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Q.M.A.A.C. War Medals.

It is officially stated that all British war and Victory Medals awarded to members of the Queen Mary's Army Auxiliary Corps are now available for distribution. Those members of the corps who have not yet received the medals for which they are eligible should apply to the **Secretary, War Office, Percy House Schools, Isleworth, Midx.** Only members of the corps who served overseas are eligible for these decorations. Applicants should give their full postal address and their regimental number while serving.

The Q.M.A.A.C. Record Office has been closed, and the records of the corps transferred to the charge of the Secretary, War Office, Percy House Schools, Isleworth, to whom all correspondence should now be addressed.

The General Meeting.

The local branches were well represented at the General Meeting, in fact members from a distance were more numerous than those living in London. Perhaps Londoners have had enough meetings lately in connection with their own branch. Presumably those members who stayed away are perfectly satisfied with the conduct of affairs, and uneventful General Meetings are usually a healthy sign of prosperity. However, the tea at the end was a great feature, and though the officials' frugal minds were somewhat disturbed by the thought of a hundred members enjoying what was intended for two hundred and fifty, yet, as they obviously did enjoy it so thoroughly, the afternoon must be considered a success. Everyone was delighted to see both the Dames; Miss Brodie, of Brodie, made a welcome appearance, and the attendance, if small, was very representative. The President's and Treasurer's reports are published in this number.

Armistice Day.

Unfortunately the Gazette will not appear until Armistice Day is over, and arrangements were not sufficiently ahead when the October number was published to enable us to give any definite information. It was, however, unanimously decided at the meeting of the London Branch that the Council should be asked to lay a wreath of Flanders Poppies on the Cenotaph on November 11th, and this will be done. Several of the local branches are joining in the demonstrations in their respective towns and we shall be interested to hear particulars next month.

Subscriptions.

The President's remarks at the General Meeting, helped, perhaps, by the Gazette's attempts to "rub it in," have resulted in a steady flow of postal orders from members whose subscriptions were in arrears. Matters have improved considerably, but there are still far too many defaulters.

Service Women's Association.

The Committee of the United Services' Fund has considered favourably the recommendations put forward by the Service Women's Association and has decided to

grant the sum of £12,537 for the establishment of a Social Club for ex-Service women in Edinburgh. A grant of four thousand pounds has also been allotted to Southsea for the same purpose. A similar scheme on a larger scale for London, is still under consideration, but it will probably be possible to make a definite announcement before Christmas. Service women in Liverpool are making a renewed effort to put up some proposals for a Club before it is too late, otherwise the money which has been allotted to Liverpool will be forfeited. Instructions have been issued as to the general lines on which these Clubs will be run, and will be found in this issue.

Our Contemporaries: Service Literature.

Ex-Service publications seem to be on the increase, and are always interesting reading. Our contemporaries, *The Wren* and *The W.R.A.F. Leaflet*, are specially welcome and contain much that is of general interest to Service women. We are glad to note that *The Wren* has become a monthly instead of a quarterly periodical. *The British Legion* well repays the reader and is full of useful information, and we are pleased to see the October Number of the *R.A.O.C. Gazette*. Ordnance always appreciated Q.M.A.A.C., and is maintaining its reputation in this respect. We quote the following paragraph:—

Thirty khaki clad W.A.A.C.'s, the last contingent of that fine army (Q.M.A.A.C.), arrived at Victoria on the 26th on their return from France, where they had been doing duty in connection with the Graves' Registration. They certainly all looked particularly fit. After receiving the congratulations of their friends they were whisked off to the "Helena Club" for the night. The next day, at the War Office, they received their "demob." papers, etc., and departed for their various homes, except a small party of about a dozen, who had been deputed to place a wreath on the Cenotaph the following day and which was inscribed as follows: "A tribute to the fallen, from the last batch of W.A.A.C.'s leaving France, 28.9.21." Thus ended a glorious episode of the War.

It is not only the Service papers, however, who remember us. Sometimes we find a wider public. But it was a little startling to see that the Corps was being held up as an example of "peaceful penetration" to the women students of Cambridge. The following is quoted from *The Times* correspondence columns:—

When I was a "Q" officer in France, we were somewhat disturbed on hearing that an army of women was coming out. We wondered what was going to be done with them, and what on earth they were going to do, outside hospital work, in a country full of war. However, they came. Usually the first indication of the arrival of a detachment was an order to the local staff to erect a barbed wire compound! Well, the result of their invasion is common knowledge, but I think that their success was undoubtedly due to the way in which they were handled by their leaders. The moral of the problem is that if women are going to find their way into "man's domain," there must be a higher thought than merely forcing an entrance. Moreover, they really must make their invasion attractive!

It is not quite clear whether the writer recommends Newnham and Girton being enclosed in barbed wire compounds, or whether he suggests that the W.A.A.C. controllers should coach the women dons. Probably Dame Helen and Miss Davy will wait for the latter to take the necessary action. Another solution may be that the women's colleges should take over the catering in the University, for that is how we made ourselves "attractive" in France.

We have received a copy of Miss Clara Neale's book "Memories of France." Although it is pleasantly written we must confess to a pang of disappointment in not finding a single reference to the Corps. Miss Neale's passion for inverted commas needs cooling, but otherwise the book has much to recommend it, and there are charming illustrations. *The Australian Christian World* says:—

"In her work as U.A. in Q.M.A.A.C. the writer must have won the hearts of the people among whom she moved to have come into such intimate touch with their hopes and fears, that the reader can feel the throb of real life in them all."

In Memory of Old Comrades.

It is with deep regret that we have to record the death of Miss Ackland on October 11th, at her home in Devonshire. She was invalided home from Berlin in February last, but returned there later apparently cured. Soon after she had started work again, however, she caught a cold, which developed into pleurisy. She was brought home but the disease advanced rapidly. Mercifully she suffered little pain and died very peacefully. Miss Ackland had many friends in the Corps who will grieve to hear of her death. She was stationed with the A.E.F. at Bourges, and after the Armistice went to Berlin, where she remained after demobilisation. She also worked for a time at Headquarters. All members of the Association will wish to express their great sympathy with Mrs. Ackland, who lost her younger daughter only last year.

Mrs. Roddick, who was U.A. at Perth, sends us the following extract from a local newspaper:—

"In presence of a large gathering from all parts of the district, the Mackintosh of Mackintosh, Lord Lieutenant of the County, unveiled on Friday, at Kincaig, the Memorial erected by the inhabitants of Alvie in memory of those belonging to the parish, who fell in the Great War.

"Of ancient design, the Memorial is built of native whinstone, and near the top is an artistically carved laurel wreath. On the granite tablet in front, the names of the fallen, 35 in number, are inscribed in raised letters. Miss Jessie Grant, Q.M.A.A.C., is the first name on the list and is the only woman's name."

Jessie Grant, who was an unusually fine girl both in character and appearance, died suddenly of pneumonia in Aberdeen Infirmary in July, 1918, while stationed with the Gordon Highlanders. Colonel Bethune and his staff attended the military funeral and a large contingent of soldiers and Q.M.A.A.C. were present.

