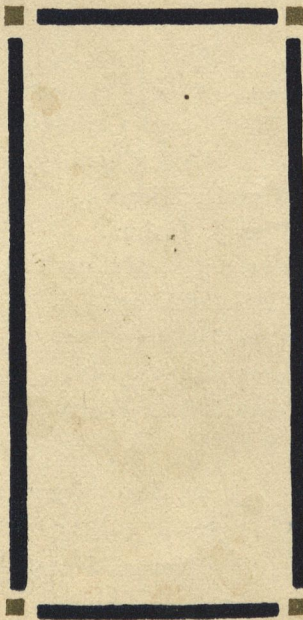


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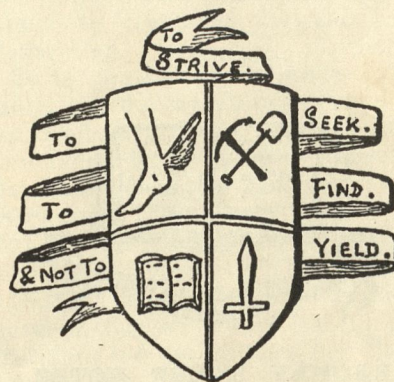
# EDITORIAL



“Peace is the happy natural state  
of man,  
War his corruption, his disgrace.”

Lately we have been hearing a great deal about the prevention of war. Civilisation seems to have reached a stage when disputes should be settled by arbitration, not by force of arms. During the last hundred years such progress has been made in linking together the furthest ends of the earth that to-day it is practically impossible for two countries to fight without affecting the rest of the world. Also, warfare has become so terrible that whole armies can be wiped out in a few minutes. People are at last beginning to see that the best and most sensible way of settling quarrels is to refer them for arbitration to the other nations. This is one of the reasons for the League of Nations. Other duties of this League are to try and make relations between nations more friendly and to spread the doctrine of fellowship. It also tries to prevent cruelty and unnecessary suffering throughout the world. The League of Nations Pageant, in which we all took part, has helped to bring these

ideas home to us, and we hope that all Ruytonians past and present will do their best to help spread the ideas of the League in every walk of life.



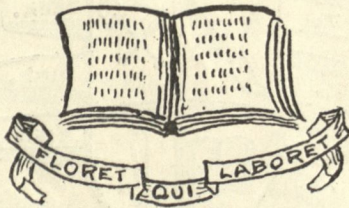
## ANDERSON HOUSE NOTES.

We have at last reached the final term, and if Anderson wishes to uphold her reputation she must make an extra effort. An extra pull is necessary because of the loss of our Captain, J. Macpherson, who left at the end of first term. As she was one of the leaders in both work and sport, her loss has been keenly



felt by every Andersonian. B. James has been elected Captain, and S. Summons, Vice-Captain. We are very glad of this opportunity of welcoming B. Green back to the fold from which she has been absent owing to illness.

We were not very successful in the Junior or Senior Basket-ball, but we mean to concentrate on Tennis, in which we have won our two matches, and we have yet to meet Bromby. Finally, we would like heartily to congratulate the winner of the Cock House Cup, and urge every Andersonian to work extra hard, even if it is not possible to win the prize.



### BROMBY HOUSE NOTES.

The year 1930 will soon be drawing to a close and we must all work very hard if we wish to gain a satisfactory position in the final placing for the Hunter Memorial Prize and the Cock House Cup.

This term there have been several changes in the House. We welcomed

Miss Thomson as our new Vice-Head, for we had been without one for some time.

We were all very sorry to lose M. Worrell last term and we miss her both in the House as Vice-Captain and Treasurer, and in the teams. D. Bayly has taken her position as Vice-Captain.

Four of our girls took part in the School Play this year and we wish to congratulate them on the high standard of their dramatic work, especially C. Duncan and M. Corben. Also, we would like to congratulate M. Brodribb and B. Gregson on passing in their music exams.

This year we have been most successful at Basket-ball, for we have won both the Senior and Junior Cups. There is still a match to be played against Anderson, so the final results for sport are not yet complete.

During the winter term the girls sent a number of baby clothes to the Babies' Home.

We wish all the girls who are going up for the Public Examinations the best of luck.

In closing, we want to say goodbye to Miss Heddle, who is leaving us at the end of the year, and to thank her for all she has done for the House during her term of office. We wish her the best of luck for the future.





### LASCELLES HOUSE NOTES.

This term is always a very busy one and this year the Pageant took up a great deal of our time, so that Lascelles House has not very many doings to relate.

At the end of last term we were glad to be able to take a parcel of garments, chiefly jumpers and singlets, knitted by members of the House, to the Arms of Jesus Babies' Home, where we spent an enjoyable afternoon with the babies.

We want to congratulate L. Shew and M. Whitehead on their success in the music exams.

In Basket-ball the Junior teams won two matches and lost one, while the Seniors unfortunately had no successes. In Tennis we won both our Junior matches, but lost the Senior match. Both our Baseball matches have been disastrous for us.

We are very sorry to hear that Miss Horlock is leaving Ruyton, and we thank her for all the help she has given us.



### DANIELL HOUSE NOTES.

At the beginning of Term III this year Daniell House came back determined to try hard for the Cock House Cup.

So far we have been successful in sport, the Junior Tennis team having defeated both Lascelles and Anderson Houses. The Baseball team also defeated Anderson, with 28-16 runs. We were very sorry that J. Williams, owing to a slight accident she received while playing Baseball, could not play in these matches, but we would like to congratulate her on winning her House Colours last term.

Three Daniell House girls are doing Intermediate examinations this term, and we wish them every success. Last term several girls obtained honours, and we hope they will do as well this term.

This winter Daniell House joined with the other Houses in knitting woollen garments for the babies at the Babies' Home, in connection with the Mission of St. James and





THE PREFECTS.

Left to Right—Standing—M. Shew, A. Syme, J. Percy, G. Wickham.  
Sitting—D. Bayly, H. Brown.

St. John. One afternoon last term some of the girls were invited to see the babies, and they thoroughly enjoyed the afternoon.

The Senior Dramatic performance this year was very successful. Some of the Daniell House girls took part in it. B. Mitchell, as Mrs. Badger, the Undertaker's wife, was very amusing, and was heartily applauded. M. Wenmoth took the part of Ada, Mrs. Badger's daughter, and several others took different parts. Everyone enjoyed the evening.

ARMISTICE DAY.

Though the years are rolling by, separating us from the war times, the world does not forget her sons who laid down their lives in the great struggle. Memory is all that now remains and at the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month the world lays aside her usual occupations and casts back her mind to the years of suffering and sacrifice, and honours her fallen numbers. Let us hope with the changing generations their great



deeds will not be forgotten, but that we shall always be worthy of their sacrifice.

### CONCERTS.

We have only had one concert this term. Miss Dobson played the Prelude in F Minor, by Bach, and two Gavottes, by Handel. Miss Dobson told us that Bach and Handel lived in the Centrapuntal Period (from about 1670 to 1770). Bach's music is very thoughtful, but Handel's is more jovial and merry. The music of that period is formed of two or three melodies woven together. That is the reason for the period being called Centrapuntal. The other Centrapuntal period item was a song by Mr. Chanter, called "Droop Not, Young Lover" (Handel).

