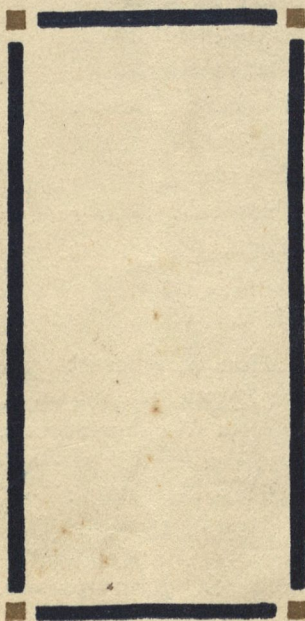


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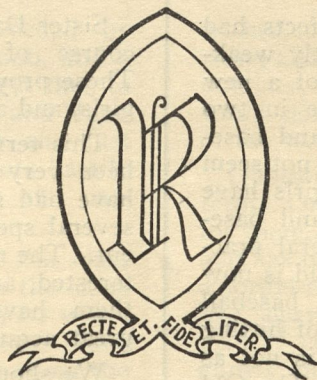
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JUNE, 1922.

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Miss Daniell is President of all the Clubs.

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EDITORIAL.

Another school year is now started, and the first term has already slipped by in its usual sly fashion. At the beginning there were great

changes. All the old prefects had left, and sports were greatly weakened by the introduction of a new rule—that no girl may be in two teams, except basket-ball and baseball. At first the teams did not seem very promising, but the girls have practised hard at tennis and baseball, and have played several practice matches. The new field is now used for basket-ball and baseball practice, giving us plenty of hitting room, though the ground is not as even as we could wish it. The Old Girls have been very good in taking an active interest in the tennis, and we are doing our best to carry on what they did so well.

To help the new prefects on their way a study has been given to them, which numbers among its treasures an arm-chair and a very much over-worked piano. There is also a laboratory in full swing, where the science girls carry out wonderful experiments and make limejuice.

On April 25th all Ruyton went to a Commemoration Service at Holy Trinity, Kew, in order to keep Anzac Day. Mr. Davies spoke to us about the Landing.

The University examination results this year were satisfactory. G. Kaines gained one first and one second-class honour. Seven girls obtained the School Leaving Certificate, and two completed their Intermediate. G. Kaines was Dux of the School, and we are very sorry to lose her. We wish her every success at the University.

Sister Davies is giving us another course of Baby Clinic lectures. These prove very interesting to the girls, and are well attended.

This term the Debating Club has been very much enlarged, and we have had some interesting debates, several speakers showing great talent. The new members are very interested, and two or three among them have proved themselves a great acquisition to the club.

We should like to thank the girls who have helped us by contributions in this issue on subjects of world-wide importance, and we hope others will be encouraged to do the same. "The Ruytonian" is a magazine for the whole school, and every girl ought to take an interest in it and try to submit contributions. This paper has been a success in the past, and it is up to us all to keep it a success.

M. DAVIES.

C. TEAGUE.

FORM NOTES.

VI.

A flourish without. Enter editors. The door is opened by one studious member (who is dedicated to Law) murmuring to herself something out of the reference book in her hand. The illustrious members of the VIth fall back respectfully before these potentates. There follows an imperative treble and a low, sepulchral murmur, "The notes must be in to-morrow. The notes! The notes!!"

This ultimatum is preceded by hissing from the angry mob, and a cry of "Hence, old goat, get thee to a nunnery!" as Coriolanus and Hamlet whiz through the air and just miss the mark. The editors hastily retreat ("to fresh woods and pastures new").

In the first place, we, the class editors, are suffering from the same complaint as Milton when he wrote Lycidas—lack of inspiration. However, let us tell you a little about the class. "Our appetite for work is so voracious that we hardly leave our studies or go to bed before midnight. We are subject to frequent headaches (greatly to the grief of the 'family') which, however, cannot chill the ardour of our curiosity or retard the progress of our improvement." Although we are so well advanced, we have one member who complains bitterly of being all behind.

