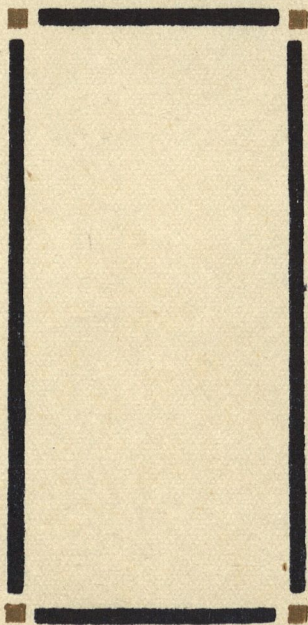


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JUNE, 1930

RUYTON GIRLS' SCHOOL

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THE BOARDERS' HOUSE.



JUNE, 1930

OFFICE-BEARERS.

Miss Daniell is President of all Committees.

Captain of the School: H. Brown.

Prefects: H. Brown, D. Bayly, A. Syme.

Probationers: J. Percy, M. Shew, G. Wickham.

Editors of "The Ruytonian": Miss Derham, D. Bayly, A. Syme.

Editorial Committee: M. Maskell, J. Percy, M. Worrell.

Form Captains—Form VI: A. Syme. Form Vc: B. James. Form Vb: C. Blake. Form Va: B. Summons. Form IVb: J. Hay. Form IVa: L. Bayly. Form IV: M. Tucker. Form IIIb: J. Gunnensen. Form IIIa: D. Baker.

Anderson House—Head: Miss Derham. Vice-Head: Miss Barnes. Captain: J. Macpherson. Vice-Captain: B. James.

Bromby House—Head: Miss Heddle. Captain: H. Brown. Vice-Captain: M. Worrell.

Daniell House—Head: Miss Harris. Vice-Head: Miss Barber. Captain: B. Mitchell.

Lascelles House—Head: Miss Horlock. Vice-Head: Miss Rossiter. Captain: A. Syme. Vice-Captain: G. Wickham.

General Committee: Miss Heddle, Miss Kemp. General Secretary: G. Wickham. Dramatic Secretary: B. Mitchell, D. Bayly, H. Brown, D. Buchan, M. Carroll, B. Green, B. James, J. Macpherson, J. Percy, M. Shew, A. Syme, M. Worrell.

Sports Committee—Sports Mistress: Miss Rossiter. Secretary: H. Brown, D. Buchan, B. James, J. Macpherson, B. Mitchell, M. Rylah, L. Shew, M. Worrell.

Librarians: Miss Heddle, D. Buchan, L. Scott.

Seamen's Mission—Secretary: L. Scott.

Tennis Captain: B. Mitchell.

Baseball Captain: B. James.

Basket-ball Captain: H. Brown.



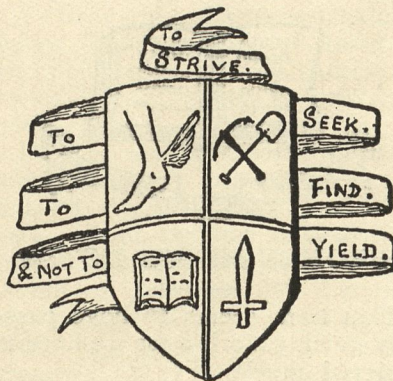
As this is our first year of being as a Company School we feel inspired to make a fresh effort in every phase of our school life. It gives us a fresh impetus to do our best in work and in sport.

On us rests the responsibility of maintaining the traditions built up by Ruyton girls during the last fifty-two years. These Old Girls are now scattered all over the world, in India, the East, and in Europe, but they still remain a very faithful and united body. We know they are watching the fortunes of the old School, during this time of change, with much interest, and we are assured of always having their encouragement and support.

On the second last day of term the School Council, consisting of Mrs. Vance, Miss D. Armstrong, Messrs. Kent Hughes, Bayly, Gregson, Lemon, Royce and Rylah came to visit us. Unfortunately Mr. Blake, Mr. Gunnerson and Canon Sutton were absent. Mr. Kent Hughes, as President of the Council, explained to us the reasons for the formation of the Council, and how it hopes to help the School in the future. He went on to say that, although the Company ensured the permanence of Ruyton, the tone and

well-being of the School depend entirely on the girls themselves, who, he felt sure, will live up to the traditions of the last fifty-two years.

Mrs. Vance, the President of the O.R.A., then made a short speech, in which she also stressed the point that the character of Ruyton would be judged by the girls themselves. She hoped that every girl on leaving school would join the O.R.A. and give their loyal support to Ruyton in the years to come.



ANDERSON HOUSE NOTES.

Since the last edition of "The Ruytonian" we have lost both our captain, J. Johnson, and our vice-captain, M. Hiscock, but we now

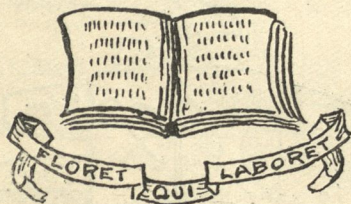
have J. Macpherson and B. James in their places.

In both Running and Swimming Sports we have been successful, and we wish to congratulate B. James on her excellent performances at both sports. In Tennis and Baseball matches we have also been lucky enough to win.

During the term we have been knitting jumpers and underclothing for the Arms of Jesus Babies' Home, and we hope to have a large collection for them when we send the bundle.

We have a good many new girls this term, and we hope they will be very happy and will stay with us for as long as possible and bring honour to our House.

B. Green was away ill last term, but she is getting better, and we hope to have her back with us next term.



BROMBY HOUSE NOTES.

This term seems to have passed very quickly, and so far we have not achieved much.

We were very sorry to lose our captain, M. Gregson, at the end of last year; we wish her every success in the future, and welcome H. Brown as Captain and M. Worrell as Vice-Captain. We have several new girls, including C. Duncan, who

will take the part of the heroine in the School play.

The annual Swimming and Running Sports have been held, our position being second in the former and third in the latter. We wish to congratulate Anderson on winning both. We have played two Tennis matches, and were successful in both, defeating Lascelles in the Senior and Daniell in the Junior. Our Baseball team has not yet graced the field, but we hope that when they do they will acquit themselves as true Brombyites.

A number of girls have volunteered to knit jumpers and singlets for the Arms of Jesus Babies' Home, but apart from that there have been no other charitable activities except our weekly collection.

We have not done much towards gaining points for the Hunter Memorial Prize, and we will have to work hard if we want to do well.



LASCELLES HOUSE NOTES.

Regretfully we bade "good-bye" to Miss Gawler at the end of 1929. She was a splendid Head, and led Lascelles, through thick and thin.

from its birth. We all wish her luck and thank her for all she has done for us. We would also like to thank Miss Blackwood and to wish her success in her new work. We were sorry to lose H. Potter and N. Seymour, our Captain and Vice-Captain. Helen has begun a Domestic Science course at the Emily Macpherson College, while Noreen has begun her training as a teacher at St. Margaret's.

We are glad to welcome Miss Horlock and Miss Rossiter as our Head and Vice-Head this year, and hope we will do great things under their guidance.

