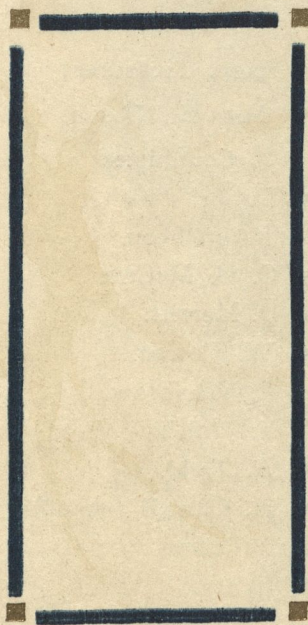


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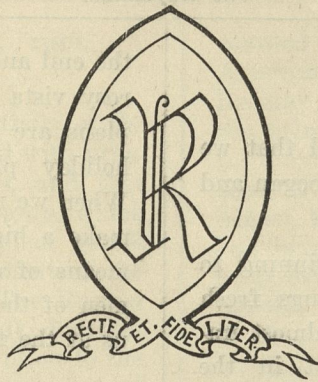
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Miss Daniell is President of all the Clubs.

## EDITORIAL

This is the fifth editorial that we have written since the war began and we hope it will be the last.

The war clouds are beginning to lighten and each day brings fresh news. After a winter of almost unprecedented severity spent in the trenches our troops have begun their great spring offensive which will, we hope, break Von Hindenburg's line and drive the Germans out of France and Belgium for ever. The Great Battle of Arras now in progress is gradually achieving this end. On sea the German submarine campaign is causing serious alarm in England and it is cheering to hear of an invention from America which will render submarines ineffective. The entry of America into the war has pleased the Allies and Mr. Wilson and Mr. Balfour have "made history" by shaking hands in Congress, thus cementing the alliance between Great Britain and the United States. Recently a witty American remarked that all Europe was in favour of peace except the countries fighting. It looks as if we might very soon substitute the word "world" for "Europe."

Our first term in 1917 is nearing

the end and not far ahead shines the rosy vista of the May holidays and plans are already being made as to holiday pleasures and occupations. When we return in June we mean to make a big effort to raise funds by means of a fete to help the gallant men of the Empire now fighting for us at the front.

## NOTICES.

It has been decided to hold a fete on June 16th at Ruyton in aid of some patriotic fund. We hope that the Old Girls will remember this date and perhaps send us something for it!

Mrs. Thomas has promised to take charge of the afternoon tea and it is proposed that the Old Girls should help her and to this we know they will respond willingly.

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The Shakespeare evening to commemorate the birth of Shakespeare is to be held at the end of this term. It has been suggested that the girls should come dressed to represent some character from one of Shakespear's plays.

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The Ruyton Dramatic Club are holding a small entertainment at Ruyton at the beginning of next term.

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A class for Home Nursing, conducted by Dr. Cowen, began at Ruyton on Tuesday, May 1st.

## SPEECH NIGHT, 1916.

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There is always one festivity of the school year which is hailed with practically universal gladness, and that is, of course, the Breaking-up, which marks the close of another year's work, and the commencement of the long summer vacation. The Ruyton Speech Night and annual distribution of prizes was no exception to the general rule, and the large number of visitors, the staff, and the girls were all in that happy mood which conspired to make the Break-up for 1916 a very successful one.

It was held in the Parish Hall, which was well filled with parents and friends. The earlier part of the evening was given over to a short concert programme by the Junior and Senior singing classes and a double quartette, under the direction of Miss Rogers. Recitations were given by E. Whybrow, K. Roberts, and N. Muller; and the Preparatory School gave two little action songs. H. Syme, D. Hiscock, S. Macalister and M. Syme danced a pretty and graceful minuet in Georgian costumes.

Miss Daniell then read her annual report on the work of the school during the year; and after Mr. Arnold, who was to distribute the prizes, had given an interesting speech there came what was to the girls perhaps the most interesting part of the programme. In addition to the usual list of school prizes, there are certain special prizes which it is ac-

counted a great honour to win. Amongst the number of these are the Bromby Prize, won by D. Armstrong; the prize for the best all-round girl, L. Whybrow; Prize for Special Design, F. Ussher; and Dux of the School, M. Hiscock. After the prizes had been distributed Canon Sutton proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Arnold, which was enthusiastically given.

Cheers were given for Mr. Arnold, Miss Daniell, and the singing of the National Anthem brought the evening to a happy close.

