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MISS E. M. WREN, B.A.

Past pupils and staff of the School will feel that a chapter of its history closed with the death last spring of Miss Ellen M. Wren. She came to Palmer's as Senior Mistress at the time when the two departments were run as a dual school under the headmastership of Mr. G. H. Silverwood, and she held that post for five years.

On Mr. Silverwood's retirement in 1918, the Girls' School again became a separate unit, with Miss Wren as its Headmistress. From then, until her own retirement in 1940, she guided the School through some of the most difficult years of its history, seeing it develop from a small community of fewer than two hundred pupils to a large one which had made a name and position for itself in Essex.

This rapid growth was the cause of a succession of problems of staffing, accommodation and organisation — all of which Miss Wren tackled with vigour and ingenuity.

None who shared in it will ever forget the excitement and triumph of the move from the cramped premises occupied jointly with the Boys' School to the long-awaited new buildings. As the present school neared completion, Miss Wren decreed, with a mixture of impatience and economy, that the girls should help in the move; so during fine days in the spring of 1931 processions set off up the road bearing varied and sometimes strange burdens to the new site. This speeding-up had the desired result of seeing the girls installed to begin the Summer Term.

Generations of pupils in these present buildings have reason to be grateful to Miss Wren, whose inspiration, untiring work and persistence in the face of obstacles made possible the raising of funds to provide a swimming bath. Her keen interest in swimming, and enthusiasm for life-saving, led to a very high standard on the part of the girls, and outstanding success in the gaining of the Royal Life-Saving Society's awards. Many Old Girls will remember their swimming lessons with mixed feelings: especially, perhaps, that year when newcomers were all made to dive before they could swim (caught in the water by seniors)!

This interest extended to games and sports. Miss Wren personally paid for expert coaching in tennis and hockey so that a high standard might be established. The annual sports days which she had instituted in the limited field at the old school, and which were notable social as well as athletic events, became even more ambitious and spectacular in the new surroundings.

Her old pupils, however, will recall most vividly Miss Wren's genius as a teacher, which enabled her to grasp and to impart with extraordinary clarity even subjects in which she had not specialised. She certainly induced every girl to work hard, by methods varying from detentions to rewards of bars of chocolate.

Modern Languages were her own chief interest: in French, especially, the standard was particularly high. In the last few years of her career she enthusiastically took up German: she spent her own holidays in Germany being coached, so that she might keep abreast with the subject newly introduced into her school. Foreign exchanges had hardly been

considered for girls when she arranged the first for her pupils; later, many went to France or Germany, while during the summer term Palmer's took on quite a cosmopolitan character with its visitors from abroad, many lasting international friendships being formed.

The outbreak of war clouded Miss Wren's last year as Headmistress. She herself went in charge of the evacuation party to Southwold, returning later that year to organise the depleted classes of the re-opened School at Grays. The boarding section, always Miss Wren's particular care, had had to be dispersed from so vulnerable an area, and was never reassembled.

Those who knew Miss Wren well, especially those who worked long as members of her staff, could not fail to be impressed by her selfless absorption in the affairs of the School, into which she poured time, money, devoted service and boundless enthusiasm. She was amazingly versatile, expecting a similar adaptability in others also: obstacles were a challenge to her ingenuity and determination — many a subordinate, bewildered by what confronted her, has been told to "get round it, dear." Fresh plans sprang quickly to her mind; no sooner was a new enterprise fairly launched than another was on its way.

Miss Wren enjoyed many years of retirement at Goring-by-Sea — pleasant years on the whole, though marred by ill-health. She loved to meet former pupils and staff with whom she never tired of talking over "old times" at Palmer's — her reminiscences characterised by that humorous attitude to herself and all of us which had constantly lightened her heavy burden as Headmistress.

W. M. BRAIMBRIDGE

MISS V. M. SMITH

The summer of 1959 saw the sad occasion when we said goodbye to Miss V. M. Smith, affectionately known as Miss "Art" Smith to many generations of Palmer's girls.

In her many years of devoted service to the School she has helped innumerable girls to a better understanding and appreciation of Art and fostered a desire for improvement, even in those who showed little artistic ability. She has inspired them to pursue Art as a hobby or even as a career.

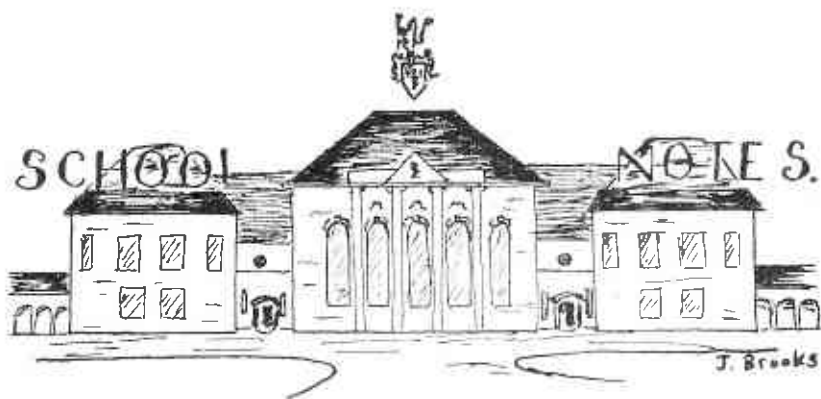
Another aspect of her untiring work for the School has been her assistance in the production of very varied School plays. The producers and cast have always been confident that whatever the choice of play or the difficulties involved, Miss Smith would not fail to create effective and ingenious scenery. Many people will remember the well-deserved applause with which some of her most inspired sets have been greeted. The important lighting effects have also come under her expert supervision.

Producers of House plays will remember with gratitude her patient helpfulness with problems of staging and the construction of model theatres, which to inexperienced House Captains would otherwise have proved an intolerable burden.

None of us, especially visitors to the School on Display Day, will forget the gay displays of painting, pottery and other handicrafts which Miss Smith had worked so hard to prepare.

We should like to thank her on behalf of past and present members of Palmer's, for her untiring energy and unfailing good humour — and for the delightful paintings which she has so kindly given to the School. We wish her a long and happy retirement.

C. BROWN
P. SAUNDERS } VI



The original work submitted for the Magazine this year has varied in quantity and quality; the Junior School responded enthusiastically, and some entries received from the Upper School reached a very high standard. We are disappointed that the Middle School showed so little interest in the subject set for the competition, and it is hoped that greater effort will be made by everyone next year.

In the past year the Recreation Room has finally been completed structurally, and strenuous efforts to raise money by various groups have ensured that all the expenses were fully covered. We must conclude that the new facilities are greatly appreciated by the community if one is to judge from the numbers who frequent it. It has proved invaluable for indoor games and Christmas parties, and the Debating Society and the S.C.M. have found it a congenial setting for their discussions.

Amid the customary whirlwind of public examinations in the Summer Term, Palmer's also underwent a more domestic upheaval in the form of redecoration of the main building. Despite the administrative headache caused by the invasion, school business ran smoothly, and the fresh paint everywhere has brought "sweetness and light" to the whole building.

Academically the year has been successful and it was with the greatest pleasure and pride that staff and girls heard of Carol Brown's success in gaining entrance to Lady Margaret Hall, Oxford, where she hopes to read History. We must also congratulate Janet Hall on winning the first prize in the Under Fourteen Section of the Spanish Competition organized in May by the Association of Teachers of Spanish.

Charity collections are recorded elsewhere in this Magazine. The tabulated list shows clearly that we have not neglected our usual charities. We have made a special effort this year to help the refugees and our contributions have amounted to over £100. Parcels of clothes and seven knitted blankets were also despatched to help combat the winter cold in the refugee camps.

As the redecoration of the hall was still in progress and the weather was good, our Harvest Thanksgiving Service was held in the Quadrangle. Afterwards some of the fruit and flowers were sent to Thurrock Hospital; the remaining gifts and the collection amounting to £14 7s 0d were sent to the W.V.S. to provide extra comforts for the aged sick of the area.

The year saw a number of changes among the staff. Mrs. Malton left us in February, and Mrs. Douglas went at Easter. At the end of the Summer Term we took a final and regretful farewell of Miss Braimbridge, and of Miss "Art" Smith who retired with many good wishes for a happy retirement and presents to remind her of her days at Palmer's. We were also sorry to say goodbye to Mrs. Banner, Mrs. Daniels, Mr. Evans, Mr. Hunt, Miss Parham, Miss Stevens and Mr. Westwood. To Mrs. Daniels, who was married at Easter, we offer our congratulations and good wishes. We have to welcome to the School Miss Bennett to teach French, Miss Critchell Domestic Science, Mrs. Gill English, Mrs. Isaac Geography and English, Miss McCarroll German and French, Mr. Packham Physics with Chemistry, Miss M. Smith Religious Knowledge, Miss Surfing Religious Knowledge and English, Mrs. Welby-Fisher Art, and Mrs. Davies Commercial Subjects. We hope that they will all be happy here.

Finally the School has been extremely fortunate in the number of gifts which have been presented to it during the past year. Miss V. Smith presented us with two elegant modern vases and a watercolour which she herself painted of the old entrance (now demolished) to Palmer's School. Both the vases and the painting are now in the Library. Another gift from Miss Smith, which will be appreciated in the future, is that of some crocuses which have been planted in the grass round the flagstaff. Miss Braimbridge presented a clock to the Recreation Room which is now fully equipped. Miss Brown gave us an Honours Board as a record of the years when the girls' section of Palmer's School was under the headship of Mr. Silverwood. The board may be seen in the West Entrance Hall, where it has been fixed under the record of Headmistresses. Miss Brown has given this to commemorate her association of fifty years with the School as a pupil and later as a Mathematics mistress. We are very grateful to these past members of staff for their generosity; and we should like to thank the following friends of the School and past and present girls for their gifts: Mr. Boatman and his sisters, who gave a barograph on the occasion of the closure of their business in Grays and to mark their long association with the School; Mr. and Mrs. Brooks and Isobel, who gave a cut-glass flower vase; and Miss Finch, who presented a Wedgewood flower vase. We thank the following for the presentation of some valuable books to the Library: Mr. and Mrs. Padgham, for "Adventure in Oil"; Mr. and Mrs. Spencer and Vivien.

for "World Famous Paintings"; Margaret Couling, for Collins' Music Encyclopaedia; Patricia King, for "Spain"; Rosemary Dunhill, for "An Outline of Literature"; and Vera Baxter and Dorothy Richardson, who presented collections of books. We acknowledge the receipt of a magazine from Palmer's School for Boys.

CALENDAR 1959

January	
8	Beginning of term.
30	Hispanic Council Written Examination.
February	
20 - 24	Half-term.
25	Form VI visit to the Royal Institution to a lecture on "Colour in Organic Chemistry" by Professor R. S. Nyholm.
26	Form VI visit to Lyric Theatre, Hammersmith, to see "Danton's Death".
March	
2	School Council Meeting.
3	Hockey match — Palmer's Girls versus Palmer's Boys.
10	S.C.M. Inter-Schools VI Form Conference at Hornchurch.
11	Speech Day.
14	Visit to International Hockey Match at Wembley.
17	Old Girls' Association — Social Evening.
20	Gymnastics Competition
24	Netball match — School versus Staff.
25	End of term.
April	
15	Beginning of term.
18	Thurrock Inter-Schools Safe Cycling Competition.
May	
11	Association of Teachers of Spanish Recitation Competition—Semi-final and Final Rounds.
14	House Music Competition.
15 - 19	Half-term.
21	Form VI Geography group visit to London.
26	Hoover demonstration.
June	
1	Visit to National Education & Careers Exhibition at Olympia.
6	Visit to the Old Vic to see "Macbeth".
8	School Council Meeting
29	Form VI visit to All England Tennis Championships.
July	
2	House Captain Election.
6	Talk on R.S.P.C.A. by Mrs. F. Jordan.
7	Talk to Science Club on "Missions to Seamen" by Mr. Stanley Price.
9	Prefect Election.
10	Concert given by Mrs. Christison and some of her students from Southend.
13	Form VI Dance.
14	Tea Party given by Miss Leworthy for the Prefects.
18	Display Day.
20	House Swimming Sports.
21	Old Girls' Association — Social Evening.
22	Visit of third and fifth form girls to London Planetarium and Zoological Gardens.
	Visit of first and second form girls to Bradwell and Colchester.
	Visit of fourth form girls to Regent's Park Open Air Theatre to see "A Midsummer Night's Dream".
24	End of term.
September	
9	Beginning of term.
18	Harvest Thanksgiving Service.

October	
6	Old Girls' Association — Social Evening.
9	Form VI visit to Royal Festival Hall to the Ford Lecture given by Lord Birkett.
15	Form VI visit to Geological Museum.
25	Visit to Royal Albert Hall to recital by Vienna Boys' Choir.
29 - Nov. 3	Half-term.
November	
3	Science Club visit to the factory of Van den Berghs & Jurgens Ltd.
5	Founder's Day.
19	Film and talk by representative of Cadbury Brothers Ltd.
	Talk and demonstration by representative of Olivetti Ltd.
23	French Verse Speaking Competition — Preliminary Round.
December	
2	Visit to Sadler's Wells Theatre to "Katya Kabanova".
4	House Drama Competition.
7	Form VI visit to Royal Society Lecture at County Hall, London.
9	Special performance of House Plays for Parents.
10	Festival of Carols and Lessons.
11	Junior School Party.
14	Middle School Party.
15	Senior School Party.
16	S.C.M. Nativity Play and Modern Languages Carol Concert.
17	Carol Concert.
	End of Term.

