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THE BOARDERS' HOUSE



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OFFICE-BEARERS OF 1934:

Miss Daniell is President of all Committees.

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Tennis Captain: B. Summons.

Baseball: B. Summons.



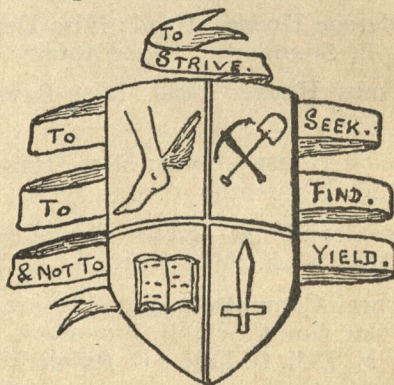
“ . . . That if gold ruste, what shal
 iren do?” —Chaucer.

Gold is the most prized metal, and should always remain at its true value; but if the gold rusts, what shall iron do, which, though useful, cannot be relied upon to remain always the same?

In the same way there are people, like the gold, who should set an example to those who have not such opportunities as they to learn the manners and customs and morals of the world. There are not many people who can be said to be like pure gold, who are honest, loyal and generous during their whole life. Everyone has his faults, and although he may be honoured and respected for many good traits in his character, there is generally a weakness or a fault. But everybody should try to be like the gold which does not rust, and set a good example to the poorer metal, iron.

Gold is beautiful to look at, and this beauty should be represented in our minds by our thoughts, which should be pure and free from any vice or evil. And how fortunate we are to have such a wonderful world to live in, and what opportunities it affords us to

make our minds beautiful. We should always try to see the best in everything, and help others to see it also, without actually instructing them. Our minds should not be black, like iron, and we should never pick out the evil in other people, or try to see the ugliness in the world. We should help to create beauty and banish ugliness. With all our opportunities we must remain the same always, loyal, honest and generous, useful as iron, but bright and rustless as gold.

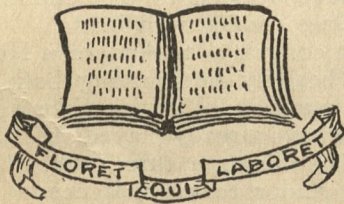


ANDERSON HOUSE NOTES.

This year we have both our Captain and Vice-Captain back again, and J. Dodgshun is our representative on the General Committee.

So far we have been very successful at Sport. At the Swimming Sports we were fortunate, after an exciting afternoon, in winning the Cup. At the Running Sports also we were equally successful, and we wish to congratulate B. Summons and S. Gillies on winning the Senior and Under-10 Championships respectively. In the Senior Tennis matches we have defeated Bromby, Lascelles and Daniell. In Baseball we were defeated by Bromby, 21 runs to 18; but we succeeded in defeating Lascelles and Daniell.

We have decided to knit garments for the Arms of Jesus' Baby Home this year. This term each House was given 5/- with which to trade for the Blind Institute, and Miss Barnes and Mrs. Thomas have kindly offered to make shortbread for us to sell. We also wish to thank Mrs. Lewis for her offer to make toffee, and Mrs. Jackson for her offer to make cakes.



BROMBY HOUSE NOTES.

Bromby House was sorry to lose at the end of 1933 Miss Boyd (Vice-Head), G. Brown (Captain) and J. Allen (Vice-Captain). M. Robb and G. Eeles have been elected Captain and Vice-Captain respectively, and L. Bayly represents us on the General Committee.

This year we are going to buy wool and knit garments for the Montague Free Kindergarten; we are also knitting a patchwork quilt, and we are going to bring old clothes to send them.

We congratulate Anderson on winning both the Swimming and the Running Sports, in which we took third and second places respectively. At the Swimming Sports our relay teams did very well, and we offer congratulations also to J. Ryan, who gained many points for us. In the Running Sports also our relay teams won their races, and we congratulate B. Lewis and B. Gregson on winning the Under-15 and Under-13 Championships. We have played two senior tennis matches, in which Anderson d. Bromby, 24-9, and Lascelles d. Bromby, 24-11. In Baseball we have been more successful, having defeated Anderson (21 runs to 18), Daniell (33 runs to 6), and Lascelles (19 runs to 13).



DANIELL HOUSE NOTES.

Daniell House was very sorry to lose Miss Mary Derham and Miss Nicholls at the end of last year, but

we consider ourselves very fortunate to have Miss Hurst this year for our Head. We congratulate M. Gunnerson on being Captain of the School.

We have not been very successful in sport, but we hope to improve with practice. We congratulate Anderson on their success in the Running Sports, and lament the fact that we came last.

We managed to gain second place in the Swimming Sports, and again congratulate Anderson on their victory.

The results of the baseball matches were:—

Bromby d. Daniell: 33—6 runs.

Anderson d. Daniell: 42—4 runs.

Lascelles d. Daniell: 39—30 runs;

and the results of the tennis matches were:—

Lascelles d. Daniell: 22—12 games;

Anderson d. Daniell: 24—11 games.

Everybody has begun knitting for charity, and the juniors are very busy knitting squares to make patch-work quilts.

