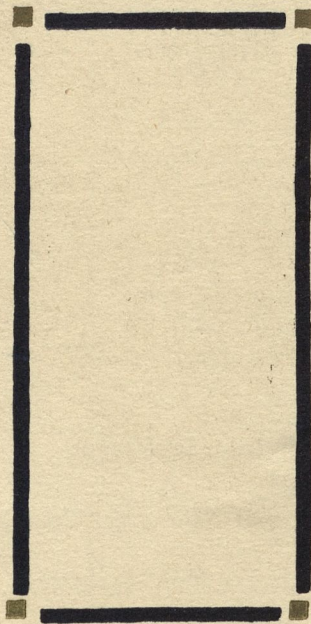


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JUNE, 1925

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Bromby House: Head, Miss Lancaster; Captain, N. Derham; Vice-Captain; M. Derham.

Lascelles House: Head, Miss Gawler; Captain, A. Sutton; Vice-Captain, I. Younger.

School House: Head, Miss Kemp; Captain, N. Mitchell; Vice-Captain, K. Houston.

EDITORIAL.

Since the last issue of "The Ruytonian," several notable events of world-wide interest have occurred. The rout of the Socialist party in Germany, and the election of the Monarchist, von Hindenburg, caused intense interest, and perhaps a little anxiety amongst other nations. His future policy is a matter of much surmise. Although he has sworn to support the Republic, one wonders if this is not "the thin edge of the wedge," and if soon we shall not see the ex-Kaiser taking his part once more in the political life of Germany.

In England we have witnessed the downfall of the Ramsay MacDonald ministry, and the re-establishment of the Conservative party under Mr. Baldwin.

In our own State, too, the Labour Party had to give way, after a hard struggle with the Nationalist Party, to the combined forces of the Nationalist and Country Parties—the latter lending its weight only on its own terms, that their leader should be Premier, and that a certain number of seats in the Cabinet should be accorded them.

The house system, inaugurated in the last term of 1924, is proving an unqualified success. The end of last year meant bidding farewell to school-life for many of the senior girls who had taken a leading part

in school affairs, and who have left gaps that we find it hard to fill. Great enthusiasm has been evident at the inter-house matches. Much promise has been shown amongst the juniors, and great interest throughout the School in all inter-house contests.

We are sorry to say that the School has not been as successful in games as could be hoped for. Neither the baseball or tennis teams have won any pennant matches, but of our newly-chosen basket-ball team we have great hopes. The running team competed at the Toorak College and Camberwell Grammar School Sports, but did not distinguish themselves. Five of the tennis eight entered for the tournament at the Albert Ground. The first pair entered for the Doubles, but were defeated in the third round by the two Geelong girls, who eventually won the tournament.

It is good in this, the first term of the year, for all girls—both those who have been in the School since their early childhood and those who are new—to think seriously about the way in which they can best serve their School. Some can help to make their School great and distinguished by their intellectual achievements, others by their deeds on the sports field or in the various clubs of the School, but all can serve by doing the duty that lies nearest to them in a spirit of sacrifice, or as their School motto puts it: Recte et Fideliter.

ANDERSON HOUSE NOTES.

We embarked on this school year with great hopes of upholding and perpetuating the traditions which seem to be our special legacy from Mrs. Anderson, who gives our House its name, and who was the founder of "Ruyton, "The Best School of All."

We were loth to lose Miss Derham for a year's travel abroad. She endeared herself to us all by her enthusiastic work in connection with Anderson from the inauguration of the house system. Miss Barnes, with characteristic helpfulness, has stepped into the breach and proved a most efficient successor.

In November we challenged Lascelles House to a snap-debate, the subjects of which were: "Which is of most use to his country, a politician or a soldier?" "Which is most beneficial, town or country life?" "Is tennis a better game than basket-ball?" and "Should women be lawyers?" It was the girls' first experience of snap-debating, and although they did their best the result was a tie, each House gaining eight points.

Last year the senior tennis four were runners-up for the tennis championship, being defeated by Bromby in the finals.

Eld. Kay, Helen McCrae, Sylvia Knox-Knight, Ina Harold and Eileen Logan were awarded their house-colours. Eld. Kay, elected to the rank of house-captain, by unanimous vote, will in the future, we

hope, captain our House to victory with the assistance of our vice-captain, Sylvia Knox-Knight.

This term we have been fairly successful at Baseball, defeating Lascelles, 32—13; School, 15—10; but were defeated by Bromby, 10—9. In Junior Tennis, Anderson defeated School, 19—11, and were defeated by Bromby, 22—19.

We are hopeful of winning yet greater laurels for Anderson at Basket-ball and in the School sports, and at the end of the year the "Best House of All" will come in triumphantly with flying colours.

BROMBY HOUSE NOTES.

With the birth of the House system at Ruyton, a new sensation has "swum into our ken"; for we are not only living up to the traditions of "The Best School of All," but we are making traditions for the future generations who will pass through Bromby House. The responsibility weighs heavily upon our shoulders; we feel ourselves quite incompetent to make history for the House which bears the name so much loved and honoured by Ruyton girls—past and present. A great man comforts us. He said, "Not failure, but low aim, is crime."

The system has brought with it new aims and ambitions. It is arousing much enthusiasm, and some talent among the juniors, especially in the playing fields.

At the end of last year we parted with our captain, Betty Begg, and our vice-captain, Alison Brown; very sorry that their rule had been so brief.

Betty succeeded in carrying off the Bromby prize, and we must make it our aim, for many years to come, to try to allow no one but a Bromby girl to carry off this honour.

From those who were left to carry on, we chose Norma Derham as our captain, and Mary Derham as vice-captain. With Norma and Mary as "first pair," we hope to accomplish great things this year, and place the name of Bromby House first on the list of "Cock House."

We have been most successful in baseball this term, winning all our matches. We defeated School, 22—10; Anderson, 10—9; and Lascelles, 17—1.

In tennis we were successful in our only match, against School, the games being 23—10. The Junior Tennis team has also tasted the fruits of success. They defeated Anderson, 22—19, and Lascelles, 23—13.

