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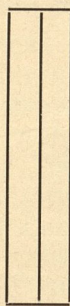
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SCHOOL HOUSE: Head, Miss Champion. Vice-Head, Miss Bloore. Captain, M. Crosthwaite. Vice-Captain, N. Lobb

EDITORIAL.

The visit of the Duke and Duchess of York, ostensibly to open Parliament at Canberra, but of equal importance as a means of cementing the bonds of Empire, gives us a more vivid realisation of the strength and supremacy of the vast realm of which, terrestrially, we form a large part.

Amidst the present world turmoil the British Empire stands firmly on its foundations of love and loyalty. The spirit of anarchy is abroad amongst the other nations, and under its influence many thrones have fallen, while some are still tottering on the very brink of destruction. Kingdoms are being wrecked by Bolshevich propaganda, and the shock of national upheavals is felt from one end of the globe to the other. In comparison with this chaotic world condition the solidity of the British Empire is a very real thing.

This is due, not to a tyrannical Government, not to a force of arms, but to a rule of understanding, which links all the dominions together with a chain forged from love, brotherhood and patriotism. Such an ideal condition would be impossible without the co-operation of a sympathetic ruling-house, striving to win the hearts of the people and to gain their confidence. The British Empire owes almost everything to the untiring interest and wise governance of her sovereigns and their families, who have fulfilled all their obligations, endearing themselves to the people of the nation by acts of sympathy and understanding.

On the whole, England has treated her conquered states very fairly, training them to administer their own affairs, and in return they have pledged allegiance to her.

The burden of the League of Nations has rested on her, and the large amount of success that has been achieved may be traced back to her untiring efforts in the furtherance of peace.

The vision and patience of the politicians of the British Empire are being proved by their treatment of China to-day. Seeing the possibility of war in which western civilisation would be threatened by the teeming populations of Asia, English statesmen are taking no harsh repressive measures, which would lead to increased hatred of the white people. The condition of China is due to a tyrannical rule, based almost entirely on the principle of fear, and to lack of unity amongst the foremost men of the nation. In her present state, she is falling an easy prey to the unscrupulous Bolsheviks. It is the strength and loyalty of the British Empire that permits of no red propaganda gaining a hold within its limits.

When we remember all these facts about the Empire to which we belong, it is not hard to realise that each member of the community has a personal responsibility. No one is too young to do her bit. School girls must remember that they are the women of to-morrow, and that they have obligations to fulfil; for, as Miss Daniell said in her address to us on Anzac Day, "If the women of the race are not good, heaven help the men!"



Mary Derham
(Captain of School, 1926)

ANDERSON HOUSE NOTES.

After winning the Cock House Cup and the Hunter Memorial Prize last year, we came back to School determined to do as well in 1927.

We have lost our last year's vice-captain, Meg McWilliam, but her place is filled by Eileen Logan, and Helen McCrae is captain again this year.

The sports committee for 1927 is M. Hiscock, J. Johnson, E. Logan, and H. McCrae. We would like to congratulate the following girls, who were presented with their House colours at the end of last year:—Jean Johnson, Isabel Mackenzie, Paddy Love and Bunty Murray. We would also like to congratulate those girls in the House who did well in

the public examinations in 1926, and we hope to see many more follow in their footsteps.

This year we have four of the School tennis eight in the House, and the House tennis four has been successful so far. They have only played one match, in which they defeated School by 24 games to 5.

The junior four has shown good form, and, captained by Jean Macpherson, has won both its matches, defeating School by 24 games to 1, and Bromby 24 to 7.

The House baseball team has only had one match, against Bromby, and won by 36 runs to 30. This match was particularly exciting, as Bromby had a good lead until quite near the end. The House team played splendidly, and made a wonderful recovery. This year the team is captained by Bunty Murray, and though it was somewhat weakened when the new rule was brought in that no member of the School eight could play baseball, it has been practising hard, and is improving very much.

The School fete was arranged for March 26th, and every Andersonian worked hard to make our stall a success. The proceeds of the fete were to go to raise funds for the new kitchen and science room, and Anderson had charge of the cake stall, which was very effectively decorated with red poppies and autumn leaves, surmounted by the House flag and basket-ball pennant. We took £29/9/10, about £4 of this being made by the two "guess the weight" cakes which were presented by Mrs.

McCrae and Mrs. Hellicar. The scone competition, organised to stock the stall with scones, was most successful. The prize given by Mrs. James was won by Isobel Mackenzie. We would like to thank the mothers who worked so hard for the stall.

When the annual Sports Day was held at School on April 29th Anderson again won the House Cup. This is the third year we have done so, and we hope our good luck will continue. We must congratulate B. James on winning the Under 13 Championship for us, and J. Martin (School) the Over 15, M. Worrell (Bromby) Under 15, and C. Holmes (Lascelles) the Under 10; not forgetting the House basket-ball passing, and senior and junior running teams, who won their events.

As far as sport is concerned, this term has been a most successful one for the House, but there are other things for which we must all work if Anderson is to achieve as great things in 1927 as those of 1926. We must all remember that as we work for our House we are living up to the traditions of Ruyton, which should be the aim of every girl in the School.

BROMBY HOUSE NOTES.

Bromby House is now in its fourth year of being. This year there are several changes in the House. At the beginning of the year Miss Thewlis, who last year was vice-head of Lascelles, was appointed head of Bromby in the place of Miss Lancaster. Miss Lancaster is a great loss to the House;

she had been with us ever since we began, and she had always done all in her power for the good of the House. We were exceedingly sorry to lose her, but welcome Miss Thewlis as Head of Bromby House.

Another change was the appointment of a vice-head, viz., Miss Wilson. For a few weeks everything went smoothly, till Miss Wilson became ill and had to leave School. A few more weeks passed, and our head, Miss Thewlis, became a victim to pleurisy, and was also obliged to leave us for the time being. Miss Barnes then very kindly stepped into the breach. We are all exceedingly glad now to see Miss Wilson back, and hope that it will not be long before Miss Thewlis is with us again.

We must offer our congratulations to Margaret Vance and to Dorothy Carnegie on being elected captain and vice-captain respectively, and also on their appointment as prefects.

This term a new rule is in force, under which all members of the School tennis eight are excluded from playing in House baseball teams. This is a great drawback to the House, although a good thing for the School, and therefore a baseball team, not what it might have been, but as good as possible under the circumstances, has been chosen. So far we have only had one match, the result being that Anderson defeated Bromby, 36 runs to 30.

The senior and junior tennis fours have also been fixed. The juniors have had one match, losing to Anderson by 7 games to 24.

On March 26th a garden fete was held, at which Bromby House managed the produce stall. The day turned out to be perfect, and the Bromby stall looked well, decorated with royal blue, and from the top of the stall the House flag and pennant fluttered in the breeze. We take this opportunity to thank all the Bromby mothers who so willingly came forward to supply and help us. We must especially thank Dr. Bell, Mrs. Bayly and Mrs. Forbes, who organised all meetings. We were all exceedingly proud to think that, of the Houses, Bromby came second, being beaten only by Anderson. We took altogether £ 26/18/8.

We must congratulate Gwen Davy on obtaining her House colours last year, and hope that more will succeed next year. Our basket-ball team has been chosen, and have so far only played one match, in which we lost badly to School by 3 goals to 32, but hope to do better next term.

We were lucky in having so beautiful a day for our annual sports, which were held on Friday, April 29th. The heats were run off in Houses this year, and consequently all had an equal chance in the finals. Bromby unfortunately came last, our juniors winning most of our points, and we wish to congratulate Marian Worrell on winning the Under 15 Championship. Well done, Marian!

In closing, we wish all Brombyites a happy holiday, and tell them to come back with all determination to bring our House first and foremost in everything.

LASCELLES HOUSE NOTES.

The year is still young, and there has not yet been time to see which way the wind will blow for Lascelles. As every other House is hoping that it may win the Hunter Memorial Prize, we, for the sake of originality, shall be dumb on the subject.

We were very sorry to lose Nona Riley at the end of last year. Nona was our captain during the year, and we wish to thank her for all she did for the House. It was a surprise not at all pleasant to learn that Miss Thewlis, our Vice-Head, was leaving us to go to Bromby House. Miss Gawler, having lost her assistant, has to lead us through the woods alone, but is considerably helped by Verna Vandeleur, House captain, and Beth Thwaites, vice-captain.

Lascelles did quite well at the sports held on April 29th, gaining second place. As this is a position higher than last year, there is yet hope that some day Lascelles may carry off the Cock House Cup. This position is mainly due to the younger girls, who took a keen interest in helping their House. The Under 10 Championship was won by one of our girls, C. Holmes. We congratulate Anderson House on winning the Cock House Cup, and wish to thank Miss Gawler for all the help she gave us.

On March 26th a fete was held in the School grounds to raise money to equip the new science rooms, at which Lascelles held the sweet stall. This was decorated with purple and green artificial grapes, set off by the

House flag. We would like to thank all those who so generously responded by contributions of money and sweets, and also those who gave their assistance in decorating or serving on the stall. Everything was sold, and the final result was £23/0/9. Two guessing competitions were held, which proved very popular, and helped considerably to swell the funds.

