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The Gazette.

With this number we proudly enter upon Vol. II., so please send along your subscriptions for another year, and all your personal news at the same time. Some of you must have a lot to tell us since you last wrote, and we are always ready to hear more of your doings.

St. Pol.

The Senior Unit Administrator in charge of the women attached to the Headquarters, British Troops in France and Flanders at St. Pol (or in more familiar terms, S.U.A., i/c Q.M.A.A.C. in France) writes as follows: "We really are to come home in September. We have had so many false starts, but this seems pretty definite now, as all troops are to be out of France by September 30th. The various departments of this camp will close down between the 13th and 30th, including Q.M.A.A.C. One can't help feeling sad to think that after that there will really be no more Waacs. I don't think that anywhere there could have been a happier unit than we have here. They have certainly had every reason to be happy. We have had a number of engagements—they are quite common events in fact—and all to very nice men. Miss Taylor has been doing quite a lot of singing, and we have a good concert party in the camp, with a young professional actor, who "produces" our entertainments most successfully.

You heard that Dr. Roberts paid us a surprise visit. We were so delighted to see her. Sometimes we long for Controllers, as we have no one to show off to (or get scolded by). We all send greetings—there are still 32 of us here."

It will be up to the O.C.A. to give them a warm welcome when they are demobilised.

Shanghai-on-Thames.

The camp is evidently going to be a huge success, and those who have worked so hard to get it ready will reap their reward in the appreciation of the holiday makers. One correspondent says, "I am full of enthusiasm after my visit to our sweet little camp. If only every one knew what it was like! I only spent a few hours there unfortunately but would have liked to stay for months."

The official opening, or housewarming (we are not quite sure whether you open or warm an island), was attended by Dame Florence Leach, and a paragraph commenting on the occasion appeared in "The Times" on June 20th."

Women's Legion.

The Women's Legion motor drivers have been added to the list of employees who are to be regarded as ex-service women under the special regulations at present governing employment in War Department offices at home stations. All ex-Service women are to be treated on the same footing as ex-Service men, and in the matter of re-

tention will have priority over non-Service men and women. When reduction of staffs has reached a point which necessitates the discharge of ex-Service personnel no differentiation is to be made solely on the ground of sex. Q.M.A.A.C. are of course already included in this list.

Connaught Club.

Members will be interested in the following quotation from "The Times": "The Connaught Club, at the corner of Edgware Road and Seymour Street, W., which was a Q.M.A.A.C. depot during the war, has been re-opened as a residential club for students, professional and business men. The club has 300 bed-rooms, and many improvements have been made in the premises, which have been entirely redecorated." Miss Suggate, who as Quarter-Mistress was the last to leave the Connaught Club, has returned there as Assistant Secretary under the new régime, and Miss Smart has been appointed as her assistant.

Overseas Settlement.

One of the topics to be discussed at the Imperial Conference was that of emigration. Up to the present a considerable work has been done in assisting ex-Service men and women to find opportunities in the Dominions. Within the last year an Overseas Emigration Department has been opened by the Ministry of Labour. The object of this department is to act as an agency between the Dominion Governments and the would-be emigrants, in order to engage those people who wish for a situation beyond the seas. At the present time the demand is not normal because the Dominions, like the Mother Country, are still feeling the effects of industrial disturbance. Q.M.A.A.C. are represented on the Council of the Overseas Settlement Committee and nearly 700 ex-members and officials have availed themselves of the free passages.

The Helena Residential Clubs.

A second house is being opened at 82 Lancaster Gate, W.2., at the end of July, which will provide accommodation for twenty-five ex-service women. Further information can be obtained from the Lady Superintendent in Chief, 81 Lancaster Gate.

Women's Reserve.

There has been considerable disappointment among ex-service women on learning that the Army Council has decided not to form a Women's Reserve. It is stated that there is a scheme in preparation under which the services of women might be called upon by the Army in the event of a national emergency, but this, of course, is not the official recognition which the Service Women's organisations desired.

