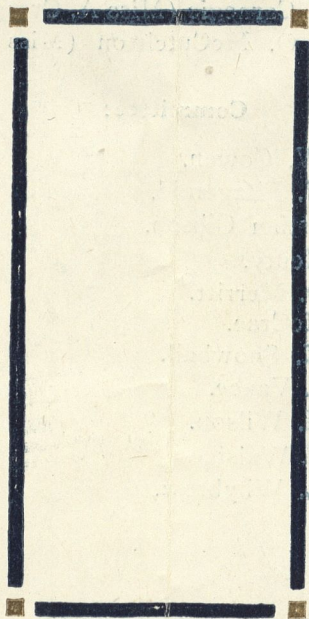


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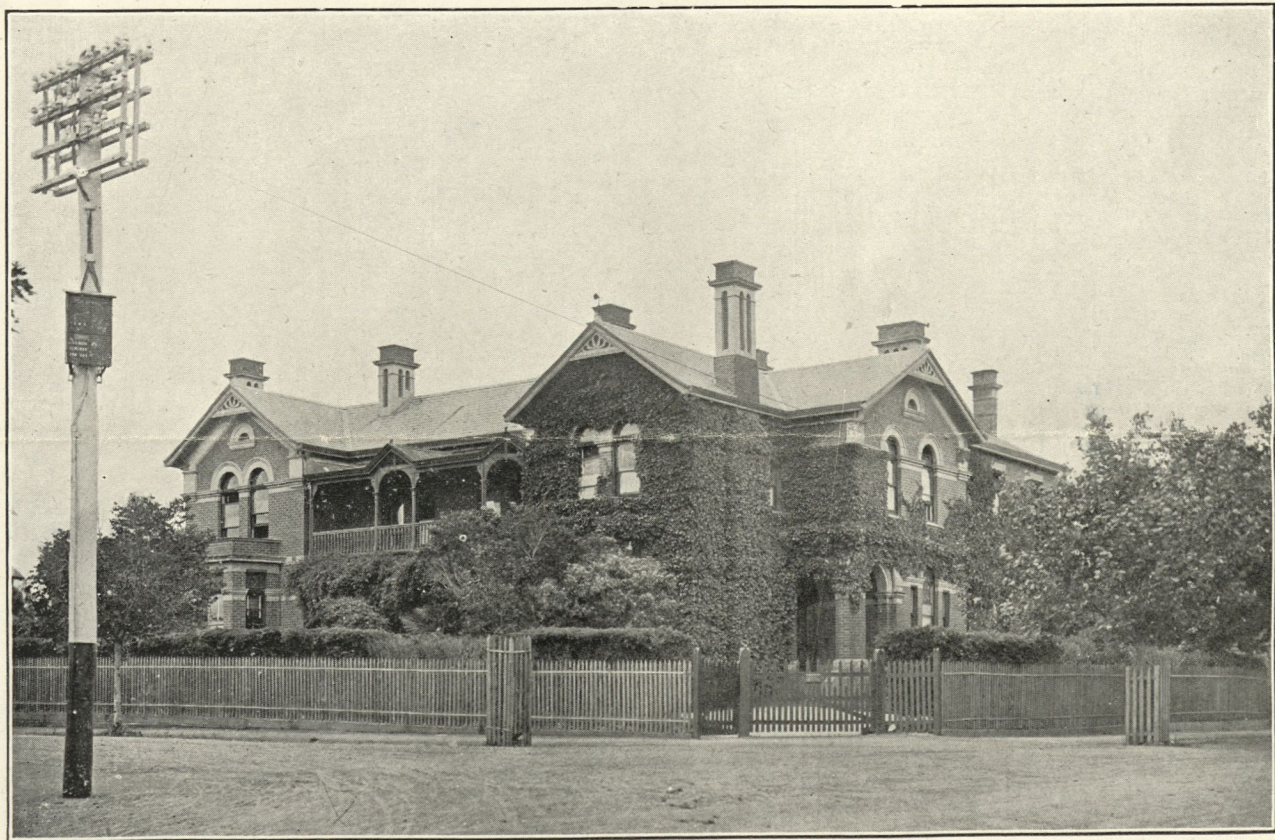
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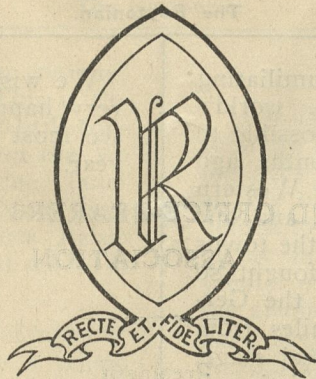
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EDITORIAL.

The Armistice was signed by representatives of the German Government on Monday, November 11th.

Can it be, that after four and a quarter years of struggle, against an enemy who at first seemed so invincible, the Allies have forced Germany to her knees and obliged

her to accept the most humiliating terms ever known in the world's history? It is almost impossible to believe that only six months ago the Allied armies on the Western front were in full retreat, and one after another were falling the towns for which our men had fought so bravely, until July found the Germans only about forty miles from Paris. Even at this critical stage, when to the most optimistic, it must have seemed that only many a year of hard fighting, would regain the lost territory, and enable us to dictate our own terms of peace—even then the people of the Allied nations could not think of surrender. It was this wonderful spirit which carried us through. We have seen great loyalty in those around us. They have shown us by their energy and cheerful determination in the very worst times, what is expected of us, as good citizens and patriots. The present day girls have a great example to follow in the Old Ruytonians themselves, who have been helping actively to win the war.

The school year itself has been most eventful. Keeness and perseverance has been shown in work and sport. Nineteen girls are entering for the Public Examinations, and the success of the Juniors in the Scripture Examination will be seen in the form notes. We heartily congratulate all the girls who did so well. At sports the girls have played together well, and we succeeded, for the first time, in getting into the Basketball Finals.

We wish all the girls and staff a very happy holiday, and hope to see most of them back again next year.

Emmie Whybrow.

June Joshua.

FORM NOTES.

VI.

The one great event of this term is the signing of the Armistice, on November 11th, which memorable happening has put everything else into a far-away background. The next day, everything except the fact that the war had ended, was excluded from our minds, and we shouted and sang, rang bells and hit tins, to the accompaniment of the strenuous efforts of factory whistles. It was very hard to settle down to work again, with the thought of peace, which everyone hopes will soon come.