RECREATION ROOM

The balance of £290 needed to pay the final account was raised during the summer term as follows:—

	£	s.	d.
Subscription list and various donations	40	6	4½
Various efforts within the School	184	12	1
Collections on Display Day	49	10	1½
Post Office Interest	16	6	6
	<u>£290</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>1</u>

The School wishes to thank very warmly the many friends who have helped it to make a success of this project.

A. LEWORTHY.

SCHOOL OFFICERS 1959-60

Head Girl:	E. Dines	
Deputy Head Girl:	E. Wilton	
Senior Prefects:	C. Brown	C. Newing
	K. Brown	M. Newman
	J. Collett	V. Noad
	W. Gospage	D. Parker
	V. Grosvenor	S. Rogerson
	T. Hall	B. Rose
	B. Halliday	J. Rowe
	J. Hayston	D. Syred
	M. Keeble	J. Thompson
	C. Marshall	P. Venn
	A. Mellor	M. Wilton
	I. Mitchell	L. Wood
Junior Prefects:	D. Bye	D. Scott
	D. Gundy	F. Searles

SCHOOL COUNCIL

Chairman: Miss Leworthy

Staff:	Mrs. Doherty	Girls:	E. Dines
	Miss Barbanel		E. Wilton
	Miss Bruguier		K. Brown
	Mrs. Kelleher		C. Marshall
	Miss Miller		P. Venn
	Miss Shorter		D. Scott

MAGAZINE COMMITTEE

Mrs. Gill, Miss Miller, Miss Redgrave, J. Forrest, M. Newman, S. O'Leary, E. Uttenthal

Form Representatives:

Vths	C. Williams, Y. Rolph, E. Merchant
IVths	J. Osborne, S. Billingham, E. Clifford
IIIrds	G. Paterson, A. Painter, J. Harper
IIrds	M. Elliot, M. Hammond, S. Long
Ists	M. Harper, A. Thomas, V. Heard

THE SCHOOL SAVINGS GROUP

During the year 1959 the Savings Group has bought £584 5s 0d worth of Savings Stamps, and there are 160 members of the Group. This is an improvement on the previous year which shows that more girls are realising the value of saving small amounts of money each week. These regular sums, even as small as 6d per week, soon mount up considerably. When you have 15s in stamps they can be exchanged for a Certificate which will then earn interest and so add to its value. If this exchange is made through the School Group, the Certificates can be pre-dated, that is, dated earlier than the day on which they are actually bought, so that a few more months' interest may be added.

E. M. SMITH

SCHOOL RESULTS

AWARDS FOR FURTHER EDUCATION

COUNTY MAJOR SCHOLARSHIPS

I. Brooks	Birmingham University, Medical Course
H. Nice	Chelsea College of Science and Technology
V. Spencer	Reading University, Honours Degree Course in Physics
E. Winfield	Reading University, Honours Degree Course in French

COUNTY MAJOR EXHIBITIONS

D. Kempley	Sheffield Training College
W. Noble	Bristol University, Honours Degree Course in History
M. Sawyer	Reading University, General Degree Course

WILLIAM PALMER LEAVING EXHIBITIONS

I. Brooks	M. Sawyer	V. Spencer
D. Kempley	O. Smith	E. Winfield

EXAMINATION RESULTS

GENERAL CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION—ADVANCED LEVEL

R. Barnitt	Physics
I. Brooks	Physics, Chemistry, Botany, Zoology
G. Cassanet	English Literature, History
J. Fraser	History
D. Jones	History, French, German
V. Jordan	Zoology
D. Kempley	Pure Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry
W. Noble	English Literature, History
P. Randall	English Literature
M. Rowe	French, German
M. Sawyer	Geography, Pure Mathematics, Applied Mathematics, Physics
O. Smith	English Literature, History, Art
V. Spencer	Pure Mathematics, Applied Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry

D. Taylor	French, Art
M. Wilson	History
E. Winfield	English Literature*, History, Latin, French
A. Zak	English Literature, French

* Indicates Distinction

GENERAL CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION — ORDINARY LEVEL

SIXTH FORM --- Additional subjects

I. Bailey	Geography
R. Barnitt	Chemistry
C. Brown	German
D. Carter	English Language
G. Cassanet	French
R. Clark	Biology
M. Couling	English Literature, Religious Knowledge, German
S. Custard	French
J. Fraser	English Literature
D. Gregory	Biology, Physics
V. Grosvenor	Latin, Italian, Physics-with-Chemistry
B. Halliday	Pure Mathematics
R. Hardy	History
C. Hease	Religious Knowledge, German
P. Jones	French
V. Jordan	Biology
D. Kempley	Applied Mathematics
B. Lovering	English Literature
C. Marshall	Biology
A. Mellor	Additional Pure Mathematics, Applied Mathematics, German
A. Metherell	French
J. Mitchell	French
B. Newing	Biology, Geography, Physics-with-Chemistry
M. Newman	Italian, Additional Pure Mathematics, Applied Mathematics
M. Nicholls	Geography
W. Noble	French
S. Phillips	Physics, Chemistry, Botany, Zoology
P. Randall	French, Art
B. Rose	English Language, Biology, Additional Pure Mathematics, Applied Mathematics
J. Rowe	Religious Knowledge
D. Syred	French
M. Thomas	English Language, Geography, Religious Knowledge, Needlework
E. Uttenthal	German
P. Venn	English Literature, French
J. Vine	Biology
M. Weir	German
L. Wood	German
J. Woods	Religious Knowledge

FIFTH FORMS

The following have passed in :

- 9 subjects : A. Armstrong, C. Bannister, W. P. Jones, K. Munson
- 8 subjects : P. Bates, M. Berry, J. Collett, R. Dimmock, T. Hall, M. Keeble, G. May, A. Morris, D. Oldham, J. Panter, D. Pentelow, H. Rath, F. Smeed, J. Thompson, M. Tyler, C. Warren, M. Zak
- 7 subjects : M. Arthey, S. Batt, V. Blyfield, M. Butcher, G. Dines, S. Dorrell, C. Gaywood, W. Gospage, V. Noad, S. O'Leary, P. Waite
- 6 subjects : R. E. Barnitt, W. Baxter, V. Bennett, J. Coford, J. Forrest, G. Jack, J. Johnson, M. Morgan, C. Newing, J. D. Roberts, M. Salmon, B. Scaysbrook, D. Spencer, V. Ward, V. Wiffen, A. Wildish
- 5 subjects : J. Baines, P. Collins, G. Court, V. Cummersdale, C. Essex, J. Jones, G. Williams

- 4 subjects: J. Chopping, L. Denness, M. A. Duncan, P. Ellaway, J. Evans, P. A. Hammond, P. A. E. Hammond, G. Howard, C. Marr, C. Saunders
- 3 subjects: K. S. Aitchison, J. Cook, J. A. Cook, J. Danson, M. Halliday,
 of fewer: A. Hancock, V. Higham, M. Hines, S. Homans, S. Howell,
 J. Humphries, P. Lenex, M. Parker, D. Robinson, J. Taylor,
 D. Thompson, J. White

GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL -- Preliminary Examination, Part I

R. Clark, B. Newing, M. Nicholls, M. Weir, J. White

PITMAN'S CERTIFICATES

Shorthand: 100 w.p.m. A. Zak
 80 w.p.m. M. Rowe
 60 w.p.m. J. Chaundy, J. Woods
 50 w.p.m. J. Mitchell, W. Noble, P. Randall, J. Rowe

THE ASSOCIATED BOARD OF THE ROYAL SCHOOLS OF MUSIC

Violoncello Grade I:

A. Barker, V. Blower, G. Hart, L. Millins

PRIZE LIST

FOR SERVICE TO THE SCHOOL AS HEAD GUR.: P. Randall

FOR BEST EXAMINATION RESULTS:

VI	V. Spencer	VL	M. Tyler
	M. Weir	V	A. Armstrong
		VA	C. Warren

SUBJECT PRIZES

Advanced Level:

English Literature	E. Winfield	Pure Mathematics	V. Spencer
History	D. Jones	Applied Mathematics	V. Spencer
Latin	E. Winfield	Physics	V. Spencer
French	E. Winfield	Chemistry	V. Spencer
German	D. Jones		

Ordinary Level:

English Language	A. Morris	Pure Mathematics	A. Armstrong
English Literature	P. Bates	Additional Pure Mathematics	M. Newman
Geography	{ S. Batt K. Munson	Applied Mathematics	A. Mellor
History	J. Panter	Physics-with-Chemistry	C. Bannister
Religious Knowledge	C. Bannister	Biology	A. Armstrong
French	{ W. P. Jones M. Tyler	Art	V. Wiffen
German	{ E. Uttenthal M. Tyler	Cookery	J. Baines
		Needlework	D. Robinson

FORM PRIZES

IVL	{ J. Hall C. Williams	IIIL	H. Wakefield	IIA	I. Young
IV	R. Carter	III	S. Furnell	I	D. Walker
IVA	{ D. Bye D. Clarke	IIIA	J. Mellor	Ist	G. Alden
		II	D. Rowe	IA	R. Kempley
		II	L. Chawner		

HOUSE RESULTS 1958-9

COCK HOUSE — WHITECROSS

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th
WORK	Whitecross	Lombard	Langthorne	Sherfield
CONDUCT	Langthorne	Lombard	Whitecross	Sherfield
WINTER GAMES	{ Sherfield Whitecross		{ Langthorne Lombard	
SUMMER GAMES	Whitecross	Langthorne	Lombard	Sherfield
SWIMMING SPORTS	Sherfield	Whitecross	Langthorne	Lombard
MUSIC COMPETITION	Whitecross	Sherfield	Lombard	Langthorne

PHYSICAL EDUCATION AWARDS

ROYAL LIFE SAVING SOCIETY AWARDS

Distinction award: P. Venn

Instructor's Certificate: B. Hawkridge, C. Marshall, S. O'Leary, H. Rath, J. Thompson

Scholar Instructor's Certificate: D. Gundy, J. Judd, J. Moore, C. Wiggins

Bronze Cross: D. Gundy

Bar to Bronze Medallion: J. Judd, J. Moore, L. Neville, M. Wilson

Bronze Medallion: S. Beeho, J. Burling, E. Dewar, S. Furnell, A. Hargreaves, W. Hawkins, C. Jones, G. Long, J. Lord, J. Main, L. Maughan, A. Metherell, J. Nash, C. Taylor, M. Tyler

Intermediate Certificates: A. Cutler, M. Earl, W. Gardner, D. Hill, M. Kirby, J. Leathart, A. Lightstone, L. Lightstone, J. Mellor, S. Parks, V. Pateman, M. Paterson, V. Rashleigh, M. Rodgers, C. Winks

CAREERS OF SCHOOL LEAVERS 1959

UNIVERSITY DEGREE COURSE

I. Brooks	Birmingham
W. Noble	Bristol
M. Sawyer	Reading
V. Spencer	Reading
E. Winfield	Reading

TRAINING COLLEGES

G. Cassanet	Philippa Fawcett
R. Hardy	Philippa Fawcett
C. Hease	Wall Hall
P. Jones	Clacton
D. Kempley	Sheffield
M. Nicholls	Clacton
P. Randall	Furzedown
O. Smith	Furzedown
M. Thomas	Edgehill

SECRETARIAL AND TECHNICAL COLLEGES

A. Armstrong	C. Saunders	J. Vine
W. Baxter	V. Wiffen	A. Zak
J. Johnson	M. Williams	M. Zak
A. Morris		

OTHER TRAINEES

J. Chaundy	Trainee Cartographer
J. Fraser	Trainee Fashion Buyer
K. Jordan	Trainee Children's Nurse
V. Jordan	Trainee Radiographer
L. Keeble	Nursing Cadet

LABORATORY WORK

M. Arthey	A. Duncan	K. Munson
C. Bannister	D. Gregory	

UNQUALIFIED TEACHERS

R. Barnitt	M. Couling	M. Wilson
D. Carter	S. Phillips	

BANKS

S. Aitchison

CLERICAL POSTS

M. Berry	M. Halliday	M. Salmon
V. Blyfield	E. Hamilton	D. Spencer
M. Butcher	S. Homans	D. Taylor
J. Danson	F. Laken	D. Thompson
S. Dorrell	G. May	M. Weir
C. Essex	D. Robinson	J. White
P. Garner	M. Rowe	J. Woods
J. Grant-Clark		

OTHER POSTS

R. E. Barnitt	Children's Nurse at Dr. Barnado's
D. Jones	Children's Nurse in Germany

NEW ADMISSIONS 1959

LANGTHORNE

J. Abraham
S. Barnes
D. Batty
S. Beetson
M. Brown
K. Bullen
J. Burrows
M. Bush
V. Cleves
J. Congdon
J. Double
I. England
L. Freeman
H. Gosling
S. Gregory
W. Harding
A. Henley
E. Henson
M. Hills
M. Meddle
V. Morris
D. Reynolds
C. Wilson

LOMBARD

W. Astle
S. Baker
D. Banks
H. Beckett
E. Black
E. Bradford
J. Bull
S. Crease
A. Dimmock
K. Frost
L. Freebrey
M. Harper
F. Jack
B. Jackson
D. Jennings
C. Johnson
M. Lindsay
C. Mitchell
V. Mullings
L. Mumford
V. Nicholls
K. Palmer
C. Pearson
G. Ramsey
P. Simpson
J. Ward
J. Weeks

SHERFIELD

J. Ambrose
G. Bennett
J. Butler
E. Burling
C. Catton
A. Davidson
B. Grant
C. Griffin
V. Heard
G. Hill
E. Humphreys
A. Jenkins
S. Knapton
S. Langridge
G. Long
M. Martin
M. Pottage
J. Richards
J. Shipman
A. Smith
S. Sowells
R. Tobutt
I. Van Gelder

WHITCROSS

K. Appleford
S. Burns
M. Carter
J. Davis
G. East
J. Evans
V. Goodyear
D. Graham
S. Hatt
H. James
S. Lacey
V. Lawrence
S. Moore
J. Perrett
M. Potts
C. Rath
K. Sagar
R. Salmon
S. Sharp
M. Smith
P. Storie
A. Thomas
L. Twydell

The following girls were admitted from other schools during the year:

L. Thrush	N. Collins	C. Gill
		T. Hadland
		R. Johnson
		V. Reid

SCHOOL EVENTS

SPEECH DAY

After many rehearsals and practices the School was finally ready for Speech Day, 1959 on March 11th.