The House congratulates A. Syme and G. Wickham on being elected Captain and Vice-Captain respectively. The Secretary is J. Percy, and the representatives on the General Committee are A. Syme, G. Wickham and M. Shew. A. Syme and S. Walker both deserve to be congratulated on coming Dux of their forms.

The Lascelles roll has increased considerably this year, and we welcome all new members.

N. Wickham is very kindly compiling for us a record of the doings of former House members, which Miss Blackwood has offered to enter into the Record Book. We hope to keep it up to date.

We heartily congratulate Anderson House on winning both the Swimming and the Running Sports. We came last in both, although D. Rylah won the Under-13 Cup.

However, we feel that Lascelles is developing a better team spirit and are hopeful of better results in the near future.



DANIELL HOUSE.

Daniell House has come back to face 1930 with determination and great hopes of a successful year both in work and sport. Although our House teams are weaker than last year, we hope to bring them up to a good standard.

We have only played two matches. Senior Tennis against Anderson who defeated us 21—18 games, and Junior Tennis against Bromby, who defeated us 24—14 games.

The Swimming Sports were the first event of importance to the House. We found ourselves rather weak except for two of our members, D. Buchan and M. Gunnensen, of whose achievements we were very proud. Mainly owing to their efforts, we gained a close third to Bromby. The Junior Relay team succeeded in winning their event.

We all enjoyed the Running Sports very much indeed. This time we managed to beat Bromby for second place. Both our Relay teams were successful, and our Seniors carried off the Relay Cup. All the

girls ran splendidly, and we were proud of them. We wish to congratulate J. Williams on her fine performance in winning the Under-15 Championship.

We would like to bring under your notice the fact that we are at last emerging from the ranks of insignificance. We have won a Cup! Ye others, look to your laurels!

BOARDERS' NOTES.

- A Stands for Attention, not worthy of mention.
- B Stands for Bill, whose brain equals nil.
- C Stands for the Cage, where most of us rage.
- D Stands for Duncan, our new Tasmanian.
- E Stands for Ethel, who sings like a kettle.
- F For Felicity, whose pose is simplicity.
- G Stands for Grist, who is weak in the fist.
- H Stands for Hughes, who likes to amuse.
- I Stands for Idleness, we hate to confess.
- J Stands for Jeans, who are both in their teens.
- K Stands for Knit; we hope they will fit.
- L Stands for Leonie, whose nickname is "Nonie."
- M Stands for Mary, as light as a fairy.
- N Stands for Norah, the champion snorer.
- O Stands for Orders, obeyed by the boarders.

P For House Prees, who are both hard to please.

Q Stands for Quietness, the teachers all bless.

R Stands for "Raspberry"—used when we're merry.

S Stands for Scott, the fattest of the lot.

T For the Train, taking us home again.

U For Untidiness, both in habits and dress.

V Stands for Verna, who at times should be sterner.

W Stands for Work, which none of us shirk.

X For 'Xams; they give us jim-jams.

Y Stands for Yells, quickly silenced by bells.

Z Stands for Zero—first up is a hero.

ANZAC DAY.

"Now—for War's grim, remorseless tragedies—
Soft turf, and fragrant flowers, and
whispering trees,
And, in our hearts, undying memories."

This year the sun shone on the cenotaph with its masses of flowers and wreaths, and on the thousands of returned men who marched through the city. It is fifteen years since the Anzacs stormed the heights of Gallipoli, and, against almost overwhelming odds, won for themselves and for their country undying fame.

This year Mr. Kent Hughes came to speak to us about Anzac Day, and what it should mean to us. He

said that "these glorious deeds of war executed on that first Anzac day" had given freedom to Australia, and that the work of the women both at home and overseas should not be forgotten. An interesting fact is that many battles were fought in ancient times on the same ground as that on which the Gallipoli campaign was fought. A visitor to the Dardanelles would be struck by the many familiar names around the strip of land. The Anzacs named coves and headlands after their own beaches and places on the Australian coast.

Mr. Kent Hughes laid stress upon the lesson taught by Anzac Day, and he said that our soldiers died "for a principle and for a purpose." We should remember and follow the example set by the lesson of the spirit of self-sacrifice and good comradeship taught by our gallant heroes.

Then here's their memory; may it
be

For us a guiding light
To cheer our strife for liberty
And teach us to unite.

PUBLIC EXAMINATIONS.

The results of the Public Examinations in December, 1929, and February, 1930, were as follows:—

Leaving Honours.

One Subject: M. Gregson.
Passed in Two Subjects: M. Gregson.

Leaving Pass.

Passed: B. Serle, N. Seymour.
Passed in Two Subjects: H. Brown,

L. Cavanagh, M. Davis, A. Syme.

Passed in One Subject: D. Bayly, J. Johnson, M. Patterson.

Completed Leaving: H. Potter.

Intermediate.

Passed: B. Green, J. Hansen, J. Percy, G. Wickham.

Passed in Five Subjects: B. Holmes, M. Shew, M. Worrell.

Passed in Four Subjects: L. Scott.

Passed in Three Subjects: J. Macpherson.

Completed Intermediate: B. Hardy.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

We should like to thank the following schools for sending us their magazines:— Abbotsleigh, Clyde, Lauriston, M.L.C., P.L.C., Rosbercon, St. Catharine's, Tintern, Walford House, Warwick.

CONCERTS.

We have had two concerts this term. The first was a particularly interesting one, as, besides piano solos and songs, Miss Weston talked to us about wood-wind instruments, afterwards playing some of those she had described. The Oboë, Cor Anglais and Bassoon are now more than names to us, and we will be able to distinguish them when we hear them in an orchestra. We would be glad to have some more concerts of this kind.

At the second one Miss Elsie Steele played a sonata of Handel's on the violin. Its sheer beauty of tone and beautiful phrasing gave the girls a vision of what they might

aspire to in 18th century music. Miss Steele also played Rimsky Korsakoff's Hymn to the Sun, and a fascinating Spanish Dance in Ternary form, introducing Castaquets in the first and third parts, with a delightful quiet passage in between.

We were interested, too, in hearing some French piano music written by Rameau, a contemporary of Bach and Handel.

SPORTS DAY.

Sports Day was held on April 11, in perfect weather. The Sports were successfully managed by Miss Rossiter with the help of the staff.

Anderson House again won the Cup, with 131 points. The points for the other Houses were Daniell 103, Bromby 97 and Lascelles 94. Melbourne Girls' Grammar School was successful in the three Inter-School events—the Senior and Junior Flag Races and the Flat Race.

After the races Mrs. Kent Hughes presented the prizes on the lawn.

The results of each event were as follows:—

Under-10 Events.

Potato Race: J. Richardson.
50 Yards Flat: S. Hume.
25 Yards Flat: P. MacGruer.
Egg and Spoon: P. Jameson.
Sack: P. MacGruer.
Championship: P. MacGruer.

Under-13 Events.

Potato Race: H. Morgan.
100 Yards Flat.—C. Holmes.
50 Yards Flat: D. Rylah.
Obstacle: D. Rylah.

