly. Her passing is good and sometimes her shooting is excellent, but here again she is often erratic.

Centre Attack. A. Jooste is a very good player. She has captained the team well and is helpful on the Selection Committee. Her play has been both thoughtful and energetic.

Centre. G. Paver has played well this season and has adapted herself to her new position very ably. Her game has improved and she is steadier, her passing being good and accurate.

Centre Defence. D. O'Connell has played well in her first season in the team. She is quick and agile at getting free, but her passes are sometimes rather wild.

Defence. D. Douglas-Hamilton has marked well and is quick at changing from defence to attack. She must be ready to get back and mark, however, when an attacking movement fails.

Goalkeeper. G. Hart has worked very hard and played extremely well in the last few matches. Her anticipation is good, and she is a helpful and reliable member of the team.

The following girls played in the Inter-Schools Tournament:—

<i>Under Fifteen Team</i>		<i>Under Thirteen Team</i>	
G.S.:	L. Robins		J. West
A.:	M. de Villiers (Capt.)		V. Thompson
C.A.:	B. Baker		L. Frith
C.:	M. Arbuthnot		C. Baumann
C.D.:	J. Mellish		J. Gale
D.:	C. Watson		A. Montgomery
G.K.:	V. Makin		W. Francis (Capt.)

Senior Colours: A. Jooste, G. Paver, D. Douglas-Hamilton, G. Hart, O. Buchanan.

Junior Colours: L. Robins, M. de Villiers, C. Watson, V. Makin, V. Thompson, C. Baumann.

House Netball Cup: Jagger.

House Netball Shooting Cup: Rolt.

HOCKEY

Match results at the beginning of this season were not very encouraging, but the teams worked hard and great improvement has been shown latterly. At the Inter-Schools Tournament we came top of our section by winning our matches against Observatory and Wynberg, and drawing with Rustenburg II. We met Rustenburg I in the final and though we were beaten 0—3, our 1st XI played very well and showed some of the fighting spirit which is so essential in match play and which had previously been lacking. The forward line were fast and had plenty of dash, but lacked combination. The halves worked very hard and are now giving good passes to their forwards. The backs have improved a great deal and combine well, but their stickwork needs to be much neater in order to get better ball control. Their clearing and passing has been good on the whole. The goalkeeper made several excellent saves and kicked well.

The 2nd XI has improved and there are some really promising players in this team. They need to work very hard at their stickwork, which is the foundation of good hockey.

The Junior XI has shown great enthusiasm, and this team is proving a very valuable training ground for the Senior teams. There is much competition for places, so the team has varied throughout the season.

Accurate passing in attack and good intercepting in defence are essential for match play, and these can be achieved only by good stickwork. More use could be made of break times and the few minutes before the game starts to improve this weakness throughout the School.

CRITICISM OF THE 1ST XI

Goalkeeper. J. Visagie has played well on the whole. She must try to be quicker in moving to shots into the corners of the goal, and must always use her feet when stopping the ball.

Right Back. J. Johnstone works very hard and has improved during the season. Her stickwork and footwork need to be quicker and neater.

Left Back. E. A. Daughish has improved tremendously during the season. Her clearing out of the circle has been good, but she must remember to stop the ball first and avoid hitting wildly.

Right Half. P. Thresher has worked very hard and improved in all departments of the game. She needs to try to improve her footwork in order to avoid obstruction when tackling back.

Centre Half. A. Jooste. Her stickwork has improved and her passing is now more accurate. She must mark more closely, especially in the circle, and be quicker in tackling back.

Left Half. M. Impey has worked very hard indeed and has been the mainstay of the team. Her passing is good and with a little more speed she should be a very good player. She has been a most enthusiastic and capable captain.

Right Wing. G. Hart has been a keen member of the team. She positions herself well, but must try to be quicker in getting past her defence and her centring must be much harder.

Right Inner. D. Douglas-Hamilton has been keen and energetic and her stickwork has improved. She must try to combine better with her other forwards and not be so individual in her play.

Centre Forward. S. Rockey is a promising young player with plenty of dash and initiative. Her stickwork needs improvement so that she can pass equally well to both her wings. She needs to develop a harder shot at goal.

Left Inner. O. Buchanan has been an enthusiastic member of the team. She must try to pass more sympathetically to her wing and in the circle, although she has a hard shot, she must try to get it more accurate, aiming to the corners of the goal.

Left Wing. G. Paver has played well in this position. She is fast, has a good centre shot, and has tackled well. She must try to get a better understanding with her inner with whom she is inclined to muddle.

Senior Colours: A. Jooste, M. Impey, G. Paver, P. Thresher, J. Visagie.

Junior Colours: A. Robertson, C. Watson, J. Campbell, L. Williams, L. Silberbauer.

House Hockey Cup: Merriman

Note:—We congratulate M. Impey and A. Jooste for being chosen for the Reserve Western Province Schools XI.

LACROSSE

About thirty girls played lacrosse during the winter season, and we were able to have some very enjoyable practices on Tuesday afternoons. We were unfortunately unable to play the match arranged with the Old Girls in the second term, but at the end of the third term we had a most enjoyable match against the "Staff and others", in which we drew 3—3.

Picking up and cradling is still a weak part of our play, but although our practices have been hindered by rain, and extra vaulting practices at the end of the season, some improvement has been shown. It is hoped that there will be many new recruits for this game next year, as we anticipate making more match fixtures if possible.

G. Paver and O. Buchanan have been enthusiastic as Captain and Vice-Captain.

THE GAMES COMMITTEE

A meeting of the Games Committee is held at the beginning of each term. Miss McLean takes the chair, and matters concerning games, gymnastics and deportment are discussed. At the end of each term a short meeting is called to discuss the award and re-award of Deportment Badges and Games Colours.

During the year various innovations have been introduced. Cricket has been re-started in the Senior School. Games Colours have now to be re-won each term. Junior Colours are now awarded to members of the Junior teams and are also awarded each term. When a girl is no longer eligible for Junior Colours she may keep her badge, but must not wear it.

Junior Gymnastic Badges may be won in Forms Upper III and below. Senior Gymnastic Badges are awarded to girls in Lower IV and above. These also have to be re-won each term.

The following girls have Deportment and Tidiness Badges:

J. Campbell	D. Dicey	P. Lindsay	L. Robins	M. Corder
G. Hart	D. Michelsen	A. Thorne	M. Knight	P. Thresher
B. Sandell	N. Bettison	J. Hofmeyr	M. Diemont	P. Dukes
W. Sandell	J. Ratcliffe	P. Minty	L. Brink	W. Hartford
B. Mueller	M. Impey	E. Webster	I. Schumer	J. Marshall

GYMNASTICS COMPETITION

Miss Llewellyn, from Observatory Girls' High School, came to judge our Form Gymnastics Competition on September 16th, 1948. She gave us some very helpful criticism and advice. The results were:

Junior Section		Middle Section		Senior Section	
Upper II	72%	Upper III	72%	Form VI	80%
Lower II	64%	Lower IV	69%	Form V	79%
		Lower III	66%	Upper IV	71%

GYMNASTIC BADGES

Seniors: P. Thresher, G. Paver, G. Hart, A. Phillips, A. Jooste, O. Buchanan, D. O'Connell, P. Lindsay.

Juniors: I. Schumer, J. Gale, J. Hofmeyr, P. Dukes, D. Dicey, W. Hartford, K. Langerman, A. Thorne, P. Minty, J. Ratcliffe.

SPORTS DAY, 1947

After two postponements owing to bad weather, Sports Day was finally held on a weekday afternoon. It was impossible to give a third Saturday, but we were very sorry that our parents could not be with us. We missed the usual interest in the day.

The Kindergarten events were run off in the morning, and the rest of the School competed in the afternoon.

House Sports Cup: Rolt.

Victor Landerum: A. Phillips.

RIDING

At the end of last year the Cape Hunt Club opened a branch of the Pony Club here in Cape Town; and also a sub-branch at Somerset West. During the Christmas holidays many members attended the meetings and passed their "B" test; later in the year some passed their "C" test, amongst whom are D. Douglas-Hamilton, C. Granger, R. Searle, A. Hedden, J. Gurney, B. Penny. In addition, V. King passed her "C" test at the Bulawayo branch. During the hunting season there were a few meets for the Pony Club members, at which some were allowed to whip in. The successful candidates of the "C" test were taken to Milnerton one afternoon in July, where they were given a jumping exhibition by Mr. Carpintari, and then shown round Mr. Garrett's racing stables. One evening in July the members of the Cape Town branch went out to Somerset West, where they held an inter-branch quiz, which resulted in a win for Cape Town.

