

# Old Comrades'



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### EDITORIAL

#### The Gazette.

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#### Q.M.A.A.C. Old Comrades' Association.

The second annual general meeting will be held at the Duke of York's Headquarters on Friday, December 3rd, at 7.30 p.m. It is hoped that every member who can possibly be present will do her very best to attend. There is much important business to be transacted, and the interest and intelligent co-operation of all the members is needed if the Association is to grow and prosper. This it shows every sign of doing with encouragement and support, so please study your agenda carefully, and turn up at the meeting ready to air your opinion.

There is indeed no doubt that the Association is a going concern these days. Remarkable signs of activity are being shown in every direction, in fact, we may truthfully say in all parts of the world. Each month shows a steady increase in membership, and the Glasgow branch has distinguished itself by enrolling fifty new members during the month of October. Opportunities of meeting each other are eagerly seized upon, and re-union dinners seem to be extremely popular. London, after a most successful dinner, attended by no less than 350 members, is now arranging lectures, thinking of a dance, and giving a great deal of attention and thought to the island on the Thames where it is hoped to establish a permanent holiday and rest camp. Edinburgh, not content with the success of the bazaar, for which they had worked so strenuously, is turning attention to a dinner, which is suggested for December. Edinburgh is also issuing a monthly circular letter to members, which is so interesting and full of news that we feel we ought really to allude to it as our "distinguished contemporary."

Glasgow has quickly followed London's example with a dinner, at which over ninety were present, and there is also talk of a dance in December. The Cheltenham branch though only in its infancy, is thinking of a dinner, too. Nottingham is starting off well, with a very keen secretary in Miss Allan, who was forewoman clerk in the Chief Controller's Office in France. We hear that though only a few members attended the preliminary meeting they were "exceptionally nice girls." This simply means, of course, that they were ex-Waacs. They have a temporary club room, and hope to arrange a small dinner this month.

It is satisfactory to note that the entente with the other women's services is being maintained by the Old Comrades' Associations, and that both London and Glasgow invited representatives of the W.R.A.F. to their dinner. Perhaps Dame Helen Gwynne Vaughan can hardly be considered a W.R.A.F. from our point of view, as she belonged to us first, and is in fact a vice-president of the O.C.A.

The W.R.A.F. Old Comrades issue a monthly leaflet, and the Association of W.R.N.S. is contemplating something of the kind. We shall hope to exchange copies, and so keep in touch with their movements.

#### Polish Women's Legion.

Miss Clay (late Controller, Northern Command) writes from Warsaw as follows, "I have not been able to get much

information as yet about the Polish Waacs, but it is said that they fight, and even take part in bayonet fighting. One Polish girl told me that she had seen a list of names of women who had fallen in bayonet charges in the papers, but I can hardly credit this. They certainly carry guns, and those queer pistol things on their hips, and dress exactly like the men, except for the skirt. They salute the men officers, and do garrison duties, etc. They do not look at all "domestic"—but there may be some who are. They don't look as smart and well set up as our girls did, but perhaps the guns tend to make them round shouldered, and their clothes look rather too tight. Some of their officers however are very attractive, but they will wear high heels and thin silk stockings (Isn't human, or "Waac" nature, the same all the world over?) and English high heels are quite low compared with Polish. On the whole though, they look very business-like and neat. I may yet be able to penetrate into one of their camps, and tell you more about them."

#### "Johnnie of the Q.M.A.A.C."

Members who served overseas, and especially those who were stationed in the Rouen Area, will be greatly interested in this pathetic little story of the life and death of a Q.M.A.A.C. signaller. It is a simple description of the experiences of a Scotch girl who enrolled in the W.A.A.C., was sent to Folkestone, and subsequently drafted to France, and stationed first in Calais, and then in Rouen. Her death was the result of an accident on Christmas Day, 1918. The book is practically a collection of her letters and poems, and although the material has been somewhat unskillfully arranged, the girl's fine character is clearly brought out. Johnnie had a most lovable and attractive nature, strong family affections, and a deep sense of religion. The account of Christmas, 1917, in the depot at Folkestone, and of the journey to France, is very interesting. Johnnie, who had distinct literary tastes, kept a full diary and probably intended writing some articles on her life in the corps.