Egg and Spoon: D. Rylah.

Sack: K. James.

Championship: D. Rylah.

Under-15 Events.

Potato Race: G. Brown.
100 Yards Flat: J. Williams.
50 Yards Flate: J. Williams.
Egg and Spoon: B. Summons.
Baseball Throwing: E. Adams.
Obstacle: N. James.
Sack: M. Rylah.
Championship: J. Williams.

Over-15 Events.

Potato Race: B. James.
100 Yards Flat: B. James.
50 Yards Flat: B. James.
Egg and Spoon: B. James.
Baseball Throwing: D. Buchan.
Obstacle: B. Mitchell.
Sack: B. James.
Championship: B. James.

The Slow Bicycle Race was won by B. Summons.

TENNIS NOTES.

The Tennis team this year has only two new members, but owing to the fact that we were so weak last year, we have come back with a determination to practice hard and prove worthy opponents. We are fortunate in having Mr. Pearce as our coach. We have played two practice matches this term. The first was against Tintern, the results being Ruyton defeated Tintern 41—33. The second was against Stratherne, and we were defeated 39—31 games. We have played one pennant match against Toorak College, who defeated us 46—27 games.

The team for this year is as follows:—

B. Mitchell (capt.) and B. James, 1st pair.

J. Macpherson (vice-capt.) and M. Worrell, 2nd pair.

D. Buchan and A. Syme, 3rd pair.

M. Rylah and E. Macpherson, 4th pair.

BASEBALL NOTES.

We played our only Pennant match for the term against Toorak, and were defeated after a close match, the score being 25 runs to 19. Since Miss Warburton has undertaken the coaching of the team a decided improvement has been noticed, although the fielding still needs much practice. We are fortunate in having lost only one of last year's team, M. Davis, whose place has been filled by M. Rylah. The team is as follows:— D. Buchan, pitcher; M. Worrell, back-stop; S. Summons, 1st base; J. Macpherson, 2nd base; M. Rylah, 3rd base; G. Brown, right field; B. James, shortstop; J. Williams and B. Mitchell, outfielders.

We have had one practice match against St. Catherine's, who defeated us by 9 runs. The throwing is as yet a weak point in the play, but by hard practice at recess we hope to improve it.

SWIMMING SPORTS.

On March 3, in ideal weather, the Swimming Sports were held in the Kew Baths. The Sports were very successfully organised by Miss Rositer, with the help of the staff.

Anderson are to be congratulated on winning the Sports; and Bromby, Daniell and Lascelles were second, third and fourth respectively. The results were as follows:

	Points.
Anderson	109
Bromby	67
Daniell	59
Lascelles	35

LIBRARY NOTES.

This year the Library has been reorganised and the books have been put into two divisions, "Classics" and "Fiction." On May 1 Miss Heddle kindly went in with us to buy the new books.

The following are the books chosen for the Senior Library:— "Queen Dick," by Alfred Tresidder Shepherd; "Morning Rainbow," by Estruth Mansfield; "The Mercury Story Book," "The Father," by Katharine Brown; "Shew of the Sea," by Arthur Bowie Chrisman; "The Castle Inn," by Stanley Weyman; "The Treasure Cave," "Apples and Quinces," by Catharine I. Dodd; "The Runner," by Ralph Connor; "The Surgeon's Log," by J. Johnston Abraham; "The Key Above the Door," by Maurice Walsh; "The Four Feathers," by A. E. W. Mason; "Pink Sugar," by O. Douglas; "The Delectable Duchy" and "The Blue Pavilions," by Sir A. Quiller-Couch.

The new books for the Junoir Library are:—"The Tale of Samuel Whiskers" and "The Tale of Jemima Puddleduck," by Beatrix Potter; "The Story of a Short Life" and

"Jackanapes," by Mrs. J. H. Ewing; "Owd Bob," by Alfred Olivant; "Happy Families' Stories," by Stephen Southwold; "The Runaway Princess," by Isabel M. Peacock; "Mr. Poppingay's Caravan," by Marian St. John Webb; "Sandals of Pearl," by Edith Howes; "The Meeting Pool," by Mervyn Skipper; "The Winged Trees," by Marjorie Bowen.

Later on we are going to varnish the books, which will make them look better and last longer.

D.B.
L.S.



GUIDE NOTES.

We are very sorry to lose Miss Gawler this year, and we wish her luck in her new work. Miss Quitenton has very kindly come to take her place until Miss MacMorran comes back from England.

There has been a change in the patrols this term as two patrols have joined together, under the name of the Kookaburras. M. Rylah is their patrol leader and J. Williams is second. G. Brown is patrol leader of the Robins and D. MacGruer second. S. Summons is patrol leader of the Blue Wren and S. Richardson is second.

Since the last "Ruytonian," G. Brown has gained her second-class badge and M. Worrell and M. Rylah have gained their sick nurse badges.

The following girls have gained service stars:—S. Summons, S. Richardson, D. MacGruer, D. Rylah, G. Brown, M. Rylah, M. Ashburner.

On Sunday, April 27, we went to the Guide Parade at the Kew Memorial, and afterwards to the Anzac Service at the Rialto Theatre. In the evening there was a Church Parade of the Scouts and Guides at Holy Trinity Church, Kew. S. Summons was the colour-bearer and B. Summons and D. Rylah were the escorts.

SEAMEN'S MISSION NOTES.

This year we have started off well with twenty-one members. On March 13 Miss Brown came and gave us a very interesting talk on the work done by the Mission, not only in Melbourne, but all over the world. She showed us a number of snaps of the home and workers, and invited us to go down to the Mission and provide a Sunday evening tea for the men.

A parcel of papers has already been sent to the Mission, and we hope to have a large collection of gifts for the annual Christmas Festival at the end of the year.

DRAMATIC NOTES.

We are all very sorry to lose Miss O'Keefe, who for many years has coached the Dramatic Club. We extend a hearty welcome to Miss Irene Webb, who has taken over the work.

This year the Club is presenting "A Young Person in Pink," a farce by Gertrude Jennings, towards the

end of August. We are very sorry to lose so many of our old performers, but some of the younger people are coming to the fore with their help, and from them we expect great things.

Altogether we feel that this year is going to be very successful from the Dramatic point of view.

GENERAL COMMITTEE NOTES.

This year the Charity and Dramatic Committees are merged into one committee, composed of members of the staff and representatives from each House. The Committee has decided that some of the money left over from last year shall be used to buy new tennis nets; also that the Juniors shall be allowed to use the garden, and that Lily of the Valley shall be grown by the girls in the garden, to be sold for charity.

FRENCH PLAY.

"Les Precieuses Ridicules."

"Les Précieuses Ridicules" was written by Molière in 1659, and is well known in French literature. We all thoroughly enjoyed seeing it acted by L'Alliance Française on April 24. The characters wore the wigs and elaborate costumes of the 17th Century.

The part of the fop Mascarille was excellently portrayed by Mr. Vanderkelen, causing us much merriment. The celebrated Dr. Demarquette took the part of La Grange. "L'amant rebuté," while the roles of Madelon and Cathos were charm-

ingly acted by Mme. Cockerton and Mme. Thomas respectively.

