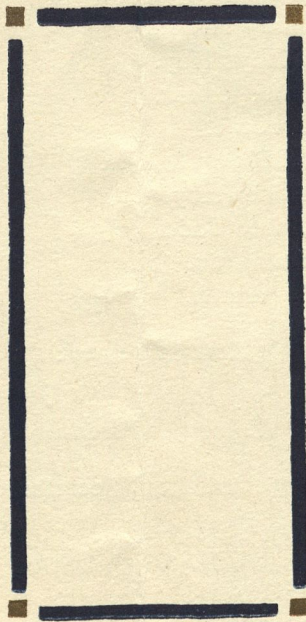


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tain, N. Riley.

School House: Head, Miss Kemp; Captain, N. Mitchell; Vice-Captain,
D. Hill.

EDITORIAL.

Great interest has been shown throughout the school concerning forthcoming elections, and many are the heated debates between the sympathisers with Mr. Walsh and the Conservative "die-hards;" but all are admirers of Mr. Bruce's spats.

Since the last "Ruytonian," Melbourne has had two interesting visits. Firstly, the visit of the American Fleet, and secondly the visit of the greatest English journalists, when men and women of the leading English papers arrived to confer with Australia's journalists and to compare methods. The interest they took in all our activities soon established them in our affections, and we felt very proud to have the chance of hearing some of Great Britain's finest intellectual people.

The American Fleet arrived in July under Admiral Coontz, and Melbourne, in a gala mood, did her best to give her visitors an enjoyable time. America is one of Australia's greatest friends, closely bound by the English-speaking Union, and realises the wonderful possibilities of this country of ours and helps to realise them.

We have just received most unexpected and delightful news, that of

Miss Derham's return in March from her trip to England and the Continent. We shall be ready to welcome her and hear about all the world's recent improvements.

Four of the School Tennis VIII entered for the Schoolgirls' Asphalt Championship, but, although Mary Derham reached the fourth round, no definite success was ours. We congratulate Toorak College on their double victory—Singles and Doubles.

We have been very interested in the Women's team that went to England to represent Australia. This is the first time that the Australian women have had a chance to prove their ability abroad. We hope that in the not too distant future Ruyton will be represented in this team.

Some interesting prizes have been offered this year, for which we have to thank interested Old Girls and parents. A prize is given for the House which proves itself best, in character, intellectual achievements, and dramatic work, and, lastly, in sport. This gives the House a fine object to work for. Several other prizes have been given for the Seniors; one for a French essay; one for a design for a fire screen, and one for an English essay on the "Spacious Times of Queen Elizabeth."

ANDERSON HOUSE NOTES.

This term many of the girls have entered for examinations. Three of the girls entered for the Sewing Examination. Marjorie Hiscock obtained honours, Isabel McKenzie and Miriam Lenox passed. We would like to congratulate these girls. Some girls entered the Divinity Examination. Three Anderson girls entered, B. Murray, B. James and J. Hansen. The results are not yet out, but we wish them success. Helen McCrae and Meg McWilliam have entered for the Leaving Examination, and Eileen Logan has entered for Intermediate. We wish these girls every success. We would like to thank Miss Barnes for all she has done for us this year.

This term the thought which has been uppermost in all our minds is Sports Day, which finally arrived, bringing with it splendid weather. It was a good omen which held throughout the afternoon and went a long way towards making October 6 the most successful Sports Day we have ever held. As Mrs. Anderson was the founder of "Ruyton," it was imperative that we should win the Sports and gain the first rung of the ladder of success, which leads to the Cock-House Cup. We succeeded in doing this, and amassed the splendid score of 154 points. We won three championships, and offer our heartiest congratulations to Josephine Martin, Betty James and Marjorie Hiscock for winning the Over-15, Over-13, and Under-15

Championships. In the Inter-House events we carried off both the Senior and Junior Flag Races, and the Anderson House flag was waved enthusiastically when our Captain went up to receive our hard-earned Cup.

Now that we have had one success, our Baseball, Basket-ball and Tennis teams have done much to add to our laurels in the Sports Field. Our second success has been in Senior Basket-ball, in which division we defeated Bromby and School Houses in the semi-finals and finals. Our Junior team defeated Lascelles, but were forced to submission by School House in the finals.

We would like to congratulate Bunty Murray, Isabel McKenzie and Betty James on their play in Basket-ball matches.

The results of the Senior Tennis are as follows:—Anderson defeated Lascelles, 19—18; Anderson versus School, a draw, 18—18; Bromby defeated Anderson, 46—18.

We would like to offer our congratulations to Bromby House for winning the Tennis, and to School House Juniors for their success at Basket-ball.

