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"The whining schoolboy . . .
. . . creeping like snail
Unwillingly to school."

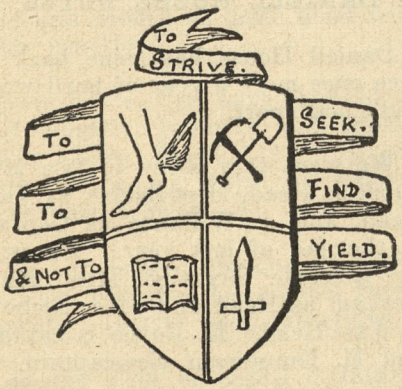
The first places in England where men could learn to read and write were the monasteries. Only boys who were fortunate enough to go there were ever educated. For many centuries the majority of the people could not read, or even write their own names. In 1509 John Colet founded the first public school in England. It was built in St. Paul's churchyard for one hundred and fifty-three boys. John Colet superintended the production of suitable books for the boys and placed the management of the school in public hands.

In the early schools, which were only for boys, the pupils of all classes sat together in one large room. The only division of classes was that there were rows of backless forms, and these were called first form, second form, third form, up to the highest class. At the end of the room the master sat on a high desk. The boys had to work very hard. They made their own beds and started lessons at six o'clock. They learned to read, write and speak Latin, and also learned Greek. In addition, they learned long passages of the Bible by heart. In the schoolroom a birch rod was always kept for flogging idle boys. It is no wonder that they crept "unwillingly to school."

In the villages in the early days were the dame's schools. To these came the children—girls and boys—from the village and neighbouring farms. They were taught to read and write by the dame who kept the school. Unless boys or girls really loved work and liked reading, there was nothing to help them to like it. There was no sport, no interesting subjects that are now considered essential to education, and after the first day their interest probably waned, and they would do what they could to stay away.

As the schools progressed, more interest was added to the work. Chemistry, physiology, botany and geography were taught, and then extra subjects were introduced into the schools. Pupils could learn singing, sewing and cookery; they could learn to play various kinds of musical instruments; elocution classes were held and dramatic clubs were started; and arts and crafts, including pottery, leatherwork and woodpainting, were taught.

When sport was introduced, the schools were often divided into Houses, which could play matches against each other, and competition became very keen. Nowadays, sport plays a very important part in school life. So, as the schools progress, and the interest becomes keener, it is not so hard for children to have to go to school, and the schoolboys and schoolgirls no longer creep "unwillingly to school," as in the days of Shakespeare.



ANDERSON HOUSE NOTES.

This year Anderson has come back with good resolutions for both work and sport. We were unfortunate in losing several of our senior girls at the end of last year, but we have many promising juniors coming on. Our new office-bearers are: Captain, B. Summons; Vice-Captain, J. Hay; General Representative, D. Morrison.

In our matches we have not been very fortunate so far, our senior tennis team—consisting of B. Summons, M. Tucker, E. Lemon and J. Hay—being defeated by Bromby, 20 games to 19, and by Daniell, 23 games to 16.

The baseball team, however, has only played one match, in which we defeated Bromby, 19 runs to 11. The team is as follows: B. Summons, D. Morrison, J. Hay, E. Lemon, D. Jackson, M. Tucker, J. Dodgshun, V. Wilson, P. MacGruer.

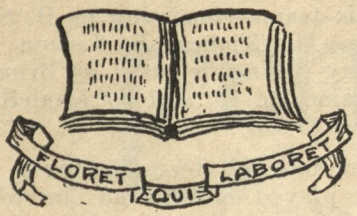
The junior tennis team has not yet played any matches, but, as it is the same as last year, we hope that with practice it will do well in the third term.

We wish to congratulate Bromby on winning the Swimming Sports with 71 points. We were third with 69 points, many of which were due to the splendid efforts of J. Dodgshun, whose swimming has greatly improved since last year.

The Running Sports were very exciting, as the points were close until the end. The final result was: Bromby 153½, Anderson 148, Lascelles 98½, Daniell 74. We would like to congratulate Bromby on winning the Running Cup, and J. Dodgshun on winning the Under-15 Championship.

At the Fete on April 8 Anderson had the cake stall, and we were pleased to be able to hand in £19/2/4½ towards the new classroom.

We are all looking forward to a good winter term, when we expect to be very busy with work, basketball and knitting for charity.



BROMBY HOUSE NOTES.

We were very fortunate in having Miss Bayne and Miss Boyd back this year as head and vice-head respectively. G. Brown has been elected captain and J. Allen vice-captain. M. Robb was appointed secretary. We were very pleased in being able to win both the Swimming and Running Sports, as this gives us fourteen points towards the Cock House Cup.

The results of the baseball matches were not all that we had hoped for, as we lost to Anderson. We did, however, win both the others. The results were: Bromby defeated Daniell, 16—12; Bromby defeated Lascelles, 37—8; Anderson defeated Bromby, 19—11.