Norma and Mary had the bad luck to be defeated by the winners in the third round of the School-girls' Doubles. They both entered for the Singles, with Dorothy Colman, but although there was plenty of dust, they, alas! received no palm.

Among the "items of interest" which have occurred this term are the visit to Clyde, several of our

members making up the party; the Anzac Service, at which the interesting lectures of Dr. Derham and Canon Davies were much appreciated by the girls; and the Girls' Rally, which some of us attended, at the Majestic Theatre.

We have just elected our Debating Committee, but are leaving our challenges until next term.

A matter which is causing much debate at present, and about which there are as many as six different opinions, is who will win the boat race—one of the great events of the year.

Perhaps—who knows?—in sixty or seventy years we will be tottering along on our canes to witness the inter-House Boat Race, and to quaver, in our weak, old voices, "Come on, Bromby!"

LASCELLES HOUSE.

At the end of last year we were all very sorry to lose our captain and vice-captain, Molly Shannon and Alice Raby; but we were all very glad not to have lost our House Mistress, Miss Gawler, with them. This year their places have been filled by Audrey Sutton and Isola Younger.

This year we have not been successful with our baseball matches, but hope to be more successful at the end of the year.

We have made more of a name for ourselves in tennis. The Junior Four—A. Syme, H. Potter, E.

Wischer and P. Vaile—have played two matches, one against School and the other against Bromby. We defeated School, but not Bromby. The Senior Four—A. Sutton, N. Riley, I. Younger and N. Wickham—have only played one match against Anderson, but unfortunately were beaten by one game.

We expect the tennis to improve now that the seniors are coaching the juniors.

This term we have elected a new Debating Committee—Nona Riley (secretary), Audrey Sutton and Isola Younger—but so far have had no debates. At the end of last year we had a snap-debate against Anderson, but neither proved themselves the better team.

Last year the following Lascelles girls won their House Colours:—M. Shannon, A. Raby, I. Younger, A. Sutton, N. Riley, N. Wickham and Verna Vandeleur.

Audrey Sutton.

Nancy Wickham.

SCHOOL HOUSE NOTES.

The weather of the first term is generally delightfully warm and fine, but this year many of our Saturdays have been spoilt by rain, so we have not been able to go for many picnics. We went for one trip to Ringwood in a char-a-banc, more commonly termed "cherry bounce." Each boarder was allowed to ask one day girl, and we all thoroughly enjoyed our day in the

country. On another Saturday afternoon we went to Lauriston, in answer to their invitation, to play baseball. We were defeated; but one team had to win. The game only taking an hour, the rest of the afternoon was spent in playing tennis, racquets being lent by the Lauriston boarders.

All the boarders are together in School House, and in spite of the fact that the other Houses are numerically stronger, we have got together a very good baseball team, and are able to do credit to our House in some of the matches. So far we have only won one match, having been successful against Anderson House. As yet we have not chosen our basket-ball team, but that will be done next term. We are very proud of the fact that one member of the School House—Nell Mitchell—is in the Tennis Eight.

On May 3 Miss Power gave us one of her delightful parties at Mrs. Thompson's house in South Yarra. Myee Barter played, and Miss Power read extracts from the lives of Melba, Caruso and Kreisler, afterwards letting us hear a gramophone record of each artist. In the afternoon of the same day some of us went to an orchestral concert in the Auditorium, the rest going to Trinity Grammar School Fete.

Soon after we returned from our Easter holidays we had a very jolly supper party for Myee Barter, who is leaving at the end of this term.

We are all looking forward with much interest and excitement to the boat race. Judging by the yards of

colours and good-luck tokens in evidence everywhere, Geelong Grammar, Melbourne Grammar and Scotch College seem to be the three most-popular schools.

A.B.
D.H.

SPEECH NIGHT, 1924.

Ruyton's 47th Annual Speech Night was held in the Recreation Hall on December 16, 1924.

By 8 o'clock the Hall was taxed to its utmost to accommodate the many interested parents and friends, who seemed to share the enthusiasm of the young people.

The first item on the programme was an act from "Daddy Long-Legs." The curtain rose on a most harrowing spectacle of wretched little orphans (mostly minus teeth), and dropped on a happy Judy, looking forward to a bright career. What a miracle! A few minutes later these same little orphans appeared in white, looking none the worse for the strict discipline of the John Greer Home.

Alison Alsop and Kitty Houston contributed pianoforte solos to the programme, which were greatly appreciated.

The senior and junior singing classes did credit to Miss Ross in their rendering of several songs.

Miss Daniell gave her report, in which she paid a warm tribute to Miss Derham, and regretted that she was to lose her for a year. She spoke of several changes in the

staff, mentioning Miss Snowball's return from England. Miss Daniell then went on to explain the aim of the House system, newly introduced into the School.

In his speech, Mr. Latham, who had kindly consented to distribute the prizes, praised the Australian-speaking voices, but deplored their production. He emphasised what Miss Daniell had already advocated, the necessity of elocution lessons.

Canon Sutton's speech, which contained a conundrum of his own, was short. He is always considerate.

Then came the event of the evening, as far as most girls were concerned, the distribution of prizes.

The singing of the National Anthem brought the evening to a close; and so ended the successful school year of 1924.

COCK HOUSE CUP.

Now that the House system has been introduced at Ruyton, the Sports Committee has decided to hold competitions between teams representing the different Houses, at the Annual Sports. The Old Girls' Committee has arranged to present a Silver Cup as a trophy for these yearly contests, to be held by the successful House till the next sports. As the gift was to come from all the Old Girls, circulars were sent out in March, asking for subscriptions, and the Treasurer has now in hand the sum of £12.

If any old Ruytonian has not sent a contribution, and still wishes to do so, the Treasurer, Miss Nancy Walsh, Washington Street, Toorak, will be pleased to receive it.

ANZAC DAY.

"They shall not grow old as we that
are left grow old;
Age shall not weary them, nor the
years condemn
At the going down of the sun, and
in the morning
We shall remember them."