Service Women's Benevolent Fund.

Several applications for assistance from this fund have been received, and are being dealt with by the Committee. Local branch secretaries are asked to submit all cases considered sufficiently deserving to the General Secretary as soon as possible.

CORRESPONDENCE.**Life in Vienna.**

Will you permit me the hospitality of your columns to challenge some remarks made by Miss Blackwell on the subject of Austria quoted in the June number of the O.C.A. Gazette? As one who lived in Vienna for many years before the war, who was engaged in relief work there last summer, and is at present in constant touch with relief workers returning from that city, I deny emphatically, as far as my own experience is concerned (a) that there are no starving Austrians; (b) that they accept help from us and then "laugh at us for being such fools."

I can support by official evidence my statement that the Austrians have suffered, and are suffering, terribly from lack of food and clothing, and I can furnish indisputable statistics in connection with tuberculosis and rickets—both of which diseases are largely the result of semi-starvation. I can also furnish abundant proof of the genuine gratitude of the Austrians to the members of the Friends' War Victims Relief Mission in Vienna. If Miss Blackwell will excuse my saying so, anyone doing work in Vienna that is "very well paid and pleasant" is hardly likely to come into contact with the distress and suffering which the proud middle classes of Austria do their best to hide, even when they are sought out by relief workers who probe below the surface of an outwardly gay and prosperous city. Lastly, if any group of Old Comrades would like a free lecture, with or without lantern slides, on present conditions in Austria, I would gladly avail myself of such an opportunity if I happened to be on a speaking tour in their neighbourhood.

MAY BRINSLEY-RICHARDS, late A/A, Shoreham Camp.

12 Versailles Road, Anerley, S.E.20.

[Miss Carlisle has also written to the same effect. She has recently been in Vienna.—Ed.]

LOCAL BRANCHES.**Birmingham.**

Our third picnic took place on June 25th, when we went to Cofton Park, Lecky Hills. Unfortunately at the last moment it was found that the train we intended to catch was taken off, which meant getting there by best possible means. Therefore by tram, 'bus, and shank's pony, nine out of fourteen arrived, hot and dishevelled, but in good spirits, and very hungry. Alfresco picnic had kindly been arranged by Miss Dipple for fourteen members, but with true Waac courage, we rose to the occasion and made it sufficient for nine. It was a lovely tea—fruit and cream, etc., many thanks to Miss Dipple for her trouble. After tea we chatted of old times and pals, and became thoroughly cool once more (it was a fearfully hot day). In the evening we took a stroll through the beautiful woods, were duly photographed, and returned in time to catch the 8.45 train from Barnt Green, after a very enjoyable re-union.

Brighton.

Friday, July 8th.—On the beach, Hove, and Brighton Boundary, at 6.45, for boating, pier, etc.

Sunday, July 24th.—Hove station, for ramble, at 6 p.m.

Wednesday, August 3rd.—Meet at Cosmos Cafe, Waterloo Street, at 6.45, for coffee, etc., then on to West Pier, orchestra, etc.

Friday, August 12th.—Theatre party. Meet at 7.25, Palace Pier, toll gate, to see "Les Rouges et Noirs." This will give us time to go elsewhere if we find that there is something better to see.

Will members whose subscriptions are due kindly send them in as soon as possible. Have any members suggestions for raising funds for this branch? We have only a few pence in hand at present, and can afford no indoor amusements till we are better off. What do you think of a guessing competition—for instance questions with popular songs for answers?

Cardiff.

The great event for our club this month has been the parade, on June 9th., when about five thousand ex-service men and women were inspected at the Cardiff Arms Park by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales. It was a glorious day, and people began to take their places on the stands four hours beforehand, and there were as many as thirty-five thousand present.

