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EDITORIAL

The Queen's Gift.

The members living in the Q.M.A.A.C. Hostel in Belgrave Road, London, were delighted to receive a splendid present of flowers from Her Majesty the Queen. The flowers not only decorated the houses most effectively, but provided button holes for the members. Mrs. Parkes and all in the Hostels were greatly pleased that the Queen had remembered them and had evidently been favourably impressed on the occasion of her recent visit.

Service Women's Association.

The offices of the S.W.A. have removed from St. George's Square to the Duke of York's Headquarters, where the Association will now share the rooms of the Q.M.A.A.C. Old Comrades. Miss Davy and Mrs. Powell are the joint Honorary Secretaries. Miss Davy is of course known to all Old Comrades as the late Chief Controller Overseas, and Mrs. Powell was a Deputy Controller in the Southern Command before she transferred to the W.R.A.F.

Ex-Officials' Dinner.

A very successful dinner for officials was held at the Abercorn Rooms, Great Eastern Hotel, on May 29th, at which about eighty-five were present. The one disappointment of the evening was the absence of Dame Florence Leach, who was unfortunately away from London. Dame Helen Gwynne Vaughan most kindly took the chair, and was supported by Miss Davy and Miss Hilda Horniblow. The gathering was a very representative one, and included a good many Controllers and Deputy Controllers, as well as a large number of Administrators, among whom the overseas contingent turned up in great force and were overjoyed to find both their Chief Controllers present. The Chairman proposed a very hearty vote of thanks to Miss Ireland, who had undertaken all the arrangements for the dinner and carried them through with such success.

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

The General Secretary and Committee wish to express their hearty thanks to those members who sent addresses of ex-Q.M.A.A.C. who had not joined the O.C.A. A large number of new addresses were received, and the April Gazette was sent to them all. It is too early as yet to tell what the result will be, but a certain number of new subscriptions have already come in.

It is difficult for the casual member to realise the many activities of the O.C.A. Those who have been helped by the Benevolent Fund or by advice from expert members of the Committee, become aware of some part of the work that is being done, but to the others the Association may well seem nothing more than an organisation for running theatre parties, rambles, singing classes, lectures and holiday camps; all desirable enough in their own way of course, but not of much use to a member living out in the country or abroad and beyond the reach of any local branch. These must remember however that their subscriptions go to help the others, and if together with their subscriptions,

they will also give their interest and sympathy, much can be achieved. Besides the administration of the Benevolent Fund (which does not mean merely doling out small sums of money, but often involves much correspondence, careful inquiries and negotiations with other societies) there is considerable hard work in connection with attendance on various public committees, which devolves on some of our London representatives. It is of the utmost importance to the O.C.A. that we should be represented on committees dealing with women's questions, and be able to supply our members with first-hand information. The heaviest burden in this connection falls on Dame Florence Leach, who is the S.W.A. representative on the United Services Fund Sub-Committee and represents Q.M.A.A.C. on the Service Women's Association. We also have members of the committee serving on the Overseas Settlement Council, and the interviewing boards of the Central Committee for the Training of Women, and are about to elect two representatives for the United Services Benevolent Fund; and there are many others. By these means we are able to keep in touch with new movements. This is made easier too, by the pleasant fact that so many of our members are now holding responsible posts as secretaries of various social and philanthropic societies, and are always ready to place their expert knowledge at our disposal. It is most encouraging to hear the chilly official voice on the telephone change to the friendly tones of an Old Comrade when it is realised that the information is wanted for the O.C.A.

A slip occurred in the last number of the Gazette where it was stated that Mrs. Jackson is the hon. treasurer of the Association. She succeeded Mrs. Jolly for a short time, but Miss Gibson (late Controller, Southern Command) was elected hon. treasurer just before Mrs. Jackson accepted the secretaryship.

Help in Emergency.

It will be noted that the London and Edinburgh branches have both volunteered to help the authorities in any way in their power, in a time of national crisis, and that both offers were accepted. Fortunately no urgent need has arisen as yet, but if we wish to be really useful in any emergency we must be prepared beforehand. The London Branch is anxious to compile a comprehensive register of volunteers. Edinburgh has already done so, and the smaller branches will be well advised to follow this example. We shall then be in a position to make a definite offer of help, and be able to supply accurate information as to the assistance available.

Shanghai-on-Thames.