So far we have played only one senior tennis match. Result: Bromby defeated Anderson, 20—19.

This year we propose sending food and clothing to the State Unemployment Relief, but no move has been taken yet.

At the Fete held on April 8 the Bromby stall, run by the mothers of the Bromby girls, was very successful.

DANIELL HOUSE NOTES.

Daniell House has come back to face once more a year of hard work and good sport.

We were very sorry to lose Miss Short as Head, Miss Barber as Vice-Head, and J. Williams as Captain at the end of last year. We wish to welcome heartily Miss Mary Derham as Head and Miss Nicholls as Vice-Head. K. Royce is captain and M. Gunnersen vice-captain.

First of all we would like to congratulate Bromby on winning both the Swimming and Running Sports. We came second in the Swimming, but did not do so well in the Running, only securing fourth place. We wish to congratulate E. Adams and E. Trescowthick, who were runners-up for the over-15 and under-13 championships respectively.

We have played two tennis and two baseball matches so far.

Senior Tennis.

Daniell d. Anderson, 23—16 games.

Daniell drew Lascelles, 16—16 games.

Baseball.

Lascelles d. Daniell, 18—13 runs.
Bromby d. Daniell, 16—12 runs.

Although we did not win many matches, the team work amongst the juniors has improved considerably and should be quite good with more practice.

This winter we have decided to knit singlets, jumpers and booties for a babies' home. If every girl works hard we hope to send a large parcel away.

M. Gunnersen, passing in eight subjects, obtained her School Intermediate. Hearty congratulations.

At the Fete on April 8 Daniell had a very successful afternoon with the Sweets Stall, realising over £19. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all the mothers of Daniell House girls who worked so hard to make the stall a success.

During the term Miss Royce presented the House with a new Notice Board. We wish to thank her very much indeed, for we were in sore need of a new one; we were also given a new House Flag, for which we have to thank our captain.

LASCELLES HOUSE NOTES.

Encouraged by last year's efforts, Lascelles returned this year determined to do better than ever. Miss Rossiter and Miss Willis are still with us to take up their positions of Head and Vice-Head respectively. The captain and vice-captain are M. Rylah and S. Walker, who are also the representatives on the Sports Committee. D. Rylah is the House Representative on the General Committee.

We were not at all successful in the Swimming Sports, coming last, in spite of the efforts of I. Tymns. We would like to congratulate Bromby on their win. In the Running Sports we did better, coming third. Congratulations! to Bromby again. Our running teams particularly were weak, and we could only manage two representatives in the Under-15 division. We would like to congratulate M. Rylah on winning the over-15 championship.

We have not played many matches. Bromby defeated us and we defeated Daniell at baseball.

Our only senior tennis match resulted in a draw with Daniell.

We must do better than this if we want to do well at all this year. Every girl in the House must realise that her individual effort counts, however weak it may be, and that the House will never succeed to win the Cock House Cup unless every girl is giving her best for the House.

ANZAC DAY.

On April 25 Mr. W. H. Dickinson, a returned soldier, came to speak to us about Anzac. He gave us a very interesting account of his landing at Anzac Beach, and of the conditions there. The weather was exceedingly hot and water was very scarce. On one occasion he met General Birdwood at the side of a shallow well. Food was scarce, the men living on bully beef and bad bread. He finished up with an appeal for the returned soldiers who are unemployed or injured; not an appeal for money, but an appeal for sympathy.

MUSIC EXAMINATIONS, 1932.

Grade II.

Sheila Summons — Practical, Pass; Theory, Credit.

Kathleen Royce—Practical, Credit; Theory, Credit.

Grade III.

Betty Bernadou—Practical, Pass.

Betty Summons — Practical, Pass; Theory, Honours.

Dorothy Rylah—Practical, Pass.

Mary Brodribb—Practical, Pass.

Betty Gregson—Practical, Pass.

Grade IV.

Dorothy Rylah—Theory, Honours.

Winsome Forbes—Theory, Pass.

Nancy Maskell — Practical, Pass; Theory, Credit.

Grade V.

Betty Roche—Practical, Pass.

SPORTS DAY, 1933.

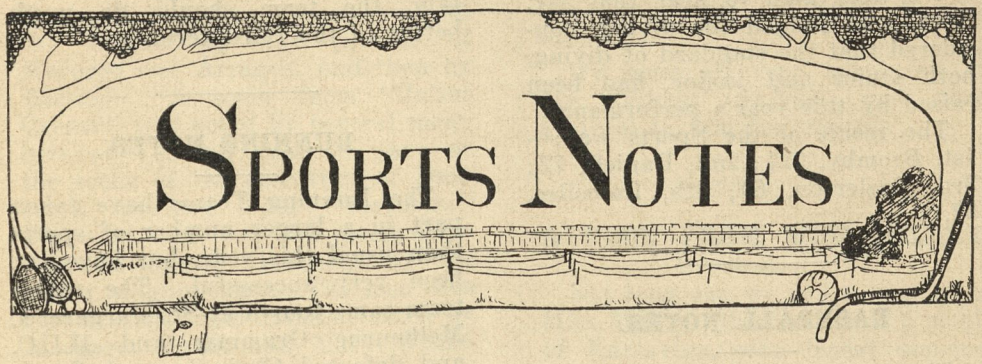
We had beautiful weather on April 28 for the Annual Sports Meeting, which, as usual, was held on the School Field.