Our own numbers would have been larger if uniform had not been made compulsory for women (though not for men) on parade, but I think we were all quite pleased to have a chance of putting on our khaki again—not absolutely strict uniform in all cases perhaps, but as close a resemblance to it as possible!

Our contingent, which included some Women's Legion, Wrafs, and a land army girl, was led on to the field by Miss Barke, and had a nice reception from the spectators, who cheered each company as it marched on. A Wraf official subsequently joined us, and we formed in two lines with the nurses. After the men had been inspected our turn came. The two lines were drawn up facing each other, and the Prince walked down the middle, shook hands with the officials, and asked about the company. Unfortunately the end was confusion, as the men broke ranks in their eagerness to see the Prince, and there was some difficulty in getting him off the field; we however seized a stray photographer and had a group taken, and then, falling in behind a band which offered us a tune, we marched off in quest of tea.

On June 21st we had our annual business meeting. Miss Hilda Nanson was elected club secretary, and Miss Elizabeth Chubb social secretary, in place of Miss Barke, who is going to New York. The following were elected as members of the committee: Misses Grace Davies, Randall, Roddick, Stodden, and Mrs. Sealey. After the business was done we had a whist drive in the garden, at which we were joined by some Comrades of the Great War, and some soldiers from the barracks, who made it feel very much like old times.

There is to be a charabanc picnic to Swanbridge on Sunday, July 3rd.

Edinburgh.

Two enjoyable rambles were held in June. Two have been arranged for this month. The first one is to be a joint ramble with the W.R.N.S. and the W.R.A.F., on July 9th.

On June 8th the club had a visit from Miss Davy, C.B.E. It was a pleasure for those present to meet and hear Miss Davy that evening, and we hope very much that she will be with us again.

The following letter has been received:

Many thanks for sending me the news sheet. We all enjoy seeing it. . . . It will be best if you would continue to send it to my home address, please, as we shall be demobilised in September.

The Waacs are returning from France with the troops, so the corps will have seen the army through to the last in this country. It will be very sad to think that soon there will be no live Waacs left at all. Amongst the thirty-two of us left there are six Scotch, one from Inverness, one from Musselburgh, one from Arnbank, Ayre, two from Fifeshire, and one from Nairnshire.

How far north does your branch of the O.C.A. reach? I wonder if there will be a branch right up north?

With many greetings from the existing Waacs to their comrades.—VERE BRODIE OF BRODIE, Senior Unit Administrator, Q.M.A.A.C., St. Pol.

Miss J. B. Christie, Bridgend, Perth, has sailed for New Zealand. Her address is c/o Mrs. Radley, Cecil Road, Mount Eden, Auckland, N.Z. She hopes very much to meet other Waacs there. Miss Radcliffe, Stirling (late Hostel Forewoman, 3rd H.L.I.) has sailed for Vancouver.

Glasgow and West of Scotland.

On June 4th a ramble took place to the Mausoleum, Hamilton. Passing over Bothwell Brig, a visit was paid to the Auld Kirk, the second oldest in Scotland, built by the grim Earl of Bothwell in 1398. On reaching Hamilton, the party walked through the grounds of Hamilton Palace to the Mausoleum, which contains the bodies of eleven Dukes of Hamilton. The doors are of bronze, and cost £2,300. Each door is divided into three panels, each of which is a Biblical sign. The Mausoleum was built in 1830, and took twelve years to build. The floor is composed of seventy-four different kinds of marble in Masonic signs. There is a wonderful echo which takes 25 seconds to reverberate. Parties are allowed to sing and listen to the marvellous effect. On emerging from the cool Mausoleum into the blazing sun the party sat under the trees for some time and then proceeded to Hamilton to

tea. Special thanks are due to Miss Helen Miller, ex-administrator, Devonport, who made all arrangements for this ramble, including permit, etc.

