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EDITORIAL

Christmas Message from the Queen.

The following telegram was sent to Her Majesty the Queen, our late Commandant-in-Chief, on December 24th, on behalf of the Old Comrades' Association.

Lady-in-Waiting, York Cottage, Sandringham,—
Would you be so kind as to convey to Her Majesty the Queen, on behalf of the members of Queen Mary's Army Auxiliary Corps Old Comrades' Association, the expression of their loyal good wishes for Christmas and the New Year.—FLORENCE LEACH (President).

In reply, the President received a letter from the Private Secretary to the Queen, dated December 28th, 1920, Buckingham Palace, stating that:—

"It gave the Queen the greatest pleasure to receive your telegram of the 24th inst., and I am commanded by Her Majesty to ask you to express her sincere thanks to the members of Queen Mary's Army Auxiliary Corps Old Comrades' Association for their loyal good wishes. The message was much appreciated by the Queen."

Old Comrades Activities.

The Association has now been in existence for a year, and letters from all quarters of the globe are beginning to pour into the Headquarters Office. The achievements of ex-Q.M.A.A.C. in every field of enterprise make extraordinarily interesting reading. There is apparently absolutely nothing a Waac will not try to do—and nine times out of ten she seems to make a success of it. While one is selling corsets in the West of England, another is secretary to a countess in Mayfair, and a third playing a leading part in an opera company in Cape Town. Two are growing tomatoes in the Channel Islands, others at missionary work in China, another teaching embroidery in Sicily, one typing letters for a British Commander-in-Chief, and another cooking the dinner of a British Ambassador.

We can supply an expert in almost every walk in life, but perhaps our special line is in highly trained secretaries. Members of the aristocracy can be supplied at the shortest notice. We have already provided most of the peerage, several Government departments, nearly every philanthropic society in London, Members of Parliament, Editors Bishops, etc., with secretaries and clerks, and with experienced domestic help. In addition we can, and do, provide educational specialists, actresses, social workers, lecturers on any subjects, poultry farmers, gardeners, needlewomen and embroideresses, commercial travellers, and a splendid assortment of colonists and pioneers. In fact no home is properly equipped without one or more ex-Waac.

St. Pol.

It was very pleasant to receive Christmas greetings from our comrades at St. Pol, and a photograph of the entire unit, looking thoroughly prosperous and happy, and as neat as a new pin, ready apparently for immediate inspection by the Controller-in-Chief.

The survival of the St. Pol unit into 1921 brings Q.M.A.A.C. to the respectable age of four years. After the travesties of our uniform which have appeared in shop

windows as the result of wholesale purchases of coat frocks from the Disposals Board (described by some one as "a unit administrator's night-mare") it is comforting to see the St. Pol unit looking so nice, and upholding the best traditions of the Corps. Write again soon St. Pol, please.

Helena Residential Clubs.

These clubs are now prepared to entertain applications for acquiring premises and opening residential clubs in London and the Provinces. Under an arrangement with the Service Women's Association certain funds have been placed at their disposal for this purpose.

With a view to finding out which districts are most urgently in need of such accommodation the following guiding principles should be kept in mind.

1. The residential clubs should not be for less than fifty residents, besides non-residents or club members, as it is felt any number less than this will not be able to pay its way.

2. The residential clubs will be for ex-service women and others who are working.

3. Local committee will be responsible for the working and management, subject to certain conditions to be laid down.

Suggestions should be sent to Miss B. Ireland, M.B.E., at 81 Lancaster Gate, W.1., who will lay them before the committee.

Vacant Appointments Overseas.

The Service Women's Association is supplied each month by the Secretary of the Society for the Overseas Settlement of British Women with a list of vacant posts for women in the overseas dominions. In the current list a large number of domestic workers are wanted, several governesses and school teachers, matrons and mothers' helps, and a few farm hands and gardeners. Fifty cotton weavers are wanted in Ontario, and there is a steady demand for trained nurses everywhere. For Hong Kong the pay offered to nurses is £125, rising to £155.