The next period is called the Classic Period. This is when the Sonata came into being. The great writers of Sonatas at that time were Haydn, Mozart and Beethoven, the last being the greatest of all.

Then followed the Romantic Period. Miss Dobson played us a Novellette in F Major, by Schumann, who lived in that period. Besides being a great composer, Schumann was also a song-writer.

Mr. Chanter then sang us a song, "The Two Grenadiers," by Schumann.

The present period is known as the Modern Period. Mr. Chanter sang us two songs, "Drake's Drum," and "The Old Superbe,"

by Sir Charles Villiers Stanford, a noted folk-song writer. Miss Dobson finished the programme by playing us a piece called "The Convent," by Borodine, a young Russian composer.

### UNIVERSITY MUSIC EXAMINATION.

The following girls were successful:—

#### Grade III—

S. Summons (Credit).  
K. Royce.  
L. Shew.

#### Grade IV—

M. Whitehead.  
B. Summons.  
M. Brodribb.

#### Grade VI—

K. James (Honours).  
G. Pitt.

#### Grade IV (Theory)—

K. Royce (Honours).  
S. Summons (Honours).  
M. Whitehead (Honours).

### BASEBALL NOTES.

With the arrival of third term the Baseball season re-opens. The team unfortunately has been weakened by the loss of J. Macpherson (2nd base) and M. Worrell (backstop). The team otherwise remains unchanged and is as follows:—

B. Mitchell, backstop.  
S. Summons, 1st base.  
E. Hay, 2nd base.



M. Rylah, 3rd base.  
 H. Brown, right field.  
 B. James, short stop.  
 J. Williams, outfield.  
 G. Brown, outfield.  
 D. Buchan, pitcher.

We are again under the coaching of Miss Warburton, and the batting has greatly improved, although the fielding is still fairly weak. We have only played two practice matches so far, and were beaten in both. M.L.C. defeated us, 18—6 runs, and St. Catherine's, 20—12 runs.

On November 22 Clyde came down for the day to play baseball and tennis. The result of the baseball match was that Ruyton won, 41—13.

### BASKET-BALL NOTES.

This year we were unfortunate in losing three of our team—J. Johnson, M. Worrell, and J. Macpherson. With the advent of Hockey, interest in Basket-ball has declined, and we have not been as successful in our matches as in previous years. The two pennant matches resulted in victory for both our opponents—Toorak and Clyde. The team for the Clyde match was as follows:—

M. Rylah—1st goaler.  
 H. Gunn—2nd goaler.  
 J. Williams—Attack wing.  
 B. James—Centre.  
 G. Brown—Defence wing.  
 H. Brown—2nd defence.  
 E. Hay—1st defence.

For the Toorak match we changed our team to different positions. The

following was the team for that match:—

M. Rylah—1st goaler.  
 H. Gunn—2nd goaler.  
 B. James—Attack wing.  
 G. Brown—Centre.  
 S. Summons—Defence wing.  
 H. Brown—2nd defence.  
 E. Hay—1st defence.

### HOCKEY NOTES.

After a lapse of 16 years Ruyton has again entered the Hockey world. She has met with defeats, certainly, but each match has strengthened her in the belief that with more practice and experience she will become no mean contestant for the Hockey Premiership.

Practice matches were played against St. Catherine's, our opponents winning by 4 goals to 1; and Lauriston's seconds, who defeated us 2 goals to 1.

During the term we visited both Clyde and Toorak, the results of the two pennant matches played against them being:—Clyde d. Ruyton, 8—0; and Toorak d. Ruyton, 11—2.

The team is as follows:—

B. Mitchell—Captain, Centre Half.  
 B. James—Centre.  
 M. Carroll—Half-back.  
 M. Wenmoth—Half-back.  
 H. Gunn—Full-back.  
 L. Ricketson—Full-back.  
 E. Macpherson—Forward.  
 E. Adams—Forward.  
 J. Williams—Forward.  
 M. Rylah—Forward.  
 S. Summons—Goal.



### TENNIS NOTES.

We have been very fortunate in having a number of practice matches against different schools. Two were played against Tintern, Ruyton being defeated in the first, 41—28 games, and in the second, 40—29 games.

We met M.L.C. twice also, and were defeated by them, 46—25 games, and 27—20 games, the second match showing a marked improvement.

Rain twice prevented the match against Korowa being finished, but the third attempt proved to be lucky, and we defeated them, 30—25 games.

The Tennis team has been very unfortunate this year in losing three of its members, J. and E. Macpherson and M. Worrell. The second team has filled the vacancies with S. Summons, D. Bayly and H. Gunn, and we hope that under the coaching of Miss Dawson the team will be more successful in the coming year.

At the Schoolgirl Championships, held at Kooyong in August, Ruyton was represented by B. James, B. Mitchell, D. Buchan and E. Macpherson.

On Saturday, November 22, we played Clyde. The result was a victory for us, 46—31.

E. Macpherson and D. Buchan got into the second round, losing to L. Kirton and J. Stewart (The Hermitage), 6—4, 6—3.

B. James and B. Mitchell got into the second round, losing to M.

Knight and M. Lempriere (Toorak), 6—1, 6—4.

In the singles, E. Macpherson was defeated by L. Smith (Fintona), 6—1, 6—0. D. Buchan got into the second round, J. Ramsay (Lauriston) defeating her, 6—2, 6—4. B. James got into the second round, being defeated by M. Cox (M.L.C.). B. Mitchell got into the fourth round, being defeated by K. Purvis (P.L.C.), 6—1, 6—1.

The team, 1930:—

B. James, B. Mitchell, 1st pair.

A. Syme, M. Rylah, 2nd pair.

D. Buchan, S. Summons, 3rd pair.

D. Bayly, H. Gunn, 4th pair.

### VISITS TO CLYDE AND TOORAK.

On July 5, the Hockey and Basket-ball teams went to Clyde. We arrived about 11 o'clock, and after having morning tea at Woodend we played a hockey match on the Woodend football ground. We were beaten, although our team played very well, considering it was the first match they had played. After the match we had lunch at Clyde. Then we played the Basket-ball match and were again defeated. We wished to play a second Basket-ball match, but unfortunately there was not enough time. After an enjoyable afternoon tea, we proceeded homewards.

On August 2, Toorak and Clyde played their hockey match on the Malvern Oval.



In the afternoon they came over to Ruyton, where they played Basket-ball. Toorak won both matches and we heartily congratulate them on thus winning the hockey and basket-ball cups. We are looking forward to playing Clyde tennis and baseball on Saturday, November 22.

On August 9 we were to go to Toorak to play basket-ball and hockey. However, the weather was so bad that the match had to be postponed. On the following Tuesday, after an early lunch, we set out for Frankston. As soon as we arrived we played the basket-ball match, which Toorak won. We were also defeated at hockey in the afternoon.

We take this opportunity of thanking Clyde and Toorak for the enjoyable time we spent there.

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#### DRAMATIC NOTES.

On August 22 the Ruyton Senior Dramatic Club presented at the Kew Recreation Hall "The Young Person in Pink," a comedy by Gertrude Jennings. The performance was a great success, owing largely to the efforts of Miss Irene Webb, who produced it, and cleared £23/12/5, while £7 was made by the sale of sweets, under the direction of Miss Kemp.

Due to the fact that a number of our old performers left last year, there were many who made their first appearance in Senior Dramatic. They certainly made a successful beginning, and show great promise.