King's English has the advantage of being amusing as well as educating. "Awfully nice" is a remark than which few could be sillier. The phenomenon (prefer the short word to the long) of blushing occurs when we say a "blooming girl." The Honours History girls spend most of their time in absorbing atmosphere, which has succeeded in inflating all but one, who, being by no means airy, has been heard to lament, "Oh, that this too, too solid flesh would melt." The Physiology Class is growing larger, and we now have an army of microscopes. The class is held in the boarders' study. The above-mentioned member, who

wished to partake of the class's company, although she was a large-sized outsider, was informed that she could not always be the thin edge of the wedge.

Quotations fly round the class this term. One member, in her fondness for them, lets zeal outrun discretion, and has been known to say that such a sordid thing as a glass of kola beer had "bearded bubbles winking at the brim" (no pun intended). The ghosts of Hamlet and Coriolanus meet with Chaucer-in-the-ante-room, but unfortunately the absence of Adam Bede has been noticed. Does anyone know anything of his movements?

Although we "live laborious days," we find plenty of time for sports, and after-school hours are wholly filled up by tennis, baseball and basket-ball. If any captious person is inclined to think that these notes are frivolous, remember that "To the pure all things are pure."

Vb.

- A is for Alison, who is Captain this year,
- B is for Bony, who is always sincere.
- C is for Cookie, who laughs and giggles,
- D is for Dorothy, who questions and wriggles.
- E is for Ena, who's really quite clever,
- F is for Fat, who is talking for ever.

G is for Genius, never found in Vb,
 H is for Howell, who jokes cannot
 see.
 I is for ink which covers the floor,
 J is for joy as we go out the door.
 K is for Klinics we have every week,
 L is for Lucy who sticks in her
 beak.
 M is for Margot, for Myrtle as well,
 N is for Norma, who's late for the
 bell.
 O is for over, we all wish exams,
 P is for Phyllis, who lives near the
 trams.
 Q is for Quarter, which will very
 soon end,
 R is for Reita, who will never at-
 tend.
 S is for Swinny, who sews a fine
 seam,
 T is for Tatty, who belongs to the
 team.
 U is for us, who can't write good
 Form Notes,
 V is for Vieve, who wears many
 coats.
 W is for Waters, who gets very
 fuddled,
 X is for Xmas, which makes us all
 muddled.
 Y is for you who will have to read
 this,
 Z is for what we can't think, so
 we'll miss.

Va.

"The trumpet has sounded:
 We must get to our work.
 The facts are all founded.
 Alas, we cannot shirk."

We fear our poetry is not very

fluent, but that art is yet unknown
 to us.

Our new Form mistress, Miss
 Ramsay, gave us a pleasant surprise
 by taking us to "Twelfth Night"
 and "A Midsummer Night's Dream,"
 which we enjoyed greatly. We went
 to fairyland for the first time when
 we went to "A Midsummer Night's
 Dream." We fell in love at first
 sight with Bully Bottom, and rock-
 ed in our seats at the dramatic per-
 formance of Pyramus and Thisbe.

We are very proud of having four
 members of our form in the base-
 ball team, and Mary Derham has
 reached the heights of the tennis
 eight.

We greatly sympathise with Mar-
 tin Luther, who, according to one of
 our members, was ordered to a Diet
 of Worms.

Even as we write we are sur-
 rounded by a rainbow of jumpers,
 for everyone has got the craze and
 is knitting industriously.

We are all very excited about the
 boat races, and are waiting im-
 patiently for the event.

Alack, our stock of wisdom has
 run out, and so, like Thisbe, we say
 too, "Adieu, adieu, adieu!"

HELEN McCRAE.

MOIRA MACALISTER.

IVa.

This year we are in IVa, and still
 in the same room. They are always
 very good and quiet. Miss Ramsay

promised to take us for a picnic if we are good; we hope to have it soon.