A lady in the Eastern Transvaal is willing to take three or four girls on her farm for six months to learn local conditions, and will, at the end of that time, give each girl a plot of about 1½ acres in a neighbouring village rent free for ten years if she develops poultry and dairy work, and for fifteen years if she plants fruit trees. This lady will help with fencing poles, and also towards the building of a small house if desired.

Full information with regard to any of these posts can be obtained from the Secretary, S.O.S.B.W., Hotel Windsor, Victoria Street, S.W.1.

Competitions.

We all remember with pardonable satisfaction the competitions which were organised by Mrs. Croxton for the women's services in 1918. Q.M.A.A.C., W.R.N.S., and W.R.A.F. competed with pen, pencil, brush, brains, hand and foot, in art, literature, music, and handicraft for various handsome prizes, and above all for the silver challenge cup, promised by the Queen to the winning corps. That cup now adorns the Association offices, and is the admired

of all beholders. We have been asked to announce that a series of competitions on similar lines has been arranged by the League of Nations Union, and that an exhibition and rally will be held in the spring. Particulars can be obtained from Mrs. Croxton, at the offices of the Union, 15 Grosvenor Crescent, S.W.1.

The Women's Section of the Comrades of the Great War are organising needlework and singing competitions, for which all ex-service women are eligible. Entries close on the 1st of May. Particulars can be obtained from Miss McMiller, 26 Eccleston Square, S.W.1.

HEADQUARTERS OFFICE.

The new Committee assembled on the 7th inst., to elect the year's officials and sub-committees. The names of the officials and details of the business transacted will appear in the February Gazette.

The following are the names of the newly-elected representatives: Two branches entitled to elect have not yet done so. London—Dr. Roberts, Misses B. Ireland, E. Thompson, H. Horniblow, Mrs. Parkes and Miss Suggate. Edinburgh—Miss Davy and Miss Robertson. Glasgow—Miss Laird. Liverpool—Miss Moss. South Wales—Miss Priestley.

Subscriptions are due on January 1st for all members who enrolled before June 30th, 1920. Those who enrolled after that date and before January 1st, 1921, will pay their second year's subscription on July 1st, 1921.

LOCAL BRANCHES.

Brighton and E. Sussex.

After two informal meetings, held at the home of the secretary, the first social of the O.C.A. was held on December 16th, at the Rendezvous Cafe, Duke Street, a room of which has very kindly been lent by Miss Hickson, for meetings. A very good number turned up, and it was most cheery to meet old friends. Several people came across others with whom they had worked in France or at home, and one and all expressed great pleasure that the O.C.A. had at last made a start in Brighton. Several new members enrolled.

A dance is to be held on January 13th, 1921, and the committee hopes there will be a big muster.—NORAH CABLE, Hon. Sec., 8 Langdale Road, Hove.

Cambridge.

As Miss D. L. Deighton, the hon. secretary of the above branch, is going away for a few months, she is handing over the secretaryship until her return to Miss H. M. TAYLOR, 27 Panton Street, Cambridge.

Fylde District.

Seven members of the O.C.A. from Blackpool and neighbourhood met on December 29th, and thoroughly enjoyed a talk over old times.

It was decided that at present the members were insufficient to form a branch, but Miss Beard, Sunnyside, Park Road, St. Anne's-on-Sea, was appointed to act as hon. secretary for the district. Anyone who knows the names of girls living or working in the Fylde is asked to write to Miss Beard. Pending the formation of a branch it is proposed to hold social meetings as opportunity offers. Miss Coventry, of Lindegarth, most kindly offered hospitality, and it is hoped that the next party may be possible in Whit week.

The Manchester and Liverpool branches will be notified of the date fixed, in the hope that members taking holidays in Blackpool or near by, may be able to be present. All members of the O.C.A. will be welcome to any meeting.

Glasgow and West of Scotland.

REPORT FOR MONTH ENDING DECEMBER 31st, 1920.