"Pride and Prejudice," in which several of the Sixth took part, was very successful. Those who did not appear behind the footlights, sold sweets and flowers with most satisfactory results.

The Sixth Form Tennis Four, Gladys Olive (captain), June Joshua, Nellie Burnip and May Hiscock, have brought much honour and glory upon themselves in winning the John Young Shield this year. We feel convinced that we should have won the basket-ball cup also, were it not for the unfor-

fortunate fact that no form matches were played this term. This is the reason why the Elliot Cup still continues its precarious life on the Vb mantelpiece. Brenda Syme, Janet Tonge and Emmie Whybrow have entered for the School Girls' Lawn Tennis Championship, and we wish them all luck.

We had intended to celebrate our little Maud's birthday by a picnic on the river, but owing to the excitement of the time, and chiefly to Maud's failing to invite us to picnic with her, all hope of that pleasure has been abandoned.

At the present time our classroom boasts of very fine patriotic decorations. The walls are made beautiful by Allied flags, while all things that lend themselves to being draped (and some that do not) have been lavishly draped with the good old red, white and blue. We owe the grandeur of these decorations to our Gladys, of whom we are justly proud. We feel that, whatever else fails, she must be a paper-hanger or house decorator. She cannot, nay, must not waste these priceless talents.

This is the last school year for Brenda, Nellie, Gladys and the two Mays, and we are all very sorry that they are to leave us.

We wish all Ruytonians, past and present, a very happy Christmas and the best of holidays.

Lois Blake

J. Tonge.

Vb.

It is rather a comfort being able to write notes without a war looming over us, and we heartily thank all the old Ruyton girls who have helped to make our city become one of the most loyal. There have been plenty of excitements, ever since the armistice was signed, and we hope they will continue till all the Anzacs are back and peace is made definitely.

We have not been as lucky as we could wish at sports this year. The "House of Lords" won the tennis shield from us, though we must acknowledge that they deserved it, but the Elliot Cup remains with us for another year (we would have won it anyhow). This cup has begun life well by staying in Vb for two years, and will live a much better life if it continues to stay here. (We hope that Vb may keep it forever, even though some of us will have departed.)

We have been a little disturbed in our studies this year as we lost our form mistress some time ago, but even this drawback could not prevent us from learning our French diligently. The following phrase said quickly will show that a certain girl is learning to be witty in French as well as English.

"Pas de le Rhone que nous."
Nor is French the only subject. Who could be unwise when they have a learned though somewhat pompous and pedantic clergyman in their midst? But he is a valuable member of the form and Vb

could not get on without him or his radishes.

Dear editors, we apologise most profusely for the brevity of these notes; we are quite aware that they are short and sweet, but we must keep a little talent back for the examinations, which are coming too near for our liking. However, eight weeks of bliss follow, and, as we refuse to be pessimistic, we will not think of sups'. so our joy will be unmarred.

Thais Young.

V Remove.

Once again we have to respond to the call of the editors, and their insistent notices and announcements, and do their bidding and write our form notes.

Since last we wrote notes we have been sorry to say good-bye to two of our class-mates, namely—Fairlie Kelly and Gertrude Dix. Gertrude is enjoying herself very much at present, and is now no longer troubled with French irregular verbs and such like tragedies. Fairlie has been struggling with the art of dressmaking.

But our number was again brought up by the arrival of Iris Stokes and Phoebe B. Clarke.

Our tennis successes so far, have been conspicuous by their absence. The four consists of Thelma Halbert (capt.), Eadith Marshall, Enid Guest and Hilaria Syme.

We were well represented in the play given by the Dramatic Club

lately, three of us being dashing soldiers of the eighteenth century.

We had an eventful time the day of our basket-ball finals. We took the journey to Toorak College in a "cherry bounce." When the match was over the thing refused to bounce us home. So we had to wait for about an hour in the drizzling rain and cold. After a while the Toorak boarders asked us to come in and join in their dancing, and also gave us a huge basket of biscuits, which were very acceptable. The dancing made us warm and so we were sorry to have to leave and go and sit in pools of water in the "cherry bounce." We arrived home at about 8 p.m., tired out.

The school year will soon be over. Many of us will be glad of the holidays, but others are dreading them because it will be the end of their school days.

Thelma Halbert.

IVb.

"Friends, Ruytonians, companions, lend me your ears!" Here we are in the midst of examinations and feel surrounded on all sides, but as the holidays are not far off, we are bearing it fairly well on the whole.

Near the end of last term many girls in our class went up for a Scripture examination at the University and a few days ago everybody rejoiced with us at the joyful news that two girls in our class ob-

tained first prizes, and other prizes, honours, and passes. On the 15th of November the prize-winners went to the Chapter House in the Cathedral to receive their prizes, which were very interesting books on Palestine and other missions. A chaplain recently returned from the Holy Land, gave a very interesting lantern lecture on that country.

We are reading "Kenilworth" with Miss Bailey and are at a most exciting part. Every one sympathises with poor Amy Robsart, and we are waiting breathlessly for the time when she will fall down the trap-door and break her neck. So much we know already from seeing the blood-curdling pictures in the illustrated books of the lucky ones.

We are also reading Julius Caesar and Scot's "Lady of the Lake." Both are thrilling. We are just past where Caesar is murdered and exclaims "Et tu Brute!" at the sight of Brutus, his best loved friend, among the murderers. In the "Lady of the Lake" we are reading where the stranger is wandering about the mountains and comes upon the sentry by the fire. For home-reading we have "The Black Arrow."

After school hours, tennis is the game, as the basketball season is over. The IVa class-room wall does not seem to have suffered much from the vigorous bats of the most energetic players of our class.

The play on November 1st ("Pride and Prejudice") went off without mishaps except for the un-

expected visit on the stage of Dorothy's dog, Tim Allen.

There was great excitement at school when it was said that the Armistice was signed. Every girl got something or other, such as bells, drums, old kerosene tins, shovels and boxes with which to make a noise. The bell was captured and Miss Daniell could not take prayers. We were quite surprised to see a line of girls in the diningroom, and rushed in just in time. And then the extraordinary came out and dashed our hopes to the ground.