"Julius Cæsar" and "Macbeth."

On March 27 the Intermediate class went to see Alan Wilkie's production of "Julius Cæsar." Mr. Alan Wilkie himself played Marc Antony and John Cairns (Brutus).

The Sixth Form all enjoyed seeing Alan Wilkie's company act "Macbeth" on March 21. Alan Wilkie took the part of Macbeth with his usual ability, and Miss Hunter-Watts acted the "sleep-walking" scene with wonderful reality.

SALVETE.

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| J. Allen | A. Lowen |
| B. Barber | B. Minchin |
| C. Cameron | A. Morgan |
| P. Cameron | G. Morrison |
| C. Duncan | V. Nankivell |
| I. Gillies | J. Peck |
| E. Grist | G. Pettie |
| W. Hay | C. Rodwell |
| B. Hughes | J. Rymer |
| E. Lobb | M. Whitehead |

VALETE.

M. Gregson—
1928-29 — Prefect; Captain of Bromby; Dux of School; Captain of School.

J. Johnson—
1928—Probationer.
1929—Co-Editor of "Ruytonian"; Prefect; Captain of Anderson House; Captain of Basketball team; Senior Rhodes Prize.

H. Potter—

1928—Prefect.

1929—Co-Editor of "Ruytonian";
Captain of Lascelles House;
Prefect.**B. Serle—**

1927—Probationer.

1929—Prefect.

M. Davis—1928—Captain of Tennis team; Cap-
tain of Daniell House.1929—Captain of Tennis Team;
Captain of Daniell House.**N. Seymour—**1929—Probationer; Vice-Captain of
Lascelles House.**M. Hiscock—**1929—Captain of Running team;
Vice-Captain of Anderson
House.L. Cavenagh, B. Holmes, N. Clay,
E. Everard, B. Everard, A. Moss,
W. Tudehope, M. Patterson, N.
Legerton, J. Rye, G. Serle, D.
Hume.**VISIT TO TOORAK COLLEGE.**

On Saturday, April 26, Ruyton played the first two pennant matches of the season. The Baseball and Tennis teams spent the day at Frankston, taking with them an escort of others who had a picnic there. It was raining when we arrived, but we were well entertained by the prefects in their cosy study. Just before noon the weather cleared, and we were able to play Baseball. We were defeated after an exciting match, the score being 25 runs to 19. After lunch we played tennis, but again Toorak were the victors, the score being 46 games to 28. We wish to thank the Toorak

girls for the enjoyable day they gave us.

But the waiting and fêting proved too much for our bus, which, after making three attempts to climb one of the hills, passed painfully through the town, and at the other end stopped suddenly, refusing to continue homewards until adjustments were made!

**THE SHAKESPEARE
EVENING.**

The Shakespeare Evening was held as usual during the first term. The Evening takes the form of a social gathering, to which the girls of the Senior School are invited. Each girl comes representing some Shakespearean character.

This year the programme began with the Trial Scene from "The Merchant of Venice," acted by Form Va. This was followed by a stirring presentation of the Forum Scene from "Julius Cæsar" by Form Vc. Miss Horlock then accompanied two of her singing classes in the traditional tunes to "Tell Me Where Is Fancy Bred" and "How Should I My True Love Know?" After this the Sixth acted the Banquet Scene from "Macbeth."

Miss Kemp then had a very nice supper ready for us, after which a vote of thanks was proposed to Miss Daniell and members of the staff. The evening was concluded with dancing and games.

RUYTON TAKES UP HOCKEY.

Hockey!—a breathless rumour 'is heard. Hockey!—a louder and more

incessant whisper is breathed round the School. Surely it could not be true: Ruyton could not really be going to play hockey! When suspense was at its highest it was announced, one morning, "Ruyton will take up Hockey for a winter sport." What excitement! Thrills!! A few days later the sticks arrived. Proud possessors walked round airing them, while wondering-eyed juniors gazed, fascinated, at this new weapon of warfare. Soon a voice was heard asking, "Who'll play hockey?" Owners grabbed their sticks, and, excited and slightly self-conscious, wended their way fieldwards, followed by a gathering of interested spectators. The players scattered round the field, while the ball was placed between the two centres in quite the approved way. Apart from this the very rudiments were unknown. Would-be players streaked up the field after the elusive ball, which refused to go in the right direction. The play waxed fast and furious, and there was much good-natured raillery from the onlookers. The players became very excited and shouted a great deal, but as the game progressed the shouting subsided to gasps; then the gasps to inarticulate croaks. At last the bell rang, and players, red-faced and gasping, wended their way to their respective classes, weary but enthusiastic—Ruyton has taken up Hockey!

VISIT TO PRESTON TRAM- WAY WORKSHOPS.

On April 23 a party of girls went to visit the M. & M.T.B.'s Work-

shops at Preston. The workshops cover a big area, and consist of four main buildings. In addition to these are storerooms, mess and recreation rooms, and the administrative offices.

We were first taken to the Blacksmithing, Platework and Foundry Shop. Here we were fascinated to see the big furnaces, the red-hot metal being hammered into shape, and sparks flying everywhere. We next went into the Engineering and Electrical Shop. The inside workings of an electric tram were explained to us carefully, but it is doubtful if much of what we heard penetrated to our non-technical minds. The wheel section was interesting. Here we saw an iron tyre being heated over a huge gas-ring. The heat caused the metal to expand. While the tyre was red-hot it was pressed on to the centre of the wheel. As it cooled it contracted, and thus the tyre became firmly fixed to the wheel.

Between the Engineering and Electrical Shop and the Woodworking and Lifting Shop, and also between the latter and the Paint Shop, are traverser alleys. The cars are taken by the traverser from one building to another. Some of the party had a great time riding on the traverser and ringing the bell furiously.

In the Lifting Shop we saw the body of a tram being lifted off the truck by a crane. The body of the tram is only connected with the truck by two pinions, which fit into corresponding holes in the truck.

After seeing some newly-painted trams in the Paint Shop we went

into the paint spray chamber. Here we saw a shutter being varnished by a patent spray worked by compressed air.

We next inspected the men's well-equipped mess and recreation rooms. Then we saw the laboratory, where all the scientific side of tram construction is carried on.

Lastly we saw a luxuriously-looking tram car of new design. It had upholstered leather seats, linoleum on the floor, and doors of a new type. These doors could not be opened until the brake was put on, and the tram could not start until they were shut.

All but three or four per cent. of the materials used in the building of the trams are made in Australia. It is very gratifying to see what good results can be produced by Australian workmen out of Australian materials.

We all desire to thank Mr. Wickham very much for his kindness and courtesy in showing us over the Workshops.

NAURU.

By Miss Constance Murray.

