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EDITORIAL

Christmas Greetings from H.M. the Queen.

In response to our Christmas telegram Dame Florence Leach received the following letter from the Lady in Waiting, "I am commanded by the Queen to thank you for your telegram, and she hopes you will convey to the members of Queen Mary's Army Auxiliary Corps Old Comrades' Association Her Majesty's keen appreciation of their loyal good wishes. The Queen is much touched at the kind thought which prompted the telegram."

Princess Mary's Wedding Present: Shilling Fund.

In response to a very generally expressed wish on the part of the members, the C.C.A. Council has decided to set on foot a collection for a wedding present for Princess Mary. Members are invited to send donations of one shilling, which must be received by the General Secretary not later than January 31st. The whole idea of the present is that it should be quite spontaneous, and members will not be canvassed nor worried to subscribe, but at the same time, we hope shillings will come along in sufficient quantities to make the gift worthy of Q.M.A.A.C.

Service Women's Association.

The decorations and repairs to the holiday home at St. Leonards-on-Sea are well in hand. It is hoped to open shortly. Miss Walton, who was stationed at Folkestone and later at the Q.M.A.A.C. Hospital, Isleworth, has been appointed Superintendent, and is looking forward to meeting many old friends.

26 South Parade, Southsea, has been purchased for a club for all ex-Service women, and as soon as the repairs and decorations are complete will be furnished and opened as a residential and non-residential club. Miss McGuire Bate (Q.M.A.A.C. Overseas), has been appointed Superintendent. It is expected that the club will prove a great success.

The British Legion.

A number of letters have been received from correspondents who are puzzled as to the exact status of the ex-Service woman with regard to the British Legion. As one of them expresses it, it is indeed a puzzle, but as the matter is now under consideration by the Service Women's Association we may safely leave it for the time being. The following extracts may be of interest in this connection:—

From "Time and Tide," of December 2nd—

The British Legion, that otherwise apparently excellent body, is marred and hampered by its attitude towards women. It would be well-advised to think the matter over and make up its mind, first, as to what it means by "Ex-Service women," and, secondly, whether it cannot cast off the pre-enfranchisement classification of "women" together with "criminals" and "lunatics" as something apart and requiring peculiar treatment. In short, more "Ex-Service" and less "women."

From the "Women's Leader," of December 9th—

Why do ex-Service men refuse full membership to British ex-Service women while admitting naturalised non-combatant men who have served seven days in an Allied Force? An ex-Service woman, may, along with relatives of ex-Service men, come in by a back door to a Women's Auxiliary Service, but as she is not

classified as an ordinary member, she is not entitled to vote, or hold office, or be a member of any Council or committee of the Legion. At the first Conference of the Legion a resolution was passed demanding from the Government "the removal of female labour in all Government Departments, same to be replaced by ex-Service men as far as possible." The ex-Service woman without votes or representation in the Legion, and outnumbered in the Women's Auxiliary Section by the women relatives of ex-Service men, has no chance. Even the Section itself was organised, and its constitution designed, by the men, entirely from the point of view of their own dependants. Meanwhile, ex-Service men in the Branches beg the local ex-Service women to come in as Auxiliary or Honorary members in order that the interests of ex-Service men may be advanced. And the ex-Service women are, naturally, hesitating. Possibly they do not realise that any Branch has the right, under Rules 7 and 13, to propose an amendment to the Legion's constitution. Notice of such amendments has to be given in writing to the General Secretary of the Legion three months before the date of the Conference, and the second annual Conference will take place at Whitsuntide, 1922. Perhaps ex-Service women, by joining Branches as auxiliary members, might be able to do better work for their women comrades than by remaining aloof until they are invited in by the front door.

Overseas Settlement.

It is now too late to apply for free passages to the Dominions. The closing date for the receipt of applications was December 31st, 1921. Over one thousand ex-members of Q.M.A.A.C. have benefited by these free passages.

Central Committee's Grants for Training.

This committee, having given training to many women in a wide range of occupations, and having allocated a large part of their funds, are obliged now to fix a closing date for applications for training. All women who desire to apply for assistance should do so before March 1st of this year. The committee are particularly interested in two developments of the original scheme. Firstly, homecraft courses for the training of unskilled and unemployed women who undertake to enter residential domestic service at the end of the course. Candidates, who must be between the ages of sixteen and thirty-five, will in future be required to give an undertaking that they will enter resident domestic service on the completion of their training. Secondly, the homemakers' course, for the assistance and instruction of women workers who are suffering from hardship through prolonged unemployment. Women between the ages of eighteen and forty only are eligible for these courses. The committee also gives grants towards outfits for women and girls entering resident domestic service.

A large number of our members have been trained with the help of grants from this committee since leaving the Corps, and some of them are already "making good" in the various careers for which they were prepared.

Presentation by the Marchioness of Londonderry.

It will be remembered that owing to the courage and presence of mind of Miss McCloskey at Shanghai-on-Thames last summer an accident which might have had tragic results was averted. Miss McCloskey jumped into the river fully dressed and saved one of our members who was in great difficulties. Her plucky act was brought to the notice of the Royal Humane Society, who promptly awarded their certificate for life-saving to Miss McCloskey. This was presented to her by the Marchioness of Londonderry at Belfast on December 13th, on the occasion of a sale of work in aid of disabled soldiers. Lady Londonderry spoke

as follows: "Before declaring this sale open I have a very special duty to perform, a duty which I regard as a great privilege. Dame Florence Leach, who commanded the Q.M.A.A.C. during the war, wrote and asked me to present this certificate to Miss McCloskey, who formerly served with the Q.M.A.A.C. Through a close association with the Service women, and knowing them as I do, her conduct on this occasion caused me no surprise, but I am proud indeed to be the mouthpiece in congratulating her on her heroism, and to be able to give expression to the admiration that we feel of her conduct, and especially the corps in which she served, whose traditions she has so worthily upheld."

Miss McCloskey writes: "I shall always have a very grateful remembrance of the kindness of Lady Londonderry. She was quite charming to me. She spoke most kindly and insisted that the presentation should be made before she opened the sale. I felt very nervous, but not after I had met her. She spoke so splendidly of the Q.M.A.A.C."

We all feel grateful to Lady Londonderry for making such a pleasant little ceremony of the presentation, and for saying such nice things about us, and we ask her to accept the hearty thanks of the O.C.A. for her kindness and her friendly action.

Our Contemporaries.