Of course, there was no school on November 12th, and on Wednesday we had prayers on the tennis court under the waving (?) flag. After recess, the whole school went to a thanksgiving service in Holy Trinity, and, at the request of Mrs. Walsh, we had another holiday in the afternoon, much to our joy.

But here, under leave of the patient reader, and the rest, we conclude.

K. Ralph.

A. Cook.

IVa.

After the holidays we came back to school again, prepared for another long term. As Miss Starr had left us, and Miss Wymonde had taken her place, the time-table was turned topsy-turvy, and as a result we did not know who would drop in to stop our revelries between lessons. At first it seemed as

though the term would never end, but it was no time before the editors were asking for form notes again. We are sure we don't know what to write about, but we will have to scrape a few together to satisfy them.

Lessons this term have been more interesting than usual. We have been reading "A Midsummer Night's Dream," and we are enjoying the tricks of Bottom and his Athenian friends. We are also having "Old Roman Myths," which are very interesting, though the names are rather a drawback. In sewing we are reading about "Peggy S.G.," who is a very saintly child, and too good to be true.

When we have nice fine days, Miss Bailey sometimes takes us outside, but she says she won't do it any more, as we have too many visitors; Tim Allen is a very frequent one, and seems to like poking his nose into a lesson.

Early in the term most of our class and some of IVb and IIIa went in for the C.M.S. Examination on Palestine. In our form one girl got honours, and eight passed. The distribution of prizes took place on November 15th at the Chapter House, after a lantern lecture on Palestine. We are all determined to get prizes next year.

The tennis four in our form are V. Stevenson (capt.), R. Hiscock, M. Carnegie, and M. Ralph. We have played all the class tennis matches and have beaten IVb, V.R., and IV., but Vb and VI. beat us. We are very proud of having the

Junior Pair for the Kia-ora Championship in our form.

Peggy Campbell has been away all the term and has now gone to Sydney.

A Camera Club has been formed and the members went for a trip to Ferntree Gully, to take snap-shots. Some of the snap-shots are to appear in the Ruytonian, and we want to see them very much.

We are having exams. now and we are heartily wishing that they were finished. We have no more time now, as the editor will be worrying us to death if we do not send these notes in.

Betty Begg.
Cara Waters.

IV.

When we came back from the holidays the first thing we can remember is the semi-final basketball match. Ruyton played against Toorak; Ruyton won. Hurrah!

A week later we played the finals against Fintona; Fintona won easily. Many other schools came to watch. We shall always remember that match. Mr. Derham kindly took us over in his car. We enjoyed the trip greatly, and would like to go to a match (in the same way) every Friday. A new girl came, all the way from Pekin. She does not speak Chinese, as you might think, because she is an English girl; she only speaks Chinese to her baby sister.

On 1st November the Senior Dramatic Club acted "Pride and

Prejudice" in the Kew Recreation Hall. It was a very enjoyable play. They raised over £100. This is to provide a Ruyton scholarship for the daughter of a soldier who has given his life for his country.

What great excitement there was on November 8th! Tins were rattled, bells were clanged tin lids were banged together. Cans, trays and potato-mashers were borrowed from the kitchen, as we wished to make a joyful noise, because peace had been declared! But, alas! It was only a rumour. How disappointed we were! On the following Monday night peace was really declared! What joyful news it was! We had a whole holiday. On Wednesday we went to a Thanksgiving Service at Holy Trinity Church. When we were coming back to school Mrs. Walsh asked for a half-holiday. Miss Daniell said we could have it. We think that Miss Daniell meant to give us one all the same. So we must say "Thank you" to both of them.

We have been working very hard for the "Do Something" Society concert. The play we are having is called "Peter and the Fairies," as well as many other songs. We hope to get a lot of money. Some of the money is for the Burnley Free Kindergarten, and some is to buy a hamper for the children at the Cottage-by-the-Sea.

We are very excited for this evening to come. We are going to make the scenery of green stuff. Emes, the gardener, is very kindly

making a stage for us. He is always very kind to us.

We have a Y.M.C.A. badge in our class-room.

We are all longing for the examinations to be over, and the holidays to come.

We wish Miss Daniell, the staff, and all Ruytonians a merry Xmas and a happy New Year.

Alison Brown.

Alison Waters.

IIIb.

Last term some of us went up for a Missionary Examination, and on Friday we went into the Chapter House to get our prizes and certificates. We were all very proud of Mary Derham getting first prize with 100 marks. Our class got four prizes, 2 honour and 2 certificates.

We have nearly finished our term exams., and I am sure we all feel very glad.

When peace was declared on the 11th of November Miss Daniell gave us a holiday, which we all enjoyed very much and in various ways. In the afternoon some of us saw a big drum and every now and then a man would hit it while a Scotchman played the bag-pipes. The whole school went to a Thanksgiving Service next day, and Mrs. Walsh begged a half-holiday for us, for which we thank her very much.

The "Do Something" Society, of which we are all members, are giving a little entertainment in aid of

the Burnley Kindergarten. We are having a play and Marjorie Lovett is the fairy queen. Emes is very kindly making a stage for us and helping us with the scenery. We really do not know what we would do without him. He has promised to come to our concert, so we must all do our best to please him.

We have bought a Y.M.C.A. badge for our room, and Mary Derham put it up yesterday. Some of us have formed a War Savings Group and have quite a lot of money.

IIIa.

Examinations are nearly over and the "break-up" is almost here.

The war news is very exciting. We all made a lot of noise on the day it came out. Eileen has gone away for a holiday and Margaret has not been back this term.

Helen Stucky has come to our class, so there are nine of us in IIIa now.

Most of us are in the D.S.S. concert and we are very excited about it.

We finished "Jack and Jill", and we are having "The Little Bush Maid" on Thursday afternoons now.

We enjoyed Miss Russell's lantern lecture very much. She showed us many interesting pictures of Indian life.

We hope everybody will have as happy a holiday as we mean to have, and we wish everyone a very happy Christmas.

II.

This term we have been having Geography, and we all like it; we have Nature Study books and new reading books, too.

We all miss George Shaw, and we are sorry that Flo has been away. Yvonne Richardson has come back, too.

We have been having examinations and we like doing them very much.

Mary Hedderwick has a new little brother and a new little dog; we all think she is very lucky.

Every Monday the 1st class come over and Miss Barnes reads to us, and then we play the story she has read.