For Saturday, December 11th, the members of the Glasgow and West of Scotland Branch of the Old Comrades arranged a sale of work in St. Andrew's Halls, Glasgow, and on that day, at 3 o'clock, the sale was opened by Mrs. Greenlees, J.P., the honorary president of the branch. Miss Melville, J.P., B.D., Mistress of Queen Margaret College, presided, and in a few words introduced Mrs. Greenlees, who, it will interest members to know, is the mother of our good friend, Miss Greenlees, M.B.E., late Quarter-mistress at Connaught Club. Mrs. Greenlees spoke of the

work done in our Corps, and of the work to be done in our Association. She spoke of the need of raising funds in order that we might establish ourselves in some permanent way and gave us her hearty good wishes. That these good wishes were realised, we are now in a position to say.

The proceeds from the sale amounted to £104, and from a very delightful concert at night, arranged through the kindness of Miss Laird (Dumbarton) we added £20, making a total of £124. To all those, who, by their unstinted efforts made the sale a success, the thanks of the Executive Committee are due, and to Miss Miller, the convener, to Miss Laird and to Miss Lockhart alike, are offered our gratitude for the careful and efficient organisation which has stood us in such good stead.

The success of the sale has put this branch in the position to hire a piano. As permission could not be obtained to have one in the present club-room, it has been found necessary to look out for another meeting place. On Wednesday, January 12th, and every Wednesday thereafter, the club will meet at 7 p.m., in a room of St. Andrew's Halls, enter by Berkeley Street, "G" door. It is hoped to have musical evenings, dancing, and lectures there during the remainder of the winter months.

A hockey club has been started, and the next game will be played on Saturday, January 15th.

On Wednesday, December 22nd, a bright, instructive lecture was given at the club-room by Miss Dewar, secretary of the Council of Juvenile Organisation, on the work of the Council and how to spend leisure. Miss Dewar was introduced by Miss Banks, Chairman of this branch.

We much appreciate the good wishes sent by Dame Florence Leach, Miss Davy and Miss Ireland, and wish all Old Comrades a happy and prosperous New Year.—E. M. GILCHRIST, 13 Royal Terrace, Glasgow, Hon. Sec.

Newcastle-on-Tyne.

The first meeting of this branch of the O.C.A. was held at Wallsend on December 17th, 1920. A committee was formed and the following officials elected. President, Miss M. Conder; Vice-President, Miss E. Snowball; Secretary Miss P. A. Taylor, 10 Wentworth Place, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

After the business was concluded a very pleasant evening was spent, and it is hoped that this branch will rapidly increase its membership.—P. A. TAYLOR, Hon. Sec.

Liverpool.

Two meetings were held during December, in Christ Church Schools, Islington. That on December 16th was well attended, and games and dancing took place as usual.

A Christmas party was held on December 28th, which was very successful. Thirty-five members were present, with the friends whom they invited, and there were games, competitions and dancing.

Miss Moss' absence in London for the next three months will be much felt, and her return awaited with pleasure. One new member has joined the branch this month, Miss G. Doyle. Two members, Miss A. T. Harrison and Mrs. Beaumont have transferred to the London Branch.—E. LATIMER, Hon. Sec.

Bournemouth.

This branch has been busy helping the Comrades of the Great War and the N.A.D.S. & S. with a singsong and entertainment which was held at Poole. Q.M.A.A.C. ran the dry canteen very successfully. The proceeds were devoted to the ex-service men's unemployment fund. Some members also took collecting boxes. The branch is now contemplating getting up an entertainment on its own account. On December 8th eight members went for a very pleasant ramble, which concluded with prolonged tea and talk.

Leeds.

A social evening has been arranged for January 11th.

Portsmouth.

This branch is very busy getting ready for a whist drive, to be held on January 13th. The members were the guests of the Comrades of the Great War at a social on December 9th, which they thoroughly enjoyed.

London.

At the conclusion of the General Meeting, on December 3rd, the London Branch held a very short meeting for the purpose of electing six representatives of the branch to

serve on the General Committee. The result of the ballot is as follows: Miss Ireland, Miss E. Thompson, Miss H. Horniblow, Dr. Roberts, Mrs. Parkes, and Miss Suggate.