The camp is now open, and intending holiday makers should book dates at once. Although as a matter of convenience the Camp Committee are Londoners, Shanghai is a headquarters venture, and has nothing specially to do with the London branch. It is hoped that it will prove a meeting place for Old Comrades from all parts. Particulars can be obtained from Miss H. Horniblow, 8 Chaucer Mansions, Queen's Club Gardens, West Kensington.

HEADQUARTERS OFFICE.

Many thanks to the Old Comrades, for the numerous addresses received, of ex-members of the Corps. The April Gazettes have been dispatched, and in consequence of the scheme, many new members have enrolled this month. There are still however a few Gazettes left, and should local branches require copies, these can be obtained from the Head office.

Members are specially asked to forward the 1921 subscriptions to Local Branch Secretaries, or to the Headquarters Office, as soon as they are due. Delay means extra work and postage.

The Secretary would like specially to mention how very kind Miss Murphy, of Westgate, has been to the members of the Old Comrades Association who has been sent there by the Head Office for a thorough rest. All the members speak very highly of her, and any member needing a holiday or a rest may feel fully confident of being looked after.

Badges are still obtainable from Local Branch Secretaries or from the Headquarters Office, Duke of York's Headquarters, price 1s. 6d. each and Postage 2d. extra.

LOCAL BRANCHES.**Birmingham.**

On April 7th we had a general meeting in the Y.W.C.A. room, when about twenty-five members were present. The future of the branch was fully discussed, and the Secretary pointed out that the support given to the Old Comrades Association in this district had been rather disappointing during the winter months, owing to our inability to obtain a permanent room for regular meetings. The summer, however, is now coming on, and it was decided to have as many rambles and picnics as possible.

We had our first ramble on April 23rd, when we went to Sutton Coldfield, and in spite of very stormy unsettled weather a thoroughly enjoyable afternoon was spent, and we all went home looking forward to our next ramble, which we hope will take place on May 28th, to Barr Beacon. Midland members wishing to join us should send in their names to the Secretary not later than May 21st.

Edinburgh and East of Scotland.

On April the 6th, Mr. Allan Beaton addressed the members at the club on "The Peace Treaty." There was a large number present and everyone appreciated Mr. Beaton's interesting speech.

In response to the appeal for help during the threatened Triple Alliance Strike, circulated by this branch a meeting was held in the Club on April the 11th. Mrs. Chalmers Watson, C.B.E., was in the chair. Miss Low gave a short address on the principal facts leading up to the crisis. An appeal was made for volunteers to help should the necessity arise, and about 130 members volunteered to do anything that was necessary. Offers of help were sent to the Lord Provost, the Scottish Command and various heads of important departments. All expressed themselves as grateful for the help of the O.C.A. should occasion arise. On April the 12th, the D.A.A.G. from the Scottish Command called at Miss Low's office, and asked if she could supply some clerks and typists for the different military offices who were recruiting for the defence force. This she was able to do within a couple of hours, and at the time of going to press four are still working.

One volunteer, at one time attached A.M.F.O., Havre, is working for the R.A.S.C., where she has been greatly complimented by the O.C. for her usefulness and efficiency. We are proud to think that we have been able to help, even in a small way, at this time.

Our Chairman, Miss Low, takes this opportunity of thanking both town and country members for the ready response to her appeal.

On April the 23rd, a delightful afternoon was spent at Dalmeny and tea was taken by the sea. On April the 27th Miss Low addressed a very large audience on "Ireland." Miss Low spoke for an hour, starting with the history of Ireland from 400 B.C. Her lecture was most interesting and instructive, and we hope that next winter she will address us again. Two rambles have been arranged for next month also a farewell party for our Club Secretary, who alas, sails for Canada early in June. Twelve new members were enrolled last month, amongst whom is Miss Davy, C.B.E., late Chief Controller, Overseas. We are proud to welcome her as a member of our branch.

London.

Miss Ireland is most grateful to those members who volunteered to help in case of emergency during the early part of the coal strike, and regrets being unable to answer all letters personally. It is proposed to compile a register of those members who would always be willing to give part time to voluntary work, in the event of any emergency, and Miss Ireland would be glad if members who wish to register would kindly write to her stating:—

Name and address.

On which days they would help.

Time of day.

It is realised that circumstances may alter, but if notification were sent, the Register could be kept up-to-date.

Tennis.—A tennis court has been rented at Avenue Farm, Cricklewood, a few minutes from Golder's Green Station. Application for membership should be made to Miss Youell, 10 Stanley Gardens, Bayswater, W.11.