The sports committee elected for this year consists of B. Thwaites, V. Vandeleur and N. Wickham. Up till now we have played only two tennis matches. In the senior tennis against School House, Lascelles won, 19—16, while the junior match against School resulted in a victory for Lascelles, 23—12.

J. Ready, A. Syme and B. Watson won their House colours last year, and are to be congratulated on their success, also those girls who were successful in their public exams.

Having begun originally, and not wishing "to jump with common spirits," we will hope for nothing.

SCHOOL HOUSE NOTES.

School House girls have once more resumed their work and sport, after a most enjoyable holiday. All the girls who left last term have been very much missed. Nancy Clarke, Nell Mitchell and Kathleen Holmes have been back to visit us, but we are still waiting for a visit from Kitten Houston, Kitty Cook and Arline Moran.

At the beginning of term Margaret Crosthwaite was elected captain and Nancy Lobb vice-captain of School House.

Our tennis teams have not so far been very successful, but we are hoping to do better next term. Mary Davies has won her way into the first tennis VIII. Owing to bad weather, our baseball matches have been postponed. On Sports Day, which is drawing near, we hope to do well.

During the term the senior boarders, who were studying "Twelfth Night," were taken to see Mr. Allan Wilkie's production.

One Sunday evening, Mr. Allen invited us over to his house for some music. Mr. Allen has a very beautiful gramophone, and gave us a delightful evening. We had "Abide with Me," "Lead Kindly Light," "Son of My Soul," and Queen Mary's favourite hymn, "Oh Love That Will Not Let Me Go." He also gave us part of the service from the Royal Chapel, Windsor and from the Royal Chapel at St. James', London. As well as sacred music, we had some negro spirituals, which were very charming—"The Cuckoo Song" and "Some Schubert." After this we had a very nice supper, and came home feeling that we had spent a really delightful and profitable evening.

One Saturday night Miss Daniell took us to hear Paderewski. It was a lovely concert. Sitting quite close to us was Herr Schrader, who used to be on the Ruyton staff, and who seemed to be enjoying the concert hugely.

On Wednesday evening Miss Daniell has been reading "The Dead Secret," by Wilkie Collins, to us. It is a most thrilling and exciting story,

and we are all anxious to get to the end of the mystery in Porthgenna Tower. On Sunday evenings the junior boarders have had Dr. Doolittle's "Zoo" and "Ned of the River," by Ellis.

On April 23rd we thought it fitting to celebrate Shakespeare's birthday. The property box was ransacked to turn us all into Orlandos and Hamlets. Several of the girls took part in the plays, and we all joined in the competitions.

On the day of the Fete, School House ran a novel kind of fish pond, in which fishing of a very exasperating nature was carried on. We made over £5/15/9. We are very grateful to Miss Champion and Miss Bloore for their help.

As the country girls were nearly all away for the Easter holidays when the Duke and Duchess arrived, they were allowed to go one morning to the St. Kilda Town Hall to catch a glimpse of the Duchess. They were also driven round the streets of Melbourne one evening to see the illuminations, which were wonderfully beautiful.

Altogether this has been a very full term. We all hope that School House girls will do their best in both studies and games throughout the year.

ANZAC DAY, 1927.

"Twelve years! And we enjoy to-day what they fought to attain: Those gallant lads who laughed at death — and winced, and laughed again.

Now let us bare our heads while their companions march, and pray
In memory of their mates who died
twelve years ago to-day."

Twelve years ago to-day the pick of Australia's, New Zealand's and England's manhood landed dauntlessly on the shores of Gallipoli. The bravery and courage of these men, who gave their all for King and country, has made for Australia a name that will live for ever. The spot on which they landed has since been called Anzac, and Anzac Day commemorates their courageous landing.

On the 25th April the whole Commonwealth of Australia does homage to its fallen. With immeasurable thankfulness, wonder, and awe, it does honour on this day to the memory of those who died, not only on Gallipoli, but also in the years of tragedy and triumph which followed.

Many thoughts crowd through our minds as we contemplate this never-to-be-forgotten day, but, foremost of all, the memory of the fallen occupies our thoughts. Australia will cherish it always; it is never absent from the hearts of those homes the sacrifice has darkened and whose dearest affections it has torn.

The men and lads did not have time to contemplate whether they would join the army or not. It was duty and duty only that bade them go forth to fight, and it was duty that filled them with deliberate and steady valour. Their country's call urged them to leave their mothers, wives, and children and go right into the

jaws of Death with a smiling face and a cheery word to their comrades, but with hearts as heavy as lead, filled with poignant memories of those happy, bygone days that will never be again.

Who, but those who were actually there, can describe the feelings of the lads as they landed on Gallipoli at dawn on April 25th? We think we understand; but do we really? Those who were there will never, never speak of the indescribable horrors they experienced, but the memory of them will live for ever in their minds.

So let us on this 25th April—this Anzac Day—think, with heads erect, of those who by doing their duty died that we, even you and I, might live, lying peacefully after their great struggle under the soil of Gallipoli—

“There lulled by music of the sea
that’s nigh;

Beneath the arching vastness of
the sky

They sleep. Their glory ne’er
shall fade away;

And though their simple graves so
distant lie,

Thoughts to those hallowed
heights can swiftly fly,

And they be honoured on each
Anzac Day.”

THE RUYTON FETE.

Everybody was very pleased when the weather proved to be fine for the fete held at Ruyton on Saturday, March 26th. The fete was opened by Dr. Ethel Osborne in the presence of old and present Ruytonians.

In the shade of the Moreton Bay fig tree the Old Ruytonians’ work stall was in charge of Miss Henty, Mrs. McHarg, Mrs. G. Gutteridge and Mrs. K. McDougall. The flower stall, conducted by Betty Begg, Marjorie and Mollie Shannon, Gwen Carnegie and Nancy Dewey, made a bright spot in the garden, with its many coloured flowers. Miss Kemp’s opportunity shop, by the oak tree, provided many bargains for buyers. The cake, produce and sweet stalls were chosen by Anderson, Bromby and Lascelles respectively. The cake stall was prettily decorated with red roses and gum leaves to show the Anderson House colours. Mrs. Love, Mrs. Logan, Mrs. James, Mrs. Macpherson and Miss Derham made it very successful. Mrs. Bailey, Mrs. Forbes and Dr. M. Bell were the heads of the produce stall for Bromby House. Mrs. T. G. Watson, Mrs. Hellicar and Miss Gawler made a great success of the sweet stall, which was decorated with yellow flowers. The School House girls looked after the fish pond, where the first prize, a clock, was won by Jean Macpherson.

The Old Girls’ Committee—Mrs. McCrae, Mrs. Vance, Mrs. McCutcheon and Mary Arnold—with the hon. sec., Mrs. Gunn, provided afternoon tea and refreshments for the hungry and thirsty.

In connection with the cake stall, there was a scone competition, which was won by Isobel Mackenzie. There were also two cakes for “guess the weight” competitions. The School cake, decorated with four House shields and a School banner, was won

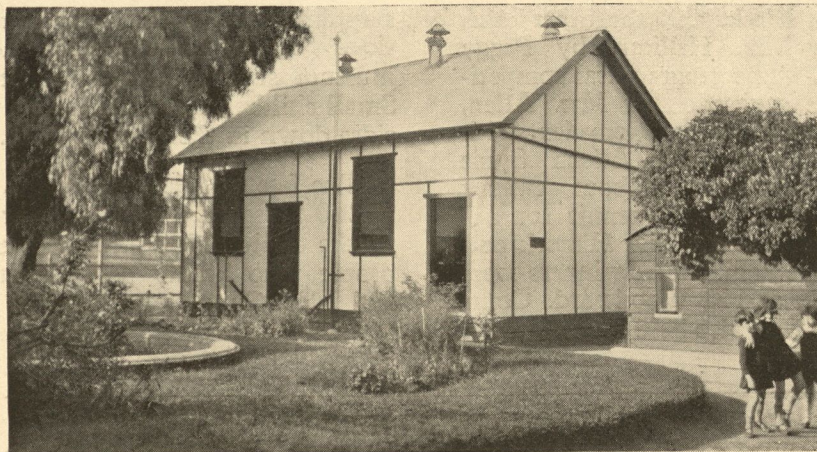
by Ailsa Black, and the other cake, made by Mrs. Hellicar, by Peggy Lawson. The geographical competition, the suggestion of Mrs. Allen, was won by Barbara Ramsden, with Margaret Vance and Alison Syme second and third. About twenty pairs entered for the tennis tournament managed by Rita Hiscock and Norma Derham. The winners were N. Taylor and K. Woodward. Competitions were also held at ping-pong,

skipping and quoits. Other attractions were the fortune teller and the museum shown in IVb. classroom. Small children were amused by pony rides down in the playing fields.

The fete was very successful, over £200 being made. Thanks are due to the stall-holders and helpers, the people who kindly gave donations, and Mrs. Gunn, who acted as hon. sec. for the fete.

BALANCE SHEET.