We are so glad the war is over and we are looking forward to the break-up, because we will be part of the big school this year.

We wish you all a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

Kindergarten.

When me and Mary were coming along the lane we saw an awful dog. He chased us all the way home.

We have two dogs and when the butcher come the dog bark.— (Peter Ouei.)

We went out shrimping one night down at Rosebud and we caught a large flounder. Our dog chases pussy up the trees and up the creepers and everywhere.

I have a trolley and a whizzer at home. One day daddy put his foot into his slipper and a tarantula was in it.

Our cat is always eating sparrows.

When we were down at Mornington we saw a whale.

A little while ago I went in a motor car with Margaret to see General Pau. He had a red cap and there were a lot of red caps, and I don't know which was him.

We have eleven canaries and three baby ones, too. Two of the babies died.

Somebody told me about the elephant. The King liked to have one, so the soldier makes a hole and the elephant don't know. Then the elephant fell down and the soldier got him and take him home and feed him every day. And the King is sick one day. Then the King is die. Then the elephant don't want to eat anything, then he die, too, and they put him in the same place as the King.—(Margaret Ouei.)

VALETE.

Gertrude Dix.—Enrolled 1914.

Fairlie Kelly.—Enrolled 1912;
captain of V.-R., 1918.

George Shaw.—Enrolled 1916.

SALVETE.

Judith Campbell.

Garth Church.

Beryl Clarke.

Helen Clarke.

Viva Derham.
Selby Gregson.
Gladys Griffin.
Marjorie Hedderwick.
Sara Magelssen.
Susie Patterson.
Betty Serle.
Iris Stokes.
Nancy Stuckey.
Helen Stuckey.
Mary Sweeting.
Yvonne Richardson.

BOARDERS' NOTES.

This term the boarders have had a number of changes. Firstly, we lost Muriel Carnegie, whom we all miss very much, and then Linda Inglis joined us for a few weeks, but now she, too, has fled, and last but not least there is Yvonne, who, we hope, will not desert us like the other two.

We have had quite a number of excitements as well. Some weeks ago "Pride and Prejudice" was held, in which three of the boarders upheld our reputation against the day girls. Last week the younger ones gave a very successful entertainment and we are sure it would not have been half the success if some of the little BOARDERS had not been performing.

On Tuesday, November 12th, we went for a picnic to Black Rock to celebrate the good news. On account of the fascinating qualities of the boarders, we collected several of the day girls, who were very ac-

ceptable, as they brought along very enticing-looking parcels in their suit-cases. The day turned out to be a very successful one and we came home plus flags (which Mrs. Derham had kindly given us on Peace Night) and minus troubles. The next day we found it still impossible to work. The effects of Monday night refused to wear off, and after attending a very interesting Thanksgiving Service at Holy Trinity, we spent a spirited afternoon at the baths.

Last term it was decided to form Boarders' Tennis and Basketball teams. We first challenged the day girls to a tennis match, but it seemed to be arranged at a bad time and we are still awaiting the results of the match. The basketball met with more success, and, having challenged the day girls, the day for the match was arranged. They can no longer sneer at the boarders' teams after that match. The result was a draw, but we are sure that it would have been a win for the boarders, had not nearly all those playing for the day girls had the advantage of a season at the Rink behind them. Indeed it will be hard to forget the sickening gurgle with which the mud closed above the head of our little Thais, and received the hostile Gladys into its depths. In the drier parts of the field may be found the impressions of the remaining twelve. The referee was forced to hire a tower waggon, and it is rumoured that after a futile

search the Sports Club had to replace the horse.

And now we have no more to talk about but the holidays, and Peace, which seems so close at hand, and of which the thought is uppermost in the minds of all, and, with such an end in sight, what breaking-up and holidays could be more happy?

PUBLIC EXAMINATIONS.

The following girls are entering for the Public Examinations:—

School Leaving—

Brenda Syme.

(Three subjects only)

Janet Tonge, Frances Ussher,
Gladys Olive.

Intermediate—

June Joshua, May Hiscock, Lois
Blake, and Linda Inglis.

Intermediate (five subjects only)—

Mary Arnold, Muriel Carnegie,
Marjorie Camm, Mary Steven-
son, Freda Price, Edna Patter-
son.

Four subjects only.

Roma Macartney, Gwen Kaines,
Jean Townsend, Thais Young,
Jean Lovett.

LIBRARY NOTES.

"Ruin seize thee, ruthless June:
Confusion, too, on Emma wait!
Tho' now demanding notes—too
soon

They, too, must write them—oh,
sad fate!
Nor tears, nor moans, nor groanings
loud,

Nor e'en examinations shall avail
To save our noble souls from writ-
ing this,

From Emma's curse—from Juno's
cruel wish."

Such were the sounds that from
the o'erwrought pair

Of the librarians, burst with wild
dismay,
As seizing pen and ink, they tear
their hair,

And try with toilsome humour
to obey.

Stout Lois stood aghast in speech-
less pain—

"The notes!" cried Emma Maud,
and caught the swooning
Jane.

After the above effort it is suffi-
cient to add that though the mem-
bers this term have not been in-
numerable, a fair number of books
have been added. A list of these is
given below:—

"Barlasch of the Guards."—H. S.
Merriman.

"Catriona."—R. L. Stevenson.

"Children Who Ran Away."—S. H.
Adams.

"Golden Age."—K. Graham.

"Katherine Fensham."—B. Harnden.

"Lavengro."—G. Borrow.

"Little Miss Grouch."—S. H.
Adams.

"Little Hun."—Anon.

"Max."—K. C. Thurston.

"Men, Women and Guns."—
"Sapper."

"No Man's Land."—"Sapper."

"Prince Otto."—R. L. Stevenson.

"Reaping."—C. Benson.

"Seats of the Mighty."—G. Parker.

"Sense and Sensibility."—J. Aus-
ten.

"Vultures."—H. S. Merriman.

Lois Blake,

H. Tonge,

Librarians.

CHARITY AND PATRIOTIC
NOTES.

Although the war is now prac-
tically over, there is still work for
our Charity and Patriotic Commit-
tee to do. This term the usual
weekly collections are to be given
to the French Societe Maternelle,
instead of being used to buy wool
to be knitted up by the school. The
result of buying wool and knitting
cotton last term was satisfactory,
and 4 pairs of mittens, 41 pairs of
socks and about a dozen washers
were given in to the Australian
Comforts Fund.