C. Duncan, a newcomer, made a particularly delightful "Young Person in Pink," and was a great factor in making the play a success. M. Hiscock, as Lord Stevenage, was a charming hero. Our able and energetic secretary, B. Mitchell, portrayed the comical figure of Mrs. Badger, and caused much amusement. M. Corben played the difficult part of Lady Caroline Tonbridge exceedingly well. M. Wenmoth took the part of Ada, Mrs. Badger's daughter, with her usual ability, while K. Royce and L. Ricketson each took two characters successfully. H. Gunn, M. Dale, M. Forbes and I. Tymms all carried out their parts in a capable fashion, and we hope will continue to help the Dramatic Club for a number of years.

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#### LIBRARY NOTES.

We have added, this term, several new books to both the libraries. To the Senior Library were added:—"The Slave Ship," by Mary Johnston; "The Nigger of the Narcissus," by Joseph Conrad; "Over Bemertons," by E. V. Lucas; "Three Pilgrims and a Tinker," by Mary Borden; "The Good Companions," by J. B. Priestley; "The Path of the King," by John Buchan; "The Man They Hanged," by Robert Chambers; "Modern Detective Stories," by Various Writers. To the Junior Library were added:—"Silver Magic," by Romer Wilson; "Santa Claus in Summer," by



Compton Mackenzie; "The Treasure Ship," a collection of stories by Various Writers.

C. DUNCAN.

L. SCOTT.

### GUIDE NOTES.

Since the last Ruytonian, Miss Quittenton has left us and Miss Allenson came for a while. We now have Miss Salmon as our Captain; M. Hiscock, an old girl, and Miss Richards, as our Lieutenants.

The following girls have gained their service stars:—B. Summons, V. Pitt and D. Rylah, and S. Richardson has won her second-class badge.

On Sunday, September 28, the Company went to the Children's Festival at Holy Trinity Church in the morning and evening. We went again on the following Sunday evening.

This year the Divisional Picnic was held at Tunstall on October 18. Our Company went and we all had a great time, though the rain prevented our having a camp fire to end up with.

G. Brown and M. Rylah have been invested Patrol Leaders this term, so that all our Patrol Leaders are now invested.

We have also altered the patrols a little; we now have three—The Kookaburras, the Robins, and the Blue Wrens.

On Wednesday, October 22, we went for a hike to Studley Park and had tea there.

So far this term about eight new recruits have joined and we hope now that Miss Salmon has stimulated new interest in the Company that more recruits will join.

### CHARITY NOTES.

We spent £2/14/- of our Charity Fund on wool, which was made into garments by the girls for the Babies' Home. Some girls supplied extra wool and altogether 83 garments were sent in.

Donations from our Charity Fund are: To the Children's Hospital, £5/5/-; to the Burnley Kindergarten, £7; to the Blind Asylum, £2.

### SEAMEN'S MISSION NOTES.

Since the last issue of the Ruytonian we have sent down to the Mission three parcels of papers. The men are very grateful for papers, because they read a great deal.

We hope to take some of the members down to see over the Mission one day this term.

On Sunday, October 19, nine of the senior members went down and gave the men a tea. We went to the service in their chapel. Afterwards we were shown all over the Mission, which is a very comfortable building. There are billiard tables, a tennis court, and a gymnasium for the men to use in their spare hours. There is also a large concert hall, in which concerts and



socials are held to entertain the men.

We realise the value of the work done by the Mission, and hope to receive a good supply of Xmas presents to send to the men.

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### ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

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### ADVERTISEMENTS.

Found—One radiator, in the Prefects' study.

Found—One non-stop walker, by the Leaving Geography Class.

Found—In the Prefects' study, one furniture-breaker; a hard case.

Found—One Village Idiot, in a History Class.

Wanted—A few inches (lengthwise) by a member of the staff.

Wanted—Some new expressions in place of the following:—

How intriguing!

How perfectly punkish!

Lost—1/-, by a member of the Seamen's Mission.

Wanted—Some painful method of torture for those who are late with their Ruytonian contributions.

### THE PAGEANT.

As this is the League of Nations year, Ruyton decided to hold a Pageant of the Nations, instead of the usual School Concert.

The idea of the Pageant was that those countries in the League should be represented as well as a few other countries. It is the first time Ruyton has had anything of this kind and we were gratified with the result, and a very enjoyable evening was spent on Friday, November 7, at the Kew Recreation Hall.

The representatives of each country marched on to the stage in national costume, and presented Peace with a sheaf of their national flower, or when this was not procurable, some flower grown in that country, and tied with ribbons of their national colour. Peace recited a sonnet composed by C. Duncan. Then the Swiss entered and, presenting Peace with a sheaf of red roses, took their places at her feet.

Next came Great Britain—Britannia, whose small flower-bearer carried pink roses; Scottish lasses, with blue-bells and Scotch thistles; Ireland and Wales with orange lilies and golden roses respectively; a Canadian trapper with maple leaves; an Eskimo, representing Newfoundland, pulling a huge bear on wheels; Indians with lotus flowers; a New Zealand Maori carrying clematis; South Africa bearing silver leaves; and an Australian with wattle. Next came the French with Christmas lilies, German girls with sheaves of cornflowers, Nor-



wegians and Swedes in outstanding costumes bearing lilies of the valley, and Italians with Neapolitan violets, Austrians, who carried cornflowers, were followed by representatives of Hungary, Czecho-Slovakia and Jugoslavia, who offered oak leaves, cornflowers and rosemary respectively. The Danes brought a young pine tree, and Belgians, with azaleas, preceded Spanish girls in striking red and black costumes, carrying scarlet carnations. Small Dutch girls in sabots brought multi-coloured tulips to present to Peace, while the Greeks carried a large laurel wreath. A Persian entered with a spray of Persian plum blossom, and was followed by little Japanese children shuffling along in their wooden sandals, their leader bringing a little pot of cherry blossom. Next came the Chinese with a bowl of water-lilies.

The programme of songs, dances and games belonging to the various countries followed until the interval.

The next item was a sonnet, "The Victory of Peace," recited by Peace, and written by G. Wickham. After this the countries not in the League entered—U.S.A. with red rhododendrons, Turkey with poppies, Egypt with purple flags, and Russia with pink rhododendrons.

The programme was then concluded with more songs and dances, the final item being "I Vow to Thee, My Country," sung by all the nations.

We are very grateful to Miss Heddle and Miss Horlock for all the trouble they took in the production of the Pageant, and also to those

parents who helped us with songs, games, dances and banners.

### VISIT TO BEDGGOOD'S SHOE FACTORY.

Towards the end of last term Miss Heddle took a party of senior girls to see over Bedggood's Shoe Factory.

We saw the whole process of shoemaking from the uncut hides to the finished article. The hides used are mostly Australian, although most of the reptile skins come from America. The majority of machines are of British and American manufacture. We had a most interesting afternoon.

### SUPERPHOSPHATES.

By Mr. D. C. McGruer.

The very interesting article published in the June number of the School Magazine, on the Nauru phosphate deposits by Miss Constance Murray, was read by many students and parents, and was much appreciated. As the article deals with the history and origin of the deposit, and the mining and shipment of the phosphate rock, perhaps if the story is taken a step further it may be of general interest to readers of the "Ruytonian."