Receipts.	Expenditure.
O.R. Work Stall £ 61 10 10	Band £ 3 3 0
Cake Stall 29 9 10	Fortune Teller 3 3 0
Opportunity Stall 28 7 0	Printing 0 15 4
Produce Stall 26 18 8	Printing, per M. Arnold 0 13 6
Sweet Stall 23 0 9	Stamps, per Hon. Sec. 1 0 0
Flower Stall 16 17 2	<u>£ 8 14 10</u>
O.R. Committee Re- ports 15 7 0	Expenses £ 8 14 10
Fish Pond 5 15 9	Balance in E.S. and A.
Geog. Competition 5 3 0	Bank 228 10 5
Tennis Tournament ... 3 6 0	
Fortune Teller 2 16 0	
Ponies 1 12 0	
Gate 1 5 3	
Museum 0 11 2	
Quoits 0 7 3	
Ping-Pong 0 6 7	
Skipping 0 2 6	
Donations 14 8 6	
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The new Science Laboratory

THE SCIENCE LABORATORY.

This year a science building has been added to the School. It is divided into two rooms, one for Domestic Science and the other for Chemistry and Physics and Science in general. Both are fitted up with all the necessary apparatus, and the practical work we are doing in them is both interesting and a great help to us in our work.

PUBLIC EXAMINATIONS.

The following girls were successful in the public examinations in December, 1926, and February, 1927:—

Leaving Honours. — English: M. Derham.

Leaving Pass.—English: A. A. Alsop, E. Logan, N. Love, N. Wickham. French: E. Logan, N. Love, N. Wickham. Physiology: N. Love,

M. Vance, N. Wickham. History: E. Logan, N. Love, N. Wickham. Drawing: E. Logan.

Intermediate.—English: A. Alsop, M. Gregson, J. Hellicar, B. Serle, M. Vance, V. Vandeleur. French: M. Gregson, J. Hellicar, B. Murray, B. Serle, B. Thwaites. History: M. Gregson, B. Murray, I. Mackenzie, B. Serle, B. Thwaites. Geography: B. Thwaites. Arithmetic: S. Brown, J. Hellicar, M. Vance.

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CORPORATE COMMUNION

This year Miss Daniell has arranged for the girls to have corporate communion on the first Sunday of every month. In connection with this, the Rev. H. Davies gave us a short address, explaining what the sacrament means, and touching on the need for preparation.

CONTEMPORARY HISTORY.

The Visit of the Duke and Duchess of York to Australia.

The year 1927 will live for ever in the memory of all Australians for two reasons: Firstly, because of its historical importance, the opening of our Federal Capital at Canberra, and, secondly, because of the visit of their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of York, who came to perform the ceremony at Canberra.

The opening was not held until May 9th, but the Royal couple arrived in Australia early in April. They first visited Sydney, and toured the surrounding country, including the Blue Mountains, and then they came to Melbourne. The day they arrived here was April 21st, the first birthday of their baby daughter, Princess Elizabeth. Many times during this day were the thoughts of their Royal Highnesses far away.

From Melbourne they visited the northern districts, and then went on to Adelaide. After returning from Adelaide to Melbourne, they went to Canberra. May 9th, 1927, is perhaps the greatest day in Australia's history. Many years' hard work had been completed, and his Royal Highness the Duke of York opened the Federal Parliament House with a golden key.



T.R.H. the Duke and Duchess of York

After a short stay in Canberra, the Royal couple rejoined the Renown at Melbourne and left for Perth. Their real purpose in coming to Australia completed, both the Duke and Duchess will be able to enjoy a period of relaxation before starting their formal duties once more.

Every place their Royal Highnesses have visited, no matter how large or how small, has enthusiastically welcomed their coming. The air echoed and re-echoed with cheers, which broke spontaneously from every throat.

"bush," but to-day, situated in a vast, almost treeless plain, stands our new and wonderful Federal Capital. As one comes over the hill that slopes down to Queanbeyan, one sees lying before one the Federal Capital. When after leaving Queanbeyan you come upon the city you almost wonder if you have really reached that much talked of Canberra; but after some moments of doubt you find yourself confronted by that magnificent and majestic building, Parliament House, and no longer are you in doubt.



Federal Parliament House, Canberra

Both the Duke and Duchess won the hearts of every Australian. The Duchess' smile has become renowned, and will live for ever in the minds of many.

Canberra.

Only a few years ago the people of Australia would have smiled at the idea of a capital city in the

Canberra, 19,000 feet above sea level, is situated on a vast plain, which stretches away to a low range of hills, which appear grey-blue against the golden, grass-covered fields. In some parts, as you stand on elevated ground, and look down on to gently sloping hills and never ending plains, a wonderful sight meets the eye. The ground is no

longer a golden carpet, but a pale and delicate blue. This wonderful and beautiful effect is produced by a small blue flower, which grows there in profusion amongst the grass. Perhaps the Duke smiled to think of Australia's Parliament House standing amidst wild flowers.

A few miles out from the city you come upon the great pine forests which have been planted by the Government. Row upon row of dark green pines, they stand like stately regiments guarding Australia's Capital.

Fourteen miles out from the city you come to the source of Canberra's water supply. That is the beautiful Cotter River, which has been dammed back, and will supply Canberra for many years to come. As the water ripples over the weir, a wonderful sight is produced, and it is almost incredible that the hands of man could have created that indescribable effect, as the water runs over the rough and pebbly surface of the weir, to a trickling willow-edged stream below.

The lay-out of the Capital is very different from any other Australian city. Like another world-famed city, it is built on seven hills, from the centre of which the streets radiate out and are crossed by others which run round the hills. It seems as though Canberra will become a veritable garden city. There are gardens and plantations everywhere, and there must be a tree planted somewhere in the Capital for every member of the Commonwealth. The suburbs are yet very scattered and undeveloped, and there is only one small shopping centre, but it is only a matter of

time before Canberra will boast of many a residential and industrial suburb and of an important commercial centre.

Of the several very beautiful buildings already erected at Canberra there is one that stands above them all in architecture and magnificence—Federal Parliament House. This building, carried out entirely in white, contains six hundred rooms, beautifully panelled and exquisitely furnished. One first enters the beautiful and spacious King's Hall, at the far end of which is the statue of the King, while the walls are hung with enormous portraits of those men who made themselves famous in early Federation, and whose work Australia is proud to acknowledge. On one side of the House is the Senate Chamber and on the other the House of Representatives. These two halls are very similar, except that the Senate Chamber is furnished in red and the House of Representatives in green. In the latter, however, is the wonderful Speaker's chair. It is an exact replica of that in Westminster, beautifully carved, while the arm rests, in which are locked papers belonging to Nelson, are made of wood from the "Victory." Besides the members' beautiful private rooms, is a handsome library and a spacious dining room, below which are enormous kitchens. Owing to the cold weather that Canberra experiences, the whole House is fitted with electric heaters.

It was on May 9th of this year that that historic opening of the Federal Capital took place. It was a day of perfect sunshine and cloudless skies, and the people throughout Australia

were filled with pride and sentiment. After a short drive round the city, the Duke and Duchess, who were to perform the historic ceremony, appeared before Parliament House. Amidst thunderous cheers, the Royal party left the carriage and mounted the steps of the House, where were congregated the official guests and the Federal members. As they reached the top step, Dame Nellie Melba stepped forward and added a stately touch to the ceremony by singing the first verse of the National Anthem, to be joined by the public in the second verse. Here Mr. Bruce welcomed the Royal couple with a most inspiring speech, and after the Duke had replied, he was handed a golden key. At last had come the historic moment, and amidst almost breathless silence the Duke turned the key, and in so doing inaugurated the great Federal Capital. After a beautiful religious service, the official party passed into the King's Hall, where the Duke unveiled the King's statue, which was draped with the Union Jack. The party then slowly made their way to the Senate Chamber, where the Duke and Duchess seated themselves, to rise immediately while the King's commissions were read. The Duke then read, amidst perfect silence, his speech, which established the seat of Government at Canberra.

Thus in a few minutes history was made, and Canberra became not only a word but a city. There in Australian sunshine was staged that stately and historical pageant. Men in military and naval uniforms added a majestic touch to the many court dresses worn on this occasion. Thus did the bush city become a capital,

now only in its infancy, but future generations will see Canberra one of the greatest cities of the world, and will be even prouder to say:

"Australia, land of ours."

The Situation in China.

The present upheaval in China is mainly due to two causes, the first being the growth of what might be termed a national spirit, and the second, the spread of Bolshevik propaganda. China has just awakened to the fact that her individuality as a nation is being threatened by Western peoples, and that her culture, customs and religions of centuries are on the point of being submerged by the philosophies and beliefs of the Occident. She is clamouring for the independence that was hers until the early nineteenth century, but she carries to the battle for freedom a bitter hatred of the foreigner, to whom she has been forced to make humiliating concessions in the past.

Bolshevik doctrines are gaining a hold in this chaotic condition of the Chinese Republic. Were all the leaders united, they might gain their end. But they lack any co-ordination of effort. Every man is for himself, awaiting the opportunity to seize the tangled reins of government, and constitute himself a ruler. It is true that there are some Christian generals who are intensely patriotic, such as Marshal Feng, but the forces at their command are relatively small, and would be quite inadequate in the maintenance of order, even supposing they were able to gain the upper hand.

To protect the British in the foreign concessions, men-of-war were

despatched to China from England. The onslaughts of infuriated mobs have been repulsed with the utmost patience and self-control. Several British boats have been attacked, and have found it necessary to return fire.

However, the hostilities are intermittent, and negotiations are being attempted with the National Government which, at present, is in possession of a certain amount of power.