Our Junior Tennis team, which has been altered to:—Nancy Goddard and Betty James, first pair; Marjorie Hiscock and Bunty Murray, second pair, defeated School House, 19—11, but lost to Bromby, 22—19.

We have won three out of four of our Baseball matches, defeating Las-

celles 32—13, School 15—10, and Lascelles 41—3; but we were beaten by Bromby 10—9.

On the whole we have had a most successful term of sport, and we are particularly pleased that our Juniors are shaping so well at their various games, and we hope that they will continue to do so, for they are the teams of the future.

We take this opportunity to congratulate Helen McCrae for being elected joint Editor of the "Ruytonian," and also Eileen Logan for contributing so much to the "Ruytonian." We will all be very sorry to lose our Captain and Vice-Captain at the end of the year, but we feel sure that their successors will do their utmost to keep our House up to the mark in both studies and Sports Field.

BROMBY HOUSE NOTES.

This month completes the first year of our existence as a House, and, from our experience of the House system, we can say that it has proved successful. The House spirit is even keener than the form spirit; the individual members are very loyal, and are willing to do what they can for the honour of the House, even though it may mean personal inconvenience. For instance, the members of the Baseball team cheerfully obeyed the Captain's request for early morning

practice, and arrived at school as early as half-past eight on several occasions, with the result that Lascelles and School were defeated. With Anderson we were not so fortunate.

In the Sports Anderson came out an easy first and won the Sports House Cup. Anderson has some of the fleetest runners in the school, and also some of the most energetic and enthusiastic sportsmen.

Tennis records show Bromby ahead of the other Houses in School matches. Two of our tennis players, Norma and Mary Derham, have also distinguished themselves in the Asphalt Court Schools' Tournaments; although they did not get into the finals, they put up a very good fight. These successes in tennis compensate for our misfortunes at Basket-ball.

It is too early to speak of intellectual achievement yet. When prize lists and examination results are made public, we hope that our House will have occasion to congratulate some of its members on having carried off honours. The musical examinations which took place in September must not be passed over. Dorothy Carnegie and Alison Alsop are to be congratulated on passing in practical and theory.

At the end of the year most of the Houses will lose their Captains. We would like to take this opportunity of recording our appreciation of the unfailing interest and activity of Norma Derham, who has been Captain of Bromby House for 1925.

LASCELLES HOUSE NOTES.

At the end of last term we played the finals of the Basket-ball matches. In the Senior we played School and were defeated by two goals. The Junior team is very much improved, but was beaten by one goal after a very exciting match.

This term has been occupied by School Sports and House matches. Our first Tennis match was played against Bromby on October 26; we wish to congratulate them on their success. Our next match is against School, and we hope to play better.

The House system made the Sports much more interesting this year. Keen enthusiasm was shown by the members of the various houses. We were well represented by the Juniors, but, as the House is fairly young, we cannot hope to excel yet, but look forward to the time when some of our promising Juniors are old enough to take part in the Senior races.

The Baseball season is starting now, the first match being on November 3. Our team is as follows:—Audrey Sutton, Nona Riley, Betty Stokes, N. Wickham, V. Vandeleur, A. Syme, M. Shain, P. Vaile, B. Holmes. Nona Riley is Captain.

The record of the detentions for half term were read last week, and we are proud to say that Lascelles had the lowest total.

At the beginning of this term we had a debate against Bromby. After a heated discussion as to the advantages of country life over town life,

it was decided that Lascelles had gained most points.

We decided before the Sports that our colours, being white, were rather unserviceable, so we agreed to wear them as yellow.

We are very pleased to see what an interest our Junior girls are taking in the House. We also wish to thank Miss Gawler for the help she has given us and the interest she has taken in our doings.

SCHOOL HOUSE NOTES.

If ifs and ands were pens and hands,

Our job would be quite easy;

If ifs and ands were brains and hands,

Our notes would be quite breezy.

Ah me, lackaday, hey nonny nonny, last term has arrived in a wonderfully short time, and, alas! a very last term indeed for some in School House. We are sorry to say that our numbers will be somewhat depleted next term. Till now this term has been greatly taken up with sport. We must take this opportunity to congratulate Anderson House on their great success at the Annual Sports. Also Bromby House on winning the Tennis. Bathing commenced for School House on October 31, and we hope to have good weather to carry on this proceeding throughout the term. Those of our girls who are doing the Intermediate

examination are working so hard that we do not like to speak to them, fearing we might interrupt their unceasing study. We have had several enjoyable outings this term, including a visit to the Children's Hospital, owing to the kindness of Miss Clayton in obtaining permission for us. We also went to the Show, Henley and the Combined Sports. Being determined to improve our Baseball team, we have lately been playing Bromby House at half-past eight in the mornings, and we think, or rather hope, that we are improving. Great excitement was caused when School House came a draw with Anderson in a Senior Tennis match.

