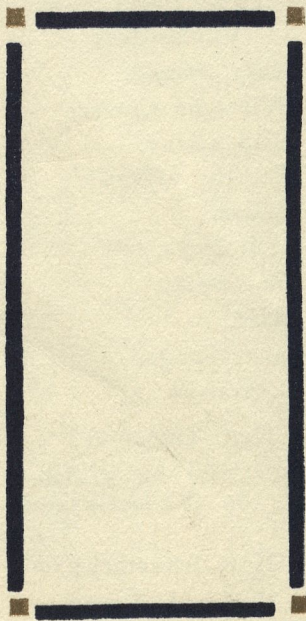


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### EDITORIAL.

Once again we have begun a new year which has brought all the changes that a new year usually does, as well as an alteration in the system of education. Miss Daniell has introduced the Dalton Laboratory Plan at Ruyton. Modern education tends to develop the personality of each child, and, through the Dalton system, each child is bound to take an interest in her own work by a sense of responsibility. The work is done on the Assignment Plan, by which each subject is mapped out for several weeks ahead, so that the child knows exactly what to do, and there is no delay caused. Ruyton does not have the pure Dalton system, as Miss Daniell has made modifications concerning numbers of lessons, and the examination of girls. The system has been received with mixed feelings in the school, but Miss Daniell is giving it a fair trial.

On Anzac Day the whole school attended a memorial service held in Holy Trinity Church, Kew, where the Rev. Walter Green delivered an inspiring sermon, the first part dealing with the immortality of the glorious deeds of the Anzacs on the Peninsula, and the second on the eternal renown won for themselves and their country, as illustrated by the text, "Their name liveth for evermore."

As the Gardening Committee had been dissolved and still had a sum of money in hand, it was decided to arrange a party at Ruyton for the

children of the Blind Asylum at St. Kilda. The Prefects prepared the afternoon tea and, with the rest of the school, entertained the children with games and dancing, after which the blind children themselves entertained us by singing and playing the piano. The afternoon was a tremendous success, and when the time for departure came, there were many farewells and promises to come again. The Boarders held a concert at Ruyton to raise money for the Blind Children, at which many interesting items and songs, with variations from "The O'Brien Girl," were given. The financial result was very successful, being about £10.

Miss Daniell, Miss Lancaster, and about sixteen girls visited the Newport Workshops early in the term, at the kind invitation of Mr. Shannon. The day was a great success, and we learnt more than we had ever dreamt of about railways and their construction. Several attendants showed us over the workshops, and explained everything most patiently, particularly the electroplating and the upholstering processes and the carriage making. Our thanks are due to Mr. Shannon and Miss Daniell for a very enjoyable day.

Some time ago Miss Cunningham gave the senior school a talk on Christian Unions and Bible Circles. She told us a great deal about the world-wide reunion which was held last year in China, and showed us numbers of interesting photographs taken at the reunion. As a result

of her talk, a small Christian Union class has been formed, which is conducted by Miss M. Ramsay. We are studying "The Manhood of the Master," by Fosdick.

Ruyton has been successful so far in sports, particularly the Tennis team, whom we wish to congratulate on their good play. Our Baseball policy was not quite so successful, but the team is young, and will probably do well in the next season. Basket-ball has just commenced, and no matches have been played yet, except a practice match against the old girls. We have a new coach, Miss Cook, who is getting the team well into order.

The Probationers, elected early in the term, are getting used to their duties very well, and should make capable prefects next year.

On May 15th Miss Lewis gave a lecture on "Stars" to the girls, and we learnt facts that almost made our brains reel, they were so astounding. She spoke of constellations, double stars, nebulae, light-years, time, space, and ether, until we wondered however it had been discovered. We all enjoyed it very much, and hope that next term Miss Lewis will give us another interesting lecture.

So far this year has been very successful, and there is no reason to think that the future will be otherwise. Both work and sport are in a prosperous condition, and we are sure that this will prove another successful year in the annals at Ruyton.

C. Teague.

## FORM NOTES.



Vc.

This year we are an extra class, Vc, and being only eight in number, share a room with the VIth. Miss Lancaster, who presented us with our flag last year, is having the B changed to C, as we do not want to part with it.

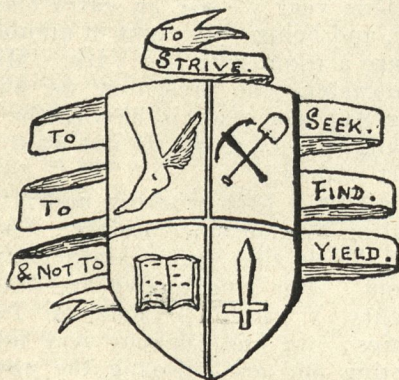
We have been working under the Dalton system since Easter. Sixth and Vc is the Senior Mathematics room. For English we are doing Henry V. and "A Tale of Two Cities;" we find Dickens very interesting and are enjoying the novel very much.

On Friday 21st March, Miss Daniell took VIth and us to the Newport Workshops, where we spent a very interesting day, studying how carriages and engines are built.

On the Wednesday after Easter we had a very successful party for

the Blind children; everyone enjoyed it very much. Miss Browne has been here during the term to speak to the Senior School about the Seamen's Mission, for which some of us are working. Miss Cunningham also came to tell us about the Christian Union. Miss Lewis is going to give lectures on the stars.