As mentioned by Miss Murray, the control of the phosphate deposits in the Pacific Islands is under the "British Phosphate Commission, which consists of a representative from Great Britain, New Zealand and Aus-



tralia. Up to the present, it is understood that England has not taken any of her quota of the phosphate rock, but it has all come to Australia and New Zealand. Large tonnages of phosphate rock are imported annually into Australia from Nauru, Ocean, and Makatea islands, and a considerable quantity is also imported from Morocco; the importation from Florida has been discontinued during the last few years.

The phosphate rock at Ocean Island is the richest extensive deposit known in the world, going as high as 87% purity; Nauru rock is about 85% pure, Makatea about 82%, and Morocco about 75%. The whole of the phosphate rock is imported into Australia for the manufacture of superphosphates and mixed artificial fertilisers for farming purposes.

Phosphate rock consists of lime and phosphorus, and the portion of the rock that is of great value as a plant food is the phosphorus; but the lime also has considerable value. However, as the rock is received in Australia, the phosphorus is in an insoluble form, and is not available to the plants, so to make it suitable for a fertiliser it must be crushed finely, and then mixed with the exact required amount of sulphuric acid, which converts the phosphorus into a water-soluble form, and the lime into gypsum. It is a closely-controlled chemical industry, and it would be fatal to add too much acid, because it would eat the bags in which the fertiliser is sent to the farmer, and also would be fatal to plant life. On the other hand, if not enough acid is used, all the phosphate is not completely converted into the soluble

form, and would therefore be largely wasted. The sulphuric acid must be manufactured by the fertiliser companies to treat the phosphate rock, and this calls for other important importations.

Sulphuric acid is a solution of sulphur and oxygen in water, and nitre is the substance, together with air, which supplies the oxygen. The sulphur is mainly imported from America, and all the nitre comes from Chile. The first step in making sulphuric acid is to burn the sulphur to a gas, which is called sulphur dioxide, then, by means of the nitre, it is converted into sulphur tri-oxide, in which form it is dissolved in water to form sulphuric acid.

A sulphuric acid plant is mainly built of lead, because this metal is not attacked by the acid. For the manufacture of superphosphate, the acid must be a definite strength, which is about 70%, and any acid that is too strong is diluted with water down to this strength.

We now come to the point where we have our acid and our finely-ground phosphate rock ready, and the correct amounts of each are then added to a large mixer, and the two mixed together into a sloppy mass just like porridge, and about as wet. When thoroughly mixed it is discharged from the mixer into large receptacles called "dens," where it partly sets into a suitable state, so that it can be scraped out by machinery. It is then conveyed into large storage sheds, and piled up into large heaps to mature, or "ripen," as it is called, but it is really to give time for the acid to completely react with the rock, and, at the same time,



for the fertiliser to dry out further. This takes two to three weeks, when the phosphorus is then completely converted from the insoluble phosphate rock into the water-soluble superphosphate, and is ready to be bagged and forwarded to the farmer. This latter is done by screening it and bagging in large sacks, twelve of which weigh one ton.

Most of the superphosphate is used for wheat growing, and Victoria is one of the largest users of superphosphates in Australia. Superphosphate is used to a lesser extent, mixed with other necessary plant foods, the most important of which are potash and nitrogen. In such cases it forms an important constituent of what is known as mixed, or balanced, fertilisers, and in this case is not used for wheat growing, but for market gardens, fruit, flowers, lawns, etc.

### JOSIAH WEDGWOOD.

This year we are celebrating the bicentenary of Josiah Wedgwood, the "Father of English Pottery," as he has been called. He was born at Burslem on April 12, 1730, and came of a good family connected with the pottery industry. At the early age of nine he was taken from school and set to work on the potter's bench for his brother, Thomas. At fourteen he was apprenticed for five years, and during this time he added greatly to his knowledge of the work. A few years later he entered into partnership with Thomas Wheildon, of Fenton Low. This partnership lasted for about five years, and Wedgwood benefited exceedingly from it. In 1759

Wedgwood rented the small Ivy House and works at Burslem, and thus started the enterprise which has set the pottery industry on its feet. Here he made green, glaze and cream coloured ware, and adopted the new form of decoration, printing on pottery of this latter kind, and called it Queen's ware. Wedgwood found that larger works were necessary, so in 1769 he built new ones, with a village for his workers, and called it Etruria. He had entered into partnership with Thomas Bentley in the previous year, and now together they made the first six vases in the new works, Wedgwood throwing them, whilst Bentley turned the wheel.

From this time on he gave himself up to constant research in an effort to bring his products to the highest possible point of efficiency. He imitated Greek and Etruscan vases, employing Flaxman and other artists to design the figures. He made black basalt and invented the beautiful Jasper ware by which he is best known.

Wedgwood died on January 3, 1795, and was buried in the old church of Stoke on Trent. In the chancel there is a monument to his memory by John Flaxman, which bears the inscription:

"Who converted a rude and inconsiderable  
Manufacture into an elegant Art  
and  
An important part of National Commerce."

At the Etruria works, which may be visited, there is the Wedgwood Museum, which contains a unique



collection of articles connected with the early life of the works.

Apart from his Queen's ware and his willow pattern, Wedgwood is famous for his copies of the wonderful Portland vase. This vase was discovered in the neighbourhood of Rome in the early 17th century. It was recognised as belonging to the early Roman Empire, and was placed in the Barberini Palace, and was later bought by the Duke of Portland for £1,029. This nobleman lent the vase to Josiah Wedgwood to enable him to reproduce it. His imitations were pronounced faithful and correct. Wedgwood declared the figures on the base symbolical of Death and Immortality. The original vase is now in the Gem Room of the British Museum. It was broken in 1845, but has been restored. There is one of Wedgwood's reproductions in the Museum, Melbourne.

G.W.

### THE WRECK OF THE R.M.S. "TAHITI."

In the grey dawn of the morning of August 15 the engine of the "Tahiti" stopped with a crash. There were no birds in sight when we came on deck, and we seemed to be the only people in the world tossing restlessly on the sea. The propeller shaft had broken and torn a large hole in the ship, through which the water was rushing. We were told to put on plenty of warm clothes and our life belts. As the passengers came on deck, some in two or three coats, some men with two suits on, and all unshaven, sailors brought boxes of provisions, which were put in life-boats.

When the sun rose things became more cheerful. We did not have to take to the boats immediately. Breakfast was served by smiling stewards. The day was warm, as we were nearing the tropics, but no one dared to take their coats or lifebelts off. Black smoke poured from the funnel, dirtying everyone, but no one cared. Passengers strained their eyes in looking into the engine-room, from the top of the deck, where the engineers were working in water up their necks.

As each hour wore away we were glad that the day was an hour shorter, but nervous at the thought of night. Tea was early, as there was no electric light. When it was over everyone went on deck, as there were no comfortable beds in warm cabins that night.

As the night wore on people dosed from strain and fatigue. There was silence save for the winches and buzzing of wireless S.O.S. Once the water got the better of the bailers. We waited on the lower deck in perfect calm, while sailors waited for the signal to let the boats down. The water was overcome by a tremendous effort on the part of the stewards.

The moon rose a little later, revealing one of the most lovely nights imaginable. The sea was calm, and a few fluffy clouds floated in the sky. A wireless was rigged up on deck, and we listened to music and cricket scores, which cheered us considerably. After midnight we were ordered to the lounge, where we had to stay till morning. When we went on deck we found what was usually so spick and span was now strewn with rugs and cushions. Engineers were sleeping on all the chairs and on the bare deck.