The Council of the Association deeply appreciates an offer received from two members of the W.R.A.F. O.C.A. living in Bristol to take care of the grave of a Q.M.A.A.C., who died while on service in that city, and is buried there. It appears that the W.R.A.F. noticed the uncared for condition of the grave. The kind offer has been gratefully accepted.

The Council would welcome suggestions with regard to an Annual Service in London. This has been proposed on several occasions, but nothing definite has been put forward. If there is a general feeling that members would welcome such a service and that it would be well attended either the Council or the London Branch officials would take action in the matter.

London Branches Activities.

The dinner will be over before this is in print, and Miss Ireland asks us to state that Miss Murray is primarily responsible for the arrangements and is bearing most of the heat and burden of the occasion. It is indeed a very arduous undertaking, and we all owe Miss Murray a real debt of gratitude. The reward she will most appreciate will be the success of the dinner, which is almost a foregone conclusion.

After the dinner London members will concentrate upon the Bazaar on December 3rd. Lady Bertha Dawkins, who is a Vice-President of the Association and has always shown a kindly interest in Q.M.A.A.C., has promised to open the Bazaar. It is hoped that members will flock to the Duke of York's in their hundreds on this occasion: it ought to be very good fun. There will be plenty to buy and plenty to do. If any of the local branches care to have a stall—the proceeds, of course, to go to their own

funds—this can easily be arranged. Brighton has already decided to get their London friends to help them in this way. Individual stalls could also be managed if any member cared to have a display of her own work—but in this case a certain percentage would be payable to the Bazaar Committee.

Q.M.A.A.C. OLD COMRADES' ASSOCIATION THIRD ANNUAL MEETING, October 22nd, 1921.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

I am very pleased to meet you all once again, and to give you a report of the work of the Association during another year.

At the outset, I should like to remind you, and through you, many members who are not present, that the Old Comrades' Association exists for the sake of helping those who were comrades during the war, and to organise social re-unions. I am moved to do this owing to the significant fact that of the 2,500 annual members of last year, only 350 have renewed their subscriptions. I am delighted to report that approximately 750 new members have enrolled since our last general meeting, but what of the members who have not renewed their subscriptions? It is obvious that if this leakage continues the Association must soon come to an end. I would therefore urge upon you all to stick together, and thus allow the Association to carry out the work for which it was organised. I know, of course, that many of you have fresh interests and responsibilities in connection with your new work, but I would ask you to think of those to whom it is a great boon, and for the sake of your less fortunate Comrades to determine that it shall have your support, even if you do not desire such benefits from it as you have done in the past. "Union is strength." Let us see that our Association gains strength as the years go on. As previously mentioned, the 1920 membership was 2,500 annual and 230 life. The membership for this year is, up to date, 1,391, including life members.

Headquarters Office.

The Headquarters Office of the Association has continued to prove a tremendous asset, and the expenses have been considerably curtailed. The most important work during the year has been the administration of the Benevolent Fund. We have, in connection with this work, been able to help cases of great distress, and in this work alone we feel that we have justified the existence of the office and staff.

Branches.

The Local Branches of the Association have, during the year made good progress, and the very enterprising work undertaken has been most successful. We owe a great deal to the Branch Secretaries. The running of a Branch is not by any means easy work, and a great deal of time and thought has been given. The Branch Representative Scheme adopted at the last General Meeting has proved most successful. It has been a year of hard work, and most important questions have been dealt with, after careful consideration, it is hoped to the satisfaction of all concerned.

Gazette.

As you all know, the Gazette has proved to be one of the greatest assets to the Association, and is thoroughly appreciated by all subscribers. It has been found necessary to enlarge it, so as to avoid having to omit interesting features. We have approximately 1,200 subscribers to the Gazette, which is financially successful. Our best thanks are due to the editor and to the sub-committee responsible.

Camp and Hostels.

A grant was made to the Camp Sub-Committee from the Shanghai Fund, which has been spent in building and equipping a holiday camp on the river. Approximately 300 visitors have been accommodated for varying periods, all of whom have expressed their entire satisfaction with the arrangements made for their comfort. The first year has, of course, been a test of the success of its aims, and in view of the necessary initial expenditure of the first year, it is very satisfactory to report that the camp has been self-supporting, almost from the start. We are most

grateful to Miss McClosky for her services, which have added very considerably to its success, and to the Sub-Committee.

I should like to emphasise the immense advantages we have had from the Hostel at 91 Belgrave Road, which accommodates 100 of our members, and provides a weekly social for the members of the London Branch. Also to note that since it has been started it has been in constant use by members of the other Branches, no less than 600 "passers through" having been accommodated for short periods.

Service Women's Association.

I am sure that you will all agree that the existence of the Service Women's Association has been more than justified. As a result of the many long and tedious Council Meetings, the following schemes, submitted to the United Services Fund have at last materialised:

1. Benevolent Fund.

The United Services Fund, on the recommendation of the Service Women's Association, recently approved of the formation of a committee to deal with the Benevolent Fund in respect of the Services. We were asked to elect two of our members to represent Queen Mary's Army Auxiliary Corps, one to substitute the General Secretary, and one to represent other ranks, the result being that with the last few months we have been able to help ex-members of the Q.M.A.A.C. to the extent of approximately £400. It has been a year of much distress and unemployment, and it is very satisfactory to be able to report that all cases submitted through our head office have received the satisfactory consideration of the Committee. Since the formation of the Committee, our own small fund which has previously helped the Members of the Old Comrades' Association to a great extent has been amalgamated with the General Funds of the Association.

2. Residential Hostels.

The United Services Fund made a grant of £10,000 to the Helena Clubs in January last for the endowment of fifty beds for ex-Service women. In November last the first of these clubs was opened at 81 Lancaster Gate, W.2, and in February of this year a second house was opened. In addition to the ex-Service residents, seventy-five ex-Service women have been accommodated as temporary visitors, not including the 28 members of the Q.M.A.A.C. who went there when demobilised from St. Pol.

3. Holiday Home.

A further grant of £10,000 was given for the establishment of a holiday home. A house has been purchased at St. Leonards-on-Sea with an uninterrupted view of the sea in front. The house is to be re-decorated and furnished, and it is hoped opened by Christmas.

4. Provincial Towns.

Grants have also been given to provide club rooms for ex-Service Women in Glasgow, Birmingham, Cardiff, Liverpool, Manchester, and Nottingham. The capital is at present invested at 5 per cent, free of tax, and the interest only is available for the use of these clubs.

In addition, a grant of £4,000 has been approved for the purpose of establishing a club at Southsea, and a grant of £12,537 for the establishment of a club in Edinburgh. Every effort is being made to obtain suitable premises in London for a social club, and an application is being made to the United Services Fund for a grant for this purpose. It is hoped that our members will give these clubs every support.

The actual financial situation of the Association will be laid before you in the Treasurer's Report, but I wish to impress upon you all that the income of the Association does not as yet cover the expenditure. We must therefore increase our membership very considerably in the near future.

FLORENCE LEACH, President.

TREASURER'S REPORT, 1921.