#### Q.M.A.A.C. Cartoons.

As we go to press a copy of "Winsome Waacs" has just been received. These amusing cartoons are the work of M. Onions and K. Wood, late Signals, Q.M.A.A.C. In their modest foreword they say, "There was after all a certain charm about our life in France, that even army huts and issue stockings could not entirely obliterate, and if as a result of our efforts this book has the power to recall that charm we shall feel amply repaid." The sketches are distinctly clever, and the joint authors both possess a pretty wit. Some of those dealing with the never-ending uniform difficulties are most amusing, and we liked the one which is described by the following quotation from the Prime Minister, "The sacrifices of the women have been magnificent."

These two recent publications ought to come in very handily at Christmas time, as suitable presents for comrades. Particulars will be found on the last page.

News of Overseas Members is specially wanted for the December number, and should be received by December 1st.

**HEADQUARTERS OFFICE.**

During the last two months several members of the committee have left London for work elsewhere, and one or two have had to resign through pressure of work, so that the October committee found itself a very small one when it assembled on the evening of the 8th. There was much **business** to be despatched, for in addition to the preliminary work for the general meeting, the agenda of ordinary business was very heavy. It happened that several applications for loans were brought forward, and this necessitated careful consideration and discussion. In the present state of the Association's finance a distinction has to be made between schemes for the good of the many and those for the advantage of individuals. What we really need now is about £2,000 to start a loan fund for individual cases. This would seem a good aim for the next year's committee.

**GENERAL MEETING.**

The second annual general meeting of the Association has been fixed for December 3rd next, and will be held in the Duke of York's Headquarters. At that meeting it is proposed to review the work of the Association during the past year, elect officers, and a general committee for 1921, and formulate a policy to guide that committee in its work.

All branches have been notified that the last date of sending in nominations for the committee is November 15th. It is proposed to hold an informal social at the conclusion of the meeting. Country members are specially invited to be present. The secretary will do her best to arrange for hospitality for those members who have no friends in London.

The importance of the coming year in the life of the Association is very great, the preliminary organisation is done, and the real work of the Association should now begin. For this to be successful a strong, enthusiastic and hard-working committee is essential.

**LOCAL BRANCHES.****Oxford.**

A meeting of ex-officials and ex-members of the Q.M.A.A.C. was held in Oxford on 21st October, at 6 p.m., at 32 St. Margaret's Road, Miss J. M. Payne in the chair, for the purpose of forming a local branch. There were fourteen present. After a brief explanation of the aims and objects of the Association by the chairman, members intending to join were invited to enrol, all present did so, except four, who were already members. A committee was then formed, consisting of two ex-officers and two ex-members, with an hon. secretary, as follows: Ex-officer B. Morgan, ex-officer M. G. Ballard, R. Knight, I. M. Bateson. E. T. Hawes, Hon. Sec., 12 Western Road, Headington.

An offer was then made by I. M. Bateson, 78 Bullington Road, Oxford, to lend a room for meetings at any time. This was at once accepted, and an informal gathering was arranged for members to meet on Friday, November 5th, from 6.30 to 8 p.m., to discuss arrangements for a concert.

**Edinburgh and East of Scotland.**

On Wednesday, October 27th, a temporary clubroom was opened at 40 Shandwick Place. Between seventy and eighty members turned up, and an enjoyable evening was spent. This room will be open on Wednesdays from 6.30 to 9.30, and on Saturdays from 2.30 to 9.30. It is hoped to find better premises and—if the bazaar proves to be the success we hope—to have a really good club going as soon as possible.

Her Majesty the Queen has sent three lovely water colours for sale at the bazaar, and hopes that the club will prove a great success.

A re-union dinner will be held in Edinburgh on December 15th, at the Grafton Café, Tollcross, at 8 p.m. Tickets 6s 6d. All those wishing to attend should apply to the Secretary not later than November 20th, enclosing a postal order for 6s. 6d.