On the afternoon of April 24 Canon Davies came to give us a short service in memory of the Glorious Dead. Although he was not present at the actual landing he had an interesting talk with us, endeavouring to explain something of the meaning of Anzac Day, the memory of which is a glorious heritage—a wonderful red-letter day which makes us feel proud that we are Australia's children. To the little ones in particular he told the meaning of Anzac Day, which, to them, is just a name. Doctor Derham told us of the landing—the unforgettable task which was only completed by the bulldog-like tenacity of the "Australian and New Zealand Army Corps." He showed us why this landing was so marvelous as to be written in the annals of the Great War. This was the day when our wonderful untrained, un-

tried troops received their baptism of fire at the hands of the Turks at Gaba Tepe.

GIRLS' RALLY.

On Sunday, May 3, a number of girls attended a service given by the Australian Church Congress at the Majestic Theatre.

Mrs. Harrington Lees conducted the service, and Bishop Stevens gave an interesting lecture, in which he emphasised the necessity of upholding the lofty ideals and morals of British womanhood.

He added that we must never imagine that the conclusion of our school life will mean liberty, for it is then that duty and conscience become our hardest taskmasters. His helpful words impressed us deeply.

SEAMEN'S MISSION NOTES.

This year we have 25 members—a better roll than last term.

On April 1 Miss Brown came out to speak to the girls. There was a large attendance. We were all very interested to hear how the sailors' welfare was watched.

Besides regular members, we have a number of non-members who have promised to support us in collections of papers and magazines.



RUYTON BRANCH SCHOOL.

At the end of last year Miss Doretta Hedderwick, who has carried on the Branch Kindergarten for the last five years, was obliged to give up her work, and it was necessary to find new premises for the School. The villa at the end of A'Beckett was secured, and the little Ruyton Branch is happily installed there. There are 22 children on the roll at present, and more are coming next term. Miss MacGrath, a member of the Froebel Institute, London, has taken charge of the School, and has been very ably assisted by Miss Stephenson, from Mooroolbeek Training School.

At the end of this term the children were anxious to invite their parents to see their work, and as there was not enough room at the

School, Mrs. Barclay very kindly allowed them to have their little breaking-up at her house. It was a perfectly lovely party, in beautiful surroundings, and we will always remember Mrs. Barclay's kindness to us.

LIBRARY NOTES.

This term, although we have some very good books in the Library, we have only ten members. With Miss Lancaster's help we hope to put in new books which will interest all the girls. We are not able to enlarge our collection as much as we would like owing to our small membership list. If the girls would only give us their support we would be pleased to put in books by their favourite authors. With this term's

subscriptions we are going to buy "Scaramouche," by Sabatini; "Hilary On Her Own," by Mabel Barnes Grundy; "Betty Zane," by Zane Grey; "The Right of Way," by Gilbert Parker.

We wish to thank Mrs. Todd for her gift of "Mrs. Tubby," and Meg McWilliam for "Little Women," "A Troublesome Godchild," "A Daughter of the Sea," "April Girls," "The Childhood of Helen."

Librarians: Meg McWilliam.
Mollie Gibbs.

CHARITY NOTES.

So far we have not done very much towards the charity part of our work this year, but we have arranged to help the Burnley Free Kindergarten and the Children's Hospital.

Sixty-two girls in the School have offered to make little frocks for the Burnley Free Kindergarten, and have been given the material. We also have had a book-day to collect books to be sent to the people in the back country who are not able to get books.

We hope to give the Children's Hospital something from the funds of the Junior Dramatic, which is to be held next term.

D. Carnegie.

CONFIRMATION.

Canon Sutton wishes to announce that the Confirmation Classes will begin next term.

PUBIC EXAMINATIONS.

Leaving Honours.

English.—M. Shannon.
French.—B. Begg.

Leaving Pass.

English.—A. Brown, P. Druce, M. Swinburne.
History.—A. Brown.
French.—A. Brown, P. Druce, M. Swinburne.
Geography.—A. Brown, P. Druce.

Intermed'iate.

English.—M. Derham, P. Hodgman, E. Kay, N. Love, M. Macallister, M. McWilliam, E. Manners-Sutton, H. McCrae, I. Younger.

History.—M. Derham, P. Hodgman, E. Kay, N. Love, M. Macallister, M. McWilliam, E. Manners-Sutton, H. McCrae, I. Younger.

French.—M. Derham, P. Hodgman, N. Love, E. Manners-Sutton, H. McCrae, I. Younger.

Geography. — M. Derham, E. Manners-Sutton, H. McCrae, I. Younger.

Physiology. — M. Derham, P. Hodgman, H. McCrae, I. Younger.

Arithmetic. — P. Hodgman, M. Skertchly, I. Younger.

Latin.—I. Younger.

BASKET-BALL NOTES.

We have only had one basket-ball match so far this year. We went up to Clyde on Saturday, May 2, with a temporary team, although few alterations have been made. We were defeated, 22 goals to 11. The passing of our opponents was quick and sure, making us realise how unsystematic our game has been. Miss Gawler is coaching us in basket - ball. The team so far is:—I. Younger, N. Derham, H. McCrae, B. Thwaites, V. Vandeleur, M. Derham and E. Kay; J. and P. Martin playing in the wings at Clyde, Verna playing centre, and Sylvia Knox-Knight assistant goal.

BASEBALL NOTES.

Last year we had the bad luck to lose our captain, Alison Brown, whom we have had for two years. We also lost four of our School team. In our pennant matches we have not been at all successful, but in the last match, against St. Catherine's, everyone played very much better, so we still live in hopes that we may improve very much before our next matches in the third term.

Much more interest has been taken in baseball since the House system was instituted, as we have now very exciting House matches. This gives the juniors a chance to gain experience in teams which will be of use

to the School in the future. There are some quite promising junior players in the House teams.

In the School team the hitting is very weak; this will have to be improved very much before we can hope to compete successfully against the strong pitching of the other schools. Our pitching also is weak, Mary Derham being the only good pitcher. Any girls who have any idea of pitching will have to practise a great deal before the return matches, so we may have two or three strong pitchers to relieve Mary, as no girl should pitch a whole match. The throwing is erratic, and the fielding is slowly improving, though the girls are not quick enough in fielding the ball, then throwing it.