The Senior Dramatic plays "Eliza Comes to Stay," preceded by a curtain-raiser, "Columbine," are being taught by Miss O'Keefe. Some of our class are taking part in them. Miss Crellin, student of Dame Melba, teaches us singing, but we do not as yet enthrall our audience as we hope to some day.



Vb.

"Par aspera ad astra."

Determined that our thoughts should not be idle during the Easter holidays, Miss Daniell delivered to us a startling speech concerning the Dalton system. It was listened to

with great interest, but the popularity of the system was uncertain. Returning from the vacation, it was put to the test. The Annual Debate as to the result is held at least once a week.

The Boarders' Concert, held at "Ruyton," on Saturday evening, May 6th, was highly successful. A few items, taken from "The O'Brien Girl," were cleverly and originally carried out.

Great was our wrath and disgust when the news of the tram strike reached our ears. The Wellington Street hill, guaranteed to reduce your spirits to zero, saw many lonely scholars wending their way "like a snail unwillingly to school."

A bright idea struck us the other day, inasmuch as we resolved to have a second Basket-ball team in the class. The captain is guaranteed to talk from the beginning of the match to the end, and everyone calls from one end of the field to the other. Such singular entertainment makes the match highly interesting. We have a new addition to our class, one who takes the shape of a flying angel while on the Basket-ball field.

After being postponed several times on account of the tram strike, the Blind Girls' party was held on Wednesday, and we all enjoyed ourselves greatly.

This term has been dullness itself. Therefore our notes are correspondingly short. Vale.

M. Kaines.  
I. Younger.  
M. Macalister.





## Va.

The beginning of 1923 found us entering the Senior School. Easter Wednesday saw a change in the school work, for we started the Dalton system. The first day was spent in copying out assignments and fixing graphs. By this system only certain periods are devoted to lessons and the rest are free to do our assignments in.

The Gardening Committee had some money in hand, and it was decided to use this in entertaining some girls from the Blind Institute at St. Kilda. They were given afternoon tea on the front lawn, after which we divided into four lots and played Oranges and Lemons, Nuts and May, the Cat and the Mouse, and Cobbler, Cobbler, mend my shoe. This was followed by a dance in the Assembly Hall. Then the blind girls sang until it was time to go home. On departing they each received a small present.

Easter saw an end to Baseball, and Basket-ball took its place. Two

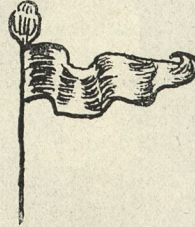
of our girls are in the first Baseball team, and two more girls are in the second Tennis Four.

Nona Riley, who is captain of Basket-ball, is also captain of our class, which she finds very troublesome at times, we're afraid.

We are in the thick of exams. that come together with the writing of these notes. Vale.

Nancy Love.

Margaret Vance.



"Play the Game"

## IVb.

Hullo! Here we are again writing form notes, as usual. It seems as though we have to write them every month instead of twice a year. After Easter we began working with the Dalton system. Some like it, but others think they have too much work.

On Wednesday, 2nd of May, the School invited some blind girls from the Blind Asylum. They recited and played the piano to us. They seemed to enjoy themselves very much. Next term we are going to have a form picnic. We are inviting Miss Kitty Ramsey. This year Nancy Wickham is our form cap-

tain; she is the best form captain we have ever had. Dorothy Collman is our Tennis captain. She is an excellent captain and is at the top of the Tennis ladder.



N. WICKHAM

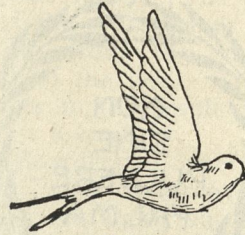
Form Captain IVb., 1923

Our class has three famous musicians, Hazel Ready, Verna Vandeleur, and Alison Alsop.

Miss Ramsay is our form mistress this year.

As we are not very good authors, and our heads are not full of composition, we all say good-bye.

P. Cook.  
D. Coltman.  
N. Wickham.



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IVa.

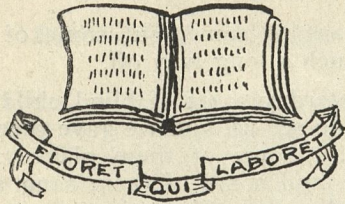
Whoop! Here we are again in IVa, and we are very glad to have something to write about that isn't Dalton. We have had the Dalton system ever since Easter, and have it all the morning except first lesson. We are sometimes allowed to go out into the garden to learn some work.

The Boarders are giving a Concert on May 5th, to which every day-girl is permitted to go. The exams. have started, and we are not very pleased, but we are glad to say the May holidays will soon be here.

We have great fun in the afternoons now, as we have Tennis periods in which each girl can play.

We have a new form mistress this year; her name is Miss Jarret. Margaret Gregson is our form captain, and she is a very nice one. Isabel Mackenzie has been moved up into our form, and Joan Chapman is going back to New Zealand shortly. We have not any more news to tell, and so we will say good-bye.

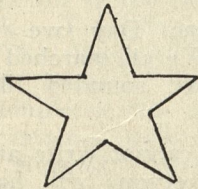
M. Gregson.  
Janet Cresswell.  
J. Johnson.