The results were: Bromby 153½ points, Anderson 148, Lascelles 98½, Daniell 74.

Championships: M. Rylah, over 15; J. Dodgshun, under 15; B. Lewis, under 13; J. Ryan, under 10.

The Senior Inter-School Flag Race and the Inter-School Flat Race were won by C.E.G.G.S., and the Junior Inter-School Flag Race by Fintona. The Kindergarten Race was won by L. Gregson, the Little Brothers' and Sisters' Race by A. Baker, the Fathers' Race by Mr. Trescowthick, and the Staff Nomination Race by M. Wenmoth for Miss M. Derham.

The prizes were distributed by Mrs. W. R. Rylah.



TENNIS NOTES.

Results of Matches.

Ruyton lost to St. Catherine's	36—20
Ruyton lost to St. Catherine's	36—9
Ruyton lost to M.L.C. ..	36—15
Ruyton lost to M.L.C. ..	33—19

Match v. Clyde.

Ruyton lost to Clyde ..	43—30

So far Ruyton has not had any success in tennis this year. There are a number of good players in the team, and it is disappointing to find the results so bad. Individually the girls show distinct promise. But we want to have a team, not a number of individuals. Each girl must practise seriously with her partner, not only to improve her shots, but to learn the tactics necessary in doubles play.

Every member in the team should realise that it will always be the attacking pair that will win. The teams who have defeated Ruyton have all had several girls who have dominated the play at the net. Steady baseline play may sometimes succeed, but most winning shots are made at the net. Some of the eight have a good equipment of strokes. They have shown they can attack, and with more confidence and concentration they should be capable of defeating other teams. But they must learn to win the rallies, and not be content with several good shots in a game. The object is to win each game, and every point is needed.

The girls have the ability, but some seem to lack determination. Perhaps they have inferiority complexes. If so, they must immediately get rid of them. One team has to win, and there is no reason why it should not be Ruyton.

SWIMMING SPORTS.

The Swimming Sports were held as usual in the Kew Baths on March 10. It was a beautiful day and the sports were run by Miss M. Derham, with the help of the other members of the staff.

We were glad to hear that Mr. Kerr, who judged the diving, considered that the standard of diving, both senior and junior, had been raised by this year's performance.

The result of the Sports was:—1st, Bromby, 72½; 2nd, Daniell, 72; 3rd, Anderson, 69; 4th, Lascelles, 57.

BASEBALL NOTES.

The team started the term well with a good victory against St. Catherine's second baseball team, but since then it has failed to win any matches. The M.L.C. and Lauriston firsts gave the girls good practice, and the whole team performed very well in the match against Clyde, although finally losing by 27 runs to 20.

The chief feature of the match was the fine uphill fight made by the school team during the latter half of the game. Ruyton was behind, 18 to 1, at one period, but excellent fielding and throwing and improved batting prevented Clyde from having an easy victory.

Every member of the team should endeavour to improve her batting and hit out with far more determination. The running between bases also needs improvement, as some of the girls fail to make the most of their opportunities. On the field they work very well together, but they could still show far more life in their play. If all the members could only acquire more of the alertness and enthusiasm that characterises the play of their captain, the team should do much better in the third term.

RUNNING NOTES.

The Running Teams have taken part in a larger number of sports than usual this year, but have not been very successful. The senior team came fourth at St. Margaret's, Melbourne Grammar and M.L.C. and defeated Clyde in a challenge race on April 22. The junior team came second at our sports, but were not successful anywhere else. The senior representative, M. Rylah, obtained second place at our sports and at M.L.C. The team is as follows:—(1) E. Adams, (2) J. Dodgshun, (3) G. Eeles, (4) B. Gregson, (5) K. Royce, (6) J. Hay, (7) B. Summons, (8) M. Rylah (captain).

SHAKESPEARE'S BIRTHDAY PARTY.

This year we held Shakespeare's birthday party on May 5. Each class acted a scene from the play they are studying. For several weeks before the party the senior classes had been rehearsing their scenes and searching the property box for suitable costumes to wear. It had all been very mysterious, and we were eager to see the results. The first item was selections from "A Midsummer Night's Dream" by Va. Then Vb gave us selections from "The Merchant of

Venice," including the opening of the caskets by the princes of Morocco and Arragon, and then by Bassanio. A scene from "Julius Caesar" was acted by several members of Vc, and Pass VI gave us the scene of the discovery of Duncan's murder, from "Macbeth." The next item was two songs from "The Tempest," rendered by the senior singing class. The last item was a scene from Hamlet, acted by Margaret Rylah and Mary Whitehead. Supper followed, and then the rest of the evening was spent in dancing.