On June 11th a joint ramble was to take place with the W.R.A.F.'s to Garelochhead, arranged by Miss Hendry, ex-administrator, B.E.F. On arriving at the station it was found that all bookings were stopped an hour before the train started. It was very disappointing, but after consulting bills, train was taken to Balloch. Here the party boarded a motor boat for Loch Lomond. It was a beautiful clear day, and the Ben and surrounding hills were looking their best. Tea was partaken of in Balloch Castle, overlooking the Loch. After tea the party rambled in Loch Lomond park, and sat on the sand on the edge of the Loch before returning home.

A similar fate awaited us on Saturday, the 18th June, when arriving at the station for the ramble to Campsie Glen, arranged by Miss Wilson. As the afternoon was well on and all trains and cars were crowded, the party divided itself up, and each went to find enjoyment in their own way.

There will be no events or meetings in July or August.

London.

On Whit Sunday, 15th May, a party of over twenty went to Folkestone by private charabanc. Though the journey each way took about five hours, and Folkestone only offered a very damp reception, the outing was enjoyed by everyone. The Metropole, its many previous occupants may be glad to know, looks exactly the same as it did when its walls resounded with the "Form fours" of seemingly brass-voiced forewomen—one sometimes wonders if their singing voices have yet returned or if these were part of the war sacrifice. The Leas, now no longer forbidden ground, did not charm so much as of yore, they seemed more ordinary somehow, but before leaving it cleared up sufficiently for the French coast to become visible and one missed with thankfulness the continuous rumble of the guns. That it takes a lot more than rain to quench the one-time Waac bent on enjoyment the high spirits on the homeward route fully demonstrated, though some, overcome by the sea breeze, enjoyed it in their own quiet way—in slumber!

[This report was accidentally omitted last month.]

The annual general meeting of this branch was held at St. John's Institute, Westminster, on July 7th, and was very largely attended, nearly 500 members being present. After the meeting a very pleasant social evening ensued, when dancing and conversation and refreshments were all greatly enjoyed. Report next month.

Miss Ireland would be glad if the following members would send her their correct address, as the information on their enrolment forms is insufficient:—F. Bird, Bank House; H. A. White, 1 Dorman's Park Road; M. Atkins, Alderstead, Longland's Park Road.

Manchester.

Arrangements have been made at Castle House, New Mills, for us to spend the week-end, 18th and 19th inst., there. The cost for the week-end is 5s., members to share bed-rooms, make own bed, and help wash-up, anyone wanting a room to themselves can have one by paying 6d. extra. Members to meet at London Road Station at 2.20 on Saturday to catch the 2.30 train for New Mills. Applications to be made to the hon. secretary, Miss Robinson, 5 King's Drive, Heaton Moor, enclosing 2s. 6d. as deposit.

Any member who wishes to spend their summer holiday at New Mills can stay there for 21s. per week, please send your requirements to the secretary, who will do her best to fix you up.

On Sunday, July 3rd, there will be a ramble, meeting at the Maypole Corner, Deansgate, at 10.30 a.m., members to carry own lunch. Tea will be arranged for, cost about 2s. Please notify the secretary not later than 29th June of you intend to go.

On Saturday, 4th ult., we paid a visit to Knutsford, and our members there gave us a splendid welcome, we viewed the old Knutsford jail and afterwards attended a concert given by the students training there.

The hon. secretary would like to call attention to the number of subscriptions now overdue, notices have been sent out twice, but there are still sixteen who have not paid up, she would be pleased if these members will remit their 2s. 6d. by return.

Leeds.

On Saturday, 18-6-21, the Y.W.C.A., Leeds, opened a new club for girls in the Hunslet district. The ceremony was performed by the Lady Mayoress (Mrs. Braithwaite). In the evening an entertainment was arranged by Miss Britton (Q.M.A.A.C.). The performers were members of Q.M.A.A.C. and Y.W.C.A. The Pierrot Troupe is a huge success. The hall was very well filled, in spite of it being a very lovely evening. Miss Britton carried out the arrangements splendidly. In the winter this troupe will be open to accept engagements. We wish them every success.