A Whist Drive will be held at 91 Belgrave Road, S.W., on Thursday, May 19th, at 7.30 p.m. Tickets, price 6d. each, to be obtained from Miss Billington, 91 Belgrave Road, S.W.

The Annual General Meeting will take place early in July, when it is hoped to arrange a social evening to follow the business meeting. Particulars will be published later.

A Garden Fete will be held in September.

A Bazaar and Sale of Work will be arranged if possible at the beginning of December.

A committee meeting was held on April 3rd, when the Secretary presented the following report:—

Since the last meeting three whist drives have been held at Belgrave Road; one whist drive and dance was held at the Shaftesbury Hotel; a fancy dress dance at the Drill Hall, Duke of York's Headquarters, at which Dame Florence presented the prizes. A concert was held in February to raise funds. As a result, we have repaid the loan of £50 granted by Headquarters. A ramble has been held each month, the average number of members attending the rambles being about ten.

Vocal music class continued until Easter, and the gymnastic class is being continued until Whitsun. The instructress of the gymnasium class has kindly undertaken to arrange swimming for the members of the class.

We were asked to supply voluntary helpers during the early part of the coal strike, and about thirty members responded. Only one or two were actually told to report to duty, but a letter of thanks has been received from Mrs. Norrie, the hon. organiser.

As a result of the decision of the General Committee of the O.C.A. in regard to free distribution of Gazettes during April as a means of recruiting, 286 copies have been despatched by the Branch.

Manchester.

A re-union will take place at The Comrades of the Great War, Oxford Street, on May 25th: all members and their friends are invited, tickets 1s., from the Secretary.

There will be a ramble on June 5th, starting from St. Mary's Gate at 2.15 prompt, the car will be taken to Altrincham, then walk to Knutsford, where Miss Robinson, of the Ordination Test House, offered to give us tea. There are about twenty ex-Waacs working at the Test House.

Rouen and G.H.G. members will remember May Merry, she was married at Glossop on April 9th, to Mr. A. McLean, and is now living at Cleethorpes.

Reading and District.

A committee meeting was held on April 30th, at Horton Lodge, followed by tea (to which all the members of the branch were invited) and a general meeting. The committee reported in good strength, but the attendance at the general meeting was very disappointing. The Chairman, and Hon. Sec., Miss Edith Trotter, tendered her resignation, to take effect early in June, as she is leaving Reading during that month. It was unanimously decided to ask Miss Priestly to act as Hon. Secretary. Miss N. Evans and Miss Honeyball were elected to the Committee.

The Hon. Treasurer reported a small deficit on the funds of the branch, and it was decided to hold an "American tea" early in June with a view to getting the branch on its feet financially. At the general meeting which followed information as to a County Dance Class was laid before the meeting with a view to arranging for members

to attend, but owing to the very sparse attendance it was decided to take no action in the matter.

Unless Reading members support their branch by attending meetings and socials in greater strength the committee, which is most anxious to promote any activities and social gatherings desired by the members, are much handicapped in their endeavours to organise the flourishing and active branch that we feel we ought to have in Reading. At the general meeting no Reading member outside the committee turned up, the two who attended came from Bracknell and Kenley respectively.

Cardiff.

We have now settled down happily in our new quarters at 4 Park Grove. The club meets every Tuesday evening, from 7—10 p.m., and we are generally joined by some of the Comrades of the Great War, who are lending us one of their rooms. The amusements are quite impromptu, but last time in addition to the dancing and cards, we were entertained by a violinist and a display of conjuring.

There was a very successful fancy dress social at the Oddfellow's Hall on April 13th. The club-house has a garden, so we are thinking of open-air whist drives for the summer.

Glasgow and West of Scotland.

Club Room.—Amid many expressions of regret, the Club Room was closed on Wednesday, 27th April, for the summer months. A special programme was arranged by the members and much enjoyed. The attendance during the winter has been most satisfactory, many new friendships have been made and old friendships cemented. We hope to keep in touch with one another until the Club Room opens again in October, by means of rambles. Turn out to them in full force, and bring skipping ropes, balls, bats, etc.

Rambles.—The first ramble took place on Saturday, 16th April. The afternoon was bright, but bitterly cold. A brisk walk to Carmunnock via Cathkin Braes, and tea, were much enjoyed. A beautiful view was obtained from the top.

Owing to the curtailment of trains it has been found impossible to conclude the arrangements for rambles in time for publications in the Gazette.