As only ten months have elapsed since the last General Meeting of the Association, this report is, of necessity, restricted to the period 1st January to 15th October, 1921. In order, however, that the financial position of the Asso-

ciation for the year ending the 31st December, 1921, may be brought to the notice of those interested, I have been able to arrange with the Editor of the Gazette to publish in due course the yearly balance sheet. I will confine myself therefore, on this occasion, to reporting to you the essential items only of the Council's Income and Expenditure.

It has been found no longer necessary to maintain, and keep separate, a Benevolent Fund for our purposes, inasmuch as the newly-formed United Services Women's Benevolent Fund deals adequately and satisfactorily with all our Benevolent cases.

1,128 annual subscriptions and 38 life subscriptions, equivalent in cash to £182 5s., have been received and duly deposited with the Council's bankers.

The donations received during the period under review amount to £252 2s., and included a sum of £250 from the Shanghai Race Club.

Your Council have sanctioned the payment of £500 to the Shanghai-on-Thames Holiday Camp Sub-Committee, and a further sum of £38 10s. 10d. in small grants to local branches, etc.

The total expenditure of the Council, as ascertained at the 15th October, 1921, was £1,103 12s. 10d., and the balance at the bank available for all purposes at the same date amounted to £2,918 5s. 2d.

J. M. GIBSON, Hon. Treasurer.

HEADQUARTERS REPORT.

The Annual General Meeting of the Association was held at the Morley Hall, Hanover Square, London, on Saturday, October the 22nd. Unfortunately only about 100 members attended, but the meeting was very successful, and the tea afterwards gave those present an opportunity of meeting old friends and was thoroughly enjoyed by all. It will be seen from the reports that the work carried on by the Association during the year has been most satisfactory. Since these reports were prepared over 100 renewal subscriptions have been received. There are, however, still a great number overdue, and it is hoped that the President's report will have great effect in this respect.

Badges are still obtainable from the Headquarters Office, or from local branch secretaries, price 1s. 8d., including postage.

The simplest method of giving a brief description of the General Meeting is by publishing the following letter, a copy of which has been sent to all branch secretaries:—

The following were the resolutions proposed, seconded and carried at the General Meeting:

1. That the subscription to the O.C.A. remain 2s. 6d. and not a combined subscription as proposed in the by-laws; 2, that the area suggestion be deleted. It was the general feeling of the meeting that to re-organise the local branches at the moment would be a grave mistake; 3, that all subscriptions should fall due in January of each year. It was considered that this scheme would save local branches a vast amount of work. A scheme of adjustment will be decided upon by the Council; 4, that Vice-Presidents of the Association be elected by the Council: to be nominated at one meeting of the Council, and to appear as an item on the Agenda for election at the following meeting. This does not affect Vice-Presidents of local branches; 5, that associate members should not have voting power; 6, it was resolved that this meeting approves of the proposal to register the Association as a corporate body, and if the licence of the Board of Trade can be obtained, to register it under Section 20 of the Companies Act, 1908, so that the word "Limited" need not be used as part of the Association's corporate name. And this meeting leaves to the Council at its discretion all questions as to the form of registration and the drafting of the necessary memorandum and articles.

The Council have been considering the question of registering for a long time, for which reason the General Meeting was called earlier than usual. It was decided on the recommendation of Sir John Henry, of the Board of Trade, who is an honorary member of the Association, that, if the licence could be obtained, it would be by far the best and least expensive form of registration.

It will, of course, take some time to complete the registration. A certain amount of legal business is neces-

sary, but as soon as this is done the new Council will at once take office, and copies of the Memorandum and Bye-Laws will be sent to secretaries of local branches for their information. I shall be pleased to give you any further information that you may require.

Yours faithfully,
L. M. JACKSON, General Secretary.

SERVICE WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION.

With regard to the administration of the United Services Clubs for women, it is desired that a Provisional Committee shall be appointed forthwith, consisting of representatives from the local branch of each Old Comrades' Association. The first duty of the Provisional Committee is to appoint an Hon. Secretary and Hon. Treasurer, bearing in mind the fact that cheques from the United Services Fund will be made payable to the Hon. Treasurer, who will be answerable to the Provisional Committee for the sum placed in her charge.

The committee in their turn, will be responsible for the proper administration of the club and proper expenditure of the grant, on the lines laid down in their scheme, and will render an account of the club and expenditure of the grant to the Service Women's Association on December 1st, together with their application for the next quarter's allowance.

W. M. POWELL, Hon. Secretary.

LOCAL BRANCH REPORTS FOR OCTOBER.

Brighton.

The club room at the Chocolate Parlour, Western Road, near Stafford's Corner, is open every Wednesday evening from 7 p.m. to 9.30 p.m., for reading, games, etc. The committee hope that members will make good use of the room. Gifts of cards and games would be appreciated. All notices will be posted on the new notice board outside the cafe.

At the General Meeting on October 26th a vote of thanks was passed to Mr. Haymes, the proprietor, for so kindly allowing us the use of the room. The local secretary has had several letters from members showing their appreciation.

The committee was re-elected as follows: Miss Cable, 6 Langdale Road, Hove, local secretary (away till Christmas); Miss Baron, 25 Wellington Road, Brighton, acting secretary; Miss Towner, 56 Tisbury Road, Hove; Miss F. Smith, Launceston, Southwick (also Hon. Secretary of the W.R.A.F. Branch); Miss Wagner, who unfortunately had to resign, replaced by Miss Ashton, 23 Sandgate Road, Brighton; Miss Ballard, 2 Norfolk Road, Hove.

It has been suggested that we should have a stall at the London Branch Bazaar on December 3rd, the proceeds in aid of local branch funds. This is a good chance of raising money, and the local secretary would like the names of all intending contributors as soon as possible. A dance in December was discussed, and the committee hope to make some definite announcement at the whist drive on November 9th.

H. A. BARON, Hon. Local Secretary,
25 Wellington Road, Brighton.

South Wales.

Cardiff ex-Service Women have found very comfortable quarters for their club at the Oddfellows Hall, Charles Street. The club is open from 7.30 p.m. to 10 p.m. on Monday one week and Tuesday the next week. The first club night at the new quarters was held on Tuesday, October 18th, Miss Randall has been appointed hon. treasurer of the club.

ENID OWEN, Hon. Secretary.

Edinburgh.

The Annual General Meeting of the branch will be held at 22 Rutland Square, Edinburgh, on Friday, 25th November, at 8 p.m., when the Committee for the ensuing year will be elected, and other business transacted.

A gift from the members of the branch has been presented to our Chairman, Miss Low. A canteen of silver has been chosen and has been sent along with a letter to her at Ruskie.

It is with great pleasure that we are able to announce that a grant of £12,537 has been received from the United

Services Fund in order to start a Women's United Services Club in Edinburgh. Plans are going ahead for this new club at 12 Drumsheugh Gardens. It is a beautiful house situated in the best part of Edinburgh. It will be of interest to members to know that the house was bought by our Chairman's father years ago, and that many happy years of her life have been spent there. All details with regard to the club will be published later.