During the week we have again heard of two more members, Q.M.A.A.C. Lucretia Hewitt, Castlegate, Kirby Moorside, who is taking a situation in Leeds; also Winifred Soper, 38380, from Trampton, Dorset, who was first at Bushey and then overseas. Should any member ever be stranded in Leeds or district, if they would appeal to Mrs. Leonard, Avenue House, 188 Woodhouse Lane, Leeds, they will always receive assistance in finding proper accommodation, also situations if they require work. Two of our members, M. Shickle and Florence Wilkinson, are thoroughly enjoying a well earned holiday in the Isle of Man.

Oxford.

On Saturday, May 28th, from 3—7 p.m., by the invitation of our vice-president, Mrs. Rouse Rowell, of Barton End House, Headington, a very jolly social was held in the house and garden. Miss I. M. Bateson entertained us at the piano till all had arrived. Games—clock golf and golf croquet—were then enjoyed until tea. Major Rowell initiated those who had not enjoyed the mysteries of golf croquet; H. M. Hudson excelled in this, making some good shots.

After tea, rounders were played in the paddock, to the amusement and exercise of a pony and chicken, who occasionally received the ball in their direction. This concluded a delightful afternoon, and it only remained to thank both Major and Mrs. Rowell for their kindness and hospitality before the party dispersed. A good number of members were present, considering it was a Saturday. A few only did not reply to the invitations sent, this lack of courtesy is to be regretted, as naturally it makes catering a difficulty, and it is hoped that this oversight will not recur.

One of our members, Mabel Parsons, has recently been in hospital for an operation. She is now convalescing at home. Her address is Farnham, Blandford, Dorset. Any letters from Old Comrades would be most welcome. She writes very cheerfully, so that we hope we may have her with us in Oxford shortly.

By invitation of Mrs. S. P. Grundy (nee M. Sanders, A.A. of Abbeville) a social was held in her garden on Thursday, June 23rd. The weather was perfect, and a good proportion of members were present. Miss Hicks, recently transferred from the London Branch, a new member, met a friend, Miss Haynes, whom she had not seen since demobilisation. A scratch game of cricket was played after tea, but it was too hot to be energetic. A river picnic was arranged for Thursday, July 14th, to Abingdon, by steamer, fare 2s. 6d., starting Folly Bridge 2.15 sharp. All members present agreed to join in this.

Miss E. T. Hawes (our hon. secretary) was unable to be present as she was still recovering from sunstroke. She wishes to express her regret that because of her accident some members received short notice of the social, and some were omitted, all were ready to be sent, but she was away from Oxford, and on her return little could be attended to.

Reading.

Miss Trotter, C.B.E., has resigned the secretaryship of this branch as she has left Reading. Her address in future is: 7 Berwick Road, Bournemouth, where she hopes to get into touch with the Bournemouth O.C.A. The secretaryship at Reading has been undertaken by Miss Priestley, O.B.E., 55 Northumberland Avenue, Reading.

An Appreciation; Shanghai-on-Thames.

"A little bit of Heaven," thus in very truth I describe a certain haven of rest known as Shanghai-on-Thames, the summer camp awaiting all old comrades desirous of re-union with friends of the dear past, change from the turmoil of town life, or mental refreshment so needed by all in this aftermath of war.

The loving care bestowed upon the development of the

camp is manifested in the air of comfort and freedom experienced by every visitor. "I feel just like a Waac again," was the comment of one five minutes after arrival. "That is how one should feel," was the hearty reply. "One cannot help feeling it here!" responded the first speaker. To me this little colloquy was fraught with a depth of meaning. Everything appealed to me so strongly. The picturesque arrangement of the neat little huts for the purposes of sleeping, cooking, gardening apparatus and one hut containing a small library. Added to this, a gramophone, with boating and passing pleasure steamers as means of relaxation, together with scenery contributed by Father Thames—difficult to beat, with walks on his banks, through his by-paths and meadows sweet and restful, all conducive to the happiness necessary to a perfect holiday. Most obvious of all, however, is the living presence of that spirit of Comradeship which helped us in the past, is a present bond, and a surety for the future.