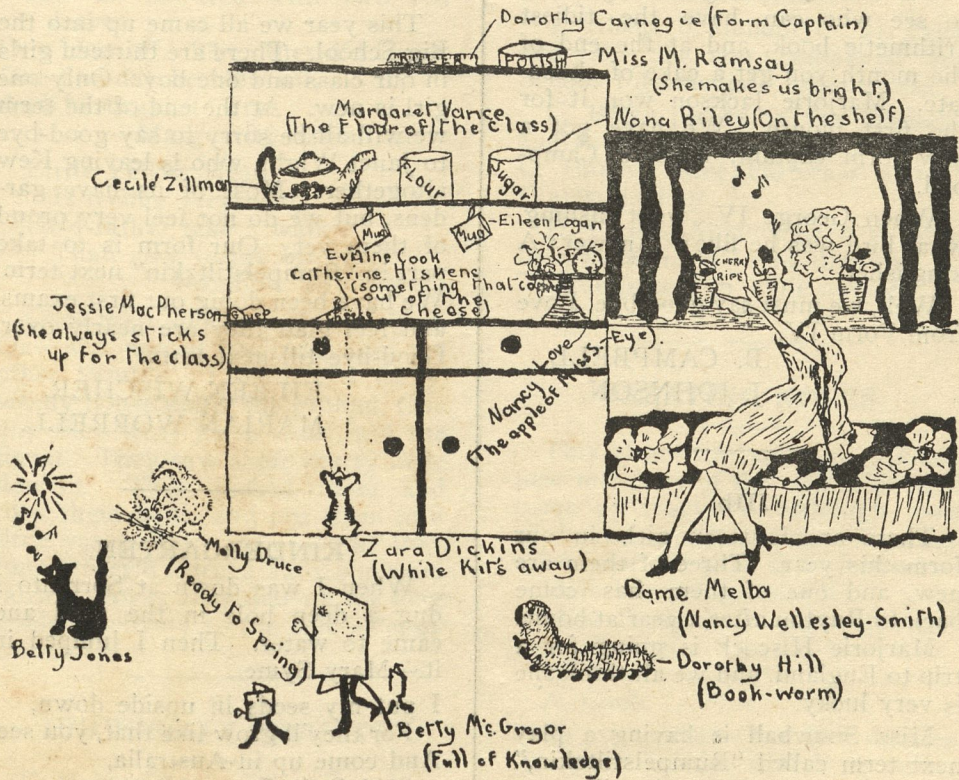
We have started our gardens again. Instead of only having one garden for the Form, we have one for three or four girls, which is much better.

We have two new teachers this term and two new girls. The new

girls in our Form are Joyce Dean and Marjorie Charlwood. We are very pleased to have Flo Inglis with us again. Miss Ramsay is our Form mistress again this year, and we have Peggy Cook for our form captain. Good-bye till next term.—
From the editors,

P. COOK.

D. COLTMAN.



IV.

We are back at school again, and Miss Ramsay is our Form mistress. We have a new teacher, Miss Naylor, and two new girls, Janet Cresswell and Peggy McPherson. Janet has been to our school before. We will soon be starting tennis now; we have got our ladder fixed up for it. We have not been for our picnic yet, but Miss Ramsay said she would take us if we are good.

Our class is having a competition to see who can have the tidiest arithmetic book, and at the end of the month you get a cake of chocolate. Marjorie Jackson won it for the first month. We have got a new form captain, Barbara Campbell.

When George IV. went fishing, what bird was he like? Answer: A kingfisher.

Well, we must say good-bye. Love from Form IV.

B. CAMPBELL.
J. JOHNSON.

IIIb.

There are fourteen girls in our form this year. Three of them are new, and one of them has come back to Ruyton after a year at home.

Marjorie Hiscock is going for a trip to England, and we all think she is very lucky.

Miss Snowball is having a play next term called "Rumpelstiltzkin," and we hope many people will come and see us in it.

On Anzac Day we all went to church at Holy Trinity.

Leather Brown is our form captain this year.

Wishing everyone a happy holiday, we will say good-bye.

HELEN PHILLIPS.
JESSIE READY.

IIIa.