We would like to thank everybody who contributed to our Sweets Day for the Blind Institute.



LASCELLES HOUSE NOTES.

We came back this year to find that we had lost both our captain, M. Rylah, and our vice-captain, S. Walker, and also H. Morgan, the captain of the school basketball team; but we are very glad to have our Head and Vice-Head once again. We have many juniors to welcome to the House, and also I. Ross, our only new senior.

Last year we won the Hunter Memorial Prize again, and this time we have decided to buy chairs for the class rooms with it.

We congratulate Anderson House very heartily on winning both the Swimming and Running Sports.

We have already played six House matches this term, three baseball and three senior tennis matches. We lost two baseball matches to Anderson and Bromby, but defeated Daniell. In the tennis we lost to Anderson, but won the other two matches.

We congratulate M. Whitehead on passing her Leaving Examination, and L. Eady on passing her Intermediate Examination. We also congratulate our last year's captain,

M. Rylah, on doing so well in her Leaving Honours Examinations, and especially on her first class Honours in Economics; we hope she will continue to do well at the University.

This year Lascelles House has decided to knit for the State Relief Fund, and we hope to be able to send in a nice parcel of garments for the poor.

ARCHBISHOP HEAD'S VISIT.

On Monday, April 30, His Grace the Archbishop of Melbourne paid a visit to the School. He addressed the girls, and gave them his blessing. Afterwards Miss Daniell showed him over the grounds, and he visited the class rooms and met some of the girls. We all want to thank the Archbishop very much for his visit, because we feel it was a great privilege to meet him in this way.

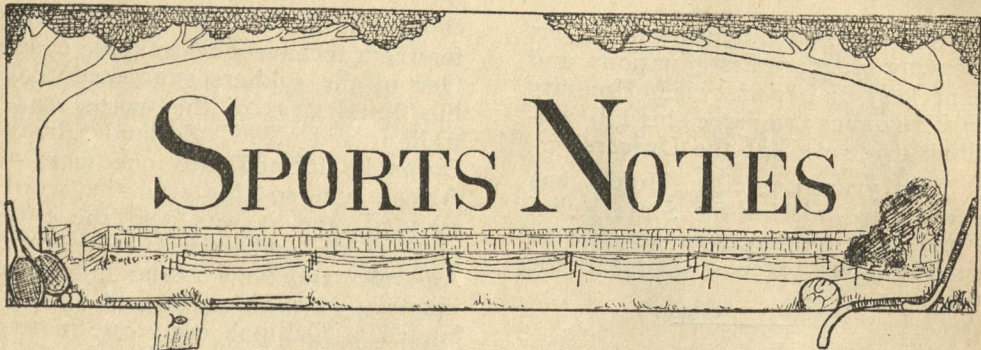
ANZAC DAY.

On Anzac Day Mr. A. Baker, M.C., came and gave us an address. He explained to us the meaning of the word Anzac. When the Australian and New Zealand soldiers were en-

camped at Gallipoli, it was necessary for them to have a telegraphic code. One of the soldiers suggested that the first letters of the words Australian and New Zealand Army Corps be formed into one word—Anzac, and so this was the word adopted, and it was also the title given to the soldiers who came from Australia and New Zealand. It is nineteen years since the first Anzacs landed at Gallipoli early one morning, and after heroically fighting their way up the steep cliffs which were guarded by the Turks, gained a footing.

The soldiers fought under trying conditions. In the summer months, the heat was intense, and in winter it was bitterly cold, and food and water were scarce.

Mr. Baker told us about the Gallipoli campaign, which, although it was a failure from a military point of view, the Australian and New Zealand soldiers, through it, gained a good reputation. Thousands of soldiers were transported to the boats in the darkness of the night, and this was all done without injury to any of the men. The soldiers were transported to France, where they extended their reputation.



SPORTS DAY.

Sports Day was April 27, and the sports were held on our own field.

The Senior Inter-School Relay Race and the Inter-School Flat Race were won by C.E.G.G.S., and the Junior Inter-School Relay Race was won by Fintona.

The Inter-House Cup was won by Anderson House, and the championships were as follows:—

- Over 15: B. Summons.
- Under 15: B. Gregson.
- Under 13: B. Lewis.
- Under 10: S. Gillies.

B. Henty-Wilson won the Kindergarten Race, and O. Hay won the Little Brothers' and Sisters' Race.

Mr. Kent Hughes then congratulated Miss J. Downer, the Sports Mistress, on the success of the Sports, and introduced Mrs. T. W. Gunnerson, who presented the prizes on the side lawn.

TENNIS NOTES.

The tennis team has been coached this term by Miss Downer and Mr.

Wilson. The team is:—

First Pair: B. Rylah, B. Summons.

Second Pair: M. Wenmoth, L. Bayly.

Third Pair: E. Lemon, M. Tucker.

Fourth Pair: M. Whitehead, P. Jameson.

We are glad that M. Wenmoth is able to play again this year.

One day during the term four old girls came and played with us, for which we would like to thank them very much.

We have no pennant matches this term, but we have played two practice matches against St. Catherine's. Although Ruyton was defeated in both these matches, the team has improved during the term.