It is the earnest hope of every true Britisher that England will employ justice and equity in her dealings with the Chinese situation, and that she will bring the negotiations to a happy conclusion, both for the combatants and the other nations of the world, and in so doing add one more deed to her scroll of fame.

GUIDE NOTES.

Girl Guides are still flourishing at Ruyton, and we have two companies, 3rd and 4th, Kew. The former company has been most unfortunate this term in losing their captain for the present, as she has been ill with pleurisy, but now we are all very glad to say is well on the road to recovery. Her place has been ably filled by our lieutenant, Miss Macmorran. This year 2nd Ruyton has had no such disasters, and has now grown to 16 members, nearly all of whom are enrolled.

On March 1st, 3rd and 4th Kew, together with 1st Armadale, went for an all-day hike to Wattle Park, where we had a most enjoyable picnic.

Miss Swinburne came on March 8th to enrol some recruits of 4th Kew, and 3rd Kew was also present.

More time has been spent this term in working for Second Class, and we have two recruits, Kathleen Royce and Pamela Stephenson, the latter being enrolled on May 3rd. Since the last "Ruytonian" ten girls have received their Service Stars, viz., J. Macpherson, V. Henderson, L. Shew, M. Shew, M. Ashburner, N. Derham, B. Murray, P. Goddard, B. Holmes and S. Summons.

In future, each Patrol is to learn some part of their Second Class during the week, which will be tested later on, in order to maintain the interest of Guides and to help them on, since our one meeting a week is so short. It has been decided that as Guides we ought to keep our School up to the mark; we ought to keep the grounds tidy. Consequently each Patrol is to be in charge of picking up papers, etc., in turn for a week at a time. The Brownies are also to help us with this.

Recently Sheila Brown left the Robin Patrol and became leader of the Kestrels, as Betty Serle was forced to give up Guiding. M. Hiscock has been promoted leader of the Blue Wrens, on Betty Stokes going to Sydney to live; and B. Murray is the Second. The other Patrols have remained the same, save that M. Jackson left us, and Marian Worrell has taken her place as Second of the Waratahs.

At our Annual Sports, held on April 29th, we had the usual Guide Flag Race, 3rd and 4th Kew being combined this year. The Blue Wrens won, and the 3rd Kew Waratahs were second. Congratulations!

One of the most conspicuous events in the history of the term, the memory of which will linger in our minds for many days to come, was the Great Camp, held at Ruyton during three days of the Easter holidays, to which Guides from every company of Hawthorn and Kew came. Miss Swinburne managed affairs, and everything went off without a hitch. We learnt how to make camp furniture, construct stretchers and pitch tents. But, however, the camp-fire in the evening was termed the most enjoyable time of all. We would like to thank Miss Daniell for lending us the field, for without her kind offer no camp could have been held.

There was great excitement when both companies went to Government House to welcome our Royal visitors, the Duke and Duchess of York, on April 21st. The only thing that marred our day was the dreadful aeroplane crash. A special horseshoe, formed by one Guide from every company, was inspected by the Duchess, who has since delighted Melbourne with her charming smile and sweet personality. J. Hellicar and J. Ready represented 3rd and 4th Kew respectively at this. Then again, on April 26th, J. Macpherson and N. Seymour went to the St. Kilda Town Hall to help to form a guard of honour for the Duchess.

In closing our notes, we would like to express our sincere thanks to Miss Macmorran for the splendid way in which she has carried on as captain in Miss Thewlis' absence, and we are all looking forward to next term, when we will have the latter among us again. And so, now and

always, let us all remember the Great Sisterhood to which we belong, and also our laws and threefold promises, for if we are all as perfect as Guides can be, our School will be a happier and better place, because the chain which binds us all, Guides and otherwise, in loyalty to it, will be stronger, and it will be more able to bear the weight and burdens of life through our help.

HOWLERS.

Il se dérobait—he undressed.

Les préceptes de la santé—the teachings of the saint.

Un papier en soie—the evening paper.

Mutable—able to keep silent.

Racine resta orphelin de bonne heure—Racine became an orphan by good luck.

The Statute of Provisors said that the Popes should no longer be made of English people.

The feminine of fox is Mrs. Fox.
Amazons are blackfellows.

SPORTS DAY.

We were very lucky to have such a fine day for our sports, which were held on April 29th. Keen interest was taken in the points for the inter-House Cup, the contest for which was much closer than in the last two years. Once again Anderson won the Cup, gaining 179 points to Lascelles 148, while School came third with 99½ points, and Bromby gained 95½ points.

Several schools came to take part in the inter-school events, which were senior and junior flag races, won by St. Catherine's and Ruyton respectively, and a senior flat race, won by Peggy Moodie for St. Catherine's.

After the races everyone made their way to the front lawn, where Mrs. Mitchell, the President of the Old Girls' Association, presented the cups.

The sports were successful in every way, and we will take this opportunity of thanking Miss Gawler and her helpers for all they did.

The results of the races were:—

Under 10.

75 Yards, Flat.—C. Holmes, 1; J. Hay, 2; N. Stephenson, 3.

50 Yards, Flat.—M. Eager, 1; C. Holmes, 2; J. Hay, 3.

Potato.—E. Everard, 1; C. Holmes, 2; J. Hay, 3.

Egg and Spoon.—C. Shew, 1; C. Holmes, 2; E. Everard, 3.

Sack.—E. Everard, 1; D. Rylah, 2; C. Shew, 3.

Siamese.—C. Holmes and R. Richmond, 1; D. Rylah and C. Shew, 2; J. Hay and N. Maskell, 3.

Under 13.

100 Yards, Flat.—B. James, 1; J. Williams, 2; M. Corben, 3.

75 Yards, Flat.—B. James, 1; M. Corben, 2; B. Summons, 3.

Potato.—B. James, 1; J. Williams, 2; B. Summons, 3.

B.B. Throwing.—E. Adams, 1; M. Griffith, 2; B. James, 3.

Obstacle.—B. James, 1; E. Hay, 2; M. Rylah, 3.

Egg and Spoon.—K. Royce, 1; B. James and M. M. Maskell, 2; E. Macpherson, 3.

Thread Needle.—S. Summons, 1; J. Percy, 2; B. James, 3.

Sack.—B. James, 1; W. Watson, 2; J. Williams, 3.

Siamese.—B. James and M. Maskell, 1; N. James and P. Johnson, 2; H. Gunn and C. Blake, 3.

Under 15.

100 Yards, Flat.—P. Vaile, 1; I. McKenzie, 2; B. Murray, 3.

75 Yards, Flat.—P. Vaile, 1; B. Murray, 2; I. McKenzie, 3.

Potato.—M. Worrell, 1; I. McKenzie, 2; P. Vaile, 3.

B.B. Throwing.—M. Worrell, 1; B. Murray, 2; J. Macpherson, 3.

Obstacle.—M. Worrell, 1; B. Holmes, 2; B. Murray, 3.

Thread Needle.—M. Shain and G. Wickham, 1; L. Scott and Joyce Percy, 2; B. Mitchell and V. Henderson, 3.

Egg and Spoon.—V. Henderson, 1; I. McKenzie, 2; M. Carroll, 3.

Sack.—M. Worrell, 1; B. Murray, 2; I. McKenzie, 3.

Siamese.—P. Vaile and B. Holmes, 1; J. Hansen and J. Macpherson, 2; M. Worrell and M. Griffith, 3.

Over 15.

100 Yards, Flat.—J. Martin, 1; J. Ready, 2; P. Martin, 3.

75 Yards, Flat.—M. Hiscock, 1; J. Martin, 2; B. Thwaites, 3.

Potato.—S. Brown, 1; J. Ready, 2; J. Martin, 3.

B.B. Throwing.—M. Jackson, 1; B. Thwaites, 2; S. Brown, 3.

Obstacle.—D. Carnegie, 1; B. Thwaites, 2; J. Martin, 3.

Egg and Spoon.—H. McCrae, 1; M. Jackson, 2; K. Hepworth, 3.

Thread Needle. — J. Martin and P. Martin, 1; N. Lobb and B. Mitchell, 2; M. Davis and M. Crosthwaites, 3.

Sack.—J. Ready, 1; H. McCrae, 2; J. Martin, 3.

Siamese.—J. Johnson and B. Murray, 1; J. and P. Martin, 2; J. Ready and N. Seymour, 3.

Under 10 Championship. — C. Holmes.

Under 13 Championship. — B. James.

Under 15 Championship. — M. Worrell.

Over 15 Championship.—J. Martin.

Senior Flag. — Anderson, 1; Bromby, 2; School, 3.

Junior Flag.—Anderson, 1; Lascelles, 2; Bromby and School, 3.

Basket-ball Passing. — Anderson, 1; Lascelles, 2; School, 3.

Old Girls'.—B. Ballantyne, 1.

BASEBALL.

This year we have decided to withdraw from pennant matches. The girls in the tennis VIII. are not allowed to play baseball, but practices are held as usual.

The results of the House matches are as follows:—Anderson defeated Bromby, 36—30.

TENNIS NOTES.

As last year, we only just retained our position in A division, the VIII. determined to at least have a good position this year. The fact that we have lost Mary Derham, our captain,

has considerably weakened the team, but Mary has set a standard which all Ruytonians must try to live up to in future.