## IV.

Once again we write our form notes. We are a very happy little class of thirteen. We are very sorry that Mary Brydges left us because it is too far for her to travel to school. Helen Philips is our form captain, and three of our party are new girls, Nancy Bennett, Delia Bayly and Arlino Moran. We are trying to make our form room very pretty. Miss Jarret, who is our form mistress, has made us curtains for our lockers, and a number of the girls have brought pot-plants for the windows. Marjorie Hiscock is captain of our Tennis Four.

We had a party for the Blind Children on Wednesday, and we helped to entertain them. They had afternoon tea under the trees: then they played games and sang songs.



*"Hitch your Waggon to a Star"*

## IIIb.

Here we are again, but not still in IIIa, for we have risen to the heights of IIIb.

We were very sorry to lose Miss Barnes last year; we hope she will come to us sometimes. We had such fun giving her a present. We took her down to the Pagoda, where we pelted her with rosepetals, and then gave her flowers and the present.

There are two new girls in our class, Joyce Hansen and Joyce Percy.

Next term we hope to have a play from our reading books, "Robin Hood."

Billy Wischer hurt her knee very badly, and as she was our form captain we had to choose someone else to take her place while she was away, so we chose Gwenyth Wickham. Pat Goddard has been ill and has been away most of the term also.

Most of our class went to a picture called "The Heart of New Guinea," and liked it very much.

The Boarders are having a Concert on May 5th, and Billy Mitchell, one of our class, is taking part in it.

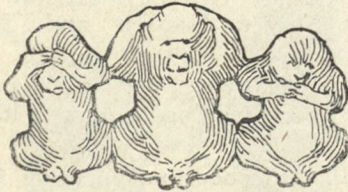
We hope our window-sills will look very pretty in August, as we have a lot of bulbs in pots. We have been working very hard at our garden, and it is looking quite nice.

On Wednesday we gave a party for the blind girls. About twenty came, and we think they enjoyed themselves very much. They can dance and sing so well.

We have Tennis periods now, and ours come at recess. Every Monday we have a Tennis lesson.

We have given you all the news now, so good-bye until next term.

B. Matear.  
G. Wickham.  
P. Vaile.



See no evil.  
Hear no evil.  
Speak no evil.

### IIIa.

We have had a very busy term this year, and have heaps of things to write about. We have only one new girl in our class; her name is Ethel Hay.

IIIa. has a band this year, with four real drums and two tambourines, and many other instruments. Next term we are going to have a Concert with IIIb.

Lorna Shew is our form-captain, and a very good one, too.

We have a nice little garden with IIIb; so far there have not been many flowers, but later on it should be quite gay; our window-sill bulbs are growing beautifully.

Some of us are coming to the Boarders' Concert, on May 5th. We

all want to come, but some of us live such a long way off.

Yesterday a lot of blind children came to see us, and we gave them a party. Some of them played the piano, and some of them sang and danced. We think they were so clever.

A new singing teacher comes to us this year, and often she sings to us; it is just like going to a lovely concert.

We love Monday afternoons, because we go out to play, while IIIb have Tennis. If anyone saw us then they would think most likely that we were monkeys, as we all, but especially Betty, turn somersaults, walk on our hands, hang by our heels, and in fact do any other twisty-twirly thing you can think of.

We like having so many books, but particularly we like our Geography and Poetry books. Next term we are going to learn sewing, but we can't say anything more about it because it's a secret; in fact, there are two secrets.

On Anzac Day we went to Church. We all marched two and two and we sounded like a big army.

Now we cannot write any more; we hope everyone will have jolly holidays, because we all mean to.

L. Shew.  
B. James.  
P. Cresswell.

### BOARDERS' NOTES.

At the beginning of the year we thought we were going to have a quiet term, but this was not so. As summer was still with us we went for picnics either to St. Kilda or Brighton. We usually went to St. Kilda, as it was the nearest, and we were all keen on the merry-go-round.

The Lauriston Boarders challenged our four in Tennis on April 21st. We were defeated, but it was a delightful game, and we managed to fix a return match at the beginning of next term.

On Friday we gave our study a thorough spring cleaning. We took up the carpet and hung it on the line and beat it. We swept, scrubbed and polished it till you could almost see your face in it (with a little imagination). The furniture was moved from its old position, where it had been placed since B.C. 55.

The next incident was a very large one, the Boarders' Concert, which was given in aid of the blind; £10 was raised as the result of our hard work. Two plays were presented, "The Burglar," and "The Maker of Dreams." Songs and dances completed the programme. All the costumes, except the ones for "The Burglar," were made by the Boarders themselves. We finished up with the Jazz Band, which had a great reception.

Sometimes during the term Miss Daniell has much pleasure in hearing us play the piano, although she

has not succeeded in choosing a Paderewski amongst us.

The Boarders' craze this term was knitting jumpers; every girl has a different coloured one, and we are considered very industrious by all the teachers.

The Boat Race week-end was given to us for a monthly holiday. Most of our members were strong barrackers for Melbourne Grammar, Geelong Grammar, and Scotch. I think it was a surprise and delight to a good many of us that Melbourne won the boat race.

We came back to school on Monday morning to look forward to only three and a half days' school, and then a well-earned holiday of three weeks.