THE ROTARY CLUB.

On Thursday, May 4, Mr. Holmes came to speak to us on behalf of the Rotary Club. He came because the Rotary Club are holding Boys' and Girls' Week. In this week the Rotary members try to tell all the boys and girls about the club—its aims and its history. Also, at each school, the member who visits them gives a short talk on a subject which has been fixed to be spoken on at all the schools. This year the subject was Loyalty.

Mr. Holmes said that when we spoke of Loyalty we naturally thought of loyalty to the King, but there are other things to which we must be loyal also. We must be loyal to ourselves; that is, we must believe in ourselves and also be sincere. We must be loyal to our home and our parents. We must be loyal to our friends and to our school, and with our loyalty to our King, we must be loyal to our country.

We were all very interested in Mr. Holmes' address, and very grateful to him for coming.

A VISIT FROM MISS MILLER.

Not long ago we had a visit from Miss Miller. Miss Miller is a pupil of Karsavina, who learnt dancing with Pavlova, and has since become a famous dancer and dancing teacher herself.

With her she brought several of her pupils, who gave us a wonderful exhibition of all kinds of fancy dancing. All the dancing was executed to classical music and was several times an interpretation. One item, which was a special favourite with the junior school, was the skipping. Here the pupils did many kinds of different steps, and, while performing with great speed, made hardly any mistakes. We are very grateful to Miss Miller for her visit.

PHOTOGRAPHY.

As some of us are interested in photography, Mr. Allen, from the Kodak Company, has come twice this term to tell us the details of photography. On his first visit he explained focus to us, with the aid of diagrams on the blackboard. On his second visit he brought us slides showing famous places in England

and rival scenery in Australia. They were very pretty and interesting, in spite of the fact that he assured us they were full of faults. Next lesson he is going to tell us these faults and how to avoid them.

RANGER NOTES.

We are very pleased to have Miss Juffs with us as our Lieutenant this year.

On Thursday, April 27, we had an enrolment of eight recruits, so that the company has now increased to thirty-five. During the year several proficiency badges have been gained, including those for Sick Nurse, Child Nurse, Health, Laundress.

We decided this year to help the Berry Street Foundling Home, since Frank, the toddler whom we supported, has gone to Bendigo.

Patrols are competing for the making of garments for the Home.

We are also helping Miss McDonald with her two companies of Past Guides. One Ranger a month spends a week-end with her at her home at Tarrawarra to help with the duplicating of the Company letter and other duties.

GUIDE NOTES.

Miss Murdoch and Miss Lamb have come back this year to carry on the Guide Company. We are very glad to have Sheila Summons and Dorothy MacGruer back again this year, although they have both left school.

The patrols have ben reshuffled this year and they stand as follows:—Blue Wrens—P.L., B. Summons; Second, I. Tymns. Robin—P.L., G. Brown; Second, L. Bayly. Thrush — P.L., D. MacGruer; Second, J. Hall.

There is only one recruit, but although she has passed her tenderfoot test, it has been impossible to arrange for her enrolment this term.

The Company has attended several rallies this term, a service at St. Paul's, an Anzac service at the Rialto, Kew, and a church parade at the 70th anniversary of Holy Trinity Church, Kew.

On account of too much work, several girls have had leave of absence this term. They are M. Whitehead, M. Robb, A. Holland. N. Ross, a new boarder who was a Lone Guide, has just joined the company.

Plans for going to camp in the September holidays have been discussed, but so far nothing is definite.

Next term Miss Lamb, the Lieutenant, is going to take the company meeting for her Lieutenant's Warrant, and we wish her every success.

BROWNIE NOTES.

The Brownie Pack is bigger this year than it has been for some time. The Brown Owl is Miss Coles, and there are 17 Brownies. There have

been six recruits this year, but only four have been enrolled.

The following girls have gained service stars this year:—Pat Holmes, Beryl Newman, Dorothy Gregson, Janet Kent Hughes, and Shirley Sterrett.

The Brownies have made an attractive meeting place under the oak tree in the front garden. They have not attended any rallies yet, but intend to hold a party early next term.

SENIOR MUSIC CLUB NOTES.

The first meeting of the Senior Music Club for the year was held on February 22, with a good attendance. The following office-bearers were elected: President, K. Royce; Secretary - Treasurer, G. Brown; Committee, M. Rylah (representing Hon. VI), B. Summons (representing Pass VI), and M. Brodribb (representing Vc).

We decided to hold an opera evening on May 10, but were unable to carry out our intentions owing to lack of time to practise. The evening has been postponed until Wednesday, June 14, and a hearty welcome is extended to all. This year we have decided to charge an entrance fee of a silver coin; the proceeds will be put into the piano fund.

We wish to thank Mr. Mallinson, who has kindly offered to help us with songs and the Toy Symphony.

GENERAL COMMITTEE NOTES.