However, four of last year's VIII. are at School this year, and also Paddy Love, who played in several matches as emergency in 1926, and Dorothy Carnegie, who was away last year, but had been in the VIII. in 1925. The two new members of the team are Mary Davis and Jean Macpherson.

The tennis mistress this year is Miss Champion, and we would like to take this opportunity of thanking her for her enthusiastic help. She has done much to improve the VIII., and has kindly arranged practices for us against her friends and has played with us herself.

The second VIII. has started to practice, and it has been arranged that the top pair of the second VIII. may challenge the last pair in the first VIII. at any time if they obtain the permission of the tennis mistress. The second VIII. have had one match —v. St. Duthus, with the result of a win for Ruyton, 34—17.

The VIII. has been practising hard, and has been better able to do so, as its members do not play baseball now. This has meant that many of the baseball team have had to resign, but in the long run the tennis VIII. will be considerably strengthened by this change.

Several practice matches were arranged before our first pennant match. The results were as follows:—

March 14th. v. M.L.C. Lost, 34—19.

March 21st, v. M.L.C. Lost, 29—17.

March 25th, v. St. Catherine's. Won, 42—38.

April 4th, v. St. Catherine's. Won, 36—23.

April 25th, v. Tintern. Won, 35—20.

Our first pennant match was played v. Toorak on Saturday, April 2nd, and we were beaten, 48—19. The individual scores were:—

D. Carnegie and H. McCrae lost, 6—5, 6—4.

P. Love and M. Davis lost, 6—0, 6—4.

E. Logan and N. Wickham lost, 6—2, 6—2.

B. Serle and J. Macpherson lost, 6—1, 6—1.

After this match, it was decided to make a few changes in the pairs. E. Logan and J. Macpherson were to play third pair and B. Serle and N. Wickham fourth pair. This change was for the good, as in the next match the third pair played excellently and won their sets easily, while fourth pair won the last few games, which gave us the match. This match was on April 9th, v. Lauriston. It was very close, as we only won by two games—42—40. The individual scores were:—

D. Carnegie and H. McCrae lost, 6—5, 6—3.

P. Love and M. Davis lost, 5—6, 6—4.

E. Logan and J. Macpherson won, 6—4, 6—3.

B. Serle and N. Wickham won, 6—5, 6—5.

Our next match was against Fintona on April 30th, and we played

the same team. The second pair were the only successful ones, and the third pair were equal. The scores were:—

D. Carnegie and H. McCrae lost, 6—0, 6—2.

P. Love and M. Davis won, 6—3, 5—6.

E. Logan and J. Macpherson, equal, 6—3, 3—6.

N. Wickham and B. Serle lost, 6—3, 6—4.

The total scores were 41—29.

We have now only one more pennant match in the first round of pennant matches. This is v. Warwick on 25th of June. After this the VIII. is going to play off in singles to decide the four to be entered for the School Girls' Championship.

The following House matches have been played during the term:—

Senior.

March 16th.—Anderson defeated School, 24—5.

March 29th.—Lascelles defeated School, 19—16.

Junior.

March 23rd.—Lascelles defeated School, 23—12.

April 1st.—Anderson defeated School, 24—1.

April 7th.—Anderson defeated Bromby, 24—7.

LIBRARY NOTES.

At the end of last year we were exceedingly sorry to lose both Miss Lancaster and Meg McWilliam. They both did a great deal for our library, and we wish to take this opportunity to thank them for all they did.

Each term the library is given £3 with which to buy new books, both senior and junior. So far we have not spent our full sum. We have only bought three senior books, viz.:

Frank Fairlegh, by Frank Smedly.
Old St. Paul's, by Ainsworth.
The Man in the Iron Mask, by A. Dumas.

We have been promised a new cupboard for the junior library, as the old one is already overcrowded. We hope to have this in use by next term.

Several new books have been added to the reference library: One volume of the Political History, The Story of the Elizabethan Drama, by Harrison; The England of Shakespeare, by Ditchfield; and Mr. W. Jamieson's Works on Chemistry and General Science.

MARGARET VANCE.
NANCY WICKHAM.

CHARITY NOTES.

We have done very little so far this year, but there is still plenty of time left in which we can help the needy. We have had one meeting, at which we decided to help the Children's Hospital, the Burnley Free Kindergarten and the Boys' Home.

Instead of asking the girls to respond to so many appeals throughout the year, each House has been given a box, and the girls are asked to give a small donation regularly. Next term we are thinking of asking every House to make garments for the children of some home or institute which is needing help of that kind.

NANCY WICKHAM.

DRAMATIC NOTES.

This year we are fortunate in having two Old Girls to help us with our performance to be given at the end of second term. The play decided on this year is "Milestones," by Arnold Bennett and Edward Knoblock. It starts in the year 1860, and takes us through 52 years, showing us the development of iron ships up to 1912.

In 1919 the Ruyton girls did "Milestones," which was a huge success. We all hope we will be able to make our performance as good as theirs, but will have to work very hard to do so.

As Miss O'Keefe has gone for a trip abroad, Miss Spence has taken her place.

The cast is as follows:—

John Rhead	.....	Helen McCrae
Gertrude Rhead	.....	Meg McWilliam
Mrs. Rhead	.....	E. Logan
Samuel Sibley	.....	Dorothy Carnegie
Rose Sibley	.....	Nona Riley
Ned Pym	.....	Beth Thwaites
Emily Rhead	.....	Marjorie Hiscock
Arthur Preece	.....	Paddy Love
Nancy Sibley	.....	Eileen Logan
Lord Monkhurst	.....	Yvonne Brind
The Hon. Muriel Pym	.....
		Dorothy Carnegie
Richard Sibley	.....	Beth Thwaites
Thompson	.....	Yvonne Brind
Webster	.....	Yvonne Brind

PADDY LOVE.

SCHOOL CONCERT.

On Friday afternoon, March 11th, a delightful concert, the first of a series, arranged by Miss Gladys Macdowell, was held. At this concert there were only two artists performing, Mr. Raymond Ellis, baritone, and Miss Ada Freeman, pianist. The concert opened with an address by Miss Macdowell, explaining that the concert was being given to promote a love for music among the girls. As the first item, Mr. Ellis sang an old English ballad entitled "Drink to Me only with Thine Eyes," by Mellish-Quilter. Mr. Ellis then told us a little of the life of Mozart, who was born in 1756 in Salsburg. His musical abilities were always encouraged by his father and mother. He fell in love with a girl of 15, named Aloysia, but he never married her. However, later he married Constance Weber in 1782. He wrote many famous compositions, the majority of which were sonatas. Miss Ada Freeman then played "Rondo alla Turea" from the sonata in A major by this famous musician. Mr. Ellis then sang two songs, "Come and Trip It," and a French song, "Psyche," by Palladihle. He then gave us a sketch of Schubert, who was born in 1797 in Vienna, and who all his life lived in very humble circumstances. He also was encouraged in his musical career. In his lifetime the works he wrote made up forty-one folio volumes, including 450 songs, and in spite of all this he died a comparatively poor man. Miss Freeman next played one of Schubert's works, the Minuetta in B minor from Fantasie.

Op. 78. Following this were two songs, sung by Mr. Ellis, the first a German song, "Die Post," by Schubert, and the second a Russian, "The Volga Boat Song." Miss Freeman then played two dances of different types, to contrast them. The first was a Hungarian dance, "Migarish," by Macdowell, and the second a dance of South America. Mr. Ellis then told us a little of the story of the "Barber of Seville," and this pleasant concert closed with a song, "Largo al Factotum," taken from the "Barber of Seville," the music of which was written by Verdi.

SHAKESPEARE EVENING.

This year Miss Daniell decided to revive an old custom, that of holding a Shakespeare Evening to celebrate the birthday of the poet.

On April 23rd most of the Senior School gathered in the Assembly Hall and had a most successful and interesting evening. Besides the staff and girls, Eld Kay and Miss Snowball were present. All the girls were dressed up as characters from Shakespeare, and their costumes were most effective. We commenced by marching past Miss Daniell and Miss Kemp, and the lion, who was really Miss Derham, caused much amusement. The first item was the Ghost Scene in "Hamlet," when Miss Gawler, representing the Ghost, walked round the stage rattling her chains and reciting the Ghost's lines. The next was a scene from "Twelfth Night,"

which was acted by Vc. They chose the part where Malvolio gets the false letter. Betty Watson was a good Sir Toby, while Pat Thwaites and M. Crosthwaite suited Sir Andrew and Fabian respectively, and Jo. Martin was a good Maria. Unfortunately there was no one from Vc. to play Malvolio, as Mary Davis, who was to have played his part, being rather tall, could not fit into his clothes; so Miss Daniell kindly consented to read the part.

Then Pass and Honour VI. acted a scene from "Hamlet." D. Carnegie looked very kingly, and N. Wickham was a good queen. A. Alsop was Polonius, whose daughter Ophelia (M. Green) was like a real princess. Eileen Logan undertook the part of Hamlet, and was very good. V. Vandeleur wore a long black cloak and tried to look like a wicked poisoner. H. McCrae was the Prologue, and looked very grand in Miss Daniell's gown. B. Thwaites and M. Gregson were the Player King and Queen, and acted their parts amid much laughter on all sides. After this, the girls sang Shakespeare's "I Know a Bank." The next items were the competitions. The first, of quotations, was won by D. Carnegie and H. McCrae, and the second, which was rather complicated by Phyl. Martin and B. Thwaites. There was much laughter when Miss Daniell corrected the latter. Following this was a dance till supper was ready. As it was Betty Watson's birthday as well as Shakespeare's, her mother sent a lovely cake for Betty to share with us. We would like to take this op-

portunity to thank Mrs. Watson very much indeed.