When we returned to school after the holidays we found many changes. The most important of these was the change in the school work, brought about by the Dalton system, which has not exactly been received with open arms by our members. We find the work very hard and a great strain on the mind(?). There is no need for us to write concerning our studies, as the VIth form has always had a reputation for hard work. We find that our friend, the Ideal Englishman, is not quite so ideal as is usually thought. Several of our illustrious members seem to find a great deal of assistance on the last few pages of the Blackie Shakespeare. We are finding the Bourgeois rather stodgy after M. Perichon, but are greatly encouraged to

know that we are so far on with our work.

We have completely lost sight of some of our companions, owing to the numbers of history reference books which they are obliged to carry about with them.

We are losing one of our members, who is also a member of the Tennis Eight. We have another member of the eight within our walls, the most important of them all.

In response to stimuli, the prefects are now the proud possessors of a room, commonly known as a study, but used for all purposes. A tea was given to the donator, and a few guests were invited. In a word, we have "dug ourselves in."

In company with Vc, we visited the Newport Workshops early in the term, where we were much astonished to see coppers full of pea soup and meat and vegetables in troughs. Later on we went over the different workshops, and were particularly interested in the electro-plating process, and the forge.

One evening Miss Derham took a few of us to a soiree, held by the Alliance Francaise. The poetry recited was very enlightening, but required a great deal of self-control to listen to.

We have established an intimate acquaintance with "Femina" and "Lectures from Tones," owing to the kindness of Miss Derham, who is responsible for the introduction.

We have written more than was intended, and so think it advisable to bother our readers no further.

## PUBLIC EXAMINATIONS.

Leaving Honours.—The following girls obtained honours: M. Davies (English French, History, Latin), E. Druce (English, French, History, Latin), M. Shannon (English, Drawing), G. Carnegie (History), K. Ralph English, French).

School Leaving Pass.—Passed in four subjects: A. Benham. Passed in two subjects: B. Ballantyne, C. Blake, C. Waters, Mollie Shannon. Passed in one subject: B. Begg, P. Ewing, A. Patterson, Alice Patterson, C. Teague, M. Shannon.

Intermediate.—Passed in six subjects: B. Begg, M. Shannon, P. Ewing, C. Waters, E. Whatmore, A. Benham. Passed in four subjects: N. Dewey. Passed in some subjects: P. Druce, A. Brown, V. Dickens, O. Hardy, R. Hiscock, A. Patterson, Alice Patterson, M. Swinburne, C. Teague, A. Waters.

## DEBATING NOTES.

The Committee of the Club for the year is as follows:—Miss Daniell, President; Miss Derham, Vice-President; B. Begg, M. Shannon, P. Ewing.

There are many new members who have some up from Vb, whilst the old Honour Sixth girls have all departed.

We had planned to have the Debate, "Should Women Have the

Franchise," after Easter, but unfortunately it had to be postponed till the second term.

P. Ewing, Hon. Sec.

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### TENNIS NOTES.

As yet we have only played three Pennant matches; in each we have been most successful, and hope, with the help of the Old Girls, to regain our position in A division this year.

We have been well supplied with practice matches, as the Old Girls come to play every Monday afternoon, and Trinity comes every month to play with us. We have also had two matches against M.L.C., which resulted in one victory and a defeat.

The results of the Pennant matches were:—

Ruyton v. Penleigh. Ruyton defeated Penleigh—48-9.

Ruyton v. C.G.G.S. Ruyton defeated C.G.G.S—48-7.

Rosbercon v. Ruyton. Ruyton defeated Rosbercon—48-18.

We hope to keep up this record for the rest of the year.

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### BASEBALL NOTES.

The Baseball season is over for this term. We have played one Pennant match against St. Catherine's, the result being that St.

Catherine's won—25-12. There are two more matches to be played in third term.

We are very glad that one or two of the Tennis girls have been given special permission to play in the Baseball team this year. The team is the stronger for this and is better than last year, although there is room for a great deal of improvement. The throwing needs to be swifter and lower, and the fielding is very weak, but we hope to improve it next term.

A. Brown.

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### SEAMEN'S MISSION.

Very little has been done for the Seamen's Mission this year. Miss Brown, of the Ladies' Harbour Lights Guild, came out to speak to the girls about the work of the Mission. They have a great number of ports in Australia and other parts of the world. Books and magazines are needed for the ships and the rooms at the Mission. Very few girls have joined so far, and we hope more will join next term.

S. Howell, Hon. Sec.

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### DRAMATIC NOTES.

This year we are doing two plays, "Eliza Comes to Stay," and "Columbine." Miss O'Keefe has taken Miss Haase's place in coaching us.

The Club is very young this year, as most of the Senior girls left last year; still we expect the plays to be as great a success as in other years. The play is to be produced later on in the second term.

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### JUNIOR DRAMATIC NOTES.

Miss Webb left us at the end of last year, and Miss O'Keefe has taken her place. At present, we are preparing some plays which will be held some time next term. We have lost a great number of our older girls, who have been given the privilege of being in the Senior Dramatic play. Many of the younger girls have joined us this year, so we have more plays than usual; they are: "Dear Friends," "Our Aunt from California," a scene from "Two Gentlemen of Verona," "Granny's Picture," and "The Swineherd's Daughter."

Margaret Vance.

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### CHARITY NOTES.

The main thing that the Charity Club has been able to accomplish this term was the party for blind girls. The Prefects collected about 25/- from the girls, which was spent on cakes and drinks for the afternoon tea. It was a nice day and we played outside for most of the time.