At the first meeting held this year by the General Committee, it was decided that we should help the Institute for the Blind, the Burnley Free Kindergarten, and the Children's Hospital, and knit garments for the Arms of Jesus Babies' Home. It was suggested that we hold a "Boot, Book and Clothing Day" to collect garments and books for the children attending the Fitzroy Free Kindergarten. It was also suggested that we reopen the Dramatic Club and produce a one-act play at a junior concert rather than a three-act play, which would occupy a whole evening.

THE SEAMEN'S MISSION NOTES.

The Ruyton branch of the Seamen's Mission has increased very much this year. We have more than twice the number of members this year than last. Some members were eager to visit the German cruiser, "Köln," but as the ship was in port during the Easter holidays, we were unable to arrange the visit.

Balance-sheet of Fete held at Ruyton on April 8.

RECEIPTS				*EXPENSES*			
Anderson House	£19	10	4½	Printing and Postage for Old Ruytonians'	£1	9	6
Bromby House	15	13	4	Printing Invitation Tickets	0	18	4
Daniell House	19	1	7½	Ice Cream	3	7	0
Lascelles House	11	2	4	Total Expenses	£5	14	10
Old Ruytonians' Work Stall	32	3	0	Balance in Bank	136	0	4
Opportunity Stall	13	13	0½				
Aeroplanes	0	10	0				
Bagatelle	2	8	6				
Character Reading	2	18	0				
Ice Cream	5	9	11				
Moving Pictures	1	16	0				
Pony Rides	1	4	3				
Posters	1	10	0				
Putting Competition	1	10	0				
Refreshments	8	17	8				
Tennis Tournament	2	10	6				
Per Janet Kent Hughes	1	17	4½				
Donation	0	2	6				
	141	18	5				
Less spurious Coins	0	3	3				
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LETTER FROM MRS. WATTS, KOBE.

My Dear Ruytonians who help with work for the Seamen's Mission—

I thought you might like to hear about the Xmas we had here, in far-away Kobe—with men of many nations.

Our Xmas is quite a long one, as it begins always about December 20 and goes on till January 8. First, a band of willing helpers—say, about 20 ladies (German, Swedish, English, Australian, Finnish and Norwegian)—arrive and put up a big Xmas tree and decorate all the rooms with flags and streamers, holly and big branches of scarlet berries, and tie up 400 Xmas gifts all ready for the sailors. Then every night we have a party—dancing, games, songs and carols, a good supper, and a present for everyone. We carry the gifts round in a basket and ask the boys to take a lucky dip. The man who had no teeth at all, and who got soap, a toothbrush and paste in his parcel was very amused, and changed parcels with his mate. We made 80 good-sized wall pockets of gay cretonne as gifts this Xmas, and found the sailors liked them ever so much. They are really useful to hang in their cabins and put their brushes, etc., into. We entertained 575 men of six nations at these Xmas parties—German, Danish, Swedish, French, Norwegian and English—and had some good and happy times. The seafarers

always feel very homesick at Xmas, and it cheers them up when they get to a far-away part of the world and find a Xmas welcome awaiting them. When they come in and sink into an armchair by the fire and say, "Why, that's just like home," that sounds fine to us. The men often say how splendid the Australian missions are and what good times they have in them, so keep the flag flying away down there.

We have two monkeys here, Jacko and Dougal, and two cats, Bubble and Squeak, who help quite a lot with the entertaining. I'm sure you'd like them all. Wishing you all a happy year of work and play.—Yours affectionately,

Jessie W. Watts.

DEACONESS MINNA JOHNSON'S VISIT.

Deaconess Minna Johnson came to Ruyton on April 7 to speak to us about her work with the babies of the Melbourne slums. She brought with her two babies, Betty and Amy, who were very popular with everyone at school.

Deaconess Minna, during her short talk to us, told us two stories of babies who had been brought to her some time ago. The first was of Betty, one of the babies who came to see us. Betty had been brought to Deaconess Minna when she was only nine days old. Her mother will never be able to look after her, and her two sisters are quite old enough to know that they must act like mothers to Betty as she grows older.

Deaconess Minna's second story was about a baby of three, who had been made blind by the carelessness of a doctor who did not understand what should have been done. Deaconess Minna will look after her and help her as much as possible until she can send her, in two years' time, to a blind asylum.

There are fifty-four babies whom Deaconess Minna looks after, and for these babies homes have been set up, both in the country and towns. Deaconess Minna invited anyone to visit one of the homes and see how strong and healthy all the babies are.

THE ORCHESTRA.

Originally, the word orchestra, of Greek derivation, was the name given to the platform or place where the band and chorus were accommodated. But later it was used to name both the instruments and players.

The orchestra of to-day, consisting of strings, woodwind, brass and percussion, had a very humble beginning.

As far as is known, the orchestra was born about the year 1600, when Cavalière's oratoria, "The Representation of the Soul and Body," was performed in Rome, accompanied by a double lyre, a harpsichord, a double guitar and two flutes.