The Chairman of the Governors, Mr. O. L. Oxley, introduced a programme of songs by English composers sung by the Choir and the School. This was one of the most ambitious and enjoyable programmes yet presented.

Miss Leworthy gave her annual report of the varied activities of the School, announcing the details of University scholarships and exhibitions and other outstanding academic successes gained during the past year. She gave us encouraging and exciting news of Old Girls, many of whom now live in widely different parts of the world and are engaged in unusual and worthwhile work. She announced with pleasure that the Recreation Room was completed and would be open for inspection later that afternoon. The School was grateful to the Governors whose substantial grant had made the project possible, and thanks were extended to all the generous contributors.

The School was proud to welcome as its guest of honour, Professor A. H. Smith, Quain Professor of English Language and Literature. The Professor spoke of the importance of the English language in education: the ability to express oneself clearly and naturally was a primary condition for leading a full and interesting life, he said, and, though we should not neglect classical and modern languages, our first consideration should be to acquire a good command of English.

A vote of thanks was proposed; the School Song and the National Anthem brought a memorable afternoon's proceedings to a close.

ELISABETH UTENTIAL, VI

DISPLAY DAY

Display Day 1959 was held on Saturday, July 18th. Our guest of honour was the Reverend Eric A. Shipman who presented the trophies at the Ceremony which was held in the Greek Theatre. He gave us a very interesting and amusing address following the Chairman's opening remarks. The various displays were very successful. The Senior Choir gave a performance of Madrigals and Negro Spirituals in the Greek Theatre, and girls of all ages presented an attractive dress parade, showing the work which had been produced during the year. This was followed by a performance of modern dancing by the Lower School. The finals of the Tennis Tournament and inter-form Rounders Matches gave much pleasure to many visitors while some of the girls gave a gymnastics display in the school hall. A swimming display followed the presentation ceremony. Perhaps the most outstanding entertainment of the afternoon was the production of Euripides' 'The Trojan Women' by members of the Drama Club under the guidance of Mrs. Daniels. It was a very moving performance.

Exhibitions of work were on show as usual in the school buildings. I know that visitors, staff, and girls alike will agree that it was a very successful day.

ELEANOR DINES, VI

FOUNDER'S DAY SERVICE

The two Palmer's Schools held their annual Founder's Day Service as usual in Grays Parish Church. We were honoured to have the newly-appointed Bishop of Barking, the Right Reverend W. F. P. Chadwick, M.A., as preacher. The Reverend K. A. Vine, who had recently moved to Loughton, returned to his old parish to take the service. Peter Longhurst, the Captain of the Boys' School, and Eleanor Dines, the Head Girl, read the two lessons which were taken from Ecclesiasticus XLIV, and Romans, XII, respectively. The Bishop's unusual theme for his sermon was 'Blackberries', from which, he explained, we can learn a great deal. Blackberries thrive in sunshine, they are free for everyone to pick, and the best, juiciest, blackberries grow in the most unattainable places and can be reached only with difficulty. The Bishop then expounded his ideas by showing how these principles can be applied to the Christian life. Choirs from both schools led the singing which was of a high standard. After a final hymn, "Now Thank We All Our God", two short prayers and a blessing, the congregation filed from the church.

ELIZABETH WILTON, VI

HOUSE DRAMA COMPETITION

We were to have had Mr. Richard Casimir with us to judge the plays in the 1959 House Drama Competition, but unfortunately, owing to a last-minute illness, he was prevented from attending, and Miss Braimbridge, Miss Shorter and Mrs. Gill, at a moment's notice, kindly agreed to act as joint adjudicators.

Despite frayed nerves behind the scenes, all the cast gave excellent performances, and the judges agreed that the standard of acting was even higher than in previous years.

In the Junior Competition, Lombard was the first House to perform, presenting two excerpts from a dramatised version of "Alice in Wonderland". The adjudicators commented that the use of two unconnected episodes added difficulties to the production, but that the characters were well cast and well played. Whitecross Juniors gave a one-act play, "The Invisible Duke". Here the production was highly praised, and the clear diction was commended. The highlight of Sherfield's production from "Toad of Toad Hall" was a delightful performance by Elaine Meyrick as Marigold, which was warmly praised. Langthorne's "Paddy Pools" was another excellent and carefully produced performance. Before the start of the Senior Plays, Miss Braimbridge, on behalf of the adjudicators, commented on each of the Junior Productions, and finally announced Whitecross as the winner.

The First Senior House, Whitecross, performed excerpts from a dramatised version of "Pride and Prejudice". Pat Hammond was an uproarious success in a very true-to-character portrayal of Mr. Collins. Langthorne followed with a one-act play based on the same novel, "Elizabeth Refuses". Here the setting and costumes received special approbation. Lombard Seniors presented "The Spinsters of Luche". a play for a female cast; They were congratulated on the ingenious stage

set, and the costumes. The final play, "The Unquiet Cloister", was produced by Sherfield House. The adjudicators especially commended the careful and apt casting of the varied characters, and the effective settings produced in quick scene changes. These various merits ensured an almost faultless performance, and gained Sherfield the first place in the Senior Competition.

After Mrs. Welby-Fisher had been consulted about the model stage sets and figures, the final results were announced as follows:

1st Whitecross	3rd Lombard
2nd Sherfield	4th Langthorne

JENNIFER HAYSTON, VI

HOUSE REPORTS

LANGTHORNE

House Mistress	Miss Barbanel
House Captain	Betty Rose
Vice Captain	Mary Tyler
Secretary	Jeanne Collett
Games Captain	Diane Syred
Vice-Games Captain	Dilys Gundy

Achievements in the work and conduct were reasonably good last year, and we trust that this standard will be maintained.

We should like to thank those who supported the House in sport and in the Choir Competition, although they did not have any great successes, and we hope that they will do better next year.

We should also like to take this opportunity to thank Miss Barbanel and the House officials for their services throughout last year.

JEANNE COLLETT, VI

LOMBARD

House Mistress	Miss Fallas
House Captain	Carolyn Marshall
Vice Captain	Maureen Keeble
Secretary	Valerie Ward
Games Captain	Valerie Moss
Vice-Games Captain	Anne Mellor

During the past year the House has been moderately successful in sports activities, having been placed third in the winter games and rounders and first in tennis.

The standard of work and conduct has greatly improved, and we hope that this will be maintained.

The House wishes to congratulate Eleanor Dines on her election as Head Girl.

We should like to thank Miss Fallas and last year's officials for their invaluable help.

VALERIE WARD, VI

SHERFIELD

House Mistress	Mrs. Padgham
House Captain	Pat Venn
Vice Captain	Sheila Rogerson
Secretary	Kathleen Brown
Games Captain	Valerie Grosvenor
Vice-Games Captain	Daphne Bye

This House has not proved so successful as in former years, particularly in conduct, work and summer games. However, we tied first in winter games and special credit should be given to the hockey team who regained the Hockey Cup.

Once again we did very well in the Swimming Sports. Carol Greig won the Crawl Cup against strong opposition, Valerie Grosvenor tied for the Breast stroke Cup and with support from other members of the House we easily carried off the trophy.

In the Choir Competition we gained second place; choirs gave a good performance, and our soloists were of a very high standard. Jane Shearing and Corina Newing won their vocal solos, and Janet Rowe and Corina Newing their vocal duet, while Helen Morgan and Margaret Couling acquitted themselves well in the piano solos. The hard work put in by choir conductors, Gillian Cassanet and Dawn Spencer, was also much appreciated.

Finally we should like to thank all the House Officers, and especially Mrs. Padgham and Diana Gregory for their unfailing encouragement during the past year.

KATHLEEN BROWN, VI

WHITECROSS

House Mistress	Miss Miller
House Captain	Dawn Parker
Vice Captain	Mary Wilton
Secretary	Elizabeth Wilton
Games Captain	Heather Rath
Vice-Games Captain	Ruth Carter

Whitecross has had an extremely successful year in all House activities and won the Cock House Cup for the school year 1958-1959.

Our teams came first in the netball and rounders matches and in the tennis matches tied for first place with Lombard. We gained second place in the hockey and swimming inter-house competitions. I am sure that the House teams would be the first to thank Dawn Parker for coaching them so well. We were fortunate in having Heather Doncaster, Elizabeth Uttenthal, Pat Hammond and Jennifer Huyston among our performers in the House Music Competition. The House's success in winning the music trophy was due to their hard work and enthusiasm of our two choirs. The House would like to thank Miss Miller for her very real interest and practical help during the year.

ELIZABETH WILTON, VI

SOCIETIES

DEBATING SOCIETY

President	Miss Leworthy
Vice-President	Miss Roberts
Chairman	Jill Thompson
Vice-Chairman	Jennifer Hayston
Secretaries	Mary Tyler Kathleen Brown

Support of this society has increased greatly since the beginning of the Autumn Term, perhaps due to the fact that first and second forms are now allowed to attend. There have been four meetings so far, including a talk given by Mrs. Gill on the debate procedure, and a 'Balloon' Debate with the Boys' School. It is hoped that attendance of this society will continue to improve to make the debates more interesting and worthwhile.

MARY TYLER, VI

SCIENCE CLUB

President	Miss Leworthy
Vice-President	J. Hayston
Secretary	Kathleen Brown

So far, this year has been a very successful one with most meetings well attended. Owing to the uncertainty of British winter weather, activities have perforce been restricted, but they have nevertheless been varied.

Members were given an introduction to 'Bees and Beekeeping' through the medium of a filmstrip, and it is possible that a few have been influenced by a career film, 'Pharmacy for You'. Magazine evenings were, as ever, popular, and Miss Smith provided a selection of magazines among which all members found something to interest them. A comparatively new venture, 'Animal, Vegetable and Mineral' also attracted a large audience who attempted to guess the identity of such diverse specimens as fossils, puffballs, raw asbestos, and an armadillo shell.

One of the highlights has been the visit of Brigadier Burns from the Cancer Research Institute, and we hope soon to have another outside speaker, from the Wool Secretariat.

Finally we should like to offer our sincere thanks to Miss Smith whose hard work and unfailing encouragement have made Science Club such a success.

KATHLEEN BROWN, VI

PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

President	Miss Leworthy
Vice-President	J. Hayston
Secretary	V. Grosvenor

The society was re-formed by Mr. McWilliams after Miss Grant had left, and later, in the Spring Term, Miss Hayward kindly consented to take over on Mr. McWilliams' departure. The attendance for the first meetings was good, but unfortunately the number of regular members soon diminished.

During the year, several meetings were spent viewing colour slides, some taken by Mr. McWilliams in the School grounds, and others of New Zealand.

A demonstration was given by Miss Hayward on the operation of the projector, and its conversion into an epidiascope, and Delia Taylor demonstrated printing and tinting, which was particularly valuable to the new members.

Since the Autumn Term, the meetings have been held in the New Laboratory, and the society has come under the supervision of Mr. Packham, to whom we are indebted for much valuable advice in our attempts at printing, and moreover, enlargements.

We should also like to thank Miss E. M. Smith for showing us some delightful colour slides at the beginning of the term.

VALERIE GROSVENOR, VI

STUDENT CHRISTIAN MOVEMENT

President	Miss Leworthy
Vice-President	Elizabeth Wilton
Secretary	Jennifer Hayston

One of the difficulties of the S.C.M. has been to arrange a programme attractive to all within the wide age range of its members, since it is impossible to fit separate Senior and Junior branch meetings into the School timetable. Films have, however, proved to be popular with both members and non-members of all ages. Those shown included an account of the work of the National Children's Home, a vivid illustration of the history of the Bible, and a description of some difficulties of missionary work in South America. We are very grateful to Miss Smith for showing the films.

Other activities included an address on the work of the Missions to Seamen, illustrated by tape recordings, a gramophone recital of sacred music and negro spirituals, and a play reading and extracts from "The man Born to be king".

In the summer the S.C.M. arranged the form of service for Prayers for one week. As part of the Christmas festivities in December we gave a dramatic reading of a modern play in verse — "The Camp" by John Ferguson. This was specially written for World Refugee Year, and combined the Nativity story with an appeal for practical demonstrations of Christian charity towards those in need today.

H. HACKING

MUSICAL ACTIVITIES

During the past year, the Junior and Senior choirs have been formed and have played a considerable part in the musical life of the school.