During the early weeks of Octo-
ber the school received a visit from
Warrant-Officer Roberts, a return-
ed Anzac, who came to speak on
the subject of War Savings Certi-
ficates Groups in schools. He also

told us some interesting anecdotes of the war. Most of the girls possess at least one War Savings Certificate.

For the special French Red Cross appeal in July, Ruyton collected nearly £30.

During this term the Past and Present Ruytonians united to produce "Pride and Prejudice" in the Recreation Hall. With the sale of sweets and flowers £98 were made. This amount is to found a war-scholarship at Ruyton. Ruyton felt that she could do a little more than just knit comforts and send hampers and parcels to our soldiers, and that by educating the daughter of one who has made the supreme sacrifice, the school would show she was sensible to what Australia owes to her soldiers.

Among the juniors there has been formed a Do-Something Society. Its members have bound themselves to do at least one thing every year to help other children. They have been making toys and scrap-books for the Children's Hospital.

On Friday, November 22nd, they gave a performance of "Peter and the Fairies," from which they realised £11 12s., threequarters to go to the Burnley Free Kindergarten, while the remaining quarter is to provide a hamper for the children of the Cottage by the Sea. Miss Kendell stage-managed the play on Friday evening and she has assisted them by her interest and practical help the whole time.

B. Syme.

CAMERA NOTES.

The Camera Club.

About the middle of the third term, it was decided to form a Camera Club at school. The girls showed a great interest in the idea, and soon a number of members had joined. The next thing was to form a committee, and the following girls were elected:—

B. Syme.
E. Whybrow.
M. Carnegie.
M. Stevenson.
T. Young.
J. Joshua.

At the first meeting of the committee, Miss Kendell was elected vice-president of the club and June Joshua hon. secretary. It was also decided to hold two competitions for the members.

(1) Best picture taken at school;
(2) Best picture taken on an expedition to Ferntree Gully. As many of the photographs as possible were to be developed and printed by the girls themselves.

The trip to Ferntree Gully took place on Saturday, 16th, and was a great success. The weather was not all that could have been desired, but we all managed to enjoy ourselves very well. We arrived at Ferntree Gully at about 2.30 and spent the afternoon there, being stung by nettles, falling off and into things, losing ourselves and cooeing to each other in our attempts to get views. We had billy tea and returned about six.

Some of the time exposures which the dull day necessitated were not entirely successful, but considering it was the first time, and the circumstances were not altogether favourable, the net result is, on the whole, not at all bad.

Mr. Sweeting has very kindly judged our efforts. First place was given to two groups by Phyllis Marshall and the third place to a picture of Ruyton by Shirley Macalister.

June Joshua, Hon. Sec.

DRAMATIC NOTES.

Ever since first term the senior members of the Dramatic Club have been rehearsing "Pride and Prejudice," a dramatisation of Jane

Austen's humourous old-world story. Misfortune, however, dogged our steps from the beginning, till at last "that odious Mr. Collins" brought things to a climax by developing scarlet fever, and as no one equally pompous could be found to fill his place we just had to wait until he and all his "habiliments" were thoroughly disinfected and he was able to return to the most "respectable" of his pleasures. A fuller account of the play is given in the Old Girls' news. It is enough to state here that the amount raised was nearly £100, which is to be devoted to a scholarship for the education of the daughter of a fallen soldier.

The junior members of the Dramatic Club are working hard at three short plays called "Puck in Pett-



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coats," "The Wishing Well," and "Once Upon a Time," which will be given early next year in aid of the Burnley Free Kindergarten building fund.

We feel that the Dramatic Club has had a very successful year and that we owe the success to the fact that Miss Robson has worked so hard both with us and for us.

N. Burnip, Hon. Sec.

"PRIDE AND PREJUDICE."

On November 1st the Old Girl's held their annual re-union at the Recreation Hall. The entertainment was provided by the present girls, who gave a presentation of Jane Austen's "Pride and Prejudice," which was a complete success. Thanks to the kindness of Mrs. Geoffrey Syme and Mrs. Davies and other friends, the stage

was furnished with the old fashioned furniture of the Georgian period and looked charming. The principal parts were taken by Emmie Whybrow, whose schemes to get her daughters married were only frustrated by the daughters themselves, and Phyllis Marshall, who acted the weary Mr. Bennett very well indeed. The sprightly, witty, high-spirited Elizabeth was well done by Thais Young, who snubbed Mr. Fitzwilliam Darcy (Brenda Syme) without making much impression on his imperturbable dignity. The way in which Mr. Collins (Kathleen Roberts) kept up his solemn pomposity under the laughter of the audience is a great credit to him. Mrs. Bennett's two daughters were Mardie Syme, the quiet and thoughtful Jane, and Maisie Syme, the impertinent and hoydenish Lydia. The most important men's characters were taken by N. Burnip (Mr. Bingley) and Thelma Halbert (Mr.

BALANCE-SHEET OF "PRIDE AND PREJUDICE"

Receipts.		Expenditure.	
Sale of Tickets	£69 12 0	Hire of Hall and Piano ..	£3 0 0
Sale of Sweets, etc.	17 15 0	Cartage	0 16 0
Donations	11 1 0	Sundries	0 5 0
		Scenery	4 5 0
		Printing	2 16 6
		Sweets	0 14 4
			£11 16 10
		Balance	86 11 2
	£98 8 0		£98 8 0

A. TODD, President.

J. VANCE, Hon. Sec.

Wickham), while Lois Blake made a very successful effort to dree her wierd as the wife of Mr. Collins and the protege of Lady Catherine de Bourgh (Gladys Olive).

It was difficult to see all the old girls who came, but amongst those present we were very pleased to see Mrs. Chomley, Mrs. Carnegie, Miss B. Henty, C.B.E., Mrs. Walsh, Mrs. H. Kelly, Mrs. Warnock, Mrs. Henry, Mrs. Vance, Mrs. Bevan, Mrs. Pym, Mrs. Anderson, Mrs. McCutcheon, Mrs. Brodribb, Mrs. Ballantyne, Mrs. Castles, Mrs. N. Derham, Mrs. J. Ramsden, S. Magennis, C. Dennis, M. Daniell, P. Walsh, N. Walsh, M. Hiscock, L. Whybrow, D. Walsh, G. Grey-Smith, N. Fitzgerald, M. Smith, M. Jamieson, M. Bice, E. Henty, A. Syme, D. Webb, M. Webb, V. Carnegie, E. Gibson, as well as Madame Liet.