This year we all came up into the Big School. There are thirteen girls in our class and one boy. Only one girl is new. At the end of the term we will all be sorry to say good-bye to Janet Wight, who is leaving Kew altogether. Most of us have gardens, but we do not feel very proud of them yet. Our form is to take part in "Rumpelstiltzkin" next term. We have been doing our first exams, and feel glad they are nearly over. Good-bye till next term.

EILEEN WISCHER.
MARIAN WORRELL.

KINDERGARTEN.

When I was down at Sorrento I dug a deep hole in the sand and came to water. Then I jumped in it.—Mary Syme.

I put my seeds in upside down,
For they'll grow like that, you see,
And come up in Australia,
Said little Rosary.

—Betty James.

Once there was a pond; it had three frogs in it. One bit me on the finger. I'll never go to that pond again.—Joan Blair.

We see baby buds on the trees in autumn. The baby leaves have little brown coats to keep out the wind and cold.—Beverly Brown.
Winter bids you look so snug,
Wrapped up in your mackintosh rug.

—Peggy Cresswell.

I saw an oak-tree with two red leaves.

One blew off. The other did laugh.
One fine day he blew off,
And he began to cry.

—Marguerita Ashburner.

Little Yellow Head

Is feeling very well;

He'd rather take a walk

Than stay inside his shell.

—Bobbie Brodribb.

Once there lived two little fairies. One was named Twinkle and the other Winkle. They had a teeny, weeny house under the ground. One day they went for a walk into the forest. They saw some pretty little flowers. They picked them and took them home and put them in a little vase. The very next day they found they'd turned into sunbeam fairies. Away they flew up the long golden staircase to the sun.—Peggy Cresswell.

UNIVERSITY RESULTS.

G. Kaines obtained first-class honours in English, and second-class in

History, and passed in Physiology.
M. Syme obtained honours in French.

L. Inglis passed in English.

School Leaving.

Seven girls obtained the School Leaving Certificate—G. Carnegie, M. Davies, E. Druce, L. Inglis, K. Ralph, M. Price and M. Shannon. L. Benham passed in two subjects, and A. Cook in one.

Intermediate.

V. Alsop, B. Ballantyne, M. Price and M. Shannon completed the School Intermediate examination.

C. Blake passed in five subjects, and A. Benham, B. Begg, S. Grant, C. Hardy, Alice Patterson and C. Waters in four.

H. Clarke, Annie Patterson, Mollie Shannon, M. Sweeting and C. Teague passed in some subjects.

DEBATING NOTES.

This year there are a good many new members of the club who have come up from Vb, although most of the old ones have left. The committee for the year is as follows:—

Miss Daniell (president).

Miss Derham (vice-president).

G. Carnegie.

M. Shannon.

A. Cook.

So far we have had two debates. The first, held on March 24, was a great success, the subject being "Do extremists do more good in the

world than moderate men?" The affirmative side won. We had many visitors, including old club members, the staff, parents of the speakers and the girls of Vb.

The second debate was a smaller one between the new members of the club. The subject was "Is the barbarian happier than the civilised man?" The affirmative side won. Owing to their interest, Vb were invited.

Trinity v. Ruyton.

In response to a challenge from Ruyton, the Trinity Debating Club were our guests at a debate at Ruyton on May 6. The subject was "Should we buy German goods?" Ruyton taking the affirmative side. M. Shannon was the leader for Ruyton, the other speakers being M. Davies, E. Druce, K. Ralph and G. Carnegie.

The leader for the opposition was J. Southern. His colleagues were J. Turner, R. Harness, B. Cornell, C. Dempster.

Mr. Rylah kindly took the chair and judged the debate according to the method, deliverance and matter of the two sides. The audience included Miss Daniell, Mr. and Mrs. Shann, Mrs. Rylah, some of the staff, the senior boarders, and the members of the two clubs.

The debate was opened by M. Shannon. The affirmative side viewed the subject as a whole, while each member of the opposition took a point and enlarged on it.

The leader for this side made a very able speech, interspersed with

juggling with his notes. We regret that his geography was rather hazy.

The second speaker seemed very concerned about the future of his offspring. He has the budding paternal instinct which is gratifying to see in one so young.