Nauru, or Pleasant Island, is a small phosphate island about 26 miles south of the Equator, in between 160 deg. and 170 deg. longitude. In appearance from the sea it looks like the top of a mountain rising out of the sea. It is approximately seven miles north and south and three miles east and west. At the base of the "mountain peak" there is flat land all round, and this is thickly covered with cocoanut trees, very few of which grow on

"topside," as we call the elevated part which is covered with big Tamano and native almond trees, both of which yield excellent timber for furniture, the former resembling, when polished, blackwood. These trees, however, are gradually all being cleared away in order to dig for phosphate. Some of the timber is kept and seasoned, but the greater part of it is used for firewood, as our cooking is mostly done in wood stoves. There are various theories as to the origin of Nauru; some authorities say it has been submerged three times, others say it is formed of bird deposit; and it is not supposed to be of volcanic origin. Before the war it was a German possession, but the Pacific Phosphate Company obtained the right to mine there, and by so doing discovered that Nauru was the richest island in the Pacific. On the outbreak of war the Germans deported all the British people to Ocean Island, another phosphate island and a British possession 140 miles east of Nauru. British warships arrived and took possession of Nauru (November 6, 1914) after a short tussle, principally with the flags of the respective nations and damage being done to the wireless station. A day after the British warships arrived a Japanese warship put in an appearance. A British Administrator was put in charge of Nauru and a garrison was installed and carried on till after the war, when Nauru became mandated territory and governed by British, Australian Commonwealth and New Zealand Governments, with the League of Nations. General Tom Griffiths

to a poet attached to the court; in the time of Edward IV he was styled Poet Laureate, being earlier known as Versificator Regis. The first holder of this title was John Kaye, author of "The Siege of Rhodes." John Shelton called himself both Poet Laureate and regius orator, and he was crowned at Oxford, and wore the laurel at Cambridge. Though Chaucer and Spenser were honoured with gifts and pensions from their sovereigns, the English Laureateship is usually dated from Ben Jonson, to whom James I, by letters patent, gave a pension of 100 marks (about £67). This sum was increased by Charles I to £100 and a tierce of canary wine. In Southey's time, the sum of £27 was substituted for the wine. The more notable holders of the office have included Dryden, Southey, Wordsworth, Tennyson and Robert Bridges. All have been born in England except Nahum Tate (1652-1715).

On April 12 the death was announced of Dr. Robert Bridges, Poet Laureate. He was 85, and he celebrated his birthday last October by dedicating to the King his longest and most important poem, "The Testament of Beauty." Robert Bridges was born in 1844 in the Isle of Thanet, and he was educated at Eton and Corpus Christi College, Oxford. He afterwards studied medicine, and held posts at the Children's and Great Northern Hospitals. In 1882 he abandoned medicine and took up his pen, publishing five plays between 1885-1890. However, it was as a lyric poet that he was most admired, and his "Shorter

Poems," published in 1890, were very popular. In 1913 he received public recognition, when he was appointed to the Poet Laureateship. In 1914 was published "The Poetical Works of Robert Bridges." Most important among his prose works were: Milton's Prosody (1893), containing a detailed and suggestive study of English metre; John Keats, a Critical Essay (1895), and The Necessity of Poetry: An Address (1918). In 1925 "New Verse" was published, and in 1929 "The Testament of Beauty" was released.

On May 10 the King appointed John Masefield Poet Laureate. This appointment was very popular, as Masefield's poetry is well known and much appreciated. The new Poet Laureate is 55, and has written a great many novels apart from his poetic works.

GEORGES CLEMENCEAU.

One by one warriors pass into the Great Silence. Now Georges Clemenceau, full of years and honour, has passed from the service of his beloved France into the unknown.

Clemenceau made his mark, not as a brilliant orator but as a man whose indomitable courage and inexhaustible supply of energy and enthusiasm, not even time was able to destroy. This may have been one of the reasons why he was so much disliked, for although he was highly respected and admired by his colleagues, he did not inspire them to a pitch of whole-hearted allegiance. Some have won through

by their ability to sway their colleagues to a recognition of superiority, but Clemenceau resembled more a dog with a bone defying all comers to snatch it if they could.

It was this characteristic that made him one of the least liked men in France and also the saviour of his country, for it was not until war was declared that he came into any prominence at all. It was then that he piloted France through one of the most critical periods of her history as no other man could have done.

His patriotism was fierce and intense. In 1870 he saw his beloved France invaded by the victorious Prussian army, and he retained his bitterness towards Germany to the end of his life. He claimed that Germany should pay to the utmost, and accused France's allies of excessive leniency to the enemy. There was always something of the pagan in Clemenceau which reasserted itself when he demanded to be buried standing up after the fashion of his fierce forefathers. He died last year at the age of 88; thus passed one of the most picturesque figures of modern times.

KANDY.

Kandy was the old capital of Ceylon. There the Kings could stay in peace, knowing no enemy could reach them; for Kandy lies in a small valley which is almost inaccessible. The bottom of this valley was made into a lake by one of the Kings. The Kandians are all Cingalese. (The Cingalese are dis-

tinguished from other castes by the semi-circular tortoiseshell combs they wear in their hair.)

In between the native huts are shops where everything a native requires is sold. They have their own money-changers, who will change any sum of foreign money for which native currency is desired. Every shopkeeper tries to call out louder than his neighbours, in saying that his wares are the best. In hardly any of these native shops is there more than a pound's worth of stock. The barber, who has his shop at the corner of the street, is often seen at work.

The present-day Temple of the Holy Tooth was, in days gone by, the Royal Palace. The palace was turned into the temple because more room was needed. In one room all the holy books are kept. These books are said to be over a thousand years old. They have been written with a silver stylus on palm leaves. (The old stylus is still used by the priests, who will, for a small fee, write the name of the temple on a palm leaf for visitors to keep as a souvenir.) In a specially-built room the tooth is kept, mounted on a silver stand. (It looked to me suspiciously like a miniature elephant's tusk.) In another room are paintings of the different punishments Buddha will inflict on people for committing certain crimes. Buddhists from all over the world go to Kandy to see this temple.

The Sacred Lake of Kandy divides the native quarter from the European quarter. On the native side of the Lake is a wall, which

one of the Kings built to protect his capital. The lake is full of a species of small fish. No one catches or harms these fish, as they are held sacred by the people.

In the middle of the lake is a small island. On it are the remains of an old stone house. In this house the Kandian Kings used to keep their favourite wives, to keep their other wives from harming them.

From Kandy Adam's Peak can be seen. This is, perhaps, the best known mountain in Ceylon. Many pilgrims flock there each year to see the footprint. The pilgrim track to the top of the mountain is very narrow; it goes through streams, dense forests, along precipices, while the last few hundred yards mount the front of a precipice. The Buddhists believe the footprint to be Buddha's; the Hindus say it is Siva's; Mohammedans say it is Adam's; some Christians say it was made by one of the saints. This footprint must have been very firmly painted to have lasted for so many centuries.

PORT ARTHUR.

Cries of pain and horror come ringing back to us from the dark age of convictism, as we stand among the ruins of the penal settlement. Stories of the grim horrors of convictism are numerous, but a visit to Port Arthur, in the south of Tasmania, has more power to make one visualise such tales. One does not require a very vivid imagination to see a single file of dejected men and women trudging, between guards, from the prison to

their work, or a lonely convict "exercising" in a space not more than 8 feet x 4 feet.