It is also considered advisable to give the names of those serving on the General Committee and the various sub-committees of the branch. (See below.)

Miss E. Smart has been elected Assistant Hon. Secretary, in succession to Miss Baker, who was reluctantly compelled to tender her resignation, owing to ill-health.

A very successful dance was held at St. George's Row L.C.C. School, Ebury Bridge, S.W., on December 11th, and arrangements are being made for a similar dance to be held there on Saturday, January 15th, at 7 p.m. Tickets, price 1/3, to be obtained from any member of the Dance Sub-committee.

On Saturday, December 18th, a party of fifteen Old Comrades met at the Manhattan Tea Rooms for tea, and then adjourned "en masse" to the Olympia circus, and spent an exceedingly jolly evening.

The Entertainment Sub-committee arranged a surprise tea party at 91 Belgrave Road, S.W., on Monday, December 27th. About sixty members sat down to tea, afterwards devoting their energies to a number of progressive games, which proved very amusing and enjoyable. At the conclusion of the games, Father Christmas, accompanied by Mother Christmas and Baby Christmas, distributed a gift to each member. Dancing concluded the evening's entertainment. Grateful thanks were expressed to Mrs. Parkes for kindly providing the tea, Miss Comyns Lewer for presenting bon-bons, and to the sub-committee for the decorations and organisation of the party.

Tickets for the concert to be held at King George's Hall, Y.M.C.A. Headquarters, Tottenham Court Road, W.C., on Thursday, February 3rd, at 7.45 p.m., are now ready, price 1/3, 2/6, 5/- and 7/6, to be obtained from Miss Ireland or any member of the sub-committee. All seats are reserved. It is hoped that Old Comrades will give as much support as possible, as funds for the branch are urgently needed.

Ramble on Sunday, February 13th, around Farnborough. Members to meet at the London 'bus terminus at Farnborough at 12 noon. The 'bus starts from London Bridge, and takes about 1½ hours. Miss Arthur is conducting the ramble. Further particulars will be announced on the notice board at 91 Belgrave Road.

Vocal music class starts on January 12th. Fee 2/- until Easter. Further particulars to be obtained from Miss Ireland.

The Hon. Sec. would be glad if members who have moved since enrolling would kindly notify change of address, also those who have gone abroad.

OFFICIALS AND COMMITTEES.

Hon. Secretary, Miss Ireland; Hon. Assistant Secretary, Miss Smart; Hon. Treasurer, Miss Suggate. General Committee: Miss Edith Thompson (Chairman), Miss Davy (Vice-chairman), Misses Stanhope, Eakin, Parker, Bartlett and Howie. Sub-Committees: Sports—Misses Sanders, Comyns Lewer, M. D. Symons, Bartlett, Thring, J. Sandberg. Rambles—Misses Stanhope, Arthur, Gay, Wittering, N. E. Mitchell, C. Goodworth. Entertainments—Mrs. Parkes, Misses Eakin, Bigge, Salkeld, Howey, Thompson. Dances—Misses H. Horniblow, H. M. Thompson, Pink, Hamilton, Longman, Jackson, Smith, Ellis, Mrs. Parkes.—Blanche Ireland, Hon. Sec., 12a Sydney Road, St. Margaret's-on-Thames.

Edinburgh and East of Scotland.

A very successful re-union dinner was held at the Grafton Cafe, Tollcross, on Wednesday, December 15th. We sat down eighty-one, including guests. After the toasts of "The King and Queen" were drunk, Mrs. Chalmers Watson, our chairman, called upon Dr. Sandeman to propose "Absent Friends." Dr. Sandeman spoke of the splendid work done by the Women's Services during the War, but reminded us that it had really been a work of destruction, while now there was the far greater task of reconstruction to tackle. She called on all ex-Waacs to do this great work for the country, which they had served so well during the years of war. Our guests included Mrs. Graham and Mrs. Jamieson, of the W.R.N.S., and Miss Scott Stevenson, of the W.R.A.F. Miss Low proposed the healths of "Our Guests." These were responded to first by Mrs. Graham, who reminded us that it was owing to the success