SWIMMING SPORTS.

The Swimming Sports were held in the Kew Baths on Monday, March 5. The weather was a trifle cooler than we would have liked, but all enjoyed themselves nevertheless.

The Old Girls' Race was a great success, and was won by S. Sum-

mons. We hope there will be more competitors next year.

M. Gunnensen swam with her usual good form, and won the majority of her races. J. Ryan and M. Dreiheller have greatly improved since last sports, and won many points for their House. The Senior Diving was won by E. Lemon, and the Junior Diving by J. Gunnensen.

We offer our warmest congratulations to Anderson House, who won the Cup. The results were as follows:—

Anderson—82 points.
Daniell—77 points.
Bromby—59½ points.
Lascelles—39½ points.

BASEBALL NOTES.

The baseball team has altered considerably since last year, as only two members of the previous team have returned. The team is:—

1st Base: J. Hay.
2nd Base: L. Bayly.
3rd Base: M. Whitehead.
Backstop: P. MacGruer.
Pitcher: B. Summons.
Shortstop: B. Lewis.
Left Field: D. Rylah.
Centre Field: M. Robb.
Right Field: P. Jameson.

This term the team has improved under the coaching of Miss Downer. Mr. Robb also came twice, and improved the batting, for which we would like to thank him very much. We have only played one practice match, which was against M.L.C., the score being: M.L.C. defeated Ruyton, 18 runs to 12. Both our

pennant matches this year are to be played in third term, and so we hope that after this term's practice we will be able to do well in them.

RUNNING NOTES.

The Running teams this year are:

Senior: M. Gunnensen, J. Dodgshun, J. Hay, G. Eeles, L. Bayly, B. Gregson, D. Rylah, B. Summons.

Junior: P. Jameson, P. MacGruer, M. Tucker, B. Lewis, J. Audley, B. Barber, J. Cooke, J. Dale.

So far we have run at Fintona and Methodist Ladies' College. At the Fintona Sports the Senior Team came third, and the Junior Team fifth. At the Methodist Ladies' College the Senior Team came fifth in their heat. At the Ruyton Sports, held on April 27, Melbourne Grammar came first in the Inter-School Flat Race and the Senior Flag Race, and Fintona came first in the Junior Relay Race. We would like to congratulate both these schools.

INTER-SCHOOL SWIMMING SPORTS.

On Friday, March 5, the Inter-School Swimming Sports were held at Malvern Baths. There were 17 schools competing, and we must congratulate Melbourne Grammar on their fine win. We did not have many entrants, and we only managed to obtain twelfth place. We were unable to have much practice for these sports, but we hope next year to get more girls to enter, and with a fair amount of practice we may be able to get higher on the list.

SPEECH NIGHT.

The 55th Annual Speech Night was held in the Recreation Hall on December 15. Mr. W. S. Kent Hughes, M.L.A., was in the chair. A very short programme of songs was given by the girls. The prizes were distributed by Sir Walter Leitch, who was accompanied by Lady Leitch. Mr. Kent Hughes stressed the need for co-operation on the part of parents, and thanked the parents and Old Girls for the valuable help they had given to the School in the past. A school, said Mr. Kent Hughes, was not merely a place to which children could be sent during the day, but a place where children learnt the value of real things in life and the right mental outlook and constructive thinking.

Sir Walter Leitch said that he noted that Scripture was the first subject mentioned in the School Prospectus. He himself had been brought up on porridge and the Bible, and he commended Solomon's Proverbs to all. He said he thought inter-house games good, and they afforded a valuable stimulus, but he hoped that individuality would not be lost in team work.

Miss Daniell, in her report, thanked the parents who had helped to equip the School with a new classroom. She also alluded to the modifications which had been made in the uniform. She bade farewell to four prefects—Margaret Dale, Geraldine Brown, Sheilagh Walker, Margaret Rylah—who were leaving after

spending many years at the School, and congratulated Margaret Rylah on winning a valuable scholarship to Janet Clarke Hall.

In conclusion, Miss Daniell thanked the staff for their loyal co-operation during the year, especially Miss Snowball for her work at the Branch. Miss Barnes for her thorough work as Bursar, Miss Willis for her work in cataloguing and recording, and Miss Dorothy Derham for her work both in and out of the schoolrooms.

GENERAL COMMITTEE NOTES.

The Dramatic Club is to be revived this year. The play chosen is "Daddy-Long-Legs," which will be given at the end of the second term.

The Victorian Institute for the Blind asked us to help with their funds by trading with £1 that they sent us. The four houses each took 5/- to trade with.

Anderson House spent their five shillings on materials for cakes, which were made and sold, bringing in 23 shillings.

Bromby House bought prizes with theirs for a tennis tournament, which brought in 16/-.

Lascelles House bought prizes for the competitions at their party, and their contribution, including donations, came to £4.

Daniell House had a Sweets Day, which realised £1/14/-.

THE SHAKESPEARE EVENING.

