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To be young is a privilege, but Youth also has its obligations. Never at any time in the history of our race has Youth become so significant as now. Young men and voung women have been called upon to undertake great tasks and responsibilities. It is upon their shoulders that the burden of this war has fallen. But we also find the men and women of an older generation engaged in work directly concerned with the war effort. The youth on the battleline have been backed up solidly by their seniors at home, and active parts have been taken up again by retired men to release people for actual combat. Women especially have released many active men, and have proved themselves equally capable. They have shown their adaptability and versatility by their dual role in home and factory.

As youth has played such a significant part in winning the war, it is certain that it must also take a big part in forming and keeping the peace. But young people are

often idealists, and it is necessary to add to these ideas the practical experience of older people.

### ARCHDEACON WILSON

It was with great regret that we learnt this term that Archdeacon Wilson was resigning from the incumbency of Holy Trinity, Kew. During the past nine years the Archdeacon has visited Ruyton often, and has come to be regarded as our very good friend. Often on Wednesday mornings he comes to assembly and joins in our service, after which he gives us a short address. The Archdeacon's talks are always so clear and to the point and so humorous that we shall always remember them. We shall miss his visits very much, but are glad to hear that he will be living in Fellows Street, Kew, and hope to see him sometimes at our school functions.

### INDUCTION OF THE PREFECTS

Early in the first term Archdeacon Wilson came one Wednesday morning at assembly for the induction of the Prefects. In a short address to the girls he congratulated them on having attained an office which was the greatest honour the school could bestow. He reminded them that great honours carry with them correspondingly great responsibilities and hoped that the younger girls would realise that the task of the Prefect was not always an easy one, as sometimes they had duties to perform which ran counter to the wishes of the



THE PREFECTS, 1944.

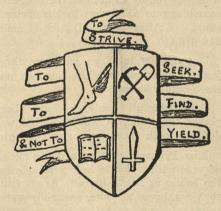
Standing (left to right): L. Gregson, B. Moore, Joan Pearson, J. Beetham, Judith Pearson, J. Hider-Smith, P. Di Gilio.
Sitting (left to right): N. Fawcett, E. Junck (Captain), A. Baker.

girls. He hoped that the younger girls would realise this and render them willing obedience and co-operation. The girls inducted were Alison Baker, Joyce Beetham, Norma Fawcett, Elaine Junck, Barbara Moore and Judith Pearson. Elaine Junck is Captain of Ruyton.

### CONFIRMATION

A Confirmation service was held at Holy Trinity, Kew, on Sunday, October 15, at 3 p.m. His Grace, Archbishop Booth, came to confirm the candidates, and gave them a good address. The Ruyton girls confirmed were B. Ayres, M. Crawley, A. Datson, L. Ghent, D. Johnson, V. Sexton, M. Trafford and J. Voumard.

# HOUSE NOTES



### ANDERSON HOUSE NOTES

"This year, next year, sometime, never." This was the trend of our thoughts whenever we attempted to begin these notes, but now, thank goodness, the worst is over.

At the beginning of the year we were very glad to welcome Miss Betty Lewis, a former Anderson Captain, as vicehead of the House. We would like to thank Miss Derham who has, as usual, been untiring in her work connected with the House.

We came last in the swimming sports, and congratulate Daniell on winning them. We were quite successful in our basketball matches, winning two out of three senior matches, and the juniors also won two. In baseball we have won a match against Daniell and lost one to Bromby. We still have several tennis matches to play.

We were very pleased with the result of our effort towards the Market Fair in the second term. We sold knitted articles, clothes, flowers, sweets, toys and ice cream, and we made a total profit of over £63. We have collected a number of knitted squares to be made into a patchwork rug for the children's home, where we have already sent some babies' clothes.

Well, that's all the Anderson news for this year, and to the girls sitting for exams. at the end of the year we wish "good luck."



### **BROMBY HOUSE NOTES**

This year we have had with us again as our head Mrs. Ross, and Mrs. Taylor as vice-head.

Although we had high hopes for the swimming sports, with our champion swimmer, J. Cabena, we only managed to obtain second place. We would like to congratulate Daniell on its wonderful effort.

We have not played all our matches yet, but the results of those we have played are as follows:—

Baseball: Bromby d. Anderson, Lascelles d. Bromby.

Junior Tennis: Bromby d. Anderson, Lascelles d. Bromby. Junior Basketball: Daniell d. Bromby, Lascelles d. Bromby, Anderson d. Bromby.

Senior Basketball: Bromby d. Daniell, Anderson d. Bromby, Lascelles drew with Bromby.

Unfortunately, one of our leading baseball players, J. H. Smith, left during this term, and we have a vacancy for any young enthusiast.

At the Market Fair we again specialised in food. We served hot dogs, savouries, soup and drinks as well as cakes, sweets, and groceries in the domestic science room. In the Va room we sold second-hand books and miscellaneous objects.

This year we have done hardly any knitting owing to the difficulty of obtaining wool, but we hope to complete a patchwork rug before the end of the year.

We would like to wish all those sitting for the public examinations the best of luck.



DANIELL HOUSE NOTES

We have been lucky to have Miss Chalmers as vice-head of the House this year. Girls elected to office were Betty Henty-Wilson, Captain, and Joyce Beetham, Vice-Captain.

We started the year well by winning the swimming sports which were held at the Kew Baths on February 28th.

The running sports were postponed unfortunately, and were to be held later in the year, but owing to bad weather they had to be cancelled altogether.

In first term we were successful in winning both senior and junior tennis matches, but we did not play any base-ball matches.

On July 22nd, in second term, the school held a Market Fair. Daniell was responsible for a Produce Stall, second-hand clothes and toys. Buggy rides and quoits were two other features. On Thursday, July 20th, Mr. Gunnersen showed "Glimpses of the World", which were enjoyed by us all, and the proceeds, amounting to £13, went to the House's effort. Altogether Daniell made £44/6/8.

During this term we won our three junior basketball matches, but lost our three senior ones

Two baseball matches have been played this term, in which Daniell was defeated both times by a small margin.

Miss Primrose sent us a dozen skeins of wool with which to knit garments for the babies at Berry Street. Apart from that we hope to have enough squares to make a rug.

We would like to conclude by thanking Miss Lewis for a good year, in which she has helped us considerably. Also we would like to thank Miss Chalmers for her instructive guidance in all our sporting activities.

Finally, we would like to wish good luck to all girls who are sitting for the public examinations at the end of the year.



### LASCELLES HOUSE NOTES

We were all very sorry to lose Miss Boyd and Miss Atkins at the end of last year, but we welcome Miss Little as Head and Miss Grice as Vice-Head of our House. We elected Joan Wardrop as Captain and Judith Holmes as Vice-Captain.

We wish to congratulate Daniell on winning the swimming sports in first term. We weren't so successful, coming third, but it was a lovely day for the sports, and everyone enjoyed themselves.

So far we have played two baseball matches and were successful in both of them. In the basketball we won four and lost two; we have lost two tennis matches and won one.

At the Market Fair we again had produce, sweets and opportunity stalls in the Vc room. In the IVb room we ran a "Hit Hitler". We wish to thank Miss Alexander who so kindly came along to help us by writing lyrics about people. Altogether we had an enjoyable day and raised about £60.

The girls have been very industrious this year in knitting clothes for St. Gabriels'. We hope, by the end of the year, to have obtained enough squares to make a rug.

Finally, we want to wish all the girls entering for the public examinations good luck.

### SPEECH NIGHT

The sixty-fifth annual speech night was held at St. Hilary's Hall on Friday, December 12th. Mr. G. K. Gregson was in the chair. We were honoured by having Archbishop Booth to present the prizes.

The Archbishop made an interesting speech on the subject of "The Modern Education of Girls". A vote of thanks to His Grace was moved by the Honourable R. G. Menzies, at the conclusion of which Mr. Gregson presented His Grace with a cheque for £10 for the Archbishop's fund on behalf of the Ruyton girls. The Archbishop then presented the prizes, which took the forms of War Savings Certificates and stamps.

### GENERAL COMMITTEE NOTES

This year, the General Committee has had a record sum of money to distribute among the charities supported by the School. This was mainly due to the marvellous amount raised at our Market Fair, which was organised so splendidly by the staff and girls. The Prefects held a dance in the Assembly Hall and give the money to the Market Fair total. Mr. Malcolm very kindly showed us his coloured movies and the proceeds also went to the Market Fair. The approximate total was £264.

The annual School Dance resulted in rather a larger profit than usual through a ready response to our appeal for donations from Old Girls unable to attend, and we would like to thank them very much for their generosity.

The Dramatic Clubs have helped to increase our funds through several evenings of plays held at different intervals throughout the year.

The junior classes have also entertained us with "penny-plays", museum exhibitions, and French and German folk songs, which brought in welcome contributions.

The Houses have knitted garments for the various babies' homes as usual, and although coupons made it difficult to produce any large number of articles, fairly large parcels were sent.

The pennies collected every Monday morning have been put into the Red Cross funds.