All members will be notified of these.

The Guest Night, arranged as a finish up to the club, had to be cancelled on account of the threatened strike of the Triple Alliance. It was pleasing to see the eagerness among the members to help their country. Many enrolled as voluntary workers, willing to take part in any kind of work during the national crisis. There were many anxious inquiries as to whether we would be "called up." One member on the eve of marriage exclaimed, "If we are called up, I'm going. My boy can sit and twirl his thumbs until I come back." Some felt, given a chance, they would sign on "for life" this time.

Mrs. Clark, captain of the Hockey Team, reports as follows:—

Saturday, 9th April, again saw our hockey team at Billahouston, ready for the fray, this time with Chalmers U.F. (ladies) Hockey Club. The weather was ideal, and players seemed in good form. During the first half the play was decidedly against our team. The defence was good and the full backs seemed to get most of the work. The forwards didn't seem to realise that the best defence is the offensive. Half time 2—1 against O.C.A. The O.C.A. seemed to tumble to the play of their opponents during second half, and ten minutes after half time the O.C.A. scored the equalising goal. The game looked like ending in a draw, when within five minutes of time a corner for the Chalmers ladies resulted in a goal. Result, O.C.A. 2; Chalmers Ladies 3. Beaten but not the least dismayed.

Practices.—During April practices have been carried on each Wednesday. These practices have been well attended. On the last two days we were pleased to welcome three ex-Wrafs; they proved a great help at practices and one of them is to play centre-forward for us on the 30th April in our match against N. Kelvinside first eleven.

Any communications and subscriptions to be sent to Miss Gilchrist, Hon. Secretary, 13 Royal Terrace, Glasgow, W.

Leeds.

A party went to see "Mary Rose" at the Grand Theatre on Tuesday, April 12th, which was very much enjoyed.

A Pierrot Troupe is at present very busy preparing for an entertainment. The troupe consists of six Q.M.A.A.C. and six Y.W.C.A. girls. Miss Brittain is coaching them every Thursday evening at the Y.W.C.A., Cookridge Street, Leeds.

On Thursday evenings there is a dancing class. Although there are always members present, we wish more would join the class.

Miss Berry (formerly H.G. Staff) is giving every assistance, but at the present moment her time is fully occupied, as she is re-organising the centres in Leeds for feeding the necessitous school children. We are always glad when she can spare an evening to come down to the O.C.A. Club.

A meeting is being held to arrange a summer programme for rambles, etc. Notices have been sent to all members in Leeds.

If any member has not heard of the Club will she please notify Mrs. Leonard, Avenue House, 188 Woodhouse Lane, who will send her a notice with the programme and time of the meetings.

Newcastle.

A dance was given by this branch of the O.C.A. on Saturday, April 2nd. This is the first social event of any kind attempted by the branch, and we hope that it is the forerunner of many others. There were about 130 people present and everyone seemed to be thoroughly enjoying themselves. We were pleased to see that this function was the means of bringing together several Old Comrades who had not joined the Association but have now done so.

CORRESPONDENCE.

A Letter from the Sudan.

I left England at the end of September, 1920, but unfortunately on my arrival in Khartoum I went down with dysentery and was delayed there six weeks, eventually leaving there on December 5th, after a thirty-six-hour train journey, arrived at the end of the railway at El Obeid, to start on our 500 mile trek to this place, where no British woman had been. Darfur Province was taken over by the Sudan Government in 1916, when the Sultan had rebelled against the government, the Sultan was killed and the province brought under direct British control. I am the first white woman to come up here. For the first 140 miles of the road we travelled in Ford vans through thick sand, it took two days to do this distance as the going was heavy. The rest of the journey we rode, my husband and I, on horses, the servants on the camels, of which we had sixteen carrying our kit and a year's supply of stores, escorted by three policemen. We used to trek about ten or fifteen miles at sunrise, rest all day during the heat, and go on again at 5 o'clock, doing another twelve miles, to find our camp ready for us, and a dinner ready, a very welcome sight. We reached Fashur, the capital of Darfur on New Year's Eve, and every one there, about a dozen Englishmen, were very pleased to see us, and showed me everything. After a few days stay we came on here to Northern Darfur District, which my husband administers, and has done so since 1916, when first it was brought under control. It is a district as big as England and Scotland, with mountains and hills, but no water, except in the rains, the rest of the year one exists on wells. The sheiks rode out to meet us in red robes of honour. Their favourite form of showing honour to anyone is to gallop at them as hard as they can with drawn swords, reining up their horses just as they reach you; rather an alarming proceeding if you are not used to being charged, as it looks as though they could never pull up in time. The chief thing which struck them about the first English-woman they saw was that she rode a horse astride instead of being carried on a camel, like the wives of the native officers.