M. Swinburne.



### GIRL GUIDE NOTES.

On Saturday, 16th December, 1922, Lady Stradbroke held a big Girl Guide Rally of all the Guides of Victoria at Government House. We, the 1st Kew Troop, went. All the Companies assembled in hollow square on the lawn, where we were inspected by Lady Stradbroke. Some of the Companies did Ambulance work, Signalling (Morse and Semaphore), and drill. After this the Captains, Lieutenants, and Leaders received their warrants from Lady Stradbroke, after which we all went to the verandah and had afternoon tea.

Before we went to the Rally, Captain Swinburne invested us so as to enable us to wear our uniforms for the occasion.

This term most of the girls from IVb have joined up and will soon have passed their Tenderfoot Test. The girls who started last year have chosen the Kestrel for their patrol emblem, and soon hope to become 2nd Class Guides.

We are still hoping that the Old Girls will come and help us.



### SPEECH NIGHT, 1922.

The Ruyton Speech Night was held in the Recreation Hall, on the evening of December 14th. As previously, the hall was well filled with parents and friends of past and present girls. The prizes were to have been presented by Dame Mary Hughes, but, owing to her absence in Sydney, Miss Henderson kindly took her place.

The programme was opened with class singing by the junior and senior forms. Hazel Ready's piano-forte solo, "Aeolsharpen," was much appreciated. Form IVa sang some French songs very nicely, thanks to the excellent coaching of Miss M. Ramsay. The newly formed Eurythmic class gave a charming display. Lillie Scott played several dainty little pieces on the piano. A very clever little play, "When the Wheels Run Down," was rendered by some of the members of the Junior Dramatic Club. The principal part was well played by Helen Macrae. Alison Alsop played a piano solo—"Gipsy Dance," by Kolling—which gave a delightful finish to the first part of the programme.

Miss Daniell then read her report on the year's work. She mentioned several changes that were to be introduced into the school. Among them was the giving of certificates instead of honour prizes. She thanked Miss Henderson for presenting the prizes.

Miss Henderson, in her speech, impressed upon the parents the necessity for keeping their children at home on week nights. She con-

gratulated Miss Daniell and the girls on their year's work. She then presented the prizes.

Enid Druce was dux of the school. She also won the Bromly prize. The Old Ruytonian's prize for the best all-round girl was won by Marjorie Shannon, and the Henty prize for



MARJORIE SHANNON, Captain of School, 1922

the best form captain was awarded to Alison Brown. Margaret Davies won Madame Liet's French prize.

Miss Henderson and Miss Daniell were presented with bouquets by the present girls. In what seemed a very short time we found the evening was over, and also the school year.

## NEWPORT.

About the middle of the first term Miss Daniell, Miss Lancaster, and sixteen girls went over the Newport Workshops, at the kind invitation of Mr. Shannon. We took a special train, of one carriage and an engine, from the station to the workshop. On arriving, we were taken through the kitchen, where we saw a huge copper full of pea soup, trays of cut dinners in the electric heaters, and a copper of tea. At midday about twelve hundred men came into dinner, which consisted of soup, fish or meat, and sweets. While they were having this, we visited some of the smaller shops, where hooks and buffers were made.

We were then taken to dinner, after which we visited the casualty room, beautifully fitted out, and the cafe, for sweets; these we ate in the garden, where there was a fairly large green lawn, and beds of prize carnations, the best of which had been picked for the show the previous day. Funnily enough the Sensitive plant attracted many curious persons to the hot-house, where it shrivelled at the lightest touch.

In the first shop we saw a block of red-hot iron about nine feet by one foot square, drawn from the furnace and swung into position, where it was pounded into shape by the skilful worker of the five-ton hammer, the shape being that of a crank shaft. In another shop we saw bolts and nuts turned out by the dozen, the threads put in them, and

finally nuts and bolts were both tarred to prevent them from rust.

After passing through the upholstery department, we saw a huge engine being lifted like a toy. We went over another, which was the first engine to have a coal sifter. Later we saw a motor train that had the body and engine of a car, the wheels and carriage something like that of a train.

A totally different and interesting department was that of the silver-plating, where all the fittings for carriages are made. The article that was to be silver-plated was placed in an acid on a pipe which had an electric current running through it, the plates of solid silver, being on either side, were eaten away by the acid, while the electric current drew this liquid silver to the object. Thus the article becomes electro-plated.

The finished articles that we saw were ripping, some were oxidised and some plain silver-plated; there were wash-basins for trains, little notices, and the general fittings of a carriage.

When we see the frosted glass of a train door, we do not think it is the work of sand. The pattern was cut in iron and was placed over the glass and put into a machine, which blows the sand with such terrific force that it cuts the glazed surface from the glass, leaving it dull and frosted.

At last we went to the timber yard, where logs were cut for sleepers; they use large band saws, which have to be sharpened three times a day. The men who do the cutting

of the wood have to wear glasses to protect their eyes from the saw-dust.

The men who do the electric welding have to wear glasses also, because the strong electric spark would injure the eyes. We were taken to afternoon tea last of all, and left there in the little special train for home.

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### THE BLIND CHILDREN'S PARTY.

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At last the much looked-forward-to Wednesday arrived. It was a beautiful day, and the hostesses stood on the front verandah to welcome the blind children.