Our best achievement was winning the Junior Basket-ball match. Very soon we expect to see some wonderful new paintings in the National Art Gallery, as two of our girls, namely, Beth Thwaites and Kitty Houston, are constantly producing marvellous water-colours.

If ifs and ands, as in our plans,
Have made our notes quite breezy;
Then ifs and ands and pens and hands,
Have made our job quite easy.

MISS SPINNEY'S RECITAL.

During the second term we went to hear Miss Dorothea Spinney, whose interpretation of the Greek play, "Iphegenia," was wonder-

ful. Iphegenia, the heroine of the play, was to be sacrificed by her father, so one of the goddesses takes pity on her and transports her to Ephesus, where she is made a priestess. To her is allotted the task of making a sacrifice of all strangers who visit the isle. This task she fulfils with loathing, until one day her brother and his friend come to the island. Iphegenia discovers through them that her father is dead and that her mother has been killed by her brother. Determined to save his life, she tells the High Priest that the gods would not accept the sacrifice of one who has been guilty of murder. The priests realise this, and in the commotion the three prisoners escape. The whole of the play was undertaken by Miss Spinney, including the Greek choruses which have been reproduced with various effects by members of the VIth form.

STAFF PAST AND PRESENT.

Miss Dorothy Derham sails from Genoa on the "Palermo" on December 29. She is now in Florence studying Italian.

Miss Julia Young has been spending a holiday in Paris, where she spent some time with Miss Henderson and Miss M. Daniell.

Miss Gladys Bailey was married to Mr. Brown recently, and has gone to live in Adelaide.

Mrs. Thomas is living in Riversdale Road with Mrs. Sinclair. She has left Toorak College.

THE RUYTON MUSEUM.

On Monday, December 7, IVb classroom was the scene of an amateur museum, organised by classes IIIb, IV, IVa, and IVb.

The price to enter the museum was fixed at 3d. per head, and the proceeds, which amounted to 11/-, went to add to the Girl Guide Fund.

Each class had a different table for its exhibits, which, on the whole, were very interesting. The prize for the best exhibit went to IVa, whose table well deserved it.

Among the interesting items of the collections, were a group of war trophies, one of which was a wooden sabot. This sabot had a history to it. It had once belonged to a little Belgian girl, who, together with the rest of the family, had been killed in the Great War. This shoe was the possession of Peggy Nicholson.

Marion Worrel had lent a box of ancient coins and a collection of foreign bank notes, mostly German.

Numerous beautiful shells were exhibited, ranging from the smallest mother of pearl to an enormous conche. One species was labelled "A Chinese Nail," but this notice must have been to prevent inquisitive visitors touching it, as it was only a rather peculiar shell.

In the centre of the IVa table was a large box of multi-coloured butterflies, lent by Lillie Scott, which attracted more than its share of attention. Beside it stood a great case of varied birds' eggs, which delighted the naturalist and horrified the tender-hearted.

Rubber was shown in two of its stages, and many different kinds of Australian wool.

Jean MacPherson lent a fine example of native carving, done with stones.

The museum was really interesting, as well as educational.

B.T.

LIBRARY NOTES.

Since the last edition of the Ruytonian" was published, we are very pleased to announce that we have been able to put twenty new books into the library, which is rapidly growing in size. In order that the girls may see the new books, we are putting in a list of them, as follows:—

"The Sea Hawk," "Fortune's Fool," "Scaramouche."

"Captain Dieppe"—Antony Hope.

"Snow Over Elden"—Thomas Moulton.

"Count Hannibal," "The Great House," and "Traveller in the Fur Cloak"—Stanley Weyman.

"Emily of New Moon"—L. M. Montgomery.

"Hilary on Her Own"—Mabel Barnes Grundy.

"In Kedars' Tents"—Henry Seton Merriman.

"John Verney"—H. A. Vachell.

"The Inheritance of Jean Trowe"—Nevil Henshaw.

"The Joyous Pilgrim"—Winifred Boggs.

"The League of the Scarlet Pimpernel"—Baroness Orczy.

"Mary Plantagenet"—J. C. Snaith.

"Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea"—Jules Verne.

"Whitefriars"—Emma Robinson.

These books have proved very popular amongst the girls, but we are still in great need of more members. Some time last term we sent some of our older books away to those people who are less fortunate than we are, and in this way we made way for our new books. On Tuesday, October 20, we held a sweets day, with the help of Miss Lancaster and the Charity Committee, and were very successful in making the sum of 14/10, with which to buy new books.

Meg. McWilliam,

Mollie Gibbs,

Librarians.

DRAMATIC NOTES.