On Wednesday, 11th March, Speech Day took place. The programme was as follows:

Choirs	"Fly, Singing Bird, Fly"	Elgar
	"The Blackbird's Song"	Buck
	"The Song of the Shoemakers"	Holst
School	"The Viking Song"	S. Coleridge-Taylor
	"The Ballad of London River"	

Instead of the usual Choir Competition we had a Music Festival which proved to be very successful, although some girls were rather doubtful at first, and greater talent was displayed than had been anticipated. The adjudicator, Mrs. Morgans of Westeliff High School, gave some very constructive criticism on the performances which she had heard during the day. The programme was as follows:

Senior Choir	"Aubade"	John Ireland
Junior choir	"The Three Dragons"	J. Brown
Juniors and Seniors	Pianoforte solo	Own choice
Junior vocal solo	"Good Morning, Lords and Ladies"	Pulford
Senior vocal solo	"Art thou Troubled?"	Handel
Senior vocal duet	"Evening Prayer"	Humperdinck

Whitecross was the winning house with Sheffield a few points behind.

The next important event on the musical calendar was Saturday, 18th July — Display Day. A select group of the Senior Choir sang three madrigals: "The Silver Swan" by Orlando Gibbons, "What Saith My Dainty Darling?" by Morley, and "The Nightingale" by Thomas Weelkes. The rest of the choir gave a stirring performance of three negro spirituals. These were: "The Battle of Jericho", "Deep River", and "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot".

During the last week of the summer term a number of girls enjoyed a visit to the Handel-Purcell Exhibition in London.

Later in the year, on Wednesday, 2nd December, a group of senior girls and staff visited Sadler's Wells Theatre to see a performance of Janacech's "Katya Kabanova". This was the first visit of its kind which we hope will be repeated in the near future.

The Christmas Carol Service took the form of a festival of seven lessons and carols. The favourite ones were sung by the congregation of parents, staff, and girls and the following less familiar carols were introduced by the choirs: "Ballulalow" and "This Little Babe" from the "Ceremony of Carols" by Benjamin Britten, "The Carol of the Ox and the Ass", "The Christmas Husheen Song", and an unusual setting of "Away in a Manger". The Junior choir sang "How far is it to Bethlehem?" and "Come to the Manger".

During the course of the year, the School was entertained at a number of informal concerts, through which some unexpected talent was discovered.

The violinists and 'cellists play regularly once a week for prayers on Friday mornings, and occasionally the Choir sings anthems at these services.

During the last week of the Christmas term, the orchestra played a Pastorale from the Christmas music by Corelli. Some enthusiastic members of the choirs sang carols to the patients in Tilbury, Thurrock and Oldchurch Hospitals. The hard-working carollers were afterwards very pleased when their efforts were rewarded with refreshments.

After the excitements of the Christmas term, the choirs have once more settled down to hard rehearsal for Speech Day, 1960. We hope that their efforts will be well rewarded.

CORINA NEWING, VI



HOCKEY

Although the 1st XI lost five players, and the 2nd XI, and the Under 15 XI teams had to be completely altered, the season was quite successful. We were also unfortunate as Mrs. Hendry left at the end of the season, but we were very pleased to welcome Miss Drury, who gave us valuable help and encouragement. On the field, Patricia Garner, the Captain, led the team with enthusiasm.

The Under 15 XI took part in the Essex Junior Tournament at Southend, where they drew three matches and lost one.

The teams would also like to take this opportunity of thanking the girls who helped with refreshments.

Results:—

	Matches Played	Won	Drawn	Lost
1st XI	9	6	0	3
2nd XI	4	2	0	2
U. 15 XI	5		1	2

Inter-House Results:—

- 1st Sherfield
- 2nd Whitecross
- 3rd Lombard
- 4th Langthorne

PATRICIA VENN, VI

NETBALL

All teams played enthusiastically last year, but some were more successful than others. Some very close matches were fought and the 1st VII in particular would like to thank Brentwood County High School for a very thrilling match. The Under 15 VII and Under 14 VII managed to do fairly well in the District League, but owing to the lack of time it has been decided not to enter the teams this year.

I am sure all girls would like to thank Mrs. Kelleher for the encouragement she gave us and for her ardent coaching. It is hoped that under her tuition the teams will play even harder and be more successful still. Our thanks also go to those who supplied us with such welcome refreshments.

Results:—

	Matches Played	Won	Drawn	Lost
1st VII	6	1	0	5
2nd VII	3	1	1	1
U. 15 VII	7	4	0	3
U. 14 VII	7	2	0	5
U. 13 VII	6	4	0	2

League Matches:—

U. 15 VII	8	4	0	4
U. 14 VII	8	5	0	3
U. 13 VII	1	0	0	1

Inter-House Results:—

- 1st Whitecross
- 2nd Sherfield
- 3rd Langthorne
- 4th Lombard

DAWN PARKER, VI

SWIMMING

School team practice was held regularly once a week throughout the swimming season, and although we were worked very hard, invaluable advice and coaching were given to us by Mrs. Kelleher and Miss Drury. Last year the general standard of swimming in the School improved considerably. Much of this was due to the fact that many of the girls coming into the School had done some swimming previously.

Last season the School swimming team took part in four swimming matches; all of them were very exciting, and we should like to thank our opponents for providing such keen competition.

We swam against St. Bernard's Convent, and managed to beat their team by 92-67 points; we were beaten by Romford County High School team by 94-84 points and lost to Brentwood Ursuline Convent team after a very close match by 67½-68½ points.

In September we took part in a four-way match at Woodford County High School and came last, but here again the results were very close.

1st	Romford	...	...	79 points
2nd	Woodford	...	...	70 points
3rd	Walthamstow	...	...	69 points
4th	Palmer's	...	...	68 points

A swimming display was given on Display Day and afterwards parents and friends were asked to throw coins into the pool, for the girls to retrieve, in aid of the Recreation Room Fund. The usual relay against the "Old Girls" resulted in a win for the School after quite an exciting race.

The School Swimming Sports were held during the last week of the summer term, and the results were as follows:

1st	Sherfield
2nd	Whitecoss
3rd	Langthorne
4th	Lombard

Carol Greig won the Crawl Cup again and the Breast Stroke Cup was jointly won by Valerie Grosvenor and Anita Churchill.

DIANE SYRED, VI

TENNIS

The season was not as successful as we had hoped, but we were very fortunate to have had no matches cancelled by bad weather. The teams gained valuable experience and thank Mrs. Kelleher and Miss Drury for all the help and encouragement they gave us.

The 1st and 2nd teams played mixed doubles with the 1st and 2nd teams from the Boys' School, and would like to thank everyone who helped to make this a success.

The tennis teams would also like to thank the umpires, ball "girls", and girls who helped with refreshments for making this such an enjoyable season.

Results:—

	Matches Played	Won	Lost
1st VI	8	4	4
2nd VI	4	1	3
U. 15 VI	3	0	3

School Tournament Results:—

Doubles	D. Parker and E. Wilton	— Whitecross
Singles	A. Mellor	— Lombard

Inter-House Results:—

	Number of Games
1st Lombard and Whitecross	50
3rd Langthorne	35
4th Sherfield	27

ANNE MELLOR }
ELIZABETH WILTON } VI

GYMNASTICS COMPETITION

The Gymnastics Competition was held on Friday, March 20th, when Miss Rains kindly consented to adjudicate. As usual, the competition was keenly contested and my form particularly was determined to win and thus retain the cup for the second consecutive year.

We did not perform until the afternoon, and the work of the other Fifth and Sixth forms was so good, that, watching them, we became discouraged as well as nervous. However, once we began our first movements of swing and momentum, all nervousness vanished, and it seemed that almost before we had started, we were putting away the apparatus, and the competition was over.

Later in the afternoon, the School assembled in the Hall and waited in hushed anticipation for the adjudication. Not until the final mark had been announced was the result known, so close was the competition. As Miss Rains worked through the forms, criticising or praising their work, our hearts were in our mouths as we listened for our result. On finding VL the winners we let out a scarcely suppressed yell of joy, and congratulated ourselves as our Form Captain went up to receive the coveted award.

The Junior Cup was won by IIL: their movement with the theme of shape was particularly commended.

After Miss Rains had been thanked for coming to judge the competition and for the helpful hints which she had given, the School was dismissed, and the Gymnastics Competition was over until next year when my form hope to achieve their third success.

I should like to extend the thanks of the School to Mrs. Kelleher and Miss Drury for their hard work and encouragement throughout the year.

TESSA HALL, VI



HOLIDAYS and EXCURSIONS.

COLCHESTER CASTLE AND ST. PETER'S ON THE WALL

It was a fine Wednesday in July when the Sixth forms, Form III and the First forms, accompanied by the History staff, visited Colchester and St. Peter's on the Wall.

When we alighted from the coaches at the gates of the castle we were all clutching cameras, and were eager to photograph one of the oldest buildings in England. We walked past beautifully kept lawns and shrubberies, over the wooden bridge spanning a grass-covered moat, and through the heavy oak door into the castle itself. Having divided us into two parties, a friendly, helpful, guide conducted the first party along a passage way to a locked iron gate — the entrance to the vaults.

We saw many pieces of mosaic flooring, and then went down a narrow, steep stairway until we were right underneath the castle. The vaults were dark, lit only by unshaded electric lamps, and quite damp. There were many low archways in the walls, which were formed by the foundations of the castle. We crowded over the floors of trodden earth to a wooden model. With the aid of this model, our guide then explained how the Norman keep was built over the site of a Roman temple. He told us that the reddish stones from the ruins of a temple had been used in the building of the castle.

Having toured the vaults, we then went in the opposite direction — up the Great Staircase to the roof of the castle. As we climbed the spiral stairway we noticed that the stone had been worn away by the constant use of the steps over the ages. Eventually we came out by the high ledge, overlooking the town, on which grew the tree, for which Colchester is famous.

We walked along the top of the roof and looked out over the magnificent grounds. Our guide told us more about the history of the castle. We came down from the roof by means of another stairway. We were shown the prison chambers, and one of the cells in which the captives had been locked. We also saw the stocks used when the unfortunate criminals of years ago had been imprisoned in the streets, so that the townspeople could mock them.

When the tour had ended, we were allowed to look round the museum part of the castle, while the guide conducted another party around the castle. After exploring the museum, where we saw many Roman relics, we ate our lunches in the beautiful grounds.

Our brief visit to Colchester had ended, and so we climbed back into the coach and set off for St. Peter's on the Wall. Although one of the coaches broke down, we arrived at last. After a ten-minute-walk along a path, we came to the old Saxon church, built on what was once the sea wall. It was a small church compared with modern standards, and built of stone. At one end there was a wooden door. We went inside, and entered into an atmosphere of complete peace and calm. Wooden chairs were arranged in rows facing a simple altar and a crucifix.

After taking more photographs, we walked back to the coaches and reluctantly climbed in. We had all enjoyed ourselves very much, and have many happy memories of our outing.

DENISE ROWE, HILL

IMPERIAL GEOLOGY MUSEUM

Three sixth formers and Miss Hayward left school about one o'clock to go to South Kensington. We travelled by train and tube, arriving about three o'clock.

In the entrance hall of the Imperial Geology Museum there is a huge rotating globe, showing geography all over the world. Once inside, our first task was to go to a lecture in a small lecture hall at the back. A member of the Institute showed us film slides of how sea, wind, and rain cause rock formations, and also a short cartoon film about the action of rocks. The lecture was extremely interesting, although rather technical in parts. Different regions of the world with their varying land formations were shown in slides. After the lecture we walked around the show cases containing rocks and gems. We saw the raw stones and the well polished ones, and even some examples of processed stones in rings, brooches, boxes and other trinkets. We were all greatly impressed by the beauty of many stones; there were huge rough diamonds and emeralds, blood red rubies, and polished sapphires.

Round the room were block models of all the regions of England, and so we studied our own area closely and could even see the slight hill on which our own school is built. The bands of different rocks and soil showed up very well and gave us a good idea of the strata and construction of our own area. We also saw working models of volcanoes and coal mines.

BETTY ROSE, VI

THE SCIENCE CLUB OUTING TO THE FACTORY OF VAN DEN BERGHS & JURGENS LTD.

On the last afternoon of our Christmas holidays thirty of us met Miss Smith, Miss Miller, and Mr. Packham outside the Stork Margarine factory. We walked down Jurgen's Road, past all the large oil-storage tanks, and from the main entrance we were taken by one of the staff to the main reception building.

There, we were divided into three groups, each with a trained guide to show us round. We walked across to the main factory and were then taken by lift to the dairy section. In spotlessly clean conditions, we saw how the milk was brought into the dairy, sterilised, and then passed into huge stainless-steel vats to allow it to coagulate. Through a window in the dairy we saw the chief chemist testing various samples of the coagulated milk for blending purposes.

We were then taken through the demonstration section of the factory, and stood for some while watching a lone employee, operating a huge switch board which controlled the amounts of the different oils being added to each brand of margarine.

After being given some leaflets and recipe books, we walked around the main packing centre, and watched how the margarine was automatically sealed in grease-proof paper and then packed into boxes. We followed the conveyor belts carrying these boxes of margarine round to the main storage building, where they were sorted and stamped according to the brand.

We were also taken through the laboratory and canteen and completed our journey by going to the main reception centre again for tea.