The present Old Comrades Club is open every Wednesday and Saturday evening. It has been arranged to hold a dressmaking and plain sewing class at the club on Thursday evenings at 7 p.m. Miss Lethbridge has kindly consented to take charge, and a charge of 4s. will be made for a course of twelve lessons. The first class will be held on Thursday, 3rd November.

Ground has been secured and equipment bought for a hockey team and a first game was played on Saturday. It is hoped that they will have a very successful season. Miss Mary Innes, Glengyle, Leberton, Edinburgh, is Hockey Secretary.

Glasgow.

UNITED SERVICES CLUB. A spacious basement has been secured at 212 Bath Street, and is now in process of decoration. We have been fortunate in securing Miss Lander (Major W.V.R., and F.G.) as Hon. Secretary. As the expenses will be very heavy the first year, gifts or loans of furniture, such as basket chairs, small tables, pictures, hangings, will be welcomed. The club will be open every night, and an effort is being made to have it open from 1 p.m.

SICKNESS. The Secretary will be pleased to visit any sick comrade in Glasgow, if notice of such be sent to her.

VISITORS. It was pleasant to receive visits at the club from Miss Nora Atkinson (Leeds Branch) and Miss Porter (Signaller, London Branch).

SUBSCRIPTIONS. All subscriptions paid in 1920 are now due and should be paid at once to the Secretary, Miss Gilchrist, 13 Royal Terrace, Glasgow, W.

HOCKEY. Miss Winnie Bain (Glencorse) has been elected captain for the year, Mrs. Clark (nee Pennycook) who started the club, having retired, in readiness to accompany her husband abroad in spring. Miss E. M. Cook has been re-elected secretary. The club is now in full swing with a good membership, including three W.R.A.F. Old Comrades. Miss Bain reports "the first match of the season was played on Saturday, 15th October, with North Kelvinside. The bully off was at 3 p.m., and after a keen contest, North Kelvinside scored three goals. Want of training was the main factor which told against the Q.M.A.A.C. However, they have a well-balanced team, and should give good account of themselves before the end of the season."

REPRESENTATIVES ON GENERAL COUNCIL. Mrs. Bircham (nee Saunders) late Controller, Northern Command, has kindly agreed to act as the representative of this branch along with Miss Laird during 1922.

GUEST NIGHT. Miss Millar, vice chairman of the branch and Convener of the Entertainments Committee, has arranged a Guest Night, to take place in St. Andrew's Halls in November. Full particulars at the club.

TRANSFER. Miss Clara Bonnar leaves Glasgow this week to take up a position in London. She will be much missed here, as she is a keen Old Comrade, and attends the club regularly. The best wishes of this branch go with her to her new sphere.

E. M. GILCHRIST, Hon. Sec.

Leeds.

On October 7th the members were very kindly entertained to tea at the Y.W.C.A. by Miss Berry, where a very jolly time was spent. After tea a meeting was called to form a new Committee, etc., the names are as follows: Treasurer, Miss Anikin; Secretary, Miss D. M. Thompson; Committee, Misses M. Miller, M. Sheard, Gaunt, M. E. Cobb, Picley, and Mrs. Spendlow.

The members will meet every Monday in future, at the Y.W.C.A. A bridge evening was held on 18th, and a sewing meeting on the 24th.

Our late Treasurer (Miss Britton) has got up a concert party called "The Checkmates." They gave an entertainment in Leeds on 14th October, which was very well attended and most enjoyable. The Checkmates have several bookings for the coming winter.

Programme for November.

November 1st.—Bridge Evening.
 November 7th.—Sewing Party.
 November 14th.—Games.
 November 21st.—Theatre or Picture Party.
 November 28th.—Whist or Bridge.
 December 5th.—General Confab.

Arrangements are in hand for a dinner on the 11th inst. We intend to celebrate Armistice Day. I wonder if any of the Scottish girls will think of what they did in Leven. They were really the only "sports" in that place.

We want a gramophone for the Leeds Club, records have been promised, but it is the instrument we need. Does anybody know of one "going begging?" Miss Berry, M.B.E., did not wish to be on the Committee, but she does a very great deal for the club. There must be a number of members of the Q.M.A.A.C. in Bradford. Surely they would like to meet together from time to time. Mrs. Spendlow, Shipley, has been over more than once, which has been much appreciated. She would be glad to hear of ex-members in or near Bradford.

It is much regretted that we could not send a representative to the General Meeting, but we trust before the next meeting to have a representative from Leeds.

L. LEONARD, President.

[Miss E. B. Atkin, late 4652, who was recently demobilised from St. Pol, is living in Bradford. Her address is 14 Woodbank Place, Manningham.—Ed.]

Manchester.

Through the Pioneer Club, Princess Street, not having sufficient accommodation for the United Services Club for Women, the club room has been transferred to the Clydesdale Club, 1, Auburn Street (near London Road Station Approach), and is open every Friday evening from 6 p.m. So far we have had excellent attendances, and it is good to see that the Waac are the most enthusiastic and turn up in the largest numbers. At the opening whist drive, the three prizes, including the booby, were won by Waacs.

There will be an annual re-union dinner on Tuesday, November 22nd, at 7.30 p.m., at the Clydesdale Club, tickets 4s., by post, 4s. 2d., can be obtained from the Secretary, or from the club on Friday evenings, not later than 18th November. Those wishing to be with friends should state their names and seats will be reserved for them together. A dance has been arranged for Saturday, December 10th, at the Onward Hall, Deansgate, at 6.30 p.m., tickets 3s. inclusive, can be obtained from the Secretary or any member of the Committee. There will be a whist drive on Friday, November 18th, at the club, at 8 p.m., there will be no charge, and refreshments can be obtained at reasonable charges. The three services, W.A.A.C., W.R.N.S., and W.R.A.F. O.C.A.'s have decided to place a wreath on the War Memorial on Armistice Day.

M. A. ROBINSON, Hon. Secretary.

5 King's Drive, Heaton Moor, Stockport.

Newcastle.

This branch started its winter activities with a masked ball (fancy dress optional) on November 5th. It is hoped that this will be the first of many entertainments during the coming winter, for many new comrades have joined this branch during the last few months, and we want to keep everyone interested and busy. Miss Taylor has had to resign the secretaryship owing to pressure of work, and the new secretary is Miss W. Maunder, 31 Norwood Avenue, Heaton, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

Oxford.

On Thursday, October 20th, a very successful General Meeting was held. The Committee of the British Legion most kindly placed their reading room at our disposal for the evening, refusing to make any charge. The British Legion have also invited us to "fall in" at the special demonstration to be arranged on Armistice Day. It is hoped that a sufficient number will be able to do so. Two new members have joined our branches. Miss W. Holtby went down from Somerville College last term. She has taken a second class in the Final Honours School of Modern History. Her marks were the second highest amongst the women. We congratulate her, and wish her every success in her future career. We are very grateful for the assistance she gave our branch and much regret that she is being transferred to London.

E. T. HAWS, Hon. Sec., 12 Western Road, Headington.

Birmingham.

A whist drive and dance is being held at the Perry Barr Institute, Birmingham, on November 29th. It is hoped that as many of the Midland members as possible will make an effort to attend and bring their friends. Tickets 2s. 6d. inclusive, to be obtained from the Secretary, 167 Birchfield Road.