The Rosebank Show, which was held in March this year, attracted many competitors and spectators from Herschel. In the children's jumping competition C. Granger did very well, and eventually, after tying for first place, she jumped again and won it. She was riding Miss Blackwell's "Terry". The riding classes had many entrants from here, including C. Granger, A. Hedden, A. Withycombe, R. Searle, D. Douglas-Hamilton.

There was a small gymkhana at Somerset West for the Pony Club members in September holidays. At this, D. Barlow did particularly well, winning three first prizes. A few days later there was a large gymkhana at Darling, but there were very few Herschelians here.

The Hunt Races, which usually attract many young spectators, was unfortunately held this year on October 13th, and so on account of being back at School, many could not attend them.

At the School Christmas Fair, which is being held on November 13th, Miss Blackwell has very kindly arranged to give pony rides. As riding seems to be very popular at Herschel this year, I am sure that the Pony Rides will help to swell our Extension Fund.

DIANA DOUGLAS-HAMILTON, Form V.

TRAVELLING IN THE U.S.A.

The following account was written for last year's Magazine, but arrived too late for publication. As it is one of such special interest on two counts, one being its unusual setting, and the other being from the pen of Miss Elcome (Mrs. Payne), it has been included in this year's Magazine, although the tour took place in 1947.

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On board the "Queen Mary", Aug. 1947.

Out of the blue sky we first saw the New York skyscrapers gleaming softly in the afternoon light. Then, we were excited and eager to explore, irritated by the officials who refused to accept a South African certificate of vaccination. Two months later we saw them again in the setting sun with their million windows shining gold. We were sad to say good-bye to a country which had greeted us as friends, and sadly we turned to the starboard side to see the Statue of Liberty in soft silver robes.

I had no idea that I should feel so moved. My ideas of America to a large extent had been based on Hollywood films and geography text books. In neither had I remotely realized the beauty of the country or the straightforward good-heartedness of its people. In all we travelled nine thousand miles by road, and here we met Americans who had never left the little town or wayside halt in which they lived. They knew little of their own country and less of the world. As they greeted us with the almost universal "Hullo, where do you come from?" looks of blank astonishment came into their faces. South Africa was beyond imagination: after several minutes' thought we were usually asked if we were missionaries; it seemed that no other type of white person dwelt in the dark continent. However, we spoke the same language, if a little strangely, and soon we were chatting about the town or state as if we had known each other for a long time.

We saw the country from the main road; often we longed to have time to go off the beaten track, but this would have meant dirt roads and a loss of time. These main highways are most beautifully built, they are perfectly graded and run so straight across the prairies that one seemed to be travelling at 30 m.p.h. when the speedometer estimated 70 m.p.h. One would travel for fifty miles without seeing a soul; in the Adirondack country of New York State; the lovely wooded country of Hiawatha; in Northern Michigan; in the great wheatlands of North Dakota; in the gently rolling country of Montana; in the high mountains and snows of the Rockies and the Sierras; in the forests of giant redwoods and sequoias in the west and in the Painted Desert of Arizona.

It was in Montana that I saw the first cowboy. He was at the side of the road adjusting his saddle. Check shirt, loose scarf, wide-brimmed hat, studded belt, sheepskin shaps and high heeled boots were all there. Later he galloped away across the skyline. Here, too, we met our first Indians. It was sad to see their stubby appearance and weak physique in the reserves, but throughout their old territories their lovely jewellery in turquoise and silver wove a pattern in the shops. In Arizona the Navajos added brighter reds and yellows in their woven blankets which they wore against the severe cold which was just beginning. The temperature in Amarillo was 18 degrees F. Here the cowboys were dark and swarthy, their hats wider and belts more studded. They spoke Spanish and ate the largest meals I have ever seen served.

In the deep south, in what was some of the kindest and richest farming country, negroes worked in the cotton fields, dragging their long "bolster cases" behind them. Here were the large houses set in beautiful parks; a country where the availability of servants made life at the same time easier and more cultured. Here perhaps was the greatest contrast to life in the big cities of the north which previously had typified America to me.

How conscious we were of that contrast as we drove north to the great city of New York. In the small towns were the usually white and green houses, small and well-planned to save the housewife as much work as possible, for here were no servants. In the cities were great buildings and crowded streets, full of people hurrying to work or to shop, struggling for a right of way. Brilliant yellow cabs sought suicide in the whirling mass of traffic, blowing their horrid horns all night long, seeking a way through the streets. Looking back from mid-Atlantic it seems that I still like least what I thought was America,—the life in the towns, but I am enriched by the experience of beauty in the country. Now I shall think of the blue and silver of the Indians, lakes set with pure gold of birch and alder, and in the soft green background of fir and larch, the fire of the maple. B. M. PAYNE.

P.S.—When I visited School on Friday, November 19th, Miss Lansdale told me that the letter I wrote last year would appear in this magazine. I am sorry that it is so late, but it gives me this opportunity of sending my good wishes to you all. It is always lovely to come back to School, and especially to join with you in Evening Service in the Chapel. I was so very pleased to hear of the splendid result of the Christmas Fair, and would have loved to have been with you for the day. Gambol sends his love with mine.—BARBARA PAYNE.

ORIGINAL WORK

OUR VISIT TO LEVER BROTHERS

I always enjoy excursions with the School, more especially when our Form goes alone and is accompanied by a feeling of playing truant supplied by the knowledge that we should be studying hard for the approaching examinations. Yet going to see part of Lever Brothers is no ordinary outing. We were having the chance of seeing how efficiently one small cog in that great company performs. This company's business is one of the largest in the world to-day. It is of great extent, from its plantations of monkeynuts in the Transvaal and Natal, and of palms in West Africa, to the big factory in Durban.

The factory in Cape Town is solely for the making of Sunlight soap, blue soap and bars of yellow soap. As well it distributes all the manufactures of the Durban factory. It seems run on fairly modern lines and some new machinery is to be installed shortly. I was surprised to learn that in such an up-to-date factory the soap is wrapped by hand and that the Covo oil from Durban is bottled and labelled also by hand.

It is very interesting to see the soap passing through different stages before the finished product, familiar to all of us, is obtained. First the solid whale oil in barrels, made unrecognisable by the addition of hydrogen, and the corrosive caustic soda; then the thick simmering ooze of the boiling soap; the salt, which is only for cleaning, in sacks; the swirling of the

thick, hot soap as it is perfumed and mixed by huge propeller-like blades; and finally the cooling down of the finished soap. Then it is cut into long slabs which are again cut into blocks of soap by frames with taut wires. These blocks are then stamped and moulded at the same time by a primitive looking machine. Each block of soap is then wrapped. It is simply amazing to watch the speed at which some twenty or thirty girls wrap those slippery blocks of soap. One girl admitted rather shame-facedly that she only wrapped 4,000 pieces a day as she was a new hand. She said most of the others managed to do 6,000. It is incredible! I would be lucky if my pile for the day exceeded 500, I am sure.

The reason for this company's success must be partly due to extreme economy. Nothing is wasted. The glycerine which is over when the harsh caustic soda has been neutralised is sent to the Cape Explosives Works for the making of dynamite. The salt used for washing the soap when extracted is used again. Old bottles for Covo oil are washed and dried on the premises. They even make and stamp their own boxes for the bars of yellow soap.

There are huge furnaces for making the steam to heat the soap. These are modern and automatically stoked, so unfortunately we could not look inside them, but from the noise and heat they would have done credit as miniature infernos.

The man who explained the processes to us was the head of the chemical side of the factory and was in charge of a miniature science laboratory containing innumerable bottles and delicate scales besides the usual equipment.

It was really altogether a very interesting tour and, although I do not feel capable of making soap, I have learnt a great deal from our visit to the Lever Brothers' Woodstock factory.

P. SWART, Form VI.

AN EXPEDITION TO STEENBRAS

On Saturday, October 9th, the V and VI Form boarders stood or sat in their cubicles laughing joyously. What could be the reason for this sudden excitement? Surely not merely the joys of spring?

No! It wasn't the joys of spring that made them so happy, although they were glad it was a fine day, for today they were going on an expedition to see over the filtration plant at Steenbras and were going to have their lunch at the dam.