We also had a baseball match against Clyde. Although we were defeated we had a very enjoyable day.

The team for 1925 is:—M. Derham, M. Gibbs, A. Sutton, H. McCrae, N. Derham, S. Knox-Knight, N. Riley, S. Brown, E. Kay.

RUNNING NOTES.

We were unfortunate in losing some of last year's team, but this year's team on the whole is fairly good. The team consists of E. Kay, N. Mitchell, B. Caldwell, K. Cook, H. McCrae, A. Moran, B. Thwaites and S. Knox-Knight (captain).

Toorak College and Camberwell Grammar invited us to run at their sports. Toorak held theirs on Saturday, March 21. Owing to the rain, only the inter-School events were held, Toorak winning both the events, Ruyton coming fourth. In the flat race A Moran ran well, but failed to gain a place.

Camberwell Grammar Sports were held on Friday, March 28. Ruyton failed to gain a place in either the Flag or the Flat Race.

We hope to be more successful at our own sports.

TENNIS NOTES.

This term we lost both our pennant matches. The results were:—
Toorak defeated Ruyton, 47 games to 21.

Fintona defeated Ruyton, 43 games to 37.

We have had several practices against other schools:—

M.L.C. defeated Ruyton, 36 games to 18.

Ruyton defeated St. Catherine's, 29 games to 25.

In a practice match against Tintern, the first four won 32—24 games; against Clyde we were defeated, 45—30 games.

The second four came a draw (19 all) in a match against St. Andrew's, but lost in the return match by two games.

The Junior VIII have made a good start by defeating St.

Catherine's Junior VIII, 34 games to 26.

Dorothy Carnegie, Sylvia Knox-Knight and Nell Mitchell are being coached by Mr. England.

On Saturday, May 2, the first four, with the exception of Audrey Sutton, went up to Clyde with the other teams for the day. The first pair, M. Derham and H. McCrae, played very well. Their scores were 3—6, 6—4, against the first pair, and 4—6, 6—5, against the second pair. The second pair, D. Carnegie and N. Derham, were not as successful in their sets.

Tennis House matches have greatly added to the interest in the game, and the wall is frequently in use.

More concentration is necessary at the practices, and also more wall practice, in order to improve backhands.

We wish to thank Miss Price for the interest she has taken, and for arranging practices against other schools; also Miss Gawler, for taking us up to Clyde.

N. Derham.

GIRL GUIDE NOTES.

Our Guide Company has increased rapidly since the last issue of the "Ruytonian." We also have a new patrol—"Waratah."

Miss Swinburne left us at the end of last year, and we have received a

very interesting letter from her. Miss Davies took over the Guide work, but lately, owing to other work, she has been unable to give the Guides much time. Next term we understand that Miss Thewlis is going to help us.

Our Patrol leaders and seconds now look very gay with their white lanyards, i.e., white cords with a whistle at the end.

Five leaders and seconds, viz., Norma Derham, Verna Vandeleur, Alison Alsop, Jocelyn Hellicar and Nancy Goddard, were invited to spend an evening with the 2nd Kew Guides, but only the last three were able to go. We had a most enjoyable time, and we shall take this opportunity of thanking them.

Next term we hope to see many more members, and at least one new Patrol.

Alison Alsop.

Verna Vandeleur.

TRIP TO CLYDE.

There was great excitement amongst us when we heard of the invitation to Clyde. The day was fixed for Saturday, May 2, and so the teams for Clyde had to be chosen hastily. We were not so delighted with the idea of rising early—4.30; but as it was for our own enjoyment we all arrived at the station in time for the train.

We left Kew in Miss Gawler's care, at 6.10 (while it was still dark), and arrived at Spencer Street

station in time for the train to Woodend. From that station we went to Clyde in two cars. The roads were rather alarming, but luckily the drivers were efficient, and we arrived at the School without mishap. We were now very cold and hungry, and quite ready for the abundant morning tea which was handed round, after dancing in the "nursery" whilst we waited for the baker.

The girls proved good hostesses, and we were thoroughly warmed by 10.30, when we all trooped down to the tennis courts. The Clyde girls were well wrapped up in coats and rugs, and looked as if they were all going to the South Pole, but they were proved right, as it was very cold for the onlookers. The Ruyton four were defeated, but not without a struggle. The second pair was beaten by the Clyde 2nds, 6—3, 6—4, and they also lost to the first pair, 6—0, 6—4. The games of the Ruyton first pair were 6—3, 4—6, against Clyde firsts, and 6—4, 5—6, to the others.

After the tennis we returned to the house, where we danced again until lunch was announced. After the meal we left the room in pairs, which was rather an ordeal for most of us.

The basket-ball match was the next item on the programme, but here again Ruyton was defeated, the scores being 22 goals to 11. But we were not very disappointed in our play, as we had only had a couple of practices, and the team was still rather unsettled.

A three-quarter of a mile walk, after that, took us to the baseball field, where we were able to have a short rest, as we learnt that the ball had been forgotten. But none of us distinguished ourselves in the match, and we were defeated by 33 runs to 3.

We were not sorry to get back to the House out of the wind and cold, and here our spirits were revived by a substantial afternoon tea, the cakes of which (made at the Clyde Girls' Cooking Class) were truly acceptable. But it was not long before we were informed that it was nearly time to go, and, being afraid of missing trains, we soon had our hats and coats on and were saying good-bye to the girls and thanking them and Miss Tucker for entertaining us so well. We returned our opponents' cheers with all our might and then clambered into the cars.

After another nerve-racking experience we reached the station safely, and left in the train for Melbourne.

We arrived at our respective homes thoroughly tired out, but happy, for we had enjoyed our day at Clyde very much, although we had not been victorious.

THE STAFF.

Past and Present.

Miss A. C. Robinson has taken Miss Derham's place on the staff.

Miss Thewlis joined the staff last term.

Miss K. Snowball has rejoined the Ruyton staff after a trip to England.

Miss Vere MacGrath has taken charge of the Ruyton Branch School in Princess Street.

Miss Woodyatt has joined the staff of Firbank.

Miss Muriel Phillips was married in the last term to Mr. Rodney Nightingale.