The charities supported this year were: Women of the University Patriotic Fund, Student War Relief, Prisoners of War, Limbless Soldiers' Appeal, Ruyton Red Cross, Ruyton Scholarship Fund, Aerial Medical Mission, Burnley Kindergarten, Blind Institute, Children's Hospital, Adult Deaf and Dumb Society, St. Gabriel's, Mission to Lepers, Travellers' Aid, City Mission, Animal Welfare League, Tiny Tim, and Holiday Home.

Thus, through these many and varied efforts, we have been able to increase the amounts we usually send to our charities, and also to include several new ones.

Next year, we hope to have a still better result, and, remember, no matter how small or how insignificant the thing you give or do is, it all helps to make the money mount up.—E. Junck (Secretary).

### SENIOR FICTION LIBRARY NOTES

This year we have been very fortunate in obtaining many new and interesting books for the Library.

During second term, Norma Fawcett and Alison Baker won a prize in an essay competition in connection with the Lady Huntingfield Kindergarten, and presented the Library with several books: "Random Harvest" (James Hilton), "Lord Tony's Wife" (Baroness Orczy), "Mountain Madness" (Lady Fortescue), and "Sard Harker" (John Masefield).

The other books bought for the Library are: "The Three Hostages" (John Buchan), "Prester John" (John Buchan), "The Saint in New York" (Leslie Charteris), "Mr. Lincoln's Wife" (Anne Colver), "Young Ames" (Walter Edmonds), "Tattered Battlements" (Fighter Pilot), "How Sleep the Brave" (Flying Officer X), "The Last Enemy" (Richard Hillary), "Lamb's Barbara

S—" (L. E. Holman), "A Message to Garcia" (Elbert Hubbard), "Men of the Jungle" (Ion Idriess), "Pathfinders" (Cecil Day Lewis), "Where Love and Friendship Dwelt" (Mrs. Belloe Lowndes), "Year of the Wild Boar" (Helen Mears), "Sir Percy Leads the Band" (Orczy), "The Weald of Youth" (Siegfried Sassoon), "Fame is the Spur" (Howard Spring), "Laughing Gas" (P. G. Wodehouse), "Beau Geste" (P. C. Wren), "Two of a Kind" (Vereen Bell), "Green Mountains" (Bernard O'Reilly), "The Clue of the Silver Key" (Edgar Wallace), and "Sunrise to Sunset" (Adrian Bell).

### JUNIOR FICTION LIBRARY NOTES

The Library has been very well attended this year, due partly to the large number of new books. These include: "Warrals on the Warpath", "Biggles in the Jungle", "Biggles Defies the Swastika", "Biggles Hits the Trail", "Biggles Fails to Return", "Biggles in Borneo", "Doctor Doolittle's Circus", "Bambi's Children", "A Forest World", "Sebastian Bach", "Gremlins", "Belgian Twins", "Tennis Shoes", "Picts and Martyrs", "Older Mousie", "More Ponies for Jean", and "My Friend Flicka".

The Biggles and Twin books have

been especially popular this year.

The librarians hope that the younger girls will continue to take a keen interest in the Library, and to be very careful of the books, as they are so diffi-

cult to obtain.

### ENGLISH REFERENCE LIBRARY NOTES

There have been new additions to the English Reference Library this year: "What a Word!" by A. P. Herbert; "Life and the Poet," by Stephen Spender; "Thomas Hardy," by Blunden.

The girls have been very interested in "Leaders and Pages", which is another new book composed of extracts from

many daily newspapers.

All our books dealing with Shakespeare and his times have been used a great deal by the Pass VIth girls this year.

### HISTORY LIBRARY NOTES

This year the books of the History Library have been in great demand by the girls doing Leaving and Matriculation History. The most popular book is "Hazen." The following books have been added to the Library: Three volumes of "A History of Everyday Things in England", C. H. B. Quennell; "Amazon Throne", "Bertita Harding; "Europe in the 19th Century", by Ayerst; "The Economic History of Europe", by H. Heaton; and "The Story of the Renaissance", by W. H. Hudson.

### SCIENCE LIBRARY NOTES

There has been much dipping into the Science Library this year by girls both young and old.

The Wild Life Magazines are very popular, interesting and educational.

This year we have a valuable addition to the Library, namely, a large volume "Science for the Citizen", by Professor Lancelot Hogben. This is the companion volume to "Mathematics for the Millions", which we also possess.

The Plain Science books by Cole are very useful among the junior forms, especially Va.

We hope during the next year the girls will remain careful of the books, as they are extremely difficult to get and impossible to replace.

### PICTORIALS

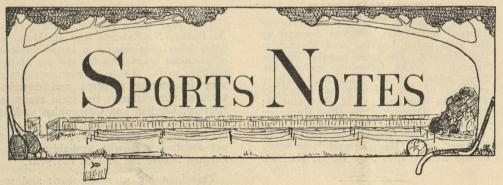
This year three of the senior girls—A. Baker, N. Fawcett and B. Moore—have been cataloguing a large number of pictorial magazines for the use of the younger girls. These magazines contain very interesting pictures and descriptions of many things the girls study in History, English and Geography, and, if catalogued, will probably be very useful to them. Unfortunately, they are not yet finished and will probably not be finished before the end of the year.

This is a big piece of work and we are grateful to the girls who are carrying it out.

### DEBATING SOCIETY NOTES

Towards the end of second term, Miss Derham suggested that we should revive our Debating Society. The following girls have become members: J. Gamble, J. Pearce, O. Hay, A. Baker, E. Junck, B. Moore, N. Fawcett, P. Di Gilio, Joan Pearson and Judith Pearson.

We have held two debates in class, and on October 18th we had a debate against St. Catherine's which we enjoyed very much. We hope to be able to have a return debate later in the term.



RUNNING SPORTS

It was most disappointing that we were not able to hold our sports this year on account of bad weather, although we made three attempts to have them—in May, in June, and in September.

We were very sorry that Miss Chalmers, who organised the sports, was not able to enjoy the result of her work.

### SWIMMING SPORTS

The annual swimming sports were held at the Kew Baths on February 28th. It was a cool morning, very pleasant for the spectators, if not for the swimmers.

We extend our hearty congratulations to Daniell, who won the cup this year. Bromby came a close second, with Lascelles third and Anderson fourth.

This year a new rule was made, in that no girl was allowed to enter for more than five races, which gave more girls the opportunity to swim in the sports.

We had a life-saving event which caused much enthusiasm, also a medley

Mr. Pearce very kindly came to judge the diving. The winners were 15 and over: F. Peters. Under 15: J. Cabena.

Lastly, we would like to thank Miss Chalmers and all concerned for a very pleasant morning.

### TENNIS NOTES

This year's team, chosen by Mr. Wood and Miss Chalmers, is as follows:—

First Pair: B. Henty-Wilson, M. Chapman.

Second Pair: M. Krohn, H. Menzies. Third Pair: E. Coulston, L. Gregson. Fourth Pair: J. Wardrop, L. Byrne. Emergencies: B. Wildman, B. Coulston, E. Gunnersen, F. Peters.

During first term we played five pennant matches, but were unsuccessful. We have played two matches this term, losing one against St. Catherine's and drawing with Penleigh in the other. One more is yet to be played against Esperence.

We wish to thank Mr. Wood for all his help with the team during the year.

### HOCKEY NOTES

The team this year has been most enthusiastic and we would like to thank Miss Chalmers very much for her coaching and encouragement.

The team this year is:—

Centre: F. Stubbs. Inner: M. Dickens, J. Holmes.

Wings: Joan Pearson, W. Laird. Half Backs: G. Clarke, J. Pearson, A. Maddock.

Backs: J. Pearce, P. Barnett.

Goal: P. Saville.

Emergency: H. Cummins.

The results of the Pennant matches were:—

Lauriston d. Ruyton—1 goal to 0. Lauriston d. Ruyton—2 goals to 1. Ruyton d. Fintona—2 goals to 0.

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St. Catherine's d. Ruyton—3 goals to 0.

St. Catherine's d. Ruyton—3 goals to 0.

Korowa d. Ruyton-6 goals to 0.

We also played some practice matches, the results being:—
Ruyton d. M.L.C.—1 goal to 0.

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THE TENNIS TEAM.

Standing (back row): M. Krohn, H. Menzies, B. Henty-Wilson (Captain), M. Chapman, E. Coulston.

Sitting (front row): J. Wardrop, L. Byrne, L. Gregson.

### RUNNING NOTES

This year the running teams are:—
Senior: B. Henty-Wilson, J. Hider
Smith, H. Cummins, J. Wardrop, L.
Byrne, M. Crawley, Joan Pearson, W.
Laird.

Junor: B. Bence, P. Massey, A. Maddock, N. Miles, G. Clark, L. Cooper, D. Di Gilio, R. Trescowthick.

The representatives are W. Laird and B. Bence.

It was unfortunate that we could not have our annual running sports this year because of unfavourable weather conditions. In first term we ran at the Lauriston sports, the seniors coming third, but the juniors failing to obtain a place. We also ran at the St. Catherine's sports, but were not successful in any race.