This term, under the able coaching of Miss O'Keefe, we have had two very successful performances. At the commencement of the second term the Junior Dramatic performance was held. The programme consisted of one three-act play, entitled, "Princess Fragiletta." Scenes from "Twelfth Night" and "The Merchant of Venice." and recitations by Kitty Cook, Sylvia Knox-Knight, Miriam Lenox, Betty Thwaites, Betty Stokes, and Merle Henry.

At the end of the second term, in place of our usual Senior Play, we held a concert at the Rec. The Dramatic girls acted two plays, "The New Poor" and "The Mere Man," very successfully. Miss O'Keefe's girls also recited, and, together with piano solos and scenes from A. A. Milne's "When we were very young," given by the Juniors, coached by Miss Snowball, the concert was a great success, and, as a result, we were able to hand over the sum of £48 to the Charity Committee.

It is intended to have the next Dramatic concert in November, when the Seniors will present the first act of "Alice Sit by the Fire," by Sir James Barrie.

We owe a good deal of our success to the great interest that both Miss O'Keefe and Miss Barnes have shown in our work, and we would like to take this opportunity to thank them for their help.

Meg McWilliam, Sec.

LIET MEMORIAL.

The fund for a Scholarship at the University in memory of Monsieur and Madame Liet has now reached the sum of £300. It is hoped that Old Girls who desire to associate themselves with this memorial will send their subscriptions to Miss Nancy Walsh, "Kilcooley," Washington Road, Toorak.



ELD KAY
Captain of the School

SPORTS DAY.

We were lucky in having a fine afternoon for our sports on October 6, and the morning rain did not affect us much.

There was a record attendance and the proceeds on the ice cream and afternoon tea were excellent.

The Inter-School events were very exciting, but unfortunately Ruyton was unsuccessful in all, Tintern carrying off the trophies. Still, we were very proud of our Senior team, which ended up a close second in the Flag Race. All the girls ran exceedingly well.

The points for Houses caused a great deal of competition, and the Inter-House Races increased the interest of the spectators.

Anderson House ended by winning 154 points, and School House came second with 63. The Anderson girls also succeeded in carrying off all the championships, except one which was won by Helen Gunn, a Bromby girl. Jo. Martin distinguished herself by winning the Senior Championship and also the 100 yards and 75 yards flat races, whilst Marjorie Hiscock and Betty James won the Intermediate and Junior Championships. We should like to thank Mrs. Kay for presenting the prizes, and congratulate Eld Kay on her House's victory. We are very grateful to Miss Gawler, who organised the Sports Day and carried everything through so successfully; also to Mrs. Begg, Miss E. Daniell, Miss Lancaster and Miss Clayton for all they did to make the afternoon tea such a success.

The Sports Committee would like to thank Mrs. D. Carnegie, Mrs. C. Mitchell, Mr. Mitchell and Mr. Seymour for giving Cups for the championships, and also the following people for contributions towards the prizes:—Mrs. Best, Mrs. Blake, Mrs. Crossthwaite, Mrs. Eager, Miss Hedderwick, Mrs. Kay, Mrs. Richmond, Mrs. Scott, Mrs. Stephenson, Mrs. Summons, Mrs. Sutton, Mrs. Wischer, Mrs. C. B. McCutcheon, Mrs. James, Mr. Gregson and Miss Lascelles.

TENNIS NOTES.

When Cyde came down for the day last term we commenced a match, but we were unable to finish. When we stopped, Clyde were leading.

The Schoolgirls' Asphalt Championship of Victoria was held at the Kooyong Courts at the beginning of this term. Dorothy Carnegie, Helen McCrae, Mary Derham and Norma Derham entered for the Singles and for the Doubles.

Dorothy Carnegie and Nell Mitchell formed one pair and Mary and Norma Derham the other.

We wish to congratulate Peggy King (Toorak) on winning the Singles, and also the Doubles with her partner, Norma Clarke.

Our first pennant match this term was against Fintona on October 10, and, as we only won by two games, it was most exciting. M. and N. Derham defeated the first pair, 6-2, 6-0; A Sutton and H. McCrae defeated the second pair, 6-3, 5-6; D. Carnegie and N. Mitchell lost the third pair; S. Knox-Knight and D. Coltman lost to the fourth pair, 5-6, 5-6. The total was Ruyton, 37 games, to Fintona, 35 games.

In our next match, on October 24, against Lauriston, we were unsuccessful. Helen McCrae was unable to play, and Kitty Houston played as emergency. M. and N. Derham defeated the first pair, 6-1, 6-4; A. Sutton and K. Houston lost to the second pair, 6-3, 6-2; D. Carnegie and N. Mitchell lost to the third pair,

6-5, 1-6; S. Knox-Knight and D. Coltman lost to the fourth pair, 1-6, 3-6. The total scores were Lauriston, 40 games to Ruyton 28 games.