This year, Ruyton celebrated Shakespeare's birthday on April 20, and, as always, each form in the Senior School acted a short scene from one of Shakespeare's plays. The first item was a tableau from "Henry VIII," by Vb. Next, the VI Form acted a part of the first scene from "King Lear," and after that Vc gave scenes from the life of Drake, then Va performed the play in "A Midsummer Night's Dream." After that a few girls from VI portrayed the execution of Mary Queen of Scots, and then everyone who was dressed as one of Shakespeare's characters made a procession past the poet on a half-lit stage. We were then called in to a very nice supper, which was prepared for us in the dining-room. Then, after returning to the Assembly Room, we danced for the rest of the evening.

PUBLIC EXAMINATIONS.

Honours.

M. Rylah: First-class honours in Economics, and third class in English.

M. Whitehead: Third class honours in Maths. II.

Leaving Pass:

Passed the Examination or completed it: M. Gunnensen, G. Brown, M. Gregson, E. Hay, M. Dale, M. Whitehead.

Passed in 4 subjects: K. Royce.

Passed in 2 subjects: B. Summons.

Intermediate Certificate.

Passed: M. Bell, L. Eady, G. Eeles, J. Hay, M. Robb, I. Tymms.

Passed in 5 subjects: C. Shew.

Passed in 4 subjects: A. Lilley.

LIBRARY NOTES.

This year J. Hay and M. Robb are in charge of the Senior Library, which is open on Mondays and Thursdays immediately after school. We are very pleased to note that the younger girls are taking a far greater interest than usual in the books, and we hope all members will enjoy the new additions to the Library. The following are to be added this term:—

"Lasseter's Last Ride," "Drums of Mer," by I. Idriess; "Jock the Scot," Alice Rosman; "Pageant," E. B. Lancaster; "No Roads Go By," C. W. White; "Scissors," Cecil Roberts; "The Daughter of a Samurai."

The librarians of the Junior Library are L. Eady and W. Forbes, and the Library is open at 12.30 on Mondays and Thursdays. This year it has been very popular, and nine new books are to be added:—

"Good Wives," L. M. Alcott; "Adventures of Huckleberry Finn," Mark Twain; "The Girl of the Limberlost," G. Stratton-Porter; "Billabong's Daughter," "The Tower Rooms," "Golden Fiddles," "The Stone Axe of Burkamurk," Mary Grant Bruce; "Rilla of Ingleside," L. M. Montgomery; "Meg of the Brownies," Margaret Stuart Lane.

A ROTARIAN'S VISIT.

On Thursday, May 3, during Youth Week, Mr. Holmes, a Rotarian, came to address us. First of all, he told us about the origin of the Rotary Club. It was founded in Chicago by Paul Harris in 1905, and was started in Melbourne in 1921. There are now 3,662 clubs in 78 various countries, and altogether 150,000 members. Their motto is: "He gains most who serves best."

Then he spoke to us about the Golden Rule, which is, "Do unto others as you would they would do unto you," and told us of several accidents which could have been averted by observing it.

THE ROTARY LUNCHEON.

During Youth Week, the Melbourne Rotary Club gave a luncheon, to which it invited the head prefects of all the schools. Margaret Gunnensen represented Ruyton. After a very nice lunch, all the guests were introduced to the club. Then the members sang "Mary of Argyll," and the Reverend Macauley made a speech on the subject of the Golden Rule.

BABIES' HOME.

We had a visit this term from Sister Sheppard, of the Babies' Home in Clarendon Street, East Melbourne. She brought a baby to see us, and told us some stories about the babies in the Home.

PHOTOGRAPHY NOTES.

Mr. Allen is continuing his lessons on photography this term. Unfortunately, he has only been able to come once, as the Swimming Sports prevented his first lesson. We were each given an exposure card printed for scholars by Kodak, and these were discussed, and Mr. Allen also explained how the best photographs could be obtained.

GUIDE NOTES.

This term we have four recruits—J. Fisher, B. Hughes, I. Hebblethwaite and P. Holmes, who has obtained her Brownie Wings, and at a flying-up ceremony flew up to Guides.

This year the Guide meetings are on Thursday afternoons, with an evening meeting once a month. The Senior Guides, the Robin Patrol, come to the evening meetings, as in the afternoons they are too busy with team practices.

The patrols this year are the Robins, with B. Summons at patrol leader; the Blue Wrens, with M. Holmes as patrol leader; and the Thrushes, with J. Dale as patrol leader.

This year L. Bayly, H. Macdonald and M. Holmes have gained their Health badges.

On Sunday, April 22, the Guides, with their leader, Miss Murdoch, went to an Anzac service at the Kew Memorial to the fallen soldiers in the Great War, and afterwards to the

Rialto Theatre, where there was an interesting service.

This year we are sorry to have lost Miss Lamb, who has now a company of her own.

BROWNIE NOTES.

This term the Brownies held their meetings in the front garden, or in the assembly room. We now have three recruits and ten Brownies, making a total of thirteen. There are four sixes, elves, gnomes, sprites and pixies.

We are pleased to have a new Tawny Owl, as we have been without one for several weeks.

P. Holmes has got her golden hand, and there was a flying-up ceremony, in which she flew from Brownies to Guides.

B. Newman and J. Kent Hughes have been working hard for their golden hands, and are expected to get them soon.

The following girls have gained service stars:—P. Holmes, J. Kent Hughes and B. Newman.