Miss Montz very kindly brought her orchestra and we were able to have musical selections, which added very much to the enjoyment of the evening.

SPORTS NOTES.

The sports have aroused far more interest this year and the results in both games have been much better. We hope the keen interest shown by the Juniors in their tennis will not flag, for some of them will one day be members of the First Four.

The results of the Tennis Pen-nant matches have been much better this year. Unfortunately we are losing two of the first four, the captain, B. Syme, and M. Carnegie.

Tennis Results.

- April 13th.—Ruyton v. Tintern. Ruyton won—34 to 31.
- April 27th.—Ruyton v. Aldworth. Ruyton won—28 to 24.
- May 4th.—Ruyton v. Clyde. Ruyton lost—25 to 34.
- June 29th.—Ruyton v. Warwick. Ruyton lost—25 to 29.
- July 6th.—Ruyton v. Korowa. Ruyton lost—34 to 36.
- July 27th.—Ruyton v. Aldworth. Ruyton won—33 to 27.
- August 24th.—Ruyton a walk-over from Korowa.
- September 26th.—Ruyton v. Warwick. A draw—26 to 26.

Keen interest has been shown in the class matches and some very good matches have been played. We especially want to congratulate IVa both on their keenness and on their play. The VI. has won the Young Shield.

Inter-class Tennis Results.

Total of Points Scored.

	Points.
VI.	10
Vb	8
V.-R.	2
IVb	5
IVa	5
IV.	0

The basket-ball has done better this year than ever before. The

first seven won all their Pennant matches and defeated Toorak College in the semi-finals. Miss Irving very kindly lent us the Lauriston field. Our run of luck unfortunately ended when we met Fintona in the finals. We take this opportunity to congratulate them on their victory and the splendid game they play. Our thanks are due to Miss Hamilton for lending us the Toorak field.

The normal basket-ball team for the year was:—K. Roberts (goal), D. Hiscock (assistant goal), M. G. Syme (attack wing), N. Burnip (centre), G. Olive (defence wing), J. Townsend (assistant defence), J. Joshua (defence). But in the semi-finals and finals K. Roberts, N. Burnip and M. Syme were unable to play, owing to illness and E.

Whybrow, J. Tonge and J. Lovett took their places.

During the year the Studley Courts were put up for sale, and, as Ruyton had used them for so many years, we were feeling sad at the thought of losing them. The whole school was delighted when Miss Daniell announced that she had bought them. The pavilion was pulled down to leave room for a basket-ball field. It was not ready in time for any matches to be played on it. Thus, owing to the lack of a field the inter-class matches for the Elliott Cup have not been played this year.

The success of the Sports is owing to the hard work of Miss Kendell, who has given up most of her spare time to coaching the juniors in both tennis and basket-ball,



BASKET BALL TEAM.

as well as the first and second sevens. The girls all realise what they owe to Miss Kendell and feel that they cannot thank her enough for her untiring energy.

Basket-ball Pennant Matches.

June 28th.—Stratherne v. Ruyton.

Ruyton won—20 to 18.

July 5th.—Oberwyl v. Ruyton.

Ruyton won—43 goals to 5.

July 16th.—Ruyton v. Rosbercon.

Ruyton won—27 goals to 13.

August 16th.—Semi-finals. Ruyton defeated Toorak—26 to 18.

August 23rd.—Finals.

Ruyton v. Fintona. Fintona won—37 goals to 14.

G. Olive, Hon. Sec.

ADVERTISEMENTS.

Lost and Found.

Lost one tennis shield from Vb class-room. Finder return to captain of Vb. (Not this year at any rate.—VI.)

Lost one nulla-nulla between Packington and Walpole streets, Kew. Apply Alleyne Cook.

Found between Packington and Walpole streets one nulla-nulla, in good condition. For inside information apply Thais Young.

Lost (stolen) tennis match which I bagged for Wednesday afternoon. I demand immediate satisfaction from the perpetrator (pistols for two, coffee for one, so to speak.)—J. J. Whizzbang Fitzbluddenfire.

Lost a considerable amount of personal dignity on the trapeze.

Phoarde, Phoarde, Phoarde.

Wanted to sell an entirely new brand of automobile, fitted with all the latest luxuries, which make motoring a pleasure. A non-refillable tank, two despair tyres, and a self-stopper. This car is guaranteed to hold two inside and eight on each platform. (Hold on going round the curves.)

We guarantee to send one of these marvellous machines, upholstered in the latest shades with the family arms emblazoned on doors, post free to any suburb, if a stamped addressed enveloped is sent.

One of these dainty little cars would make a very acceptable Xmas present.

Agent: L.B., Box 001, G.P.O., Melbourne.

Wanted someone possessed of strong muscles and an entirely unreasonable, defiant and overbearing character who will undertake to exterminate gens trapeziorum, and impress upon the minds of some juniors that tennis is a more profitable form of amusement than hopscotch, and that the upright position is more becoming than the inverted. (Applicants for this position are requested to correspond with the editors.)

Missing Friends.

Peanuts—come back, all will be forgiven.—Boarders.

Muriel—You can have five hot baths a week, extra pieces for morning and afternoon tea, and supper, and your fortune will be told in

your tea-cup every night—if you will return to

The Sorrowing Ones.

Literary.

Read, READ, READ.

For thrills, high-class literature, wit, philosophy, common sense, and insight into school life read the RUYTONIAN, Established 1900 (or thereabouts). All the leading literary critics of the day recommend the Ruytonian highly. The "New York Sun" says:—

"Many medical men recommend the Ruytonian as the best cure for insomnia yet known to science."

All this for 9d.

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I guarantee to remove any cats, dogs or other noxious and undesirable animals swiftly, quietly, and at moderate rates ("Chocolate Bowl" brand preferred). Apply: J. H. Tonge, No. 13, Narpoo Alley, Yarra Bank. For good references apply Mrs. Thomas.

Wanted.—Rest home for weary and worn-out veterans of the Vocabulary Brigade. The following members—"Bonza," "Some," "The limit," and "absolutely perfect"—would be glad to hear of such a home where they can end their days in honourable retirement. When shall we be able to say with Caesar, "Integri succedunt defatigatis."