**Glasgow and West of Scotland.**

The second ramble arranged by this branch took place on Saturday, October 2nd. Members met at Burnside at 3 o'clock, and walked from there to Cathkin Braes. It was a clear, bright, warm day, and a splendid view was obtained of Glasgow and the surrounding country. Half way up the hill a halt was made for rest and "snaps." On reaching

Cathkin a large kettle and cups were brought from the Golf House to the slope of the braes, where, looking on to the valley, with the autumn colouring and fields of cut corn, tea was laid out on the grass. The ramblers then went into the wood and enjoyed the swings. It was only when darkness fell that a move was made homewards.

Miss F. Innes (No. 788 Havre and Calais) sailed for South Africa on the 22nd October. Although Miss Innes has only been associated with this branch for a few weeks, she has taken a keen interest in all its doings. Our best wishes go with her, and we hope to hear of her occasionally through the Gazette.

Mrs. Greenlees, J.P., "Langdale," Dowanhill, has kindly agreed to become the hon. president of this branch.

The club-room at 13 Newton Place, West, was opened on October 13th at 6.30. Between sixty and seventy members were present, and fourteen new members enrolled. Two members arrived carrying a sewing machine, and another a gramophone.

By the 20th a start was made on cutting out and sewing for the sale. The room is very homely and cosy, and is open on Wednesday evenings, 6.30 to 10 p.m., tea 8 to 8.30.

A sale of work will be held on Saturday, the 11th December, in St. Andrew's Halls, Central Block, entering by Berkeley Street, "G" door, at 3 o'clock, until 6 p.m. The object is to raise funds to carry on the club for the winter months. Donations may be sent to the hon. secretary. Over fifty new members have enrolled in Glasgow this month.

A dance will be held in the hall of the Boys' High School on the evening of Friday, November 26th. All particulars may be had from the hon. secretary, Miss Gilchrist, 13 Royal Terrace, Glasgow, W.

On Friday, October 29th, in the Carlton Restaurant, was held the first annual dinner of Glasgow and West of Scotland branch of the O.C.A. Miss Banks, chairman of the branch, presided over a company of some ninety members. There were also present Miss Cowan, joint hon. secretary of the Edinburgh branch, and Miss Service and Miss Ferguson, joint hon. secretaries of the W.R.A.F. Old Comrades. The large dining room looked very attractive, and the members disposed themselves in friendly groups around small tables. After the toasts of the King and Queen had been honoured, the toast of Dame Florence Leach, coupled with that of Old Comrades, was proposed by Miss Murhpy (Signallers). Then followed the health of the guests, proposed by Miss Frood, and replied to by Miss Service (W.R.A.F.). On the motion of the chairman, a very cordial vote of thanks was accorded to Miss Gilchrist, the hon. secretary of the Glasgow and West of Scotland branch. To her, all the members feel, are due the inception of, and cordial response to the O.C.A. Branch in Glasgow, and it is from her untiring enthusiasm and zeal that the numerous activities have arisen, and have been carried out.

At the conclusion of the dinner the members withdrew to the ante-room, where they were addressed by Miss Cowan (Edinburgh) who extended on behalf of her branch a very cordial invitation to Glasgow members. She was also altruistic enough to give details of her plans for raising money at the Edinburgh sale of work. Miss Ferguson (W.R.A.F.) said some very flattering things of our Q.M.A.A.C., and attributed to them the good send-off of other women's corps. The ideal, now, she said, was not to try to compete but to amalgamate, and instead of having rival Old Comrades Associations, to have a Women's Service Association, incorporating all the corps.

It was, altogether, we felt, a happy and successful evening, one which will surely prove a forerunner of many annual dinners.

**London and District.**

The month of October has been a busy one for the London branch. Early in the month a ramble around Hendon was arranged, and on October 15th, the re-union dinner was held.

On Wednesday, October 27th, a very delightful address was given by Dr. Henry Clay Risner, entitled, "The Future of English Speaking Women in America." Dame Florence Leach, D.B.E. was in the chair. The meeting was arranged with rather short notice, but the 200 members present were most enthusiastic. Our grateful thanks are due to Captain Mansbridge for lending us a hall on this occasion, and to

Miss Horniblow, C.B.E., and Miss Comyns Lewer, for their help in circularising the 850 members in the branch.