The Brownies and Guides are holding a fair some time in September. The Brownies are acting a scene from "Dot and the Kangaroo," and our pack is making a crane.

MUSIC CLUB NOTES.

At the first Music Club meeting of 1934, the committee was elected. B. Summons was made secretary, D. Rylah treasurer, M. Bell representative of Sixth, and M. Brodribb of Vc. Mr. Mallinson will preside at all

meetings. It has been decided to hold the Music Evening on May 11. Several girls have been asked to play piano solos, and a prize is being awarded for the best essay written on any of the great composers. Songs will be sung by the girls, admission is being charged, and the proceeds are to go towards the Piano Fund.

OLD RUYTONIANS' MUSIC CLUB.

Three meetings of the Old Ruytonians' Music Club have been held this year. In February the programme consisted of piano solos by Miss Conochie, songs by Mrs. C. E. Vandeleur and saxophone items by Jessie Ready.

At the March meeting a musical instrument competition was held, followed by items by Dorothy Edwards, pianiste, Jean Johnson, violinist, and Dorothy Armstrong, vocalist.

The programme for the third meeting included elocutionary works of Milne and Oscar Wilde, by Miss Alba Zacutti, pianoforte music from Celelia Wall, and flute solos by Kathleen Royce.

Members of the club have to attend together a concert of some visiting celebrity artist during the year.

THE SEAMEN'S MISSION.

The Ruyton branch of the Seamen's Mission is being carried on as usual this year, and we are sorry to

say that our Secretary for last year, Sheila Walker, has resigned, as she has left school.

We hope to have a very successful year, and would like to see many more members join our ranks.

CURRENT TOPICS.

By A. CURRANT.

We hold our little meetings every Friday at 1.10 p.m. (if lunches are finished), under the shade of the spreading hawthorn (or ivy) tree. Miss Willis kindly leads us in our scientific research. We study the economical position of the world, and pass our judgment on it. This, we might add, is the reason why all important countries stop work on Saturdays, that they may study the result of our meetings. We decide how the countries should be governed, and decide all necessary reforms.

Last week we were studying the Russian position of a poor woman who has gathered a superfluous husband. We send them our warmest sympathy.

A few weeks ago we supported the League by demonstrating to Melbourne our allegiance to the cause of peace. We were personally thanked for this by the highest authorities. Sad to say, we suffered great anxiety on behalf of the Hon. Second-Voter-of-Thanks, who appeared to be suffering great agonies.

Any other little currants wishing to enter the pudding, please apply to the Founder-in-Chef.

MR. LATHAM'S PEACE MISSION TO THE EAST.

Mr. Latham, with a small party, has been sent to the East by the Commonwealth Government to study certain trade questions, and to suggest any improvements which he thinks necessary.

After leaving Australia he visited Java, where he was convinced that it would be advisable to have a resident Australian representative. His visit to Java was a most interesting one; he was entertained by a Sultan—an autocrat, who had arranged a most elaborate entertainment for his guest.

At the museum at Batavia he was presented with a chalcedony adze, which is supposed to have been made about 2,000 B.C.

Throughout the trip such acts of courtesy and goodwill have been shown Mr. Latham continually.

The party flew from Batavia to Singapore, where they were entertained by the Government. Here Mr. Latham explained the necessity of opening up an efficient air service between Singapore and Australia. Whilst in Singapore he visited the Naval Base.

On leaving Singapore the party flew to Hong Kong.

The Japanese Government have invited them to be their guests during their stay in Japan.

On the return trip Mr. Latham will listen to the reasons for China's desire for a dependable mail service between Australia and Hong Kong, and he will strive to secure this by

explaining the facts to the Commonwealth Government.

The tour should prove an important link between the East and us, and friendly relations will undoubtedly prove useful.

CHINA.

By "ONE WHO KNOWS."

China, I find, according to the dictionary, is a "fine kind of earthenware originally made in China." All praise to the Chinese! for without china, what would our nursery population do? Apart from breaking eggs, I can think of no other joy quite so typical of our "youngest generation."

China suits all moods. For the very angry, what a joy it is to take up a cup containing some unpleasant beverage for us to drink, say "I won't" with all firmness, and then, just to enforce our point, fling the offending cup, with its contents, on to the floor? How triumphant we feel! The wise parent would have another supply ready then, for, while we are still feeling the ecstasy that follows the smash, we may absent-mindedly swallow the liquid, and perhaps we might even forget to send that cup to follow the other. For the happy child, the smashing of some china object fills the cup of bliss almost to overflowing. For the thoughtful child, no one can deny that the tinkle of falling china is one of the main aids to deep reflection.

China is infinitely preferable to glass for these purposes; broken glass does not lie in satisfactory

sizes and shapes as china does; it lies transparent, in small, splintery, unsatisfactory fragments, and one certainly would have no satisfaction in fitting bits of glass together, as one has with china. Fitting pieces of broken china together is a joy second only to breaking it; and as for the supreme joy of gazing at a cup that one has broken, with the pieces fitted together so that it looks almost new! . . . words fail me!