The Editor acknowledges with sincere thanks the receipt of the following publications: "The Wren" for December, which contains an interesting account of the annual dinner; "The Wraf Leaflet," looking extremely smart as a double Christmas number, with a cover and three illustrations. The frontispiece is an excellent photograph of Dame Helen Gwynne Vaughan: the local branch reports are full of news, and it is very pleasant to see how frequently the three services offer hospitality to each other all over the country. A welcome stranger is the "Ex-Service Women's Bulletin" for October, being the first issue of the official organ of the Service Women's Club at Sydney, New South Wales. There are many references in its pages to our Old Comrades, who evidently form a large proportion of the members. The 19th London Regiment "Memories" is a splendid issue, and has been eagerly read, it is well illustrated and is altogether an impressive publication. Where is the "Edinburgh News Sheet" please? We never see this, and correspondents always assume that we do. May the necessary action be taken to expedite this, please.

Q.M.A.A.C., 1917—1921.

It will take the last of the Q.M.A.A.C. a long time to forget the 26th and 27th September, 1921. All, with but one exception, had been at Headquarters, Director of Graves Registration and Enquiries, later known as H.Q., British Troops in France and Flanders, for a year and a half, many of them very much longer, so that leaving St. Pol camp meant leaving what had become a very happy home to everyone. We had been well spoiled from the G.O.C. to the privates, but it was appreciated, and, I think, we all did some spoiling in return. There was nothing that we asked for that was refused us. Perhaps, by now, it is understood in the army that a Waac request is mostly a reasonable one.

There were a series of farewell gatherings during the last week in camp. A big dance, to which the troops from Calais came, also the director, and members of the Imperial War Grave Commission from St. Omar, two of whom are ex-Waacs.

The sergeants gave a social in their mess, where our O.C. made a farewell speech, and concluded by saying that they had been fortunate in the camp in having so many "bright faces" to work with, thus alluding to the Waacs. Finally we had a tea party in the "Waackery," a very cheerful and successful evening it was, attended by the O.C. and his wife.

Monday, 26th September, we had to be up early in order to leave our quarters clean and tidy. Needless to say they were beautiful when we left them.

Breakfast 7 a.m., and at 9 a.m. we marched out of the camp with the "boys." As we passed the little British Military Cemetery I think we all felt a pang of sadness in knowing that we were leaving one of our members behind, 10884, Wkr. A. Miller, who died from pneumonia. Her grave will be well cared for.

The French people came to their doors to watch us pass, and to call au revoir and bon voyage to us. We entrained at St. Pol, but had not gone far on our way when we had to change from one train to another, walking down the line, as the train just before ours had been derailed and lay smashed across both lines. The accident was due to worn out rails—it might easily have happened to our train instead. Poor last Waacs had it been so. This delayed us an hour, and we only reached Boulogne in time to catch the connection, minus luggage, and we reached Calais Ville at 2 p.m. Here we said goodbye to the troops, as they remained in Calais for drafting or demobilisation two days later. The Q.M.A.A.C. and V.A.D. attached were taken down to the quay in an enormous charabanc.

Most of the staff and many friends came down to see us leave France, and we had a great send off as the boat moved out from Calais. It was really "the last Waacs leaving France," and, though it was sad, it was also wonderful. The end of a corps that had counted.

Unfortunately, with all the luggage we had, and "customs," pretending to be officious, we missed our train, at Dover, by a minute. We actually saw it move out of the platform. However, we arrived at Victoria eventually, and had a very happy homecoming. We cannot be too grateful to Dame Florence for coming out so late to see us, or to the officials of the Helena Club, 81 Lancaster Gate for their hospitality, which extended over several days. It is truly good to have been a "last" Waac.

We were finally demobilised at the War Office and visited the Command Paymasters Office next day, 27th September, 1921. That was the official end, but the members unanimously felt that they would, as their last act, like to take some flowers to the Cenotaph. So, at 10 a.m., on the 28th, as many as were able, all had subscribed, met in Whitehall, and we laid our wreath at the foot of the Cenotaph to the "boys" who, unlike ourselves, would not come back. We then went to Westminster Abbey to visit the grave of the Unknown Warrior. We, from St. Pol, have a special feeling towards the Unknown Warrior, as it was in our camp that he was chosen from other unknown soldiers, and it was in our camp chapel that he lay the night of 8th—9th November, 1920, before being carried to Boulogne and England, and Westminster Abbey.

I would like, on behalf of the last unit, to thank all the ex-Waacs who came to Victoria Station, and who gave us such a splendid welcome on our return. It was very much appreciated, and made us realise fully that we were not 31 Waacs, but members of a great army. I think we all felt very proud of ourselves in consequence.

Since our return I have attended a general meeting and the Q.M.A.A.C. re-union dinner. On both occasions our C-in-C., Dame Florence Leach, made reference to our unit. I wish every member from St. Pol had been present to hear the nice things she said about them. But, I should like the Old Comrades to know that it was greatly their influence and example that kept us thorough Waacs to the very end. With no supervision, and in peace days, it would have been easy to relax into civilian ways and civilian dress, but with 50,000, and more, ex-Waacs before us we knew we must always live up to them, and carry on their good traditions. So, though there was no "issue," we managed to keep the coat-frocks together; to keep Waac regulations, and finally to come home as true Waacs as our thousands of predecessors.

I think four members of the Q.M.A.A.C. deserve special mention. They were amongst the first girls to join up in 1917. Three have returned with the last unit, and one only six months before, so that they have been through the corps from beginning to end. A fine record.

182, Wkr. E. Norden, 28th April, 1917, to 3rd March, 1921; 420, F/W. M. Griffiths, 9th May, 1917, to 27th September, 1921; 465, F/W. M. McWilliam, 15th May, 1917, to 27th September, 1921; 470, Wkr. N. O'Connor, 13th May, 1917, to 27th September, 1921.

A special photograph was taken at the War Office of those members who had but three or four figures to their numbers. Besides the above there were seven other members included in these. The last recruit was 53332, M. Yule, and the last member to be demobilised was Hostel F/W. E. Lawrence.

VERE BRODIE OF BRODIE.

(late S.U.A., H.Q., B.T. in F. and F.)

LOCAL BRANCH REPORTS FOR DECEMBER.

Bournemouth.

We have been very quiet lately, but it is difficult to arrange a meeting to suit everyone. Four of the members paraded with the Poole Branch of the British Legion on Armistice Sunday, and we found ourselves between two detachments of V.A.D. On Remembrance Day several of the members sold poppies and I had the pleasure (?) of acting as honorary secretary, and I do not think I shall ever forget the awful moment when we realised that Legion Headquarters had only sent us 5,000 poppies for a population of something like 45,000! Miss Trotter has very kindly offered us the use of a room in her house for our next meeting which I hope will take place about the end of next month.