## FAREWELL.

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We were sorry to say farewell to six senior girls last year:—

M. Hiscock  
M. Smith  
A. Syme  
L. Whybrow  
H. Blake  
M. Jamieson

These girls are very greatly missed at Ruyton.

We are also sorry to have lost  
B. Griffith  
B. Muller  
P. Muller  
N. Muller  
P. Robinson  
S. Lu  
I. Jones

We hope that all these Ruytonians will write to us frequently and tell us all their news.

### NEW RUYTONIANS.

A. Alsop  
 M. Bell  
 J. Cresswell  
 M. Hedderwick  
 F. Inglis  
 L. Inglis  
 M. Inglis  
 D. Kelly  
 K. Kelly  
 J. Hellicar  
 S. Merfield  
 G. McRae  
 J. Peebles  
 H. Potter  
 G. Richardson  
 T. Roberts  
 J. Shannon  
 G. Shaw  
 M. Syme

### PUBLIC EXAMINATIONS.

#### Senior Public.

D. Armstrong—2nd class honours in English; pass in History and French.  
 M. Hiscock.—Passed English, History, French.  
 M. Jamieson—Passed English and French.  
 A. Syme—Passed English.

#### Junior Public.

M. Bice.—Passed English, Geography, Algebra and obtained distinctions in French and Arithmetic.

B. Syme.—Passed English, Drawing, Algebra, Arithmetic, History, Physiology, and obtained a distinction in French.  
 M. Smith—Passed in English, History, French, Geography, Algebra and Physiology.  
 A. Syme.—Completed Junior Public by passing in Algebra.

### CLASS NOTES.

#### Vb.

"Here we are, here we are, here we are again." It is taken for granted that you are glad we're all here again. There are 18 of us this year—three new girls. M. and L. Inglis, and M. Syme came at the beginning of the year, but Beryl Mullen left us to go to Sydney at Easter. M. Alsop has also returned after her recent illness.

We commenced operations this term by electing F. Ussher captain of the form. That poor individual has been harassed ever since. Her two chief phrases are: "For goodness sake don't forget your money for the wool" and "STOP TALKING."

Miss Joske is our Form-mistress. We wish to congratulate her in having the charge of such a promising class, for we all intend to pass the "I.E." at the end of the year.

We are sending in a complaint to the VI for the fearful noise they make above our hard-working

heads. It is difficult for us to make half the noise they do, although we number more than they.

The tennis court is at last finished. We are jolly glad to be able to use it again, but we sadly miss the amusement the workmen afforded us. Especially the one with the terra cotta socks.

Our west window has suffered twice through the ardour of our coming tennis champions. Therefore we have had practical demonstrations of the art of glazing as well as that of making tennis courts. But now our precious window has been caged.

We are all looking forward to the Fete next term, and our form has decided to manage (!!!) the sweets.

At the end of this term we are having a dramatic performance, and Miss Daniell has kindly asked us to a Shakespeare evening.

We are half way through our exams, so we are too exhausted to say more, and naturally cannot spend time on Form Notes when there are such attractions as the Composition of Gastin, and Latin verbs to learn. (Not to say that we would rather learn these things, but—

J. Tonge.  
G. Olive.

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#### Va.

We started this term with seventeen girls, but several of the girls have been absent with sickness.

In every class there has been formed a tennis competition, and we are busy playing off. The tennis court has been re-asphalted, and we have a new basket ball ground not far from the school.

At the beginning of the term the classes were told to elect a form captain. Kathleen Roberts was made captain in our class.

Every Wednesday there is a collection taken for wool. When the wool is bought the girls knit socks for the soldiers, and the amount each class gets is put up on the notice board. Vb always collect the most.

At present we are having our term examinations. Next time we will be able to tell you about our Fete.

A. Roberts.  
M. Arnold.

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#### IVa.

When we came back from the Christmas holidays we found that we were to be Form IVa, although we had the same class-room as last year.

Just before the Easter holidays we started a tennis ladder, and all the girls are practising hard. Already some of them have worked their way up several places.

Every Wednesday we have knitting meetings after school with Miss Cousins, who is our Form-mistress. We have made some pairs of socks, and are all knitting for the soldiers.



We have had several new subjects—Hygiene, Australian history, Latin and geometry. We have not done much of them, but we find them interesting, and like them very much.

Next term we are going to form a basket ball team, and we are going to practise.

We are having exams now, and we will all be glad when they are over, and we will have our May holidays.

M. Shannon.

C. Blake.

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#### IV.

We have just come back from the Easter holidays, and are in the midst of exams.