of the Women's Legion that the War Office decided to form an army of women, and that after the formation and success of the W.A.A.C., the Navy decided to recruit women to their aid. Mrs. Jamieson expressed the hope that we might soon see a Women's United Service Club started in Edinburgh, and hoped also that she would be asked to the next re-union dinner of the Q.M.A.A.C., as she had enjoyed this one so much. Miss Scott-Stevenson, W.R.A.F., also thanked the Chairman for her invitation, and said that the W.R.A.F. were too small in numbers to form a club of their own, so that they too looked forward to helping to form a club for all service women. The company then adjourned to the drawing room, where we had music and dancing. The one complaint seemed to be that the time was all too short.

It is proposed to hold a dance about the beginning of February.

The Club-room at 40 Shandwick Place has been taken on for a further three months, from 1st January, 1921.

Through the great kindness of Dame Helen Gwynn Vaughan, we have been able to buy a gramophone.

Oxford.

Owing to the serious illness of Mrs. Bateson the meetings at 78 Bullingdon Road have had to be discontinued for the present. We hope to arrange for further meetings after the holidays.

Miss J. M. Payne is expecting to start in January the training necessary for a hospital almoner. Her work will be divided between the London School of Economics and St. Thomas' Hospital. We are hoping that our branch will soon be large enough for her to represent us on the General Committee in London.—E. T. Haws, Hon. Sec., 12 Western Road, Headington, near Oxford.

Cardiff.

A very successful social re-union was held on Saturday, December 4th, at the Oddfellow's Hall, Cardiff. The arrangements were in the hands of a special sub-committee of which Miss Randall acted as chairman, and they worked very hard in hunting up members, typing circulars, making cakes, etc.

We were very glad to welcome Miss Elsie David, hon. sec. of the local branch of the W.R.A.F. O.C.A., and other ex-Wrafs, and hope they will join us in our future social activities.

Dancing took up most of the evening, but some visitors kindly gave us some comic songs and fancy dances.

The only non-Cardiff members present were Miss John (Abergavenny) and Miss Pritchard (Barry Dock), we should like to see other members of the South Wales branch at our next re-union.

Another social was held on December 23rd at the club room, 26 Duke Street, when we had a very successful whist drive and surprise supper party was arranged; including guests the party numbered forty people. There next social will be a fancy dress dance some time this month.—S. M. BARKE, Hon. Sec.

[Reports from Local Branches are due at the Headquarters Office on the 1st of every month. If received later they cannot be inserted in the current number of the Gazette. Several were late this month.]

NEWS OF OLD COMRADES.

Sincere apologies are due to Mrs. Clarke (née Ingram) for the erroneous information which we published in the last Gazette. Apparently Mrs. Clarke was confused with another ex-administrator, and a usually very reliable informant led us astray. Mr. and Mrs. Clarke are living at Aldershot, and have no intention of going abroad as stated.

Miss B. Clay has returned to this country from Warsaw where she has been since last March. Miss Christine Lorimer, when last heard of was playing one of the principal parts in a Gilbert and Sullivan Opera Company, in Maritzburg. A local paper publishes an excellent photograph of her in Q.M.A.A.C. uniform.

Miss E. M. Blackwood was married in the spring to Captain Whitaker, Adjutant of the R. E. Training School, Rouen. They are living in Burma for the next two years. Miss Jordan (U.A., B.E.F.) writes from Birmingham as follows, "I am travelling organisation manager for the Spirella Co., Ltd., and at present am organising the County of Somerset. I enjoy the work and my life very much."

Miss Mabel Conder is trying to get into touch with ex-Waacs in and around Newcastle. She can be found at the Y.W.C.A. Girls' Club, Wallsend. **Miss Agatha Lumby**, who was stationed for some time at Cologne, and later at Coblenz, is now at Nottingham, and has a post in the National Industrial Training Section for Disabled men, under the Ministry of Labour. **Miss A. M. Fordham** writes from Hither Green, saying how much she enjoyed the Rouen dinner. "It was delightful to meet old comrades, and I hope to meet more in the near future."