This house is made of mud bricks, with a mud roof, no glass in the windows, but shutters; it stands on the side of a hill, with a wide view over the country. There is very little furniture, but my camp life in France has fitted me for existence here. We have cows and a dairy. The native cook turns out marvellous dishes, all cooked over a wood fire, with no stoves or chimney. The washing is my great despair; nothing will induce them to use hot water, and we have no copper or anything to soak the clothes in. But as everything has to be brought 500 miles

we do with as little as possible. We have a vegetable garden, which is watered daily with great care. The plants grow well; the rains come in June, July and August, and the country must then be a wonderful sight, the rest of the year it is dry and the grass burnt up. It is wonderful to see what the Inspectors in these out of the way places have to do. He is a man of all trades, must run the police, take parades, run a small hospital with only a native orderly, administer justice and try both civil and criminal cases, settle disputes between tribes, collect the taxes, design and build houses, etc., etc., with only native officers and native clerks, who are extraordinarily stupid to assist. Really competent English clerks are needed badly, but the language is the bar; unless they know Arabic well they would be no good. In Khartoum there are a good many English clerks, junior officials, and they get well paid, but the living is very expensive. At present there is no opening for women clerks there. I hope to get home on leave in 1922, in the summer. I am so glad the Association is going so well. I love getting the Gazette right away here: with no woman within 500 miles one is so glad to hear of old comrades.

E. M. SANSFIELD-HALL (Clowes).

Kuttum, Darfur Province.

From the Hon. Secretary of the Ex-Service Women's Club, Sydney, N.S.W., to the Hon. Sec. of the Service Women's Association, London: Thank you very much for your letter of January 17th, and for the good wishes it conveyed from the Service Women's Association Executive Committee. At a general meeting of our club, held on March 10th, extracts from the Q.M.A.A.C. Old Comrades Association Gazette were heard with great interest by our members, and a suggestion that we should take it as a club met with immediate response. We should also like very much to subscribe to the W.R.A.F. Leaflet (a copy of which you enclosed) and to the W.R.N.S. when it appears. Will you be kind enough to let me know what the subscription is to these two papers? We do feel that the Ex-Service Women's Club helps to bridge the great distance from home and the long gaps between the mails, and fosters the splendid spirit of comradeship engendered during the war. I am enclosing the order of service held on Armistice anniversary, when our members took part in the parade. On December 23rd we were the guests of the Voluntary Circles of the Soldiers' Club, and each member received a gift from the Christmas tree. At our last re-union on March 10th Miss Munro Mathews, an ex-Waac officer, and Miss Kelso King, from Serbia, were guests of the evening and gave most interesting accounts of their work Overseas. Miss Munro Mathews also gave a message to the Waac members from Dame Florence Leach. With very best wishes to the kindred organisations at home.

(Sgd.) KATHLEEN USHER.

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NEWS OF OLD COMRADES.

Miss McCreadie, who with her friend, **Miss Winter** (both of the Glasgow Branch) is teaching domestic science in Plymouth, in a letter to the secretary says, "Did you think I had forgotten you? No fear. My thoughts are oftener in Scotland and with the Waacs than they are here. Winter and I often have great talks about our experiences, and it is so nice to have someone who understands the great difference between our army life and this one. We have **Miss Balantyne** and her friend here. They are in nearly every day, so we four are quite happy, and have O.C. meetings all to ourselves. Write soon and give me all the news of your branch."

Miss Crombie (ex-Forewoman, Wendover and Bostall) member of the Glasgow Branch, writing to the Secretary from Menaggio, N. Italy, says, "Am having a glorious time here, feeling perfectly fit again, and looking forward to joining you about the middle of May. Have any Waacs been called up? I see photos in the papers of canteen girls, and was wondering. The mountains here are still covered with snow, and look lovely in the sunshine."

Miss K. C. Gridley was married on March 31st, at St. Paul's Church, Cheltenham, to Captain William Driffield White, E. Lancashire Regiment, of London.