After eager watching, we saw them coming, accompanied by two teachers. At first they seemed a little shy, but when we started to talk to them, they soon felt at home. We took them round to the front lawn and gave them afternoon tea, which they seemed to enjoy. After this we played games which they had suggested. We had great fun chopping off people's heads in Oranges and Lemons. It was wonderful the way they could play; you wouldn't for one moment think they were blind.

As we knew they loved dancing, we took them to the Assembly Room and had a great dance. You should have seen everyone tearing around in the polka! Our eyes nearly dropped out of our heads when we saw Nancy (one of the

blind girls) walk calmly to the piano-stool and thump out rags as well as anyone. Then Ethel sang "Learn to Smile" and other songs out of "The O'Brien Girl." Then Brenda, the baby of the party, sang a little song, which was greatly applauded. Then all sang "Water Lilies."

At their earnest request we took them upstairs, and they felt the beds to see what the poor boarders had to suffer. We showed them the Class Rooms and Tennis Courts. Then we went round to the lawn and little groups formed, so we each talked to our especial charge. Ethel distinguished herself by reciting the "Seven Stages of Man" and "A Trip to Brighton." Then amid many promptings Brenda recited a poem which she vainly struggled to remember, and to make things right we clapped in the middle, which was much to her relief.

Then very disconsolately they were dragged away amid many farewells and promises to come again. We enjoyed ourselves as much as as they did, and our Blind Party was a great success.

Moir Macalister.

Eld. Kay.

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### THE "STAR" LECTURE.

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On May 15th, Miss Lewis gave a "Star" lecture at Ruyton. She first told us about different constellations, or groups of stars, which have

been named by the Ancients, and drew diagrams of them on a board, so that we might pick them out and recognise them in the sky later in the evening. Several of the constellations had peculiar names; for instance, there were Canis major and Canis minor, the latter consisting of only two stars, more unlike a dog than anything could be. Then there was the maiden, who had an elongated arm, and a "seven league" stride; and Scorpio, which had a long tail, and many others.

Each constellation had a main star, usually of the first or second magnitude. There are only about twenty-two first magnitude stars visible in our sky, and it is only possible to see as far as the sixth magnitude with excellent eyesight. Of course, with telescopes, stars of the eleventh or twelfth magnitude can be seen.

Distances between different stars and the Earth are calculated by what is termed light-years. When we look at a fairly large star, perhaps we are only seeing it as it was four years ago, because it takes four years for light to travel from that particular star to the Earth. If any catastrophe occurred in that star we would not know of it until four years had passed, because of the time that light takes to travel. As light travels at approximately 2500 miles per second, the distances between star and star are enormous.

On being asked a question about the Milky Way, Miss Lewis told us

that it is made up of millions of stars, some large, some small, and has hundreds of nebulae, which are worlds in the gaseous state, whirling at a terrific rate. Very little is known of the Milky Way, and the origin or meaning of the two dark rifts which are seen on a clear night, is unknown. In the Milky Way, and also in other parts of the sky, are double stars, which are two stars revolving around one another, and appear to be one.

New stars are formed by the collision of two stars. At the shock of the impact, pieces fly off into space which are called falling stars, or meteorites, and by the shock the two stars give off gases which whirl round and round, forming a nebulae which eventually becomes solid.

The sun is shrinking very quickly, and as it shrinks it gives off light and heat, but when it has reached the limit of shrinkage, there will be no warmth and no light, and consequently life will cease on the earth. This is calculated to happen between the next ten and twenty millions of years.

After drawing the different constellations, we all went outside, and Miss Lewis pointed out each one to us. Scorpio and the constellation like a scythe, were both very clear. Orion had set, and several others were hidden behind the house. We all enjoyed the evening very much, and hope that Miss Lewis will give us another lecture next term, and bring her telescope with her.

## L'HIVER.

Les feuilles sont tombées, et l'hiver  
vient de venir,  
Les oiseaux s'envolent pour échapper  
à la neige;  
Toutes les fleurs sont mortes, ne  
pouvant pas tenir,  
Le roseau, à cause du vent qui est  
leur lige.

ON THE PORTRAIT OF A  
LADY.

What hast thou seen, and what re-  
memb'rest thou,  
O lady fair? Thy wistful gaze so  
smiles  
From your old picture, one might  
almost think  
That thou art dreaming and are  
lost awhile.

Perchance dost muse on love and  
tournament,  
Or suitors for thy hand in maiden  
days,  
On chivalrous knights, peace after  
warring years,  
Or legends old of dwarfs and  
witches' fays?

Thou canst not answer; so shall  
memory keep  
The key of her locked door, and  
none may know  
What thou hast seen—thy thoughts  
in silence sleep—  
Fair lady, is't not so?

## THE OLD PAGODA.

She stands a relic of the East,  
A very gem of Chinese art,  
Silent, alone, she lives apart;  
Our eyes upon her quaint design we  
feast.

Eight stout warriors guard her  
eaves,  
Mail-clad and armed, they stand  
around.  
The neighbouring trees, with  
rustling sound,  
Kiss them with hosts of mellow au-  
tumn leaves.

Often their thoughts on winged feet  
To China fly, and there recall  
Mem'ries that haunt them one and  
all,  
And even cause their wooden hearts  
to beat.