Now all the buildings are in ruins. The church is, perhaps, the most interesting, and certainly the most picturesque, with its crumbling, ivy-covered walls. The church was designed and built by a convict, in return for which he obtained his freedom. This was the only case in which a convict was freed from Port Arthur, and allowed to return to England. It is a very beautiful building now, and must have been even more beautiful before it fell into ruins. In church the convict sat in a type of cubicle, from which he could see neither to right nor to left, nor speak to his neighbour. This precaution was taken to prevent any plans for escape being made.

The Penitentiary is a very large three-storied building. Here the convicts were quartered, but now very little of this building can be seen, as the upper stories are not safe enough for inspection. Thus all the sleeping quarters are missed, but on the ground floor there are the dining-room, prisons, and exercise yards. The prison cells are miserably small, and each has only one tiny air hole. There are a large number of these cells, which go off on either side of long passages. Near the cells are small exercise yards, where the prisoners were allowed to walk, and this was, in many cases, the only exercise they obtained. There is one cell, which was only used in extreme cases. It is a very small cell at the end of a winding passage. There is very little air

and no light, and here the unfortunate wrongdoer was placed for solitary confinement. The longest sentence in this cell was ten days, but the guide will tell you that no convict ever came out the same man as he had gone in. Either their reason left them, or the sudden emergence from darkness into light deprived them of their sight. It can easily be understood what a convict's thoughts in such a plight would be. He would have nothing to raise his thoughts, nothing to look forward to on his release, but endless toil and suffering. It is no wonder that insanity overtook those unhappy sufferers.

Just behind the penitentiary is the hospital. We are not shown this by the guide, but his grim tales of the treatment there belie its name. Other buildings which are not shown to us are the Governor's residence, which is now a hotel, and the Lunatic Asylum.

Across a small strip of sea is the Isle of the Dead. This is a very small island, with a good many trees, and here are buried a large number of convicts. One shudders to think of the manner of their burial; but the fact that they are laid to rest away from the scenes of their horrors is a relief.

Many convicts tried to escape from Port Arthur, but they had little chance of getting far, as savage dogs were posted on the narrow neck of land which had to be traversed to reach the mainland; and to attempt to swim would be suicide, on account of the sharks. It is hard for us in these times to realise that men could be so cruel

to their fellows, but perhaps the stories which we hear now have been built upon, and are very much exaggerated versions of the true happenings.

MERYL IN THE WOODS.

Meryl is a little girl who lives in Sydney. It is a warm Autumn afternoon, and Jane, the maid, is darning. They are in the rose-covered summer-house where Meryl is tired of her soldiers and dolls, and her toy engine is thrown on the floor. Meryl is nine, and Dick, her small brother, is six. Meryl is not at school because she has a bad cold.

"Why don't you stop darning and play with me, Jane?" asked Meryl.

"Meryl, I do wish you would stop saying Why? Why? Why? all day; it is so tiresome! Why don't you go for a walk?" said Jane in desperation.

"What's wrong in asking questions?" answered Meryl, contemptuously. "But I'll go for a walk on condition that you don't send Dick chasing after me, when he comes home from school."

"I will if you get in such a temper," flared Jane. "When you come home you must undress baby and I'll bath her. D'you hear?"

"Yes, all right," said Meryl unwillingly, as she stamped out through the arch and down the path.

"And mind you shut the gate after you," Jane called after her.

"Yes, all right," said Meryl dreamily.

As Meryl was going out of the gate she decided to go to the "Far Wood," where the pretty lyre birds and peacocks were. As it was now Autumn there were pretty chrysanthemums and berries and sweet briar everywhere, and the leaves were like flowers, they were so beautifully tinted. There was a little brook running through a woodland of maiden-hair fern, and the velvety moss was so refreshing to her bare feet. There were speraxious and snowdrops edging the brook of this beautiful moss-carpeted fernery.

As she walked along she saw several brightly-coloured butterflies. Farther on she saw some giant white ants' nests, and on the top of one she saw a meeting. As she went farther into the wood she saw a native bear, or koala, looking after its young. To Meryl's surprise and delight, it did not growl at her as she climbed up the tree; it only stood meekly by and watched her as she petted and played with her baby, while the baby tried to laugh like her, but was only able to squeak continuously. much to Meryl's delight. After a while she got tired of this game and climbed down and walked farther on.

As she walked along she came to a clear little spring, the water of which tasted like lemonade to her parched mouth. Suddenly she remembered that she had to undress the baby, so she tore back home just as Jane was getting up to look for her.

"Hullo, Jane; I've been in the wood. Where's baby?" said Meryl breathlessly.

"Out in the playground," replied Jane.

And the last I saw of Meryl that afternoon was at about five o'clock when she was teaching baby to say and play "This little pig went to market" on her toes.

M.S.C. (aged 10).

POEMS.

The Traitor.

All through the morning and the
breathless noon,
Into the silence of the afternoon
You stormed my fortified citadel
until
The evening shadows lapped the
window sill
But dared not flood the panelled
chamber dim,
Or seize in claw-like hands the fire-
light's rim.
Then, when the fragrance of the
purple dusk
Was soaked with scents of mignon-
ette and musk,
And fairy lanterns, hung on Judas
trees,
Bobbed at the stirrings of a gypsy
breeze,
You came—scattering the dew-drops
from the tangled weeds,
Under a sky adorned with broken
beads.
And walking on the battlements
alone,
The sentries standing still as carven
stone,
Heart waited till the spiders took
their leave,
The red-flowered maples hung with
webs they weave
To catch the fluttering moths that
darkly light

The shadows with their presence in
 the night;
 And listened for a faint, half-echo
 call
 Of three great bells hung in a con-
 vent wall,
 Now broken, hid with oleanders
 sweet,
 That in grave, liliated waters trail
 feet.
 And when these sounds had died
 and all was still
 A silence stole across a distant hill,
 And Heart looked on a world lovely
 with sleep.
 Then, turning, down a moss-grown
 stair did creep,
 Until she came unto a postern gate
 Where foemen, you expectantly did
 wait,
 Your deep voice chanting soft an
 ancient psalm,
 The music resting on the thin air's
 arm.
 And traitor Heart undid the bolts
 within,
 And opened wide the gate and let
 you in.

C.V.D.

The Chariot Race.

To-day the streets of Rome are gay
 For there it is a gala day.
 Crowds pour in never - ending
 streams
 Towards the Circus: there it seems
 The grand event is held.
 The silent crowd, with bated breath
 Watch fearfully the race of death.
 Young folk and old of every class
 Crane eager necks to see them pass
 These thund'ring chariots.

Three times they pass with clank-
 ing sound,
 Always abreast as they race round,
 The horses leap, all muscles
 strained;
 One draws ahead, the goal is gained.
 Excitement reigns supreme.

Hail, Laurius, Hail!
 The victor of the day.
 You won the famous Chariot race
 And by the God of Sports' good
 grace,
 The honour now is yours.