THE HOCKEY TEAM.

Back Row: M. Dickins, F. Stubbs, W. Laird, G. Clarke, J. Pearce, H. Cummins, J. Holmes, P. Barnett.

Front Row: Joan Pearson, P. Saville, A. Maddock, Judith Pearson (Captain).

### BASKETBALL NOTES

This year we had quite a good attendance at basketball practices, and a fair number of people from whom to choose the team. However, we were not as successful in our matches as we would have liked, only winning one out of the five pennant matches. The results were:

Ormiston d. Ruyton—21 to 9. Lauriston d. Ruyton—18 to 16. Fintona d. Ruyton—23 to 9. St. Catherine's d. Ruyton—21 to 11. Ruyton d. Penleigh—34 to 6.

We were more successful in our practice matches, only being defeated in one.

The team, owing to illness and other circumstances, was changed about somewhat during the term, but the final team is as follows:—

Goal. M. Crawley. Attack: P. Massey. Attack Wing: B. Ayers. Centre: A. Baker. Defence Wing: B. Bence. Defence: J. Wardrop. Goal Defence: J. Cabena.

We would like to thank Miss Chalmers for her help and Miss Adams and Miss B. Lewis for their interest and support.



BASEBALL TEAM.

Standing (left to right): M. Crawley, P. Barnett, J. Cabena, Judith Pearson, Joan Pearson (Captain), J. Hider Smith.

Front row: P. Massey, F. Stubbs, A. Baker.

### BASEBALL NOTES

This year we have several new members of the baseball team. The positions are:—

Pitcher: Joan Pearson.
Catcher: P. Barnett.
First Base: M. Crawley.
Second Base: F. Stubbs.
Third Base: J. Hider Smith.
Short Stop: Judith Pearson.
Right Field: A. Baker.
Centre Field: P. Massey.
Left Field: J. Cabena.

We still have several more Association matches to play, but up to date we have not been very successful in our matches.

The team would like to thank Miss Chalmers for her coaching and encouragement throughout the year.

### OLD GIRLS' MATCHES

One Saturday in first term we played a baseball and tennis match against the Old Girls. We had a most exciting baseball match, in which the Old Girls defeated us by one run. The tennis, which was played in the morning, was not nearly as exciting, as the Old Girls won by a number of games.

However, it was a very enjoyable day, and we congratulate the Old Girls on their wins.



BASKETBALL TEAM.

Back Row: B. Bence, J. Wardrop, A. Baker (Captain).

Second Row: P. Massey, M. Crawley, J. Cabena.

In Front: B. Ayers.

THE WAR SAVINGS GROUP

This year Miss R. M. Lewis has again carried on the work of the Ruyton War Savings Group, and it is to her hard work and interest that the group owes its flourishing condition. There have been 176 enrolments altogether, but some of these girls have left School, while others buy stamps at home, so that there are only about 90 active members. These include a group of little girls and boys at the Normanby Road Branch.

During the last year, since the Ruytonian last went to press, the group has bought about 89 certificates, and although this is good, new members would be very welcome, to help increase the number. How about it, girls?

THE ART CLASS

This year the members of the art class have had a very profitable and interesting year. The surrounding district and even the interior of the boarding establishment have been immortalised on paper. Some enterprising spirits went as far afield as the Kew Gardens and the Yarra.

Mrs. McCubbin has taken us to the National Gallery several times, where we saw the beautiful exhibition of Streeton's paintings. We also went to an exhibition of contemporary art. We thought some of the paintings rather childish, but others showed thought, however obscure. Another exhibition which we went to was that of Robert

Campbell at the Kosminsky galleries. His pictures, to quote one of the prominent members of our art class, "showed great depths of quality and feeling."

In connection with the architecture class, Mrs. McCubbin has taken the girls to study the building and to make sketches of St. Patrick's Cathedral. We want to thank Mrs. McCubbin very much for an interesting year's work.

### CRAFT WORK NOTES

This year we have been able to make many useful and decorative articles.

During first term we concentrated mainly on weaving, in which we were greatly helped by the gift of a four heddle loom which enables us to weave dress lengths of material in various patterns and shades. Apart from this. many scarves and belts were woven.

During second and third terms we have been busy making leather, hessian, linen, and felt goods, and fine work has been done by both juniors and seniors with these materials. The juniors have made felt toys, bright shopping bags of hessian and leather, and have done linen work: while seniors have made purses, gloves, handbags and pencil cases from leather, and tray cloths and tea-cosies from linen.

Finally, we would like to thank Miss Flintoff for making our work interesting and varied.

### ARTS AND CRAFTS EXHIBITION

Some of our girls visited the Velasquez Gallery to see the Arts and Crafts Exhibition. It was a most interesting and instructive show of dainty, fairylike needlework, the solid blocked linens, and hand-woven tweeds and rugs, which were of the lightest and softest texture.

The entries by the students of P.L.C. were especially good, most noticeable being an exquisitely worked parchment tulle bridal veil and wreath to match.

There were also some very finely worked cross-stitch pieces, and closelywoven scarves. We were all interested in the School's work, and thought it of a high standard. The display of pottery was also interesting, consisting of lovely glazed vases, coffee sets, etc.; then there were the reading lamps, with their soft matching shades.

Great interest was taken in the work of soldiers from Repatriation Hospitals. as it was very varied, from hand-woven cloth to dainty soft toys, and leather work, plaited bridles and stock whips. The visit was most enjoyable, and we were loth to come away and leave all those lovely things behind.

-P.C. (Vc).

### MUSIC EXAMINATION RESULTS

- L. Gregson, Grade I, Practical—Pass. J. McMillan, Grade III, Practical—
- Pass: Grade III, Perception-Pass. D. Johnson, Grade IV, Perception-Credit.
- P. Jackson, Grade IV, Practical-
- D. McMillan, Grade V. Perception-Credit.
- I. Crawshaw, Grade V, Practical-Credit: Grade VI, Theory-Hons.
- P. McConkey, Grade V, Practical-Hons.; Grade VI, Practical-Hons.
- N. Miles, Grade VI, Practical-Hons.;
- Grade VI, Theory—Hons.
  E. Gordon, Grade VI, Theory—Hons.
  J. Barnett, Grade VI, Practical—
- R. Vawser, Preparatory Grade-Hons.

### THE ORCHESTRAL CONCERT

On October 31st we went to an Orchestral Concert at the Hawthorn Town Hall.

The programme was well chosen, but the effect was hampered slightly by poor sound due to the narrow, deep stage which is built for a large orchestra.

The concert was a success nevertheless, due to a well-balanced programme and to the informal friendly atmosphere that Professor Heintz always makes for us.

The programme included Oberon Overture of Weber, The Mendelssohn Concerto No. 1, and the Suite Symphonique by the contemporary French composer, Ibert.

The audience sang two songs and the concert ended with The Blue Danube.

The orchestra gave a spirited performance of the Oberon Overture, and this was followed by the Mendelssohn Concerto for piano and orchestra. The soloist was Miss Lucy Secka, who conveyed a freshness and spontaneity to a difficult work.

The Suite Symphonique provided a light diversion from a rather serious mood and was welcomed by the audience.

Apart from the two songs, which are new to these programmes, there was The Blue Danube, which met with hearty applause from an audience with whom it will always be a popular favourite.

JP

At the beginning of this year we were sorry to lose B. Downey, who went on to Rangers. However, we would like to congratulate her on obtaining her First Class Badge.

GUIDE NOTES

In second term the Patrols were rearranged, and there are now four Patrols—Gums, Robins, Waratahs, and Rosellas. Pat Barnett has been made Leader of the Waratahs, and we would like to congratulate her.

This term the whole Company went into the Town Hall during Youth Week. Everyone enjoyed themselves, and said that it was a good substitute for a meeting.

1st Kew invited the Patrol Leaders of several Companies to their twenty-first birthday party. The Guides went in fancy dress. There were also stalls, supper and a concert. It was a successful evening, and a good deal of money was raised for the G.I.S. funds.

During November there is to be a picnic at Wattle Park, and competitions between the Companies are to be held.

We have chosen a Morse team of eight girls who are busy practising signalling and receiving.

We will be sorry to lose our Captain (Mrs. Cooke) at the end of this year, but she has told us that she will be unable to continue. We would like to thank her very much for being such a successful and tolerant Captain for so many years.

-H.M. & J.C.

### SEAMEN'S MISSION NOTES

We have not devoted much time to the Seamen's Mission this year, owing to our many activities in working for the School charities. However, we intend sending a Christmas parcel, and any donations of books or magazines would be much appreciated.

-E.J.

### DRAMATIC CLUB NOTES

The Senior Dramatic Club, under the direction of Miss N. Thirlwell, gave an evening of plays on Monday, May 8th. The plays performed were The Bathroom Tap, Square Pegs, Followers, The Curious Herbal, and Elizabeth Refuses.