Long ago it was carried away  
From its native China 'cross the  
seas,  
The Henty ghost to appease,  
And guard his coffin lest from it he  
stray.

## A GARDEN.

The hollyhocks peeping over the  
fence,  
And the foxgloves nearly as tall,  
And the honeysuckle's growing  
Up over the garden wall.

The roses are nearly over,  
 And their petals are spread on the  
 grass,  
 And the sweet-scented little begonia  
 Sends out the eweet scent as we  
 pass.

The fuchsia is bending downwards,  
 And the sunflower towards the  
 sun;  
 The violet hiding under the leaves,  
 Is having the greatest of fun.

The poppies are dropping their  
 petals  
 All over the garden bed,  
 And the pansy faces are hidden,  
 With petals of pink and red.

The phlox are a mass of colour,  
 With verbena in between,  
 And so this garden of beauty  
 Is the prettiest that ever was seen.  
 —Nancy Wickham.

### A TALE OF A BUTTERFLY.

A little fairy went to town  
 Upon a sunny day,  
 She bought a little fairy gown  
 To fit a little fay.

She travelled on a butterfly,  
 Her conductor was a bee,  
 Her driver was a big buzz-fly,  
 So there was still a fare, you see.

She spent a fairy hour in town  
 (Which really was a minute),  
 And then she bought a little hat  
 With roses fastened in it.

And while she stayed in shop and  
 shade,  
 The butterfly had vanished,  
 But when she returned to fairyland  
 The butterfly was banished.

—A. Alsop.

### IN MEMORIAM.

(Written during Easter in expecta-  
 tion of the Dalton System.)

Ring out, school bells, with doleful  
 cry,  
 Our system goes, extinguished  
 light;  
 Alas! it's dying in the night:  
 Ring out, wild bells, for it must die.

Ring out the old, ring in the new,  
 Ring doleful bells your mournful  
 tale;  
 Let it be heard o'er hill and dale,  
 Ring in the false, ring out the true.

Ring in the grief that saps the mind,  
 For that we will use no more;  
 Ring in a plan ne'er used before;  
 Ring out the joys we leave behind.

Ring out a slowly dying cause  
 And methods of conservatists;  
 Ring in a system to exist  
 With increased work and harder  
 laws.

### THE SEA.

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The wind is playing a merry game  
 With the rippling, sparkling wave-  
 lets,  
 And the snow-white foam which  
 tops each wave,  
 Reaches far out where the sun  
 sets.

Among the rocks are paddling  
 pools,  
 And shells upon the sand,  
 And far away across the sea  
 We view the rugged headland.

Deep down in the ocean are many  
 strange things,  
 Which only the fishes have seen,  
 As they swim to and fro in hunt of  
 their food,  
 And in many an ocean they've  
 been.

—Nancy Wickham.

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### THE DALTON SYSTEM.

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"Who likes the Dalton System?"

"I," said the swot,  
 "I can learn such a lot;  
 I like the Dalton System."

"Who hates the Dalton System?"

"I," said the loafer,  
 "I can't work on the sofa;  
 I hate the Dalton System."

### THE STORY OF A DWARF.

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Once upon a time there was a  
 little dwarf, who lived in the forest.  
 His name was Buster Bill. He used  
 to kill rabbits to eat, which he  
 cooked in his little kitchen. His  
 house was made of wood and had a  
 tin roof. Buster Bill had no mother  
 or father; they were dead, and he  
 had also no brothers or sisters.

He used to kill animals with his  
 bow and arrow, which he used very  
 well. Inside his house was a big,  
 brick fireplace; one night he left the  
 fire alight and went to sleep. His  
 house was burnt down and he has  
 never been seen since.

Ethel Macpherson, IIb.

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### THE STAR CHILDREN.

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It was midnight for the clock just  
 struck,  
 To mark the fleeting hour of night.  
 From afar came strains of music  
 On the gentle breeze, so light.

Oh! that sweet celestial music!  
 Through the whispering leaves of  
 trees,  
 Coming from the starry heavens,  
 Carried by the perfumed breeze.

Came those dulcet notes still nearer,  
 Silvery star-beams glimmering  
 white,  
 Through the window shone still  
 clearer,  
 Spangled dew-drops of the night.

Through the window there came  
streaming,  
Bright star children softly gleam-  
ing,  
Casting spells upon our dreaming,  
By their songs of pure delight.

—E.L.

**Wanted.**—Calcomine. Apply to  
wall of Prefects' Study.

**Found.**—New System of Educa-  
tion. Owner apply as soon as pos-  
sible. Reward on claiming.

**Wanted.**—Literary Talent in un-  
limited quantities. Apply Form  
VI.

**Wanted.**—Small black note-book,  
entitled "Spelling." Apply M.G.S.

**Lost.**—A plodder. Return Form  
VI.

**Wanted.**—An Editor for the  
"Ruytonian."

**Wanted.**—A home for stray dogs.

**Wanted.**—Some units to put in a  
graph book. Large reward given.

**Found.**—Too many assignments.  
Apply anywhere.

**Found.**—Several teachers who set  
large assignments.

**Lost.**—A time-table of school days  
and periods between "Wardis" and  
Ruyton. Finder please return R.S.

## STAFF, PAST AND PRESENT.

Miss Dorothy Collier has left  
Ruyton to be head of the Junior  
School at M.L.C.