The public are informed that the large house at the corner of A'Becket and Barry streets, Kew,

is a girls' school, and not a lost dogs' home.

Wanted.—Back numbers of the Ruytonian to complete set for the School. Missing numbers are:—Dec., 1910, 1911 and 1915.

ANGLESEA AT NIGHT.

The flowers, the birds and trees lie wrapped in sleep:

No sound disturbs the stillness of the night—

All rest. The spider long ago did creep

Into his leafy home, far from the light.

The river, too, no movement seems to make,

Save when the soft, warm summer breeze doth blow

Anew. Then soon the stream is seen to wake,

And with a gentle rippling murmur flow

Against its banks. And all again is still.

The moon, awake, in heav'n takes up her stand,

Looks down upon the houses on the hill,

And bathes in clear white light, a sleeping land.

How often beauteous sights like this have been.

Gazed on by thousands, but by most unseen.

—F. Ussher.

TO A MOUNTAIN SCENE

Oh, mountain high, down from
 whose wooded sides
 There flows a river foaming far
 below:
 On thee always eternal peace abides
 Whate'er the season. And some-
 times I go
 Away from all the noises of the
 town
 To breathe again the perfume of
 thy flowers,
 To think, or else perchance to look
 far down
 Into the depths of thy clear lake.
 The powers
 That be have made thee what thou
 art,
 A peaceful, wooded mountain.
 Thou, from whom
 The glorious sunset may be seen
 afar,
 Or heard, perhaps, the thund'ring
 ocean's boom,
 Still stand, where thou hast stood
 for ages past,
 And still will stand until the
 very last.

—J. Lovett.

HAMLET.

Dear Danish Prince, beloved from
 age to age,
 Whose tragic fate still holds the
 world in thrall,
 What madness, or what son's most
 filial rage
 O'er thy sweet spirit threw its
 sombre pall?

Why, "lapsed in passion," didst
 thou set aside
 The "dread performance" of thy
 father's laws?
 What scruples did thy struggling
 will override,
 "Thou John o' dreams, unpreg-
 nant of thy cause?"
 Was it the failure of thy high ideal
 Of mother's faith, or broken
 plighted troth
 Of fair Ophelia? Or did pale
 thought o'ersteal
 Thy palsied will, causing unwonted
 sloth?
 Devoted son, sweet lover, loyal
 friend,
 The world still mourns thy brief
 life's tragic end.

—H. Daniell.

HOWLERS.

The Esquimaux were very cruel to
 their wives; they made them go and
 pick up chips to light the fires.
 They leave their little babies out
 on the hillsides to freeze till some-
 one comes and picks them up.

The food is digested in the gall-
 bladder.

Marlborough conducted a bril-
 liant campaign in the Netherlands
 from 1702 until the signing of the
 treaty of Ryswick.

The feminine of peacock is
 cockatoo, fowl or parrot.

Anon. was one of the Cavalier
 poets.

Hamlet's mother shows her in-
 sincerity by marrying her husband's

dead brother two months after his death.

Our readers will be interested to know that Switzerland is a country of hot springs and lakes and burning mountains.

The Revolution of 1688 was caused by the introduction of machinery into England.

Sed nec Romulo nec populo suo uxores erant. But Romulus was not popular with his wives.

To escape signing Magna Charta John offered his people bribes and made all sorts of vows, but the people knew their King better than he imagined and would not take his bait.

In 1614 James called a new Parliament which merely declared all his previous acts illegal and offered him sound advice. It was dismissed.

The policy of Henry VII. was a mixture of matrimony and diplomacy.

Lord Palmerston rubbed up against Queen Victoria, who disapproved of some of his actions.

In the Excise Bill all the members of Parliament opposed Walpole, and finally he was the only man left on his own side.

The septic railway at St. Kilda gives you such a funny feeling.

Bad air passes into the left auricle of the heart.

On arriving at the inn Michael dismounted and flung his horse to the groom.

Food passes down the trachea to the gall bladder.

DAWN.

Sweet peace and quiet rule the cold
grey morn,

Crisp clouds are clustering around
the throne

To which great Phoebus at the
earliest dawn

Will rise and reign in splendid
light alone.

Far in the east of the great bound-
less sky

There spreads a faint and tender
rosy glow:

A last pale star closes a weary eye,
Then gold and crimson from the
hilltops flow.

Eagerly bending to the brink of
light

Each snowy cloud drinks in the
glory red,

Pauses, then, looking backward,
takes it flight

Freed, since the sombre sable
night has fled.

The many-coloured splendour
slowly dies,

Before the growing day it swift-
ly flies.

—E. Whybrow.

POINT ROADKNIGHT.

The wild winds gather strength and
lash the sea

To mountainous heights. Each
wave with snow-topped crest

Rushing with frenzied rage, roars
angrily

Against the rocks, which know
no change but rest

Forever scornful. For 'gainst their
grim age
Their mighty power and yet un-
conquered strength
The restless tossing sea doth vainly
wage
Eternal warfare. Comes a wave
at length,
And, rearing, pauses—then with
awful crash
Falls headlong, hurling its cruel
might
Upon the frowning rocks. The
surges dash
The spray aloft to softly fall.
The night
Draws nigh. Thou merciless and
luring sea,
My spirit ever longs to brood on
thee.

—J. H. Tonge.

SPRING IN THE HILLS.

The sun shines softly from a cloud-
less sky,
And flings a rainbow down to
earth, to gleam
Lightly across the waterfall; the
stream
Rushes among the stones, now
bold, now shy.
While far away the misty moun-
tains rear
Their purple peaks to Heaven;
and, near by,
The daisy worships the sun's
golden eye,
And drowsy hum of insects dulls
the ear.
Stretched out in one broad V
athwart the sky

The starlings flutter lazily and
low;
The wild rose showers her petals
where I lie.
And hawthorn berries tempt the
wren to go
Where flaunt their crimson uni-
forms and high
The breeze stirs in the gum
leaves drowsily.
—D. Armstrong.

THE SEA.