China has, of course, uses other than those of the nursery. China vases are renowned for letting the water through, thus providing boundless enjoyment to the owner, who almost fills the vase with substances that (she believes) would not let the water through, and finally buys a d'oyley to cover the mark where the vase stood, fills the vase with artificial flowers that need no water, and then comforts herself with the thought of the exorbitant price of flowers—with a garden full of them—and the thought that artificial flowers look almost as good as real ones—from a distance.

Then china enlivens many society ladies, who bravely use china so frail that one touches it gently for fear it will break. This, I am sure, is the reason for the anxious expression of many at afternoon tea, and is one of the things that show the courage of women.

In conclusion, I would like to set at rest the minds of all those who have heard of this unbreakable china that is being introduced. It is attacking one of our most deeply rooted traditions for the innocent amusement of our child life, and

serious steps should be taken to prevent the furthering of it; but, at any rate, it is not unbreakable—I have discovered breaking it to be quite a simple matter.

EDINBURGH.

Although a very small country, Scotland is crowded with natural beauties. Her hills and high mountains seem to speak of tradition and the history behind them. And her capital, Edinburgh, is small but very beautiful, with her cold, bitter wind blowing down the principal street, Prince's Street. Amongst the crowds of people in the streets, are a few men dressed in swaying kilts and bonnets. Very seldom, because it is so soft, one hears the flowing language of the Gael, which seems to be an echo from those wild, bare mountains of the North. On one side of Prince's Street are the main shops, and this is also the beginning of the upper suburbs of the town; while on the south side are the Gardens, which lead down towards the valley and the slums of Edinburgh. It is on this side that one must go to see the features and historical parts of the town, for this is the oldest part.

Dominating the land for miles around, towers Edinburgh Castle, that proud sentinel of tradition, built into the solid rock. And below, further down towards the river, nestles Holyrood Castle, which was old when Bonnie Prince Charlie sought her shelter. One can cross to the Castle through the gardens, and past a street consisting almost entirely of

antique shops. The best time to go there is before 1 o'clock, as then a gun is fired, as it has been fired for centuries, over the city from the battlements.

Lately, there has been built into the Castle a Shrine of Remembrance for all the Scots who fought in the Great War; and it has been so cleverly built that it is hard to believe that it is not as old as the ancient castle itself. When first entered, the Shrine does not seem very remarkable, and it is not until each memorial for each regiment is studied, and it is seen that nothing has been forgotten, even to the canaries and mice, that one begins to realise its real beauty. There is one room or alcove separated by iron gates, and round its wall is a beautiful bronze fresco, in which appear representations of all the soldiers, nurses and animals who worked for Britain. The floor of this room is mainly composed of the bare uneven rock which the castle is built on.

After seeing the Shrine, the mind must be cast back hundreds of years, to the day when a baby Prince of Scotland, who was to become King of England, was let down by his mother from the window of her tiny dark-panelled room to the waiting group of youthful followers. The room does not seem to be fit for a Queen's bedroom, it is so small and dark, with only one tiny window.

Going back to Prince's Street through the slums, one comes to a higher suburb of Edinburgh, and here one must enter St. Giles' Cathedral, if only to see the beautiful glass windows. The colour of the win-

dows is mostly brown, which is very unusual in Cathedrals.

Further on one passes the house of John Knox, with the strange sundial set against the wall.

In the park very near Prince's Street is an exceeding beautiful War Memorial, given by the American men and women of Scottish blood and sympathies to Scotland. The memorial is a statue of a young Highlander in a khaki tunic and kilt, with his gun lying across his knees, and his bonnet in his left hand, resting on the seat behind him. He is sitting on his topcoat, and is about to answer The Call. Behind the statue is a fresco of Highlanders marching away with their kilts swaying. Under the statue is carved the passage:—

"A People that Jeoparded their Lives unto the Death in the High Places of the Field." Judges v.

CHINESE CUSTOMS.

Some of the everyday customs of the Chinese are opposite to ours. For instance, their compass points to the south, their sign of being puzzled is to scratch the feet, to take off your hat to anyone is an insolent gesture. The seat of honour is the left hand, because the left hand is nearest the east, therefore it is the place of honour. To wear white clothes is to go into mourning. Any great houses face towards the south, and so do the seats in the reception hall.

When a Chinese boy comes of age his parents look round for a suitable

wife for him. The would-be bridegroom has little to say in the matter. The bridegroom rarely sees the bride till they are married. A young lady called a "go-between" is employed, and she takes a card bearing the ancestral name and the year, month, day and hour of the birth of the suitor. Should the lady's parents think the marriage would do they consult the family fortune-teller as to the future prospects of such a marriage. If the answer is favourable, the "go-between" is given another card, and this in turn is discussed by the boy's parents, and their fortune-teller is consulted. Should the oracle prophesy good concerning the marriage, the bridegroom prepares two large cards, on which are written the particulars of the engagement. On the outside of the one he keeps is a paper dragon and on the outside of the bride's card is a phoenix, an emblem of conjugal fidelity. Further, each card is sewn together with two pieces of red silk. Following the exchange of cards presents pass between the two households.