F. E. LEYER.

Brighton and East Sussex.

An informal whist drive has been arranged for Wednesday, January 4th. In future we hope to have one every month. The committee hope that members made special note of the social on Wednesday, January 11th, announced in last month's Gazette. We want to make up a theatre party some evening this month, and also to start again the rambles over the Downs that some of us enjoyed so much last summer.

The committee were disappointed in the attendance at the dance on November 29th. Some trouble had been taken over the arrangements in order that there should be a really good band, etc. Those who did come had a very jolly evening, and enjoyed dancing to some of the good old tunes of camp days.

H. H. BARON.

Edinburgh and East of Scotland.**NEW YEAR MESSAGES.**

Please wish all Old Comrades in Edinburgh and East of Scotland a very happy new year.—FLORENCE LEACH.

A happy new year to all our members at home and abroad. I hope 1922 will bring us many new old comrades.—ALICE LOW.

The following new committee was elected at the general meeting: Mrs. Chalmers Watson, C.B.E., M.D., president, Miss Low, O.B.E., chairman, Miss Lambert, deputy chairman, Miss J. H. Cowan, hon. secretary and treasurer, Miss Finlay, M.B.E., the Misses Davidson, Folkard, Lush, Tait, Jack, Innes, Brownlee, Savage, Cowie, Finlayson, A. Mackay, Rose, Melville, M. Geddie, Douglas, Mitchell, N. Mackay.

Letter from the Chairman.

My dear Folkard.—It was with the strongest feelings of gratitude and pleasure that I opened the beautiful canteen of plate sent me by the Old Comrades' Association. I write to ask you to convey to our members my very grateful thanks and to tell them that the gift is already in daily use. I possessed nothing of the kind and the canteen chosen is a very fine one, and in such excellent taste. It is so nice to have it with its delightful inscription, and perhaps what pleases me most is to feel that it is sent to me with the love of my comrades. In your letter you did not mention the dear little white fur coat which I received some weeks ago as part of the same gift. It is so useful and I often wear it. I thank you all more than I can say. I am making good progress, and all the time feel that the sooner I can renew my health, the sooner I shall be able to take my part again in the life of the Association and of the club. Again thanking you all, I am, your affectionate chairman.—ALICE LOW.

We are all delighted to hear of Miss Low's good progress and hope that during 1922 she will return to our midst having made a complete recovery.

DANCE.—A dance will be held in the Hill Street Hall on January the 4th, from 8 till 2. Tickets price, ladies 6s., gentlemen 6s. 6d., can be had at the club, 22 Rutland Square, or Miss Tait, 27 Minto Street, Edinburgh.

RE-UNION DINNER.—It is hoped to arrange for a reunion dinner, to be held in March at the new club, 12 Drumsheugh Gardens, Edinburgh.

NEW YEAR PARTY.—A New Year Party will be held at 22 Rutland Square on Saturday, January the 14th. Our guests on that occasion being twenty-six blinded soldiers

from Newington House. It is hoped that as many members as possible will turn up that afternoon, at 5 o'clock, and help to make it a real success. Gifts of cakes, scones, fruit, etc., will be gratefully received by the club secretaries, Misses Jack and Tait.

HOCKEY CLUB.—Miss Innes reports that the members of the Hockey Club are making great progress and that it is hoped shortly to arrange for matches with other teams. One match has already been played—Home Service v. Overseas, the result being 3 nil, in favour of Home Services.

SEWING CLASS.—The Sewing Class meets every Thursday evening, and Miss Lethbridge reports that much useful work is being accomplished.

NEW CLUB.—Members will be glad to know that at a meeting of the Provisional Committee, Miss May Finlay, M.B.E., was unanimously appointed secretary of the Women's United Services Club. There were many applicants for the post and we are proud to think it has been given to an ex-Q.M.A.A.C. Miss Finlay since the formation of this branch, has worked unceasingly for its benefit. Her keen interest, tact and energy have endeared her to all and it is with the greatest confidence we look forward to the success of the club.

Badges.—Badges can be had from the Secretary, price 1s. 6d. each. "Winsome Waacs."—Copies can be had from the Secretary, price 3s. 6d. each. "Johnnie of the Q.M.A.A.C."—This book is now sold at 3s. 6d. At present there are no copies in hand but it is hoped to have further supply soon.

Glasgow and West of Scotland.**A Guid New Year to all Old Comrades.**

UNITED SERVICES CLUB FOR WOMEN.—On and after 11th January, 1922, the United Services Club for Women, 212 Bath Street, will be open every evening 6 to 10 p.m., afternoon 12 to 2 p.m., Saturdays included. Gas ring and fires are provided. Annual subscription for the club, 2s. 6d., and 1s. 3d. deposit for key, to be sent to Miss Lander, Secretary, United Services Club, 212 Bath Street, or paid at the club. The usual Q.M.A.A.C. Wednesday evening meeting will now be held at the Club Room, 212 Bath Street, and a Q.M.A.A.C. guest night will be held at the same place on the last Wednesday of each month, when members may bring one friend, male or female. The formal opening of the club will take place in February, and will be advertised in the daily papers.

A little party assembled at the Carlton for dinner before proceeding to the club on Wednesday, 14th December. The guest of the evening was Miss Davy (Chief Controller, Q.M.A.A.C., Overseas) who had journeyed from Edinburgh to visit the members here. Old friendships were renewed, new friends made and a very happy evening spent. The members greatly appreciated Miss Davy's visit, and the kind thought which prompted her to come.

A Christmas Party and guest night was held in the Berkeley Halls on Tuesday, 20th December. The rooms were beautifully decorated, and a large company of members and friends turned out. The tea table groaned under its gift of cakes and fruit. A pianist and entertainer were engaged and everyone thoroughly enjoyed the evening. An iced chocolate cake made by Miss Coulter, with O.C.A. picked out in silver balls was thought too good to cut up and eat, so was raffled for the Hockey Club Funds. The 2d. tickets brought in a sum of 15s.

This Branch is under a deep debt of gratitude to Miss Nisbet, who has so nobly held the fort during Miss Lockhart's absence through illness, and provided tea every Wednesday evening thus giving the club rooms a homely atmosphere.