The next, although forgetful of his hostesses and seemingly ignorant of the chief points of the debate, was nevertheless applauded for a good speech.

The secretary of the club was very gratified at the close attention of his audience, and moved a vote of thanks in a masterly fashion. In the last speaker we have a fervent partisan of our "maiden Australia," and one who understood his subject thoroughly.

As for a criticism of the affirmative side—we are too modest.

Previous to the summing up, Mr. Rylah called for incidental speakers. After an awkward silence there followed five speakers.

J. Southern then summed up the points of his side, and M. Shannon followed in his lead, thus closing the debate. The judgment was in favour of Ruyton. Mr. Rylah criticised the speakers, and told us the chief points that go to make a good debater. The Trinity boys moved a vote of thanks to Mr. Rylah, and were seconded by the captain of Ruyton.

After supper we danced in the assembly hall, thus making a good ending to a good night.

A. C.

B. B.

DRAMATIC NOTES.

This year quite a number of girls have joined the club, and although we have lost some of our best actresses, we hope to make a success of the new play. We were very sorry to lose Miss Robson, who has taken so much interest in us; but we are fortunate in having Miss Haase, who has coached us before.

The play decided on for this year is Sheridan's "Rivals," and rehearsals are already in full swing. It will be given at the end of August.

The Junior Dramatic Club is being coached by Miss Webb. M. Vance is their secretary. They are giving some short plays next term, namely, "When the Wheel Goes Down," "A Ghost Story," The Banishment Scene from "As You Like It," "White Magic," and "Late Roses."

C. BLAKE, Hon. Sec.

CHARITY NOTES.

This term the girls have been very generous in responding to the appeals that have been made, especially with regard to the starving children. A Salamagundy was held on March 29th. It was a great success, as nearly 100 girls were present, and we had no expenses. The committee worked very hard, and was hoarse for a week after. The sum of £5 was realised. We wish to thank Mrs. Wischer for her kind-

ness in playing after supper when the girls danced.

Lenten envelopes were given out before Easter, and the collection amounted to £2/10/-—a great improvement on last year's.

On Rose Day buttons were sold, and realised £1/1/-.

The School has joined the Junior Red Cross Association. This is a worldwide movement organised to carry on the charity work done by various branches of the Red Cross Society during the war. It does not interfere with our own charities, and has the great advantage of linking us up with the Red Cross all over the world.

K. RALPH, Hon. Sec.

LIBRARY NOTES.

We are glad to say that more girls have joined the Ruyton Library this term, and with their subscriptions, which amounted to £1/5/-, we were able to get more new books. These books will all be put into the library at the beginning of the second term. Girls may get them by paying three-pence per book, or 1/6 per term, and we hope that these modest rates will be the means of increasing the number of subscribers to the library.

It is possible that a number of girls have books at home which they have finished with, and if they feel disposed to donate some of these to the library, they will be very much appreciated.

We wish to thank Peggy Campbell for the books she has given to the library this term.

ROTHES SMITH,
ENID DRUCE,
Librarians.

GARDENING NOTES.

A general meeting of the Gardening Club was held on the 23rd February. A great many members were present. The committee and office-bearers were voted for. The names of the girls who desired gardens were taken.

On the 24th February a committee meeting was called. More ground was needed, as it was found that 44 girls had joined, and gardens were allotted. Three or four girls took a garden between them.

The Gardening Club girls were not very enthusiastic till after the rain had fallen and the gardens dug up for them, because they had been overrun with kangaroo grass, which sprang up in the Christmas vacation.

The gardens are now looking rather bare, but the plentiful supply of seedlings gives promise for a fine show in the Spring.

D. CARNEGIE, Hon. Sec.

SPORTS NOTES.

The running team has taken part in one flag race this year; it was at

Toorak Sports on April 1st. We also entered B. Ballantyne for the flat race that afternoon, and came second in both events.

We were invited to run at the Rosbercon sports on April 29th, but as there was a tennis match that day we were unable to accept.