Miss Allie Robson is still abroad.  
She spent the last six weeks in Paris  
with Miss Henderson and Miss M.  
Daniell.

Miss Ruth Barnes has gone to Al-  
bury to be governess to Mrs. Shan-  
non's children.

Miss E. Kemp has come to Ruy-  
ton to be matron in place of Miss  
Kitty Snowball, who has taken up  
work on the Teaching Staff as Form  
Mistress of Form IIIa.

Miss Knowles has returned to  
Sydney.

Miss Kitty Ramsay was successful  
in passing her training examinations  
and has joined the staff of Lovell  
House.

Mrs. Cherry is leaving soon for  
Queensland, where her husband is  
taking up cotton growing.

Miss Jarret has joined the Ruyton  
staff this year as Form Mistress of  
Form IV.

Miss Rita Collins, M.A., has be-  
come mathematical mistress at Ruy-  
ton.

Mrs. Thomas is still at Toorak Col-  
lege.

Merlin Alsop has joined the music  
staff at Ruyton.

Miss Gladys Bailey has gained her  
certificate and is now a fully quali-  
fied nurse.



**Mrs. Randall** has a son. She is now living at Camberwell.

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### VALETE.

Marjorie Forbes, Helen Gunn, Patricia Carnegie, Betty Johnson, Phyllis Johnson, Margaret Rylah, Eric Broughall, Jean Taylor, Dorothy Lewis, Joyce Hansen, Joyce Percy, Ethel Hay, Joan Chapman, Arline Moran, Delia Bayly, Nancie Bennett, Betty Caldwell, Mollie Gibbs, Francklin Hepworth, Betsy McLaughlin, Kathleen Clarkè, Laurie Carroll.

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### SALVETE.

Enid Druce, Margaret Davies, Barbara Ballantyne, Alleyne Cook, Marjorie Shannon, Gwen Carnegie, Kathleen Ralph, Marjorie Ralph, Carden Blake, Cara Waters, Alison Waters, Peggy Campbell, Annie Patterson, Alice Patterson, Margaret Hambleton, Mary Whyte, Myrtle Winter, Beatrice Kelly, Muriel Masters, Sybil Masters, Joyce Dean, Mary Brydges, Tom Brydges, Bobbie Serle, Bruce Powers.

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### OLD GIRLS' NEWS.

A very successful Bridge Party was held at Ruyton, on April 27th, in aid of the Old Girls' War Exhibi-

tion Fund. Nearly forty tables were taken, and the amount realised was £65/12/-.

**Mildred McDougall** is in Melbourne on a visit.

**Mabel Daniell**, after spending six weeks in France, has reached London. In Paris she and **Dorothy Merritt**, who is also travelling, met near Napoleon's tomb.

**Peggy Campbell** has had a splendid trip through Italy, Spain and France, and is now in London.

**Mary Berta** and **Jean Stevenson** have returned to Hay after several months in England. **Anna** is in Europe at the present time with **Bon Ronald**.

**June Joshua** has returned to Melbourne.

**Mavis Phillips** (Smith) has a daughter, Patricia. She returns to Wangaratta this week.

**Nellie Patterson** is travelling in France with her aunt, Mrs. Box.

**Blanche Mitchell** (Blaney) has reached America on her way to England.

**Beatrice Griffiths** was married early in April.

**Barbara Ballantyne** has joined the Voluntary Staff of the Collingwood Free Kindergarten.

**Jean Townsend** is training at the Melbourne Hospital.

**Thais Young** and **Helen Teague** hope soon to begin training at the Alfred Hospital.

**Jessie Simpson** has become assistant to Mrs. Leslie Vance in the secretarial work for the Old Ruytonians' Association.

**Janet Tonge** is engaged to be married to Mr. G. Webster, an old Trinity Grammarian.

**Alleyne Cook** has our deepest sympathy in the loss of her father, Dr. H. Cook, who died last month.

**Winsome Cowen** and **Esther Gibson** left on April 13th for a trip to Java.

**Beatrice Kelly** is spending a month in town.

**Grace Begg** is with Mrs. Monckton **Synott** (Mollie Hay) as governess.

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#### UNIVERSITY NEWS.

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**Enid Druce** has started her Law course this year. **Margaret Davies** has begun her Arts course. **Gwen Kaines** is doing her first year Medicine. **Gwen Carnegie** and **Marjorie Shannon** are preparing for their Science course.

**Elvie Carnegie** is in the final year of her Medical course.

**Linda Inglis** is finishing her Arts course.



## ERRATA

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- p. 3. L. Sheu should be L. Shew.
- p. 11. "When we returned to school" . . . . "bother our readers no further." (p. 12). is VI Form Notes and should be under crest and motto à ma puissance on p. 5.
- p. 12. "Lectures from Tones" should be "Lectures pour tous."
- p. 15. "Bromly" should be "Bromby."
- p. 19. "Tontes les fleurs sont mortes" should be "Toutes les fleurs sont mortes."  
"Le rosee" should be "La rosee."  
"From your old picture" should be "from yon old picture."  
"and are lost" should be "and art lost."
- p. 22. "calcomine" should be "calcimine."
- p. 33. The names under Valete should be under Salvete and vice versa.  
B. Brodrubb's name should follow Bruce Powers.