At ten o'clock the boarders were joined by two day girls and our cavalcade of four cars swept away, the V Form taking the lead. We arrived at the top of Sir Lowry's Pass at about 11 o'clock, and as we were already feeling rather hungry, we bundled into the tea-room and ate them out of house and home. After admiring the view, and nearly being blown away, we continued over the top of the Pass, to the gate leading to the reservoir. There we were held up by a native man, who looked at our permit very intelligently, even though he was holding it upside down.

We drove along a road which was quite high above the level of the river which, I was told, was that "narrow bed of reeds, right down there". The surrounding land was beautifully wooded with pines and other trees, presumably for water catchment. Suddenly, looking down, I saw that bed of reeds broaden into a wide river, and as the car turned a corner I gasped at what I saw. There, before me, I saw a deep blue lake, which seemed to mingle with the horizon, with creeks and inlets and some little islets, and the hilly shore, deeply wooded, and behind that the sharp faces of tall, rocky and barren mountains.

We drove on, to the wall of the dam. Here we split up, some going down to the swimming pool which has been built among the rocks below the wall, and others going across the wall to the other side. Those walking across the wall got the full force of the wind which came rushing down the valley and along the surface of the water, kicking up wavelets and sending spray on to the wall.

We then retired to the picnic spot, where we had our lunch, and then, as we were tired, hot, and well satisfied, we retired to the children's paddling pool, where we lay and sun-bathed, while two energetic people read "Romeo and Juliet", for exams were looming near.

At three o'clock we packed up and went to the filtration plant, where not only ourselves but also the cars were nearly blown away. The filtration plant is a massive building, beautifully tiled and scrupulously clean. We were shown over by the chief engineer, who explained the various processes and told us that although Steenbras supplies Cape Town and Bellville, it does not supply Gordon's Bay, where very often all that comes out of the tap is a drip or two.

After looking over the plant we decided to go home, but stopped at Gordon's Bay for a game of rounders.

We reached School at about six o'clock, tired and sun-burnt, after a very enjoyable day.

L. GIE, Form V.

A VISIT TO KIRSTENBOSCH

It was with great joy that we heard on Friday, October 8th, that we were going to visit Kirstenbosch. We anxiously watched the sky all morning, hoping it would not rain. When half-past eleven finally came we all heaved sighs of relief, for the weather was dull, but definitely not raining.

We assembled in the drive carrying large packets of sandwiches and important looking note-books, for we were to study Ecology. We started off in a long crocodile, but as soon as we reached the less-inhabited parts of the Hen and Chickens estate, the crocodile broke up and we walked along the road in little groups, talking gaily. As we walked Miss Millward pointed out interesting things, such as oak woods and tree stumps, and we made notes.

At last we arrived at Kirstenbosch, a little breathless, but very excited. Miss Millward walked down the paths with us, helping us to classify the plants in their natural regions.

After about fifteen minutes we decided that it was lunch time. We found a large summer-house with benches round the walls and settled down to enjoy our sandwiches. This took some time, and when we had finished, Miss Millward suggested a drink of Coco-Cola. Her suggestion was greeted with joy, and we all walked down to the tea-room and bought our drinks.

When our drinks were finished we began exploring the gardens in little groups of three or four.

Our group, after walking along a path for a few minutes, came to the wilder part of Kirstenbosch near to the mountain. There we found beautiful heath. We then walked towards the proteas. There were many kinds and we spent a long time writing down their Latin names. Finally we passed through a grove of silver trees, and came to the succulent plants. These were both interesting and prickly, and their Latin names were even more complicated than those of the proteas.

As we walked away from the succulents we saw a stone cross surrounded by a hedge. We went up to it, and found it was the grave of Dr. Pearson, the professor who founded Kirstenbosch. The words on the grave were: "If ye seek his monument, look round". Kirstenbosch means "coffin in the woods", and I believe it is Dr. Pearson's grave that has given the gardens their name.

From there we went to Lady Anne Barnard's bath. We found many lovely flowers there, and some beautiful lilies. The water made a pretty sound tumbling over the stones, and it was a very pleasant place.

By this time it was three o'clock, and we had to return to School. As we walked back to the lawn we were struck by the beauty of the daisies. Their different hues blended beautifully, and they formed a mass of colour along a bank.

We joined Miss Millward on the lawn, and then began our walk back. We were very sad to leave Kirstenbosch, for we had spent some lovely hours there and had acquired a great deal of knowledge.

J. BARRY, Lower IV.

LES SAISONS

Au Printemps, quand les fleurs sont là
L'herbe et les arbres sont verts,
J'aime à jouer toute la journée
et danser comme sur de l'air.

En Été quand la mer est chaude,
la chaleur tropique est tuante
J'aime à jouer dans l'herbe haute
Et baigner dans la mer bruyante.

En Automne, quand la pluie est lourde,
les feuilles sont donc par terre,
J'aime à jouer avec ma soeur
Et me battre avec mon frère.

En Hiver, quand la neige est blanche
les arbres sont dégagés
J'aime partir pour la France
et au sport d'hiver m'amuser.

SARA ROCKEY.

LA VISITE DE M. GEORGES DUHAMEL

Le 25 février quelques élèves de français ont eu le plaisir d'assister à la conférence d'un célèbre écrivain français. Monsieur Georges Duhamel de l'Académie Française. Il a écrit bien des livres très connus et il reçut le prix Goncourt en 1920. Il est aussi docteur en médecine et un renommé chirurgien.

Il va sans dire que la conférence fut très intéressante. M. Duhamel nous parla sur le sujet "Problèmes de Civilisation". Bien que nous ne comprissions point tout, l'occasion d'entendre prononcé la langue française d'une si belle façon, ce français avec lequel nous avons, tant de peine, était très utile.

PAMELA SWART.

AU BORD DE LA MER

La mer est calme
Le ciel est bleu
je joue sur la plage avec ma soeur

Les cailloux sont beaux
les rochers sont noirs
les plantes vertes et brunes s'y collent

Les cavernes sont sombres
les maillots sont clairs
tout est beau au bord de la mer

Quand la nuit tombe
tout est tranquille
la plage est seule, tout est en ville.

SERENA MASKWELL.

AVANT LE BAL

Oh! quelle affaire! la cinquième et la sixième classe donnent un bal. On ne fait qu'en parler, dans les corridors dans les escaliers partout enfin on n'entend que des discussions de toilettes, de façon, de mode et surtout du partenaire à choisir. Mettra-t-on un ruban dans ses cheveux ou non? Qui s'occupera donc des décorations de la grande salle? Qui préparera le souper, qui fera ceci qui fera cela? Tout est en dessus-dessous. Voilà enfin le grand jour. Que vois-je? Elles ont toutes fait boucler leurs cheveux. Comme cela leur va bien. Moi aussi quand je serai grande je ferai boucler mes cheveux!

JUNE MARSHALL.

LE MATIN TOT

Brrrrring, brrrrring. Qu'est-ce que c'est? Sûrement il n'est pas encore si tard. Pourtant ma pendule me le dit. Tant pis il faudra me lever. Allons vite. A la salle de bain. Heureusement mon frère n'est pas encore là pour se raser, vite je me lave la figure à l'eau froide. Je me hâte et naturellement qu'un des boutons saute et le lacet de mon soulier se casse. J'ai oublié mon devoir d'histoire. N'importe je l'apprendrai tout en déjeunant. Tient personne dans la salle à manger? Comment cela se fait-il? J'entends la radio qui tout juste annonce l'heure. Tant pis voilà que je me suis trompée d'une heure. Tirons bonne mine à mauvais jeu et apprenons notre leçon d'histoire, au moins je la connaîtrai aujourd'hui.

JANE DIX-HART.

ONS KLAS

Die standaard X klas het vanjaar meer verskillende soorte meisies as enige ander jaar. Die kortste meisie is vyf voet lank, terwyl die langste ses voet lank en omtrent twee voet breed is. Die kortste meisie dink net aan sport, terwyl die grootste meisie geen ander gedagte in haar kop het behalwe Latyn en Matesis nie.

Behalwe die twee is daar meisies met kort blonde hare, en meisies met lang swart hare, vet meisies en skraal meisies, meisies wat altyd lag en meisies wat altyd ernstig is. Party doen getrou hul huiswerk; ander vergeet heeltemaal van hulle skoolvakke as hulle huis toe gaan.