Miss Haigh, who was last being sought for in South Africa, has appeared in Mentone. Her address is, Pension Villa Celeste, Avenue Carnot, Mentone.

Miss E. K. Fowler has been struck by lightning while playing tennis in Burma, and had a very narrow escape.

Miss Janet Morse (A.E.F.) has sailed for Toronto, and hopes to find some Waac friends out there.

Miss McSwiney has finished her training in poultry farming, and is sailing for South Africa almost at once.

Miss Edith Latimer (formerly A. A., Battersea) has also finished hers, and intends to set up for herself shortly.

Mrs. Eldred is already in Rhodesia, and writes from Gwelo, where she appears to be enjoying the life thoroughly. She is shortly moving on to Nyassaland.

Miss Bowditch is also at Gwelo.

Miss Constance Frood (B.E.F. and Cologne) has joined the Glasgow branch. She only heard of the O.C.A. by chance, as a girl recognised her in the street, and gave her the address of the secretary. Miss Frood has returned to her old work of physical training instructress under the Glasgow Education authority. **Miss H. E. Hodge** (O.B.E. medal) has taken up social work near her home at Seaham Harbour, after some preliminary experience in Liverpool, where she was working with the Liverpool patrols.

Mrs. Esslemont has been to America during the summer vacation, but is now back at her post at the Borough Polytechnic. **Miss Audry Baron** (Clothing Department) has returned to her work at the Blind School, but in an improved position, and is now supervisor of the workshops for trained workers.

Miss N. A. J. Robinson (Albany Street Barracks) writes as follows: "I have been working in France ever since I left Regent's Park, at reconstruction for the British Committee of the French Red Cross at a most interesting sector, comprising all the district between Arras and Douai, including the whole of Vimy Ridge, with Carency, Souchy and St. Eloi, and a big piece of the Hindenburg Siegfried line, at Roeux and Monchy le Preux. We had our headquarters at Vitry en Artois, on the Scarpe, in the midst of an absolutely devastated country, which had been under continuous fire for about two and a-half years. We handed over our work to one of the French organisations when they were ready, and our committee closed down all work in France. I am going out to Taormina, in Sicily quite soon as assistant manageress of Miss Hill's School of Sicilian Embroidery for six months, with the option of remaining permanently."

Miss D. E. Whitting (Languard Fort) is in France, teaching in a girls' school, where she is very happy.

Miss K. Ireland, Queen's College, Harley Street, London, W. (D.A., Lincoln) would be glad to have names of any of her old members.

Miss M. E. Evans was working for some time at the Garrett Anderson Hospital, in the Euston Road, but her home address is at Neyland, in Pembrokeshire. **Miss Stanhope** (U.A., Wimereux) and **Miss Chapman** (U.A., Connaught Club) are both just completing a course of secretarial training. **Miss Norah Holman** (Darlington) is training in domestic science. **Miss H. M. Taylor** (Eastern Command) is living in Cambridge. **Miss Welsford** has been doing botanical research and specialising in the vagaries of the potato in Kensington. **Miss McCarthy Jones** (G.H.Q., Wimereux) is now on the staff of the Ipswich High School.

Miss E. M. Clothier is living at Dovercourt, and is trying to get into touch with several ex-Waacs in that neighbourhood. Perhaps an Ipswich and Harwich branch would be possible. **Miss Millicent S. Barrett** is at present living at Berkeley, in Gloucestershire, but is thinking of going to Australia eventually. **Miss W. E. R. Little** (late A.A.) has been very ill since demobilisation, and is spending six months in a sanatorium in Switzerland. **Miss**

Theresa Dowdall writes from Loulous les Forges, France. She is feeling very out of touch with everyone, tucked away in an old chateau, in the heart of the country, and is anxious to settle overseas, in South Africa or Rhodesia.