Miss Christian is again coaching us in basket-ball, and Kathleen Roberts is very kindly coming every Thursday to take a practice. We have played one practice match against M.L.C., winning by 15 goals to 8. Although we have lost all the old team, Miss Christian thinks that with practice we should greatly improve. The girls are very keen, especially in the Middle School.

TENNIS NOTES.

We have only played three pennant tennis matches this year. The first one was against Warwick at Ruyton.

The results of the matches are as follows:—

April 8th.—Warwick v. Ruyton—
Warwick won 43-23.

April 29th.—Toorak v. Ruyton—
Toorak won 48-6.

May 6th.—Fintona v. Ruyton—
Fintona won 42-24.

At the end of March we played a practice match against Tintern. The score was fairly even, although they won. We also played M.L.C. in April.

We entered four girls for the Autumn Championship this year—V. Stevenson, who got into the second round; M. Sweeting, C. Blake, and R. Hiscock. The last three were beaten in the first round.

A tennis coach came out to give us some hints, so we hope to win some of the return matches beginning in September.

Every Thursday afternoon an Old Girls' four has come to give the Present Girls a practice. Melba Bice has acted as captain, and amongst those who have come are Janet Tonge, Kathleen Roberts, Gwenda King, Maisie Syme, Dorothy Hiscock, Jean Townsend, Winsome Cowen and Lynette Tonge. The practices have been very valuable to us, and we thank the Old Girls for their interest and help.

BASEBALL NOTES.

The baseball team this year is very young, but shows great promise. We still need a great deal of practice. The batting, on the whole, is good, but the fielding is weak. We have had several practice matches, and two practices a week. Fintona beat us in a pennant match; the result was 47-23. It was the only pennant match we played this season. The team played very well.

There is still room for a great deal of improvement. The right, centre and left fielders want to practice throwing and catching, and they should try to stop the ball as soon

as they can instead of waiting until it stops. The second and third bases should practice catching as much as possible. The short-stop must think much more and be quicker. The backstop wants to watch her bases. The pitcher must be more careful in her fielding. First base wants to practice throwing.

We have decided to have practices through the middle term, so that there will not be too much to pick up at the end of the year.

SPEECH NIGHT, 1921.

On the evening of December 16th the Recreation Hall was once again the scene of Ruyton's annual break-up. The hall was well filled with parents and friends of past and present girls. The prizes were presented by Archdeacon Hindley.

A very enjoyable programme, consisting of musical items, a physical culture exhibition and a small play, was contributed by various girls.

After the whole School had opened the programme by singing the School song, "Recte et Fideliter," Mr. Weber's junior and senior physical culture classes gave a very interesting display. Marjorie Sweeting's violin solo, "A Legend," from Bohn, was very much appreciated by the audience, as was also the encore. This was followed by pianoforte selections from Hall by Cara Waters. Several songs were sung by the Senior, Intermediate and Junior Singing Classes; amongst them

were "Estudiantina" by the Senior Class, and "A Little Dutch Girl," which the Intermediate Class, dressed in Dutch caps and aprons, sang.

Then Mrs. Kingston's Kindergarten Music Class played some games, accompanied by the different girls. And we must not forget Peter. His bow at the end of his piece quite captivated the audience. After Alison Alsop had been deservedly applauded for her piano solo "Dawn," the first part of the programme closed with a charming little play, "Fanchette from France." The leading part, that of Fanchette, the little French doll, was taken by Moira Macalister, who sang and danced very prettily.

Miss Daniell then read her report, in which she thanked Archdeacon Hindley for presenting the prizes, and, after mentioning the chief events in the school calendar for the year, gave an account of the work done by the girls in support of various charities, and mentioned the new classes which had been started by Sister Davies in connection with the Baby Clinic work.

Archdeacon Hindley then spoke. In a very interesting speech he congratulated Miss Daniell and the girls on a very successful year, and wished them every success for the future. He then presented the prizes. The Old Ruytonian's prize for the best all-round girl was won by Dorothy Hiscock, and the Henty prize for the best form captain by Marjorie Sweeting, while Gwen Kaines, who was dux of the School

for 1921, also won the Bromby prize. She has now gone on to the University, where we hope she will continue her successful career.