Daar is een groep van sewe meisies wat nooit hulle aandag aan dinge, wat gedurende skooltyd gebeur, wy nie. Hulle praat gedurig van partytjies wat hulle in die verlede bygewoon

bet, of partytjies waarheen hulle genooi is. Dwarsdeur die lesse skinder hulle of skryf briefies aan mekaar. Alhoewel hulle dit doen, wonder hulle hoekom hulle verlede jaar gedruip het. Die onderwyseresse sou hulle wel kon sê.

Daar is 'n ander klomp meisies wat aan niks behalwe skoolwerk dink nie. Hulle bly agtermiddae solank moontlik by die skool en as hulle by die huis is, leer hulle die hele tyd, en kom elke Saterdag skool toe om die wedstryde wat gespeel word by te woon.

Die orige gedeelte van die klas is heeltemal normaal. Hulle hou van sport, sowel as skoolwerk. Hulle doen die huiswerk wat aan hulle gegee word. Hulle skinder ook dikwels, maar stel nogtans belang in wêreldgebeurtenisse.

Al die groepe lewe egter heeltemal gelukkig bymekaar en alhoewel ons nie ons beste maats uit die ander groepe kies nie, stel ons tog belang in wat hulle doen.

THELMA BERGH, FORM VI.

EIN TAG IN UNSERER SCHULE

Jeden Morgen kann man die vielen Maedchen von der Herschel-Schule die Strassen hinaufkommen sehen. Manche kommen in Autos, manche auf Fahrraedern, aber die meisten kommen doch zu Fuss.

Um halb neun muessen wir da sein. Erst haengen wir unsere Huete auf und gehen dann nach unseren verschiedenen Klassenzimmern. Dort sitzen wir und plaudern, bis die Glocke fuer die Morgenandacht laetet.

Danach haben wir Unterricht bis zur elf Uhr Pause. Waehrend derselben laufen wir im Garten herum und erzaelen einander, was wir am Wochenende tun werden usw. Dann haben wir wieder Stunden bis zur Mittagspause. Nach dem Essen gehen wir nach den Spielfeldern und liegen in der Sonne, um recht sonnenerbrannt zu werden. Aber wenn die Sonne zu heiss wird, gehen wir in den Schatten der Baeume. Im Winter bleiben wir im Schulgebaeude und versuchen, dort warm zu werden.

Nachmittags, nachdem wir mit unseren Stunden fertig sind, treiben wir allerlei Sport. Tennis wird in Sommer viel gespielt, und jede genießt es sehr. Der Hund von einem unserer Nachbarn kommt manchmal nach den Tennisplaetzen und versucht die Baele dort zu fangen. Dann haben wir viel Spass ihn zu fangen, was garnicht so einfach ist.

Um halb fuenf gehen wir nach Hause und machen dann spaeter unsere Hausarbeiten. Selbst wenn wir ueber die viele Arbeit klagen, so geniessen wir doch unsere Schule sehr und moechten nicht ohne sie sein.

INGRID BRINCKMAN and PAMELA MUELLER.

CLOUDS

Clouds must be counted among the most beautiful things I have ever seen. Lying on my back in the garden, looking at the sky, I can make the most fantastic shapes out of the clouds.

The soft, white, billowy shapes of the cumulus clouds look to me like the large white sails that yachts put up for racing when there is sufficient wind.

The feathery clouds which often fleck the sky are to me the most beautiful. Fancy riding on one, drifting through the air, high above the earth, meeting the Greek gods as they sit silently on their aerial pedestal. We might come in contact with the dark, thunderous rain clouds, exchange a timid greeting, and scurry away before we became enveloped in the sombre black veil. Then we could visit the sunset clouds, float amiably with the beautifully hued chapes. We should mingle with the rose-tinted, the green, the purple, orange, enchanting veils, then hurry away to another friend. When we perceive a mass of cottonwool, edged with silver, floating in a vast expanse of blue, we should know we had found a true companion. Waltzing along by the side of this queen, we should meet a sky filled with clouds in layers. On these we should rest and be rocked with a gentle, very gentle motion, until we found ourselves falling to the rather dull world below.

V. MAKIN, Upper IV.

THE WEATHER COCK

I am a weather cock on the top of the church steeple. I tell people whether it is going to rain or be sunny, so I am very useful. From where I stand on high I can see all over the country. To the East are the great forests of oak; in the summer they are beautiful with thick foliage, and in the autumn the leaves go golden brown and fall off, leaving the trees bare in winter. But in spring, the most beautiful time in the year, they send out green shoots, and by summer the forest is green again.

In the West is the great plain stretching out for miles with bushes here and there, and herds of cattle and sheep grazing on the rich grass. Nearby I see the common where, on sunny days, an old woman tells stories to the children round her feet, lovely stories of knights and fairies, of other countries and their people. Farther on I can see the river, coming from I know not where.

I turn my head towards the North. There I see great mountains, their tops shrouded in mist. Occasionally I see a white spot; that is a stag come out of its hiding place to drink by the water, or take food home to its young.

Down the slope to the South is the river mouth and harbour, the blue sea, clear and cool in the day, but black and forboding at night. The sailing ships I like best of all and the activity of the harbour excites me. Early in the morning people can be seen hurrying to the quayside to purchase their fish.

On Sunday the great bell below me rings loudly, and people come to church, and I hear their voices drifting up to me on high.

R. JENKINS, Upper II.

SPRING DAISIES

I love the daisies yellow and bright,
Blooming in the morning light,
Starry faces amid the green
Complete the lovely morning scene.

When the sun begins to set,
Evening shadows softly creep,
They slowly close their golden eyes,
And gently go to sleep.

GILLIAN BUSS, Upper II.

THE CLOSE OF DAY

The veld is aglow. On the western horizon the sun sinks in all its glory, lighting up the southern portion of the sky with a brilliant flamboyant colour, and then fading into the paleness of dusk.

Over the rolling hills the tree tops of the veld are brightly glowing. The Msasa trees and massive boulders in the foreground are darkly silhouetted against the flame-lit sky, producing queer and ghastly shapes. No breeze blows over the vast countryside and all is calm and quiet.

Then, as if this were all a dream, an ugly noise disturbs the perfect peace. Round a bend in a narrow foot-path comes a native labourer from his work. Beside him an ox-wagon rumbles heavily over the rough track. The tired, dust-covered ox wearily pulls his heavy load of timber, while a small piccannin, with only a moocha as a covering, skips gaily in front of the wagon, whistling a merry tune.

Soon this small group passes on along the worn pathway into the quickly falling evening, and the sun is suddenly completely hidden by the distant hills. Once again all is silent, and another day draws to its close.

J. MARSHALL, Upper IV.

POWDER PUFF

Johnny Jeremy Jeffery James
Gave his mouse peculiar names;
Wiffle, Waffle, Woffle and Wuff
And finally named him
Powderpuff.

Johnny Jeremy Jeffery James
Took his wee mouse down some lanes;
Powderpuff enjoyed it all,
And wondered why trees were so tall.

GAIL MEGLAUGHLIN, Lower II.

OLD HERSCHELIANS' ASSOCIATION

The 22nd Annual General Meeting of the Old Herschelians' Association was held on March 20th, 1948, in the Library at Herschel School.

The Office-bearers and Committee were elected as follows:

President: Miss McLean. *Hon. Vice-Presidents:* Miss Ralph, Miss Robinson, Mrs. Payne.
Vice-President: Miss Lansdale.

Hon. Secretary: Miss Harsant. *Hon. Treasurer:* M. J. Stobie.

Committee: P. Smuts, J. Frost, Mrs. Lieberman, P. Machanick, M. Gibbs.

The meeting heard with pleasure that Alison Lomax, after having been approached, has started a branch of the Association in London.

It was suggested that there should be a badge for Old Girls which should take the form of a brooch, and it was proposed that Yasmin Petersen should work out a design to be submitted to the Committee at their next meeting.

It was proposed that the Old Herschelians should convene a stall for the sale of cakes and sweets at the Christmas Fair to be held at the School on November 13th, 1948. The Committee for the purpose should be formed nearer the time.

The question was discussed as to when the best possible day would be on which Old Herschelians could come to the School for their annual re-union. It was agreed that a Saturday would probably be best, that being the only day possible for those working in offices or colleges. The experiment of the Headmistress being At Home for the whole of a Saturday, so that Old Girls could come in whenever they were free, was agreed to be a good one. We decided to have the fixture on the third Saturday in March every year.

Old Girls' Day in 1949 will be held on Saturday, March 19th. The Annual General Meeting will be held at 2.30 p.m. on that day in the Library.

Founder's Day, 1949, will fall on February 18th.