The queerest things protruded from all their pockets—tooth paste and brushes, and all their valuable possessions.

The day passed slowly, with only vague messages that help was coming. At night we knew that a Norwegian freighter, "Penybryn," would be alongside about nine, and also that the S.S. "Ventura" was steaming to our aid and was expected about twelve the next morning. All the evening rockets were sent up to signal our position, as we were drifting about two miles an hour.

No one was allowed on deck. The thought of help coming cheered us, and for some time we sang popular songs. When the "Penybryn" arrived everyone settled down in the lounge with a feeling of safety. The next morning everyone was cheerful considering our position. After breakfast, which was served as though nothing had happened, we were told to put our things in small cases, as we were to be transferred to the "Ventura." Just as smoke appeared on the horizon we had to leave the ship. In twelve minutes six little lifeboats were tossing on the sea, while the mother ship was left to her fate alone. After one and a half hours we were taken aboard the "Ventura," where we were welcomed by the crew and passengers with open arms.

Some hours later the "Tahiti," after twenty-eight years' service, sank stern first. She turned a complete somersault, giving a final sigh, and leaving an oily and timber-strewn sea.

S.W.

## WAR MEMORIALS OF THE WORLD.

Directly the nations were freed from the Great War they began to erect memorials in marble, stone and bronze to their fallen comrades. The object of these memorials is not to glorify war, but to perpetuate the memory and heroism of the thousands who gave their lives to their country. These memorials of the different nations often embody their own characteristics.

Two of the greatest memorials in Great Britain, the Cenotaph in London and the Scottish War Memorial, offer a great contrast. The Cenotaph was originally designed and set up in plaster in great haste for the celebration of Armistice Day. Later it was reconstructed in stone, and now stands in quiet simplicity in Whitehall. This memorial is familiar to Melbourne people, as their Cenotaph is an exact copy of the London Memorial. The Scottish War Memorial, which was planned and wrought by thousands of Scots, stands on Castle Hill, in Edinburgh, and is really a shrine containing the names of Scotland's 100,000 war dead. In the sanctuary of the Hall of Honour is an altar resting on virgin rock, and there is a sealed cedar box containing the names again. There are symbolic windows, and a bronze frieze running round the wall depicts every rank and type which served in the Scottish forces. Some of the greatest and most inspiring memorials in England are those of the public schools, such as the marble Union Jack draping a column at Wellington College. Among the European memorials, perhaps the



best known is the ever-burning flame over the tomb of the Unknown Warrior under the Arc de Triomphe, Paris. The Italian memorial is a colossal figure of a woman bearing a flaming torch, which is visible over the Plain of Piedmont.

The Memorials of the United States are on the whole more elaborate than those of other nations. One of the greatest is the Liberty Memorial at Kansas City, which stands on a hill and consists of a shaft bearing an ever-burning flame and two Halls of Memory on either side. This memorial cost £1,000,000 to erect.

In Australia there are a tremendous number of memorials, large and small, as each capital, suburb and country town has its own memorial. The Commonwealth Memorial at Canberra, a War Museum and a Library, has not yet been completed. In Victoria the National War Memorial is nearing completion, and promises to be a wonderful and inspiring structure; it will overlook Melbourne from the Domain Gardens. The Sydney Memorial is very simple, being a bronze base with two figures guarding it, a soldier at one end and a sailor at the other end.

At Geelong there is a very beautiful Hall of Memory, containing the names of all the men and women who made the Great Sacrifice.

Two very outstanding memorials of inland towns are those of Albury and Goulburn, which have triple columns erected on nearby hills, and which are flood-lit at night. This has a very beautiful effect, especially at Albury, where the monument is of pure white stone, which stands out against the sky. Practically every small country

town has its simple monument. Many have arches of honour, or avenues of honour, where every tree bears the name of a soldier.

Many memorials have taken the form of hospitals or museums or other public buildings, as it is considered by some people an unnecessary waste of money to erect a structure solely as a memorial. This is a very sensible idea if the money is not available, as no matter what form a memorial takes, the idea which prompted it is the same, and will always serve to keep alive the memory of our fallen comrades.

#### WENTWORTH HOUSE.

Wentworth House was the home of a very old Sydney family, that of William Charles Wentworth, who played an important part in the politics of the penal colony at Botany Bay.

The original entrance gates collapsed long ago, and new brick ones have been erected. The long, winding drive, leads through a wonderful old garden. Under an ancient Moreton Bay fig tree is a stone slab—now almost black with age—the tombstone of a dog named "Rufus."

Then one comes to the house, which in September is covered with a mass of glorious wisteria. It is a large, two-storied building, with a battlemented roof, on one part of which is a look-out. From here a wonderful view is obtained of the Sydney harbour, blue and shimmering below. In front of the house is a small pond, in which there are water-lilies, the low wicket fence encircling it being covered with sweet peas of all colours.



From the wide, tiled verandah, the double doors lead into a hall. This is now largely taken up with a specimen cabinet, in which are old and clumsy firearms, early copies of newspapers, letters sent from the Home Government to the Governors in New South Wales, and spears, boomerangs and cooking utensils that once belonged to blacks.

The room off this hall, on the right, is the reception room where many guests of rank must once have been welcomed. The piece of furniture of most interest, perhaps, is a small wooden chair which is supposed to have been used by Napoleon at Saint Helena. All round the walls are old pictures of the various members of the Wentworth family, and over the fireplace is a very valuable marble mantelpiece.

In the large, cheerless dining-room there are a heavy mahogany suite and more old pictures.

At the end of a long passage one comes to a winding iron staircase, the original wooden one having rotted away. Many of the floors on the second storey are also new. In the bright, sunny bedrooms, there are enormous "four-posters" — large enough for at least three people to sleep in! From the upstairs windows there is a delightful view of the surrounding country, spread out before one.

Off the courtyard is a kitchen—one of the largest rooms in the house. In the middle of the huge stone floor there is a massive pillar, with iron hooks up to eight inches in length, on which to hang the meat. Near the big fireplace are numerous bins, cupboards, and racks, for in Wentworth's

days provisions had to be ordered in large quantities. Off the kitchen is a big scullery. Old stairs led from here to the servants' quarters above.

At the bottom of a flight of dark stone steps one comes to the cellar under the house, where are the vats used for making wine.

At the back of the house stands the coach-house, in which are two old coaches—a "Cobb & Co." and a "family diligence."

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### VISIT TO PARLIAMENT.