The Bathroom Tap portrayed the reactions of three utterly different races when a tap in the bathroom was allowed to run and cause the bath to overflow. This was very amusingly done and was well acted by the girls.

Square Pegs was the story of two girls—a modern girl and a sixteenth century Venetian girl who wished to change places, and was a charming little piece with some melodramatic touches.

Followers was a period play about life among the more genteel members of a village and has rather an unexpected ending.

The Curious Herbal was an unusual play written in verse. The costumes and the scenery used created a lovely Old World atmosphere and the characters were very well acted.

Elizabeth Refuses consisted of an extract from "Pride and Prejudice". Eliza-

beth has the difficult task of repulsing the unwelcome advances of Mr. Collins, and she is egged on by her socially ambitious mamma. This was the main play of the evening, and is remarkable for the fact that no one forgot her part, but there were some rather peculiar additions and abbreviations.

### THE INTERMEDIATE DRAMATIC CLUB

On August 22nd, Vc and Va gave four one-act plays. Va acted in "The Dyspeptic Ogre", and the Court scene from "Toad of Toad Hall", which were quite well done.

Vc entertained us with "Columbine", a charming fantasy, and "The Spinsters of Lush", a much-acted play in our School

### THE JUNIOR DRAMATIC CLUB

The Junior Dramatic Club is going to give us an evening of plays later in the term. The plays will be "Fanchette from France", "Rumpelstiltskin", "The Angry Brownies", and "The Lost Crown", which was written by three members of the Junior Club.

### MARKET FAIR

On July 22nd we held our annual effort for the war funds. Each House had a different stall. Anderson had clothes, sweets, toys, flowers and plants and a mystery stall. Bromby had hot dogs, savouries, soup, drinks, cakes, sweets and second-hand books. Daniell had a limerick competition, toys, produce, quoits, buggy rides, a lucky dip, a picture evening and a tennis tournament. Lascelles had produce, sweets, an opportunity stall. Miss Alexander wrote rhymes about anything she was asked to for a penny a line.

During the afternoon two plays were given in the Assembly Room. The first was a play in German by Vb, and the other an amusing sketch, The Bathroom

Tap, acted by A. Baker, J. Gamble and J. Pearce

Afternoon tea was provided by members of the Red Cross.

The total proceeds were £264, and we would like to thank everyone who helped make the afternoon a success

### OPEN DAY

Instead of our usual School concert, this year we had an Open Day at School, enabling the parents to see our work in the classrooms, as well as the customary drill display and songs.

The weather was perfect, and so the drill and singing took place on the side lawn with admiring parents seated on the verandah. The fresh green of the garden made a lovely setting for the pale blue summer frocks of the girls, and working in the open air gave the girls more pleasure than performing in a hall.

The junior classes sang and acted some French folk songs. The drill consisted of sets of exercises and folk dances. The singing sounded delightful in the pleasant surroundings.

In the classrooms, the work of the girls was shown, the craftroom, domestic science kitchen, and the science laboratory having very interesting displays.

Afternoon tea was provided by members of the Ruyton Red Cross Branch, and they gave the proceeds to our Charities' Fund.

A most enjoyable afternoon was thus spent, and the girls are hoping that it will be repeated next year, and perhaps our parents are of the same mind.

### SHAKESPEARE EVENING

This year Shakespeare evening was held on April 21st, and as the black-out restrictions have been lifted we were able to have it in the evening as usual. Va did "The Merchant of Venice", giving us the famous casket scene very charmingly. Vb and Vc both did "Julius Caesar" and so gave us nearly the whole

of the play, for which costumes were naturally very easy to find as they consisted mainly of sheets and sandals. VI form followed with parts of "Richard II", including the abdication scene and the scene in which Richard is killed, and the Matriculation Class acted the scene from "King Lear", in which the King dramatically disowns his youngest daughter and divides her dowry between her wicked sisters. Altogether we had a very pleasant evening which we finished up with a hearty supper.

### THE DANCING CLASS

This year owing to the large number of girls and boys wishing to learn dancing, the one large class had to be divided into two.

The first-year girls and boys had their lesson from 7 o'clock to half-past eight and the second-year girls and boys had theirs from half-past eight to 10 o'clock.

Under the excellent instruction of Miss Eileen Brenan we learned many new dancing steps, including the tangoette, pride of Erin, charmaine and variations of both the waltz and quick step.

At the end of dancing on September 23rd, Miss Brenan very kindly gave us a party. The girls wore full evening dress and instead of ending at 10 p.m. we went on till 11.

We would like to thank Miss Brenan for the marvellous time she gave us, and hope to see her again next year.

-J.W.

# THE SCHOOL DANCE IN AID OF THE WAR SCHOLARSHIP

The School Dance was held in St. Hilary's Hall on August 11th. Miss Daniell and Mrs. Junck received the guests, and the mothers very kindly prepared the supper and arranged the floral decorations.

The band, though slightly self-willed, provided us with excellent music. The girls, with a natural glow of beauty on their cheeks and lips, looked most attractive in their colourful evening frocks.

The Prefects think that there must have been some leakage of information regarding the elimination dance, because great difficulty was experienced in removing couples from the floor.

We would like to thank the Old Girls who, though unable to attend, gave us generous donations, and hope that we may see them at our next dance.

### THE PREFECTS' DANCE

On Friday, July 7th, the Prefects held a dance. Here we would like to say that we object violently to the name which this great social event acquired for some obscure reason—namely the "Charity" Dance.

We slaved all Friday afternoon wearing out body and sole in preparing the Assembly Hall. At approximately 8 o'clock the revels began and continued till a quarter to twelve. Naturally the Prefects were the belles of the ball, but others looked quite passable, too. We partook of supper in the dining room, where all traces of cakes, sausage rolls, sandwiches and drinks soon disappeared. The evening was a great success, and we would like to thank Miss Betty Lewis for organising it, and Miss Chalmers for supplementing the pianist at the end.

### THE PREFECTS' NOTES

The Prefects this year have been inspired by "A Message to Garcia". The study has been beautified by the addition of new curtains which bring out the colours in the carpet, a window seat-cover, a shelf with the promise of another, and a garden. We started off with six members, then added four and lost one.

Our Captain—need we say much?

Bunt has devoted most of her time to music with successful results, much to the relief of the study which has passed through a period of very stormy weather.

Twins are 'plane mad!

Wanted immediately! More rice!

Our Brain is on the verge of discovering something concerned with balance. We wish she would get a move on as our ink bottles are in constant danger.

Pam, our little mouse, is having trouble with her dumb waiter (wheel-

ing trav?)

Beethy, our war worker, seems to be our ringleader according to our com-

mentator.

We hope Miffy won't get lost in her forest since we can't keep our eye on her nowadays.

Sweet's eyes brighten as the rustle of spring approaches, or is it the summer holidays?

### BOARDERS' NOTES

Hallo, everybody!

Once again we bring you the boarding establishment news.

Before we get down to the events of the day we wish to thank Miss Parker, Miss Adams and Miss Chalmers for the enjoyable times they have given us in this year, and we hope we haven't caused them too much trouble.

Now!! Luckily for all the sporting fans, the boarders seem to have taken a delight in rising at 6.30 a.m. to clear the field; and while on the subject of sport, we do hate to boast; but—we defeated the day girls in a baseball match; and the School champion runner is one of us.

Several of the more rowdy ones have taken to investigating James' haunts just before our bed-time. After hearing the "ghost story", we are amazed at their courage!

Next year we will miss the gallant leadership of Tyrone's fan and her famous "Kwiet up that end of the balcony, the silence bell has gone."

-"The Accomplished Housemaids."

### MOTHERCRAFT COURSE

During last term Mrs Warr kindly came to give us a course of lectures on Mothercraft. One of the girls brought a baby doll which Mrs. Warr used in showing the class how to feed, clothe, and bath an infant. A full baby's outfit was used in all these demonstrations. At the end of the lectures the class sat for an exam., in which the majority obtained honours and received certificates.

We all found the lectures most interesting, and wish to thank Mrs. Warr very much.

### LUNCH-TIME ENTERTAINMENTS

This year we have had quite a number of lunch-time entertainments, which, besides being very enjoyable, brought in a considerable amount for charity and war funds.

The Kindergarten and Fourth Form sang French songs with actions, which were very good and most entertaining.

Vb performed the scene from "Le Voyage de M. Perrichon", in which M. Perrichon starts out on his journey. V. Hall took the title role and was ably supported by the rest of the French class. All the actresses performed with enthusiasm, and this play was one of the outstanding lunch-time entertainments of the past few years.

Vb also sang the German version of "The Sleeping Beauty". For the benefit of those who could not understand German, the song was also acted, and the story of the princess was unfolded before our eyes. B. Bence was the princess, J. Alley the wicked fairy and L. Cooper the handsome prince. Va helped out by singing and becoming the hedge of thorns at the appropriate moment.

IVb gave an Egyptian exhibition in which were displayed models of pyramids, palm trees and sphinxes as well as maps and pictures.

They also gave a Greek exhibition, where they showed pictures of furniture of that period. They illustrated the wooden horse of Troy, maps and plasticine models.