Rise, ladies, rise!
 And strew his path with flowers,
 That over petals he may tread
 With laurel wreath upon his head
 Before th' admiring crowd.

River Docks.

Tall masts reaching up, up to meet
 the sky,
 Anchor chains a-clanging as the
 ships go slipping by;
 The hum of busy Melbourne in the
 morning or at night,
 And all the time the water's swish
 and sound of gulls in flight.
 All this is seen and heard at river
 docks by day.

The silence of the night has fallen
 on the river;
 The solemn clank of a swinging
 chain makes the watchman
 shiver.
 Lights are strung along the bank
 like jewels shining bright,
 Till one by one they flicker out as
 dawn defeats the night.
 All these are seen and heard ere
 night has passed away.

E.M.H.

The Telephone Lady.

On a quaint little table that stands
 in the hall
 Rests a dear little figure, stately
 and tall,
 And what she is doing you never
 could guess:
 She's hiding the telephone under
 her dress.

She wears satin slippers with
 buckles of glass,
 And she smiles down at me each
 day as I pass.
 I suppose she will stand there until
 she's grown old,
 Minding the telephone out in the
 cold.

J.W.

Noel.

(Translated from the French.)
 The sky is black, the earth is white;
 Cloister bells ring out a hymn!
 Jesus is born—the Virgin bends
 Low, her sweet face over Him.

High on the rafters spiders' webs
 Hang, like silky threads entwined,
 Forming the curtains to shelter
 Him
 From the bitter winter wind.

To keep Him warm the cow and
 ass
 Blow soft upon Him, where He
 lies,
 Shivering, forlorn on bed of straw
 Under a canopy of skies.

High overhead, an angel choir,
 Robed in white, the shepherds
 tell
 The glad tidings of His birth
 Singing sweetly—"Noel! Noel!"
 C.V.D.

Evening.

The light is fading, the day is done,
 White gulls are homeward flying.
 And far across the swampy marsh
 I hear the mopoke crying.
 The sun has gilded all the West
 With tints of rose and chrome,
 While all of Nature's children
 Are scurrying quickly home.
 A soft night breeze is gently sigh-
 ing,
 And silver stars begin to peep;
 While from their unknown hiding
 place
 Shining glowworms start to
 creep.

The great moon rises from her
 silver nest,
 Whitening the world, which lies
 at rest.

The Pagoda.

Set in a mist of spreading trees
 the Chinese Pagoda stands,
 With men and griffins walking
 round, carved by Chinese hands.
 Long ago in an alien land it stood in
 a Shantung court,
 Its high walls, creeper-clad, with
 gold and silver wrought.

Brought on an English ship, put up
 by an English hand,
 In an old Victorian garden in the
 sunny southern land.
 Little men and griffins, do you
 sometimes long for home,
 For the quiet Shantung garden and
 the temple's rising dome?

Long Day.

When the rosy finger of the sun
 Touches the four strings of the
 silent sky

And makes
 Them North, South, East and
 West, one after one,
 Vibrant; some dark and deep,
 some pale and high;
 Then mirrored in the crystal of the
 lakes,
 Beauty wakes!

When the earth lies in the bath of
 noon,
 And Shadow, at the foot of great
 trees sprawls
 And seems

To watch and wait for cooler after-
 noon:

There, by the roses, where the
 drunk bee crawls,
 Kissing the panting flowers where
 sunlight streams,
 Beauty dreams!

The wide hem of the bellying cloak
 of Night

Falls, as wind stops to break a
 flower's heart

And sweeps

Into darkness, fluttering flame of
 light.

Then, when the grasses lowly
 bend and part

To catch the tears the breathless

Silence weeps,

Beauty sleeps.

C.V.D.

NATURE PAGE.

Ants.

An ant has three parts—the head,
 body and the chest. It has no eyes
 but two feelers with fourteen joints
 on each one. It knows its own
 home by one joint, then by the
 other its relations, and by the other

he knows if the food he eats is all
 right. I do not know the others.
 There are lots of ants; there is the
 sugar and the black and the white
 ant. The white ant's home is made
 of clay. It is about two feet high.
 You see a lot of them on your way
 to Sydney. The home of the black
 ant is a small lump in the ground
 with a hole in the middle. They
 have little rooms and passages just
 the same as ours.

P.J.

The Lyre Bird.

If a lyre bird wants to find a wife
 he will make a little house to dance
 in. When he has made up a dance
 he will then go in search of a wife
 and as soon as he finds one he will
 take her to the little house which he
 has prepared. While she sits on a
 twig he will dance, and when he
 has finished she will start fluttering
 about and chirping. Then he will
 take her away to his nest to live
 with her.

L.A.B.

Autumn.

Winter is coming and Summer has
 gone,
 The leaves are falling
 And turning red and yellow
 And scattering on the ground.

Autumn is before Winter has
 come and after Summer has gone:
 it is when the leaves are turning red
 and yellow and falling. At home we
 have three oak trees; they are very
 big and strong. Their leaves are
 beginning to drop because it is
 Autumn.

Did You Know—

That bats, when deprived of the senses of sight, smell and hearing, have still a wonderful sense of direction? If let loose in a room with many obstacles they can fly about without hitting any of them.

That the bite of a bat is not fatal, but if it finds a sleeping man's feet uncovered, it can bite them, drawing enough blood to kill him without waking him?

That ostriches swallow pebbles and even stones as large as a hen's egg to aid digestion?

That a creature called a sea-cucumber, which has the same organs as a fish, can, if frightened or in pain, shed the whole of its inside and, after remaining as a shell for several weeks, grow a new one?

That pigeons drink like a horse, taking long draughts, and not like other birds?

That giraffes cannot make any noise, and are the favourite food of lions?

That the root of the water-lily is embedded in the mud at the bottom of the lake or pond, and a long, thin stem comes up to the surface of the water, bearing leaves and flowers?

That there are about 50,000 earth worms in one acre of ground, and they raise from 14—18 tons of soil to the surface every year, thereby adding an inch a year to the depth of the vegetable mould?

That a cactus plant, growing in the desert, can shed its leaves and grow a globular, green stem in which it stores water?

That a naturalist once gave a half-penny to a tiny anemone, which spread its mouth round the coin until its body became so distended that it was cut in two? But the anemone did not die; the two halves grew into two perfect anemones.

[Editor's Note.—Was it a Scotch anemone?]

THE COMPANY RUYTON.

On March 13, 1930, Ruyton was incorporated under the Companies Act of 1928, and will henceforth be carried on as a Company School, the affairs of which are administered by a Council. This means that Ruyton is now established on a firm and lasting foundation. This has been made possible by the great generosity of her Old Girls, many of whom have taken up debentures, and also by that of the parents of present girls, who have responded nobly. The Provisional Committee appointed to carry out the preliminary arrangements considered that a sum of £3,000 was necessary to effect the change. Finding that they could carry it through with the minimum of £2,000 subscribed for and received, with, in addition, a gift of fifty pounds from Mr. Macpherson Robertson, they have done so, but are still anxious to reach their original objective of £3,000.