On Sunday, November 30th, nineteen members met at Croydon, and rambled through Crohamhurst, where a halt was made for a picnic lunch. The walk was continued to Warlingham, where tea was taken at a small hotel. As the piano was placed at our disposal, we had a jolly impromptu concert.

It has been decided to have rambles in future on the first Sunday in every month. The next one will be held on Sunday, December 5th, around Hendon and Mill Hill. Members to meet outside Golder's Green Tube Station, at 11.30 a.m.

After consultation with many Old Comrades it has been decided that on the third Saturday in every month any Old Comrades who choose should meet at the Club, 83 Belgrave Road, for tea, and after tea adjourn "en masse" to a theatre, or some place of amusement (cheap seats). On Saturday, November 20th, it is proposed to go to the London Coliseum.

On Saturday, December 11th, a dance will be held at St. George's Row L.C.C. School, Ebury Bridge (near Victoria) at 7 p.m. Tickets price 1s. 3d., to be obtained from Miss Ireland.

The first re-union dinner held by the London branch of the Association took place on Friday, October 15th. 345 members assembled, representing about forty units of the Corps. The absence through illness of the Controller-in-Chief, Dame Florence Leach, was a great disappointment to all, but otherwise there was no shadow on the evening, and everyone present enjoyed to the full the feeling of being once again in touch with old friends.

The guests of the evening were Lady Markham, Dame Helen Gwynne Vaughan, and Dr. Turnbull. Their health, proposed by Miss Davy, who presided, was drunk with loud applause. In reply, Dame Helen recalled some of the thrills and hardships of life in the Corps overseas, and in her turn proposed the health of the O.C.A. The secretary responded, and proposed a toast of the London branch of the Association, to which Miss Ireland replied. When coffee was served, the members left their places, and conversation waxed, if possible, even louder. The party finally and reluctantly broke up about 11 o'clock.

During the evening the following telegrams were sent and received:—

The Lady-in-Waiting,

York Cottage, Sandringham.

Will you please convey to Her Majesty the Queen on behalf of three hundred and forty-five members of Queen Mary's Army Auxiliary Corps Old Comrades Association, assembled at their first re-union dinner, at Slater's Restaurant, 192 Oxford Street, W., the assurance of their never failing loyalty and humble duty to their late Commandant-in-Chief.

Sandringham.

To Dame Florence Leach,

Slater's Restaurant, 192 Oxford Street, W.

The Queen is very grateful to you and the three hundred and forty-five members of the Old Comrades Association for the kind message just received, and sends her best wishes to all members of the Association.

#### **Birmingham and District.**

We have had several meetings of old Q.M.A.A.C. interested in the forming of a branch in Birmingham, and in order to obtain some funds to start the social side we got up a dance on the 28th inst., when a thoroughly enjoyable evening was spent, between sixty and seventy Q.M.A.A.C. and their friends were present, and the programme consisted of dancing and vocal selections. After paying all expenses we realised a profit of over £2. We are now looking for a room that we can use for regular meetings, and as soon as this is obtained I have little doubt but what the branch will become a success.

#### **Cambridge and District.**

A meeting of ex-members of Q.M.A.A.C. was held at St. Paul's Vicarage, Cambridge, on Saturday, October 30th, for the purpose of forming a local branch. Miss Carnegie Brown presided, and fully explained to those present the objects of the Old Comrades' Association. Unfortunately

the meeting had to be arranged at short notice, and the attendance was not as large as was hoped.

Miss D. L. Deighton was unanimously elected secretary and all who had not previously joined became members of the O.C.A. It is hoped before long the branch will be a flourishing one, and that we shall spend many enjoyable evenings together.

#### **Cardiff.**

The numbers in South Wales are now sufficient to justify the opening of a separate branch in Cardiff. A preliminary meeting was held on October 28th, and it was decided that the members in Cardiff should meet every Wednesday evening at 7.30, at the Y.W.C.A. club-room, 26 Duke Street. The following officers were elected: Miss Barke, Secretary, 7 Corbett Road, Cardiff; Miss Marson (Catterick), Miss Davies (Abbeville), Miss G. Davies (H.Q. Chester), and Miss Roddick, committee.