DIANE SYRED, VI

MON SÉJOUR À PARIS

A Pâques je me rendis à Paris avec deux camarades du Lycée Palmer. Le jour du départ nous allâmes à Victoria chercher le groupe d'élèves anglais avec qui nous devons arriver en France. A Newhaven la Manche était assez calme et nous fîmes une bonne traversée. En arrivant à Dieppe, la France semblait presque pareille à l'Angleterre, jusqu'au moment où nous entendîmes la voix d'un facteur et les cris des enfants, qui étaient venus pour regarder le navire et pour bien accueillir des étrangers. La nuit était déjà tombée lorsque nous arrivâmes à Paris. Après être sortis de la Gare St. Lazare, nous nous dirigeâmes vers le grand lycée Condorcet, où nos hôtesse françaises étaient venues nous attendre. J'étais timide avant d'être présentée à mon hôtesse. Je trouvai une très gentille dame et une jeune fille jolie et charmante. Chez elle, je fus présentée au père de famille et au fils, Michel.

Dès que je me réveillai le matin, je regardai par la fenêtre, et trouvai qu'on pouvait voir le Sacré-Coeur très nettement. La famille demeurait dans un appartement au sixième étage presque au milieu de Paris. On pouvait voir beaucoup de la ville des fenêtres. Le matin, j'allais au

petit lycée Condorcet avec Francine, et nous suivions des cours. J'apprenais le français, et elle l'anglais. Elle était la seule de la famille qui parlait anglais, et je trouvais que je ne savais pas dire beaucoup de mots ordinaires. Je devais m'accoutumer à la vitesse avec laquelle on parlait.

Je visitai beaucoup de monuments célèbres. J'aimais particulièrement Notre-Dame et le Sacré-Cœur, que je trouvais tout à fait beaux. Je visitai Versailles avec d'autres élèves anglais et français, mais je m'attendais à ce que ce fût plus beau. J'allai aussi au laboratoire Pasteur où je vis le tombeau de Pasteur. Je le trouvai très intéressant. Francine avait un autre frère, qui était marié, et qui avait un petit fils mignon appelé Philippe. Je trouvais drôle de voir un bébé qui parlait français mieux que moi!

Je m'amusais beaucoup à Paris, et voudrais bien y faire un autre séjour. Je trouvais les Français très gentils, avec beaucoup de bienveillance envers les Anglais. Je crois que cela aidera beaucoup les relations anglo-françaises si beaucoup de jeunes Anglais séjournent dans des familles françaises.

ROSALIND DIMMOCK, VI

MUNICH

Munich is the third largest city in Germany, and the capital of the former Kingdom of Bavaria, ruled over by the Wittelsbach family.

The last king was Ludwig II, a strange and rather eccentric man who met an unhappy death in the Waters of Lake Starnberg, a few miles south of the city. He was an enthusiastic patron of the arts, and gave Richard Wagner much assistance. There are today many memorials to Ludwig in the forms of the beautiful castles which he built and furnished.

The city itself is reputed to have been founded in the year 1158 by monks, hence the German name, München. The emblem of the city is a quaint little figure, the "Münchnerkinderl" perhaps a little monk, who sports the city colours, black and yellow.

Of the ancient city walls, only three huge gateways remain — the Isartor, the Sendlingertor and the Karlstor, which stands looking down upon the almost incredibly busy Stachus, the city centre. Trams pulling one or two coaches, clang over the points, and huge crowds of people hurry in seeming disorder from trams and shops, or merely stand under the trees or by the fountains. Away to the left is the great sweep of Sonnenstrasse, at the end of which is the gaunt square tower of the modern Lutheran church of St. Matthew. Opposite the Karlstor stands the dark massive Justizpalast, and beyond lies the main station.

But the bounds of the original city are within these gates, and in the small area enclosed by them are palaces, churches, gardens, twisting lanes, and little squares. The vast ornate Baroque church of St. Michael stands in the Neuhauserstrasse, and next to it the tiny dark chapel of Our Lady, and in the centre of Old Munich the oldest church, Alter Peter, and next to it, the church of the Holy Ghost. Behind these two

is the big open square of the Viktualienmarkt, where, under gay striped umbrellas, women sell mushrooms, venison, sauerkraut, raw-salted herrings, which are ready to eat, cheese and, of course, vast numbers of the famous German sausages.

Not far away rises the vast, almost ugly, red-brick mass of the cathedral, hemmed closely around by houses and narrow alleys. In a severely plain Gothic style, it is completely without ornamentation outside, and has very little inside. The two tall towers are each crowned by a large dark onion-shaped cupola, surmounted by a golden ball. From the top of these towers you can see the whole city, the old part clustered in a thick irregular huddle around the base of the cathedral, spreading out gradually and giving way to the broad tree-lined avenues, and huge buildings of the university, the art galleries, and official building, and further beyond still, the suburbs stretch like claws gripping the wooden country-side.

The sparkling river Isar flows rapidly through the city, on its way to the Danube. The city bank is low, but on the other side the land rises in a steep cliff, covered with woods, where there are tiny paths built against the rock.

A little to the west of the city is Nymphenburg, a small royal palace, set in vast, beautiful grounds and surrounded by lawns, terraces, flower-beds and trees. From the windows, one gazes down the long canal and over the fountains to the great carved artificial waterfall.

Through the iron gates, far from the palace and outside the walls, lies Pasing, where I stayed for a short time. One hot autumn afternoon, I went for a walk by myself, following a small stream through the fields, which are still worked in strips, as the fields of England were hundreds of years ago. The stream ran through the fields, and over its sides hung long waving branches of weeping willow and silver birch. The only sounds were the tinkling of the water as it rippled over the pebbles, and the swish of the willows. I was hoping to find my way to the little church of St. Woifgang, but I wandered around the fields for some time before I came to it, and then the sun was setting. It stood alone in the fields, a little church surrounded by its tiny graveyard, its walls brushed by the yellowing leaves of a few silver birches. Inside, all was silent; the air was dark and heavy with incense, and I could then have been back in 1488, when the church was built. The organ pipes were still painted above the gallery where gaunt, twisted wooden figures still ploughed, sowed and reaped. The floor was, in places still bare earth, or rough dipping bricks. The small altar paintings were as bright as when they were new, and the Virgin still gazed sightlessly down from the tiny altar in the apse. Light flickered dimly through the small windows, and illuminated the Latin texts upon the altar.

I spent two months in Munich last summer, and whilst I was there was treated with the greatest possible kindness by everyone whom I met. Munich is not a well laid-out city, with the aim of luring tourists to enjoy its charms, but it is a great city, with regard to the arts, to music, and to hospitality, and anyone who has the opportunity to go there will, I am sure, find it as attractive and interesting as I have done.

CAROL BROWN, VI

SCHOOL LIFE IN THE HUTT VALLEY, N.Z.

The school year begins in the first week of February, usually the hottest week of the year. The sky is clear blue and so bright that dark glasses are a necessity. For the first week the boys do military drill, to break them in, and the girls play endless games of soft ball, volley ball and tennis, with occasional lectures indoors. New staff have little to do except to find a shady tree and doze or provide an audience for more active people.

After the first week lessons begin at 8.40 a.m. and finish at 3.30 p.m., but there is a very long lunch break and as the sun is usually hot at midday even in winter this is very pleasant. Each day starts with Assembly and as many of the twelve hundred pupils are packed in the Hall as possible, with the boys one side and the girls on the other. A whistle blows, the double doors are flung open, and the staff, in gowns, proceed up the central aisle and onto the platform where they sit down, women staff glaring at the boys and men staff glaring at the girls. The Headmaster gives out the number of the hymn, the organ peals, and the school joins in with a roar. From that time onward there is never a dull moment until the end of the afternoon.

I found it necessary to carry a duster and supply of chalk with me and a ruler for poking boys engaged in fights. Once a class had realised I was there they were usually amiable and sat down, although when I complained to 5 Remove that they were rather slow they were offended and explained that as they did not sit down for everyone I was really rather honoured! This class were ardent Goon Fans, they were also people who had 'missed' (failed) School Certificate and were 'going for it again'. They were very good at Goon-type noises for which I had to invent Goon-type punishments.

Luckily for me, the school used the same Maths and Geography textbooks as I had used in England, so the actual lessons were more or less the same. It was the out-of-school activities that were different. Rugby football is the main interest of all true New Zealanders and several winter school afternoons were spent by the entire school cheering on the First XV. The cheering usually took the form of a Haka, a Maori war chant accompanied by stamping; as one school finished the opposing one began theirs.

Every term the Third Form had a Social and the Fourths and Seniors their own Dances with the School Band providing plenty of rhythm. For each evening the Prefects gave the Hall a new décor, ranging from South Sea Islands to Zoo, Parisian Café, Spanish Bull Ring and Round the World in Eighty Days. The refreshments provided by the girls were excellent. The clothes worn on these occasions were most elegant, but girls' jewellery was restricted to two pieces. This usually meant ear-rings or necklace and ring or a bracelet.

For a whole term I heard hideous noises coming from the Music Room, but these eventually turned into a very good production of Gilbert and Sullivan's "Mikado". About a month before Opening Night the producer realised that no wigs were available, and, as New Zealanders do not look in the least like Japanese, wigs were essential.

During this time I became quite an efficient wig maker, using black crêpe hair which had to be ironed straight and uniform black stockings. [The girls' uniform included black stockings and they complained bitterly last year but fashions have changed!] There was a slight setback while we waited for a consignment of crêpe hair to arrive from overseas—none is made in the country. We made thirty-five girls' wigs for the principals and the chorus and bald heads for six boys. Fortunately the others, the Gentlemen of Japan, had tall head-dresses and no wigs.

At Palmer's I usually take the Geography VI to various parts of London and on Field Trips, but in the Hutt Valley some of the VIth Form took me on a Long Tramp into the Orongorongas, which are very rough and rugged bush-covered hills. Several times we heard wild boars snuffing out of sight, and each time we came to a river we walked straight through it. After shoes have been through several rivers they are perfectly comfortable, and there is no thought of blisters. Tea boiled in a billy tastes very good, and so does any kind of food.

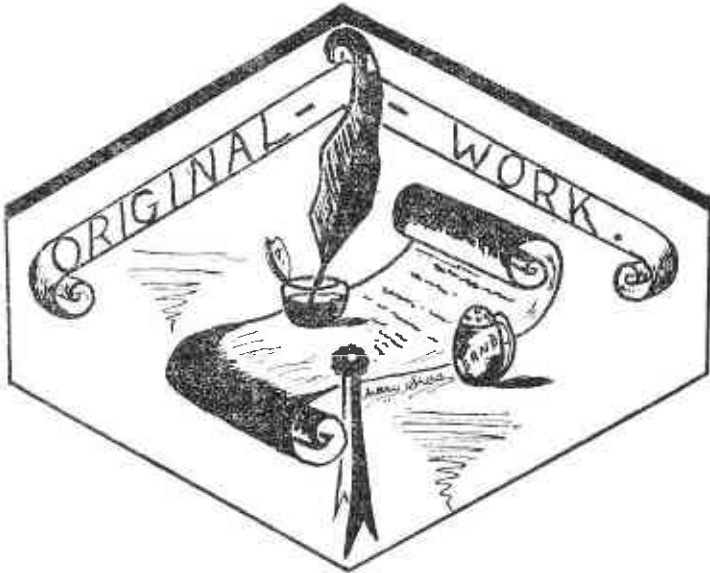
All through the year I had been warned about Earthquake Drill, the New Zealand equivalent of Fire Drill, but it was not until just before I left that an earthquake occurred. It was only a slight one and lasted approximately two minutes. Nothing showed out of doors, but the wooden house rocked like a boat, with all its joints creaking. Doors opened and shut themselves and the light fittings swung backwards and forwards, and then the earthquake stopped.

The Hutt Valley is a rift valley, the house is near the fault line, and **all** of you know what that means!

B. HAYWARD

CHARITIES

	£	s.	d.
U.N.I.C.E.F.—Collection at Carol Service	12	3	0
Collection at Special Performance of House Plays ...	1	18	7
Collection at S.C.M. play	17	9	5
Collections at Prayers during Special Week	17	4	2
Sale of Christmas Gifts	5	4	2
Collected by small groups of girls	36	16	2
R.S.P.C.A.—Collected by Science Club	6	14	8
P.D.S.A.—Sale of Calendars	3	10	0
Earl Haig Poppy Fund	4	14	10
National Spastics Society—Sale of Christmas Seals ...	1	0	0
Children's League of Queen Elizabeth Hospital—Sale of Seals ...	1	4	10
Madam Curie Memorial Foundation—Sale of Seals	1	10	0
Luxuries for Old People—Collection at Harvest Thanksgiving ...	14	7	0



THE HIDDEN TOMB

When the door was at last wrenched open, the secret tomb of Princess Karnunka, High Priestess of the Egyptian god, Nanark, was revealed. The heavy stone door, worn by the swirling sands of desert storms, and wedged by the force of that same sand, was set in the face of a cliff overlooking miles of barren desert. Through the door, at last opened after thousands of years of solitude, the mummified body of the High Priestess was revealed lying in state. The weak light filtering in through the open door shone weirdly on the gilded case containing the last remains of a once beautiful woman. In the strange half-light her embalmed limbs took on a shimmering appearance, as if the long dead spirit was longing to use again the body forgotten for so many years. Around the raised platform, on which the priestess lay in glory, stood many carved figures of wood and gold, some hideously grinning, others with no recognisable form; all placed to protect Karnunka on her journey to the next life. Around the walls were heaped precious gifts, so that the princess need never want for wealth. At her great ceremony, many slaves and handmaidens had been sacrificed to appease the gods, and to make them serve and protect the high priestess. No trace of this terrible slaughter marred the tomb of the princess, and in the calm serenity of her brow lay a wealth of untold happiness. The silence and musty oppressiveness of the tomb would soon be broken by the clink of archaeologists' tools, but at that moment Karnunka lay as majestically as she had ruled in her lifetime, undisturbed by the worries of earthly life.