Each class has its tennis ladder, and the girls challenge each other. Our class has not played yet. Most of the girls in our class have been away with chicken-pox, and have just come back. Knuckle-bones are the craze this year, and many of the girls play them on the verandah. We have the old Va room this year, and Miss Bailey is our Form-mistress. She is going to get us some pictures framed for our room. Mavis is form captain.

All the girls bring their kewpies to school, and stand them on the mantlepiece. We have got a basket ball field now quite near the school. The tennis court has just been re-asphalted.

Cara Waters.

Betty Begg.

#### IIIb.

When we came back to school after the holidays, there were twelve of us, and now there are only ten.

Nea Muller, our form captain, has gone to live in Sydney, and Suzanne is going to China. We are very sorry to lose both of them. Alison Brown is captain now.

All of us play tennis, and like it very much. We intend to practice very hard next term.

Our favourite lessons are drawing, history and arithmetic.

M. Ussher.

S. Lu.

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#### IIIa.

We always bring flowers to school, so the room looks very pretty. It seems as though Miss Kendell, who is our Form-mistress, had a party every day. There are two vases on Miss Kendell's desk, one on top of our lockers, one on the drawers, and five on the shelves.

We have lots of new lessons, and we have lockers of our own. We have been moved up from the second class to IIIa. Miss Kendell gives us nearly all our exams at school. She helps us when we play tennis. We cannot score yet, but we will soon learn. We are all going to try hard to get top of the ladder.

We had an Emperor Gum moth, and after a while it turned pink, and then it spun a cocoon, and now it is in it.

Miss Kendell made us a window box. We planted some seeds, and someone very kind has come and pulled some of them up. We have had two plasticene shops, and one was a grocer's shop, and the other was a fruit shop, but we have not finished it yet. The others came and bought things, but I think they must be very dirty people, because they did not buy any soap.

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## II.

There are nine children in our class, and we are sharing a big room with IIIa. Miss Kendell is our teacher, and sometimes on cold days she lets us go and run three times round the tennis court, and we all come in panting.

A new little girl has just come into our class, and we like her very much. Her name is Sheila.

One day we made some big paper wig-wams, like the one Hiawatha lived in.

There is a pepper tree outside our window, and a dog called Tim climbs up it.

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### Kindergarten Notes.

We were skipping, running and marching this morning.

Tim plays and fights with other dogs on the grass and in the playground. He gets on our table and licks Helen's hand and Joyce's knee.

I say "I play with blocks."

Tim once climbed up a tree and was crying because he could not get down, and Elizabeth let him down.

The wind fluttered the pretty leaves about.

Yesterday we sat outside, and Brenda, me and George, and you made one for yourself. We made paper wind-mills.

I went in to singing.

Mary says: "I love the cat."

We are going to have a bazaar after the holidays; on a Saturday.

And mother can come, and father will give me a toy, and he thinks he can come.

Daddy says he will come to the bazaar if he can get away, and mother can come.

It's a horrid dog next to the school, and he bit Tim's ear, and it was all bleeding, and it's better now.

Auntie Marjorie might come to the bazaar, and little Marjorie.

Miss Moad is going to be on the toy stall.

Pat Teague had something wrong with him, and he is better now. It bursted, and blood was streaming down his neck, and it is patched up now.

Peggy might be coming.

I have two girl bantams and a rooster.

### BOARDERS' NOTES.

On returning to school after the Christmas holidays we found that one bird—in the shape of Lindsay—had flown, after a short but eventful sojourn of one term. It will be remembered that she, having weight on her side (don't chortle, Bill), did a great deal towards winning the tug-o'-war against the day girls last year. We found in her place Thelma and Bunny; we learned that we were to have the pleasure of Gertie Dix's company during her mother's absence, also that of Mary Patterson.

At the beginning of the year Miss Daniell appointed two House Prefects—Dorothy, now a fully-fledged School Prefect, and Beryl. "Then sounds of joy and grief from the boarders wildly rose"; but our sorrow was muchly augmented when the aforesaid Beryl declared her intention of leaving us at Easter to live in Sydney—of all undesirable places; moreover, she was taking Phyl and Nea with her.