Miss Thelma Jarrett has joined the staff at Warwick.

Mrs. Benson is teaching at All Saints', St. Kilda.

Miss Ethel Rogers has returned from England and has resumed work in Melbourne.

Mrs. Thomas has left Toorak College and is living in Camberwell.

Monsieur Rouel is carrying on the work formerly done by Madame Liet.

Miss Dorothy Derham is in England. In a recent letter she says, "We had a lovely day at Windsor, where we saw all the State apartments. The magnificence of these places goes to my head. It was raining a little, so we did not get the full beauty and extent of the view from the North Terrace. However, we could see Eton and its Chapel. We climbed to the top of the Round Tower amid usual puffing and blowing, but were rewarded at the top by the very good view of the Castle and its towers. We were conducted round the stables by a groom in a canary-coloured waistcoat, who showed us the ponies the King rides

in Scotland, and other horses; the Riding School where the Royal children learn to ride; the carriages, sleighs, landaus, etc., that were used by Queen Victoria, and a very beautiful set of harness inlaid with porcupine quills, given her by Prince Albert. We just went into the Great Park. The weather was too uncertain to walk about much in the open. Unfortunately, St. George's Chapel was undergoing repairs, and only part of the nave was open to visitors."

MADAME LIET.

To sit down in the study to write about the life and work of Madame, whose wonderful and vital personality is gone from it for ever, is almost more than I can bear. Every Wednesday for more than 35 years, with unfailing regularity, saw Madame at Ruyton. She came full of strenuous energy to her work, which in her eyes was perhaps the only work in the school which mattered. "Madame's French" had to be done no matter what happened, and to many girls, especially to those without a good knowledge of the French tongue, Wednesday was a day of terror. "Bags for Madame" will wake an echo in many a heart. It meant that a certain topic was not to be broached at French conversation by any one except the bagger. For who does not recollect the awful sinking feeling that pervaded your frame when the girl before you

stumblingly embarked on the very thing you had been storing up in your own heart to say, and Madame's "Prochaine" found you with your mind a blank and such



social amenities as "aimez vous les fleurs" absolutely taboo! To the younger and more or less unregenerate girls Madame was a source of very real terror. It was only when they reached the senior forms and came to know her better that terror gave way to love and that real friendship began. I suppose there has never been a woman who had a larger circle of warm and admiring

friends, the majority of whom were former pupils, than Madame Liet. She had a wonderful gift for friendship. Every detail, no matter how trivial, in the life of her friends, was of interest to her, and her memory for all that concerned them was really marvellous when the number of her friends is taken into account.

Madame's amazing energy was not always directed into channels of work. Her powers of enjoying life were greater than those of most of her friends. No school function was complete without her. Her genuine live interest in her girls made all their doings of the intensest interest to her, and their entertainments always received her most generous support.

Madame was born in Rochefort, Charente, in France, and came to Melbourne when a mere girl to be married to Monsieur Liet. After he was injured in the Jolimont railway accident, Madame took up teaching, which she carried on till her last illness began. For many years she and Monsieur Liet lived with their daughter Marie at "Charente," Brighton. Their home was always open to their friends, and many people will remember the jolly Sundays spent there.

A life like that of Madame Liet was no ordinary one. Until the last few years she enjoyed unusual physical health and strength. She lived every minute of her life. Everything she did was characterised by a rare vitality and intensity. Where she loved she loved, and

where she hated—how she hated! Absolutely straight in all her dealings, she despised crookedness in others. All the difficulties and troubles of her life were faced with a courage as unflinching as it was conspicuous. The time when she appeared most truly despondent was when the Germans were marching on Paris. This courage did not fail her during the pain and weariness of her last illness, and those who saw her at "Chelmer" during the past three months were thankful to hear that the end had come and that Madame was at rest.

H. Daniell.

THE FIRST DAFFODIL.

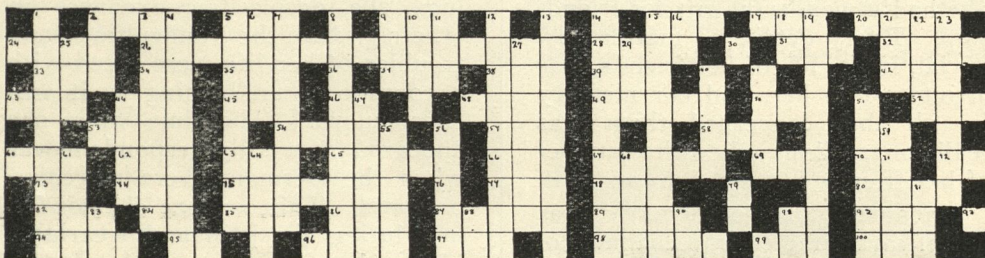
Once upon a time, in the middle of a huge forest, there was the sweetest little fairy dell (anyway, Barbara thought so). That was the name of the little girl who lived there with her mother, in the sweetest little cottage. One day, Barbara's mother fell ill, and never got better. That same night the fairies visited Barbara, and she said, "Do turn me into a fairy, because I will be so lonely."

They answered her, "We cannot do that, but we will turn you into a daffodil."

So that is how the daffodil came to be.

Marjorie Carroll.

CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.



Clues.

ACROSS

2. Breaker of Ruyton Boarders' Sleep.
5. A Class on Tuesday Afternoon.
9. A Popular Poem.
15. Part of a Week.
17. The Gardener's Pet.
20. A Well-known Sound to all Schoolgirls.
24. Prudent.
26. Three Words known by all Ruyton Girls.
28. Done with Ruyton Girls' Brains.
31. To Corrode.
32. Earth.
33. To Move Quickly.
34. First Person, Sing., of To Owe (Abbrev.).
35. Product of Coal.
37. Parent (Abbrev.).
39. Product of Coal.
42. A Wooden Vessel.
43. Aged.
44. Boarders' Sunday Breakfast.
45. Beauty of the Playing Field.
46. A Pronoun.
48. In this Place.
49. Age of Many Ruyton Girls.
50. Abroad.
52. Without Moisture.
53. To Disturb.
54. Cords.
57. Initials of Three Important Vic. Towns.
58. Boy's Name (Abbrev.).
59. An Exclamation.
60. A Conveyance.
62. An Association of Australia (Abbrev.).
63. Part of the Foot.
65. Inactive.
66. Few (Fr.).
67. Well Known.
69. A Point.
70. To Depart.
72. Initials of a Girl in IIIb.