PATRICIA PIESSE, IVL

PURSUIT

The highwayman was riding in the pale moon light,
He dug his spurs into his horse and gripped the reins tight.
He clattered over the road and stopped at an oak tree,
It was then he saw newcomers and turned round to flee.
They saw him immediately and started to give chase,
But the pursuers, they caught him at the end of the race.
He was hanged at Newgate Jail the very next day,
As a warning to other people that crime does not pay.

HEATHER GOSLING, I

FEAR

This is the futile hour
When dread overcomes the intellect,
When passionate fits sink
Into terror, creeping, seeping
Through body and soul;

This is the sinful hour
When languid laziness rules.
When knowledge of wrong chokes
All joy and activity, overwhelming
Contrition and prayer;

This is the weeping hour,
When cries of despair surge out,
When the body restlessly trembles
Uselessly, sobbing, throbbing,
Tears of destruction.

ELISABETH UTENTHIAL, VI

(Winning entry—Senior School Competition)

FEAR

I fear, and because I fear I am a coward. I am an outcast through physical and mental failure. I am subject to an over-active imagination. I am a slave to thoughts of terror—fear. An act of courage by a fool is nothing; he knows no danger, his mental status denies him the experience of knowing fear. A brave act by an imaginative person is twice the act of a fool. The intellect of a minion to imagination allows time for thoughts of pain and peril. And my imagination rules me, and so I am a coward and afraid.

PAULINE BASSETT, VI

(Highly commended—Senior School Competition)

THE FAIRGROUND

The gay, lighted fairground,
The dark of the night,
Combine in the meadow—
A wonderful sight.

The talk of the people,
The merry-go-round,
Playing tune after tune
Make plenty of sound.

The "Dodge'ems" go bumping,
The coconut shy
Attracts many people
As loud the men cry.

"Roll up! Have a try out!
Just sixpence for four!"
The "Dipper" goes swishing
Up, down, with a roar.

The children run laughing,
The stall-keepers shout,
The women stand talking,
The men walk about.

The crowds start dispersing,
'Tis getting quite late,
The lights will be dimming
And they'll shut the gate.

The once lighted fairground
Is dark 'gainst the night.
The caravans only
Show dimly, pale light.

The once noisy fairground
Is quite silent now.
One sound, 'tis a screech owl
Down swooping, quite low.

Tomorrow, the fairground
Will wake once again
With the noise of the shows
And shouts of the men.

MARGARET HARPER. I

(Winning entry—Junior School Competition)

MY BROTHER

My brother belongs to the class comprising half the total world population known as the male species. He is a young male, or boy, and answers to the name of David (or more commonly "Oy, you there!")

Now boys, in moderation, and under the age of eleven are tolerable, and as long as one does not come into too close a contact with them, one can — if broad-minded enough — allow their existence. But between the ages of eleven and fifteen boys are to be dreaded and shunned at all costs by all sane and sensible people, for this period, called by all zoologists the Definitely Dangerous Time (D.D.T. for short), is a particularly terrifying time when boys are the despair of parents, the scourge of teachers, and generally the epitome of evil incarnate.

The question of how to deal with these rabid enemies of civilisation is a world-wide, controversial, and much despaired-of problem. In my opinion, the ultimate solution will be to exterminate all boys the moment they attain the age of eleven.

Anyway, my brother is, I suppose, a fairly typical example of a fourteen-year old boy — he hates girls, eats like a horse, washes as little as possible, feels sick if the word 'love' is mentioned, and thinks school-masters are in the world for the express purpose of inflicting tortures of the more refined sort.

In addition, David is what is known as a 'scientific type' and he has at the bottom of the garden (not fairies, as the well-known poem suggests) but a shed, the walls of which are adorned with mysterious-looking jars and bottles of various chemicals with which he periodically tries to blow himself up.

He is also interested in radios and televisions and he wanders around with a villainous air muttering to himself about such sinister and intimidating things as superheterodynes, cathode ray oscillographs and orthiconoscopes. His favourite bed-time book is "The Encyclopaedia of Radio and Television" (twelve volumes) in which he sits engrossed for hours, and, when he feels like a little light reading, he flicks negligently through "Radio Circuits and Data".

On the face of it, our house is well equipped. We are the proud possessors of eight radios, six televisions and two transceivers, all in various stages of reconstruction and most of which are tastefully furnished with half a dozen knobs and switches apiece.

Unfortunately, the only snag, from my point of view, is that not only is it doubtful as to whether these delightful acquisitions actually work, but nobody except David has any idea how to switch them on, and one is, if not careful, liable to receive a nasty shock of ten thousand volts or so from a television set — which hazard, to say the least, makes things a little difficult.

Now the traditional way to end a description of this sort (so I have been told), is to say "But in spite of all this I wouldn't change my brother for a hundred pounds". Well, I am different, because I would — any offers?

BARBARA HALLIDAY, VI

PLEA

Written on the last day of the Christmas examinations.

1. As your magazine rep.,
I appeal to you;
Please write something
Please, please, do.
2. An essay or poem
In dactyl and dimeter,
A crossword, sonnet
— Trochaic and trimeter.
3. Exams are over,
The worst's to come.
Results are out —
We all look glum!
4. Now take your chance
And tell the staff
Exams aren't fun —
Won't raise a laugh.
5. We'd really very much prefer
To take life easy.
Exams are awful — that's a fact.
Results just make us queasy!
6. So do write something
Now you've time,
Just a poem
But make it rhyme.
7. So come on, all you Tennysons,
And make your sonnets scan,
Or write on visits you remember —
That is, if you can!
8. Now let's have piles of literary works
To show IIL's the best.
Please make an effort, now, to-day!
Don't leave it to "the rest".

GILLIAN PATERSON, IIL

THE HEIGHTS OF A GIRLS' PASSION, OR ON GETTING AN "A"

The clammy classroom air, the bustle and the hustle
Of our so-called sixth-form numbed my brain,
And I sank down, my head in my hands, staring
At the wall and a spelling mistake on the board.

The click of a shoe in the corridor —
 The buzzing stopped; she opened the door,
 She smiled her "Good morning";
 We mumbled one back;
 It was raining, and we'd just done a test.
 What a blessed silence as she arranged herself.
 Put down a pile of ink-bespattered sheets:
 "Your papers", she said -- I had forgotten them;
 A Sunday afternoon of half-interested, half-bored application
 Is an easy thing to forget.
 She handed them out; one by one each took hers,
 Excited whispers darted across the room;
 The half-still air was made tense with hope,
 Or with disappointment, or joy.
 A shock shot through my legs; they twitched.
 I was thrilled despite myself.
 I gazed at her, out there, explaining — slowly, minutely —
 A point to a girl.
 She sat sideways, as the Queen on a horse.
 Her elbows on the desk, waving her neat hands
 As her disciplined voice wove a loose pattern of words.
 A nudge — "I can see what you've got!"
 "What? Tell me then, you beast!"
 But She glanced up, and froze a tantalising silence.
 At last! My name!
 She only hands me it;
 I take it with an outward calm,
 Scarce daring a look at the back.
 "Of all the luck!"
 Hope surges, I look,
 It's there! At last!
 An "A"!

Victory, triumph, complete elation.
 I have proved myself to myself
 And I have vanquished Her refusal.
 Yet, after the first superb moment,
 What have I left? A red letter —
 Worth nothing now or later — just a sign.
 It cost Her nothing to give — it cost me all
 I could do to get. Where then are joys of life
 If an "A" is not one?
 Only in the song of a soul with a duty done?
 Such petty duties too!
 But disappointment does not last long;
 There are more things to do — more battles to win;
 We press on unthinking in order to gain
 That which we know we obtain in vain.
 The crowning joys of perfection.
 Or even just self-satisfaction,
 Will they always be lost?

WHAT IS A TEACHER ?

What is a teacher? Well, she's hard to define. She comes in various sizes, patterns, and colour schemes.

She hates chewing gum on her chair; knitting under the desk; other mistresses; dinner duty; dirty blackboards; Cliff Richard; Tab Hunter; and clocks and questions above her head.

She likes her coffee at break; over-running lessons; twenty minutes to four; conduct marks; chamber music; Rudolph Valentino and Donald Peers.

Out of school she is a complete square delighting in 'The Brains Trust'; Mickey Mouse; and 'The News of the World'.

Her favourite expressions are "When I was young"; "When you are older"; "Be quiet"; "Speak up"; "C—and see me!"

She does possess statistics, but they are not vital. She wears her wardrobe with grace and elegance, and carries chalked notes upon her back.

VERY ANON.

THE CHARACTER OF PAUL

Paul the apostle, although of a somewhat unprepossessing appearance (he was small, rather ugly, and slightly hunch-backed) was a warm-hearted and understanding person, with a forceful personality and a deep and abiding faith in God and the Gospel.

He had once been a persecutor of Christians but having been finally converted, after much deep thinking, by his vision on the road to Damascus, his faith was unshakeable and his zeal for the spread of the Gospel unflagging. The memory of his vision never left him and it was to have for him a tremendous significance. His faith was based on the firm conviction that love of God and faith in Him was more desirable than obedience to the letter of the Law.

He was a man of great courage and endurance and this is linked up with his faith. Because of his beliefs he willingly, and even rejoicingly, endured the many floggings and imprisonments which his preaching brought upon him. He must also have been possessed of great physical strength to bear these punishments with such steady fortitude.

He founded communities of converts wherever he went, and these embryo churches he loved and cared for like a father. For to him, they were his 'children' and, like a true father, he helped them with their problems when they came to him for advice. Also, like a father, he was not afraid to rebuke them. He told the Corinthians in no uncertain terms, to excommunicate the wrong-doer they had written to him about.

Yet he was understanding and able to sympathise with their difficulties. He was not a cold reserved person who told them what to do and then left them to struggle on by themselves. On the contrary, he was ready to help whenever possible.

He was also ready to forgive. When he heard that the offender was now sorry, he advised the Corinthians to forgive him and take him back.

Paul was very practical and had a large fund of common sense and he had a faculty for assimilating and using the ideas of others which is a great asset for anyone with a new message to propagate for he could think in other people's terms.

He was intensely human and impulsive and very much a victim to his moods. On the one hand he could be very humble and ask for his Corinthian converts' obedience and on the other he could thunder at them and sternly assert his apostolic authority. He was very emotional also: when he sent the 'sorrowful letter' to the Corinthians he frankly admitted that he had shed tears over it, and indeed he was often depressed both by the churches' disobedience and his physical weakness.

Paul was a very likeable character and rather ingenious. He took people at their own valuation and by assuming that they were good he hoped to make them so.

He was extremely sensitive both to people's moods and to atmosphere; when he wrote to the Corinthians asking them for alms, his anguished delicacy betrays that he little relished his task.

From his many references to the Old Testament, it can be seen that Paul was an educated man and he knew the Scriptures very well, for he had been taught by the famous Gamaliel.

Paul was invariably courteous and patient; he was never boorish or uncouth. And although he was often discouraged and depressed with his work, he never gave up but patiently continued in advising and helping the churches.

Paul was a very lonely figure and has been called a tragic figure, but this, I feel is not true; like all great men, he was set apart from his fellows and he could not have any intimate friends. But he had many other friends and with his great joy and delight in the Lord he could not possibly be sad or tragical in any way. His one longing was that others should enter into the free and joyous life that he had found.

BARBARA HALLIDAY. VI

ON MAKING MARMALADE

Am I in Greece or Spain? Among the golden rinds
Flamencas stamp, and harsh sieras frown;
Or brown Sicilian fingers plucked these flames
And with them memories of banditry and feud
Lie waiting for my knife; across the February rain
Of London, floats the warm wild scent of lemon groves,
Sea-borne Aegaeon islands call to me — old gods
And rock-bred goats and matadors and music of guitars —
O Marmalade, what visions stir in your gold!

ANON.

IN PRAISE OF MY DICTIONARY

When I want to find a word,
I use a special book:
To get the meaning of a word
I only have to look.

I turn the pages o'er and o'er
And flick them to and fro,
Words like "Glory" and "Excelsior"
Pass me in a row.

I drift in words of magic tones
With meanings strange and rare,
Mysteries creep into my bones,
And magic fills the air.

And when I find the meaning free,
Of words oft sad and gay,
I'm glad to have my dictionary,
To help me on my way.

FELICITY WALLIS, III

THE SHAPE OF THINGS TO COME

It was the year 2,000 A.D. Shirley woke up suddenly. "That was the worst of those sleeping pills . . . always waking you up right on the dot . . ." she reflected.

An hour later she started up her Mini-craft, an ancient Hovercraft, and dawdled to school at forty miles per hour. The one thousand five hundred pupils were arriving in their motor-scooters, motor-cars, and their one-seater rotodynes.

The ten-storey mobile park was already filling up with these vehicles, and the mistresses' humbler cars were sweeping up the three-lane drive, into the private car park which had been a field only forty years before. Other girls were pouring into the drive, having just arrived on the 9.20 "heli."

The enormous trees on each side of the teachers' separate drive, were now nearly as tall as the gymnasium at the end of it, and the other seven-storey buildings behind it stood out as an inspiration to the scholars. The ten-foot high marble statue of the Founder stood at the entrance of this building.