IVa gave an Australian exhibition, at which they sold sweets. They had a wooden map of Australia, maps, pictures and plasticine models.

MR. KILVINGTON'S VISIT

One evening in first term Mr. Kilvington came to talk to the senior girls and their parents about the new matriculation examination and the pre-requisite subjects for the various university courses. He made it all very clear and gave us some much-needed information for which we should like to thank him. Mr. Kilvington is the Sub-Dean of the Faculty of Science.

### A VISIT FROM PROFESSOR THOMAS

One afternoon during second term, Professor Thomas, who lived for many years in Japan, gave us a very interesting lantern lecture on that country. Professor Thomas said that the schools are very efficiently organised, and from early childhood the young Japanese are taught strict discipline. Much time is spent at sport and military training, so that the boys will be well fitted for military service when they reach military age.

Tokio, with a population of over 7,000,000 people, possesses 30 universities, and it was at one of these that

Professor Thomas lectured.

We would like to thank the Professor very much for his lecture and hope that in the near future he will be able to visit us again.

### PICTURE EVENING

One evening during first term Mr. Malcolm very kindly came to the School and showed us moving pictures. Some of these were taken by himself, others were Department of Information pictures, including the world-famous "Kokoda Trail", photographed in New Guinea by the late Damien Parer. The most marked characteristic of this picture was the realism with which scenes were not only photographed but presented in sequence. Representing an epic action in the most critical days for Australia of the war against the Japanese, "Kokoda Trail" is of considerable historical value.

We would like to thank Mr. Malcolm for a very entertaining evening.

# THE MEDICAL EXHIBITION AT B.M.A. BUILDINGS

Last August an instructive medical exhibition was held in the Library of the British Medical Association Buildings. The most interesting exhibit was the culture of Penicillin, the new wonder drug; it was shown from the initial stage of the mould to the finished drug.

There was a section given to Australian-grown plants and herbs, the foremost being the white opium poppy from which morphine is obtained, foxglove that digitalis is derived from; and many other plants and also there was an oil obtained from the kernels of apricots. All these drugs were imported into Australia, and after war broke out our supplies were cut off; therefore, Australia had to experiment, and grow her own plants, herbs, etc., with these excellent results.

There was a large exhibit of surgical and medical instruments, also enamelware, all made in Australia, some of the instruments being made in rather unexpected places, such as the Newport Railway Workshops. Another exhibit of interest was a complete medical outfit for a field dressing station, and hospital, which could be dropped by parachute. In another section there was displayed a transfusion outfit used by the Blood Bank.

There was also shown splints of all kinds and makes, dental plates and artificial teeth, optical instruments and artificial eyes.

Everything in this interesting exhibition was either grown or made in Australia, to show what can be done when the need arises.

-P.C.

# AN EXCURSION TO PETERS' ICE CREAM FACTORY

During the middle term, Mrs. Ross took all the geography girls in the Matriculation and Leaving Pass Classes for an excursion to Peter's Ice Cream Factory.

We were shown the whole process from when the milk comes into the factory from their own dairy farms to where it is packed into the vans ready for distribution. Owing to the war, Peter's are now only able to make threepenny buckets, Kreem-B-tweens and cones. We were shown the way these different things are made and it was especially interesting to watch the actual cones being made.

After we had finished looking over the factory we were given afternoon tea.

We all want to thank Mrs. Ross very much for the enjoyable afternoon and the proprietors of the factory for allowing us to visit it.

\_J.W.

### EXCURSION TO GARDINER'S CREEK

We had arranged to visit Gardiner's Creek on Tuesday and fortunately the weather turned out very fine. We followed the route to the Gardiner from the left side of Glenferrie Road to where it joined the Yarra. The Gardiner, formerly a large river, is now used chiefly for drainage purposes. Nevertheless, it is considerably wide near the confluence and is quite a pleasant and attractive place.

A good view of Scotch College and the use the school has made of its extensive grounds can easily be seen from this spot.

From Gardiner's Creek we hiked to Heyington railway and observed the rock strata of the embankment. The station commands a lovely view of the valley and the confluence of the Yarra and the Gardiner.

We would like to thank Mrs. Ross for a very pleasant afternoon.

### THE FRENCH PLAY

On July 8th several girls from the Matriculation and Leaving Classes went to see a French play entitled "La comé die de celui qui épousa une femme muette." Fortunately we had read it before going, so we were able to follow it fairly well, though it was rather too

fast for us. It is the story of a man who marries a dumb woman, has her cured by an eminent doctor and, unable to bear her incessant flow of conversation, allows himself to be deafened by the same doctor and so lives happily ever after. It was produced by the Alliance Française.

### FRENCH AFTERNOON

On Friday, August 18th, some of the senior girls went to the Union Theatre to see French plays done by various schools and to hear a lecture on Normandy by Mme. Taylor.

The plays performed were "Frère Jacques", "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs", "Little Red Riding Hood", "Madame La Marquise", "Médecin Malgré Lui". They were very entertining and we thoroughly enjoyed them.

After these plays, Mme. Taylor gave a lecture in French on Normandy with lantern slides. Some of the lecture was beyond us, but the slides were interesting.

# A VISIT TO THE LADY HUNTINGFIELD KINDERGARTEN

During the May holidays some of the senior girls offered their services for a morning at the Lady Huntingfield Kindergarten. These girls—N. Huston, J. Holmes, B. Massey, H. Cummins, E. Junck, Joan Gamble, A. Baker, and N. Fawcett—spent a very interesting morning as it was medical inspection day. Later they enjoyed an Oslo lunch. We are very proud of A. Baker and N. Fawcett who won the second prize in the Kindergarten essay competition.

### A LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Madam,—We would like to complain of the warped sense of humour of the majority of our fellow students, not to mention the staff.

At the beginning of this year nothing was provided to facilitate the filling of the inkwells. One of the persons re-

sponsible for this arduous task begged from a long-suffering mother an aluminium tea-pot. This is much more efficient than anything previously used. Whenever we produce this tea-pot, named Tessie, we meet with such face-tious remarks as "Tea-time?" etc.

The first time these remarks were made, they may have seemed to some people humorous, but with constant repetition they have begun to pall. We feel it our duty to bring this before the public's notice to save our successors further embarrassment.—Yours, etc.,

"THE INK BLOBS."

### **ACKNOWLEDGMENTS**

We wish to thank the following schools for their magazines which we have received since our last issue:—The Melburnian, The Mitre, The Wesley College Chronicle, Pegasus, The Carey Chronicle, The Cluthan, The M.C.E.G.G.S. Magazine.

### **GIFTS**

Last term Mr. Coulston very kindly presented the School with a wireless set. This enables the Kindergarten to listen in to the children's sessions and also gives us a reliable instrument for the reception of dictation tests. It was a very welcome gift, and we would like to thank Mr. Coulston very much for his generosity.



### HOUSES

The modern home has progressed a long way in comfort and beauty from the home of the prim and proper Victorian era.

The keynote of the Victorian home was over decoration. The furniture was massive and over-carved. The walls were covered with heavily-patterned paper, in such colours conducive to rest, as gold, black and red. The windows were draped with heavy curtains, which effectively shut out the light and air. On the walls hung many pictures, in huge gilt frames, and those that could

not be crammed on the walls were placed on easels around the room. Tables, covered with knick-knacks, contributed to the overcrowded appearance. How difficult it must have been for the ladies of the period, with their voluminous skirts, to move gracefully among the crowded furniture! There were no easy chairs as we know them to-day. For the most part, people sat on ordinary straight-backed chairs.

To-day our rooms are designed and furnished primarily for comfort. The trend in the modern home for simplicity has done away with the overdecorated and overcrowded room, and given us a light and sunny one, furnished in soft and harmonising colours.

The lack of domestic help has influenced, never more than at the present time, the design and furnishing of our homes. The present day home is designed so that it can be run with the minimum of housework. A plan for a house designed to this end is outlined by Mr. Sherwood Taylor in his book, "A Century of Science." To eliminate all dust, the air supply of the house would be filtered, partly dried, and warmed to the correct temperature. In a town house, he would have no windows (as the view of an industrialised city is ugly), but would light the rooms with artificial sunlight. The walls and ceiling of soft tinted plastic and the rubber flooring would be waterproof, enabling the room to be hosed down like an operating theatre, if it became dirty. The chairs and couches, padded with sponge rubber, would have detachable covers, made from rayon, which creates little dust, and these could be sent to the laundry each week. Only a couch would be provided for sleeping, as no covering would be needed when the air was raised to a high enough tempera-

All these suggestions are extremely practical for reducing housework, but the gain in freedom for the housewife could never equal in value the loss of charm and gracefulness in the home.

# A CONTRIBUTION TO THE THEORY OF EVOLUTION

(With apologies to Mr. Darwin.)
PART I.