Early in the term, all the maids departed in a "botch." The entire house was thrown into a state of confusion, but we were thus given the opportunity of displaying our remarkable (?) knowledge of Domestic Economy. "Nulla pars nocturni temporis ad laborem intermittitur" (now Latin girls.). It is greatly to Miss Bailey's credit that only once did she sweep herself downstairs, while performing her duties in the "wee

sma' hours'' of the morning,—no bones were broken. There were many conjectures as to the cause of mysterious sounds issuing from the Va room at an unearthly hour, but the mystery was solved when Miss Kendell emerged amidst dust, brooms, etc., wearing a worried look and an elegant dust-cap at a somewhat rakish angle. Thelma and the "neat-handed Phyllis" supplied much excitement one dinner-time by colliding with each other in the middle of the room, while distributing dinners. These various difficulties gave rise to a table-setting competition for which Miss Daniell offered a prize. However, so many girls forgot nothing and it was so difficult to judge that Miss Daniell and Mrs. Thomas arrived at the singularly happy conclusion of a party, which took place a few days before Easter. Several day girls were invited, and with the aid of the spinning-board, charades, musical chairs, and last but not least, sundry pianoforte selections given by Miss Daniell, the evening simply flew. Our glee reached its zenith when the curtain was raised, revealing a sumptuous repast—Mrs. Thomas's welcome contribution to the festivities.

By way of rewarding the staff for valuable services during time of stress, Miss Daniell gave a theatre party to "Canary Cottage."

At the time of writing, superstition holds us all in its deadly grasp, for table-rapping is in full swing.

Even the D.G.'s have taken it up, and at recess and dinner-time all small tables are commandeered.

By the way:—

Chorus:

“Has any one heard the boarders’ band,  
Boarders’ band, boarders’ band.  
We’ve been thumping away  
Making such a din.  
We’ve played ev’ry tune, both stale  
and new,  
Stale and new, stale and new,  
But we want our Phyl  
To play us a trill  
On her flat violin.”

To those who have not had the luck to hear us, it might explain matters to add a Dramatis Personæ.

Beryl.—ex-conductress, mounted on a musical chair.

Dorothy.—Pianist, playing one right note in six.

Thelma.—Jack of all Trades (most obliging).

Phyl.—Violinist ('nuff said).

June.—Clicker on a tennis press (making a fearful “racquet.”)

Nea.—Tambourine (and giggles).

Thais and Bunny.—Comb-and-tissue-paper-ists.

The rest of the boarders merely acted as audience—the hardest part of all.

After all, the term has not been entirely devoid of excitement.

## JOHN HOWLERS.

“Out of the Mouths of Babes.”

Some interesting, and hitherto unknown facts have been made known to present Ruytonians by certain examination papers. Thus, for the first time, we learn that “Archangles are people who live in the north of Russia”; also that the ‘gelatine’ was an instrument freely used during the French Revolution, and that many “indecent people” perished in it. A small girl (in IIIa) discovered that the feminine of “cock-erel” is “henerel.” Perhaps, however, the best is: “In some countries a man can have only one wife; this is called monotony.”

“My First Day at Ruyton.”

“I was in the Kindergarten and I was glad when it was time to go home, because I felt shy and horrid. I kept one eye on Sheila Buchan, I don’t know why I did, but I did. No one kept their eyes on me because I was a new girl, I suppose that is the reason.”

Suzanne Lu.

“What I Would Like to Be.”

“I would like to be a mother when I grow up and have some children. I would like them because I can manage children. And have a nice house and a good husband. When my children get older I would like to travel and see the world. I would like to have a little dog.”

Mary Shaw.

## THE RUYTON SCHOOL SONG.

The School that always plays the  
game,  
The School that bears the oldest  
name,  
The School whose motto tells its  
fame,  
    Recte et Fideliter.

No matter if we're once surpassed,  
We nail our colours to the mast.  
The Blue and Gold must win at last,  
    Recte et Fideliter.

At sports we've made a lasting name,  
Our old girls, too, uphold our fame,  
For Ruyton girls are still the same,  
    Recte et Fideliter.

At work we study with the best,  
Of knowledge we pursue the quest;  
And lazy shirkers we detest,  
    Recte et Fideliter.

Whate'er the future hold in store,  
May Ruyton keep its motto pure,  
And Ruyton girls come to the fore,  
    Recte et Fideliter.

D. Armstrong.

## TABLE RAPPING.

Fable of the Ruyton girls who  
table rapped once too often (with  
apologies to Mr. Hilaire Belloc).

It is an old, and well-known fact,  
That if you get a small, compact—  
For preference, a wooden table,  
And hush the ever-present Babel,  
And place your hands upon it—so,  
It very soon will start to go.