Shirley just managed to get into school before the ultra-shocking-pink ray was switched on. Another less fortunate girl broke it, which meant a visit to Miss Pinkerton, the automatic punisher.

She hurried inside the building. Built of plasticised laronium in delicate cornflower blue, it was light and airy. Escalators and movie-paths carried the girls to the various classrooms. Here an automatic register took their names.

Then the girls assembled in their hall. Here it was possible to study their clothes — a pleasant uniform being compulsory. They all had very short hair, or else "pony-tails" which had returned to fashion after thirty years. A very short blue tunic-type of summer dress predominated, and on the legs were worn cornflower blue tights with fitted-in soles.

After assembly, Shirley attended an English lesson. She sat in the airy classroom at a desk equipped with a cool plastic top from which doodles were erased with the damp sponge specially provided. She switched on her "audio-recorder", and the whole lesson was recorded, after which Shirley noted it on her mentalograph and stored the reel away in her desk. Then the whole class went to Biology. Half-way through, the lesson was interrupted by the warning "ping" of the audio-vision set, a very modern type of television set, on which the head and shoulders of the headmistress were seen. Gradually the glowing image of Miss Wright appeared. Susan Standish was wanted in her room. Susan disappeared towards the "Holy of Holies", and Biology was resumed. A short time later, Miss Carter suddenly snapped out at Shirley, "Pay attention, girl!" The mistress had her non-attention detector switched on.

Some time later, morning classes finished, Shirley went to lunch. Having collected seven food pills and powdered water, she swallowed them quickly, and went out for house hockey.

Playing at left-inner, she soon attracted the ball, and held fast by gyro-magnetic power. She dribbled it up the pitch, using her rotor-blades for extra speed, and, suddenly flicking off the switch, let the ball roll against "PAM", Palmer's Automatic Marker.

Near by, other houses were practising other games, such as bangbat, squashmington, and footit, which was all the rage at that time. Some of the more indolent types were not playing at all, but discussing the latest "Smellivision" films.

The first afternoon period was Gymnastics, her favourite lesson. She went happily into the Gymnasium, fitted with its gravity controller, then switched to normal. For the first ten minutes, Shirley's form played rocky-ball, then the controller was switched on to "Low," and she spent the next half-hour floating around the Gym and vaulting lazily over the apparatus

School finished at four o'clock, when Shirley hurried home in her Mini-craft. After tea, she fed her homework into the electronic computer, and spent a relaxing evening watching the new "Cinerama-at-your-ornamental-fire-side-Television" set.

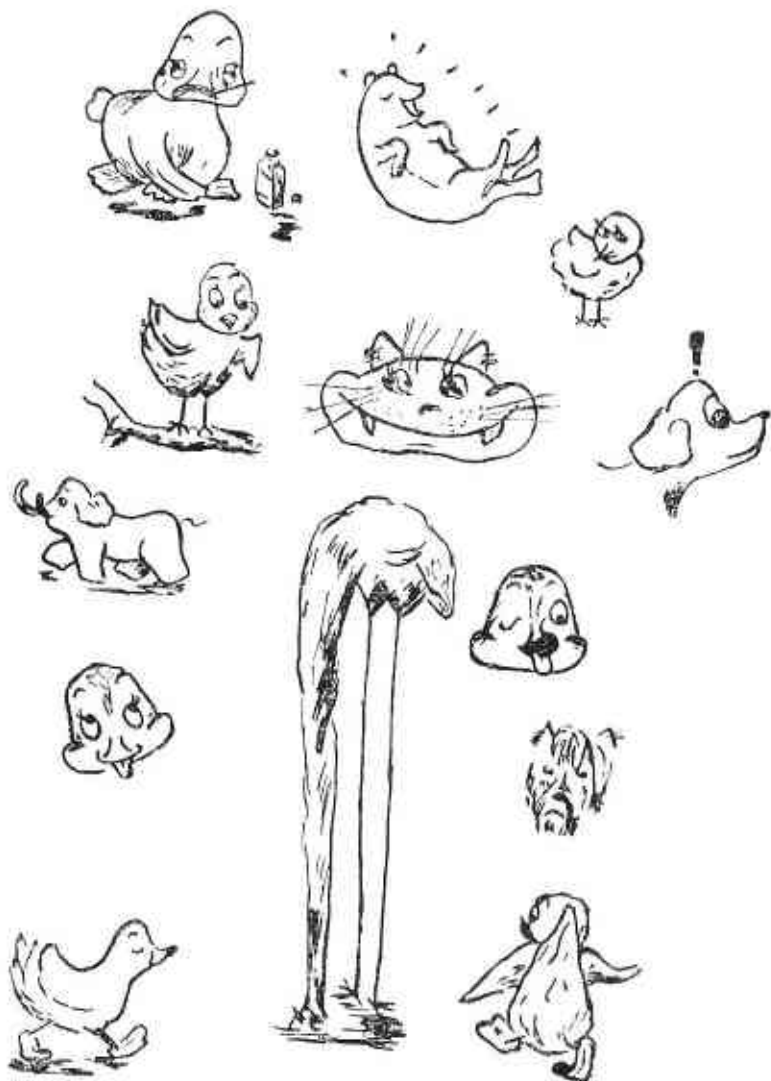
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CROSSWORD SOLUTION

ACROSS— 1. Children 7. Ah 8. Rage 9. Captain 10. So 12. En 13. Hang
14. Gem 15. Key 16. R.E. 17. S.A. 18. As 19. Never 20. Nap
22. Geese 23. Bed

DOWN— 1. Change 2. Isthmus 3. Drinking 4. Range 5. E.G. 6. Nest
7. Ace 11. Onward 16. Rang 18. Ape

ANIMAL CRACKERS



VALERIE THOMPSON, IVL



The Old Girls' Association has had quite a successful year. The meetings have not been so well attended as usual, as our dates coincided with those of other activities, but they have all been most enjoyable.

On March 17th Janet Self produced the amusing sketch, "The Family Group," which was enjoyed by everyone.

Once more on Display Day there was a great gathering of the clans. Many Old Girls were delighted to meet and chat with members of past and present staff. We were pleased to meet so many Old Girls in Room A1 for tea. In spite of the grim determination of the Old Girls' Swimming Club to produce a really unbeatable team, the Present Girls produced one better, and so we lost the Cup.

On July 21st we held an Extraordinary Meeting in honour of Miss V. M. Smith on her retirement from the post of Senior Art Mistress which she had held since 1921. When she arrived Miss Smith was presented with a bouquet of carnations by Mrs. Harrington. Miss Leworthy introduced Mrs. Mortimer (née Jessie Challis) who made the Presentation to Miss Smith, on behalf of the Old Girls. This consisted of an easel with a set of oils, brushes, canvasses and palette, all folding into a compact portable form, the size of a suitcase. With this went a folding stool with a pig-skin seat, and a useful cheque for meeting expenses of her hobby.

It was quite a representative little gathering, and, together with all the members of the Association, we sincerely hope that she will have a long and happy retirement.

This year we held the Autumn Meeting on October 6th as an experiment. Although we were unable to have the company of the girls who were going to college, we did avoid the foggy weather. At this meeting Miss Peggy Simmons, gave us a great treat. In 1959 she went to Canada on a King George VI Memorial Bursary. Illustrating her talk with her magnificent colour slides that she had made on the tour, she kept us spellbound for an hour. She brought a wonderful freshness

and enthusiasm to her discourse as she took us from Newfoundland to British Columbia and back again. We saw the magnificent colouring of the countryside as it changed from summer hues to autumn radiance and finally to winter whiteness. She had some very fine shots of animals—one in particular, of a little bear who used to come for food.

We shared the thrills she had experienced and at the end we felt that we had, in fact been privileged to enjoy the King George VI Memorial Bursary with Peggy. We all decided that we should save up and go ourselves some day. After supper Mrs. Harrington entertained us at the piano.

On November 5th a party of Old Girls attended the Founder's Day Service. The sermon was given by the Bishop of Barking, the Right Reverend W. F. P. Chadwick, M.A.

We learnt with very great sorrow of Miss Wren's death in April, 1959. Though we could not wish her to suffer, we were grieved to lose one who had meant so much to us.

On May 1st, a simple service was held in Goring Church, followed by cremation at Brighton. Mrs. Chalmers, Miss Davis, Miss E. T. Brown, Miss E. M. Smith and Mrs. Weaver (née Vera Hardie) represented past and present Staff and Old Girls at the service.

Miss Wren first came to Palmer's in 1913 as Senior Mistress, at the time when Mr. Silverwood was Headmaster of the dual School. She was to become, in 1918, the second Headmistress of the Girls' School, and until she retired in 1940 she continued to be an excellent practising teacher as well as a resourceful and enterprising Headmistress.

Others have written more fully elsewhere in this Magazine of Miss Wren's work. She was devoted to the School and made untiring efforts to do the best for, as well as to bring out the best in, all its members. In these efforts she spared herself not at all: nothing was ever too good or too much trouble for Palmer's.

In 1940 she moved to Goring-by-Sea where she had many happy years of retirement. She was always pleased to receive visits from Old Girls and Old Staff, and never tired of listening to news of the School or of talking of old times. Her wonderful sense of humour was always very much in evidence.

Miss Wren will be remembered by her Old Girls with affection as well as with gratitude.

We are sorry to announce the deaths of Mrs. Honston and Rita Gladwell. Mrs. Honston will be remembered as "Fair Mabel Brown". Rita was a laboratory technician at Orsett Hospital and was very active in social circles, Captain of 2nd Tilbury Girl Guides, she was also secretary of the Association of Scientific Workers.

We were also very sorry to learn of the deaths of Mrs. Gibbs, and of Mr. and Mrs. Newson. To the members of their families we send our deepest sympathy.

E. T. BROWN

SPORTS CLUB

HOCKEY

Official permission was given to suspend the Club for this season 1959-60, owing to a very low membership.

If, however, a sufficient number of Old Girls feel inclined to race up and down a hockey pitch once a week, an attempt will be made to recommence next season. Those interested should contact Miss Brown.

JANET SELF

SWIMMING

With great enthusiasm and regularity our members took full advantage of the beautiful summer to enjoy the swimming bath three times a week. We have yet to find a team strong enough to win back the Cup from the Present Girls, but we hope for better luck next season.

E. WILLIAMS

NEWS OF OLD GIRLS

We offer our congratulations to the following:—

Audrey Potts (née Bond) on obtaining a Ph.D. Degree in Physiology at Bedford College, London. She is now on the permanent staff of Bedford College.

Margaret Watt on obtaining the M.B., B.S., London Degrees. She has completed a six months' House Surgeon's post at the London Hospital, where she trained and now has a six months' House Physician's appointment at Oldchurch Hospital, Romford.

Margaret Jones on obtaining an Honours B.Sc., Upper 2nd Class Degree in Zoology from Exeter University.

Janice Tinley on obtaining a B.Sc. Engineering Degree from Bristol University. She is now working with the Ministry of Supply at the Royal Aircraft Establishment (Aerodynamics Department) at Bedford. During her degree course she wrote an 8,000 word paper on 'Cooling Systems for Nuclear Power Plants'.

Oriel Markham on obtaining a B.A. Degree with 2nd Class Honours in Spanish from Liverpool University. She now has an interesting teaching appointment with the British Institute in Seville which will mainly bring her into contact with adults wishing to learn English. These classes are held in the evening. During the day she will be doing private coaching.

Valerie Moore on obtaining a B.A. Honours Degree, 2nd Class in English from Bedford College, London.

Zena Boughtwood on obtaining the Diploma of the Society of Radiographers.

Nancy Gardner, now Mrs. Birch, on passing her Midwifery Part I at St. John's Hospital, Chelmsford.

José Webb (née Sorrell) on passing Division IV Examination in Singing, and being awarded a Certificate of Merit.

Margaret Northover on passing Part I of the examination for the I.M.A. certificate. She is working for a year to gain practical experience. We wish her good luck in Part II, which she takes in January. She also gained the Gloucestershire Training College of Domestic Science Certificate of Institutional Management and relevant subjects.

Jennifer Hammond, who is studying at the City of London College, on winning the Sir Edward Clarke Lodge Language Prize for French and a First Class College Certificate. These were presented at the Annual Distribution of Awards at the Mansion House on February 3rd, 1959.

Miss Winifred Lovell, Head Mistress of Stifford County Primary School, for the institution of the Grays Thurrock Business and Professional Women's Club. She was the first President representing the group at the Annual Meeting of the National Federation held at Dunoon recently.

We offer our best wishes to May Jones who, having left the school at Dover where she has been teaching German, has been offered a place at the London School of Economics where she is now reading for a B.A. Degree in Geography.

She had a wonderful holiday course in Spain, going by coach from Toulouse over the Pyrenees to Huesca and on to Madrid via Saragossa: from Madrid to Valencia, Valencia to Barcelona and back to the Pyrenees and Toulouse covering nearly 3,000 Kilometres. Day excursions included brief visits to Toledo, Segovia, Escorial and a swim in the Mediterranean north of Alicante.

Jennifer Norwood, who is studying for the Preliminary Insurance Institute Examination, has a post in the Fire Tariffs Department of an Insurance Company in Bangor. She is also concerned with the Marine and Profits Department.

Jennifer Reddington is now at St. Gabriel's Teachers' Training College. In the summer of 1958 she went to Germany on the Annual Cinque Ports Exchange, arranged by the Mayor of New Romney. She was so enthusiastic that she and her sister hoped to go again in 1959.

Irene Bailey, after working in the chief Overseas Branch of a Bank, is now working in a Tilbury chemist's, learning dispensing.