#### **Reading and District.**

The response to the first advertisements, inserted in two local papers during September, was somewhat disappointing, only four or five members responding. The Labour Exchange kindly furnished a list of ex-Q.M.A.A.C. on their books, and this, with the list from headquarters, gave a total of nearly thirty names. Summons to a meeting on October 27th were issued to all these, and an attendance of nine enthusiasts resulted. The following committee was elected: Miss Edith Trotter, Chairman and Hon. Secretary, Miss M. Bradford, Miss R. Lindsay, Miss M. N. Norris (with power to add to their number).

Those present undertook to make the branch known by means of personal visits to all ex-members on the register, and it was decided to ask Messrs. Huntley and Palmer to allow a notice to be put up in the factory. It was resolved to organise a social re-union for all ex-members of the Corps in November, and a Christmas party for members of the O.C.A. and their friends after Christmas.

Several ex-members who were unable to attend the meeting have enrolled, or promised to do so, and much keenness is being shown, so we have every hope that the branch will do well.

#### **Norfolk.**

Mrs. Houchen and Miss Sherringham are finding it very difficult to get in touch with ex-members of the Corps. So far they have only discovered about fifteen, and they are all so scattered, and the expense of travelling is so great, that they are afraid to be too sanguine of the result.

They are arranging an informal meeting early in November, in Norwich, when they hope for great things; anyway, they will do their best to induce them all to become members of the Association and subscribers to the Gazette.

#### **Nottingham.**

A meeting of ex-members of Q.M.A.A.C. was held at Nottingham on October 11th, for the purpose of forming a local branch, Miss Newberry was in the chair. Only twelve members were present, but there is every hope of a strong branch soon, because we are getting into touch with old members in the out-lying districts, who seem very keen on the movement. A committee was formed as follows: President, Miss E. Newberry, 108 Talbot Street, Nottingham; Secretary, Miss B. Allan, 36 York Road, Long Eaton; Treasurer, Miss Prothero, 108 Talbot Street, Nottingham; committee—Miss Johnson, Woodside Cottage, Burton Joyce, Notts., Miss Appleby, Nottingham, Miss Knight, 29 Millicent Road, West Bridgford, Notts., Miss D. Woodford, 3 Cranmer Grove, Nottingham.

At present the crying need is for a suitable club-room where members can meet periodically.

#### **Southampton.**

This branch of the Old Comrades held their first social gathering at the Ordnance Survey Office, on Thursday, October 28th. It took the form of a dance, and about thirty members came, bringing friends, and a few ex-W.R.A.F.S. also came as guests. The branch intends holding a monthly meeting. The next will be a whist drive, the last Thursday in December.

#### **Unit I, Wimereux.**

This unit had a most successful re-union dinner recently at the Black Cat Restaurant, Great Queen Street, Kings-

way, W.C. A great number of old members were present, all who lived in London or its neighbourhood, and many travelled from distances such as Newcastle, Gosport, etc., in order to be there. Unit Administrator Mrs. Dundas, M.B.E., presided. Letters and telegrams were received from those unable to be present; and a cablegram was received from a member (Forewoman Doré) who is now in New York, expressing greetings and remembrance. Absent members were not forgotten; and those now in the Colonies and distant parts were remembered in a special toast, "To absent friends," a toast so familiar to us all when overseas.

Miss Watts (ex-Asst.-Administrator) and Miss Hilda Kelly undertook the arrangement of the dinner. The charming menus, conveying in their design memories of Wimereux, were designed and sketched by Miss Dunn and Miss Hayes.

The "Black Cat" has charming quarters, and the dinner provided was most excellent. The tables were beautifully arranged, the floral decorations being entirely sweet peas.

Many of the members had not met since a hurried good-bye had been exchanged at their last crossing from France, and the pleasure of meeting again under such happy conditions was very great. There was great gaiety, and many and varied speeches and toasts. Several married members were present.