And, if you have a strengthly will,  
Like those of Helen and of Bill,  
By dint of much judicious query,  
Of which Ruytonians never weary  
(This shows our thirst for informa-  
tion)

You'll learn some truths about the  
nation

Or any other little matter,  
But let us cease this idle chatter.

One evening, we prevailed on Bill  
To show us all her wondrous skill  
In table-rapping, for we'd heard  
That she could do it like a bird.

With all, it soon became the craze.  
At dinner-time, one saw relays  
Of girls, around small tables sitting,  
Wrapped in silence, most befitting.

It happened at recess, one day  
That several girls, grown tired of  
play

Or strolling round the tennis-court,  
Did to their class-room all resort.  
They grouped themselves around the  
table

And willed as hard as they were able  
For quite five minutes, not a word,  
Except "up table" could be heard.

They got the thing so magnetized  
That, really you would be surprised  
To see it come up with a bound,  
And go careering, round and round.  
It made a bee-line for the door,  
Precipitating on the floor,  
The girls. And then it made a dash  
Into the court-yard, where—Bang!  
Crash!!

It met a prefect—knocked her flat.  
Oh! dear! what do you think of that.  
Of course there was an awful fuss,  
And things were very sad for us.  
Thus, after that you never saw  
Us, table-rapping any more.  
N.B.—Of course, this is not strictly  
true,  
For such a thing would never do.

June Joshua.

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### CONFIRMATION.

A Confirmation Service was held at Holy Trinity, Kew, during the second term of 1916. Five Ruytonians—Beryl Muller, Anabel Syme, Maud Hiscock, Muriel Carnegie, and Gladys Olive—were confirmed by the Archbishop of Melbourne.

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### SPORTS NOTES.

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During the last term of the year the interest in the School sports reaches its zenith, for in it all the finals are played. Last year, the teams did very well and the first four managed once more to get to the finals, from which, however, they failed to emerge triumphant. These matches were played against Toorak College early in October at St. Kilda courts. In the doubles match the teams seemed equally matched and at the end Toorak was leading by 1 game only. In the singles, we did not do so well and Toorak again won the Kiaora Club Cup for 1916. However, that will not prevent us from trying our hardest to bring it back again to its accustomed place, on the Assembly Room mantelpiece.

Then the basket-ball team deserve much credit for the progress they have made during the year, and especially the last term. Many matches were played, and although they failed to reach the finals this time, their play has improved remarkably and we look for big things from them next year.

Early this term we had an (impromptu?) sports afternoon at the School, which was greatly enjoyed both by the girls and the parents who came to watch them. Nearly every girl joined in the races, the most amusing of which was perhaps the Obstacle Race, in which the girls, after successfully

overcoming the first obstacles, were obliged to take a bite from a bun tantalizingly, bobbing in mid-air, before the goal was reached.

In the Inter-class matches, Form Vb managed to carry off both the tennis and basket-ball prizes, of which they were justly proud.

Therefore, the year has not been entirely unsuccessful, and we hope that 1917 will not only see us in the finals but also the triumphant victors.

Maud G. Hiscock, Hon. Sec.

This year more enthusiasm has been shown to the basket-ball than tennis, although a few faithful supporters have turned up to each pennant match. So far we have not been very successful, but we hope to do better. Miss Crawford is coaching us.

The tennis ladders in each form have roused great interest in tennis and several promising young players have been noticed among the Juniors.

The basket-ball team is also showing great attention to work, and, under Miss Kendell, we hope it will continue improving. Although defeated in our first pennant match against Clyde, we hope the future will prove more successful.

B. Syme, Hon. Sec.

## DRAMATIC NOTES.

The Dramatic Club has suffered a terrible loss by the departure for America of Miss Robson, who has coached us since the club began, and some of us wondered how we should ever have the courage to perform antics on the stage without her sustaining presence. When she came out to say good-bye to us, she vowed that if all the submarines ever invented torpedoed her, she would write to us from the bottom of the sea. She bought a trophy from the collection for the Hoop-la stall, for a keepsake, and we sped her on her way with hearty cheers. We think ourselves remarkably lucky, however, in having so enthusiastic a coach as Miss Haase, who is rapidly infecting us with her love of Shakespeare.

Three plays are being prepared for the end of the term, and we have every reason to hope that they will be successful, although we lost some good actresses last year. No play was acted at the break-up, but classes II. and IIIa sang two songs in costume, two popular figures being a Doormouse and a Gollywog.

A record is now being kept of all the plays that have been acted by Ruytonians, and we are very proud to be able to open it with plays that took place in 1885! Let us hope that the record will continue until 1985.