Nottingham.

A permanent club room has been taken at the Ivy Leaf Ex-Service Club, 91 Queen's Walk, where meetings will be every Tuesday at 7.30 p.m. Will members please note; as no further notice will be sent out. They will be posted up on the notice board in the club room.

London.

The bazaar is being held in the R.E. Drill Hall, Duke of York's Headquarters, King's Road, Chelsea, on Saturday, December 3rd, and is to be opened by the Lady Bertha Dawkins, at 2.30 p.m. Small articles suitable for Christmas presents are being made a special feature, and it is hoped that all Old Comrades will come and bring their friends. A charge of 4d. including tax is being made for admission. Various side shows and numerous attractions are being arranged, including an exhibition of "Painted Fabrics," which has been undertaken by disabled ex-Service men, particularly those who have lost one or both arms. The "Leighton" Orchestra, under the direction of Mr. F. Gibbs, late band instructor to the Q.M.A.A.C. at Bostall Heath, will play selections during the afternoon.

It is proposed to have a parade of "W.A.A.C." babies, provided there are not less than ten entries. Prizes will be given to those receiving most votes from the audience.

Prizes will be awarded in the following classes: Babies under 12 months old on December 3rd, 1921; babies under 2 years old on December 3rd, 1921. Entries can be sent to Miss Ireland, 81 Lancaster Gate, or can be given at the Bazaar up to 4 p.m. Contributions in money or kind will be gratefully accepted by Miss Ireland.

The dancing class is being held at 91 Belgrave Road (by kind permission of Mrs. Parkes) every Monday evening, at 8.15. Ball-room, fancy and Greek dancing. Members may join at any time, fee 5s. for ten lessons to members of the O.C.A., non-members 7s. 6d. For further particulars apply to Miss Colin Baillie, 37 Cranley Gardens, South Kensington, S.W.7., or to Miss Baillie on Monday evenings, at 91 Belgrave Road, S.W.1.

The Ex-Service Women's Club, Sydney, N.S.W.

On August 19th a very delightful dance was held at the Oxford Hall, when about a hundred couples were present, many of the men wearing the returned soldier's badge or naval uniform. The hall and vestibule, where supper was served, were gaily decorated with Japanese lanterns, gum tips and coloured streamers. The music was supplied by the Oxford Hall band, the extras being contributed by Mrs. Doyle and J. Spinks (ex-Waac) in most spirited fashion. As a souvenir of the occasion the programme, designed by Miss Usher, bore the badges of the various women's services composing our club. Among those present were Dr. Mary Booth (hon. president), Dr. Marjory Little (president), Miss Usher (hon. secretary), Miss Kelso King (Serb Army), Mrs. Howarth (V.A.D.), Mrs. W. W. Ingram (Women's Land Army), Miss Anita Onslow (Victoria League), Miss Bickerton (Green Cross), Mrs. Kyle (Y.W.C.A.), Mrs. Fox Clarke from Tasmania, Miss Rowsell (Soldiers' Club), Major Cooke Russell, Mr. Howarth, Mr. Lionel Lawson and Mr. White, of the Returned Soldiers' Imperial League, who acted as M.C. We were particularly glad to have with us Miller and Holland, two ex-Waacs who had only arrived the day before by the "Themistocles," and judging by the reception given them by their old comrades, we do not think they will have many lonely days in Sydney?

Thanks are due to those members who gathered gum leaves the previous day for decoration purposes, and also to those who kindly contributed cakes. The arrangements were in charge of an energetic Sub-Committee comprising Miss N. Dickson, Miss E. Smith (hon. treasurer), Miss S. Wyatt, Miss A. Thurston, Miss E. Evans, Misses A. and L. Sparks and Miss A. Bailey, and they are certainly to be congratulated on the success of the evening.

K. USHER, Hon. Secretary.

CORRESPONDENCE.

From Ontario, Canada.

I was a Waac when the war was on. I have lately heard of the O.C.A., and I would like to become a member. I would like the O.C.A. Gazette sent to me monthly. Through the Gazette could you let my former comrades know that I am in Canada. I am married. I was Worker Bessie K. Fairweather, No. 620, and I was attached to the R.E.B.D., Rouen, France. I joined the Women's Legion in February, 1917, and was stationed at the Enteric Depot in Surrey. I went to France in May, 1917, with the Waacs. Since my discharge in 1919 I returned to Canada, I was married in 1920. I would like my comrades to know where I am. I would love to hear from any of them, and I would answer all letters sent to me, my address is (Mrs.) H. E. Older, 44 Mount Pleasant Avenue, London, Ontario, Canada. I would be so grateful if you could help me to get in touch with my Old Comrades, as I am so far away and I cannot go and see them—I am, an old comrade in arms,

BESSIE K. OLDER.

(Formerly Wkr. Bessie K. Fairweather, No. 620,
W.A.A.C., Rouen, France).

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

F.K.B. (Cardiff).—(1) It is very difficult to get a clerical post just now, especially if you are not a shorthand writer, but it is always worth while registering at the Labour Bureau. The Ministry of Labour officials have been most helpful to our members. (2) On no account come to London unless you have friends who will take you in for an indefinite time. There are large numbers of clerks out of work in London, many of them with better qualifications than yours.

O.S.J. (Hendon, N.W.).—Read answer to F.K.B. Don't train as a secretary if you can help it. You are not likely to get a good post as you admit you know no foreign language and dislike figures. Why not try nursing or creche work? (2) Women's Service, 54 Victoria Street, will be able to advise you.

B.B.A. (Newbiggin).—(1) Yes, I got both your letters about the hockey club. It is confusing but I can't help it; at the moment I happen to fill both positions myself. I am answering your letter through the A.E.W.H.A. in case you miss this. (2) Northumberland and Durham are combining again this year, but Cumberland is running a team. (3) Don't do anything without consulting the Secretary of the local branch.

M.O.P. (Gunnersbury).—(1) Yes, that is the right address. (2) I have heard nothing since she sailed.

N.B.H. (Hythe).—Miss Davy and Mrs. Powell are joint hon. secretaries of the Service Women's Association. Mrs. Powell was a Deputy Controller, Q.M.A.A.C., and then transferred into the W.R.A.F.

S.H. (Liverpool).—There is no local branch in Liverpool at present, but the W.R.N.S. and W.R.A.F. O.C.A.'s are hard at work trying to get together a committee of Service women to start a United Services Club. Get in touch with them if you can.

F.M.L.C. (Bedford).—Mrs. Esslemont is Lady Superintendent at the Borough Polytechnic, Borough Road, S.E.

E.M.H. (Bristol).—No, there is no local branch in Bristol. I wish we could get one going but we seem to have very few members there, and no one to take a lead. As you say, there must be a number of ex-Q.M.A.A.C. in the city if only one could get hold of them.

F.G. (Hounslow).—Sorry you couldn't come to the dinner, but if you can get up for the bazaar you will see almost as many friends—and more chance of talking to them.

L.M.K. (Margate).—It is quite likely that a notice in this paper would put you in touch with your friends, otherwise a letter addressed care of O/c Q.M.A.A.C. Records Room, 158 War Office, would probably be delivered ultimately.