It was interesting to learn the different work in which those present are now engaged, i.e., secretaries, clerks, milliners, artists, journalists, and many other positions.

Mrs. Dundas received a tremendous ovation; she was an administrator with the unit in the early days, and returned to it later as Unit Administrator until demobilisation. She expressed a wish that such another meeting might be possible in the near future, which was heartily seconded by all present.

#### LOCAL BRANCHES.

**Manchester.**—Miss Darwent, 12 St. Werburgh's Road, Chorlton-Cum-Hardy.

**Liverpool.**—Miss Moss, 75 Grove Street, Liverpool.

**Glasgow.**—Miss Gilchrist, 13 Royal Terrace, West Glasgow.

**Ayrshire.**—Miss Sloan, 47 Fort Street, Ayr.

**Plymouth.**—Mrs. Marrack Harvey, 20 Carfrae Terrace, Lipson, Plymouth.

**Leeds.**—Mrs. Leonard, 11 Blenheim Terrace, Leeds.

**Dorset and Bournemouth.**—Miss Lever, 13 Longfleet Road, Poole, Dorset.

**S. Wales.**—Miss Owen, The Palace, Abergwili, Carmarthen-shire.

**Brighton.**—Miss Cable, 8 Langdale Road, Hove.

**Edinburgh and East of Scotland.**—Joint Hon. Secs.: Miss May Finlay and Miss J. H. Cowan, 45 Minto Street, Edinburgh.

**London and District.**—Miss B. Ireland, 12a Sydney Road, St. Margaret's-on-Thames.

**Stirling.**—Miss Kinross, 23 Park Terrace, Stirling.

**Birmingham.**—Miss C. Birnsford, 167 Birchfield Road, Handsworth.

**Cheltenham and District.**—Mrs. Higgins, Mill House, Elmley Castle, Pershore.

**Cambridge.**—Miss D. L. Deighton, Hills Road, Cambridge.

**Norfolk.**—Miss D. Sheringham, Flaxmoor, Caston, Attleborough.

**Southampton.**—Miss Mills, Ordnance Survey Office, Southampton.

**Cardiff.**—Miss Barke, 7 Corbett Road, Cardiff.

**Nottingham.**—Miss E. D. Newberry, 108 Talbot Street, Nottingham.

**Oxford.**—Miss E. T. Haws, 12 Western Road, Headington.

**Reading.**—Miss Trotter, Horton Lodge, Reading.

**Singapore.**—Miss Buckley, Raffle's Girls' School, Singapore.

**Burma.**—Miss E. K. Fowler, c/o Sir Otway Cuffe, Upperfold, Maymyo, Upper Burma.

**Egypt.**—Miss Batty, 10 Rhe, Hermoptis, Alexandria.

#### QUEEN MARY'S CAMP, CALAIS.

Will N.C.O.'s and workers stationed at the above Camp between November, 1918, and December, 1919, please write at once to Miss F. Epps (late Forewoman Patrol), 21 Hereford Square, London, S.W.7.

#### PERSONAL NOTICES.

**Day—Preston.**—On the 10th August, 1920, at St. Matthias', Earl's Court, Stanley Nicholas Day, of Aden, eldest son of Stanley Day, F.I.A., and Mrs. Day, of Blackheath, to Marjorie, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Preston, of 38a Penywern Road, S.W.5.

**Fuller—Smith.**—At Heswell Church, Cheshire, on 4th October, Constance Smith (late A.A., Chadderton and Ripon) to Haslan J. Fuller, of Chewclah, Washington.

**Sarsfield-Hall—Clowes.**—On August 17th, 1920, the Bishop of Khartoum officiated at the marriage in London of Mr. Edwin Geoffrey Sarsfield-Hall, Sudan Civil Service, and Miss Ethel Robin Clowes, O.B.E. Three ex-Q.M.A.A.C., Assistant-Forewoman E. Underwood and members Hunt, Boniface, and Chick helped at the reception. Several ex-Q.M.A.A.C. also attended the wedding. A beautiful silver salver and biscuit box was given by members of Miss Clowes's late unit in France. Mr. and Mrs. Sarsfield-Hall left England for the Sudan on September 25th, their address will be, Kattum, N. Darfur Province, Sudan.