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On October 28 Miss Daniell took a party of girls from the Intermediate and Leaving Classes to visit Parliament. After walking up the 140 steps of Parliament House we entered the vestibule, on the floor of which is inscribed the words "Where no Council is the people fall, but in the multitude of counsellors there is safety" (Proverbs). Here we were met by Mr. Kent Hughes, M.L.A., who had kindly reserved seats for us in the Visitors' Gallery. From the vestibule we passed into the Victoria Hall, a large, oblong hall occupying the central portion of the ground floor, with the Legislative Assembly Chamber on the north side, the Legislative Council Chamber on the south side, and leading to the Library at the east end. It is dignified and plain. Around the walls are columns of the Ionic order below and composite above. The floor is covered with a beautiful red carpet, and the room contains nothing but a life-size statue of Queen Victoria in her robes of state, at the end of the hall. We were



shown upstairs to the Visitors' Gallery of the Legislative Assembly. While waiting for the evening session to commence we glanced round the chamber. The walls are decorated with columns, and the ceiling is enriched with mouldings. At the west end is the Visitors' Gallery, and at the other the Reporters' Gallery. The furnishings are green, as in the House of Commons. Beneath the Visitors' Gallery are seats reserved for members of the Legislative Council. In the centre of the room is a large table, on the near end of which the mace is laid. At the far end of the room is the Speaker's chair. There are three rows of raised seats along each side and half-way around the west end. At 7.30 p.m. a bell rang and the members began to stroll in, the Government sitting on the right side of the Speaker and the Opposition on the left. The Speaker, in his wig and gown, took his seat in the chair; the clerk, assistant clerk and sergeant-at-arms, also in wigs and gowns, sat at the head of the table; the "Hansard" writer at the end of the left side of the table; at the right side members of the Government may sit, and at the left side members of the Opposition. The number of members present gradually increased, but few seemed to listen intently to the speeches: some were talking, others studying papers. The main matter under discussion was the "Factories and Shops Bill." It was explained by Mr. Webber, the Assistant Minister for Labour. Amongst other matters the Bill provided for the amendment of wages boards, the abolition of the Court of Industrial Appeals, the substitution of a Board of Industrial Ap-

peals, and the abolition of night trading, with the exception of the evenings before Good Friday and Christmas Day. On the motion of Sir Stanley Argyle the debate was adjourned for a fortnight. Two or three other bills were discussed, including one on Cattle Compensation, which called forth many interjections and much laughter. Shortly after half-past nine o'clock we left the Legislative Assembly Chamber, and just as we reached the Victoria Hall the bell rang for a division in the Upper House. We hurried into the Legislative Council Chamber, and were just in time to see the vote taken. The Chairman left the chair, the doors were locked, those in favour of the bill sat on the right side, those against the bill on the left, and certain members were appointed to count the votes. The voting resulted in the Marketing Bill being thrown out by one vote. The general arrangement of the chamber is similar to that of the Lower House, but the seats and carpets, as in the House of Lords, are red. Behind the seat of the Chairman of Committee is the President's chair, and further back the chair occupied by the Governor at the opening of Parliament. We then went to the library, which occupies three rooms. In the centre room is a large, very valuable chandelier, which was found about two years ago in one of the cellars. In the south room is a Speaker's chair used in the House of Commons after the Reform Bill of 1832. The chair was presented by Viscount Canterbury, a former Governor of Victoria, whose father was the Speaker of the House of Commons in the Reform Parliament.



## POEMS.

**The Victory of Peace.**

War from his lofty pinnacle is thrust,  
 And now there stands a figure pure  
 and wise  
 With chastened brow and ever constant eyes,  
 Weary with waiting for the death of lust.  
 Hers is a mission nations all may trust,  
 And trusting, each with broken spirit flies  
 For refuge, and ranged by her side,  
 each cries:  
 "I vow that from my soul war shall be thrust."  
 With quick relief—as after watching night,  
 With weary mind in which mad thoughts are whirled,  
 When slow dawn breaks and sheds on earth its light—  
 With joy she bids their banners be unfurled,  
 "Float side by side, Peace, healing, shall unite  
 With lasting bands, ye Nations of the World."

G.W.

**Peace.**

Sleep not, oh Earth, even though night is here!  
 For it is starless night—the moon is numb,  
 Buried beneath a pressing cloud of fear:  
 And Man cries out, "Will the dawn never come?"  
 War has made desolate both field and plain,

Desecrated shrines, trampled on law.  
 Dare we commence to build them up again  
 To see them levelled to the dust once more?  
 Why build up minds and bodies that may be  
 Shattered and flung into eternity?  
 Is there no dawn when fear of war shall cease?  
 Children of blind night we long to see  
 The splendour of wide brotherhood.  
 And only  
 One prayer can pierce the gloom  
 and that is—Peace!

C.V.D.

**Colour.**

Rush mats, with a sprawling woollen rug,  
 A brazier filled with glowing coals  
 On a brick-red hearth with a chimney wide;  
 And in shadow, a tall, red dresser where  
 Marshalled in lines stands pewter ware,  
 Robin-blue cups and porridge bowls,  
 Quaint old beakers and there beside  
 Bright zinnias in a squat, black jug.

Indifferently guarding the hearth there stands  
 A china dog with a drooping ear,  
 Bright yellow spots and a long, green tail.  
 'Gainst a wall, the shade of a new-made stack  
 Stands a scarlet chair with a jutting back  
 And wide-spread legs. The pictures wear



Wide black frames, in which there  
sail  
Tall-prowed ships to foreign lands.

'Three steps lead up from the flagged  
stone walk  
To the carved wood knocker on the  
door  
And the hanging eaves where the  
swallows nest.  
A settle, red cushions against the  
black  
Of its queerly-arched, wooden back,  
Prevents the fire from seeing more  
Than the sun-dial where the stray  
birds rest  
To preen and flirt or idly talk.

C.V.D.

#### White Sheep.

What is that music high up on the  
hills?  
It's Shepherd Night.  
Softly he blows the wind through the  
trees,  
And turns the sails of the creaking  
mills.  
Come little sheep in the fading light,  
Here comes the moon like a piece of  
green cheese!

One white sheep high up in the sky  
Scampers away,  
And one after one the other ones go.  
All night long they will safely lie  
In the fold of Night till the break of  
day,  
Huddled together like fallen snow.  
There's music, too, in the dimpled  
glens,  
It's Shepherdess Nurse  
Calling the little sheep home to bed.  
One after one they come over the  
fens

With posies of thyme and shepherd's  
purse—  
Some still fresh—some dropt and  
dead.

The peat flames dance like fairies'  
feet  
As quiet winds pass,  
And ready for rest stands each white  
bed,  
Linen sheets fragrant with lavender  
sweet  
And pillows as soft as new-mown  
grass,  
Packed tight with dreams for the  
sleepy head.

C.V.D.

#### The Galleon.

Over the sparkling white-tossed foam  
From far-away lands, with trea-  
sures galore,  
The galleon, in its glory comes home  
Bearing its wonders to the lovely  
shore.  
Great silver sails against the blue sky  
Spread out to the boisterous wind;  
The gaily-dressed sailors utter a cry:  
With the thoughts that fill their  
mind.  
Home from foreign countries, with  
wealth untold—  
Silks so costly, jewels so rare;  
Silver, and caskets of gleaming gold,  
Perfume, exotic and combs for  
bright hair.  
The beautiful belles of their sweet  
land  
In the silks and satins will parade;  
All that is wonderful, fine and grand  
They have brought to the Spanish  
maid.  
So over the sparkling, white-tossed  
foam,



From far-away lands, with treasures galore,  
The galleon in all its glory comes home  
Bearing its wonders to shore!

L.M.

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“The Blackbird.”