In the House Senior Tennis matches Anderson and School came a draw, 18-18; Anderson lost to Bromby, 7-24; Lascelles lost to Bromby, 6-24.

In the House Junior Tennis matches Bromby defeated School 23-15.

BASEBALL NOTES.

So far we have not been any more successful this term in our pennant matches. We have only played two pennant matches, which we lost to Lauriston and Fintona. The scores were: Lauriston defeated Ruyton, 35 runs to 7, and Fintona, 37 runs to 5. We have one more pennant match to play, which is our last hope of success. There have been some alterations in the team this term. Beth Thwaites and Josephine Martin played in the Lauriston match. Beth is pitching very well, and is now the second pitcher. J. Martin played right field. In the Fintona match Phyllis Martin played third base, as Helen McCrae had strained her shoulder. Isabel McKenzie played in J. Martin's place. The team is not fixed for the St. Catherine's match. The House Baseball matches start next week. These are return matches from the first term. These Baseball House matches have

done much to improve the team. Miss Sutton is coaching us again this term.

E. Kay.

RUNNING NOTES.

Towards the end of the second term the heats for the Sports were run off. The Senior Running team was changed from that of the first term to J. Martin, P. Martin, E. Kay, A. Moran, B. Thwaites, I. Harold, K. Cook, S. Knox-Knight. We also entered a Junior team in our Sports, which came third, Tintern winning this event. We have to congratulate Tintern on winning the Inter-School Flat Race and the Inter-School Flag Race. We came second in the Flag Race, Tintern defeating us by very little. The Running team next year should be quite good, as there are many promising runners coming on.

BASKET-BALL NOTES.

We were fairly successful in the Basket-ball matches this year, though we did not succeed in winning the premiership. We lost our matches against Toorak and Fintona, but won against Lauriston and Milverton. We had five new members of the team this year. They all played very well. There are five of the team coming back next year, so we have great hopes for the Cup. J. Martin played in the return match against Lauriston in Verna Vandeleur's place; she played well.

The second team, captained by Sylvia Knox-Knight, played four

matches against Lauriston, Tintern and P.L.C. We had a very exciting match against Clyde. After a great struggle, Clyde won by two goals, the score being 21—19.

There is going to be a goal-throwing competition this term to try and improve the goal-throwing for next year. The House Basket-ball matches were very exciting. They were played in heats, both in the Senior and Junior. In the Senior Lascelles played School. Lascelles were defeated. Anderson defeated Bromby. The finals were played between School and Anderson. Anderson won after a very close game.

In the Junior matches, Anderson and Lascelles were drawn against each other. Anderson won. School defeated Bromby and defeated Anderson in the finals.

The School team was challenged by the Staff. This match was won by the School team after many humorous instances. The Staff team consisted of Miss Daniell, goal defence; Miss Robinson, assistant goal defence; Miss Barnes, centre defence; Miss Davis, centre; Miss Kemp, attack; Miss Snowball, assistant goal defence; Miss Thewlis, goal defence. Only a short match was played, as Miss Daniell objected to the six quarters in the new rules. The School team was very exhausted after the match.

We would like to thank Miss Gawler very much for coaching us, and also to congratulate the Toorak College for winning the Premiership.

STAFF v. SCHOOL BASKET-BALL MATCH.

In the middle term, the Staff, having watched, no doubt, with critical eyes, our efforts on the Basketball field, decided, after not a little vacillation (there is a vast difference between vacillation and hesitation, you know), to challenge us to a Basketball match. This was received with much approbation, and at the appointed time quite an audience had gathered to witness the event. Norma, our goal, usually one of undaunted spirit, kept as far as possible from the ball and relapsed into a semi-hysterical state, mainly caused by her opponent, Miss Daniell, who proved how effective "words, not deeds," can sometimes be. It was, by the way, the first time that Norma had not, at all events, appeared to be working, when Miss Daniell was about. Excellent work was done for the Staff by Miss Robinson, their assistant goal defence, who pursued the ball with such a set and deadly look in her eye that one thoroughly sympathised with the ball for endeavouring to keep out of the way as much as possible. Miss Kemp, as centre defence, aided and abetted them shamelessly. Miss Davis took an unfair advantage over us—she had had recent practice. Miss Barnes, Miss Thewlis and Miss Snowball, attack, goal assistant and goal respectively, also seemed to know a good deal about the game, and it is not for me to cast aspersions on the source of their knowledge. Miss

Snowball revealed her latent pioneering spirit by dashing daringly down to the centre, grasping the ball literally out of the hands of the dazed centres, rushing back to the goal again, and, amid wild exultation and applause, throwing a goal. It took our team all their time to defeat them, a severe handicap being our ignorance of their unusual, but extraordinarily effective tactics. We have to thank the Staff for an extremely enjoyable match, and hope that next season it may be repeated.