**Robson—Pollard.**—On October 21st, at Cleadon Parish Church, Lt.-Col. L. Robson, to Miss Sarah Pollard (late D.A., Q.M.A.A.C.).

**Grove—Hargreaves.**—On October 28th, at the Brompton Oratory, Captain W. H. F. Crowe, to Miss Mabel Hargreaves (late A.A., Recruiting).

**Hutchence.**—To Dr. and Mrs. B. L. Hutchence (nee M. S. Bull, A.A., Rouen), at Dormanstown, Redcar, Yorks, on September 15th, a daughter (Patricia Mary).

**Miss H. M. Jones** (D.A., Crookham, Winchester, and Aldershot) writes from Crewe, telling us that she has found several old friends through the last number of the Gazette. Three from Crookham are at Knutsford, and she hopes to arrange a meeting. She has been at Crewe since April, as club leader in the Y.W.C.A. Club in Market Street, having become so fond of girls while in the corps that she was anxious to carry on with the same sort of work. **Miss Altham** (Kimmel Park) and **Miss J. Nihar** (late clerk) are also at Crewe. Possibly some other members will see this and get into touch with Miss Jones.

**Misses Bartels and Curtis**, the "tomato specialists," sent a telegram of good wishes on the occasion of the London Dinner. They are apparently working very hard indeed to master every detail of tomato growing.

**Dr. Cowan**, who was Medical Controller at Brocton and Rougeley for a time has now returned to her work in Manchuria. She has joined the Edinburgh branch of the O.C.A.

#### ADVERTISEMENTS.

[**RATES.**—Members of the O.C.A. three lines free of charge, space permitting, every additional line 1/-. Non-members 3/6 two lines; 1/6 each additional line.]

**Centlewoman** required to look after and take out two little boys and to keep an eye on the woman who does the housework. Would like someone to live in as the mother is out all day, but if not, probably some daily arrangement could be made. Very nice little boys, and need no teaching, would like an ex-Administrator. For further particulars apply to Miss C. Capes, 8a Cromwell Crescent, S.W.5.

**Q.M.A.A.C. Forewoman Cook** wanted as house-keeper for gentleman; self-contained, newly furnished flat, opposite Victoria Station; educated woman preferred; charwoman daily.—Apply J. D. Garrett Esq., 88 Ebury Street, S.W.1. Salary £50.

**Wanted** for Eton College, housemaid with help, wages £30 a year, fifteen shillings a week extra during holidays for board and lodging.—Address, Hon. Blanche Butler, c/o G. W. Headlam, Esq., Eton College, Windsor.

**Mrs. Caborne**, (late U.A.) Loppington Hall, near Wem, Salop, is still wanting a cook and housemaid; she would like two ex-administrators and says they would have a very nice life, especially if they were fond of animals.

**Johnnie of the Q.M.A.A.C.**, by Agnes Anderson, price 6/- net. Heath Craston, Ltd.

**New South Wales.** 100 Girls wanted as home helps; wages 20/- to 45/- weekly, all found; free passage out (under S.O.S.B.W. Scheme). Friends may travel together; good homes, liberal free time.—Apply Immigration and Publicity Office of New South Wales, Australia House, Strand, daily 10 to 12 and 1 to 5; Thursday evenings 7 to 9.

**Good Plain Cook (Q.M.A.A.C.)** required for Surrey, 18 miles from Waterloo, Q.M.A.A.C. housemaid and butler (ex-Marine) kept; Women's Institute in village.—Apply c/o Miss Edith Thompson, O.C.A. Office.

**Winsome Waacs.** Cartoons of Q.M.A.A.C. life overseas by Signallers M. Onions and K. Wood. Price 3/6. To be obtained from Miss J. H. Cowan, 45 Minto Street, Edinburgh.

**Wanted by ex-Waacs.** New or part-worn overalls in any quantity at lowest terms.—Please communicate at once with The Matron, Ordination Test College, Knutsford.