J.St.J.L. (Feltham).—See Local Branch report.

NEWS OF OLD COMRADES.

The following letter has been received from **Miss Jean Hawley**, from Toronto: "Since I started at the bank here another Waac has come too. She crossed over in the same boat, her name is **Stafford**. She is very enthusiastic, and tells me she ran into someone the other day (a Waac) who told her there were fifteen other Bourges Waacs in Toronto. We are going along to the Carlton Club a week to-night and are trying to arrange to get a lot of Waacs there. It is some sort of a Government Hostel, and I believe that heaps of Waacs stay there. Anyway, we are going to join and then try and wangle a room for the Waacs, especially as we hear that there is a piano and a gramophone. We think we ought to be able to manage quite a few stunts for the winter. I shall take along my Gazette and tell the girls about the O.C.A., and try and get as many to join as possible—sending money direct to Edinburgh for the Edinburgh Branch and direct to London for the London Branch. A few of us are very enthusiastic so we ought to be able to manage something. I shall let you know exactly what goes on."

Amy Turner (Wimereux, Vendroux) writes from Australia that she has met several of the old girls out there. Lady Forster, the Governor General's wife, is very good to the ex-Service women, she invited them to her house to tea, and gave them a real good time, they were taken around the grounds, and made thoroughly welcome. Lady Forster sent launches to fetch them as they lived a good distance away. **Miss Turner** says she is getting more used to it now, but did not like it at first. Several of the girls meet at the Soldiers' Club on Thursday evenings.

Miss Ellen Selvege (Wimbledon and Gordon Square) and her sister (Patrols) writes from Canada to say that they have both found very good posts at Government House. Ellen Selvege is maid to the lady, and is now with her in New York, and will be coming to England with her in the Spring. She has been travelling to various places ever since she has been there. They are both so happy, and only regret not having gone out there years before. She asks to have the Gazette sent out to them as they often talk and think about the time spent in the army, and are very keen to keep in touch with everything that goes on in England, amongst the Old Comrades. Their permanent address in Canada is 8 Eileen Avenue, West Toronto, Ontario.

Mrs. Holgate (St. John's Wood), **Ida Farmer** (Wimereux, Calais) are both out in New York, and doing very well. **Mrs. Durand** (Recruiting Controller) is proving herself a real benefactress to many of our ex-administrators by tackling the housing problem in a thoroughly practical way. She has taken some large houses in London, and has turned them into sets of unfurnished rooms with bathrooms, and has arranged for service to be provided when required. In one of her houses **Miss Haythorne** and **Miss Pratt** (both former D.C.C.'s) and **Miss G. Gordon** (Recruiting Controller) are living in flats one above the other, and in another house **Miss Cubison** and **Miss Gwen Nicholls** have recently established themselves.

We are very grateful to a correspondent who sends the following useful letter: "I should like you to insert the following notes in the Gazette. Since joining the Association I have eagerly scanned the News of Old Comrades columns, but have been unable to find news of the girls of Rouxnesnil Camp, Dieppe, **Miss Constance Sutton** was our Administrator when the camp was opened. From Rouxnesnil she was transferred to Rouen. She is now in Canada. **I. J. Thomson**, **K. Rowlinson** and **P. Halley** are in New York, **P. Kennedy** is in Canada, **W. E. Taylor** is married to E. Utting, and lives in Nakuru, British East Africa. She likes the life out there. **Bella Jones** is in Cardiff and **Edith Brown** at Wimbledon; **D. A. Philp** (F/wm. Clerk, General Stores) is now Mrs. A. Fillis, and lives at 20 Greenend Road, Bedford Park. She would be pleased to see any old Rouxnesnil girls. **Ruth** and **Nan Savage** are in Stratford-on-Avon. **May Mann** is married and lives at Byfleet."

Once more we have to offer our very hearty congratulations to **Miss M. C. Barlett**. Only last month, we heard that she had passed the Civil Service Examination, and was on the permanent staff at the Foreign Office. We are now informed that she has been selected as one of the

most efficient typists and most satisfactory all-round clerk to form one of the staff of the Foreign Office delegation to the Washington Conference. She sails on the "Celtic" early in the month, and will probably be in Washington before this appears in print. Our very best wishes go with her. The London Branch and the Headquarters Office will miss her badly, but we all hope she will have a thoroughly good time and get into touch with as many of our members in the States as possible.

Miss Edith Thompson (A.C.C.) has been returned head of the Poll at the Borough Council elections at Aldeburgh in Suffolk. There were nine nominations for four vacancies, and all the other candidates were men. **Miss H. M. Thompson** (Connaught Club) has a post at St. Paul's Girls' School. **Miss Herdman** is now on the staff at Ipswich High School, where she is in charge of one of the boarding houses. **Miss MacCarthy Jones** is still living in Ipswich. **Mrs. Chubb** has recently gone to live at Aldeburgh. Her daughter, **Miss Phillipe Chubb**, has a teaching post in France. **Mrs. Kingsley** (D.A., Devizes) is doing well at Niton, Isle of Wight and hopes to take a larger house in the new year, and so be able to cater for larger numbers. **Miss Davy** (C.C.) is still in Scotland, but hopes to be in London again about Christmas time. **Miss D. Mathews** (49 Grosvenor Street), is to be one of the Maids of Honour to the new Lady Mayoress of London. **Miss Molyneux** (Etaples, 2619) writes from Liverpool, saying how much she enjoys the Gazette, but regrets the absence of O.C.A. news from Liverpool. Now is your chance Liverpoolian members—send along your news.

Sincere apologies to **Mrs. Bond** (nee Eva MacGillivray) for the strange appearance of the notice of her wedding in the last number of the Gazette. It was apparently the small size of the card which led to the mistake, but all the same it was very careless and we are extremely sorry.

Miss I. M. Wilson (U.A., Scottish Command) is sailing for Rangoon almost at once. Her address will be c/o J. Laing Wilson, Esq., Callanders Cable Co., Ltd., c/o Burnham Oil Company, Nyonaghla, Upper Burma. **Miss E. L. Dunsworth** (Quarters F/W.) writes from the Northumberland Village Homes, Monkseaton: "I have been employed here for the last six months as Matron. My work is most interesting, and although strenuous, one really feels one is doing good by taking it up. It is an industrial school (I think the largest in the country) and one requires a great amount of patience and tact to manage the girls, but it is most encouraging when they turn out well. I look forward to and enjoy reading the Gazette each month, and wish the O.C.A. all the success it deserves."

It is pleasant to hear that **Miss E. K. Fowler** is back in Ireland, after all her wanderings. She writes: "When I read of all the good things the O.C.A. are doing I feel very envious. I should have dearly loved to go to the O.C.A. dinner and meet all my London District friends on the 12th November, but I cannot get over to London by then. I am sure Miss Ireland will make it a great success. I hope however, to be over in England in January, and will be able I hope to see something of my old Waac friends. I had **Miss Finny** staying here for a few days in August, and we had great chats over old days, and I saw **Miss C. Ardill** and **Miss Maver** here this summer. Is there a branch of the O.C.A. in Bath I wonder, as I expect to be there in the spring."