A blackbird flew to a wintry tree  
And sang a song to me;  
Up on those branches, cold and bare,  
He sang a song of ecstasy.  
No blossoms round him shed their fragrance,  
No grasses grew beneath;  
But though the sky above was grey,  
A song to all he did bequeath.  
O blackbird, in thy plumage dark and smooth,  
Thou singest sweeter than ever this dull night.  
O, teach me to rejoice:  
Despite the gloom, despite the coldness,  
The sad wind blowing everywhere  
Unsettled, forlorn and unscented,  
Teach me to find no care,  
And like you, to sing from places  
Not merry and blossom-filled,  
But in the sad, grey dwellings  
With a heart happy and thrilled!

L.M.

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The Waterfall.

I am a waterfall,  
A little, laughing waterfall,  
Splashing and gliding over mossy rocks,  
I do nothing else but play,  
I am happy all the day,  
In my sparkling waters fairies wash their frocks.

I don't know where I come from,  
Or where my waters go.  
Once I asked a violet, but he said he didn't know.  
The violet is my greatest friend,  
And so to it I always send  
Much of my clear, clean water to make it grow.

I've many friends beside,  
Who grow just near my side:  
Lilies, roses, grasses, ferns and moss,  
The birds are friends of mine.  
(Some of them are very fine,  
Some are cheeky, some are kind, and some are cross.)

Often by the pretty banks  
Of my mother creek,  
I see the children playing 'mongst the violets and the grass.  
I do my best to talk to them,  
But they do not understand,  
And very soon the happy hours pass.

The creek tells me stories,  
The birds sing me songs,  
The wind calls and whistles as he passes,  
The flowers I see  
Often talk to me.  
I'm always happy 'mongst the flowers and the grasses.

M.G.

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Mon Chat.

J'ai un chat  
Il est noir  
Je l'aime très bien;  
I'l a deux yeux verts  
Comme la mer  
Je l'aime plus que mon chien.

M.G.



**The Songster.**

It came from the shining moon-kissed  
trees,  
And slipped, like crystal, upon the  
breeze—

Such a rapturous, sparkling note  
From a wee bird's delicate throat.  
I listened, entranced and still,  
By the side of a twinkling rill;  
The moonbeams around me played,  
And the shady, green branches  
swayed.

The beauty of Night shone so fair,  
Enhanced by that silver note so rare.  
The flowers around me, dew-tipped,  
The roses gleaming, white-lipped,  
Sent out sweet fragrant perfumes,  
And the busy spiders at their looms  
Were weaving their frail, transient  
heirlooms;

Like fragile mists of silver hue  
They were festooned, shining with  
dew,

From flower to flower, in the Night,  
Amid the darkness and the light.  
But of all the loveliness around me  
None surpassed that exquisite melody,  
So unearthly divine, tenderly soft;  
It carried me and my thoughts aloft  
To greater spheres of Heavenly sight  
Where reposed my spirit in ecstasy  
and delight.

L.M.

**Night.**

When the night is closing in  
And the sea birds call;  
When the day is growing dim,  
Love must come to all.

Love of all things sweet and pure,  
Love of things unknown,  
Joy that makes the senses reel  
When the day has flown.

Twilight, with her soft embrace  
Blending earth and sky,  
Cloaking all with soft grey shrouds  
Till all outlines die.

Softly, softly twilight glides,  
Passing from our gaze,  
Leaves us in a world of Night,  
Seeking her in haze.

From the darkness everywhere  
Soon the stars will peep;  
Twilight now has passed away  
From this world of sleep.

**GOLF NOTES.**

Nell Gatehouse and her partner,  
Miss Tolhurst, won the Women's  
Foursomes Championship of Aus-  
tralia.

Gladys Hay won her way into the  
third round of the Women's British  
Open Championship.

Nell Minifie (Peninsula) and Doro-  
thy Carnegie (Kew) represented  
their clubs in the Champion of  
Champions, played during the  
V.L.G.U. meeting last month.

Maisie Syme has had several good  
wins at her club lately.

Dorothy Hiscock has been playing  
well. At Easter a few weeks ago she  
holed out in one.

**LITTLE RUYTON.**

Ding, dong! Ding, dong! We ex-  
pect you can hear these bells faintly  
chiming, but can you guess what they  
are? Like the "Old, old Lady," we  
shall give you three chances. Well,  
now we must tell you, they are the  
Christmas bells in the cupboard at



Little Ruyton, and they are asking to be hung up in a decorated school-room full of happy, excited children.

The Dolls' House, begun in the first term, is nearly finished. It is to be sent to Saint Agnes' Home, Glenroy; we hope they will like it. Such finishing touches as candle-sticks, books, writing paper, envelopes and lavender-bags are being added. In the afternoon many busy dressmakers and tailors may be seen cutting and stitching gay frocks of silk and velvet and suits of more sombre hue, to be worn later by the happy master and mistress of the Dolls' House when they give their house warming party. Whiteworkers are busy, too; the linen cupboard should be well stocked.

Hanging by the Dolls' House are pictures of that most wonderful of all miniature dwellings, the Queen's Dolls' House. It is well to keep our ideal in view.

Early in the term Mrs. Dreiheller kindly allowed us to borrow the children's miniature model German Kitchen, and Miss Arnold lent us a beautiful old tiny silver tea-set, so we have not wanted for inspiration.

The dolls' bed, the elder children's work, progresses slowly but steadily. This term has been an exciting one in the garden, so many flowers to pick, so much water from hoses and cans to splash about, such quick results for our work.

Little Ruyton has many good friends, but none kinder than Miss Armstrong, who has brought her car so often and taken us for outings; and another kind friend is Mr. Henty Wilson, whom we thank very much for making us a very useful piece of number-material.

### MISS RENE AUSTIN.

In our last issue we gave a sketch of Naru written by Constance Murray, a member of the O.R.A. In the present issue we give a short account of another Old Girl who has for years been doing very solid public work chiefly in her own home town, Geelong. Rene Austin was a boarder at Ruyton for several years. Since she left School she has occupied herself and found scope for her energies and organising abilities, which are of no mean order, in performing public duties of various kinds. During the war Rene Austin entered a bank as a teller in order to free a man for the Front. Her work was as good, if not better, than a man's. When peace was declared she at once relinquished her post so that a returned man might have the work. Well known as an organiser of ability, she has been hon. secretary of the Geelong Golf Club, the Barwon Heads Golf Club, the Australian Ladies' Golf Union, the Geelong Hospital Auxiliary Council, and the Town and Country Club. She has been a most valued hon. treasurer of the Geelong Free Kindergarten since its inception. The auditor says he has nothing to do but admire the treasurer's books annually. She has also occupied the position of President of the Geelong Branch of the Y.W.C.A. and the Blue Triangle Board of Directors.

Anyone who has ever been an hon. secretary or treasurer for a public organisation knows how much arduous work the various offices given above involve, and what an



amount of quiet organisation they entail. The fact that the work affords Rene a great deal of happiness and pleasure need not obscure the further fact that she is rendering to the community a very efficient and useful piece of public service.

### OLD GIRLS' DAY.

The annual reunion was held at Ruyton on Wednesday, November 12. It was a beautiful afternoon, warm and sunny. The garden looked peaceful and attractive, and the grandchildren of the School enjoyed themselves on the lawns. Several of the grandchildren were only a few months old, but all behaved with decorum.