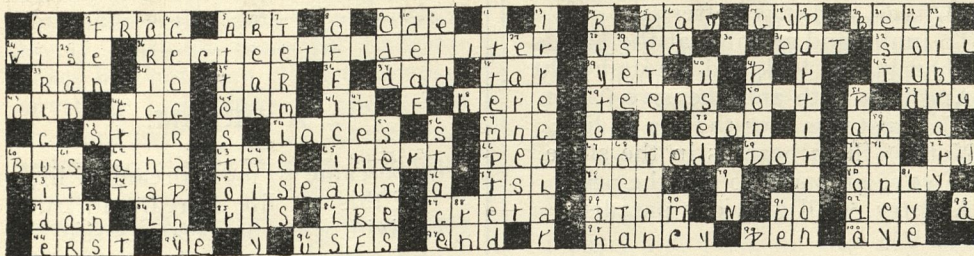
73. A Pronoun.
74. To Knock.
75. Birds (Fr.).
77. England's Capital and Two Important Rivers (Initials).
78. Here (Fr.).
80. Singly.
82. Boy's Name (Abbrev.).
84. Initials of Australian Poet Reversed.
85. Initials of Famous Poet.
86. Three European Capitals.
87. Girl's Name.
89. Small Particle.
91. None.
92. French for Day.

DOWN

1. One of a Company of Ruyton Girls.
2. A Marsh.
3. A Difficulty to Ruyton Editors.
4. A School Subject.
5. Teacher.
6. True.
7. Unlimited.
8. Prefects.
9. Unlike.
10. Unable to Hear.
11. A Tall Ruyton Girl.
12. Effort.
13. Most Unpopular French Verbs.
14. A Magazine Read by all Ruyton Girls.
15. A Ruyton Offender's Punishment.
16. Initials Connected with Dates.
18. You—Old Fashioned.
19. Folding Door of Assembly Room.
21. Part of the Verb To Be (Fr.).
22. Noisy—How Ruyton Girls Cheer.
23. A Busy Corner at Recess Time at Ruyton.
25. Cheerless.

27. How Ruyton Girls are in their Work.
29. To Perceive.
30. Pronoun.
40. Employed.
41. Beauty of the Playing Field.
44. State (Fr.).
47. Sessions (Fr.).
51. A Favourite Garden Resort.
55. Distinction of Male and Female.
56. Platform.
59. Very Sweet Substance.
61. A Light of the Sky.
64. Smooth.
68. Octagon (Abbrev.).
79. Preposition.

81. Alkaline, Salt.
83. Two Points of a Compass.
88. Initials Reversed of a Girl in Vc.
90. Initials of a Section of the Military Forces.
91. Two Points of a Compass.
93. Demonstrative Adjective.
94. At First.
95. You—Old Fashioned.
96. Employs.
97. To Finish.
98. A Girl's Name.
99. A Tool Found in all Ruyton Classrooms.
100. Yes.



THE SUN.

The sun is slowly rising,
 And the birds begin to sing;
 The bees start on their daily work
 For the honey they must bring.

They fly from flower to flower,
 Sucking honey from each one,
 From the Pansy and the Sunflower,
 With its face turned towards the
 sun.

The sun, it travels farther
 Across the clear blue sky.
 And the flowers in the garden
 Gaze at the sun so high.

G. Wickham.

LIFE.

The silvery laugh of an elfin child,
 Or a baby's happy smile;
 These are enough to make life seem
 Really quite worth while.

The swirl and rush of a mountain
 stream,
 Or the fountain's splashing sound;
 These are enough to make us feel
 That joys of life abound.

The warmth and glow of the kindly
 sun,
 Or the light of the silver moon;
 These are what make us cry aloud
 That death comes all too soon.

E.L.

To do is better than to die,
 To fail if you have had a try,
 Is not as if you had not done
 Your very best; you might have
 won.
 There is that chance. But if you
 shirk
 And do not e'en attempt the work,
 Then blame is yours, a coward's
 deed,
 With can't be bothered for his creed.

Ah! yes, and it is better far
 To jump, and stumble at the bar,
 Than just to look and see its height
 And balk with apprehensive fright.
 We must rise o'er the ills of life;
 Not let them beat us in the strife.
 If we're prepared to pay the price
 And try, we'll gain our paradise.

E.L.

THE HAWTHORN ROBINS.

Mr. and Mrs. Robin Red Breast
 lived in a hawthorn hedge in a snug
 little nest made of dried moss and
 dead leaves lined with hair.

It was Winter now and the snow
 lay thick on the ground, and all the
 other birds had flown to warmer
 countries for the Winter. But, as
 you know, Robins like the snow,
 and so Mr. and Mrs. Robin stayed
 at home.

At last Spring came and Mrs.
 Robin laid five white eggs speckled
 with light red, and Mr. and Mrs.

Robin were very proud of them.
 After a time the eggs broke open
 and out hopped five baby birds.
 Then Mr. and Mrs. Robin had to
 teach them to fly, and they learnt
 very quickly. When they were old
 enough they flew away and found
 mates of their own, and made nests
 of their own, where they hatched
 many more Baby Robin Red Breasts.

Cloda Blake.

A DREAM.

There came to me a dream of life,
 Of this our life so real and true;
 So vivid of its peace and strife,
 Of greatness as I little knew.
 The dream has long since passed
 and gone,
 But left me its remembrance clear,
 That life is not all light and song,
 Nor selfishness and fear.

K. Cook.

S.S. "Orama,"

Monday, February 9.