COOKERY CLASS.—A special evening cookery class of ten demonstrations on superior household cookery has been arranged and will take place at the College of Domestic Science, beginning Monday, January 16th, 1922, and each Monday thereafter. Fee 10s. 6d. for the course. Through the kindness of the Principal and Committee of the College Miss McKirdy, so well known in the West of Scotland, and Head Teacher at the College, will be the demonstrator.

HOCKEY.—Practices are held each Saturday. The Secretary, Miss Steele, 93 Sinclair Drive, Langside, is always pleased to welcome new members.

HOLIDAY RE-UNION.—On Christmas Eve a few old Comrades met at the Ca'dora Restaurant to greet Misses McCreddie and Winter, members of this branch who were passing through Glasgow from Plymouth on their way home for Christmas. As several had not met them since old Army days, there was much to talk about, and the short time passed all too quickly, as an O.C. Re-union always does. Meetings such as this show the benefit of belonging to an O.C.A. Branch otherwise "all of a sudden" gatherings could not be arranged, so keep in touch with the Club and send along your subscription and thus make sure of membership until January, 1923.

E. M. GILCHRIST.

Manchester.

The general meeting of the club will take place on January 13th, at the Clydesdale Club, and the committee for the following year will be elected. A loan of £20 has been granted to us for the purchase of a piano for the use of members of the O.C.A. The money has to be returned within twelve months, so the Secretary will be pleased to receive guaranteed subscriptions, however small, per month for a year from members, to clear off the debt.

The visit to the pantomime has been fixed for January 24th, tickets 3s., by post 2d. extra, from the Secretary. The Clydesdale Club have offered to supply us with tea before the show, those wishing to avail themselves of this offer should notify the Secretary a few days beforehand.

M. A. ROBINSON.

South Wales.

Cardiff members have been having some very successful social evenings. They are soon going to have permanent club quarters, when the Women's Section of the British Legion have obtained part of a house in a central position and will rent them their rooms once a week and at other times when required.

It is hoped that members of this branch will pay in their subscriptions without any further reminder, as all subscriptions are now due. Miss Mabel Tait (Wimereux) and Miss N. J. Chenell (Rouen) have been transferred to the London Branch.

London.

The Secretary would be glad to have particulars of any member of the O.C.A. who is ill, either at home or in hospital.

A social (dancing and whist) will be held on Saturday, January 28th, at 7 p.m., in the Lee Hall, Great Ormonde Street, Southampton Row, W.C.1. Tickets (which include refreshments, may be had free of charge on written application to the Secretary, Miss Murray, 81 Lancaster Gate, W.2.

A joint services ramble is being arranged for Sunday, February 12th. Members to meet at Bromley South Station at 11.30 a.m.

The London Branch Bazaar, held on December 3rd, was undoubtedly a great success, both socially and financially. It was most encouraging to have so many supporters present at the opening, which was performed by the Lady Bertha Dawkins. Dame Florence Leach, D.B.E., was in the chair and a vote of thanks was proposed by Miss E. Thompson, C.B.E., seconded by Mrs. Powell, O.B.E. Lady Bertha Dawkins was presented with a bouquet of carnations by Yvonne Martin, the small daughter of an ex-Waac (Signal Section). In the early afternoon the crowd was so great that it appeared impossible to move and the stallholders were kept very busy, much to their delight. Many Old Comrades who had not met since demobilisation visited the Bazaar, which proved a veritable re-union.

The financial result exceeded the expectation of the Committee. Net profit amounting to £257 2s. 3d.

We were most grateful to the Portsmouth, Edinburgh, and Glasgow Branches, for their support, also to the innumerable Old Comrades living in the country and Overseas who sent gifts. It cheered us tremendously to feel that our interest in the success of the bazaar was shared by them also. Miss Batty, from Alexandria, sent a large consignment, and Miss Bertrand and Miss Mainland, in Cologne, also remembered us. Miss Ireland would like to take this opportunity of thanking all those who sent her contributions in money or in kind. Although personal letters of thanks were sent to most donors, it is feared that in the rush which was experienced on the morning of the

bazaar some contributors may have been overlooked. She would also like to express her indebtedness to all the stallholders and those who assisted on the day of the bazaar for their indefatigable and untiring efforts.

RECEIPTS.

	£	s.	d.
To Sale of Tickets	13	11	5
„ Sale of Tickets at Door, 3/12/21	4	19	7
„ Donations	19	10	6
„ Receipts from Stalls—			
Cakes	23	18	0
Cushions	17	15	6
Camisoles	52	19	4
Handkerchiefs	11	10	0
Competitions	4	19	1
Refreshments	19	3	3
51 Belgrave Road	51	10	9
Fairy Dolls	5	9	1
Toys	10	18	2
Sweets	16	5	3
Pound	3	12	6
Produce	9	9	5
Toilet	16	1	7
Stationery	11	5	0
Parcels	3	4	10
Painted Fabrics	4	5	1
	239	15	10
„ Side Shows	14	2	3
„ Fortune Telling	1	15	6
„ Bran Tub	2	15	4
„ Raffles (not arranged by Stalls)	5	15	6
„ Sundry Auction	1	17	7
„ Stallholders' Sweepstake	1	5	0
„ Profit on Sale of 35 Badges	0	17	6
	£306	6	0

PAYMENTS.

	£	s.	d.
By Entertainment Tax Stamps, Less amount on hand	3	8	0
„ Purchases for various Stalls	24	12	11
„ „ for Refreshments and Transport	5	0	0
„ „ of St. Dunstan's Bags	2	5	0
„ „ of Wood for Stalls	0	8	8
„ „ of Flowers for Lady Bertha Dawkins	0	17	10
„ Printing	4	6	0
„ Taxi Fares	1	0	9
„ Carriage on Produce Hamper	0	2	5
„ Postage	1	9	8
„ Gratuities	2	7	6
„ Band (Donation given to cover this item—see contra.)	3	2	6
„ Raffle Books	0	2	6
	257	2	3
„ Balance—NET PROFIT	49	3	9
	£306	6	0

Winnipeg.

Twenty-five Ex-Service women, all of whom served with their units on the various fields of action during the war, attended a re-union held recently in the Y.W.C.A. Some of the members came in from outlying districts. It was the unanimous decision of the meeting to form an old comrades' association here, and a committee was appointed to make arrangements. This executive includes Miss M. E. MacDonald, Dr. Ellen Douglass, Miss C. Gourlay, Miss G. Crowter and Miss B. Ewan.

CORRESPONDENCE.

From Palestine.