A RUYTON LEGEND.

There is a legend of a monk who went into the woods one day and heard the song of a bird. He listened, enraptured, unheeding the flight of time, unaware if it were morn or eve. His ears, full of the heavenly music, he forgot the earth.

Then, after a long time, he stretched himself, rose to his feet, and, feeling very stiff, began to make his way homewards. But the country looked somehow different and the season was more advanced. On reaching his monastery, he found the old familiar faces aged—he had been twenty years away.

And Ruyton has a legend to match it; of someone who had a long walk through beautiful country to school, and sat down to listen to the birds and watch the grass growing; who listened so well and drank so deeply at the bewildering well of Beauty, that, like the monk, she was rather

late arriving—not a matter of years, of course, but half the morning.

If only this explanation had been offered by a girl! Alas, it would be too good to be true. If it were true, she wouldn't have told — she couldn't. Fancy trying to explain that glorious hour to an unfeeling Philistine, who resumes it in some such terms as these: "You were in the garden and forgot the time. Hm!" and demands as equivalent a later hour. The equivalent, forsooth! Is there any salvation for such?

No! This is a rare and beautiful jewel from the dusty archives of the staff. We wish such things were not so rare; while they are possible the Staff may not be utterly beyond redemption. History does not say whether our loved and gentle heroine proffered her charming story to her class, but, if she did so, I am sure it had a noble and unqualified acceptance.

CHARITY NOTES.

This term we have accomplished more than in the first two terms. Nearly fifty dresses have been made for the children of the Burnley Free Kindergarten. At the Holy Trinity Church Fete, the Ruyton girls had the Hoop-la for the two afternoons. We succeeded in making £15. We have given £5 to the St. Martin's Boys' Home. Part of this came

from the Junior Dramatic performance and part of it from the money taken for the afternoon tea and ice cream at the Sports. The remaining Sports money was sent to the Children's Hospital.

Receipts.

Junior Dramatic	£8 14 0
Sports Day	12 0 0
Hoop-la at Trinity Fete	15 0 0
School Concert	46 17 0
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	£82 11 0

Expenditure.

Dresses for Burnley Free Kindergarten	£7 11 0
Children's Hospital	7 0 0
St. Martin's Boys' Home	5 0 0
War Exhibition Fund	46 17 0
Trinity Church	15 0 0
Spent for Hoop-la	1 3 0
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	£82 11 0

D. Carnegie, Hon. Sec.

HOWLERS.

At Rheguim they fetched a compass and found out where they were (temp. St. Paul).

The Romans did not treat St. Paul as if he were a criminal. They respected him because they realised that he was more than a human being.

The children of Israel fed on whales.

MEASLES AT "RUYTON."

About 1904.

Written by some Old Girls 20 years ago. Who remembers it?

Bit of a cold, bit of a sneeze!
 Everyone wondered,
 As to the hospital
 One by one wandered.
 "Forward," the cabman said,
 "How many more in bed?"
 "No more just yet," said Loo.
 (Poor Bea and Dulcie.)

Once more the cab came back,
 Over the same old track.
 Who were the victims then?
 Poor Phil and Ida.
 Then went dear Dorothy,
 Must go without a plea
 Into Pope's Hospital—
 All three from Ruyton.

Measles on right of them!
 Measles on left of them!
 Measles all over them—
 Itchy and painful.
 Hard luck, you Ruytonites—
 Can't sit up late at nights.
 Then when the doctor comes,
 They all stick out their tongues
 For an inspection.

Medicines to right of them!
 Medicines to left of them!
 Medicines all ready near
 When the nurse should appear.
 Some left at Ruyton, though,
 Still for the walk to go,
 All that is left of them.
 Left of the boarders.

Alas! of the hockey team,
 Very few could be seen,
 And the match they'd meant to
 play
 Was given up in dismay.
 Soon will the measles go,
 Ruyton'll be just as slow,
 And they will have to go
 On with their lessons.

Agatha Dorothy Eveline Grey,
 Was the sort of woman you met
 every day;
 She was large, and plump, and had
 streaky hair;
 She flung on her clothes without any
 care.
 Her baby howled; well, she spanked
 it hard,
 And drove it, sobbing, to play in the
 yard.
 A very good movie on Saturday
 night,
 So baby was left to wake up in a
 fright,
 And bellow and yell, till blue in the
 face,
 No one would come; 'twas alone in
 the place.
 That Eveline Grey did not know
 how to treat it
 Was plain, by the way that she fre-
 quently beat it
 When it cried, as babies when hun-
 gry will do,
 Or because the poor kid had a nail in
 its shoe!