Let us cast our minds back to the time when we were all little amoebae—according to the theory of evolution, anyway, which states that this was probably the first living thing. Our curves then were not in any fixed place—because our only form of locomotion consisted of the protrusion of a large portion of our anatomy (comparatively speaking, for this is an enlargement of our actual size),

with the remaining portion of us flowing along behind. When we felt lonely we merely divided into two, and since we were lonely several times in an hour, you can imagine how many of us there were at the end of a day.

After a while, some bright member of our family suggested that, instead of swimming away after division had occurred, we should remain attached to one another. So here we are now. Admittedly it was a strain on the top members of our family sphere, and after much protestation, they went on strike A semi-circle of two and caved in. layers of cells was thus formed, much to the disgust of the bottom laver. Since we were all joined together, special organs had to be formed to enable us to eat, fight and move. (Author's note: We are very sorry, but we cannot give any illustrations to this article, because the printers have not got blocks the shapes of our evolving forms.)

We were satisfied with this stage for a short time only—just a few thousand ages or so, when due to something we (the authors) don't understand, there appeared in our midst a funny-looking specimen with a three-layered body wall. At first he was just an ill-bred stranger, but as he grew more and more numerous we were forced to accept him. Gradually he ousted us older forms, and by the time his great (fifty-three times) grandchildren had been, the fifty-fourth appeared as—a worm!

A million years have passed . . . whish! We now look rather like a yabby, and have eyes, gills and legs, and have a very strong suit of armour.

The next part of our evolution is a bit vague—we can't quite make out how we got from a yabby to a fish, but we did!

We are still living in the water, but in a more complicated form, possessing a backbone, beautiful fins and a streamlined figure (Woo! woo!).

One of us decided to see the wide, wide world, and promptly metamorphed (refer to any good Biology text-book) into a frog with armslegstoesanfingers. He had a great advantage over us, because he had a protrusible tongue which

besides being an efficient food-catcher, could be brought into use if an argument was going the wrong way for him.

Growing a-weary of this mode of existence, some of us branched out on our own and formed the repitidia species (you snake!)

Someone eventually sported a pair of wings and took to the air, an element hitherto unexploited by us. Allowing for shrinkage and a coating of feathers, these were recognisable as being the present-day birds.

### THE ROCK POOL

The crystal clear water ripples gently on the surface of a tiny pool. Its bottom is covered with loose flat stones and pebbles; little shells with delicate markings are scattered amongst them. The edge is jagged, with miniature caves and ledges giving shelter to crabs and little brown rock fish. Dainty weeds grow round the edge of the pool—pink fringed weeds, green, brown, yellow and red weeds. A bright red anemone clinging to the side gives colour to the little scene, and the crystal clear water ripples gently on the surface.

# —A.C.

### THE OLD STONE WALL

The old stone wall stands guard over the wild garden. Never a soul visits this quiet place, where tiny plants run as they please, and a gay little creek flows, gurgling and bubbling along. Its banks are covered with cool green ferns and the old stone wall runs alongside; in the cracks between its stones live tiny wild violets and creeping plants.

The garden is wild; a track covered with soft green moss runs down to the creek, and tall gums, with drooping leaves, stand like sentinels over the lonely garden. In the autumn long strips of bark will hang down the tall trunks, but always the old stone wall stands guard over the wild garden.

### -A.C.

### TARGET FOR TO-NIGHT

The night was clear and cool. The stars twinkled and the half-moon had already risen. Its silver rays shone over the fields, and hedges and buildings were silhouetted against the silver-black sky. The drone of planes was heard in the still air—one, two, three . . . five . . . seven . . . ten . . . planes rose into the sky and flew east. They flew over the Channel, every minute flying further from home and nearer their target. Then quite suddenly the French coast was seen far below besides the glimmering sea. The planes changed their course to south-east by east, and headed for the great Rhine. Time was going well. They would not be late this time.

As they approached the city, the flak became thick, but although two of the planes were damaged, the targets were hit. As the ten R.A.F. Mosquito Bombers turned for home they could see on the horizon a red glow against the jet sky.

At six-thirty the following morning the news ran: "Last night direct hits were scored on military objectives over Cologne. All our planes returned. This is London calling. . . ."

### -B.V.W. (Vc).

### TRANSPORT IN CHINA

The chief transport animal in China is man. Animals cost too much, eat too much, and take up too much room! A Chinese coolie will carry 80 lbs. 20 miles a day for a few pence. They stack the burden on a kind of shelf which is strapped to the back and provided with a leg to take the weight when the carrier stops to rest.

The most usual method of carrying burdens, however, is in baskets suspended at opposite ends of a bamboo pole which rests across the shoulders.

Another vehicle used in China is the wheelbarrow. This is constructed on a more sensible plan than our wheelbarrows, the wheel being placed in the middle, with the goods piled on a platform around it. Thus all the weight is

on the wheel. The same type of vehicle is one of the common means of transporting people, especially women, and four, six and even eight may be seen riding together, propelled by a single wheelbarrow man.

-M.K.

### EYES

All animals have different eves according to whether they are the hunters or the hunted and to their habits and their way of living. For instance, most of the hunters have eyes which are set squarely in front so that they may be able to watch their prey keenly. The hunted mostly have "side eyes", because they must watch from the side as well as the front. The frog has eyes on top of his head, for danger always comes from above for him. The alligator, crocodile and hippopotamus also have eyes on top of their heads. These eyes are able just to protrude out of the water and the animal can see without being seen. The fly has two eves which can be seen, but these are really made up of 8000 eyes, each one pointed in a different direction. No wonder the fly can escape many blows aimed at him. The halibut, a fish, thas both eyes on one side, for it swims horizontally. The cat has pupils in its eyes which widen at night, so that it can see, and contract in the daylight.

—J.C. (Vb).

### THE SAD FATE OF CECIL CICADA

Cecil Cicada woke up one morning Just as the sun on the trees was dawning.

He hopped out of bed and donned his

hat,
Took up his stick, gave his tie a pat.
He pulled on his gloves one by one,
Then sat on a twig to enjoy the sun.
But Bertie the Blackbird was lurking

there

And he had a family to fend for and care.

He swooped upon Cecil with open bill And glittering eyes intent on the kill.

Then two little boys, seeing poor Cecil's plight.

Threw a large clod with all their might. Sadly their aim was not quite straight, So Cecil was left to his terrible fate. With Cicada in beak right home Bertie

That night his family had hot Cicada stew.

-J.C. and S. McC.

### THE HORSE MARINES

In amongst the excited crowd at the Boronia Children's Horse Gymkhana were two British Marines, anti-aircraft gunners who had been through Dunkirk and were now gunners on a ship.

These two boys were pals, and before the war one of them was Lord

Rosebery's jockey in England.

Someone in the crowd took these boys into the centre of the arena, and, through the microphones, they were introduced to the crowd, which cheered and clapped.

They were then asked to tie the sashes on the winning pony hunters (the Pony Hunters' Plate being the main event of the day). As the boys tied the ribbons on the ponies' necks, their hands shook with excitement.

It is such a contrast to think that these gallant boys shook with excitement while tying ribbons on ponies' necks and yet they had been through such a horrible experience as Dunkirk.

-E.F.P. (Vc).

### THE TOWN

# (Translated from the German of Theodor Storm.)

A long, grey shore, a wide, grey sea And the city lies alone. Over the roofs the sea-mists flee, And through the silence roars the sea Untiring round the town.

No rustling woods are there; in May No bird calls ceaselessly. The great, wild goose with grating cry Flies in the autumn nights away On the sea-shore roars the sea. Yet longs my tired heart for thee, Thou grey town by the sea. And magic youth now lost to me Stays, smiling still in thee, in thee, Thou grey town by the sea.

\_B.M.

### LIGHT AND JOY

(Translated from the French of Victor Hugo.) Everything is light and full of joy, The spider with industrious grace Attaches to the silk-textured tulips His Web of Silvered Lace.

In the splendour of a pool The quivering dragon fly Beholds a mysterious water-world With his gleaming eye.

The beetle shines as living gold Within a casket of moss-green. In these woods where sound is dulled The timid fawn plays in a dream.

Everything alive moves with grace, The blue sky against a hill of green, The sun shining through an open door, A shadow flitting o'er a burbling stream.

Life on the plain is happy.

The woods are a-chattering, the grass is in flower,

Man, be not fearful; for Nature
Is smiling, all is in her power.

### ETHEREAL AZURE

Ethereal azure Seen from verdant sward, What myriad ages hast thou o'er-looked? The fall of mighty kings, the death of sparrows. The wriggling of worms? What planets have ploughed their way through thy eternal depths, And comets, dragging their metallic tails Through ever widening space? And now, new winged monsters, Cleaving their way through lightningwhitened cloud. Show silver, like the glinting of cold Against the sky, Ethereal azure!

### HIKING

Hiking in the green fields
Hiking in the wood,
Finding out what Nature yields
For pleasure and for food.

Over hills we wander, Warmed by Sun's bright ray, Many hours to squander In this healthy way.

The beautiful tall gum-tree, Green against the sky, Blends in perfect harmony With all God's passers-by.

From glades where streams are bubbling,
To hills where breezes play
Unseen lips are calling—
Come away!