Many times I have intended to write to you since we started life out here. We have just completed one year in four E.P. tents, and have gone through all the discomforts of the hot and rainy seasons in them, and regret that we have to desert them for huts, as they are no longer even pretending to be weather-proof. My small daughter was born in one of them in June this year, and the son has learned to walk and talk in them, so they are full of memories! Unhappily, they are full of numerous other things, too; in this country one gets its plagues of frogs, fleas, bugs, mice, red ants, crickets, and a hundred and one other varieties of pest. We have killed several scorpions, one tarantula, and two small adders in the tents, and there are hundreds of small lizards in the grounds. This is a headquarter camp of tents and huts, placed round a well, and two houses of German-build, used by the General staff. The country round is glorious, very muddy in winter and sandy in summer though. The heat this year has been intense and is wearing even to the most vigorous. Despite it, I am glad to feel that my little daughter (Eve Charmian) is quite strong and happy

--but it is not a good climate for children--and we shall not allow either of them to spend another hot season here. We hope to go to India (Quetta) shortly, and from thence on to Japan if it can be arranged, and complete a journey round the world to be back in England when it is time to put the small son to school--but this is looking far ahead. I have not seen very much of the country yet, except Jerusalem and Jaffa, but hope to do a small tour before we leave, and stay also, if we can, in Damascus. The period of the Jaffa riots was rather interesting here; and next time--and there is undoubtedly going to be a next time--it is expected that matters will be more serious. It is far more dangerous on the whole for an English family than might be expected; fortunately at present the Arabs confine their enmity to the Jews, and especially the Jewish agricultural colonies and immigrants. In spring, the land is deep in flowers, and one feels that it is worth while to spend a year here, to see the first burst of spring alone. There is a polo tournament on this week, and the hunting season (jackals) begins again on Thursday--other than that there is shooting (quail and snipe later), tennis, golf, dancing, and the usual things enjoyed in camp life. We move into huts in October for the rainy season, which comes with a burst of thunder and lightning and a heavy downpour.

The road through the Judean hills is perfectly wonderful, and that again makes it worth while to stay in the country. There were great rejoicings here and at Jaffa in July when part of the fleet put in--and the usual festivities. Though one lives in tents here the actual life often is quite suburban--and to me does not appeal so much as a purely camp life, as there is a certain incongruity about.

I have had no news here, except what the W.A.A.C. paper gives. This letter is intensely interesting from the "personal" news point of view when one is so far from everybody and everything.

MARY H. COPE.

(Formerly Mrs. Hiscock, U.A.).

From Wellington, New Zealand.

I was very pleased to get your letter in February, when I was canning peaches in Yanco. There I met Millie Barrett, ex-Q.M.A.A.C. Since Easter Monday I have been in New Zealand, and I very much prefer it to New South Wales. I like--generally speaking--both people and climate better. I think wages for female domestic labour average much the same, more in the country than in town. I have been in Auckland--delightful city--Napier, New Plymouth, Wanganui, and Wellington. Down the Wanganui River--from Laumarinui to Pipinki, etc.--visited Wairakei, Tanpo, Wairamari, etc., and for two months worked at the Government Sanatorium, Rotoma--a most fascinating place--but eclipsed entirely by Wairakei, which I visited later. I have just been keeping house at a station 27 miles from a town, for ten or eleven weeks, at £2 a week. As travelling is fairly expensive in New Zealand, this about pays my fares, etc., back to Sydney. If I stayed in this country I could do quite well taking temporary work as housekeeper. Nearly all the women on stations go to maternity homes when about to be confined, and in most cases they require temporary helps for some weeks. Of course, going about as I do, what I make does not quite pay my way. I met a girl yesterday who had been in Q.M.A.A.C. and then in the R.A.F. She is getting 34/6 as a waitress at the Salvation Army Hotel, her keep, and a nice bedroom to herself. She arrived only about two weeks ago. [Name, please.--Ed.]. Some of the girls don't settle down very well as they are not prepared to work hard. The helps in the country generally get 30/- weekly, are in most cases treated well, and have the chance of learning to ride. I was kept five days at the port before I could take up work as housekeeper, because all the creeks and rivers were so flooded they could not be forded. When I left, the sea was so rough that the launch could not put out. Here you are slung in a basket from launch to the steamer--very interesting, but somewhat precarious--so I had to

drive on to the next port. All this runs away with any profits which might accrue from a temporary job. It is no unusual thing for a girl to receive a cheque for £50 to £60 after some months' work on a station. At present there seems a good deal of domestic work for the girls--but for men there is absolutely nothing. Things are very bad, and even domestic work is not nearly so plentiful in Auckland, etc., as it was five months ago. I hope to go on to Canada in about three or four months, touching at Fiji and Honolulu en route. I spent a delightful three weeks in Tasmania before Christmas. Good openings there for domestic workers. Nice people; pay not so high as in Australia.

M. M. MATTHEWS.

From Victoria, British Columbia.

Many thanks for your welcome note of the 30th August last with the more welcome enclosures, namely, Gazettes for June, July, and August. I am so pleased to have them, and have thoroughly enjoyed reading them. It was something like a serial story. How I would love to have been able to spend a holiday at Shanghai this year. It sounds even more delightful than the camp of last year (if that is possible). I have received one or two letters from comrades of the far-off days, which have been very much appreciated. I cannot understand how it is that I seem to be the only ex-W.A.A.C. in Victoria. Is this really so? I hope to spend a holiday in Vancouver at the end of the year, and shall look up some of the girls there, so I would be extremely grateful if you would send me the names and addresses of those members. Perhaps you would be good enough to hand the same to Miss Taplin or Miss Vicary to forward to me. I can hardly realise that I have been over here for six months. The time has gone so very quickly. I am still thoroughly enjoying the life here and the kindnesses of many new-found friends. It would be delightful to meet a "Comrade" all the same to talk over the times when we LIVED (?) I have to content myself with chuckling to the wall at the many incidents that will return to my mind of the days in camp and at the hostels. What a wonderful person the "Angel" in the real Shanghai must be to be able to charm so much money from the people there for the Association. I would like to know just how she goes about it! We have not had quite such a wonderful summer here this year as has been the rule, but so far this month has been lovely. The shooting season opens here to-day and there is great excitement around. My friends have gone to one of the neighbouring islands with a party and I am looking forward to grouse pie on Monday, or, at least, to taking a deer home on the train with me. News of Comrades from the Imperial Hotel, Bristol, is most notable by its persistent absence. What has happened to all those good souls? Are they still scrubbing billets and marching over the Downs? Oh! to walk in the Club on a Thursday night! What would I not give to be able to do that and then return right here! However, all things come to those who wait.