After supper we danced for a while and then went home. We also want to thank Miss Daniell for inviting us to such an enjoyable party, and Miss Kemp, who was in charge of the supper arrangements. The following are some of the characters chosen by the girls:—

M. Jackson	.....	Celia
P. Macpherson	... ..	Rosalind (as boy)
J. Macpherson	.....	Duke Orsino
G. Wickham	.....	Rosalind
B. Serle	.....	Princess
I. MacKenzie	.....
		Ferdinand, King of Lavarre
M. Worrell	.....	Juliet
J. Hansen	.....	Romeo
P. Vaile	.....	Romeo
J. Percy	.....	Portia
L. Scott	.....	Hermia
M. Shew	.....	Tou-cho-one
M. Davis	.....	Courtier
M. Shain	.....	Maria
Miss Snowball	.....	Wolsey
B. Holmes	.....	Courtier
M. Hiscock	.....	Ann Page
J. Johnson	.....	Antonio
H. Potter	.....	Franciscan
J. Ready	.....	Hamlet
Y. Brind	.....	Hamlet
J. Hellicar	.....	Touchstone
K. Hepworth	.....	Jester
P. Martin	.....	Sebastian
A. Lobb	.....	Page

A VISIT TO FEDERAL PARLIAMENT HOUSE.

Some little time ago the Intermediate form and some of the girls from the VI. and Honour VI classes paid a very interesting visit to the State Parliament House, which was then occupied by the Federal Parliament. It was just a week before that Parliament sat for the last time in those quarters that it had occupied for 26 years. We were first shown into the great vestibule, round the walls of which hung huge portraits of men who had distinguished themselves in previous Federal Parliaments. One corner of this hall was occupied by a beautiful painting of the landing at Anzac, and another corner by the figure-head of the Emden. We were then conducted along a passage and up a winding staircase to the visitors' gallery overlooking the House of Representatives. One by one the members of this House wandered in, until the Speaker appeared, when, after certain preliminaries had been gone through, the work of the afternoon was begun. Several discussions took place, one of which, owing to its length, we shall never forget; but there were no heated arguments, such as it must be admitted some of us were hoping for. Members of this House did not seem particularly busy, some even slept; but perhaps they were looking forward to their holiday.

We then passed on to the Senate Chamber, where the Per Capita Bill was being debated upon. Here things seemed a little more active, but just as a lively scene promised one

of the participants picked up his hat and walked out disgusted, muttering something about "rot." As in the House of Representatives, some members enjoyed their evening papers, half lying on the red velvet seats and now and then casting an uninterested glance at the Speaker. Other members, however, were very alert and ready to interject when the first opportunity offered.

After seeing these two beautiful halls, the Senate entirely furnished in red and the House of Representatives in green, we were shown the Board room. We were unable to see the library, as most of the books had been sent to the new House at Canberra, but were shown up on to the roof, from where we had a wonderful view of Melbourne and a particularly magnificent view looking down Bourke-street.

LUDWIG VAN BEETHOVEN.

Beethoven justly ranks among the foremost composers of the world. One point in his favour is that his compositions, although severely criticised, were taken notice of immediately they appeared, which cannot be said of every composer of music.

As a man, Beethoven was stubborn and hot-tempered, though deeply repentant immediately his burst of passion had subsided. He had a noble and highly moral character and a lofty ideal of life. He loved his mother dearly, often describing her as "a dear, good mother, my best friend." He was exceedingly honest and upright.

His father, Johann, was a terrible drunkard, and his salary was always spent at the nearest public house, hence the burden of family responsibilities fell very early on the shoulders of Ludwig.

Ludwig during his lifetime had many visits from great musicians and composers, among whom was Haydn (who taught him for a short time). He once visited Mozart, who found nothing exceptional in his playing, but on presenting Beethoven with a theme, he was amazed at the variations made by the young composer.

During all his fifty-seven years of life, Beethoven had few pleasures and many hardships, but he often received proofs of the populace's admiration.

As regards personal appearance he was negligent, and not at all handsome. He was nominally a Roman Catholic, but did not publicly conform to any religion, though deeply religious in private.

He was born at Bonn on December 17th, 1770, and he died on March 26th, 1827. His death was attended by the composer Huttenbrenner, who closed his eyelids. He died during a violent storm; a great flash of lightning aroused him to consciousness; with a threatening upward gaze, he clenched his fist and fell back dead.

Early in his career as a composer he became stone deaf, which handicapped him to such an extent that he was unable to write songs.

Among his numerous compositions there are two great concert arias, six quartets, three quintets, one septet, nine symphonies, an oratorio and thirty-two sonatas. In 1781 he is supposed to have written a funeral cantata in honour of Mr. George Cresener, the English "chargé d'affaires" at Bonn. He published none of his works until 1795, but at the age of twelve, nine variations were published by his father, and later a two-part fugue, three clearer sonatas and a few songs.

His works being so varied is one of the reasons for Beethoven's greatness, because it is a great feat to write not only pianoforte music, but orchestral and symphonic music, as he did.

His three trios were dedicated to Haydn, his erstwhile instructor, who introduced him to one of his greatest patrons, Prince Esterhazy.

His famous "Moonlight Sonata" was dedicated to the beautiful Countess Giulietta Guicciardi, whom he would undoubtedly have married but for the force of circumstances.

The "Tenth Symphony" was among his works left in embryo on his death.

And thus a century after his death do we commemorate Beethoven, the Great Master.

NATURE PAGE

The Museum.

We have a museum at School, with a good many things in it.

The other day Miss Gawler brought a root of a peanut plant with the peanuts on it. On the day of the fete we came to school in the morning, and took all the things out of the museum, and cleaned it; then when we put them back we had plenty of room to spread them out. In the afternoon we let people in for a penny a look. When we counted up the money we found we had twelve shillings.

Last year when we had an exhibition we had some very interesting things lent to us. Some of them were: a porcupine's skin, a jar cut out of wood, made by the Maoris in New Zealand; a fossilised starfish, and a Bible about half an inch square.

Birds.

Birds are very wonderful things. They seem always to be gay and cheerful. There are so many things that we can find out about them by just casually watching them whenever we are outside.

There are ways in which we can tell the female bird from the male, for, just as we have different fashions in our clothing, according to our sex, so do the birds have different plumage. The male bird has always brighter feathers than the female; this is because the male does the food hunting and guards the nest, while the female looks after her babies, and so her duller feathers do not attract attention to the nest.

We can also observe in what seasons we see different kinds of birds, and what times they build their nests, lay their eggs, and when to expect to see the little fledglings having their first lessons in flying.

The Penguin.

The penguin is considered by some a silly bird, but this belief has no further foundation than the bird's oddity of appearance. Certainly the characteristic of birds is flight, and a penguin cannot fly. The wings of the penguin are practically a paddle-like fin, which is covered with short, stiff feathers. Their legs, too, are very unbirdlike, for they are situated at the hinder end of the body, so that they force the bird into an erect position when at rest. When swimming, the penguin is wonderful, for it cuts its way through the stormiest billows like an arrow. Penguins have separate homes for each stage that the birds pass through when they are on land; the young birds in one home, the moulting birds in another, and so on.

The "Fairy Penguin" has a white throat and breast, grey head, black back, very short, stumpy tail of black, grey and white, and yellow webbed feet. The beak is black and very sharp. It is a very awkward bird to hold, as it scratches and wriggles and pecks. (When a penguin pecks it pecks pretty hard!) The best way to grip the bird is to get it under the "flappers" or wings.

The "Fairy Penguin" makes its home in tussocks near the shore. The eggs and young birds are carefully looked after by the mother, who, when you go to take an egg or get a young one out of the nest to see, will give you a look as much as to say: "Better not come too near!"

The penguin's chief enemy is the sheathbill, which preys on the eggs of the penguin. Penguins are unlike pelicans with regard to their eggs, for the pelican, when enemies and humans come near the nest, will fly away, leaving its nest, eggs and young ones to the mercy of their foes.

The penguins feed on fish, which they catch while swimming.

Penguins are most interesting birds to study, and the "Fairy Penguin" may be found at the rookeries on Phillip Island, Western Port Bay.

M.D.S.

Birds.

Our feathered friends the birds live in nearly all parts of the world. The world would not be so bright without birds. One of the best known Australian birds is the kookaburra, which is a very pretty bird and eats snakes. It has blue, white and brownish-gray feathers. It has all these colours, so it shall not be seen.

Another interesting bird is the ground-lark. It is a grey-brown bird and is very clever. If you were walking across a field, and you went near its nest (which is built on the ground), it would fly near the ground and limp away from its nest, pretending it had hurt itself.