Oh! raging sea! whose foam-tipped
waves
Upon the rugged coasts do break
and roar,
Before whose will men bow them-
selves as slaves;
Oh, thou, who flowest on for
evermore!
Far, far beneath thy surface, where
there sleep
Great men, to whom thou givest
for a grave
The wondrous, silent waters of the
deep,
Are gardens, which the coral
shell dost pave.
When thou dost rage, men call thee
cruel, aye,
And so thou seemest when thy
waters moan
And roar beneath a restless, angry
sky
Which seems to claim thee for
her very own.
But soon with golden sunset, wel-
come guest
Comes stillness and thy billows
sink to rest. —M.A.

OLD RUYTONIANS' ASSOCIATION.

The Committee has met twice during the year, once in April and again in October. Our President, Annie Todd, was only able to preside at the first meeting owing to ill-health, but all will be glad to know how wonderfully improved her health is now, and it is a source of great joy to know that she has been re-elected as President for



HELEN GORDON ELLIOT
Captain of Ruyton, 1917.

next year. At the first meeting Helen Elliot was appointed the 15th member of Committee, the appointment being made in accordance with the rules of the Constitution. Helen gained the Old Girls' Prize for the previous year. The Association

surer Esther Gibson, who always regretted very much losing as treasurer the finances in such excellent order, but the new treasurer, Nancy Walsh, follows closely in her steps. Miss Daniell announced at this meeting that Miss B. Henty had presented an Honour Board to the school on the occasion of her decoration by the King. Margaret McWhae suggested placing a brass tablet in Holy Trinity in memory of Miss Bromby, and the fund has now reached £34 19s. 6d., which shows the Old Girls fully approved of the idea. The fund is not closed yet, as so many members live in England and other far-away parts, and it is felt that all should have a chance to subscribe to the memorial. Our President expressed the

hope that it would not be long before Ruyton would have a scholarship for the daughter of a fallen soldier, and although nothing was done until the next meeting, all felt what an excellent suggestion it was. At the meeting held in October the Committee decided to combine the Old Girls' Annual Reunion with the dramatic performance which the present girls were working up, and the funds raised by this to start the fund for the scholarship. All members who were present on November 1st will agree that the Ruyton Dramatic Club is one of which we can all be proud, but for those who were unable to be there it is only fair to let them know how splendidly and with what wonderful skill the girls handled Jane Austen's "Pride and

Prejudice." The evening was altogether an enjoyable one and the Old Girls are most grateful to the girls for all they did, and also to Mrs. Syme, who so kindly lent her beautiful furniture, which made all the difference in the world to the staging of the play. The balance-sheet will show what a success the evening was financially and what a good start we have for our scholarship fund.

The office-bearers and Committee for 1918-19 have been elected, and though we will miss old members very much, we are glad to welcome the new ones.

Jessica J. Vance,

Hon. Sec.

OLD GIRLS' NEWS.

Sybella Grey-Smith has gone for a trip to Honolulu.

Dulcie Norton-Smith was married last September to Mr D. Knipers, of Baflo, Holland.

Mildred McDougall has been doing V.A.D. work in the Coulter Hospital in London for two years.

We wish to offer our sincere sympathy to Elsie Crowther on the sudden death of her father, Dr. Crowther, the Headmaster of Brighton Grammar School, and one of the leading educationalists of Melbourne. We would also like to congratulate her on her engagement to Dr. Hurley in London, where she has been doing war work for two years.

BALANCE-SHEET OF THE OLD RUYTONIANS' ASSOCIATION

For Year Ending 3rd December, 1918.

Receipts.	
Balance Savings Bank, forward	£59 7 11
Subscriptions	25 16 0
Interest	4 8 5
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	£89 12 4
Assets.	
War Loan	£100 0 0
Balance in Savings Bank	21 4 6
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	£121 4 6

Expenditure.	
Postage	£2 3 10
Donations	5 0 0
War Loan	50 0 0
Old Girls' Prize	1 10 0
Ruytonians	9 7 6
Wrapper	0 6 6
Balance	21 4 6
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	£89 12 4

Liabilities.	
Nil.	
Balance	£121 4 6
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	£121 4 6

NANCY E. WALSH, Hon. Treas.

Emily Willshire is in Melbourne on a visit.

Kathleen Watson (Hunter) has a little son named Harold Hunter Watson.

We are very grieved to hear that **Nea Ridge's** husband has died in Paris of Spanish influenza.

Anna Stevenson was in Melbourne recently and left to pay a visit to Kathleen Watson at Burnewang Park.

Retta Hornamann has become engaged to Mr. J. Barbour, of Hawthorn.

Hazel Anderson (Patterson) is in Melbourne on a visit.

Mrs. J. Henry (Effie Derham) is in Melbourne on a visit to Mr. and Mrs. Derham at Harptree.

Mrs. V. Brodribb (M. Anderson) has a daughter.

H. Elliot has just returned from a long visit to New South Wales.

Mrs. Stewart (Noel Brodribb) has a daughter.

Mrs. J. Ramsden (Alice Hindley) is at present over from New Zealand on a visit to Archdeacon and Mrs. Hindley.

A cable was received from **Lily Whybrow** last June, telling of her engagement to Dr. Clifford Scantlebury, who is at the front.

Inez Argyle has just announced her engagement to Capt. Dorian King, M.C., who has lately returned from the front.

Katie Howson, who married her cousin, Mr. Howson, has a son 12 weeks old.

STAFF PAST AND PRESENT.

We were very sorry to hear recently that Mr. Pearson, fiance of **Miss Cousins** and brother of **Miss Mary Pearson**, had been killed at the front.

Miss Lilius Jackson, B.Sc., is engaged to be married to Dr. Maxwell, of Melbourne University.

Miss D. Barnard, M.A., has become infected with the golf fever. Very little hope is entertained of her recovery.

Mrs. Kingston, who was very unwell for the first six months of this year, is now quite well again.

Miss Eileen Brenan is spending the summer vacation in America in search of fresh barbarities in the shape of American dances.

Pupils of **Miss Jessie Young** will be very sorry to hear that one of her brothers died very suddenly this term.

Miss Thompson has given up her physical training work for the present in order to do massage at the Base Hospital.

Miss Kendell is obliged for reasons of health to give up her sports work at Ruyton next year. The sports have been very successful since Miss Kendell undertook the work and we are all very sorry to lose her enthusiastic leadership.

Miss Fuge and **Miss Alexander** were very welcome visitors on Old Girls' Night at "Pride and Prejudice."



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