Dear Miss Daniell—

I am having a simply beautiful
 time. We spent Saturday afternoon
 and evening in Cairo, while the ship
 went through the canal. We left
 the ship at Suez, and caught the
 train for Cairo about 9 o'clock. We
 got to Cairo about 1. We couldn't

find a car to take us round, and the guide had many words with the chauffeurs of different cars, but they seemed to belong to the wrong hotels. They soon get their tempers up if anything goes wrong, and speak in a loud voice with much gesticulating and flashing of teeth. We finally got a car that had just been painted, so we got black stuff all over us. First we went to the wonderful museum. The things from Tutankhamen's tomb were specially lovely. All the beautiful alabaster vases had not been cleaned, nor had anything been done to them, and they are just like new. There were several trunks for them to keep their clothes in. The chariots were the most beautiful, all the backs of them inlaid with some unspellable, unpronounceable stuff, something like this—*lapis lazuli*—all the most beautiful and brilliant colours. The chariots had rubber tyres, which is pretty good for 3000 years B.C., I think; don't you? Some of the things had only been in the museum five days. The mummies were awfully funny. The queens still have their hair on. They are put in about four mummy cases, each one bigger than the last, before they are put in the great big box. The biggest of these boxes must be about four feet high and seven feet long. Tutankhamen was a very little chap, and died when about twenty-four. We saw the tailor's dummy, from which his clothes were measured. It was made of sycamore wood—most of the things are. It is very hard, and that

is why the things have lasted so well.

After the museum we went out to the pyramids of Ghizeh, which are only about three miles from Cairo. We got on camels for the last mile. My man let me drive mine myself. It is just like a horse to guide. He told my fortune on the way. We saw a man run up and down a pyramid; it only took him about ten minutes. The sphinx looks very small until you are right near it, because it is in a hollow. We had our photos taken there, and then went back again. It is a very queer sensation when the camel gets down; his front legs go first, and you think you are going to shoot over his head. We had tea at Mena House, and then, on the way back to Cairo, the car ran out of petrol. Another was passing, and seemed quite willing to take us along until he discovered we were "Cookies"; then he was very unwilling, but after more quarrelling and gesticulating in the middle of the road, they patted each other on the back and off we set back to the hotel. We got another car to the mosque, which is a simply gorgeous place. You have to put on slippers before you go in. The man put one huge one on me, and one to fit, so it was a bit awkward. The mosque is only 100 years old, and after it was built the Khedive cut off the architect's right arm so that he could not build another. There is a most wonderful Turkish carpet on the floor, and hundreds of electric lights, almost touching. The Khedive in whose

reign it was built is the only person buried there. It has not been used for ten years, when the grandson of the above Khedive was sent away from Egypt by the British. From outside we had a most gorgeous bird's-eye view of Cairo, with all its mosques and minarets, and the Nile in the distance. Then we went to native bazaars, where we had a lovely time and bought lots of things. The man in a shop gave me a necklace for buying so many things. We went into a perfume store and smelt the famous attar of roses. It was lovely, but about two drops costs you £5. We went to the hotel for dinner then. We couldn't go to Shephard's, because it was so full of Americans. We saw some people trying to chip pieces of stone off the mosque, so I suppose those were they.

We met some friends at dinner, and they told us all about Sir Lee Stack. It seems to have hit the English people very hard. He had no escort, and there were eight people with guns: twenty-four shots were fired. It was very near to the hotel where he was killed. They said that thirty prominent men have been killed lately, and they knew all of them well. Nothing has been done, although some of the men who shot Stack are supposed to be known. There are to be elections in a short time, and if the Premier that was sent away does not get in there will be more trouble. It is all the students. There is a beautiful equestrian statue of Ismail Pasha in the

Opera Square outside the hotel. I think he was the man that spent the tremendous amount of money, wasn't he? We were supposed to pass through Tel-el-Keber on the way to Port Said, but I didn't see it. We left Cairo about 7 o'clock, and it was very misty. We saw the sun rising over Cairo and the palm trees. We went along beside the canal for about the last five miles. It is wonderful, isn't it? There were hundreds of armed soldiers about everywhere—English, Scottish and native.

We are passing Crete now. All the mountains are snow-capped. I don't think much of the Mediterranean blue.

Yours sincerely,

Margaret Swinburne.

Langham Hotel,
Portland Place, London, W.I.
Friday, February 29.

I am sending a picture of Wellington's meeting with Blucher on the battlefield. I thought it would be nice to hang somewhere in the School, as it is something like the others that you gave us for the classrooms. It should come by the same mail as this letter. I am having a lovely time in London. We have been here just a week. Yesterday we spent a long time at St. Paul's. It is going to be closed soon while they fix it, as they think it is apt to fall down any minute. There is scaffolding up round the main

pillars. We went right up about 700 steps to the ball on the very top—it is 365 feet high—and then down into the crypt. The guide said that the huge black marble casket on Nelson's tomb was originally meant for Cardinal Wolsey, but when he fell into disgrace Henry thought he would have it enlarged for himself and "Annie Bullen"; that's how he pronounced it. But it was never used until Nelson died. Wellington's grave is huge, and there is a big car arrangement that his body was carried on to St. Paul's. It is all made of metal from guns and things used in the battles which are numerated round it. Roberts, Garnet Wolsey and Wilson, who was shot about three years ago, are all buried under plain slabs in one corner, with flags draped round. I thought St. Paul's was wonderful, but I think I liked Westminster Abbey, and especially Westminster Hall, better, because they are so much older. In the hall it is peculiar to see the actual places where Wallace, Charles and Warren Hastings stood for their trials, and the place where Charles went through the wall and all the cloisters to the House to try and arrest the members. It is so huge that I don't know how Charles heard his sentence, if the court sat at the other end.

I liked the Unknown Warrior's grave best in the Abbey; it is splendid—just the big brass plate in the

middle of the floor with the beautiful inscription. There are two huge elephant's tusks from Africa and always plenty of flowers. America has sent their most valuable decoration, which is hung on the wall near it.

On Wolfe's tomb there are two beautiful flags, sent from Canada; but Clive has only a tiny thing in the wall. I don't think it's fair!

We went to Ye Old Cheshire Cheese for lunch yesterday, and had ye famous pie; it was splendid. We saw Doctor Johnson's chair and dictionary, and some original editions of Dickens' books. There was a picture of Doctor Johnson on his horse, which was sitting down; he looked awfully scared.