Monteverde's opera, performed at Mantua in 1608, showed a great

advance, the orchestra being composed of 35 instruments, representing 14 different types.

Despite the increase in numbers and variety, the art of orchestration was as yet in its infancy, and the sense of orchestral colouring was lacking in the composers of the day. It required a full century to gain a firm footing.

The development of orchestration has passed through three stages: (1) The period of Purcell, Bach and Handel (1660-1750). The idea of strings in two, three or four parts, accompanied by woodwinds, with a background supplied by the organ, was adopted. (2) The period of Haydn, Mozart and Beethoven (1750-1827). It was during this period that the strings were used in harmony, and woodwinds, horns, trumpets, and tympani were used for brilliance and colouring. (3) The third and modern period, which dates from Beethoven's death, has been a steady piling up of all available effects.

Since c. 1850 the numbers of instruments have been increased and many sound-producers — pleasant and distasteful — have been fashioned.

The placing of the instruments plays an important part in producing orchestral works, especially for broadcasting and recordings. The instruments must be arranged to enable each player to see the conductor, but, at the same time, perfect balance must be obtained. The woodwind section is the hardest part of the orchestra to manage, for, after 60 or 70 bars rest, the instruments have cooled down, and if they are not warmed before playing, the pitch will alter about a quarter or half a tone, which, of course, spoils the effect.

K.A.R.

RELICS OF THE CRUSADES.

In Palestine there are many great castles most of them in ruins, which were built by the Crusaders, who, in 1097, crossed from Western Europe to Palestine to fight for their religion. Great and wealthy barons, born soldiers, trained from their youth to fight, raised forces of brave and enthusiastic knights. They gathered together in a huge army, and in 1097, crossing the Amanus Mountains, in northern Syria, they swarmed through the Syrian gates at Bailan, and, after hard fighting, took Antioch. Odessa was then captured, and soon Jerusalem was attacked. The Crusaders gained their first entrance through the north wall, and soon the city was taken.

The leaders of the Crusaders built huge castle along the coast, and at points where they were most likely to be attacked on the frontiers. Many of these castles still remain to remind us of the chivalry of the ancient knights. The most important castles in the district of Tripoli are Jubaïl, Tripoli, Tartous, Safita, Margab and Kalat-el-Husn.

Only parts of the castle of Jubaïl still stand. It fell into Frank hands in 1103 and was captured by Saladin ten years later. A town

has been built up around it. The castle of Tripoli, which is now used as a prison, is built on a rock washed by a rapid mountain stream. The Count of Tripoli ruled over one of the richest of the Crusader districts, but it was more open to attack than most of the other castles. Tartous was built on the seashore so that the Templars were always in touch with Europe. It had three moats and three walls. The outside moat and wall enclosed a village and a large garden; the second and third were close together; and in the middle were the citadel, the chapel, the soldiers' quarters, and the knightly hall. From the "White Castle" at Safita, built high up on a hill, messages used to be flashed across to Tartous. From the flat roof of the "White Castle" a wonderful view is obtained, and ruins of castles can be seen on the neighbouring hills.

Margab, "the Watchtower," is still complete. It is situated on a steep hill 1200 feet above sea level. The overhanging stone balconies or machicolations, with their loopholes, guard the road winding along the hillside, clad with olive trees from the pleasant valley beneath. The entrance gate faces the west. In the king's chamber in the huge southern tower, Richard the Lionheart imprisoned Isaac Commenus, ruler of Cyprus, and bound him with silver chains, because he had not welcomed the shipwrecked Queen of England with becoming hospitality. In 1188, after Saladin had defeated the Crusaders, the Knights of St. John made it their headquarters, under Armengaud d'Asp.

But the most wonderful engineering feat of all is Kalat-el-Husn, or, as the Crusaders called it, "Krak des Chevaliers," near Homs. It crowns the top of a lofty mountain and overlooks rich valleys where there are fields of grain and sheep and goats grazing. It was the strongest and richest possession of the Knights Hospitalers for over a hundred years. For a hundred and fifty years it protected the eastern frontier against the Moslems and kept Tripoli free from invasion. The castle has a strong wall with towers at intervals around it. All around the wall is a machicolation with loopholes, through which they could pour boiling oil on the enemy if they tried to climb or undermine the wall. Inside the wall is a moat, and behind that, built on the sloping rock, is the citadel. Protecting the southern part of the fortress are three great towers, with walls thirty feet thick. The main entrance to the castle is guarded by massive swinging doors. From the absolutely dark passage, smaller ones lead to loopholes in the walls. Three more doors block the passage, each door being guarded by openings in the ceiling. Before the main gate of the citadel is reached, the passage doubles back on itself and is defended by one of the three southern towers. Above the main entrance, which has folding doors and a portcullis, is a machicolation larger than those guarding the other three doors. This passage

was so well guarded that no enemy ever passed through it. Now the castle is used by families, who keep their sheep and cattle in the great rooms and live in the smaller chambers themselves.