Come from the dingy city!
Come to the open air!
Come to the down or forest
To a life that is free from care.
—B.D.

### GAY Va

Va is very gay,
It has nice names like Fay and May
And many other things
Like Jane who sings.
Look at Rosemary,
Just like a rose,
A sweet pink rose.

-H.E.

### SPRING SONG

Now the winter days have gone
The spring comes back to sing its song,
The little flowers and daffodils,
Come out on all the window-sills,
The little birds come back as guests
To make their teeny, weeny nests.

—I.C.

### MY ROSES

Roses white and roses red
Planted in my garden bed.
When on the buds the sun shines bright
Great joy they bring until the night
The little buds close up to sleep,
Until again the sun will peep.

—H.N.

### THE FISHING BOAT

The sun rose high in the morning, When the sky was clear and blue, And the fishing boat went out Out where the seagulls flew.

The little boat went on till noon,
With its sturdy men at the oar
Then they baited and cast their lines
As many a time before.

Then the sun sank low, in the evening And the fishing boat turned home, And the stars came out to guide Them back across the foam.

MY GARDEN

I have a little garden And it is very rare.I have some scarlet poppies And roses fair.

In the middle of my garden
I have a lily pond.
I have some flowers around it
And flowers beyond.

—R.N. (Va).

### DAWN

As the first rosy tints of dawn are in the east,

A thousand feathered throats proclaim the glory of the morn.

The world is waking from a slumber sweet and long,

A breeze begins to whisper—and another day is born.

A soft mist is rising from the valley and the hill,

And leaving tiny dewdrops sparkling by the way.

Cold night is gone, and with her all the

That haunted weary souls during hours of yesterday.

—J. McM.

A SILENT NIGHT

The water gleamed like silver,
The stars were shining bright,
The moon was rising slowly
On distant hill at night.
The river had hardly a ripple
When I went walking by.

The dawn is slowly breaking
The moon is sinking down.
Now the sun is rising
On the distant clouds.
Painting the grey horizon
With colours of great display.

The streets are getting busy
As I stand up on the hill
I see the horses grazing
In meadows by the mill.
The school bells now are ringing
Calling us to school.

—M.D.

### THE KINDERGARTEN ROOM

The Kindergarten has been transferred to a spacious new building away from the main body of classrooms, so we are no longer disturbed by the enthusiastic, though rather flat, singing of the junior members of our School. The new classroom consists of a main room with large windows overlooking the playing fields, and is equipped with modern kindergarten furniture. Opening off this there is a cloakroom and wash basins, conveniently adjusted to the size of the children. A new piano and a special heating system complete the building.

We would like to thank Mr. Junck very sincerely for his invaluable aid in the erection of the building, which was constructed under great difficulties in view of the extreme shortage of materials and labour existing at the present time.

### LOWER JUNIOR SCHOOL NOTES

After the Christmas vacation we were very pleased to hear that a new school room was proposed for us.

However, it was some time before the building was begun, as permission to build it was not received until just before the May holidays.

During the first part of the second term we eagerly watched the new room being built, and were very interested in the different materials that arrived, and in finding out what they were used for.

At last the long-looked-for day came when the building was finished, and on Saturday, July 22nd—our Fete Day—we were able to be in it for the first time.

We were very excited about all the new things we had that were going to help us in our work and in our play.

The little ones amongst us spend many happy times with the hammer toy and the train, but we all get a great deal of pleasure from our own blackboards and easels.

We decided we would like to make some little garden beds in front of our new room. So four beds were shaped and dug for us. Form IIIb grew stocks, which have grown very well, and are now in bloom. IIIa grew ranunculi, from which we have had a few blooms. IIb took another bed and grew quite a lot of things-daffodils, grape hyacinths and freesias. IIa took the fourth plot and also grew a number of things. We are pleased to see, Janet, that your marigolds are growing so well now, and, Judy, the IIb children are delighted with the pretty plants, now in flower, that you brought.

Just before the May holidays we said good-bye to Jay, as she was leaving for Perth. But we were all very pleased to welcome you back, Jay, at the beginning of this term.

Joyce expects to be going to New Zealand for the Christmas holidays. We all hope you have a happy time, Joyce, and we will be looking forward to welcoming you back, if not when school reopens, some time later in the year.

At the end of the second term, Form III had a trip to the Zoo to see the animals they had been reading about in their geography book. It was a lovely afternoon, and all enjoyed the outing.

Those amongst us who were not in Form III felt rather sad because they were not included in the excursion, so early in the third term the small ones paid a visit to the Wild Life Sanctuary.

The afternoon was full of interest. There were many kinds of animals to see—monkeys, koalas, kangaroos, deer, and a tiny foal only three weeks old that had lost its mother. Amongst the birds there were talking parrots, who said, "Hallo" and "Good-bye,"—little canaries, love birds and emus.

There were slides, see-saws and swings, but nerhaps best of all were the pony rides.

The horse drag was a thrilling experience. It was drawn by three horses, and to get into it it was necessary to climb up very high steps at the back, but even the smallest managed to do this very well

This term Miss Chalmers comes each day to take IIa and the kindergarten out for songs, games, stories, and sometimes a trip to the park. We feel we would all like to be little ones, and join the happy little group.

However, we bigger ones have been promised another afternoon excursion this term, and so we are looking forward to that.

Now we are all very busy preparing for our Christmas party, and making Christmas gifts.

We do wish all our little friends a very happy Christmas, a lovely holiday, and we hope that they will all come back to work and play with us next year.

### PRINCESS STREET BRANCH NOTES

If you were to pass Little Ruyton any morning now, you would hear us all singing our Christmas Carols, and songs for Christmas time. We think that Christmas is the happiest time of all the year, because it's such fun to make presents for our mothers and fathers, and to make all sorts of decorations for the School.

We had lots of other happy days, too, and we have been taken out several times. Our first visit was to the Fire Station in town, and it was very exciting to see the big fire engine, the long ladders, the huge hoses, and all the lovely shiny helmets.

Then we went to see a lovely garden in spring time—with crocuses and every possible sort of blossom tree.

Another day we all went to Studley Park, and found little wild flowers in the grass. We think the Kew Gardens, too, are very pretty.

But our most exciting day was the day when we all went to visit the Wild Life Sanctuary at North Balwyn. We came to School quite early, and each one of us brought a bag or a basket with lunch, because we were having a picnic. And at 10 o'clock a drag, drawn by four big horses, pulled up at the gate. It was rather a squash, but great fun as we climbed in, and off we drove. We'd like to say "Thank you" to Mrs. Kent, who took some of us in her car.

When we got to the Sanctuary we had the greatest fun, seeing all the animals and birds, and riding on the ponies.

After lunch the people who had long enough legs went for a long walk to a creek, where they found wild flowers, and hawthorn and shivery grass.

And then, home we all drove, in two drags this time, and that was an end to our lovely day.

We had practised very hard at running not long ago, and were very disappointed at the rainy days which stopped Big Ruyton Sports.

We've been working very hard at our lessons, too, and some of us read so well that we are allowed to borrow the School Library books, and read them at home. We love our French lessons, too. And on Friday afternoons we have learned such a lot about music from Miss Gell.

One day our friend, Miss Ann Dreyer, whom we all know so well at the Kindergarten of the Air, came to school to talk to our mothers, and we were all able to talk to her, too. Another day

we had pictures at school, and we watched them with our mothers.

Soon it will be Christmas time, and so we wish everyone a happy holiday, and a very happy Christmas.

### NORMANBY ROAD BRANCH

We have had a very happy, busy year at the branch.

On Easter Thursday morning the bigger children entertained the smaller children at an Easter party. They worked very hard for days before, making hats, decorations, place cards, cakes and sweets. It was a very happy party and our offering for St. Gabriel's Home for Babies surpassed all expectations. We were able to take over £3 with us when we went to see the babies that afternoon. The Matron welcomed us, and we just loved seeing the babies.

In April we asked our mothers and fathers to come and watch us at our work and play. We were pleased to see so many and hoped they enjoyed watching us as much as we enjoyed doing it for them.

We have had other centres of interest besides our formal school work, and in connection with these have been for several excursions. One afternoon we went to see the aborigine exhibit at the Museum and had a very lovely trip. We also had time to see the animals, butterflies and beetles, too—not forgetting to visit Phar Lap. Trees, gardens, sheep and chickens have all been visited in turn, and just lately a few of us went to Port Melbourne to see the ships. It was such a thrill!

Soon we are all going to Wild Life for our annual treat, and are looking forward to it.

Christmas time is here again, and once more we are all busy making our gifts for our mothers and fathers, and preparing for our Christmas party.

We would like to thank Miss Daniell for her interest in, and visits to, us this year, and also the mothers who have taken such an interest in all we have done, and have supported us so wholeheartedly throughout the year.

### RUYTON RED CROSS

Superintendent: Mrs. W. S. Kent Hughes.

Hon. Secretary: Mrs. R. M. Fawcett. Hon. Treasurer: Miss E. Anderson.