Jean Brown is now in her 2nd year at Girton College.

Vera Baxter is now a Captain in the Salvation Army, stationed at Chingford.

Ann Brunton is half-way through her training in Physiotherapy.

Sybil Gurnett is now the English Secretary to the Austrian Ambassador in Belgravia.

Joan Oakes is on the Staff of the Marconi Works at Basildon, having passed all the necessary examinations at the Southend Technical College.

Margaret Watts is now Deputy Matron at the West Thurrock Nursery. Alison Frood is a receptionist at the Thames Board Mills. She enjoys her work and says, "the people I meet are many and varied and my French has been an asset when dealing with Continental visitors".

Phyllis Higgins (née Sinclair) with her twelve year old son Stephen and seven year old twins, Sharon and Shelley, whose home is in South America, have been on holiday in Tilbury with her mother.

Jessie Workman (née Knott) is interested in pot-holing. She lives in a cottage in Derbyshire less than six miles from the scene of the recent disaster in Peak Cavern. Mr. Workman spent eight hours in the Cavern, five of which were at the head of the narrow crevice where Neil Moss was trapped. Being small in stature he was one of the few who were able to get down to the trapped man. Later he took the last doctor to the spot and he and the two doctors were the last to leave the Cavern.

Shirley Jones and partner won the Ladies' Doubles event in the Thameside Industries Table Tennis League.

Dorothy Evans has a three year contract for teaching children of British Forces abroad. Joining a party of teachers bound for Wilhelmshaven, they first had a holiday with socials and excursions to give them the opportunity to look around and to get accustomed to living abroad. They were then sent to the schools allocated to them. Dorothy's ultimate ambition is to be a missionary.

Doreen Lyons planned to have a six months' working holiday in Australia. This was extended to two years. She returned with many souvenirs and colour slides to remind her of her holiday. She went out via Suez and returned via Panama. She spent ten months in Sydney, four months in Brisbane, and the remainder of the time at Cairns in North Queensland. At one time she was sixteen hundred miles away from Sydney. She had plenty to say in appreciation of the Australians and the weather.

Margaret Harris also went out to Australia with Doreen. Margaret spent some time with her cousin. She worked in Melbourne for the Australian branch of her own firm. She also thoroughly enjoyed her time in Australia and before returning home she toured Australia and New Zealand, visiting Doreen on the way.

Gillian Turley trained at the Italia Conti School in the West End and then at the Central School of Speech and Drama. After five years' training she joined a repertory company at Bournemouth.

Barbara Howitt returned to this country following her studies in Italy and joined the Sadler's Wells and Covent Garden Opera Company. She has sung a number of principal parts in "Rosenkavalier", "Marriage of Figaro", "Madame Butterfly", "Tales of Hoffmann" and other well known operas. Recently she was given the name part in Bizet's "Carmen" and the extremely exacting role of Cinderella in Rossini's opera, lately revised at Covent Garden and subsequently in Dublin. All through the summer she has been at the Coliseum and just before Christmas took the part of Mrs. Lovett, Purveyor of Meat

Pies in "Sweeney Todd, the Demon Barber of Fleet Street", at the Lyric Opera House, Hammersmith. She hopes later to be on tour again with the Sadler's Wells Company.

Pamela Jordan is now a lecturer on the staff of the Lady Mabel College of Physical Education, Rotherham, Yorkshire.

Kathleen Roe has left the Isle of Wight, where for many years she has been helping to run the Totland Bay Hotel. She spent last winter in Southern Rhodesia, staying in a school for African Delinquent Girls, at which a friend of hers was Superintendent. She found it an interesting experience. She is now Domestic Bursar at Dean Hall, the Women's Hall of Residence attached to Goldsmith's College, London.

Anne Baker, still enjoying life in New Zealand, is now living on a sheep farm about two miles from the shopping centre of Katikati. She had a wonderful holiday in Rotorua and district. She saw the blue and green lakes, which are next to one another, separated by a strip of land — one is bright blue and the other is a mossy green.

At the Taniwha Springs she saw "Tony the Two-toned Trout". This trout is yellow at one end and brown at the other. When it is fed, the colours reverse.

Later she had a two-hour flight covering over two hundred miles. Starting at Tauranga she went to Rotorua, the crater of Mount Tarawera White Island — an island of sulphur which has blown up during the last fifty years, — Mayor Island, returning via Mount Maunganui.

Mary Luton is a student at St. Andrew's Hospital, Billericay, and is temporarily at Thurrock Hospital studying infectious diseases.

Ann Rowland is teaching at St. Helena's School for Girls, a Secondary Modern School at Colchester. She has a fourth year class for English, Geography and Scripture.

Phyllis Pilgrim (née Nesbit) says of her school — "My new school is a far cry from my memories of Palmer's. It is a Boys' Comprehensive School in S.E. London (Peckham) with a roll of about 1,400. I teach Geography to 1st and 2nd year classes, through all three streams — Grammar, Technical and Remedial

This year I have as my form, IRd — only fifteen in number compared with thirty-five of the Grammar group last year. The slower boys need more individual attention, for many of them cannot read or even write very well. I find that even fifteen can be a handful! The home back-grounds of some of them are often not of the best, and one or two even come from Special Homes for Care and Protection. The social aspect of teaching these boys is certainly a challenge which I find very stimulating."

June Sedgely (née Earl), who lives in Trinidad, recently visited Palmer's with her husband. They brought a case of butterflies and moths which they had collected for us. June spent Christmas in England for the first time in eight years. She again won her club's singles tennis championship in spite of the fact that she was one of the oldest taking part. In the final she beat a professional L.T.A. coach, ten years her

junior. She attributes her success to being more accustomed to playing tennis in a temperature of ninety degrees than most people.

Mary Ballard, L.R.A.M., A.R.C.M., G.R.S.M. (née Bannister) is now Music Mistress at Grey Court County Secondary School, Ham, Surrey.

Gwen Taphouse is working in the State Bank of India (Old Broad Street). She is one of twelve in the "Inward Bills Department". She finds the work varied and interesting, dealing as it does with foreign business.

Cynthia Game has an English post on the Staff of the Girls' High School, Loughborough, and she is in charge of the Library.

Enid Byford (née Bond) visited School and brought her baby son when she was on leave during the summer. She is studying for the Registration Examination of the Library Association.

Margaret Johnson is teaching at Bromley High School; she is in charge of the Physics Department. There are three hundred girls in the Senior School with a Junior Department as Palmer's used to be before the war.

Grace Chinnery is enjoying surf-riding in Jersey when she is off duty from the General Hospital.

Paula Neville, having completed her training at London Hospital Annexe, Brentwood, has returned to the London Hospital to continue training as a nurse.

Joan Tokeley is training to become a qualified teacher of shorthand and type-writing.

Ina Meares (née Saunders) was looking forward to painting at the Lighthouse during the summer.

Judith Harvey is teaching at Haston Lane Junior School, Hornchurch.

Chrysta Ellis (née Conoley) is in Los Angeles.

Molly Davies (née Jackson) is in California.

Margaret Waugh has gone to Australia.

Ruth Truscott (née Eve) is in Kafue, Northern Rhodesia.

Kathleen Cox is now working for Malse and Marshall of Trinity Square as a trainee chemist.

Lily Wade was sent to Germany on business for her firm.

Pamela Scott has been to Norway with the Essex Youth Orchestra.

Margaret Chandler is now much better after her serious illness, but has given up her work at the hospital in Bromley.

We were sorry to hear of the illness of Miss Michell, at one time a governor of the School, and trust that she will, by now, have made a good recovery.

We are so pleased that Freda M. Smyth has recovered sufficiently from her very severe illness to go and live in Ballycastle, Co. Antrim.

Irene Snashall is living in Belgrave, Victoria, Australia. She began in the fourth year of the course at her new school, having jumped a year. Of Palmer's she says, "I'll never find a school as good as that any-

where else. It is well run and you feel you have something to live for in its tradition and its name which is known for miles."

Maureen Osmond, the Acrobatic Dancer, is now teamed with Romano. She is an international artist, having performed in America, Australia, and several continental countries, besides appearing at big London hotels and clubs.

Justine Bicks is at present working as a Sumbock Calculating Machine operator at Thames Board Mills. She has been accepted by the Women's Royal Naval Service.

Early in the year we had news of Kathleen Schaller, who has a most interesting post in the English Girls' High School, Istanbul — the oldest foreign school in Turkey and still considered to be the best girls' school. There are two hundred and fifty on the roll. Girls enter at eleven or twelve years and stay for five or more years.

Kathleen teaches Shakespeare to three senior forms as well as Grammar, Composition, and Poetry. She is not, however, responsible for teaching the beginners.

Kathleen has a class of twenty-five, two thirds of whom are Turkish. — of the rest there is a Swede, a Swiss, a Greek, a Yugoslav, a Spanish Catholic, an Israeli, a British girl born in Turkey, two Maltese, and an Armenian.

She writes: — "The city was beautiful in January — it was cold with snow and sleet. When it rains the steep and narrow cobbled streets become raging torrents of mud, and goloshes and wellingtons are essential. The city is dirty, poor and shabby; the shops are not very clean; goods are scarce and often poor in quality. The cost of living is high. Clothes are very expensive and poor in quality and food is dear. Food in the restaurants, and taxi fares are not so expensive as in England.

There are two extremes of Rich and Poor. There are many beggars on the streets while the rich have beautiful apartments.

There are no amusements except the cinema where the films are shown in English with sub-titles.

Summer is the best time in Istanbul. The beaches are clean and wide. There are modern showers and restaurants. There are four beautiful islands in the Sea of Marmara to which rich Turks retire in the heat. Here there are no motors but only barouches. The colonial-type of wooden house and ultra-modern villas make it a perfect holiday paradise. The city is lovely at night. Even in winter there is plenty of sunshine to enjoy the walks along the Bosphorus. Social life is fairly full; there are consulate cocktail parties, a gay time when the fleet is in port and dinner parties.

The mosques and museums are interesting."

Kathleen was hoping to go to Egypt at Easter and to visit more of Turkey with some of her Turkish friends in the summer.

Mrs. Johnson (née Lewis), at one time Domestic Science Mistress at Palmer's, has moved into a new house. She had a full time appointment at the Johannesburg Indian High School. She found it hard

work, but the mental stimulus was rewarding. Later she was replaced by a single woman. She found Indian girls very strange at first, but gradually became used to their different outlook. Indian boys are allowed to do as they wish and are very wild, but the girls have to live in semi-seclusion and are thus very timid and are bound by custom. It always seemed strange teaching them European Cookery when by religion many were forbidden to touch certain foods, let alone eat them. Their needlework was poor but final results were amazing.

Miss Anderson who taught Modern Languages here some years ago, has a post for Spanish and French at St. Bernard's Convent High School, and is enjoying it.

Miss Clements (Classics) is studying Italian and is now with the Territorial Army (W.R.A.C. division). She is hoping to be taught to drive.

Miss Little (Chemistry) was married at Fredericton, New Brunswick in July to Imre Strasser, the son of the Director of Music at Glyndebourne. Mr. and Mrs. Strasser flew to England for three weeks to spend last Christmas in London. They brought with them the photographs of their wedding. The wedding reception was held in a room whose windows looked out on to the St. John River.

Mrs. E. M. Smith (Canteen Supervisor) is enjoying life at Hailsham, Sussex.

MARRIAGES

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Miss Little (Mrs. Strasser)

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Molly Jackson (Mrs. Dawes)

Olga Whipps (Mrs. Wright)

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Brenda Wright (Mrs. Collins)

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FORMER STAFF

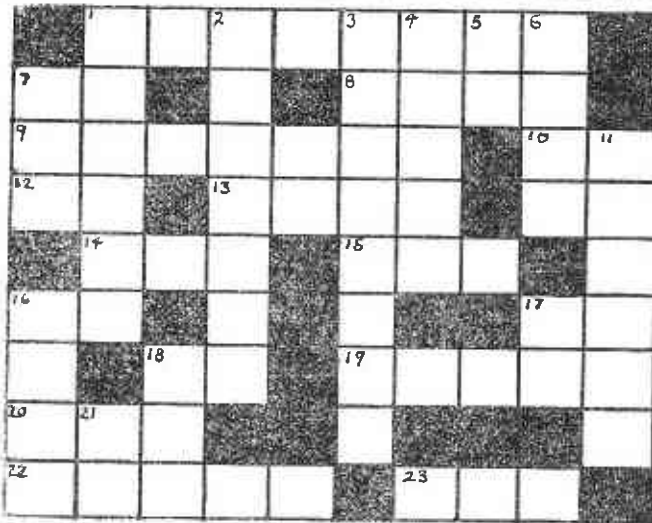
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 Mrs. Truscott (née Ruth Eve)



ACROSS

1. Offspring.
7. Sighing sound.
8. Anger.
9. Person in command of a ship.
10. The case being such.
12. French for 'some'.
13. To suspend.
14. Jewel.
15. Lock and —
16. Religious Education (abbrev.)
17. South America.
18. Because.
19. Not ever.
20. Short sleep.

22. Adult goslings.
23. Place of rest.

DOWN

1. Alter.
 2. Narrow neck of land.
 3. Swallowing liquid.
 4. Formation of mountains.
 5. For example (abbrev.)
 6. Where eggs are laid.
 7. Number one on playing cards.
 11. Forward.
 16. Past tense of 'ring'.
 18. Member of the monkey family.
- (Solution on p. 40)

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