To-day we went to Carlyle's house, down by the river. We went to the church where Henry and Jane Seymour are supposed to have been married. Thomas Moore used to go there too, but they don't know whether he is buried there or not. We are waiting till my sister comes back from Switzerland before we go to the Tower or the Mews. I have been up the Fire Monument and the Tower Bridge, and the Tower can be seen quite plainly. I don't think there is any more news, and I love London, except for the weather.

Yours sincerely,

Margaret Swinburne.

In Memoriam

Old Girls who were at Ruyton in the early nineties were shocked and grieved to hear of the sudden and untimely death on January 6 of their old school friend, Gwen Serjeant-White. She entered Ruyton on February

11, 1891, and left in December, 1893. After her marriage she became a journalist, and at the time of her death was regarded as one of the most prominent and gifted of the women journalists of Australia. The

"Countryman," of which paper she edited the "Woman's Sphere," said of her:—

"Mrs. White was always able to see eye to eye with the women on the land. She had personal experience of rural conditions. She could enter into all the domestic problems of the trials that beset the women who live away from cities, for her early married life had been cast in the rural places. She was rich in experience of life as it affected women on the land. While on "The New Idea," she contributed a series of interesting articles on rural industries. Only someone with first-hand knowledge could have given them such practical value. Her hobby was gardening. She loved growing things. As a journalist she had the admiration and affection of all with whom she worked. She aimed at high ideals and would never sacrifice them for popularity or personal gain. Once she turned down a lucrative journalistic post because the policy of the paper did not come up

to her standard of mental morality.

"The nobility of her character withstood all the storm shocks of lost illusions. She had clarity of vision, strength of purpose, tolerance and a wondrous kindness that was constantly encouraging her to make everybody else's troubles her own."

Besides the "Countryman," Mrs. Serjeant-White wrote for many other Victorian and Interstate papers, such as the "Herald," and the "Western Mail" and "Life." In 1922 she was elected to the Victorian Committee of the Australian Journalists' Association, being the first woman in the world to hold such a position, and was on the committee at the time of her death.

All the Old Girls who were at school with Gwen Serjeant-White will remember with affection her kindly, generous nature, and the sympathy of all will go out to her young daughter, Helen, who has just entered upon her mother's profession.

OLD GIRLS' NEWS.

Marriages.

Mollie Wallace was married recently to Mr. W. J. Lobb, of Woodlands, Romsey.

On February 18, at the Presbyterian Church, Toorak, **Helen Elliott** was married to Mr. Vincent Woods. They are living in Wimba Avenue, Kew.

On February 12, at Holy Trinity, Kew, **Hilaria Syme** was married to Mr. Kenneth Peacock, and is now living in England.

Dorothy Merritt has returned from a very enjoyable trip to the East.

Shirley Howell has been in town for the past few weeks.

Mavis Phillips (Smith) has been in town with her little daughter Patricia—a chip of the old block.

Mrs. Niall (Doodie Griffith) has gone for a trip to England.

Kathleen Walsh has been abroad since Christmas, and has spent a month in Switzerland.

Trixie Hay has made a good recovery from her recent severe illness.

Mrs. Leighton (Norma Stogdale) has also recovered from a recent serious illness.

Nellie Miller is doing good work as assistant secretary to the Melbourne Hospital Auxiliary.

Births.

Janet Webster (Tonge) has a daughter (Frances),

Veda Peck (Carnegie) has a son (John David).

Brenda McDougall (Syme) has a son (Peter).

Maud Pearson (Hiscock) has a daughter (Beverley).

Winsome Bailey (Cowen) has a son (Edward).

Claire Connelly (Petersen) has a daughter.

Esther Law (Gibson) has gone to live at Kuala Lumpur. She has great trials with her Chinese house-boy, who, she says, doesn't thank you for being kind to him. He doesn't understand it. Esther and her husband have gone to Colombo to meet Mr. and Mrs. Gibson, who will return with them to Kuala Lumpur. She writes that she is fortunate to have a good garden round their bungalow.

Margaret Swinburne is travelling in Europe. Extracts from her letters are given in this issue.

Dr. Elvie Carnegie is doing research work at Zurich.

Peggy Ewing has returned from New Zealand and is doing good work as a voluntary helper at Burnley Free Kindergarten.

Marjorie Burnett is matron at Lowther Hall, Essendon.

Mary Bromley (Watkins) has just left for a trip to China and Japan.

Cynthea Teague has passed the first year in the course in Architecture.

We would like to offer our sympathy to **Cara** and **Alison Waters** on the death of their father, Mr. F. B. Waters.

Emmie Whybrow is in the second year of her Commercial Art Course.

Lalla Whybrow is doing Lithography at the Chelsea Art School.

Mollie Shannon, **Betty Begg** and **Nancy Dewey** are doing the Horticulture Course at Burnley.

Mary Skertchly has begun to train in photography. She is apprenticed to Miss Ruth Hollick.

Marjorie Cann has taken her B.A. degree and is studying for the diploma.

Freda Price has taken her B.A. degree, and also her Diploma of Education.

The Girl Guides at Ruyton are full of enthusiasm and are working really hard. They badly need a leader. Is there no young Old Girl who will volunteer to help the present girls in this matter? Of course, it means sacrifice of time and the expenditure of energy, but

the happiness and pleasure that would come of it would make it quite worth while.

OLD RUYTONIANS' READING CIRCLE.

The Old Girls held the first meeting of their Reading Circle at Ruyton on Monday, April 27. For various reasons very few of the members were able to come. Those who did come were June Joshua, Thais Young, Alleyne Cook, Freda Price, Nancy Dewey and Mary Arnold. At the final meeting, in November, 1924, Miss Derham read a paper on "The Life and Work of J. M. Barrie," and it was decided then that the first subject of study for this year should be the works of Barrie. The first work chosen was "A Window in Thrums," after which it is proposed to do "Sentimental Tommy" and other novels, as well as plays.

All Old Girls are cordially invited to be present at these meetings, which are held once a month. The annual subscription is 1/-, payable to the Secretary, Alleyne Cook. The next meeting will be held on Monday, July 6, at 7.30, at Ruyton.