During the year our Group has worked very consistently in making articles from materials which are supplied to us from Kew Red Cross. The total number made since our last report is 505 articles, consisting of: 87 quilts, 177 tidy bags, 7 throwovers, 67 pairs pyjamas, 28 bed pockets, 21 face washers, 1 draw sheet, 3 pullovers, 3 cardigans, 10 dressing gowns, 1 pair slippers. Other items which also have been sent are linen, magazines, stamps and clothes for civilian bomb relief. Our sewing circle is to be commended on the high standard of work it has maintained since our Group was formed four years ago.

Our finances have always been well supported by Miss Daniell, girls and staff, and this year has been very successful for us, and we are very pleased to report that in all they have donated to us this year £92/2/11½. Donation from results of Market Fair, £56; proceeds from School Play, £13/13/-; weekly pennies, Ruyton £9/3/1, Normanby Road £6/0/4; £7/4/8½ special donations from different girls by their personal effort.

We had charge of the Kew Red Cross Kiosk three times this year, from which we made £170/2/3. We have to thank Mrs. England and her helpers for making these days such a success. We would like to thank numerous donors for their gifts of money and goods, es-

pecially do we thank the branches, Normandy Road and Princess Street.

We are sorry to lose Miss Barnes, who is a consistent supporter in any of our activities.

Again we thank Miss Daniell and staff for so kindly making available the facilities of the School for our meetings held every Wednesday afternoon.

-J. Fawcett, Hon. Secretary.

### RUYTON WAR SERVICE GROUP

President: Mrs. W. S. Kent Hughes. Hon. Secretary and Treasurer: Mrs. J. W. Gordon.

In Charge of Wool Supplies: Mrs. W. J. Newman.

The activities of the Group have been maintained this year and funds grow steadily through payments for afternoon teas and sale of produce. Our chief source of income was the generous donation given to us by the School, as a result of the Fair, the amount being £69/9/3.

We have donated £25 to the Ruyton Red Cross funds, £5/5/- to the R.A.N. Relief Fund and late last year £20 to the Y.M.C.A. War Service Fund for Prisoners-of-War

Our wool supplies are purchased from the Mission to Seamen, and 123 garments have been completed. We are thinking of using some of our funds for a Christmas party for merchant seamen or men from one of the hospitals.

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-E. Ruth, C. Gordon, Hon. Sec.

# THE OLD RUYTONIANS' ASSOCIATION

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Mrs. N. S. Maloney

Vice-Presidents:

Mrs. D. Carnegie

Miss D. Hiscock

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25 Canterbury Road,
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### ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of Old Ruytonians was held at Ruyton on April 28th. Mrs. Maloney was again elected President. Miss Ruth Barnes was our guest of honour. Mrs. Maloney, on behalf of the Old Girls, presented Miss Barnes with a lovely bunch of flowers and a cheque. When making the presentation, Mrs. Maloney said how sorry all Old Ruytonians were that Miss Barnes had severed her connection with Ruyton. The Old Girls owed much to her for the courteous and pleasant way she had always helped them in all their doings, and hoped that she would be happy and successful in her new work.

Miss Todd reported a successful year with the War Scholarship, which had been awarded to Sallie Snowball. The Hon. Treasurer reported that the finances were in a sound condition, and that we were able to invest money in the war loan from time to time.

Miss Daniell welcomed the Old Girls and gave them a report on the progress of the School. She referred in affectionate terms to the recent death of Miss Irving, and moved that a letter of sympathy be sent to Miss L. Irving from the Old Ruytonians' Association. Members carried the motion standing.

At the close of the business meeting, members were entertained in the Assembly Hall by the present girls, who gave two plays. Form Vb gave a French play depicting a scene at a railway station.

Form VI—a scene from King Lear. Supper was served in the dining room.

### OLD GIRLS' NEWS

### Engagements-

S. Shelmerdine to Mr. N. E. Morris.

A. Lilley to Capt. J. G. Lincolne.

L. Scott to Lieut. W. J. Tulloch.

B. Newman to Mr. E. W. Kings.

M. Hamilton to Lieut. Ingram. Jean Hay to Mr. A. Aikinhead.

### Marriages-

L. Bayly to Mr. R. J. Goyen.

D. McGruer to Mr. L. Williams.

M. Worrell to Capt. R. Serle.

### Births-

N. Gardner (Derham)—a daughter.

M. Buchanan (Kaines) -a son.

S. Shugg (Henry)—a son.

E. Stewardson (Logan)—a son.

M. Knewstub (Gregson)—a daughter.

B. Pizzev (Holmes)—a daughter.

P. McNaughton (Hiscock)—a son.

M. Parris (Rylah)—a daughter.

Heather Crawn (Brown), a daughter. Geraldine Duncan (Brown), a daughter.

### GENERAL

Old Girls serving in the Forces:-

WRANS-D. Rylah.

WRENS-R. Trench.

AWAS-J. Gunnersen, A. Lowen, P. Dickinson.

WAAF-A. Borhaven, J. Borhaven, R. Gordon.

NAVY OFFICE-D. Baker and M. Gunnersen.

VAD-M. Whitehead.

NURSES-S. Brown, J. Hellicar, M. Brodribb, C. Quarterman (Holmes).

Old Ruytonians at the University:-

Arts-E. Dreiheller, E. Baker, M. Russell, P. Holmes, M. Goldsmith, J. Hay, L. Hay.

Science—A. Moore, J. Hesketh, S. Shugg, S. Gillies, M. Holmes, E. Weiss, C. Rodwell.

Massage-B. Pearson.

Dentistry-V. Fawcett, J. Gamble.

Social Studies-F. Pearce.

E. Dreiheller won the exhibition in Dutch at the last annual examinations.

F. Dreiheller has completed the onevear course at Invergowrie and will begin her training as a nurse at the Alfred Hospital in 1945.

We extend our sympathy to Betty Taylor and Mary Whitehead on the loss of their mother. Mrs. Whitehead died in April. Betty is still at the Hermitage, but Mary is away with the forces.

We also send our sympathy to Margaret Crosthwaite, whose mother died very suddenly a few months ago. Mrs. Crosthwaite and Mrs. Whitehead were very loyal friends to Ruyton.

Robina Trench has joined the Wrens, and is stationed in N. England. Valerie is in a boarding school in the country. In the absence of the family, the Trench's flat in London was destroyed by a bomb.

Claire Shew is in Melbourne again. She has added the Mothercraft Certificate to all the others she already holds.

Claire Waugh is finishing her Leaving Examination at the Echuca High School.

Berenice Eberbach is teaching in Deniliquin.

Madge Jessep was in town recently. She is helping her father on their pro-

Hilary Morgan, Betty Lewis and Audrey Martin are doing the A.T.T.I. Course.

Marie Henshaw and Doreen Macmillan are training as nurses at Epworth.

Joan Comeadow is doing an Art Course at Swinburne.

Margaret Hamilton is teaching physical culture under Mme. Domé Carré.

Dorothy Gregson is a land girl with Mr. Spencer Millear.

Joan Hider-Smith has a post in the C.S.I.R. Laboratory.

Diana Holder and Judy Kerr are doing a business course at Stott's.

- J. Watts (Simpson) has returned from Freetown. Her husband, the Rev. Eric Watts, has accepted the post of Chaplain to Seamen at Fremantle, where they will go after a few months' leave in Melbourne.
- S. Loebel is doing an art course at the Melbourne Technical School.
- D. Tatchell is doing a business course.
- M. Lewis is training as a dietitian at the Emily McPherson College.
- N. Lancaster is now Directress of the Coronation Free Kindergarten at Essendon, but expects to go to Sydney early next year.
- G. Morgan has taken a post at International Harvesters as commercial artist.
- V. Chivers is still studying at the Melbourne Technical School.

### MR. P. S. LEMON

It was with very great regret that we heard of the death after a long illness of Mr. P. S. Lemon at his home in Trafalgar Road, Mont Albert. Until he became ill, Mr. Lemon was a most devoted and helpful member of the Council at Ruyton. Mr. Lemon took a leading part in the formation of the com-

pany of parents and Old Girls which took over the School from Miss Daniell in 1930, and his sound and practical advice was very helpful to his fellow members on the Council. Mr. Lemon was a staunch friend to the School, which will always remember him with affection and gratitude. Mrs. Lemon and her daughters, Elizabeth and Suzanne, have our deepest sympathy in their sorrow.

### STAFF-PAST AND PRESENT

Mrs. Ross is leaving Ruyton to become Principal of Kilvington in Ormond.

Miss B. Little is resigning at the end of this term.

Miss Banczewska, B.A., intends to continue her studies at the University next year.

Mrs. Taylor is resigning at the end of the year.

Miss Rock, M.A., a specialist in History and Economics, is joining the staff in 1945.

Mrs. Crohn, M.A., a specialist in Geography, is joining the staff in 1945.

Mrs. Davies (Miss Picken) has taken up the study of art again.

Mrs. Barlow has given up teaching, and has gone back to pharmacy.

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