Also there is the robin redbreast. It has a bright red breast and a black head. The thrush is a grey bird, with brown spots on its breast. Also there is the sparrow, which is a little grey bird and flies in a big company. The pallid cuckoo is a grey bird, and has a queer note. The minah is a brown bird, with a few patches of white, and has a funny walk. The blackbird is black, with a yellow beak and feet; it also has a very unmusical note. The best time to study them is when they are building nests in the spring.

The Violet.

Once there lived in a garden a violet. There were many other flowers in the garden, but the violet was the prettiest. She smelt so nice, and looked so fresh in the morning, covered with dew. But though she was pretty, no flowers noticed her, for she was very shy and always hid behind her leaf. The garden belonged to a little girl called Molly. Molly loved her flowers, and always watered them when they were dry. She pulled out the weeds when there were any. The violet was very sad because no one ever spoke to her, and she was so lonely. Molly came that day down to the garden with her mother. She noticed the leaf of the violet; she lifted it up, and found the violet underneath. She was so pleased, and said: "Mother, look at this violet, isn't it pretty?" She took it up with her, and put it in a vase with some other violets, who made friends with her. She was very happy, and stayed in the vase till she died.

ORIGINAL COLUMN

CANBERRA.

There midst Australian gum trees
 Stands Canberra, our capital fair.
 Pine trees rocked by a gentle breeze
 Watch o'er the town with stately
 air.

There 'neath the real Australian sun
 Is the home of our Government
 free;
 There is the House that years have
 won,
 That our pioneers longed to see.

Canberra, Australia's proud of you!
 But there are men we must never
 forget;
 Those are the men who strove for
 you,
 Whose hands to the plough were
 set.

You are yet in your infancy,
 You're Australia's youngest child.
 Days will come of supremacy,
 City so free, young, undefiled.

You have yet to win your fame,
 Midst capitals great and small;
 Till the world will ring with your
 stately name—
 Canberra, Australia's Capital.

—N.J.W.

"RECTE ET FIDELITER."

A glorious past is a thing to be
 prized,
 But a school with a time-honoured
 name
 Is the school that's adorning the
 present-day world,
 By keeping on playing the game.

The name of our School must stay
 shining,
 As bright, as in old days it shone,
 And there's heaps to be done to pre-
 serve it—
 Ruytonians, keep keeping right on!

Traditions in hundreds are useless,
 unless
 They are treated with proper re-
 spect;
 They must guide in the every-day
 work of the School,
 For they're things that won't suf-
 fer neglect.

The colours once worn by the girls
 in the past,
 And displayed by the girls of to-
 day,
 Still stand for that unity, sisterhood,
 strength,
 That a school needs at work and
 at play.

So "truly and faithfully" doing our
 bit,
 We may add to the glories of old,
 And never let trail in the dust of
 defeat
 Our colours, the blue and the gold.
 —E.L.

THE HOME OF THE SAND-
GROPPERS.

Down the valley on the hill runs a
 little stream,
 Sometimes in the shady gums a kook-
 aburra's seen;
 Or upon the grassy banks a kangaroo
 may rest,
 Out beneath the blue, blue skies in
 the good old West.

Companions dance at twilight's hour,
 when all is very still,
 With whimsical yet graceful step,
 they go o'er dale and hill.
 To hear the wind blow in the tree
 with refreshing zest,
 Australia is the place for me, Aus-
 tralia in the West!

—M.J.M.

PARODY.

Tune: *We've Got 'Em on the List.*
 Now sometime it may happen that
 a victim must be found,
 So we've got a little list! We've got
 a little list
 Of Ruytonian offenders who'd be
 better underground;
 They *never* would be missed! *They*
 never would be missed!
 There's the girl who lives on oranges
 and throws about the rind,
 And she who on exam. days we none
 of us can find;
 They *never* would be missed; no, I
 don't think *they'd* be missed!
 There's the discontent who praises in
 enthusiastic tone
 Every single thing she hasn't got,
 every subject but her own!

Chorus.

She *never* would be missed; no, *she*
 never would be missed;
 We've got *her* on the list! We've got
 her on the list,
 (Slowly) And she never would be
 missed.
 There's the lass who's most unfortu-
 nate, and never knows the time;
 We've got *her* on the list; we've got
 her on the list!
 She has a splendid clock at home, but
 didn't hear it chime!

She *never* would be missed; *she* never
 would be missed!
 There are other late arrivals with ex-
 cuses watertight,
 And the people who don't believe in
 doing work at night;
 They *never* would be missed; *they*
 never would be missed!

Chorus.

We've got *them* on the list, we've
 got them on the list!
They never would be missed, so
 we've got them on the list,
 (Slowly) And they never would be
 missed!
 The girl who when the lesson's
 French will get her history out;
 We've got *her* on the list; we've got
 her on the list!
 She then rushes to her locker and
 scatters books about!
 She *never* would be missed; no *she*
 never would be missed!
 And the girl who shows intelligence
 by asking one to say
 Exactly what one's said before, but
 in *her* special way!
 We've got her on the list, and I don't
 think she'll be missed!
 But we'll forgive the lot of them if
 only they will smile,
 And show a cheery spirit if they lack
 a decent style;
 We'll keep *them* off the list! They'd
 be a *little* missed!
 Yes, we'll keep them *off* the list, we'll
 keep *them* off the list!
 (Slowly) They really would be
 missed.

—D.M.C.

LAMENTATIONS.

The creeping, snail-like cable-trams
Go clanging on their way,

The silver rails behind them gleam,
Some shell-backs' slimy tracks they
seem,

And others crawl the self-same way
With creaks and jerks, the livelong
day.

The business man consults his watch,
While clanging on its way
The sleepy, slothful cable tram
Goes, groaning with the morning
cram,
Not caring what late folk may say
About unnecessary delay.

The bargain-hunting housewife sighs,
For, clanging on its way,
Complaining and objecting, lags
The trailer, which the dummy drags;
Meanwhile the time flies on its way,
No hope of bargain lines to-day!

The school girl clasps the strap and
groans,
For, clanging on its way,
The tram is just as slow as slow,
While speeding on the minutes go,
The trams to blame, but, sad to say,
Detention looms ahead to-day!

And still these relics of the past
Go clanging on their way.
It's sad to see antiquities
Which clearly need some rest and
ease,

Still carrying in their aged decay
Us sore-tried passengers to-day.

—E.L.

THE TALE OF A CAR.

"Alexander Snell's bought a motor-
car;"

The tidings were travelling quickly
and far.

From Brunswick to Footscray, from
Coburg to Kew,

Everyone heard them, and everyone
knew

That another death-dealing machine
was on view.

Alexander Snell was known far and
wide

For recklessness, carelessness, daring
and pride,

And when he'd a car there was reason
to fear

There'd be rows of mown bodies left
in the rear,

As he tootled along on his headlong
career.

All the forebodings and warning
came true;

The speeding machine was never in
view!

Its approach was often announced by
a yell,

Terrific roaring and petroly smell,
And it passed in a whirlwind char-
acteristic of Snell.

Hearing him miles off, the children
at play

Would fearfully jump up, and scat-
ter away,

The throb of his engine caused
grown-ups to cower,

And pray as they thought of their
last earthly hour,

For his speed was at length 90 miles
to the hour.

This lasted for weeks, despite the
 police;
 When they hove into view Snell's
 speed would increase,
 But alas! one day something went
 wrong with the gear,
 The car, torn in fragments, was seen
 for a year
 Whirling round in the ether encirc-
 ling our sphere.

Of Snell, not a great deal was known
 at the time,
 But an airman now come from a
 heavenward climb,
 Reports to have found Snell, the king
 of speed cars,
 Well nourished and happy, inhabit-
 ing Mars,
 But believed, all the same, to be still
 seeing stars!

—E.L.

“PUCK AT RUYTON.”

It was midsummer's eve at Ruyton,
 The boarders were all in bed;
 Puck leapt over the fish-pond,
 And across the lawn he sped.
 A merry laugh broke the stillness,
 And a roguish voice rang clear:
 “Ho! ho! he! he! I'll have some fun
 To-night, in the classrooms here!”

Puck crept up to the window,
 And silently jumped within;
 He looked about in the stillness,
 On his face an elfish grin.
 He emptied out all the inkwells
 On to the well-swept floor;
 Tipped over a vase of flowers,
 And scribbled upon the door.
 He opened up the chalk-box,
 Scatt'ring its contents far,
 Then untidied all the lockers, ;
 Said he: “What fun! Ha! ha!

The naughty, wee fellow chuckled
 At the mischief he had done,
 Then he flew away to Fairyland,
 Just as the clock struck one!

EARLY MORNING.

The sun came up one summer morn,
 And the earth was flooded with
 light,
 The trees and the flowers were fresh
 with dew,
 Which had fallen during the night.

The different birds flew out of their
 nests,
 And started to hunt for food;
 The lizards and reptiles crawled
 around
 In the shadow of the wood.

The moths and butterflies and bees
 Started their daily tasks,
 The beetles came out of their holes
 in the ground,
 And polished their horny masks.

Everything was bright and gay
 As the sun came up that morn;
 You could see the starlings on the
 roof,
 And the sparrows on the lawn.
 —L. Scott.

“SHAKESPEAREAN EVENING:”
 Or “The Spider Who Spied.”