At last the happy day arrives. The bride, surrounded by friends, leaves her father's house in a sedan chair for her future home. Half way between the two houses she is met by a party of the bridegroom's followers who escort her the rest of the way. On alighting from her chair she is led with her head covered into the room where her future husband awaits her. Not speaking, they sit down side by side and each tries to sit on a portion of the other's dress because the person

who succeeds in doing so is supposed to be the one who will rule the house. They then go to the reception room where the family altar stands and worship Heaven and Earth and their ancestors. Then they drink a glass of wine together, when for the first time the bridegroom is allowed to see the face of the bride. Here the marriage ceremony ends and the guests give themselves up to feasting and rejoicing.

Once a year all the nobles of China wash the cats on "Wash the cat day." The cats which guard the temples and the household cats are washed—all cats are looked up to in China. The cats have three baths; the first one hot and soapy, the next hotter without soap, and the last, cold. Then the cats are dried and chained in the sun. In the process the nobles' hands get scratched but, all the same, they have to do it.

WAR.

The dusty air is rent by the frenzied,
piteous, screams
Of wounded horses dying 'midst
the din and clash of arms,
By the savage cries of men as they
charge the hostile ranks,
And the enemy gives answer, and
the shining armour gleams.

A gentle breeze stirs softly and the
dying embers glow;
The sleeping tents show dimly on
the misty moonlit plain;

The sentry's challenge echoes in the
shadows of the hills,
And re-echoes thinly, dying, in the
sleeping camp below.

M.G.

GALLIPOLI.

Gallipoli! Oh, Isle of Gloom,
You claimed our loved and
cherished;
And 'midst your sullen, roaring
boom,
Hundreds of dear ones perished.

Through scorching sun and blinding
rain
They strove to save our land;
And now the bodies of our slain
Lie buried in your sand.
Bloody Angle, Dead Man's River,
Hell Spit, Courtney's Post;
Anzac Cove, of rocks and heather,
Where many lives were lost.

These names I know shall ever bare
A poignant memory
To friends of those who landed there
To suffer or to die.

Gallipoli! Oh, Isle of Gloom,
You took our men away;
But their brave deeds shall ever
bloom
Whose life the price did pay.

AN APPRECIATION ON ARITHMETIC.

Arithmetic! Oh, dreaded word,
What visions rife you conjure;
And sometimes I just feel as if
I can stand you no longer!

Twice two is four—what does that mean?

Forsooth, it doesn't matter!
Twice three is six; that's all it is—
A lot of senseless chatter.

And even when I've striven for hours,

No understanding lingers;
And really when all's said and done,
Why can't I use my fingers?

Arithmetic! You wretched word,
You stupid mass of digits!
Oh, why can't you become extinct?
You just give me the fidgets!

by "ARITHMETICIAN."

ODE.

On Opening the Paper, December,
1933.

Earth has not anything to show
more fair,
All that I wish to see would be
My number as successful 'xaminee.
This paper now doth like a garment,
wear
The pathos of the mourning. Silent,
bare
Of that I worked so hard in vain
for Thee,
Open to all the public known to me,
To show my number to my neigh-
bours dread.
Never did mind more nobly attack
In his first flash of courage that
exam
Though ne'er before I met so dread
a thing
Oh! that I had the brains I seem
to lack!

Instead of which I, like the lamb,
Am led to slaughter while the
others sing.

(With apologies to Wordsworth).

ON A DISTANT COUNTRY.

(Apologies to Everyone)

A wild tempestuous sea—dark,
flecked with foam—

Crashes 'gainst crumbling cliffs that
lonely stand,

The barren sentinels of this grim
land.

Overhead the sombre steel-grey
dome

Is draped with storm-clouds, threat-
ening and dull;

The piercing wind that blows across
the shore

Vies with the very ocean in its
roar—

Until at last there comes a moment's
lull.

A lonely scene, with naught to cheer
the eye;

Naught to welcome; just a strip of
sand

Beneath tall cliffs, forbidding and
austere.

Yet on that homebound steamer
drawing nigh

Hearts grow joyous as they near
their land:

A sunbeam dawns upon this country
dear. A.

MY GARDEN.

I have a little garden,
And every summer day,
Hosts of little fairy elves
Go dancing round in play

One's dress is made of sunbeams
 Another tadpole spawn
 And little wings with silver tips
 And dainty shoes are worn.

L.H.

LITTLE RUYTON.

Ruytonian time again, how the time flies! What busy times we have!

At the end of last year Wilma Hart, Marie Henshaw, Margaret Hamilton and Nan Ryan left us to go to Big Ruyton. We hope to hear, frequently, news of their work and play.

Little Ruyton would like to say thank you to Mrs. Cherry for teaching us some jolly folk-dances, to Mr. Holmes for making us such a splendid truck, to Miss Weir, who is always so ready to help us on any occasion and last but not least, to the Misses King, who show us so many kindnesses.

We have watched and are watching many exciting things in our Schoolroom and play ground. The Emperor Gum Caterpillars with all their wonderful changes have had many observers this year. Each root on the growing bulbs receives applause and encouragement.