Agatha Dorothy Eveline Grey
 Was the sort of woman you met
 every day;
 She was large and plump and had
 streally hair,
 And flung on her clothes without
 any care.
 She went out one day with baby girl
 too;
 She hurried the wee mite; now this
 is quite true;
 When getting out of a country train,
 She gave that poor baby exquisite
 pain,
 By swinging the child by one arm
 alone,
 She put out of place the upper-arm
 bone.
 A nurse who happened to be on the
 spot,
 Hurried the child to a hospital cot,
 Where the arm was set; but later
 that night
 The baby died, from her terrible
 fright.

Agatha Dorothy Eveline Grey
 Is now so changed that you hear
 folks say,
 "Hasn't she got a sad, sweet face,"
 And "Doesn't she wear her clothes
 with grace!"
 They say she's kind when their chil-
 dren are ill;
 That she comes and reads so that
 they'll lie still,
 That she cheers **them** up, and lends
 a hand,
 And why she does it, they can't
 understand.

E.L.

THE OLD EXAMINER.

By Sumida's fair stream the cherries
 blow,
 And, fairer than the blossoms on the
 bough,
 The smiling troops of dark-eyed
 maidens go.
 A weighty counsel I would give you
 now:
 I counsel you to turn your steps
 aside
 When cherries bloom by Sumida's
 blue tide.
 What time the autumn moons in
 splendour show,
 Turning to gold the ripples of the
 stream;
 Whiter than moonlight, purer than
 the snow,
 A girl's fair face will through the
 darkness gleam:
 I counsel you to mind your books at
 home,
 Nor by the river's moonlit shore to
 roam.
 'Twas by long effort in the days of
 old,
 The sages won to wisdom and to
 fame.
 Think you that you have leisure to
 behold
 Moonlight and blossoms? Nay, but
 by the same
 Hard road the sages travelled, you
 must wend,
 If you desire to gain the selfsame
 end.
 For thirty years have these dim eyes
 of mine
 Pored over students' Theses, noting
 well

Where seemed the light of know-
 ledge best to shine—
 Who pressed along the path, who
 failed and fell,
 And watched careers, ambitions,
 efforts, powers,
 Ruined by moonlight, spoiled by
 cherry flowers.

(This is a translation from a Jap-
 anese poem by Azumi Ryosai, writ-
 ten about 986 A.D., and sent to us
 by an Old Girl—Mrs. C. E. Bromley
 (Mary Watkins), who has just re-
 turned from an interesting trip to
 the East.)

THE SONG OF THE BIRD.

I trilled a melody at dawn,
 And Morn blushed at my praise;
 I sang of woods, and fields and rills,
 Of balmy summer days.

I carolled to the kindly sun,
 To thank him for his heat;
 I chanted to a poor lame girl
 In a dusty, narrow street.

I warbled for the gay spring-time,
 When everything is green,
 When dewdrops spangle every tree
 With brightly glistening sheen.

I cheered a wayfarer at noon;
 I chirped a jaunty song,
 And kept an old dame company
 As she trudged and trudged along.

I warbled blithely on the wing,
 I sang in Nature's bower;
 I crooned the great red sun to sleep,
 And chirped to every flower.

I sang an evening hymn of joy,
 When Day was kissing Dusk,
 It wafted on the twilight breeze,
 Fragrant with scented musk.

E.L.

I love the softness of a summer
 night,
 When every flower and tree in pale
 moonlight
 Is steeped; even the myriad stars
 above
 That in the velvety blackness seem
 to move
 Ceaselessly, are clothed in ethereal
 mist.
 The Lady Moon, when every bird's
 been kiss'd,
 Moves on in gracious duty,
 To bathe the world in beauty.

Up among the trees at twilight,
 when the long, long day is
 o'er,
 And the stars are twinkling, danc-
 ing, in the deep blue vault on
 high,
 There's a whispering and a calling
 from the gently swaying tree
 tops,
 As the soothing, soft night breezes
 sweetly, sweetly rustle by.
 If you listen (really listen), you
 might hear the trees a-talking,
 All a-laughing and a-sighing
 through the quiet, warm,
 dark night,
 Murmuring quaintest secrets, for
 just me and you who're list-
 ening,
 Till the falling of that heavy still-
 ness—herald of the night.

OLD GIRLS' NEWS.

University.

Gwen Kaines has passed her third year medicine.

Marjorie Shannon is doing first year Arts.

Gwen Carnegie is doing first year Arts.

M. Davies is completing her third year Arts.

Linda Inglis is also in her third year, and **Marjorie Camm** has taken her degree in mathematics, and also the Diploma of Education.

Enid Druce is completing her 3rd year Law.

Births.

Lucy White (Tickell) has a daughter.

Dorothy Grover has a daughter.