The business meeting was held in the Assembly Hall. A very enthusiastic vote of thanks was moved to the office-bearers, Miss Nancy Walsh, Hon. Treasurer, and Miss Todd, Hon. Treasurer of the Scholarship Fund, and Miss Mary Arnold, Hon. Secretary of the Association. Miss Todd reported a satisfactory balance for the O.R.A. Scholarship Fund. She said that Armistice Day came very close to our own reunion, and reminded us of the sacrifices our men had made for us. It was our duty and privilege to do all we could to see that the soldiers' children were well looked after and properly educated.

Miss Daniell welcomed the Old Girls and congratulated the Association on having Mrs. Leslie Vance for their President again. The solidity of the Association and the

splendid work done by the Old Girls was of great value to the School. She said that this was the first year under the new Constitution, and the fact that there was now a Council to help in the management of the School was a tremendous help. The new Constitution would ensure permanency and progress. Old Girls who were unable to take debentures could still join the Ruyton Association on the payment of an annual subscription of one guinea. She congratulated the Old Girls on their marriages, and also announced the birth of six little grandsons. In making this announcement Miss Daniell remarked that though little boys were all very well in their way Old Girls must remember that the sex was not of much use to a girls' School.

After the business meeting tea was served in the dining-room. Old Girls then wandered about, inspecting their old haunts. Several of the aforesaid little grandsons competed in a race on the lawn, which they all won. Amongst those who attended the reunion were:—

Mesdames Vance, R. Chomley, E. F. Watts, A. V. Walker, Moad, L. Ballantyne, I. Macdonald, N. Derham, G. Ramsden, J. K. Finlay, E. W. Outhwaite, P. Macdonald, Grover, Johnson, Knox-Knight, O. B. McCutcheon, W. J. Lobb, Penrose, T. Svensson, S. Brodribb, Gason, Moir, Field, H. Kelly, B. Robinson, Garrard, R. Whitman, C. G. McCrae, C. Mitchell, E. Teague, J. Randall, and Misses Irving, Kemp, J. Joshua, B. Patten, J. Davidson, F. Hepworth, K. Hepworth, D. Dredge, B. Stokes,



M. Kaines, N. Riley, D. Power, D. E. Carnegie, S. McInnes, L. Dunn, B. Dunn, I. Wallace, K. Snowball, S. Macalister, B. Barnes, B. Serle, E. Logan, N. Wickham, M. Syme, M. Carnegie, D. Armstrong, M. Bice, M. Vance, J. Johnson, N. Walsh, M. Arnold, A. Todd, E. Moad, H. McCrae, D. Derham, M. McWilliam, M. Hedderwick, R. M. Lewis, S. Knox-Knight, R. Hiscock, M. Hiscock, R. Watson, W. Watson, P. Macpherson, M. Jackson.

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### OLD GIRLS' NEWS.

#### Engagements.

Mollie Kaines to Mr. Peter Buchanan.  
Merlyn Alsop to Mr. G. F. Steeper.

#### Marriages.

On Sept. 9, at Christ Church, St. Kilda, Peggy Ewing to Mr. Vaughan Cutten.  
In Oct., in Tasmania, Beverley Grubb to Mr. Keith Goyne.

#### Births.

Mrs. F. Kent (K. Roberts)—a son.  
Mrs Ronald Peck (V. Carnegie)—a son.  
Mrs. Robert Wischer (M. Shannon)—a son.  
Mrs. P. Macdonald (R. Macartney)—a son.

#### General.

Miss Daniell would be glad if recent Old Girls would look carefully on their book shelves to see if,

by accident, they have acquired her copy of Newbolt's poems. If it is promptly returned all will be forgiven and forgotten.

Cynthia Teague has finished her course in Architecture, and is now working in an architect's office.

Dr. Gwen Kaines has been appointed Hon. Medical Examiner for the Old Ruytonians' Association. She has undertaken to examine at regular intervals the little girl who holds the O.R.A. Scholarship. Dr. Kaines is a resident medical officer at the Victorian Women's Hospital.

Old Girls will regret to hear that Miss Lilian Irving is ill at her home in Mercer Road.

Mrs. David Carnegie has left for England to see Elvie Morris, who went there from India last month.

Mrs. Kay has gone to India to visit Eld Breadmore.

Brenda Hardy will complete her training at the Tweedle Training Institute this year.

Mrs. H. Wilson has not been well since her return from Europe, and has been ordered by the doctor to rest.

Nancy Love has purchased a practice in Macquarie Street, Sydney, and is practising massage.

Gwen Swanton is touring over Europe in a car with her sister Lucy.

Peggy Cutten has returned to Adelaide. Her address is "Dalfurly," Brougham Place, North Adelaide.

Jean Muntz has entered the Melbourne Hospital to train as a nurse.

Barbara Ballantyne has recovered from her recent illness.

Dorothy Walsh has returned from a very interesting trip abroad.



**Marion Worrell** intends taking the course of Training under the Free Kindergarten Union of Victoria next year.

**Kitty Snowball** leaves in December for a year's holiday abroad.

Will any Old Girl who knows the address of **Nesta Maloney** kindly ring the Hon. Secretary, **Mary Arnold** (Haw. 211). "Ruytonians" sent to the former Tasmanian address are returned.

**Helen Potter** has a senior technical scholarship at the Emily Macpherson College. The course is a three years' course.

**Merlyn Alsop** returned early in November from a very interesting trip, during which she visited England and Scotland, spending a month on the Continent.

**Mrs. L. Ballantyne** has recovered from her recent severe illness.

**Melba Bice** has been at Frankston recovering from her recent operation. She is now quite well again.

Old Ruytonians will regret to hear of the death of one of Ruyton's best friends, Mrs. Lucy Simpson, who died at her home in Cecil Street, Kew, on September 8. Mrs. Simpson's connection with Ruyton dates back at least 40 years. Her three daughters are all Old Girls of the School, and they have our sincere sympathy in the loss of their mother. Mrs. Simpson's bright and lovable personality, and her wonderful gift for friendship, made her beloved by all her daughters' many friends, to whom her house was always open, and for whose joys and sorrows she had a ready ear.

The Editors of "The Ruytonian" like to publish as much Old Ruy-

tonians' news as possible, and would be very grateful if Old Girls would take the trouble to send news about themselves or others. There are two issues of the magazine each year. News for the June issue should reach the Editors not later than the beginning of April, and that for the December issue not later than the beginning of November.

#### Staff—Past and Present.

**Miss E. M. Heddle** and **Miss Muriel Horlock** are leaving Ruyton at the end of the present term to return to Adelaide.

**Miss M. Blackwood** is sitting for her examinations for 1st year Science at the end of this year.

**Miss E. Moad** has recovered from her very severe illness.

**Miss Julia Davidson** is living in Melbourne again.

**Mrs. Randall** came to Old Girls' Day with her little daughter Jeanette.

**Miss Ruby Powell, B.A., Miss M. Bayne, M.A.,** and **Miss Winifred Embery** are joining the Ruyton staff next year.

**Miss Lancaster** is living at Lancaster, near Kyabram.

**Miss Power** became engaged in the early part of this year to Mr. Steel, of Papua. She intends to spend the Summer vacation in New Guinea.

**Miss Mercia Mock** is engaged to be married to Mr. G. Thompson.

**Miss Pettitt**, who relieved Miss Barber in second term, is engaged to be married to Mr. Eric Croll. Mr. Croll has gone to Nauru for two years.



## List of Members of Old Ruytonians' Association

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RUYTON GIRLS' SCHOOL



### RUYTON CHINA.

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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