Miss G. K. Ballard (837, Rouen and Wimereux) would be "pleased to hear from any of the crowd who may be going to spend a holiday at Shanghai, so that if possible they may make their dates agree." **Miss Ballard's** address is 2 Norfolk Road, Brighton. We have heard from **Miss G. Fisher** at one time D.A., Kinnel Park, and now Acting Commandant at Nannan Neurological Hospital, Dolgelly. She is leaving there very shortly, and will be at her permanent address, 25 Campden Hill Road, London, W.8. Perhaps Old Comrades from the Western Command may like to arrange a meeting there with her. **Miss M. H. Anderson** (Camp 3, Etaples) sends a letter full of news of Old Comrades. She says that **Miss Nora O'Shea** has joined the N.A.C.B., and is now in Germany, **Miss Agnes Wilson** and **Miss Ethel Gregory** are in Toronto, and **Miss Betty Evans** and her sister are getting on very well in Philadelphia. She laments that more of the Etaples girls do not send us news of their doing for the Gazette. It will be interesting to many to hear that **Miss M. Hunter** (F.W., Nurse, York) leaves England on June 1st for Canada, where she is to be married. She is at present Assistant Manageress at the Grosvenor Hotel, Chester, where she has been most successful. Her sister, who was Quarters Forewoman at York, is also employed at the hotel. **Miss K. McComb** is working with the R.A.O.C., Cologne.

Miss A. C. Wiggins writes to express her sincere thanks to the O.C.A. for the excellent holiday she has been able to enjoy at Westgate-on-Sea, where she says **Miss Murphy** does her utmost for the comfort of the sick members of the O.C.A. entrusted to her care. **Miss Wiggins** says ex-F/W. **Murphy** has a charming house quite near the sea, and the cooking is excellent. She is ready to take Old Comrades at very moderate charges.

Miss Stack (Recruiting) has obtained an excellent post at the headquarters of the League of Nations. We congratulate **Miss K. R. Andrew** (Recruiting) who successfully passed the Easter Bar Examination, in Roman law. **Mrs. Hopkins** (Controller, Southern Command) is living at Rising Sun House, Knowle, Warwickshire. She is anxious to hear more of **Miss Henderson's** Club for professional women, as she is closely in touch with Birmingham affairs. **Miss Vera Gulf** was married on April 12th, and her new name and address is Mrs. F. G. Simpson, The Cottage, Stonham Aspal, Suffolk.

Miss Sandberg and **Miss Sanders** were also married in April. **Miss Sanders** is now Mrs. Foster, and her and her husband are sailing for Nyasaland almost at once, where he is Assistant District Commissioner. **Miss Sanders** is now Mrs. Bircham, and her husband has an appointment in the Ministry of Labour, and she will be living in London. There was quite a gathering of Northern Command officials at her wedding, which took place at St. James', Piccadilly, on April 14th. **Misses Symonds, Childs, MacKay and Mucklow** were there, as well as **Miss Warrior** (late D.C.), who managed also to attend **Miss Guest's** wedding at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields on the same day. **Miss Sanders** was presented by some of her ex-administrators with a very nice breakfast dish and soup tureen.

ADVERTISEMENTS

Clerical Old Comrades should join the Association of Women Clerks and Secretaries, which is working for increased efficiency, improved conditions and equality in the clerical world. Ex-service women have already joined in numbers, the Association having secured for them the right of admission to certain special examinations for the Civil Service. Two thousand members coached at cost price for examinations in six months; £250,000 in increases obtained for members; 22/- a week unemployment benefit; social club; summer and winter sports clubs, etc., etc.—Particulars from the General Secretary, Dorothy Evans, M.A., Head Office 12 Buckingham Street, Strand, London.

Capable Cook General or cook and housemaid (young), sisters or friends, wanted for small country house in Bucks.—Mrs. Newlands, Farnham Royal.

E. I. Turner, The Crossing, Appleford, Abingdon, Bucks is anxious to obtain orders for needlework and simple dressmaking, mending carefully done, can go out daily or execute orders at home, charges moderate.

WANTED. Cook and kitchenmaid for the Pioneer Club.—For all particulars apply to Miss Logan, The Pioneer Club, 9 Park Place, St. James', London, S.W.1.

Are you taking a holiday, or needing a rest? If so, book our room at 6 Adrian Square, Westgate-on-Sea. Ex-forewoman **Murphy** and her sister will look well after you. Terms on application. It is hoped to suit all. Sea and station two minutes.

Lace Cleaning.—Miss E. F. Davidson, Expert Cleaner of Real Lace, 12 Viewforth Square, Edinburgh, no chemicals used.