D. Armstrong, Hon. Sec.

## CHARITY AND PATRIOTIC NOTES.

This year we have continued our weekly collections to buy wool to be knitted into comforts for our men in the trenches. These will be more than ever necessary now that the great spring offensive has begun. A parcel of socks, handkerchiefs and washers has already been sent to the French Red Cross for the gallant French soldiers, and we hope to have another large consignment for our men by the end of term.

At a fete held at the Studley Park courts for the Y.M.C.A. Ruyton girls managed the Hoop-la and handed in £4 15s. 3d at the end of the afternoon.

Next term we are going to hold a fete at Ruyton. Amongst other stalls there will be one for soldiers' comforts. We hope that this fete will be as successful as our last one, and, if Ruyton's friends remember it, we are sure it will be.

B. Syme.

## LIBRARY NOTES.

Very few girls have joined this term, but our finances have in no way suffered by this defection. The boarders who, for the last two years, have been imbibing the well-chosen contents of our literary selection entirely gratis, have

been forcibly separated from their hoarded wealth, and thus a fair number of new books have been obtained.

The list is as follows:—

"A Knight on Wheels" (Hay).

"Chronicles of the Imp" (Farnoe).

Essays, Vol. I. (Macaulay).

"Ethelreda the Ready" (De Horne Vaizey).

"Four Million" (Henry).

"First Hundred Thousand" (Hay).

"Golden Treasury" (Palgrave).

"Gum-tree Brownie" (Quinn).

"Leather-face" (Orezy).

Miscellaneous Essays (Macaulay)

"Three Little Brothers" (Marshall).

"Red-headed Gill" (Owen).

"Just David" (Porter).

"The White House at Inghrove" (Pitt).

"The Cloister and the Hearth" (Reade).

"Like English Gentlemen" (Scott).

"Woodstock" (Scott).

"The Cub" (Turner).

Poems (Tennyson).

"A Houseful of Girls" (De Horne Vaizey).

"The Love Affairs of Pixie" (De Horne Vaizey).

"David Harum" (Westcott).

"Just Patty" (Webster).

"Patty and Priscilla" (Webster).

"Dear Enemy" (Webster).

D. Armstrong,

J. Tonge,

Librarians.



### MADAME MELBA'S VISIT.

One of the great events of last term was the occasion on which Madame Melba shed the light of her presence on the school. Great excitement prevailed among both staff and girls, and lockers and form-rooms were made extra tidy in case the great lady suggested an inspection.

The school congregated in the dining-hall, as it happened to be class-singing day, and the thought of the "golden-voiced songstress" hearing our mild chirps somewhat overawed some of us.

Miss Daniell escorted her to the hall, presented the staff and the girls, and Maud Hiscock presented a bouquet in the school colours, accompanied by a few well-chosen words, which were received graciously.

Madame Melba spoke a few words to us all, saying how pleased she was to see us all, and then asked us to sing, after which she remarked that Australia still boasted the best voices, which was truly gratifying after our efforts.

We hoped she would sing, but were disappointed; however, we clapped joyously and she departed, after having said how much she enjoyed herself, and prophesying great futures for our voices. We hope our great singer will favour us with another visit when she returns, and will sing to us, which would make a memorable occasion in the school archives.

### MRS. GORRINGE'S NECK-LACE.

Last year the committee of the Old Ruytonians' Association thought it would be only right for the Association to do something to help with the war funds. So instead of holding the annual "At Home" at Ruyton, a dramatic entertainment was arranged at the Playhouse. A strong and representative committee was formed with Mrs. McCrae and Mrs. A. V. Walker as joint hon. secretaries, and Mrs. V. Brodribb as hon. treasurer, and Mr. Helton Daniell was asked to stage manage the play. Other repertory actors kindly agreed to help, with the result that Mrs. Gorrings' Necklace was chosen and the following dramatis personæ arranged:—

Mrs. Jardine .. Mrs. Alfred Cornish  
Col. Jardine .. Mr. Norman Trenerry  
Mrs. Gorrings .. Miss. Allie Robson  
Miss Isabell Kirke . Miss M. Dillon  
Vicky Jardine . Miss Nancy Weigall  
Capt. Mowbray . Mr. Helton Daniell  
Jernigan (detective)

Mr. C. G. McCrae  
Miss Potts .. . Miss Effie Cotter  
Charles .. . Mr. Harwood  
David Cairn .. . Mr. Cooper

Various sub-committees were formed to arrange the details. Mrs. Butler Walsh, Mrs. D. Carnegie and Miss H. Daniell undertook the sale of flowers and sweets, which were sold in blue boxes on which was the Ruyton badge in gold. The old girls who sold the sweets wore

badges made of blue ribbon with "Ruyton" in gold letters, and presented by Mrs. D. Carnegie. On the decoration committee were Mrs. C. E. Campbell, Mrs. Leslie Vance and Miss Nancy Walsh, and the result of their work was that the theatre looked very pretty decorated in blue and gold, while the stage was charmingly decorated with pink flowers.