Under the new Constitution the Council of the School, consisting of ten members, will be elected annually in the following way: Two members representing the parents,

six representing the Ruyton Association, and two representing the Old Girls.

The Association consists of (a) debenture holders; (b) others approved by the Council who pay an annual subscription of one pound or, if under 21 years, of ten shillings.

To the first Council the following members were elected at a meeting of parents and debenture holders held last April:—Mr. W. S. Kent Hughes, President of the Council; Miss D. Armstrong and Mrs. E. L. Vance, Messrs. W. A. Blake, C. E. Bayly, G. K. Gregson, T. W. Gunnersen, P. S. Lemon, A. L. Royce and W. R. Rylah.

There are many friends of Ruyton who would have liked to take debentures, but who have not been able to do so; but perhaps some will be able to join the Ruyton Association, and thus have a voice in the management of the School. Full particulars will be supplied to anyone interested by Mr. A. L. Royce, 499 Little Collins Street, Melbourne C.1. A debenture application form is enclosed with this issue for the convenience of anyone desirous of becoming a member of the Association.

STAFF, PAST AND PRESENT.

Miss Gawler and Miss Thewlis have become established in their new home at Coonadoo, Kalorama. Their new venture is proving very successful.

Miss Doris Power is engaged to be married to Mr. Steel, of Papua.

Miss Merlyn Alsop has gone for a trip to England. Miss M. Mock is taking her place.

Miss E. Thompson has joined the Ruyton staff for part time this year.

Miss Julia Young is in Melbourne for a few months. She returns to England in July.

Miss Eileen O'Keefe has resigned her position as teacher of verse speaking.

Miss Irene Webb has joined the staff as mistress of verse speaking and dramatic work.

Miss M. Bloore has left for England with the All Australian Hockey team.

OLD GIRLS' GOLF NOTES.

The golf season has just started, and Ruyton was very well represented at the Inter-School Challenge Cup, held at the Yarra Yarra links on Monday, April 14. P.L.C. defeated us by one stroke for second place, Toorak winning by six.

Our four best cards were:—

Mrs. Gatehouse	76
Dorothy Carnegie . . .	75
May Hiscock	74
Norma Derham	72

Gladys Hay has been playing in the Championship matches in England.

SPEECH NIGHT.

The fifty-second Annual Speech Night was held at the Recreation Hall on December 12. The prizes were distributed by Mr. W. S. Kent Hughes, Chairman of the Provisional Committee, which was

busy on the task of reorganising the constitution of Ruyton. Mr. Kent Hughes in his speech outlined what the Committee had achieved and what they hoped to do in the coming year. Miss Daniell read her report.

RUYTON CHINA.

Ruyton has imported a supply of Grafton china with the Ruyton badge in navy blue and gold. The following articles can now be obtained from Miss Kemp at the following prices:—

Teapots	£0 15 0
Cup and saucer . . .	0 4 6
Sweets dish	0 4 6
Vase	0 5 0
Ash tray	0 4 6
Coffee cup and saucer	0 4 6
Plates	0 3 0
Bread and butter plate	0 4 6
Jug and basin	0 9 0
Tea set (21 pieces)	3 3 0

LITTLE RUYTON.

It is difficult to believe that Little Ruyton is nearing its fifth birthday. Nevertheless such is the case, and time has passed gently over our beloved "Little School," which has doffed its air of bran-newness to don one of gentle dignity.

Our garden is a continual joy, and now in the children's part there are about twenty-five tiny beds, which receive much loving care, and consequently the blooms therein are of the finest.

We wish to thank Miss Todd for some beautiful scales and an imposing tower of weights. Now when we consider the question of stocking our pantry in the dolls' house, which we have been busy making all this term, we can do so with that accuracy which is so absolutely necessary.

We also wish to thank Miss Hedderwick for once more sending us books. Our Library books are read, re-read, and then read once more with so much pleasure.

We have now many old girls and boys, and their progress in School and in the playing fields is watched with the greatest interest.

At the end of last year the following girls left us to enter the Big School:—Margret Dreiheller, Margaret Holmes, Jean Dale; and now Dorothy Jackson and Margaret Colclough are going also. Our good wishes go with them all.

This is our first year with a School Council, and Little Ruyton hopes that the School will prosper and continue to be a happy home of learning and play.



OLD GIRLS' NEWS

UNIVERSITY NOTES.

Conservatorium.

Alison Alsop obtained 1st class Honours and 1st year Bachelor of Music.

Verna Vandeleur obtained 1st class Honours in 1st year Diploma of Music.

Dorothy Carnegie passed in 1st year Science.

Mary Derham graduated as a B.A. in March, and has been elected a member of the Blues Advisory Board. She is now reading for M.A.

Eileen Logan is doing 1st year Arts, having won Miss Remington's Exhibition in 1929.

Helen McCrae passed in 2nd year Arts.

Betty Serle is doing 1st year Arts.

Beth Thwaites passed in 1st year Arts.

Nancy Wickham passed in 2nd year Arts.

Marriages.

Gladys Olive to Ernst Thure Svennson.

Patricia Murray to Mr. H. K. Wadsworth.

Enid Druce to Mr. Keith Emmer-son.

Engagements.

Vieve Dickens to Mr. J. Edgar.

Sylvia Knox-Knight to Mr. Spencer Millear, of Willaura.

Nona Riley to Dr. Guy Spring-thorpe.

Joan Henry to Mr. Tom Bowling.

General.

Muriel Carnegie has just returned from a very interesting trip to India, where she stayed with **Elvie Morris** in Quetta and with **Eld Breadmore** in Delhi. The cold in Quetta was intense.

Meg McWilliam has been to Singapore, where she stayed with **Betty McGregor**.

Lily Wilson has returned with her husband after a delightful holiday abroad.

Cara Waters has recovered from her recent severe illness.

Thais Young sailed a few weeks ago for England.

Winsome Bailey is in Melbourne with her son Edward.

Lois Blake has returned from her trip to Java.

Helen Potter has begun a two years' course at the Emily McPherson College.

Margaret Gregson and **Noreen Seymour** have begun their training under the Associated Teachers' Training Institute, and are doing their practical work at Strathcona and St. Margarets respectively.

Jessie Watts has come over from Japan for a few months. Mr. Watts will join her later.

Margaret Vance has finished her Massage course, and is now doing her year's practical work in the Hospital.

Gwen Palmer (Gwen Jones) has come out on a visit to Australia with her husband and her daughter Barbara. She is at present staying in Adelaide with Dilys Makin.

Jean Muntz, who lives with her brother at Mildura, has been in Melbourne recently for a holiday.

Blanche Mitchell has gone for a trip to Noumea with **Nell** and **Kitty Houston**.

It was with great regret that we heard of the sudden death of our old and valued friend, Bishop Arm-

strong. We offer our deep sympathy to **Dorothy**. His place in his own home and in the church world will be hard to fill. His warm and loving nature had won him friends all over Australia.

Our special article for this issue is an account of the work done by **Consie Murray** at the Hospital in Nauru.