FINANCIAL REPORT, OLD HERSCHELIANS' ASSOCIATION.

Balance Sheet for year ending 31st December, 1947.

<i>Credit:</i>	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Balance 1946	236	18	5			
Annual Membership Subscriptions	4	5	0			
Life Membership Subscriptions	15	15	0			
Interest on Capital	12	16	9			
				289	15	2
<i>Debit:</i>						
General Expenses	1	5	6			
Gift	3	18	6			
				5	4	0
<i>Balance</i>				£284	11	2

M. STOBIE, Hon. Treas.

RE-UNION

A MEETING OF OLD HERSCHELIANS IN LONDON

"A meeting was held in a room in St. Stephen's Tavern, Westminster, at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, June 16th, 1948. We were delighted that both Miss Robinson and Miss Willis were able momentarily to leave their heavy labours at St. Mary's Hall, the school which they have refounded in Brighton, to be with us. It was with great pleasure that we welcomed Miss Gryse-Hill, the only other ex-Staff who was present. Old Girls at the meeting were Susan Ethelston, Pauline Rankin, Anne and Susan Stutchbury, Pauline Vogelpoel, Robin Sampson, Anthea Bright, Joy Gornall, Helen Pat Stubbs, Gillian Parker, Jacqueline Jeppe, Yasmin Petersen, Mary van der Byl, and Alison Lomax.

"The proceedings were very informal, everyone sitting about at tables and exchanging news and ideas, while beer, cider and soft drinks were served. There was much laughter, and all agreed that nobody had changed in the least, in spite of slightly more sophisticated attire. We seemed all very smartly dressed and the New Look was well represented. The meeting

broke up soon after 8.30 p.m. and a small supper party was arranged for those who had not too far to travel.

"This meeting was a token of our appreciation to all that we have gained from our contact with Herschel, and we send our good wishes for the continued prosperity of the School. We all should like to express our gratitude to Susan Ethelston, Anne Stutchbury and Alison Lomax, who organized it. And we look forward to further re-unions just as successful and well attended."

Report from S. STUTCHBURY.

ADDRESSES

Old Herschelians may be glad of the following addresses:—

Miss Ralph, Corner Cottage, Long Crendon, Aylesbury, Bucks.

Miss Robinson, St. Mary's Hall, Babington House, Chichester Terrace, Brighton 7.

Mrs. Payne (Miss Elcome), 159, Lamont Road, Durban.

Secretary to the O.H.A.: Miss H. Harsant, Sunbury, Herschel Road, Claremont, C.P.

Secretary to the O.H.A. (London Branch): Miss A. Lomax, College Hall, Malet Street, London, W.C.1.

Old Herschelians living in or near Johannesburg, please get in touch with: *Mrs. R. R. Fiddian Green* (Mary Baxter), Jessarandi, Centre Road, Morningside, Johannesburg.

HERSCHEL GRANDCHILDREN

The following are the children of Old Girls, who are on the School roll at present:

Jill Finch, daughter of *Enid Harsant*; *Erica Brelsford*, daughter of *Willa Morton*; *Carolyn Hill*, daughter of *Kathleen Buchanan*; *Ceridwen Evans*, daughter of *Lorna Murray*; *Jennifer Grove*, daughter of *Joy Stuttaford*; *June Grove*, daughter of *Joy Stuttaford*; *Anne Gogh*, daughter of *Mary le Mesurier*; *Caroline Syfret*, daughter of *Gerda Weinlig*; *Jacqueline Regnier*, daughter of *Margaret Geber*; *Brenda Musgrove*, daughter of *Betty Wray Brown*; *Barbara Nel*, daughter of *Sheila McIntyre*; *Ann Simpson*, daughter of *Joan Beattie*; *Margaret Godbold*, daughter of *Jean Robertson*.

If there are any others, inadvertently left off this list, we shall be very glad to know.

NEWS OF OLD HERSCHELIANS

Enid Finch (Harsant), 75, Fife Avenue, Salisbury, S. Rhodesia, finds life a full one as a Canon's wife with committees, and other meetings. She says that Salisbury is growing fast trying to absorb the many new immigrants who have come there. She has a daughter, *Jill*, at Herschel.

Heather Mann (Close) was at the Cape this year with her nearly grown-up daughter.

Rhona Evans (Murray) has a daughter, *Ceridwen*, at Herschel. She and her husband, *Capt. W. B. C. C. Evans, R.N. (retd.)* have bought a farm at Houw Hock.

Lorna Murray is now *Mrs. Thompson*.

Sheila Field (van der Horst) is still lecturing at the University of Cape Town. We were pleased to see her at Herschel lecturing to the girls of the Sociological Club.

Joy Grove (Stuttaford), Cranmere, P.O. Box 98, Knysna, finds life full of interest in Knysna, where she and her husband have started a chicken farm. They learnt as they went, starting with 200 birds and slowly increasing, until they now hope to have 2,000 by Christmas. They go in mainly for the egg-production side, but in a nearby camp they have a small incubator for raising some special chicks, so that the children can enjoy the fun. The hatching of chicks throughout the farm goes on at weekly intervals through the spring from August onwards. The farm is also self-supporting in vegetables and has, too, a good-sized flower garden, and roses do magnificently in the clay soil.

Joy gave us news of several Old Girls. *Kitty Edygar-Jones* has been out here with her children on a visit to her mother in Hermanus, but has now returned to England.

Eleanor Wadlow (Vaughan-Jones) has settled with her two little girls at Woking, and her husband is working at the Admiralty. She is coming to the Cape at Christmas as her husband is to join H.M.S. *Nigeria*.

Miss Stafford wrote from Newquay early in the year, where she was staying with *Miss Ralph* at the Butts. She has written since then to say that *Miss Ralph* has had a serious

illness this year. She is now out of hospital, and is very cheerful in spite of her illness. Old Girls can write to her if they wish: c/o Miss Stafford, Highfield Bungalow, Hawkhurst, Kent.

Joan Fraser-Harris (Smithers) wrote from Canada, where her husband is in the Canadian Air Service. She had enjoyed her first summer, but was not looking forward to the cold of winter.

Joan Halliley (Wadlow) is living near Chichester and her husband is at H.M.S. Dryad, the Navigation School.

Willie Brelsford (Morton), Box 209, Lusaka, has lived in N. Rhodesia all her life except for school days, and occasional leaves to England. She moves round with her husband a good deal, as he is now a District Commissioner in the Colonial Service. She says she seems to spend her life in making new gardens in the town or station where she settles for a short time, but she has always a great deal of sewing, and she plays bridge and tennis. She spends much of her time on Committee work, and Girl Guides and Women's Institute work take up a great deal of her interest. She has spent twelve years on out-stations, and all during the war on one-man stations, so there are long periods of loneliness. She sent her daughter, Erica, to the nearest school, over 300 miles away, solely for her to have companionship. Erica is now at Herschel and Joan is joining us shortly. She also tells us that Erica Clark, now Lady Fitzgerald, lives at Chikupi, Kafue, N.R.

Peggy Murray (Stuttaford) has a lovely farm at Melsetter, where they run cattle. She has three children to keep her busy, two small boys and a baby girl. She loves Rhodesia and says that the country round Umtali and Melsetter is most beautiful.

Betty Collumbell (Rawson) lives on a tobacco farm at Darwendale, the home of the Rawson family. She has entered her two daughters for Herschel in 1954, and 1955, and their cousin Susan Burnett for 1958.

Barbara Pickering (Hall) has returned to South Africa with her husband and two boys. Her husband is the Marine Superintendent to the Union-Castle Co. for South and East Africa, and they have bought a house in Rondebosch (Fallowfield, Kilgithy Road, off Sandown Road).

Yvonne Hill (de Villiers) lives in Australia, and now has three children.

Mary Fiddian-Green (Baxter), Jessarandi, Centre Road, Morningside, Johannesburg, hopes to arrange a re-union dinner for Old Herschelians in Johannesburg soon. She is at present very busy on work for the United Party Northern Suburbs Branch, canvassing Parkhurst for the Provincial Elections. She and her husband have just received a permit to add a little more to their house, so are in the throes of building. They had a lovely trip to Kenya this year, and were delighted to find that they had not lost touch with their friends during the three years they have been away. Mary gives us news of some of her contemporaries. She sees a good deal of *Orcillia Lash (Martin)*, 25, Valley Road, Parktown, Johannesburg, as they work on the committees of fêtes together, and they are both on the Adoption Committee of the Princess Alice Home. Orcillia's sister, *Jean Holder*, brought her two daughters from America in February to spend a few months with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Martin. Jean's house is outside New York. Mary has also seen *Gladys Parker (Ronaldson)*, who was at Herschel only a short while with her young cousin, *Alma Ronaldson*. Another Old Herschelians she sees is *Ora Babb (Loverock)*, as they work at United Party Branch Meetings together. Ora has three small sons. *Betty Spilhaus (van der Bijl)* also lives in Johannesburg.