Another interesting old castle is the Sea Castle of Sidon. It was rebuilt by St. Louis of France, on rocks which lay out from the coast. He built it after he had bought his freedom from the Sultan of Egypt in 1250. At present it is used for storing petroleum.

Many other castles were built by the Crusaders, most of which are now in ruins. But soon the Europeans turned their thoughts to other things, and the Saracens captured their castles one by one. They drove them nearer and nearer to the coast, till at last the Europeans left and sailed back home.

SIBELIUS.

Sibelius is a composer who has been known overseas for some years, but has only, in the last year, come into prominence in Melbourne. At the final concert of the season of the Melbourne University Orchestra, Melbourne heard for the first time his symphony in E Minor, Opus 39. The audience was left gasping at the magnificence and grandeur at the close of the last movement. After a breathless silence, in which they had to collect their thoughts and realise they were not scaling mountains, a deafening applause shook the Town Hall. It was a unanimous and whole-hearted congratulation to Professor Bernard Heinze and his orchestra on the wonderful work they had put into this extremely difficult composition. It was interesting to read in an overseas news section of one paper some time ago a small piece that had been published in a Finnish paper. The piece stated that in Melbourne, Australia, in November, the University Orchestra had played Sibelius' E Minor Symphony under the capable baton of Professor Heinze.

Sibelius is a Finn with a very strong love of nature, especially for his own countryland. This love dominates all his music. In the 68 years of his life he has composed seven symphonies, nine symphonic poems, three overtures and a number of shorter compositions for violin, piano and orchestra, and also some very lovely songs. He began writing symphonies in 1899 at the age of 34, and during regular intervals until 1925 he composed the seven. He has made a big reputation for himself as a conductor in Finland.

In many ways he can be compared with the great Beethoven. Both are very strong-willed and have tremendous power which comes out in their music. He is a man of strong imagination which, probably mixed with the splendid scenery of his country, makes his work outstanding. Like Beethoven also, he has a different style of composing from the ordinary symphonic form. His deviation from the usual form is not nearly as drastic as Beethoven's was. Sibelius

never introduces any ornamental passages and does not go in for complicated first and second subjects with variations and developments, but simply states the bare truth and then passes to the next motive, with only a suppressed connecting link, but of sufficient importance to bind the whole into one glorious composition.

The Symphony in E Minor is filled with marvellous contrasts between light and shade. It is so realistic that the most unmusical of hearers can visualise high, rugged mountains and clear, crystal streams flowing through deep valleys. At times the music depicts a countryside bathed in sunlight and the lovely songs of the native birds, and then it changes suddenly to rough, unkind mountain gorges. When one becomes familiar with the opening passage of the Andante, they will realise that it is one of the most beautiful passages in all music.

After Melbourne's formal introduction to Sibelius at the end of last year, I am sure everyone is waiting impatiently for more of his music in order to have a better acquaintance with the first composer, who can, in some respects, be likened to Beethoven.

S.P.W.

POEMS.

Dawn.

Silent and mysterious the bush
Slept, veiled in silver mist;
The world lay sleeping, sleeping,
Softly kissed
By night's dark, peaceful shades;
And cool and deep the glades
And woodland pools
Seemed dead and long forgotten;
The gaunt, black trees
Lean'd one against the other
Old and rotten.
The dark, grey sky loom'd
Streaked with dark grey clouds
Which spread, wind blown,
Or clustered round in crowds.

When all at once the sky with light became
A paler colder grey,
Then orange turned,
Then pink; and day
Lit up the clouds in glorious array.
They floated, feathery light,
Dusted with powder pink, and glist'ning white.
The sun's warm, cheerful beams
Pierced through the trees,
And wakened from their dreams
The birds. And suddenly the bush
Was all alive with songs and twitterings.
The mappie's and the bellbird's songs
Sounded, swinging in the shade
By the creek in the moss-grown glade.
Then the laughing Jackass woke
And took it all as one great joke;
And he chuckled and laughed at the rising run,
Glad to see that night was done.
And all rejoiced, for it was day,
And gloomy night was chased away.

M.G.

The Fish Pond.

In the Fish Pond at the break of dawn,
Fish are swimming by their spawn;
When the sun is shining bright,
Isn't it a pretty sight?
Peach trees there are very few,
Bulbs are quickly coming through;
Easter daisy, mauve and white,
Roses pink, but very light!

O.N.

GIFTS.

The School has received several gifts this term, for which we gratefully thank the following:—

Mr. and Mrs. Royce, for a gramophone and records.

Mrs. W. Scott, for blinds for the new classroom.

Miss E. Lascelles, Miss Nellie M. Patterson, Miss Mary Patterson, each for a dining-room chair.

SPEECH NIGHT.

The Fifty-fourth Annual Speech Night was held in the Recreation Hall on December 12. Mr. W. S. Kent Hughes was in the chair. The girls gave a short programme of carols and songs, Kathleen Royce played Gigue by Loeilly and Chopin's Mazurka, and Sheila Summons gave Chopin's Black Note Study.