Marriages.

Nellie Burnip was married recently to Mr. Hector Westmore, and is living at Caulfield.

Betty Moffatt is engaged to be married to Mr. Busby.

Beryl Muller is engaged to Mr. Gower.

Nellie Gatehouse (Austin) won the Golf Championship of Australia this year.

Nea Muller is on her way to England to join **Beryl** and **Phyllis**.

Mabel Daniell and **Mabel Mertin** are in Tours, where the former is attending lectures at the Tours University, and the latter is walking and playing golf. They are enjoying the Chateau country.

Muriel Carnegie leaves in March for a trip to England. She will be accompanied by Mrs. Carnegie and Dorothy.

Elvie Carnegie is still abroad with **Cynthia Teague**.

Mary Bromley (Watkins) has returned from a trip to China and Japan.

Anna Stevenson has been in Melbourne for a holiday.

Cynthia Teague is finishing the second year of her course in architecture.

OLD RUYTONIANS' REUNION.

The Annual Reunion was held this year on Tuesday, November 10. The afternoon was dull, but, as the rain held off till after tea time, everyone had an opportunity to wander round the garden. In accordance with an ancient custom, the whole school was thrown open for the inspection of the Old Ruytonians, and the classrooms were left most charmingly decorated by the present girls.

The committee acted as hostesses for the afternoon, and Mrs. McCutcheon and Miss Daniell received the guests on the west verandah.

The general meeting was held in the Assembly Room, which was artistically decorated with large streamers of brown, and flowers in brown and yellow tonings.

A shadow of sadness was cast by the absence of Madame Liet, one of the School's oldest and best friends, whose death occurred last May. For

many years now, Madame has been present at all our reunions, which were purposely held on Wednesday, in order that she might be free to attend. In her address, the President spoke of the loss we all feel in the passing of our dear friend, and the girls stood for a minute in silence, as a tribute to her memory.

After the meeting, the company drifted back to the verandah, where a novel guessing competition, arranged by Miss Daniell, was in progress. About seventy photographs of Ruytonians at very early ages were placed around the walls, and one strove to guess the original of each—not always an easy matter! A great deal of amusement was caused by some of the pictures. Mrs. Charlie Mitchell came out with the best score, guessing within ten of the total number correctly.

This year we tried the experiment of running a tennis tournament in conjunction with the reunion, on the School courts, so that all might watch the games. There were only twenty-six entries, so it was all played off in the afternoon with ease. Muriel Carnegie and Reita Hiscock organised the tournament, which went without a hitch, resulting in Alison Browne and Alice Raby carrying off the prizes. We think of making this tournament an annual fixture, and hope that the idea will grow in popularity.

Added attractions which helped to make the afternoon a success, were the band supplied by Mrs. Carnegie, our ever-generous Vice-Pre-

sident, and a crystal-gazer, for whom we are once again indebted to Mrs. McCutcheon.

Tea was served in the dining-room amongst roses of all shades.

Those present included Mrs. O. B. McCutcheon, Miss Daniell, Mrs. Leslie Vance, Mrs. David Carnegie, Mrs. McCrae, Miss Annie Todd, Mrs. Wilson, Miss Irving, Mrs. Charles Campbell, Mrs. Charlie Mitchell, the Misses Dunn, Mrs. C. G. Scantlebury, the Misses Henty, Mrs. Ballantyne, Mrs. Gordon Gutteridge, Mrs. Ken Macdougall, Mrs. Vincent Woods, Mrs. Ronald Peck, Mrs. Darby, Mrs. Harold Pearson, Mrs. Norman Derham, Mrs. Jim Webster, Mrs. Gunn, Mrs. Westmore, Mrs. Johnston, Misses Kemp, Nancy and Dorothy Walsh, Kitty Snowball, Lancaster, Thais Young, Gladys Olive, Mary Arnold, Bunny Whybrow, Gertrude Dix, Thelma Halbert, Kathleen Roberts, Hilary, Lois and Carden Blake, Peggy Campbell, Gwen Carnegie, Phyllis Webb, Rothes Smith, Beryl Clarke, Betty Begg, Mollie and Marjorie Shannon, May, Dorothy and Reita Hiscock, Barbara Ballantyre, Allison Browne, Alice Raby, Evelyn Manners-Sutton, Westmoreland, Howell, Gwen Burnip, N. Miller, Mrs. Teague, Mrs. Brodribb, Miss Anderson Mrs. Grover, Miss Fitzgerald, Miss B. Hodge, Miss Kaines, Miss C. Teague, A. Cook, M. Camm, Miss L. Macalister, Mrs. Ramsden, Miss P. Druce, Mrs. Hellicar, Miss B. Potter, Mrs. Tickell, Mrs. Henderson.

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