Moirra Henderson (Baxter) has been down in the Cape on leave with her husband, but they have returned to Basutoland and are settling down in Mafeteng. Moirra has an eighteen months' old daughter, Elspeth.

Isobel Fawcay (Ethelston) is at Maseru, where her husband is working at the Secretariat.

Sheilah Henderson (Baxter), Arieskraal, P.O. Box Grabouw, is enjoying the farm at Elgin which she and her husband have bought. It is the oldest in the district, and so far only part of it is fully developed. But there is much to do even on that part, and more is being brought under cultivation bit by bit. Sheilah's son, Duncan, rising two, is on his feet, but still wobbles. Sheilah gave us news of *Rose Patton-Bethune (Rawbone)*, who is with her husband on a farm at Kitale, Kenya, and of *Hope Beaumont (Wood)*, who is also in Elgin, and has three children, two sons, Raoul and Roger, and a daughter, Suzanne.

Margaret Boyes (Garlick) is living with her father at Kenilworth and had a daughter in June.

Peggy Furlonge (Hill), Westaway, Instow, near Barnstable, N. Devon, has plenty to do with her house and small daughter, Suzanne. *Mary Howie (Rowe)* and her husband paid them a visit in the summer.

Joyce Spicer (Rae) has visited her parents at St. James this year, but has now returned to her home at Henley-on-Thames.

Joan McEwen (Hill) arrived back in Cape Town in June with her husband and small son. They have found a house in Simonstown, and expect to be here about two years.

Elizabeth Topping (Kay) has returned with her husband, Peter Topping, from England, and is at present living at her old home, "The Moorings", St. James.

Cynthia Handlip (Rhodes) is living in England, and has a son of nearly two years old. She was in South Africa this year on holiday in Fish Hoek.

Phyllida de Villiers (Compton), South African Legation, via Bernaba Oriani, Rome, is enjoying life in Italy, and has met many interesting people. She has seen many South Africans who have passed through Rome in the two years she has spent there. She and her husband live in a top apartment with sunny terraces near the Legation. This has been very nice for Susan, who is just two years old. Susan's so far limited vocabulary is quite bi-lingual, with a strong leaning towards Italian. Phyllida is searching for a house, just as hard to find there as here, and rents are exorbitant. Her Italian is quite fluent now, which is very necessary for shopping and household affairs.

Averil Rawbone (Howell) is married to James Rawbone-Viljoen and they are farming at Oak Valley, Elgin. They have a son.

Pamela Aubrey (St. Leger), The Deanery Cottage, 70, Orange Street, Cape Town, returned from England in June when her husband, Rev. John Aubrey, took up his appointment as Precentor of St. George's Cathedral. She loved her time spent in England and went for half of it to Monmouthshire, and the last fortnight in London, filling their time with sight-seeing, shows, and seeing friends. Pamela saw Anne and Patricia Demistion (20, Marlborough Place, St. John's Wood, N.W.8). The former is at the House of Citizenship and Patricia is finishing her Art Course, having spent a lovely holiday in Italy. She expects to be home by Christmas. Pamela also saw Joyce Spicer, who was up from Henley-on-Thames, and Mary van der Byl. Betty St. Leger has remained in England, and has had a holiday in Norway, but does not yet know her plans.

Diana Brooke, who has been studying at the College of Music, left in July for England with her sister, Alice. They are to spend a year in England studying music and art respectively. They hope to include a trip to the Continent.

Pamela Gutteridge (Thomas) is living at St. Lucia Estuary; *Gillian Passmore (Thomas)* is living in Surrey, and had a daughter in June; *Wendy Payne (Thomas)* is living in Rondebosch, and has a daughter of a year old.

Jasmine Herbert (Honoré), Earham, Pitlochry Road, Rondebosch, had a grand holiday with her husband on a farm near Bonnievale, boating, swimming, walking, playing croquet, and eating. They are now waiting for a flat, in the meanwhile occupying one room, so entertaining is out of the question. She has produced a new ballet and the University Company took it on tour in September.

Dawn Henderson (Johnson) is living in Wynberg on part of her parents' farm. She and her husband, who is an accountant, have built their own house (Landscape, Denbigh Avenue, Wynberg) and have a daughter, Philippa, of nearly a year old. Dawn gave us news of Helen Meyn, who works as a Health Officer for the Divisional Council, and who has recently become engaged to Johannes Louw; and of Lynette Phillips (Erikson), who has been married for about a year.

Nada Te Water (Waterman) has a daughter of eighteen months.

Elizabeth Appleyard, Stowel Lodge, Main Road, Rondebosch, has just finished her course of Librarianship at the University.

Evryl Fisher returned to Cape Town from the U.S.A. in July. She took her degree in Psychology and Social Science at the University of Cape Town. Then she went to England for a short time to tour, also visiting Paris and Central Europe, particularly enjoying Bohemia. She then went to Columbia University, where she studied Child Development under Dr. Jersild, obtaining a Master of Arts Degree in Psychology of the Child and Adolescent. During her course she stayed at the Rockefeller Hostel for Foreign Students, International House. She hopes to continue the same type of work in South Africa.

Dew Barry (Warren), 34, St. Kilda's Avenue, Ellis Park, Durban, was married early in the year. She told us that *Elizabeth Cathcart-Nicholls* is now in India. She is Mrs. Kenneth Evers, c/o K. Evers, c/o J. Thomas & Co., Box 69, Calcutta. *Diana Moorsom* is Mrs. John Martin, 17, Linkside Avenue, Summertown, Oxford.

Barbara Nicholson (Hunt), 1, Highbeach Road, Mill Park, Port Elizabeth, wrote in March. She has moved to Port Elizabeth this year. She often sees *Brenda Silberman (Hirschow)*, who has a lovely baby son, born last year.

Dorothea Gibson has been doing some very good work with the Repertory Company. Some of us had the opportunity of seeing her in the part of St. Joan in the trial scene at the Rondebosch Town Hall.

Anne Stutchbury is at the Royal Free Hospital doing clinical work, and has passed her second M.B. Her sister, *Susan* (Lake House, Byfleet, Surrey) went for two months to Sweden as companion to a Swedish girl. She stayed at a large farm in the heart of the country near Vrena, and bathed in the nearby lake. Susan has now started at Girton, where she is to study classics.

Joy Gornall, 112, Beaufort Mansions, London, S.W.3, has done two years of occupational therapy, and is staying at the same hostel as *Pauline Rankin*. *Robin Freemantle (Sampson)*, c/o Bank of N.S.W. Head Office, George Street, Sydney, has sailed for Australia with her mother, but is not yet sure where they are going to settle. She has obtained her divorce. *Helen Pat Stubbs* has finished her course at the House of Citizenship, and has returned to South Africa, where she is at present staying with her aunt, Mrs. Relly, in Somerset West. *Mary van der Byl*, 13, Launceston Place, W.8, is still on holiday.

Susan Ethelston is working in London as an assistant to the geologist of one of the leading oil companies.

Pauline Vogelpoel has been touring Italy, but has now returned to South Africa again.

Glendyr Orr is typing at a school of training dogs for the blind, and has recently become engaged. *Rosemary Campbell* is at St. George's Hospital in her third year of training.

Gillian Parker, 67, Chester Row, S.W.1, wrote in May to tell us of her interesting tour through Europe. There is no space to tell it in detail, but it sounded a wonderful experience. Having spent a few days in Paris and visited Fontainebleau and Versailles, she went on to Switzerland, "a paradise on earth", where she came under the spell of skiing, and the high mountains. In Zurich she bumped into *Pauline Vogelpoel*, and was lucky to be there during the Spring Carnival with its traditional pageantry. Then came a visit to Italy, which seemed very poverty-stricken in comparison; across the Plain of Lombardy to Venice, "very beautiful, but a dead city, disintegrating in the water. We went to the outskirts, then boarded a gondola, and sailed through the Grand Canal, under the Rialto, on to our hotel, a converted palace called the Gabrielli. There is absolutely no traffic other than boats, and the streets are exceedingly narrow and dirty." She visited glassworks, and a school where girls of 12-14 were doing exquisite lace and needlework, taking eight years to complete their course of training.