From her web in the corner, a spider
 one night
 Spied a very soul-stirring and hu-
 morous sight:
 There were scores of strange figures
 in breeches and capes,
 With heaps of queer headgears all
 sizes and shapes;

And these very quaint people were
 marching in twos,
 The spider leant forward, no hap-
 pening to lose,
 Below her a lion stalked, wagging
 his head,
 And roaring, as on the procession he
 led;
 But that spider felt sure, though so
 fearsome to see,
 The lion was really as friendly as
 could be!
 There were maidens with loose-flow-
 ing tresses of gold,
 Kings, queens, jesters, princes, both
 bland, bad or bold;
 There was hideous cunning in faces
 displayed,
 Of people who no doubt were poi-
 soners by trade.
 But—oh, horror!—black darkness
 pervaded the room,
 And a white ghostly figure appeared
 in the gloom,
 Sepulchrally voiced, and of ghoulish
 design,
 Which by rattling its chains sent cold
 thrills down the spine.
 So the spider was glad when they
 turned on the lights,
 And once more she was able to take
 in the sights.
 There were Rosalinds, Jesters and
 Hamlets galore,
 There were princesses, Portias fair by
 the score,
 Ophelias, Romeos, Juliets, too,
 Sebastians, sailors and soldiers a few,
 A nun, and some others that, sad to
 relate,
 Spider's memory refused to recall up
 to date;
 For her mind was unhinged when
 that gay motley throng

Burst forth in a rapturous pæon of
 song.
 Delirium seized her; she feverishly
 spun,
 Imagining she was the cause of the
 fun,
 And never recovered, demented old
 fool,
 And so died—a great acquisition to
 school.

 THE FEROCIOUS FELINE.

'Twas not in a jungle, eerie and still,
 Where the trees reach up to the
 azure sky,
 That a lion came prowling its prey to
 kill,
 With mincing step and head held
 high.
 No, 'twas not in a jungle, but far
 away,
 In a Ruyton class room filled with
 girls,
 All dressed in a most peculiar way,
 With flowing skirts, with ruffles
 and curls.
 With agile tread, it came over the
 stage,
 While fair ladies screamed and
 knights grew bold;
 Yet the creature came on still roaring
 with rage,
 With a tousled mane of burnished
 gold.

Who was this ferocious feline?
 Its paws outstretched midst a con-
 tinual wail,
 Yet one thing lacked this human lion,
 The beast ne'er thought to wag its
 tail.

—N.J.W.

LITTLE ELVES OF HAPPINESS.

Sliding down the rainbow,
 Dimpling in the sea,
 Sailing on the fleecy clouds,
 In a leafy tree;
 Falling with the rain-drops,
 Clinging to the dew,—
 Little elves of happiness
 Meant for me and you.

Hidden in each tiny flower,
 Laughing in each brook,
 Basking in each friendly smile,
 Every loving look.
 In each fearless answer,
 In everything that's true,—
 Little elves of happiness
 Meant for me and you.

—Anon.

SPEECH NIGHT.

Our 49th Speech Night was held in the Recreation Hall, Kew, on December 13th, 1926. There was a large attendance of parents and friends. We began with a carol sung by the whole School, and about eight well-known songs, in which the audience was requested to join. Kitty Cook then recited Rupert Brooke's "Granchester," and following this was an Impromptu in A Flat, by Schubert, which was played by Verna Vandeleur. After this were two songs, "The Blind Ploughman" and "Golden Slumbers," which were sung by a special choir of girls chosen from the senior classes. Then Helen Gunn and Mollie Corben recited two little poems very nicely indeed. The last item before the prize giving was Alison Alsop's pianoforte solo, "Sequidillas" (Albeniz), which was played with great skill.

Canon Sutton kindly consented to distribute our prizes, and made a short speech, in which he said he had been warned not to speak for long. On the stage were Miss Daniell, Mrs. Mitchell, the new President, Miss Derham and Canon Sutton.

Miss Daniell then read her report. After briefly reviewing the work of the year, she explained the new regulations passed by the Schools' Board for the public examinations. The number of subjects had been raised to five, and while the standard had not been lowered the amount of work to be covered in each subject had been cut down by 15 per cent. or 20 per cent. Educationally this was a forward step, as it meant a broader culture. The number of compulsory subjects had also been increased for matriculation. For this a candidate must in future pass in English, a language other than English, and either a science or a mathematical subject. Candidates who do not wish to matriculate may obtain the School Leaving Certificate by passing in English and four other subjects. These new regulations made a laboratory more than ever essential, and plans were being made to provide the School not only with a science laboratory, but also with a model kitchen for those girls who wished to study domestic science.

Miss Daniell announced that for the teaching of physics, chemistry and mathematics she had secured Miss R. M. Lewis and Miss Jean Harris, B.Sc., while the domestic science would be in the hands of Miss N. Gawler and Mrs. Douglas Brock—a diploma student of the College of Domestic Economy.

On the arts side other changes were being made. Miss Lancaster, who had been on the Ruyton staff for many years, was resigning her post, owing to the great distance. Miss Marjorie Wilson, M.A., was joining the staff as geography mistress. Owing to pressure of other work, Miss Daniell said that she was obliged to give up the examination work in history. Miss D. Champion, M.A. Lond., was coming on to the staff to do this work.

In order to enable the girls to hear, more good music concerts were being arranged by Miss Gladys Macdowall. Artists of note were to come to the School twice a term to play to the girls. This would obviate the necessity of taking girls into town to concerts. The programmes would consist mainly of chamber music, quartettes, trios and vocal work.

The report concluded with thanks to the staff for all their loyal service throughout the year, and to the Prefects for all the help they had given during their year of office.

RUYTON STAFF, PAST AND PRESENT.

Miss Lancaster is doing part-time work at Penleigh.

Mrs. Randall (Miss Jo Kendall) was at the Ruyton fete with her two children.

Mrs. Brown (Miss Bailey) is living in Adelaide.

Mrs. Williams (Mrs. Winspear) is living in a flat in Fernhurst, Kew. She has just returned from a trip abroad.

Miss Mary Winning sailed for South Africa in February, but decided to continue the voyage as far as England.

Miss Thewlis has had a term's leave of absence owing to ill-health.

Miss Marjorie Wilson had to undergo an operation for appendicitis in February. She managed, however, to sit for her examinations, and was successful in gaining her M.A. degree. *Miss Adelaide Pizer* kindly came to relieve her.

Miss Jarrett has joined the Tintern staff.

Miss Scorer has been at Ruyton for half a term to relieve Miss Thewlis.

Herr Schrader was seen enjoying himself hugely at a Paderewski concert recently. Like Oliver Twist, he kept asking for more.

OLD GIRLS' NEWS.

Since our last issue death has visited the homes of several of the Old Girls. We tender our very sincere sympathy to *Annie and Aggie Todd* on the loss of their mother. To *Lucy Rowe*, on the death of her father. To *Blanche Mitchell*, on the death of her brother, Mr. Charles Blaney. To *Anabel Gutteridge*, who lost her baby son, and to *Edie Weir*, whose brother died.

MARRIAGES.

Kathleen Tickell to Mr. Frank George, of Queensland.

Nellie Miller to Mr. George Crowe.

Gertrude Dix to Captain Macdonald.

ENGAGEMENTS.

Gwen Carnegie to Mr. Eric Grimwade.

Elvie Carnegie to Captain H. D. T. Morris.

UNIVERSITY NEWS.

Margaret Davies won her Diploma of Education in December.

Enid Druce took her LL.B. degree last March.

Mary Derham has begun her arts course this year. She is spending her vacation in Adelaide as a member of the 'Varsity tennis team.

GENERAL.

Lalla and *Emmie Whybrow* have just spent a delightful holiday in Sicily, returning to London by Italy and France.

Kathleen Edwards has returned to Melbourne.

Esther Law is over in Melbourne on a visit to her mother. She has brought her little son John. At a bridge party given in her honour by Mrs. Gibson, there were many Old Ruytonians—Mrs. Butler Walsh and Dorothy, Miss B. Henty, Miss Daniell, Mrs. Scantlebury, Miss Kathleen Edwards, Mrs. Wright, Mrs. Campbell, Mrs. McCrae, Miss M. Carnegie, Mrs. G. Gutteridge, Mrs. Ken McDougall, Mrs. Norman Derham.

Thais Young has gone to England with her mother.

Kathleen Roberts has returned from Europe.

Janie Walker left in May for a trip to England.

Mabel Daniell has returned from Florence to London. *Anna Stevenson* is in the Malay States.

Margaret Davies has left for France, where she has obtained a post in the Ecole de la Legion d'Honneur.

Eld Kay has returned from England.

Nona Riley has just returned from a trip to Colombo.

Betty Begg and *Mollie Shannon* have gone to Coombe Cottage to take charge of Madame Melba's garden. They entered upon their duties last month.

Sylvia Knox Knight has begun the teaching of dancing. She has quite a flourishing class at the Ruyton branch. *Myee Barter* accompanies her on the piano.

Ailsa Black has been spending some time with *Audrey Sutton*. She and *Audrey* and *Dorothy Hill* all came to Ruyton recently.

Janet Webster (Tonge) came to the Ruyton sports with *Frances Webster*, aged about 2. *Frances* is a big, fat, bonnie baby, with large brown eyes, and so far not her mother's curly hair. Her godmother, *Frances Ussher*, has been ill with diphtheria, but is now better.

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