With best wishes to all Comrades and heaps of good luck,

WINIFRED SPEECHLEY.

Also From British Columbia.

You were kind enough to publish a letter of mine last March, advising domestic workers to come out to British Columbia. There are plenty of vacancies still for them. Many A.A.'s have written to me asking for advice about coming out and I'd be thankful to you if you would say that there is work for all if they will do some household work as well as care of children. Land can be taken up and a living can be made, though it is not easy, but if you have to earn your living any way, go to the place where you'll get the best run for your money, and remember it is not the work itself that degrades you, it is only the way you do it. To me this is the very finest place to live that I have ever struck. I love this country, its freedom, and its beauty and its kindness are all I wish for.

M. GRAHAM.

(Late oi/c Messing and Equipment, Q.M.A.A.C.,
N. Lincs., Brocton).

From Upper Burma.

If you have space, it may interest some of my old ex-Waac friends to know where I am and what I am doing, in any case perhaps you would print one or two extracts. I was married at St. Mary's, Paddington Green, London, on June 18th, and went to Newquay for my honeymoon, then on to Suffolk and then to Westmorland, where I met **Baisbrown A.** (ex-Forewoman, W.A.A.C., D Square, Aldershot) while I was out otter hunting near Grasmere. Funnily enough I was wearing my old uniform and it was that attracted her attention, two fields off, and on cycling round to see who and what it was in an old Waac uniform we discovered one another with mutual pleasure and excitement. When I returned to London I went via Leeds and spent a day with **Miss M. Hodgson** (A.A., late Bakery "Sausages," Aldershot), and we had a very merry time, recalling the old days at D. Square, and the day after my arrival in town **Taylor, H. W.** (Hostel Forewoman, D Square, Aldershot) spent the evening with us, and we went to "Ambrose Applejohn," where we learnt some new "cuss" words. I have had letters from **Hammond, R.** (Forewoman Clerk, D Square, Aldershot) now Mrs. Stevenson, from **Jameson, K.**, and **Oldham B.** (both Hostel Forewomen, D Square, Aldershot), the latter is now Mrs. Marks and has also sailed for India, but as I am in Burma and she is in India proper I am afraid we shall never meet. In her letter, Taylor H. tells me that she spent a very pleasant week-end with **Wray** (Hostel Forewoman, A Square, Aldershot).

I should love to hear from any O.C.'s from No. 9 Camp, Ripon, who were there with me, and also from any D Squarites (especially my "Quacks") if they have time and inclination to write and if any Waacs now in India proper or Burma would send me their addresses, we might get into communication. "Once a Waac always a Waac" is my motto, and I want to keep up with my old pals wherever they are and whatever they are doing. We had an earthquake the other night, and as a first experience of such a thing it was rather terrifying. The beds suddenly starting rocking and the furniture rattling, and I thought my last moment had come, but my husband (who has been here before) tells me that that one was quite a mild effort compared to what Maymyo can do! I will write again in a month or two, and tell you of the Prince of Wales visit to Mandalay, to which I hope to be going. Please tell "Bristles" to contribute a few more cheery poems, and please don't take any notice of "K.G., Belfast," who is bored by the personal items—it is the latter homely touch that makes the Gazette so friendly.

LESLEY TYNDALE,

(Formerly Triscott, A.A., No. 9 Camp, Ripon, and
D Square, Aldershot.)

c/o Thomas Cook & Son, Rangoon.

From Toronto, Canada.

Thanks very much for the annual and Gazette sub-receipts, which you sent so promptly. I am delighted to become a member, because I again feel that I belong to the great big family which we all, I am sure, thought the finest thing on earth. I think the happiest days of my life were spent in the Waac uniform, I was, and still am, so proud of it, and I know my people at home were. I have already met four girls from Calais, where I was stationed, three of them from my old camp (Queen Lizzies, Vendroux.) They day I met the first one (**Bobby Williams**) I think I went crazy with joy. I am sure the people on the street where we met, thought that we had absolutely gone, but what did we care, who hadn't seen each other since we were in France? There are quite a lot of ex-Waacs here in Toronto, and I am pleased to say we see quite a lot of each other.

o I wonder if, through the Gazette, I could get the address of **Ivy Bickell** (Late Queen Elizabeth Camp, Vendroux)? as I should like to write to her.

Please excuse my rambling, but I just had to write what I thought, or keep it and bust. Here's the very best of luck to the old girls.

EVELYN MANSFIELD.

(Late Wkr., Queen Elizabeth Camp, Vendroux).
29 Foxbar Road, Toronto.

MAISON DE REPOS, ABBEVILLE.

I wish to thank heartily all those members of Camp I., Abbeville, who sent me subscriptions in response to my appeal for this home, for which our old camp has been utilised. I was able to send out to Miss Thomas (the matron-in-Charge) a cheque for £8 10s., after a small sum had been deducted for printing and postage expenses.

Miss Thomas wrote most gratefully acknowledging it and said: "Thank you so much for collecting this money for us. I am most grateful to you all. Unfortunately we are in very low water at present, and will probably have to close the home in the new year if funds are not forthcoming, which I regret very much and am myself making violent efforts to carry on. I have organised the home from the beginning and know what real good it has done to the children who have passed through our hands."

With many thanks for your kind help, my only wish is that we could help the home to carry on its excellent work still further. With best wishes to you all for Christmas and 1922.

H. S. NICHOLLS (late D.A., Q.M.A.A.C.)

Whitehouse, Sanderstead Village, Surrey.

[In addition to Miss Nicholl's cheque, Q.M.A.A.C. have already sent through the Gazette, and have been instrumental in obtaining other help, both in money and in clothes and service.—ED.]

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

British Legion (F.L.K.).—See Editorial Notes. At present Service Women can only join the women's section on the same terms as relations and dependents of Service men.

P.N.N. (Notts), M.L.B. (Barnet), M.H.T. (Newcastle, Staffs).—See above.

Settlement Overseas (C.A.M.).—It is too late to apply for a free passage as a Service woman, but if you write to the Secretary, S.O.S.B.W., Hotel Windsor, S.W.1., she will give you all information as to assisted passages, and chances of employment at the other end.

Annual Service (M.O.F. and I.A.K.).—There have been several letters on this subject and the matter has now been referred to the London Branch Committee. The difficulty is that it is impossible to make sure of a good attendance.