Gillian describes many other places, and returned to England via Basle, Brussels and Bruges. She is now at the Central School of Arts and is enjoying her work there.

Jacqueline Jeppe, 3, Queen's Gate, London, S.W.7, wrote a long and welcome letter telling us how much she was enjoying London and her nursing at St. George's Hospital. She is now doing her Maternity Course, which was her ambition. She has managed to fit in a good deal of sightseeing, and has attended services at Westminster Abbey, on one occasion finding herself sitting near members of the Royal Family. She has been to Oxford and the Naval School at Greenwich. Jackie wrote a long description of her holiday in Europe this summer, where they went for two weeks. They went to Paris and then on to Switzerland, sailing and aqua-planing on Lake Geneva, and climbing in the nearby mountains. They went on Interlaken, and up the Jungfrau glacier, which was a wonderful sight. From there they went to the Italian lakes, where they did more sailing and swimming, amid the magnificent Alpine scenery. She returns to South Africa at the end of this year.

Cynthia Jefferies is a member of the staff of the Association of Arts, and had an interesting time helping to sort the collection of works by South African artists and sculptors for exhibition in London.

Ann Kirk, 110, Oakwood Court, Kensington, London, W.14, wrote in June just before she returned to London, to speak of her life at the Foyer de L'Etudiante, Grenoble, France. She has been attending lectures for foreign students there, and found that she met more Americans, Scandinavians and Italians there than French people. She liked Grenoble very much, finding it a clean open town on the Isère, surrounded by the French Alps, very beautiful and snow-capped in winter, but cold and forbidding in summer.

She said that life in France for the French is very hard just now, especially for the poor who cannot afford to buy in the Black Market, and find their rations quite inadequate. She

noticed such a contrast between the fat, bonny and brown Swiss children and the pitiful, pale and undernourished French children.

Nancy Howie, c/o Mrs. B. M. Rowe, 5, The Drive, Gosforth, Newcastle-on-Tyne, wrote in March, two weeks after she had arrived in England, to say that she was settling down in *Mary's* house after a very pleasant voyage.

Margery Kirk wrote in July to say that she had just taken her School Certificate and was going to spend a year in Switzerland at Chateau D'Oeux. After that she is going to Mrs. Hoster's Secretarial College. She said that June Battershill had told her that all her family were coming to England shortly from Tanganyika. *Marjory* has also met *Miranda Viney*, and gives news of *Barbara Branfill*, who has finished a Domestic Science Course at Eastbourne.

It was most interesting to hear a report sent from the "Times of India", containing a long descriptive account of the wedding of *Joan Percival*, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. J. E. Percival, of New Valley, Norwood, Ceylon, to Major John Turnbull, M.C., of Highgate, London, on August 14th, 1947. The wedding was held in Christ Church, Warleigh, Dickoya, Ceylon, and was a beautiful occasion, besides being the scene of many happy reunions of old friends who had returned from war service after 6 or 8 years' absence. Mr. and Mrs. Turnbull returned to Norwood Estate after their honeymoon, where Mr. Turnbull continues his work of tea-planting.

Diana Rimer, whose marriage is announced in another part of the Magazine, was a Dramatic Art Student at the College of Music, Rosebank, and then went to New York for a year. For the last two years she has been in London, and at present is with the "Young Vic" Theatre Company. Her husband is the son of the late J. M. Solomon, of Cape Town, the architect of the University of Cape Town building of Groote Schuur.

Mary Jane Harris, R.A.D. Hostel, Fairfield Lodge, 6, Addison Road, London, W.14, has been overseas for over a year now. She is at present at Sadler's Wells, and toured recently with the Sadler's Wells Theatre Ballet Company where, after only one rehearsal, she filled in the place of a dancer who was injured, in *Les Sylphides*. She lives with the other ballet students at the R.A.D. Hostel, and is loving her work. She had a holiday in Paris in the summer and took private lessons while there with two noted Russian ballerinas, Mesdames Preobrajenska and Egorova. *Mary Jane* is an indefatigable sightseer, and her Herschel French saw her through it all! The Eiffel Tower, Sacre Coeur, Notre Dame, Madeleine Church, Barbizon and the Palace of Fontainebleau, etc., with plenty of gaiety and theatres at night. She says: "Paris is wonderful!—beautiful food, smartest people in the newest look—luscious fruit, fascinating cafés—but, oh, to have money, money, and more money!"

Penelope Baumann left the Agricultural College at Harrismith, and is at Stellenbosch University taking Domestic Science. *Felicity Starck* is still at Bouchetto, and hopes to specialize in dairying. *Diana Wessels* started nursing at Groote Schuur this year, and finds it most interesting. She has been successful in her first examinations.

Nicolette de Villiers, *Pamela Hockley* and *Sheila Duncan* all obtained their B.A. degrees at Rhodes University. *Nicolette* is now teaching at Western Province Preparatory School, *Pamela* is taking a commercial course, and *Sheila* has gone to England, where she is to take the course at the House of Citizenship.

Valerie Kinghorn is completing her final year at the Buxton Home.

Margery Harbottle has qualified as a Domestic Science Instructress, and is now teaching. She has recently announced her engagement to Nigel Cloete.

Patricia Layard is taking a course in Children's Nursing in London.

Fay and *Clodagh Osborne* are both working in Syfret's Trust, and *Lucille Roeder* is in her first year at Buxton Training College.

Barbara Branfill has finished her Domestic Science Course in Eastbourne, and has started at a secretarial college in London.

Annette Foot is training for a private secretarial post in Cape Town, and hopes to obtain a post in Queenstown. She was one of the party who climbed the Matroosberg this winter to enjoy the snow.

Jean Gordon-Brown is on holiday in England, and *Gillian Rudd* has been to South Africa for a holiday with her father.

Ruth Withiel and *Sheila Langford* took a pre-nursing course at the Technical College, and are now at Groote Schuur. *Honor Hall* is nursing in England. *Sonia Holchone* and *Maureen O'Connell* are both taking secretarial courses at the Technical College. *Ann Nicolls* is learning Dramatic Art under Miss Rita Mass, and *Pauline Machanick* is taking a B.A. Course and *Marianne Metje* a B.Comm., both at the University of Cape Town.

Valerie Kilpin is at Stellenbosch University and is now fluent in Afrikaans. She intends to take Social Science at U.C.T. next year.

Molly Murphy and *Jane Ethelston* are both at U.C.T. taking a B.A. Course, and both intend majoring in Zoology.

Pamela Smuts finishes her Mus.Bac. this year, and will probably go to England, and *Margaret Blagden* is studying medicine.

Daphne Moat, 88, Murray Avenue, Bromley, Kent, took her School Certificate last July. She hopes to take up Speech Training at the Royal Academy of Music, but has a holiday in Switzerland first.

Marie Mills was over at Oxford, and is now teaching English.

Joy Ferguson is sharing a flat in London with a University friend, and has a temporary administrative position in the Colonial Office.

Pamela Jeans is married and her husband, who is in the Navy, has been stationed at Wilhelmshaven, in Germany. Pam found things very difficult there, but they have now returned to England. We should like to know Pam's married name and address.

Brigid Orr is engaged to Thomas Taylor, whom she met at Rhodes University. Brigid is working in an accountant's office in Port Elizabeth.

June Allen is nursing in England, and *Jocelyn Allen* is working at the Austin Export Company in Cape Town. She has had an interesting time testing out new cars, and has travelled to Rhodesia, Nyasaland, and the Congo visiting various agencies.

Barbara Kilpin still works at her father's office, in Cape Town, and works chiefly at book-keeping and auditing.

Edith Kerr-Wylie wrote in August (2, St. Katherine's Precinct, Regent's Park, London, N.W.1). She likes her present school, and says that they are part of an experiment in having a good deal of joint activity with their boys' counterpart, Bryanston, activities which include dancing, outside lectures, etc. She has heard from *Jill* and *Penelope Southam*, who are at St. Mary's Hall, Brighton, with Miss Robinson, and spend their holidays in Vienna.