The warmth of the welcome extended to everyone at this little spot on the Thames must make all feel the reality of our Old Comrades Association. Do go, you will just love it.
EX-FOREWOMAN.

Calais Signals Re-Union.

May 28th to June 4th, 1921, will always be remembered by the Calais girls who were at the re-union. We had a most perfect holiday at the Holiday Fellowship Guest-House, Bryn Corach, Conway. The journey to Conway was very exciting, for we were all looking out for some one at various stations. It was just lovely seeing the girls again, and I'm afraid we made a great deal of noise with our greetings. Owing to the strike it was well towards midnight before all the girls arrived.

Sunday we spent fairly quietly, and enjoyed the beautiful air and scenery. Some went on the river and others went to Deganwy and Llandudno. Monday we commenced our week of exploring. The 45 Signal girls and the rest of the guests from Bryn Corach set off for Moel Lys, Pendyffryn Woods and Fairy Glen, and had a very enjoyable day.

Tuesday a dozen of us started shortly after 7 a.m. for Snowdon. We went part of the way by train, and then began to climb Moel Siabod—near Capel Curig. On arriving at the top it began to rain heavily, and the wind was very strong. However, we still "carried on"—most of us wet through. Half-way up Snowden we stayed at a cottage belonging to Bryn Corach. It contained stools, chairs, crockery, a table, blankets, mattresses, and pillows. Here we soon made a lovely wood fire, and having arrayed ourselves in blankets because our clothes were so very wet, we prepared a meal, to which we did ample justice. After we had dined and washed up in the stream, we all sat round the fire telling ghost stories, fairy stories, and any other amusing incidents we thought of. We retired to bed later, and next morning got up, feeling quite fit for anything. We all fell in love with the cottage, and didn't in the least want to leave it, but seeing we were to climb Snowdon we had to. We'd gathered sufficient wood for the next party to have good fires, and so we proceeded—this time in fine weather. We enjoyed the ascent very much, and just after we reached the summit the mist cleared, and we had a glorious view whilst having lunch. We stayed there for some time, and then started back in the opposite direction. When we got on the road we had a car to meet us and take us to a place for tea, and then to the station to catch our train. It had been a most lovely experience for us, and we all felt somewhat proud of ourselves because we had climbed Snowdon.

On Thursday we went to Swallow Falls and Bettwy-coed. The scenery was wonderful, and we had ever such a nice time there. Friday we visited Aber and the Falls. It was a glorious day, but unluckily our last. However, all good things come to an end—so Friday night saw us at Bryn Corach, giving a farewell evening. Most evenings we had either singing, music or dancing, and one evening we were asked to give some of our experiences and talk of the work we did whilst on active service, to the other guests and Bryn Corach staff. Everyone spent a most enjoyable week at Conway, and I am sure we are all looking forward to the second re-union next year, which will probably be at the C.H.A., at Hope.

J.B.

NEWS OF OLD COMRADES.

Mrs. Graham, late O i/c, Messing, Gateshead, sends greetings from Vancouver. **Miss MacSwiney**, late A.G. XI., has left Cheltenham, and is now living in Palo Alto, California. She says that there are good openings for domestic employment with very high wages. **Miss Bhawton** thinks that Old Comrades in Australia may be interested to know that Winchelsea, England, flies the Australian flag on Empire Day, which Winchelsea, Australia, presented to that town. It is saluted by the school children on that day. **Miss A. F. Porter's** enterprise in Cape Town has been successful, she finds her tea rooms interesting, but the work is harder than at home, as there are not the up-to-date conveniences. She has coloured "boys" and English waitresses and has already been obliged to add to her staff.

