

Rev. Robert Kennedy - ¹ Ebenezer Church,
Ballarat.

Mrs Kennedy - Founder of Clarendon P. L. C.

Rev. and Mrs Kennedy lived in the manse near Ebenezer Church, and it is very probable that they would have a small school there in the 1860's; just as the Rev. Thomas Hartie had a school in the old manse on the hill, towards the Mount at Beninyong.

When Mr Kennedy passed away, Mrs Kennedy and her three children moved to a house in Lyceum Str. North, between Clarendon Str., and Macercher Str. and she had a school there. The late Miss J. C. Ross told me that the first boarder was the late Miss Helen Scott from the Creswick District - one of her brothers became a Presbyterian minister.

"Clarendon".

The school in Lyceum Str. prospered, & in the 1890's Mrs Kennedy moved to Clarendon Str., between Lyceum and Armstrong Streets. There she built on to the original building, and was able to take a number of boarders and day girls. - Towards the end of the 1890's and in the 1880's, three of my Aunts from Beninyong came to "Clarendon", as weekly boarders. - Miss J. C. Ross was a school girl at the same time as my Aunts, & she then went to Melbourne to finish, and came back to Clarendon as a mistress, to teach languages.

Between 1890 and 1900, boarders came from many parts of Victoria. Cousins of mine came from Warracknabeal,

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who were grand-daughters of the Rev. Hartie. Another Cousin came from Wangaratta, and several, Ballarat Cousins received their education at Clarendon. Mrs Kennedy continued to take the boarders to Ebenezer Church on Leedcapp, but occasionally, if there were a few Church of England girls, they were taken to St John's Church of England on Soldier's Hill.

Two of my Aunts, ^{after} receiving their education, stayed on with Mrs Kennedy: - Miss Emily Kelsall, - as Mistress of the Small Children, and Miss L.H. Kelsall as House-keeper.

Two girls of note: - viz - the late Margaret S. Davis M.A. and Mrs. Ellice Jean Davis were boarders at Clarendon for a short time, and then went to P.L.C. Melbourne, and the University. They then went to Korea as missionaries, & were there for many years. Their mother was Annie Hartie, - the youngest daughter of the Rev. Hartie, and also an old Clarendon Cousin. She married the Rev. J. G. Davis.

About 1901 or 1902, Clarendon College was sold to Miss Lily S. Cremp from New Zealand. Mrs Kennedy went to reside in England, where her daughter, Mrs Steels was living in London, - also her son Dr. David Kennedy: the elder son was a doctor in Geelong.

Miss Cremp as Principal had the help of her sisters, - Miss Eva, Miss Ida M.H., and Miss Mabel, the Musician.

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It may be of interest to know that the University Examinations were Junior Public and Senior Public from about 1906 onwards; but I do not know when Intermediate, Leaving, and Matriculation came into force.

Clarendon in my time had an average of about 100 to 110 pupils.

The Keblell Connection (including wives of relatives) numbered sixteen, who were educated at Clarendon between the years of 1896 and 1934.

The old Collegians' Association was formed in about 1904, while I was at school. In 1908 the C.C.O.C.A. decided to award a Scholarship to a daughter, or a sister of an old Collegian, or to a girl at the College. - The examination was held at Scots' Church Manse in Neil Str., where the late Mrs A.H. Moore was the minister's wife, and an old Collegian of Clarendon. - I had the honour of winning the first "Kennedy" Scholarship.

In 1911 or 1912 Mrs Kennedy came out from England, and came to Ballarat by the invitation of the C.C.O.C.A. and was entertained at the College. Though I had never previously met Mrs Kennedy, I felt as though I knew her and was very delighted to be presented as the ^{first} winner of the Scholarship. While in Adelaide, during the War years, I was sent a Gold Badge with the College Crest, from the C.C.O.C.A. I value it greatly.

Miss Gump's upheld Mrs Kennedy's way of life,

and the School prospered under her regime.
 About 1907 the Messes Dick, who had been mistresses
 under Mrs. Kennedy, opened a School in Lyons Street N.W.,
 but they did not carry it on for very long, and
 Mrs. Crump took it over.

I think it was somewhere about 1920 that the
 Presbyterian Church took 'Colacudin' College over
 from Mrs. Crump. The later years from that time
 will be well known by all Old Collegians. It is
 a wonderful School now, and I am proud to have
 been a student there.

I have been a "life" member since the 'twenties,
 but through the succeeding years it has been
 difficult for me to be a "live" member of the C. C. C. W.,
 though for many years I was helpful to Mrs. Ross
 during her time as Secretary.

P.S. Probably there are 'old girls' who could give
 more information and could correct the dates
 I have given; as the foregoing sketch is
 from memory, and hear-say by my relatives.

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