All too soon we found ourselves cheering Miss Daniell, Archdeacon Hindley and the staff, and once again leaving the Recreation Hall for another year.

To the Editor of the "Ruytonian."

Dear Madam,—I wish through your columns to protest against the results of our phonetic system of spelling. Among Ruyton girls, especially those in Vb, it seems to have had the effect of making them keep up a perpetual murmur of "a-b-b-a, a-b-b-a," or else they shriek frantically to each other "e-f-e-f-g-g." When one asks them the meaning of this they can only reply "Surrey Shakespeare variety," and as they wander away one hears them muttering sadly in the distance "a-b-a-b." Although to the uninitiated this might savour of one of last year's ragtimes, I am informed that it is not so. This astonishing malady must surely be the aftermath of phonetic spelling. If so, let it be abolished as quickly as possible.—Yours, etc.,

PEEVED.

To the Editor of the "Ruytonian."

Dear Madam,—I am a newcomer to the Sixth, and would be very glad to be informed re some obscure expressions that are popular amid this illustrious form. One that has

caused me great perplexity is "Dubs." "Dubs" is the appellation under which one of my fellow-students suffers. I have heard it applied to money, but never to a girl. Researches into its origin would, I am convinced, prove most interesting.

Another popular word is a term of endearment, namely "Blos." I am informed that it is derived from the O.E. noun "blossom," meaning a flower, and that under the influence of analogy it has suffered from mutation. Its colloquial signification I cannot discover. I am making a collection of such expressions, and any additions from you, or any explanations, would give me rather a unique pleasure.—Yours, etc.,

NEW GIRL.

To the Editor of the "Ruytonian."

Dear Madam,—I wish to bring under the notice of the authorities the sad state of affairs taking place every Thursday afternoon. Just picture to yourself eight lusty girls, after a most arduous game, sitting down to eat buns and watching the older girls drink that refreshing beverage—tea. The case is similar to "the hungry sheep look up and are not fed."—Yours, etc.,

STILL THIRSTY.

To the Editor of the "Ruytonian."

Dear Madam,—I am writing to express my views on jay walking through your paper. I have been a

resident at Ruyton for many years, and now I heartily wish that the exorbitant fines might end that notorious practice of walking across the quadrangle. How people cross the lawn when they can walk on well-built asphalt paths is beyond my comprehension. I wonder if they observe the truth of the proverb, "The longest way round is the shortest way home," and in future I hope they will keep to the path of righteousness.—Yours, etc.,

MISS J. WALKER.

To the Editor of the "Ruytonian."

Dear Madam,—I was last Monday witness of a most extraordinary exhibition on the Ruyton tennis courts. I was standing at my window overlooking the school, when all at once the girls playing under the direction of a certain gentleman arranged themselves in line and began to perform a series of complicated evolutions, waving their racquets and their feet in time. Is the School taking up eurythmics? If so, I hope to spend many Monday afternoons watching the display free of charge.—Yours, etc.,

SPECTATOR.

THE AFFAIRS ON THE RAND.

The Rand is a reef which extends through the city of Johannesburg, one of the dustiest and most crowded cities in South Africa, and not altogether an ideal place for civil war.

There have been many strikes in Africa before the miners' strike, which ended disastrously for some people. Perhaps we have not fully realised the danger of strikes, but now we know to what extent strife-stirrers will go.

The whole trouble began by the white miners striking for more pay, with the result that the honest, hard-working kaffir took his place and pay. The strike seems to have been premeditated on the part of the miners, who found it no obstacle to shoot a few kaffirs to gain their end.

The strikers now openly rebelled. We have since found out the real objects of this rebellion. They were (1) to create a revolution of the French type, and (2) to form a Hertzog Ministry. It seems as if it was premeditated by the same band of Roman Catholics who stirred up strife in Ireland. It was, indeed, led by Hertzog, whom we may justly term the "African Mannix."