The prizes were distributed by Professor Copland, who expressed pleasure at the formation of a Parents' Association at Ruyton, as it gave parents an opportunity to assume some of the responsibility for effecting improvements in education or in school equipment. Professor Copland also warned the girls who were going on to the University not to allow the greater freedom of University life to detract from their studies.

Miss Daniell read her report on the year's work, after which the sports trophies and school prizes were presented by Professor Copland.

IN MEMORIAM.

Dr. W. H. Summons.

It was with feelings of great sorrow that we learnt, on Sunday, April 30, that Dr. W. H. Summons had died after a very brief illness. Dr. Summons had been in close touch with Ruyton for many years in the double capacity of parent and medical adviser to the Ruyton Boarders. In both capacities we shall miss him very much. His interest in the education of his boys and girls was very keen, and his practical and skilled advice as a doctor caused him to be held in high esteem by his patients. To Mrs. Summons and her children we extend our deepest sympathy and hope they will accept this very inadequate tribute to the Doctor whose help and advice we are all going to miss so much.

LITTLE RUYTON.

Another busy term has flown past. Judith Dodd has left us to go to Big Ruyton. Little Ruyton often thinks of its old girls and boys, now very numerous; their progress in school and in sport is watched with interest.

This term our thoughts have taken a nautical turn and on two occasions two lucky car loads set off for Victoria Dock and Port Melbourne to see the ships. For these delightful outings we have to thank Miss Stokes and Miss Arnold.

We have had so many beautiful, sunny days. We all love them, but at the same time we know that rain is wanted.

On the last afternoon we had a Play called "King Alfred." Forms III, a and b, helped to write it, and there was a part for everyone. It was very short, but it was so exciting and was made doubly so by the presence of Miss Daniell, Miss Barnes and Miss Hicks. Afterwards, as it was such a lovely afternoon, we all had tea on the lawn.

And now the term is finished, everyone has packed up and has gone home. Alfred, Guthrum, the Queen, the Princess, the Neatherd's wife, the soldiers and the people have all gone until next term. Their play dresses are folded up and put away, but they have taken something with them, let us hope, something that should stay with them always — that is, the spirit of goodness, fairness and wisdom, passed to them by that wonderful King, King Alfred the Great.

OLD GIRLS' NEWS.

Engagements.

Betty Begg to Mr. Ernest Backhouse.

Catherine Duncan to Mr. Mitchell.

Marriages.

Betty Caldwell to Mr. Noel Nicholson.

Audrey Sutton to Mr. K. Pullen.

Gwenda King to Mr. Duff.

Births.

Eld Breadmore **(Kay)**—a son.

Maud Pearson **(Hiscock)**—a son.

University News.

B. Green and **S. Summons** have begun their Science course.

J. Percy has begun her Arts course.

E. Logan graduated in March, coming second in the Final Honours List with second class honours in Philosophy, Logic and Ethics.

Beth Thwaites graduated in Arts.

Lorna Shew and **C. Duncan** passed the first year of the Arts course.

Alison Alsop graduated with honours as Mus.Bac. in March.

General.

Lily Wilson has recovered from her illness.

Noreen Seymour has completed her training as a primary teacher.

We offer our sympathy to **Marian Worrell** on the death of her father.

Marie Condely has been in town spending her holiday with **Jean Rymer.**

Betty Holmes has completed the training of the Burnley School of Horticulture.

Ethel Hay has a post as Librarian at Myers.

Helen Potter completed the course at the Emily McPherson College last year, and has been travelling in the country districts demonstrating for the Melbourne Electrical Supply Company.

Mary Lush has made a good recovery after her serious operation.

Margaret Vance has been appointed as masseuse at the Orthopaedic Hospital, Frankston.

Lalla Whybrow has been in a private hospital for an operation for appendicitis, but is now well again.

Dorothea Armstrong and **Nellie Patterson** have left for a trip to Japan.

Margueretha Ashburner has left for a trip to Europe.

Helen Gunn (senior) is President of the Old Ruytonians' Music Club, and **Merlyn Alsop** is the Hon. Secretary. Old Girls wishing to join the Club should send their names to Merlyn Alsop, Molesworth St., Kew.

OLD RUYTONIANS' MUSIC CLUB.

Our club held a dance and bridge party on Thursday, April 27.

It was to have been at the home of our President, Mrs. H. Gunn, but owing to her mother's illness, she was good enough to engage 9 Highbury Grove for us.

The dance was a great success, although we would have been pleased to see more of our members present.

We were grateful to Miss Vera Howe for her services in playing for us, also to the Misses Ready, who gave us some orchestral items.

Although the small subscription of 2/- was charged, we were pleased to clear £3/10/-. The proceeds go towards the purchase of a piano for the School.

MERLYN ALSOP,
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RUYTON CHINA.

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

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