All this term we have been busy furnishing our new play house—just named Moss Cottage. We are looking forward to our House warming party on May 11:

The children at Little Ruyton hope to learn something about the Centenary, next Term. We feel honoured to think that Prince Henry will be with us for the Celebrations.

UNIVERSITY NEWS.

Barbara Green and Sheila Summons are doing the second year of their Science Course.

Joyce Percy is in the second year of her Arts Course.

Margaret Rylah has gone into residence at Janet Clarke Hall to do an Arts Course with Economics and Economic History as her major subjects.

OLD GIRLS' NEWS.

Marriages.

B. Begg to Mr. Ernest Backhouse.

D. Dredge to Mr. T. A. Roberts.

Engagements.

K. Hepworth to Mr. C. C. Macnaughten

N. Patterson to Mr. J. Sladen.

N. Mitchell to Mr. J. McPherson-Smith.

P. Martin to Mr. R. Osboldstone.

Births.

B. Waters (Ballantyne)—a son.

G. Duff (King)—a daughter.

Marchesa Carignani (Emmie Whybrow) — a son.

M. Begg (Shannon)—a son.

General.

Dorothy Welch has returned from England with her husband and little son, David.

Dorothy Armstrong has returned from a trip to New Zealand and intends going abroad early next year.

Ethel Hay, Geraldine Brown and Betty Whitehead have all begun their training as teachers.

Eld Breadmore has returned to India with her husband. They are stationed in Bombay.

Anna and Mary Stevenson are in Melbourne on a visit.

Madge McCracken is living in town at present while her daughter, Ailsa, is at the Homecraft Hostel.

Mary Derham resigned her post at Ruyton in order to be at home with her mother this year.

Kathleen George, with her little daughter, has been on a visit to her mother, Mrs Tickell, but has now returned to Cobden.

Kitty Hepworth has passed with Honours the second year of her Nursing Course at the Melbourne Hospital.

Marjorie Forbes is doing a three years' course of Voice Production under Miss Eileen O'Keefe.

Valerie and Alison Alsop have gone abroad for a trip to England and the Continent.

Old Ruytonians heard with great regret of the serious illness of **Mrs. Norman Derham**, and are very glad to hear that she is progressing so well towards recovery.

Old Ruytonians' Dramatic Club.

On Friday, 11th, a meeting of Old Ruytonians was held to discuss the formation of an Old Ruytonians'

Dramatic Club. It was agreed to form one. The President and Secretary of the Society were unavoidably absent. All those who wish to join this society are requested to send in their names to the Hon. Sec., Miss G. Wickham, Fenwick Street, Kew.

STAFF (PAST AND PRESENT).

Miss E. Kemp has recovered from her accident in which she cracked a bone in her leg.

Mrs. Peter (Miss Allen) came to visit Ruyton one day last term and brought her baby son with her.

Mary Derham was obliged to resign her position at Ruyton last January owing to her mother's illness.

Miss Nicholls is studying singing at the Conservatorium.

Miss Sherwin has had to resign her post at Ruyton as she is leaving for N.S.W.

RUYTON UNIFORM.

Last year the Parents' Association suggested that the Ruyton Uniform might, with advantage, be modified in certain particulars. It was felt that a uniform which was serviceable and at the same time distinctive was desirable. Though many people felt that the old uniform was very pretty still all loyally supported the suggestions put before them by a sub-committee which had been appointed to go into the matter. The result of their delibera-

tions is the uniform which the girls now have, and the consensus of opinion is that it is a very attractive one indeed.

Winter Uniform.

For seniors this consists of a pleated skirt made of specially woven material in which the school colours, navy, gold and fawn, are arranged in the form of a plaid. The blouse of biscuit Tobralco is made like a chukka blouse. The blazer is the former navy blue one. The pullover is plain navy blue with the badge in gold on the left side. The hat is navy blue felt. Stockings Prestene, Rosewood shade. Shoes, brown. Tie, navy blue and gold. Gloves and Scarf of fawn wool.

For juniors the uniform is the same except that they wear pinafore frocks instead of a skirt of the material and have a wide Peter Pan collar on their blouses. The overcoat is a plain tailored navy blue gabardine or cloth.

Summer Uniform.

The summer frocks are straight with a pleat at each side, back and

front. Sleeves either elbow length or long. If short they are turned back with white pique. The material is pale blue gingham, collars and cuffs white. The hat, similar to the winter hat in shape, is made of navy straw.

Sports Uniform.

For Sports a short knee length skirt is worn flared at the sides with a pleat back and front. The blouse is similar to the school blouse only is made longer and the sleeves are very short.

All the uniform is obtainable at The Mutual Store except the hats and pullovers. Hats must be bought at Myers and Pullovers at Owens, 144 Glenferrie Road.

Orders must be obtained from the School for pockets for blazers. Ties, tiepins, hatbands and wool for scarves and gloves are also obtainable only at the School.

Miss McAdam, 230 Collins St., Melbourne, is prepared to cut and fit the Ruyton uniform.

Patterns of blouse and sports skirt and summer frock are obtainable at Ruyton. Price, sixpence.