Sir John and Lady Madden graciously gave their patronage to the entertainment and everyone was very sorry when the night came to find that Lady Madden was prevented by illness from coming. Miss Leslie Madden took her place. The President, Mrs. Outhwaite, received Sir John and Miss Madden at the door, where Miss Madden was presented with a bunch of flowers in the school colours.

Nearly the whole house was reserved and Old Ruytonians swarmed in in a steady stream looking as if they meant to enjoy themselves. The play was splendidly acted and the audience rippled with laughter all the evening at the scenes in which Mrs. Jardine is reduced to a state bordering on lunacy by the inconsequent frivolities of her guest, Mrs. Gorringe.

After the last scene many beautiful flowers were presented to the actresses who had given up so much of their time to make the play a success, and at the close of the performance the committee entertained the company at supper in the Repertory club room.

The whole evening was undeniably an artistic success and the balance sheet published below will show that it was a financial success also.

**OLD RUYTONIANS' ASSOCIATION.**  
**MRS. GORRINGE'S NECKLACE.**

Receipts.	
December 21.	
Sale of Tickets .. .. .	£179 7 6
Sale of sweets, programmes and flowers .. .. .	33 1 6
<b>Donations—</b>	
Sir John Madden .. .	£3 3 0
Mrs. Outhwaite (hire of Playhouse) .. .	5 5 0
Mrs. A. V. Walker (Printing and Stationery) .. .	2 2 0
For rehearsals .. .	1 2 0
Per Miss E. Gibson ..	1 10 6
	13 2 6
<b>Donations for Sweets—</b>	
Mrs. D. Carnegie (Sweets concession) .. .	2 0 0
Subscription from Committee .. .	3 10 0
Mrs. C. G. McCrae .. .	2 0 0
Mrs. Todd .. .	0 10 0
Miss A. Todd .. .	1 0 0
Mrs. Derham .. .	0 5 0
	9 7 0
	<u>£234 17 6</u>

Expenses.	
December 21.	
Dramatic Rights .. .	£5 5 0
Attendants at Playhouse .. .	1 2 6
Hire of Playhouse, lighting, fireman's fee and hire of boxes .. .	9 0 9
Expenses in connection with rehearsals and staging of play .. .	8 9 0
Electrician for performance .. .	1 8 9
Concession to Sweet Shop .. .	2 2 0
Printing .. .	6 18 6
Advertising .. .	2 8 0
Postage and Stationery .. .	3 16 1
Exchange on cheques .. .	0 2 0
Sweets .. .	4 0 0
	<u>£44 12 7</u>
Balance in Bank .. .	190 4 11
	<u>£234 17 6</u>

## RUYTON STAFF: PAST AND PRESENT.

**Miss Campbell** left us in the middle of this term to commence a massage course at the University; we welcome **Miss McInnes**, who has returned to fill her place.

**Miss Hunt** has gone out to India to teach in a mission school. Several letters have been received from her by Ruyton girls, and she is evidently enjoying her work.

**Miss Bell** came to the Breaking-up last year, and was joyfully welcomed by her old friends.

Last year we were very sorry to lose **Miss Ellis**, who is now teaching at the Girls' Grammar School, in Brisbane. Her place has been taken by a visiting teacher, **Miss Dora Barnard, M.A.**, who teaches French to the Senior forms.

Our beloved **Miss Robson** has departed to America, and the Dramatic Club is inconsolable at her loss. **Miss Haase**, however, is a splendid substitute.

We congratulate **Miss Pearson** on her success in passing Second Year Arts at the University.

**Miss Gawley** has recovered from her illness, and is now back at school.

**Miss Julia Davidson** has returned to Melbourne since the death of her father and is now living in Toorak.

**Miss Julia Young** is living in a

flat in Petrograd and has a great many pupils for English. Her address is Petrograd, Bolshoy Prospect 104, 14. She writes that she may possibly return to Melbourne in 1917.