Annual Dinner (A.E.F.).—Why raise difficulties in advance? The notice in the December Gazette says "ex-Q.M.A.A.C. Overseas Administrators," that is surely quite clear.

Benevolent Fund (Q.A.M.).—(1) As far as I can judge from your letter you are eligible for some help, but you must be prepared to have all your statements closely investigated. (2) No, you are wrongly informed. (E.L.K.) by all means send in your claim if you like, though as I told you before, I am fairly sure it will be turned down. However, it only costs a twopenny stamp. (F.M.P.) (1) I don't think they will help you. After all, though you can't get work you like, there is a well paid job ready for you if you will take it. (2) Of course the committee will know. (3) You said in your letter of 17/9/21 that you had just had a long holiday with a married sister. (M.L.B.) It is splendid that everything has turned out so well; many congratulations. (S.O.S.) We were very glad to help, and sorry the necessary action was so long delayed.

Miss F. Sutton (late U.A. Princess Patricia Camp, Calais), sends Greetings to all who were with her in France, and hope that she may meet some of them soon. If they are in or near Folkstone, if they will call at the Y.M.C.A., the Leas, she will be pleased to see them.

NEWS OF OLD COMRADES.

Miss Cleonice Hickson, late U.A., Wimbledon, and Haynes Park, has sent her wedding card to the O.C.A. She is now Mrs. T. J. Bailey, she was married at St. Nicholas Church, Brighton, on November 5th. Hearty congratulations. We hope that when she has settled into her new home she may be able to help the local branch occasionally, as she will be living in Brighton.

Miss E. Randell, late Hostel Forewoman, B.E.F., has been working at the Pioneer Club, but has been ordered to take at least three months rest. **Miss Lily Cumberland** is now in San Francisco. She is doing very well in a hotel, but proposes to go into the country shortly. She does not find people so friendly there as at home, and misses the club and her friends. She is joining an Overseas Club, and promises us news of their doings. She is anxious to hear from friends, as she has lost her address book; her own address is 3622a, 16th St. San Francisco, California. Will **Miss May Sanderson** please note as she particularly wishes to hear from her.

The Secretary would be grateful if any member could visit or send books to **Miss Dora Matthews**, late of Prees Heath Camp, who has been an invalid in the Southwark Hospital, East Dulwich Grove, since her discharge.

Miss Kenworthy Browne, late A.A., Havre, hopes to be back in England next June. She had intended to return this autumn, but has had to change her plans. She dreads the terrible Saskatchewan winter. She suggests that more precise addresses of members going out to Canada be given in the Gazette, so that Old Comrades already there may get into touch with them. We begin with hers—St. Alban's College, Prince Alberts, Saskatchewan. **Miss S. R. Nelson**, Limerick, writes, "In the September issue of the Gazette, I was interested to read the description of a holiday in Lugano. I happened to be the Old Comrade referred to, and although the O.C.A. badge had been in my possession for a considerable time, it was only en route for Grindelwald that it made its first public appearance. The quick recognition with which it was greeted was an admirable tribute to the spirit for which it stands."

Mrs. Langstaff (nee V. D. Haigh) writes from Las Palmas, as follows: "I expect to be here at least until next spring. The climate is ideal, and there is quite a lot going on in the social line, and heaps of dances. The island is of course Spanish, but there are quite a number of English people here, both visiting, and resident. Some of the Folkestone and Paris (American unit) may be interested to hear that I recently heard from **Daisy Russell**, A.A., who is now in New York, where she was married on June 24th.

Miss Dorothy E. Gibbs, of Signals Unit 3, Havre, would like news of **F/W. Whistran**, Unit 3, Le Havre (last heard of in London), and also of "**Johnnie Walker**," Signals, Unit 1, Le Havre (last heard of in New York). **Miss Gibbs** address is The Nook, Moreton-in-Marsh. **Miss Nora D. Thompson** (A.A.B.E.F.), has obtained a post at the Lygon Arms, the famous old inn at Broadway, in Worcestershire. [Please note both these addresses Cheltenham Local Branch.—Ed.]

F/W. Clerk Holdam is now Mrs. Witherby, and living in Bulwark, Alberta, Canada. She has only been married four months, and is very happy. Her husband farms 640 acres, and they have a very nice house, and car, so that she is not shut off from their nearest town, ten miles away. They are, however, thinking of removing to Vancouver Island before long.

Miss M. Tucker, nee Corse, O.B.E. Medallist, late F/W. cook, of Haynes Park and Maresfield, is now living in Devon, and expresses her appreciation of the Gazette, and wishes the Association a prosperous new year. **Miss Jean Innes** and **Miss L. Elder** send best wishes from Salisbury, Rhodesia. **Miss E. E. Chambers** writes from the Y.W.C.A., King Street, London, Ontario, writes from the Y.W.C.A., King Street, London, Ontario, Canada, wishing all members of the O.C.A. a merry Christmas. **Miss C. S. Hannington**, late Q.M., we regret to learn has been an invalid for many months, but is slowly improving. **Miss R. Gee**, late Deputy Administrator, Kimmel

Park, has been ill since discharged from the Corps, but has now made a great improvement, and hopes to undertake work after a few months further rest. **Miss Winifred Webster** left on December 22nd for the Y.W.C.A., Herbert Street, Wellington, New Zealand, and would be glad to meet members of the O.C.A. **Miss D. G. Thompson** (U.A.) would be glad to know **F/W. Bentley's** present address. **Mrs. W. H. Samuel** (nee Elkin) is shortly leaving Egypt for India.

Miss S. Johnson is now matron of a house and assistant secretary at a school near Liverpool: she finds her Waac experience very useful. She hopes to come to the overseas dinner. **Miss H. Heyworth** (late U.A., H.G. L. of C.) would be glad to hear from any members of her old unit or any of the 8th Co., Bakeries, Dieppe or to answer any questions if any of them are thinking of coming to South Africa. She is going up to Grahamstown as warden of the Women's College, where **Miss Baggs** and **Miss McWilliam** are already working. Her present address is Lancaster House, Green Point, Cape Town.

Does anyone know the address of **F/W. Doree**, late of Unit 1, Wimereux, probably in New York? Both **Miss Linsell** and **Miss Hackman** c/o S. K. Lane, Apart I.W., 325 Central Park, West, New York, are anxious for news of her.

Miss Carlisle and **Miss Jacobs** have opened a tea room in the Haymarket, under the name of the Carlisle Tea Room. It is just opposite the Haymarket Theatre. It is open till six o'clock, and makes a speciality of morning coffee for shoppers.