Miss Alice Burnett (640) is living at Fallowfield, Manchester. She misses her friends, and the life in the Corps, and would much like to find a post abroad. She was in Rouen, 3rd Echelon, for 2 years. **Miss L. Haines** (Signals, St. Valery) has a post in the Evesham Post Office.

Miss Cable is living at Hove, and interesting herself very keenly in the O.C.A. branch at Brighton. **Miss Janet Begbie** (21765 F/W) writes from Thornton Rust, Aysgarth, Yorks, and suggests an "Agony" column in the Gazette, where members might insert personal messages. "At Christmas time or the new year, it would have an added use—a copy of the Gazette would be much better than a Christmas Card, and might 'rope in' more readers. I have lost touch with almost all my old friends. Since demobilisation I have had addresses in Sussex, London, and Yorkshire, besides four months of travelling in France. Now my people have bought a house in Dorset, and I should like to insert my permanent address in the Gazette, with greetings to my old camp friends. Forewoman Wakefield is living with us, and at a Comrades of the Great War dance in the village she was the only feminine comrade they could find."

[Notices such as Miss Begbie suggests will be welcome as long as space permits.—Ed.]

Northern Command Dinner.

A re-union dinner of Northern Command officials was held on November 27th, at 15 Campden House Road, the ladies' club, which is being run by Miss Watson and Miss Mucklow. Twenty-four officials were present, and they all seemed to enjoy themselves. As the dinner was quite informal there were no speeches. It is hoped that another re-union will be held in a few months time, as several of the officials who were present expressed hopes to this effect.

PERSONAL NOTICES.

Bradfield—Barnard.—On the 8th December, at All Saints' Church, Compton, Winchester, by the Rev. J. C. Blackett, Rector of the Parish, assisted by Rev. E. Langdale Smith, Vicar of Virginia Water, Major E. W. C. Bradfield (I.M.S. Madras) to Margaret, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Barnard, of Olton, Birmingham.

Tennant—Mayes.—At Gourrock, in December, Forewoman Mayes, to J. L. Tennant, late Scottish Rifles. Present address, 11 Cardwell Road, Gourrock, near Glasgow.

Birks—Aspinall.—At St. Jude's Church, South Kensington, on December 5th, Miss C. H. Aspinall (late U.A., Swanage) to Mr. H. L. Birks (Tank Corps).

Miss H. S. Nicholls (late U.A.) wishes to convey her very best wishes for the New Year to all members of the Q.M.A.A.C. with whom she worked, both with the A.M.T.D., Abbeville and at Ordnance Depot, Vendroux.

Mrs. Wallis and **Miss May Badock** send New Year greetings to all old comrades, and **Miss F. M. Godwin** adds, "especially to those who were stationed at Pont de L'Arche." **Miss Q. M. Allbutt** (U.A., Dover) sends greetings to her old unit and would like to hear from them.

ADVERTISEMENTS.

[RATES.—Members of 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.]

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

Cook-general wanted near Edinburgh for four months from January 22nd.—Apply Miss Huffell, The Beild, Junipergreen, Midlothian.

Home Made Cakes and Sweets. Chocolates, fondants, caramels and toffee, orders taken.—Miss Cocksedge, 2 Bracken Road, West Brighthouse, Yorkshire (late Q.M.A.A.C., B.E.F.).

"Eight Months with the Women's Royal Air Force." by Gertrude A. George, with a foreword by Air Marshall Sir H. M. Trenchard, K.C.B., D.S.O., includes 28 full-page illustrations of life in the Force in its various phases. 7/6 net, postage 9d. extra.—Publishers, Heath Cranton, Ltd., Fleet Lane, E.C.

[It is much regretted that an advertisement for an organising secretary, for which application was invited to Miss Evelyn Gates, was inserted in the last Gazette. Although this information was received from a reliable source, it appears that the post is non-existent. We regret any trouble or disappointment the mistake may have caused, both to applicants and Miss Gates, and can only tender sincere apologies.—Ed.]