[Not yet, but there ought to be one for Bath and Bristol. Perhaps Miss Fowler will get it going?—Ed.]

Winifred Clark (late F/W. Abbeville III.) writes from 25 West Parade Dunstable, as follows: "I am rather keen to gather news of any old members of Camp III., Abbeville, particularly of **Gladwyn**, Hostel F/W. of that camp. Is it possible to make a request through your columns that some of them will fall in for the re-union dinner on 12th November? I shall be there and have already asked Miss Ireland to save us seats together. As soon as I can find an empty shop I am starting business for myself. It will be more of a curio shop, though not quite an antique one. In the meantime I am specialising in stencilled frocks, etc. The stencilling is done by disabled ex-Service men, so if only for that reason alone, I am very anxious to get it going. Another girl I would very much like to obtain news of is **Peggy Keir**. I believe her home is Glasgow. We went out on the same draft in July, 1917, and were more or less together until I was invalided home.

I am in touch with several, but nobody knows anything of Keir."

Miss M. D. Tipper writes from Bognor as follows: "You will be interested to know I am sailing for Australia on November 10th, having obtained a Government passage for which I am very grateful. I am going out to be married so I expect my home will be in Australia for some years. I should be glad to know if you have a branch of the Old Comrades in Perth, Western Australia as that is where I am going, and I should like to keep in touch with the Association. I had arranged to go out in the spring of this year, but my plans were all upset, but I hope now I am really going. My address will be c/o Mr. P. Chandler, Messrs. Phillips & Co., 6 Wellington Buildings, William Street, Perth, W.A."

Miss H. Hughes writes from the Saracen's Head Hotel, Beddgelert, N. Wales, to ask if we can put her in touch with two old friends of whom she has lost sight. They are **Miss V. G. Stonor**, of Brighton, clerk and storekeeper, once with the 4th Cheshires at Kimmel Park and Oswestry, and **Miss F. L. Critchley**, of Manchester, shorthand typist overseas—Can anyone help?

Miss Doris E. Kirby writes from the Mission Hospital, in Toronto, Canada. She has been ill, and is still feeling rather "down." She thinks the Gazette would cheer her up. The arrival of her two medals from the War Office has however given her great pleasure. The ex-Service organisation in Toronto is looking after her, but perhaps there is an old comrade somewhere within reach who could look her up. The address is, c/o the Fred Victor Mission, 145 Jarvis Street, Toronto, Ontario. Perhaps **Miss Jean Hawley** and some of the Bourges girls may be able to help. **Miss Lesley Triscott** is now Mrs. Arthur Carrington Tynedale, and she left England for Bombay on September 23rd on the "China."

The Secretary of the ex-Service Women's Club in Sydney tells us that the notice of the club which appeared in the April Gazette led to a visit from **Miss C. Eastgate** (U.A., Connaught Club). She passed through Sydney on her way from South Africa to New Zealand, where she is visiting her brother. There are now over 100 ex-Waac members of the Service Women's Club in Sydney.

Miss Leneghan, late U.A., D Square, Aldershot, is now Matron of the Somerset Agricultural School, at Camington Court, Bridgewater, Somerset. **Miss E. Taylor**, who was with Miss Leneghan in the Corps, is housekeeper at the school. **Miss J. M. Robinson**, late technical assistant administrator at Bostall Heath Camp, is sailing for Shanghai on the S.S. Nagoya on December 3rd, to take up an appointment as Matron at the Thomas Hanbury Boys School. Since demobilisation Miss Robinson has been Matron at the Ordination Test School, Knutsford.

Miss A. M. Turner (Worker 45779) writes very happily from Sydney. She went out last January, under the Overseas Settlement Scheme, and seems to have enjoyed the voyage out and all her new experiences. She says, "I think the climate must suit us, as most of us are getting stout!" **Mrs. Walrond Sweet** (Overseas and London District) has a post in connection with Cawston's Private Tours, Ltd., in Piccadilly. Her typist is also one of the Q.M.A.A.C.

Mrs. Leefe says: "I wish to express my gratitude for, and appreciation of the Gazette advertisement columns. My advertisement, which has appeared twice, has brought weekly orders totalling 14 dozen."

Miss Margaret C. Watson has started business as a house decorator, plumber, etc.; all her staff are ex-service. Her address is 37 Briton Street, W.1. **Miss R. E. Guest** (ex-F/W.) writes from Plymouth, and says she is full of envy for those who are able to join in the doings of the O.C.A. She says she wrote to the address at Stoke which was given her but had no reply. (Local branch please note—Ed.) Her address is 48 Hill Park Crescent, Motley, Plymouth. Miss Guest was delighted to hear through the Gazette of Miss Winifred Tyte, whom she had known at Winchester.

On the occasion of the visit of the King and Queen to the Channel Islands, **Miss Bartels** and **Miss Curtice**, who have now set up their own tomato growing farm, were introduced to their Majesties, who spoke with them of their experience in the Corps and were pleased to know they had both received decorations.

On the occasion of the dinner given in honour of Dame Adelaide Anderson recently, there was a great gathering of ex-Service women. **Dame Florence Leach, Dame Helen Gwynne-Vaughan, and Mrs. Chalmers Watson**, were there, and among others, **Dr. Jane Turnbull, Miss Pratt, Mrs. Andrews, Miss Haythorne, Miss E. Thompson, Miss Hodgkinson, Mrs. le Measurier (Mrs. Gimson), and Miss M.F. Anderson** (secretary to Mrs. Chalmers Watson). There were also a number of women whose names were household words to Q.M.A.A.C. Headquarters Staff—**Lady Amphill, Miss Durham, Miss Lilian Barker, Dr. Garrett Anderson and Dr. Flora Murray (of Endell Street), Lady Norman and Miss Julia Varley** (who visited some of the overseas camps), and many others.

LOCAL BRANCHES.

Birmingham—Miss Brinsford, 167 Birchfield Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.
Bournemouth and Dorset—Miss Lever, 13 Longfleet Road, Poole, Dorset.
Brighton—Miss Baron, 25 Wellington Road, Brighton.
Cardiff—Miss Narson, 4 Kyfeilog Street, Cathedral Road, Cardiff.
Cheltenham and District—Mrs. Higgins, Mill House, Elmley Castle, Pershore, Worcs.
Edinburgh—Miss Cowan, 6 Salisbury Road, Edinburgh.
Glasgow—Miss Gilchrist, 13 Royal Terrace West, Glasgow.
Leeds—Miss D. M. Thompson, Q.M.A.A.C., O.C.A., c/o Y.W.C.A., 19 Cookridge Street, Leeds.
London & District—Miss Murray, 81 Lancaster Gate, W.2.
Manchester—Miss Robinson, 5 King's Drive, Heaton Moor, Stockport.
Newcastle—Miss W. Maunder, 31 Norwood Avenue, Heaton, Newcastle-on-Tyne.
Norfolk—Miss Marsters, 51 Christchurch Road, Norwich.
Nottingham—Miss E. D. Newberry, 10 Melrose Avenue, Sherwood, Notts.
Oxford—Miss Haws, 12 Western Rd., Headington, Oxford.
Plymouth—Mrs. Marrack-Harvey, 49 Haddington Road, Stoke, Devonport.
Portsmouth—Miss Owen, c/o Mrs. Moody, 2 Avenue Road, North Hayling.
Reading—Miss Priestley, O.B.E., 55 Northumberland Avenue, Reading.
Southampton—Miss Mills, 27 Winn Road, Southampton.
South Wales—Miss Owen, the Palace, Abergwili, Carmarthenshire, S. Wales.
Wallsend-on-Tyne—Miss M. Conder, Y.W.C.A. Girls' Club, Wallsend-on-Tyne.