The rebels declared war and fought pitched battles against the united citizen forces. Police stations, private houses and shops were burnt; men, women and even children shot. For a few weeks civil war raged. The rebels even went so far as to fire on General Smuts, the Prime Minister of South Africa; but in the end they were forced to submit. The ministry they hoped to overthrow is flourishing still. However, we must take this as a warning, and beware lest the same should happen in Australia.

IRELAND.

Ireland is still in a state of unsettlement, although some months ago it was thought that at last a satisfactory peace would be arranged as a result of the conference held in London between Lloyd George and Mr. Griffiths and Mr. Collins, two members of the Sinn Fein party. It was agreed that Ireland should be divided into two States, one being Ulster and the other the remainder of Ireland, under the name of the Irish Free State. Each were to have self-government. The Dail Eireann, the Parliament of the south, ratified the treaty, but unfortunately De Valera, with a party of extremists, broke away, and is stirring up much trouble. There is a great deal of ill-feeling between the two Parliaments, especially since the south have claimed the bordering States Fermanagh, Monaghan and Armagh, which originally belonged to the north. Heinous crimes are being committed daily on both sides, and no man's life is safe.

AFFAIRS IN CENTRAL EUROPE.

Starvation is the keynote of the situation in Central Europe. The Russian people are starving owing to the conflict continuing between the two parties, the Reds and the Whites. Famine is spreading so rapidly that on an average a baby dies in every six seconds. Russia, rendered desperate by her position,

has joined forces with Germany in opposing the disarmament. How long will it be before "hungry Russia, equipped by an angry Germany, devastates Europe"? Germany agrees to the peace proposals, but Russia opposes them owing to her determination to support the Soviet's government rights. With Russia and Germany in a state of semi-antagonism to the rest of Europe, all the world is wondering what will be the outcome of the Genoa Conference. We can only hope that it will bring peace to Europe.

OLD GIRLS' NOTES.

University News.

Meryl Alsop has passed her second year at the Conservatorium, gaining honours in her piano work. She has also gained the Diploma of the Musical Society of Victoria.

Janet Tonge has passed the second year of the Arts course, and has entered on her third.

Gladys Olive left for England in April.

Linda Inglis has entered upon the first year of the Arts course.

Gwen Kaines has begun her medical course.

Elvie Carnegie is doing the fourth year of her medical course.

June Joshua left for England in March.

Marjorie Camm and **Frieda Price** are both doing their second year in the Arts course.

Veda and **Muriel Carnegie** have just arrived in England after an enjoyable trip on the Continent, where they visited Rome, Florence, Genoa and Paris.

Gwen Palmer, who came out for a visit last year, returned by the Narkunda early this year.



MAISIE SYME
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Last February **Mavis Smith** was married to Mr. Trevor Philips. The marriage was celebrated at Trinity Church, and a reception was held at the Rivoli in Collins St. Mavis now lives in the country near Wangaratta.

On the 27th of April **Anabel Syme** was married at Trinity Church, Kew, to Mr. Alan Gordon Gutheridge. The reception was held at Rockingham, Kew, after which the Gutheridges left for their honeymoon in Tasmania. Anabel is living in Miller Grove, Kew.

Brenda Syme and **Helen Elliot** have both joined the Mermaid Play Society, and took small parts in the recent production of "St. George and the Dragon."

Marjorie Robertson (M. Young) has a little daughter.

Lalla Whybrow has returned to Melbourne and is living at Summerland Mansions, Fitzroy St., St. Kilda.

Lucy and **Kathleen Tickell** and **Vera** and **Dorothy Aldom** have all gone to England for a trip.

We wish to offer our heartfelt sympathy to **Mrs. McCrae** and **Mrs. Pym** and **Mrs. Henry** on the death of their father, Mr. F. T. Derham.

Phyllis Marshall is engaged to be married to Mr. Walton McMillan.

Edith Marshall is still in England, where she has been visiting a great many interesting places.

Rene Austin has become treasurer of the Free Kindergarten at Geelong.

Blanche Mitchell leaves on June 1st for a trip to Java.

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