Ann Keeling, Gate House, Wilmer Hatch Lane, Epsom, Surrey, wrote in August that she was unable to go to the O.H. meeting in London, as she was away in Cambridge, but she met several Old Girls—*Glendyr Orr*, *Betty St. Leger*, *Mary Elliott* and *Yasmin Petersen*. Ann hopes to come to South Africa at Christmas to stay with friends in East London. She took up a new post in July with an American family. She looks after a baby of five months, and a little girl of nine years, and has control of the household when the parents go on trips to Europe or round England. Ann saw the Olympic Games.

Jean Elliott is Head Girl of Airlie House, Wycombe Abbey. She is staying at Wycombe until next July, and then hopes to go to Oxford. She has just had a lovely six weeks' holiday in France, staying for a week in Paris.

Mary Elliott, 5, West Cromwell Road, Earl's Court, S.W.5, has finished her Stenotyping Course and has been appointed to an advertising firm in London.

Anthea Bright, 146, Wood Street, Barnet, Herts, is married, but we do not know her married name.

Cecile Cramer-Roberts, 30, Eden Drive, Headington, Oxford, has left Wycombe, and is having a year's preliminary training for Occupational Therapy, until she is old enough to go to Dorset House School of Occupational Therapy, for which she has been accepted next year. She has kept up her music, and was leader of the Wycombe School Orchestra, and has played regularly in a trio. She hopes to find an orchestra which she can join in Oxford next year. She writes of a working holiday which she has just spent on a farm, where she helped with the machine milking, fed animals, cooked, looked after children, washed up, and in between whiles went into the fields to help with potato-lifting. She seems to have had a busy holiday.

Anne Halley, Inverlaw, Dundee, has finished her first year at Dundee University, taking English and French. Anne has spent her summer holiday in France, near Biarritz, and is very thrilled with it. *Pam Halley* is to take up Law, and has started her work articulated to a lawyer in Dundee.

Jane Battershill has temporary work with the Red Cross, and *Ann Battershill* is writing Oxford Entrance in November.

Virginia McKenna has taken her Higher Certificate and is now starting a general acting course at the Albert Hall.

Robin Knight is working at a firm of naval architects, and also attending the Imperial College for typing classes.

Sylvia Rhodes (Blofield, Cornwall Street, Simonstowns) has moved from Rondebosch. She took a course of secretarial work and was working for the S.A. Mutual until she had to remain at home owing to the serious illness of her mother. Lately she has been working for the Municipality, which she is enjoying. She has no definite plans for the future.

Hilary Watson hopes to be married early next year.

Jean Williams-Freeman has been staying at the Cape this year, and was seen by a few Old Girls. She stayed at Zeekoe Vlei.

Margaret Joan Stobie is doing very well at Natal University College, Maritzburg. She is taking her B.A. Final this year, and wants to do her B.Sc. afterwards. She has an excellent opportunity offered to her next year, when she will lecture for six months in the second half in Psychology, while Miss Pratt-Yule is on leave.

BIRTHS

Payne. To Kenneth and *Audrey Payne (Taylor)* on January 5th, 1948, a daughter.

Payne. To Mr. and Mrs. Payne (*Olive Kidd*) on January 10th, 1948, a daughter.

Gardner. On January 26th, 1947, to *Cynthia (Villet)*, wife of Kenneth Hall Gardner, a daughter.

Passmore. On June 7th, 1948, to *Gillian (Thomas)*, wife of Lieut. F. W. A. Passmore, R.N., a daughter.

Collings. To Betty (*Starck*) and Patrick Collings on August 18th, 1948, a son.

Versfeld. To Dr. and Mrs. Martin Versfeld (*Barbara Barry*) on August 18th, 1948, a daughter, Catherine Ann.

Pollock. On October 17th, 1948, to *Joy (le Mesurier)*, wife of Norman Pollock, at Winchester, a daughter.

Slingsby. On September 10th, 1948, to *Molly (Harsant)*, wife of John Slingsby, a daughter.

Reynolds. On September 16th, 1948, to *Jean (White)*, wife of F. Reynolds, a daughter.

Knight. To Margaret (*Wilkinson*), wife of Frank Knight, a daughter.

(Miss Wilkinson was the Head of the K.G. Department at Herschel.)

Nicholson. To *Barbara (Hunt)* and Granville, a son, on June 19th, 1948.

ENGAGEMENTS

Holtzhausen—Rose. In July, 1948, David, only son of Mr. and Mrs. D. Holtzhausen, of Windhoek, to Pamela, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Barclay Rose, of Kenilworth.

Holbery—Brink. Robert, elder son of Dr. and Mrs. R. Holbery, of Rosebank, to Laqueline, only daughter of Mrs. Brink, and the late Mr. Henri Brink, of Rondebosch.

Warrener—Johnson. In Wales, Jack Hamilton-Warrener to Sheila Johnson.

Cloete—Harbottle. In August, 1947, Nigel, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. D'Urban Cloete, of Stellenbosch, to Margery, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Russell Harbottle, of Claremont.

Bate—Peet. In August, 1948, David Lindsay, son of Brig.-Gen. T. R. F. Bate, C.M.G., and Mrs. Bate, of Glattonnow House, Garway, Herefordshire, to Thadeen June, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O'Donnell Peet, of Cape Town and Iraq.

Packer—Orr. In September, 1948, Peter Packer, son of Rear-Admiral and Mrs. H. A. Packer, to Glendyr Orr, of St. James.

MARRIAGES

Croudace—Jooste. On June 12th, 1948, at Christ Church, Kenilworth, Lynette, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Danforth Jooste, of Highlands, Kenilworth, to Glynn Croudace, of Monmouthshire, England.

White—Sandes. On March 6th, 1948, at St. Saviour's Church, Claremont, Sylvia, only daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Lindsay Sandes, of Paradise Estate, Claremont, to Hugh, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. White, of Surrey, England.

Barry—Warren. On January 30th, 1948, in Durban, Doreen Eve (Dew), daughter of Mrs. L. R. Warren, of Claremont, to Charles Barry.

Herbert—Honore. On April 3rd, 1948, at St. Michael's Church, Rondebosch, John Allan, son of Mrs. Herbert, of Vredehoek, to Jasmine Antoinette, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Honore, of Rosebank.

Wragg—Wilks. In September, 1947, at St. Werburgh Church, Hanbury, Staffs, Elizabeth Avise, daughter of Major and Mrs. Jerrold Wilks, of Claremont, to Frederick Robert, youngest son of Sir Herbert and Lady Wragg, of Brethby House, Derbyshire.

Kapp—Te Water. On December 30th, 1947, at the Sundial, Talana Road, Claremont, June, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Te Water, to Karl Kapp.

Pollock—Keeling. On October 19th, 1948, at Chipstead, Surrey, Elizabeth Anne Keeling to Michael Pollock, of East London.

Topping—Kay. On January 3rd, 1948, at Christ Church, Copse Hill, Wimbledon, Mary Elizabeth, youngest daughter of Mr. and the late Mrs. H. Clifford Kay, of St. James, to Peter Stuart, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Topping, of Wimbledon.

Gallie—Struben. In August, 1948, in London, Angela Struben to Lt.-Comm. Brian Gallie, R.N.

Edwards—Rimer.—On July 15th, 1948, at St. Phillip's Church, Earl's Court Road, London, Diana, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Rimer, of Claremont, to Paul, son of the late Mr. J. M. Solomon, of Cape Town.

Howell—Cunningham. On April 3rd, 1948, Pansy Cunningham to Garth Howell, both of Elgin, C.P.

IN MEMORIAM

Old Herschelians will be very sorry to hear of the death, in England, of *Miss Cecil Lewis*. She was the first History Mistress in the School, and was Vice-Principal under Miss Ralph. On one occasion she acted as Head while Miss Ralph was on leave overseas.

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It came as a great shock and grief to hear of the tragic death in a boating accident at Hermanus, of *Joan Simpson (Beattie)* in September. Those who knew her at School and the University, and later as a parent, will feel her loss as a personal one, as she was gifted beyond the ordinary with a friendly disposition and striking personality. Her success academically was brilliant, and she carried her capacity for organization into the management of her home, and the upbringing of her young family. At the time of her death she was taking a great interest in political work, and her loss must be felt in a wide field. We offer our sincere sympathy to her husband and children, and to her mother in their loss.

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Many of us who have been in the School for a long time will recall *Miss Dorothy Bright*, who used to teach French, and remembering her pleasant personality and friendly disposition, it came as a shock to hear of her sudden death at the beginning of this year. Miss Bright went to India to marry Maj. Skuse during the war, so we have not seen her at Herschel for some time. We send our sincere sympathy to her husband and son in their loss.