We are sorry to hear that **Miss Dora Brogdale** has been obliged to lead an invalid's life since her discharge. She is suffering from tuberculosis.

Miss Gilchrist and **Miss Millar**, from Glasgow, **Miss Haws** from Oxford, and nine members of the London Branch, are joining eleven members of the Women's Volunteer Reserve Old Comrades Association on a trip to the Italian Lakes. The party is starting on July 29th, returning on August 13th. It is hoped to give an account of the trip in the September issue of the Gazette.

Miss Ballantine (Rouen) has been made a Justice of the Peace for Ulster.

Miss E. T. Clegg, M.B.E., late D.C. C.C., was married in September, 1920, at St. John's Church, Ranmore, Sheffield. Miss Clegg is now Mrs. T. O. Leefe, and is poultry farming with her husband, who was totally blinded and taken prisoner in July, 1916. He is now one of Sir Arthur Pearson's most wonderful examples of St. Dunstan's help and training for "Victory over blindness."

Miss Douche would be glad to hear from all ex-Q.M.A.A.C., who served under her command in St. O'Mer, Queen Mary Camp, Calais and Princess Beatrice Camp, Beaumarais, with suggestion as to a possible date for arranging a re-union dinner in London about October. Address 15 Cavendish Avenue, Eastbourne.

PERSONAL NOTICES.

Darker—Partington.—On April 29th, at St. Stephen's Church, Hounslow, John ocelyn Darker, O.B.E., M.S.M. (late S.M.) to Isabel Partington. Both of Casualty Branch, Rouen.

Lord.—On June 8th, at Tunstall House Nursing Home, Worcester Park, Surrey, to Rev. and Mrs. C. T. Lord (nee G. A. Mossley, late of No. 1 Unit, Wimereux) a daughter.

Read-Smith.—At Bellwood, Corstorphine, on 21st June, Albert Lane Read, Peterborough, to Martha Dunlop Smith (late Rouen Signals).

ADVERTISEMENTS

Ex-Forewoman Cook and friend willing to undertake the work and running of a home near London, both experienced housekeepers, excellent references.—Apply Secretary, O.C.A. Head Office.

New Laid Eggs. Mrs. T. O. Leefe (Miss E. T. Clegg, late Deputy Controller, E.C.) would be pleased to supply new laid eggs during the autumn and winter months. Orders of 3 doz. or over, delivered weekly or fortnightly, shop price, carriage free. Orders of less than 3 doz. are a slightly higher rate than shop price, carriage for the smaller number being higher in proportion.—The Chase Poultry Farm, Cold Norton, Essex.

To Careful Tenants. Comfortable house to let near sea, bath, gas, three sitting-rooms, etc., August; also paying guest or gardening pupil wanted in September, moderate terms.—Apply Ex-Administrator, Q.M.A.A.C., B.E.F., Hazeldale, Clevedon, Somerset.

New Book just published. "Memories of France," fully illustrated by Clara Neale, M.B.E., late U.A., Q.M.A.A.C., France, price 4/- post free from the author, 114a Post Office Chambers, Pitt Street, Sydney, Australia.

West Suffolk Nursing Association. Wanted, district nurse midwives, some general training, cyclists, apply stating salary. Also probationers for training as nurse midwives, salary after free training.—Apply Superintendent, Shire Hall, Bury St. Edmunds.

The United Domestic Employment Agency has been started for the purpose of forming, throughout the country, an organisation for raising the standard of domestic service generally. An important feature is the abolition of booking fees, a small yearly subscription for members, of 1s. being substituted, for which the resources of the Association will be at their disposal. Old Comrades and others wishing for congenial domestic employment are warmly welcome to join the Association and become applicants for prospective posts; a few vacancies being available for friends wishing to share the work of small houses and flats, or singlehanded. A special interest for members is a half-yearly prize fund for original household ideas, cooking recipes, etc.—Particulars from Secretary, United Domestic Employment Association, Roland House, London, S.W.7.