PERSONAL.

Lewis—Faurey.—On October 5th, at St. Peter's Church, Isham, Bertram Bryan, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Lewis, Isham, to Helen, second daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Faurey, The Villa, Grendon.
Bareham—Greene.—October 12th, 1921, by special licence at the residence of the bride's parents, by the Rev. Canon Carmondy, M.A., rector of Cathedral, Lisburn, Ireland, Henry E. Bareham, 13th R.F., attached A.P.C., to Alice Jefferson Greene, Unit 1, Wimereux.
Barlow—Mussell.—At Little Marlow, on the 8th October, Victor Barlow to Maudie A. Mussell (late Bristol Depot and Salisbury H.Q.).
Lammie—Kerr.—At Wardens Lodge, Mound Place, Edinburgh, on the 21st October, William Lammie, Edinburgh, to E. R. J. Kerr (late 237, of Casualty Branch, Rouen).
Macdonald—Robertson.—At Trossachs Parish Church, on the 8th October, John Archibald Lindsay, Lt., I.A.R.O., to Jessie, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Robertson, 139 Broughty Ferry Road, Stannargate, Dundee.
Holden—MacDiarmid.—At London on the 23rd July, B. S. W. Holden to J. MacDiarmid, Edinburgh (both late of Casualty Branch, Rouen).
Bond—MacGillivray.—At Peterhead on August 30th, H. L. Bond to Eva MacGillivray. Present address, 36 Half Moon Lane, Herne Hill, S.E. [Corrected Notice].

FORTHCOMING EVENTS.

London Branch Dance.—Will be held at the L.C.C. Schools, Ebury Bridge, St. George's Row, S.W.1., November 26th, at 7 p.m. Tickets 1s. 3d. each, to be obtained from

Mrs. Jackson, Headquarters Office, or from members of the Dance Sub-Committee.

W.V.R. Dance Club.—Will hold a dance at Bishopsgate Institute, Bishopsgate, on Saturday, November 19th, 6.30 to 11.0 p.m. Tickets 4s. (including refreshments) to be obtained from the General Secretary, O.C.A., Duke of York's Headquarters.

Women's Guild of Empire.—A meeting will be held at Morley Hall, Hanover Square, on Tuesday, November 22nd, at 8 p.m. Chair, Miss Decima Moore, C.B.E.; Speaker, Mrs. Flora Drummond, Controller-in-Chief, W.G.E.; subject, Women and the cure for unemployment. Admission free, collection to defray expenses. Ex-Service women specially invited.

W.R.A.F. Old Comrades' Association.—A fancy dress dance (optional) has been arranged, and will be held at Elverton Hall, Horseferry Road, Westminster, W.1., on Saturday, November 19th, 1921, at 7.30 p.m. A hearty invitation is extended to the Q.M.A.A.C. O.C.A. by the Branch Secretaries, and they hope to welcome many of its members. Prizes will be given for the most originally effective costumes, and credit given for simple and ordinary materials. Prizes will also be given for the best Fox Trot exhibition, two ladies may dance together. Tickets 3s. 6d. inclusive, to be obtained from Miss Campbell, 79 Gloucester Street, S.W.1. Please say whether ladies or gentlemen's tickets are required.

ADVERTISEMENTS

[Rates: Members of O.C.A., 1s. for four lines; non-members, 2s. 6d. for four lines. Larger advertisements by arrangement.]

The Clerical and Professional Women's Insurance Society is an Approved Society for professional and business women. The official valuation shows a surplus for additional benefits.—Write to the Secretary for particulars, 12 Buckingham Street, Strand, W.C.2.

TYPEWRITING. Literary, commercial, technical, translations, French, Spanish, German, etc., duplicating, circulars, programmes, notices, etc.—Miss Marion S. Mackenzie (Late D.A., Q.M.A.A.C.), 134 High Street, Stockton-on-Tees.

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.

New Book, just published, "Memories of France," fully illustrated, dedicated by special permission to Her Excellency Lady Forster, price 3/6, post free 3/9, from the Author, Miss C. Neale, M.B.E. (late U.A. Rouen, Etaples, Honfleur, Havre)—114a Post Office Chambers, Pitt Street, Sydney, Australia.

WANTED. Cook and house-parlour-maid (Q.M.A.A.C. housemaid kept) for small house in Surrey, good wages and outings.—Apply Box 509, Q.M.A.A.C. Offices.

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.

Smart Business Women Wanted as Agents, all over the World, to solicit orders from Manufacturers and others, for the sale of British and Continental goods, and for the export of native produce. Gums, Oils, Chemicals, etc. Liberal percentage paid, as remuneration.—Write Cameron-Swan and Reynolds, Ltd., Import and Export Merchants, 110, Fenchurch Street, London, E.C.3.

W.A.A.C. Hostels, Belgrave Road.—Address Mrs. Parkes, M.B.E., 83, 89 and 91 Belgrave Road, S.W.1. Please note this and address all letters correctly.

"Johnnie of the Q.M.A.A.C." This book can now be obtained at 3/6 a copy, postage extra, from the Hon. Sec., Edinburgh Branch.

The "Leighton" Orchestra, Conductor, F. Gibbs, late Grenadier Guards Band, late Band Instructor, W.V.R. and Q.M.W.A.A.C.'s. Bands provided for all occasions. Smart blue and white uniform or evening dress.—Terms on application, phone Latchmere 4528, 78 Manor Street, Clapham, London, S.W.4.

WANTED. Enquiries for hand stencilled frocks and jumpers in charmeuse, georgette or silk jersey cloth. Cushion covers, table runners and curtains in shantung, black satin and other fabrics. All stencilling done by disabled ex-service men. If sufficient enquiries, will arrange to bring selection of goods to any h.c. centre, and if anyone knows of a small empty shop in good district and will forward particulars to me, I shall be more than grateful.—Winifred Clark (late F/w.n. 1502, Camp III, Abbeville) 25 West Parade, Dunstable, Beds.

WANTED. Experienced cook general, middle-aged preferred for small country house, three miles from Bampton, two in family, good wages, comfortable home, good references necessary.—Heap, Sandy-sike, Bampton, Carlisle.

Rooms to Let. Miss Laird can thoroughly recommend superior accommodation for two girls, bed-room with two beds, use of sitting-room with breakfast and dinner and week-end meals, 30/- to 35/- each per week.—Apply Mrs. Pontet (Ex-F.W.), 36 Hampstead Road (continuation of Tottenham Court Road).