It is satisfactory to learn that **Nance** and **Holdam** have got in touch at last. The former is now Mrs. Thomas, living in the Scilly Isles, and the latter Mrs. Witherby, living in Alberta. They parted at Hastings in 1918, and much has happened to them both since. (See Personal Notices.) Christmas greetings have been received from **Miss N. L. Simpson**, from 19 St. Michael's Place, Brighton.

Miss F. R. Eaton writes: "Does anybody know of anyone going to Cape Town, March or April next? If so kindly write **F. R. Eaton** (late Unit 1, Wimereux), 4 St. Mark's Grove, Kensington, S.W.10, with a view to companionship."

Miss Sheila M. Brown, writing from 79 Boundary Road, Surrey Hills, Melbourne, says: "All good wishes for Christmas and 1922, and good luck to the O.C.A. Gazette. I know I am only one of many who look forward to its publication every month, and much appreciate the link it makes with the old happy Waac days."

Miss Jenny Lloyd asks that her Gazette for the next two years can be sent to her at 19 Scud Hill, Gibraltar. She says: "I am going to Gib. for two years, and would very much like to know if there are any ex-Waacs out there, especially would I like to hear from anyone who was in C. Depot, Bedford, or Fenny Stratford, in particular **Lucy Garret**, or anyone at Maresfield Park, R.E. The Gazette is the one book I look forward to more than any other. It is so interesting to read of so many ex-Waacs and the various parts of the world they have gone to. I am sincerely hoping I shall find one at Gibraltar."

[Mrs. Graham, nee Harford, is now at Gibraltar. Her husband is Major Graham, in the Rifle Brigade. There are probably other Waacs there.]

Elsie Holder has recently moved to Toronto, where her address is 36 Roxborough Street. She has been in Canada for nearly two years now, and is very glad she went out.

Mrs. Dymont is now at Vancouver, B.C., 1226 Richard Street will find her for the present.

Miss C. A. Eastgate (late U.A.) writes from 8 Willeston Street, Wellington, N.Z.: "If any Waacs come out here I should be very glad to know. I met **Miss L. Monckton** today, as she is spending her holidays in Wellington, though teaching at a boys' school in Masterton. I haven't come across any others yet, though I have heard of a few dotted about. On my way through Sydney, where I spent a few days, I called at the Ex-Service Women's Club, which uses a room belonging to the A.I.F. Club, and holds meetings once a week. I couldn't attend one, but I saw their roll book and recognised some Waac names, including **Miss Dickson's**. They have every kind of Service woman, and seem very keen. Just before I left Cape Town I met **Miss**

Heyworth, who used to be at Rouen. She is matron in a large boys' school near Cape Town now, I think. I would give anything to attend some of those Q.M.A.A.C. dinners in London. Miss Monckton and I had a great talk. The domestic question here is still very acute, and it is almost an uncommon occurrence for people to have a maid, even in a town like this. How extraordinary it seems for **Sug-gate** and **Smart** to have gone back to Connaught Club! I should like to see it now. What a crowd of ghosts must haunt it."

Miss N. C. Barlett sends a magnificent official Christmas card from the British Empire Delegation at Washington, which has filled the Editor with pride.

Mrs. T. R. Mosher (8922, Findley, C.) writing from Slooan City, B.C. Canada says: "We had a parade on Armistice Day, and as I was the only woman who had been overseas on war work I was asked to carry and place on the memorial the wreath of poppies. I felt shy about doing it, but it was a great honour. The Mayor unveiled the memorial and at a given signal I placed the wreath in position. 'Findley' wishes to be kindly remembered to all G.H.Q. M.G.S. and Gailes girls."

Miss Bond, who was in charge of the Navy and Army Canteen at Bostall Heath Camp, writes an enthusiastic letter from 495, Greenwood Place, Winnipeg, Canada, stating that she attended a meeting for all ex-Service women on the 3rd December. **Dr. Douglas**, who was attached to the Q.M.A.A.C. in France, was present, together with about twenty-five other members. All were keen to form a branch of the Old Comrades' Association.

Miss Warrior and **Miss Payne** (Northern Command) are both living at Hopkinson House, Victoria, S.W. We shall hope to see them at the club on Thursdays occasionally.

Mrs. Clough (nee Lightfoot) writing from 17 Temple Street, Basford, Stoke-on-Trent, says: "I look forward to the coming of the Gazette each month. I seem to have lost touch with a good many of my Waac friends. I still hear from **Maud Reid**, now Mrs. Mathers. She is in the Argentine, and has two children. Is there an O.C.A. branch in the Potteries? If so, I should like to join it, as I have only just come here. I haven't met anyone I know yet."

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.

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 NOTICES.

Johnson—Brow.—On December 20th, at St. Andrew's, Holborn, Miss Winifred Douglas Brow, late A.A., B.E.F., to Major Arthur Ainslie Johnson, O.B.E., late Northumberland Fusiliers. Present address, "Wild Oak," Hamilton Road, Reading. (Reading Branch please note).

Russell—Hatch.—On September 21st, at Letchworth, R. T. Russell (P.W.D., Delhi), to G. F. Hatch, late of 3rd Army Infantry School, and Havre.

Witherby—Holdam.—In May, 1921, Bernard Witherby to Dora Holdam, late F/W., Shorncliffe Military Hospital. Present address Bulwark, Alberta, Canada).

Clough—Lightfoot.—At Tadcaster, on August 3rd, Gilbert H. Clough, M.A., to Harriet Lightfoot, M.B.E. (late U.A., Boulogne and Abbeville). Present address, 17 Temple Street, Basford, Stoke-on-Trent.

Cope.—It is with deep regret that we learn of the sudden death of Mrs. Cope's little daughter, in Palestine. All Old Comrades will wish us to express their sincere sympathy. This news was specially sad after reading Mrs. Cope's letter, which is published in this issue.

Bradfield.—To Major and Mrs. Bradfield (nee Barnard) on November 1st, at Moorats Gardens, Madras, India, a daughter.

Thomas.—On October 6th, 1921, to Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Thomas (nee Nance), at Salla Kee Farm, St. Mary's, Isles of Scilly, a daughter (Nance Sutherland).

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.

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.

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 **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 big 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. 1502, Camp III, Abbeville). 25 West Parade, Dunstable, Beds.

TO LET. Dec. 22nd—Jan 8th. Small furnished flat near Oxford Street, restaurant, bath, suit one person, 35/- weekly.—Write Box

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