## OLD RUYTONIANS.

**Muriel Allen** (Grubb) was in Melbourne on her way through from Tasmania, where she was spending the summer.

**Maude Green** has been on a visit to Melbourne since January. She brought her two little boys with her.

**Anna Stevenson** has been spending a few weeks in Sydney.

**Retta Hornemann** has passed the third year of her Arts course and is teaching at Fintona. **Nanna** has been ill but intends entering a bank when she is better.

**Margaret McWhae**, **Dorothy Merritt** and **Mary Watkins** all travelled together on the same boat to Japan from which they have all since returned. **Mary** and **Louie Watkins** are both teaching in Sydney. **Dorothy Merritt** visited Manilla, Shanghai, Hong Kong and Japan before returning.

**Evelyn Ogilvie** has a little daughter.

**Marjorie Young** will be married to Mr. Robertson when he returns from the war.

**Doretta Hedderwick** and **Mary Lush** have both been on a visit to America to study kindergarten methods. They will return this month.

**Elvie Carnegie** has begun her medical course at the University this year.

**Lily Whybrow** is living with Miss Deakin in a flat in Chelsea. Some extracts from her letters are given in this issue.

**Lalla Whybrow** and **Anabel Syme** are studying domestic economy. Their respective families realise this.

**May Derham** has a little son, **Geoffrey Norman**.

**Margaret Jamieson** gained a scholarship this year for the School of Domestic Economy, and has entered upon a very strenuous course.

**Mavis Smith** intends to study massage.

**Effie Henry** (Derham) was over for a month in March with her three children, **Wilfred**, **Joan** and **Geoffrey**.

All contemporaries of **Maisie Wilcox** will regret to learn that she lost a brother at the front lately.

**Flo Handley** has another little son.

**Caroline Goldie** has been staying in Melbourne with her little boy.

**Kitty Snowball** has begun a course of kindergarten training at the Burnley Free Kindergarten.

**Nellie Patterson**, who went to

Honolulu with **Madame Melba**, has returned after a delightful trip.

**Mary** and **Annie Hunter** have both been in Melbourne this summer.

Contemporaries of **Minna Johnson (Simpson)** will regret to hear of the death of her husband, the Rev. Frank Johnson, in May last year.

**Gwynneth Sutton** has passed the first year of her Arts course.

**Dorothy Dane (Hunter)** has another little daughter.

**Evie Downe** (Evie Corney), who is living now in Glenferrie Road, has a little son.

**Elea Anderson** was married in London to **Tony Hoddinott**.

Contemporaries of **Betty Kennedy** will sympathise with her in the loss of her husband, **Captain Kennedy** was wounded and taken prisoner by the Germans and died of pneumonia.

**Kathleen Walsh** has for some months been working at a hospital in Kent. It is a small private hospital for British Tommies, and **Miss M. Ham**, of Melbourne, is matron. One of the first persons **Kathleen** saw at the hospital was **Kitty Hope**, whose husband is at the front.

**Elsie Crowther** is nursing at **Lady Ridley's Hospital** in London. In her last letters she had hurt her knee while skating, and was at **Harefield** recovering.

**Mary Wynne** is engaged to be married.

At the last meeting of the O.R.A. Committee one member suggested that an effort should be made to bring our capital up to £100 so that £50 could safely be invested in the War Loan. This suggestion was acted upon and the balance-sheet printed below will show

members that their finances are in a very satisfactory condition. However, as only the interest on the subscriptions is being used, the Committee would be glad if members would send along their subscriptions as soon as possible.

I. VANCE, Hon. Sec.

### BALANCE SHEET OF OLD RUYTONIANS' ASSOCIATION.

November 9th, 1915, to April 30th, 1917. ●

Receipts.		Expenditure.	
Capital . . . . .	£100 0 0	9/11/15.—"At Home," 1915 . . . . .	£4 6 0
Balance on November 9th, 1915 . . . . .	4 13 3	6/3/16.—Printing . . . . .	5 2 0
Interest for Year 1916 . . . . .	1 19 4	8/6/16.—Old Girls' Prize . . . . .	2 2 0
Subscriptions . . . . .	21 7 6	27/10/16.—2/3rds "Ruytonian" . . . . .	5 0 0
		14/3/17.—Old Girls' Prize . . . . .	2 10 0
		14/3/17.—Printing . . . . .	0 17 11
		Stamps, Wrappers . . . . .	2 18 4
		30/4/17.—Balance in Bank . . . . .	105 3 10
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