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EDITORIAL

The President.

Dame Florence Leach, President of the Association, was married on January 12th, to Mr. E. P. Simpson. The Council sent her the following telegram, feeling confident that they were expressing the wishes of all members. "The Council of the Q.M.A.A.C. Old Comrades' Association desire to convey their good wishes for your future happiness and grateful thanks for your constant help and interest in the work of the Association from its inauguration." The President, in her reply, says, "Please will you convey to the Council, Q.M.A.A.C. O.C.A., my grateful thanks for their kind telegram of congratulation on my marriage. I shall never cease to take the same affectionate interest in all matters concerning my old comrades and all others who have worked with me so loyally and devotedly in the Q.M.A.A.C. and since we were demobilised.

Will you also thank the Council for the honour they have done me in re-electing me to the chair. I feel sure that we shall continue to do all that is in our power for the future success of the O.C.A."

Miss M. M. Stevenson, O.B.E.

It is with the deepest regret that we announce the death of Miss M. M. Stevenson, the first Unit Administrator appointed to Q.M.A.A.C., and one of the first women to be admitted to the Order of the British Empire. Miss Stevenson was put in charge of the Connaught Club in its earliest days, and was subsequently U.A. at Hastings and Folkestone and D.A.C.C. at Bostall Heath. Her heart was wholly in the Corps from the beginning, and she gave herself unstintingly to the work of its organisation—and no doubt impaired her health by the long hours she devoted to the depot. Miss Stevenson and Miss Ireland between them were responsible for almost all the Overseas drafting, and in the early days Miss Stevenson was the best known administrator of the Corps. Many of our most capable officials were trained under her. She exacted a very high standard of efficiency, and expected others to work as keenly as she did herself. Miss Stevenson was invalided out of the Corps in July, 1919. She was never well again, and bore her long illness with splendid fortitude. To the last she kept up her warm interest in the Corps and has been president of the London Branch since its inception. But all branches will feel that we have lost one of our staunchest Old Comrades.

Service Women's Benevolent Fund.

Up to the end of November grants amounting to £1,746 had been made to Service women from the above fund. 143 cases were considered by the Committee, of which seventeen were rejected; 80 of the accepted cases were ex-Q.M.A.A.C., and over £1,000 was distributed among them. Of the other successful applicants, twenty-five were ex-W.R.A.F., thirteen Women's Forage Corps, five W.R.N.S., and three Women's Legion. The cases have as

a rule been carefully investigated before being put up to the Committee, which consists of one official and one other rank from each of the Corps concerned, and are then considered on their merits. If the Committee decides that the applicant deserves help, a grant is forthcoming without delay. Applications should be made through the O.C.A. Headquarters.

L.C.C. Elections.

Dame Helen Gwynne Vaughan is standing for North Camberwell in the forthcoming London County Council Elections. Dr. Adeline Roberts, who is already a Borough Councillor is standing for Marylebone. They are both Municipal Reformers. Old Comrades and their friends who are of the same way of thinking who have votes in either of these Boroughs will know how to use them. If anyone has time to spare there are no doubt plenty of odd jobs in connection with the elections for which their services would be very welcome. Some volunteers have already been busy addressing envelopes and canvassing.

Local Branches.

Bristol is a welcome addition to the list of local branches and we wish the new organization every success. Time after time correspondents have lamented the absence of a branch in Bristol, and now they have got it we hope it will be well supported. Some of the Secretaries of the smaller branches seem disheartened by the lack of interest which the bulk of their members evince in the social efforts intended for their entertainment. Experiments of this kind are well worth trying, and in some cases have been very successful, but if the majority of the members are not socially inclined, or are too scattered to be conveniently collected, it is no use providing entertainments, which are either not wanted or impossible to reach. If the social amenities do fall through, however, it does not follow by any means that the branch is a failure.

It is often most valuable to be able to refer benevolent cases for verification to the local organizations, and also when Old Comrades move into a new neighbourhood it often makes a great difference to their happiness if they can be put in touch with others members and so find friends almost at once. At any time too, there may be an influx of keen members into a district where the branch appears to be languishing and they will soon give it a new lease of life. If the machinery is there, and is occasionally oiled with a meeting, ramble or entertainment, it can always be called upon for use in an emergency. We all owe a great deal to the local secretaries, and in some cases members might do more to make their work easier and pleasanter.

Shorncliffe Camp.

It is very interesting to hear that a part of Shorncliffe Camp is being opened as a temporary home for the families of some of the soldiers who have recently been stationed in Ireland. Owing to the short notice of their transfer many of the soldiers have been unable to find accommodation for their wives and children, and the War Office is

therefore dealing with the problem in this way. It is pleasant to know that the authorities concerned, at once applied to our headquarters for the women required for the staff. Miss Carlisle, late Senior Unit Administrator, has been appointed to organise the camp, and will select two or three members to work under her. We shall be greatly interested to hear how the scheme develops.

Our Contemporaries.

The January number of the "Royal Army Ordnance Corps Gazette" did not reach us till after our last issue had gone to press, so we are nearly a month late in acknowledging it, but none the less grateful. It is always an interesting publication and amazingly good value for 6d. It should be well supported by those of us who served with the R.A.O.C. The Editor says:—

"I should be very grateful if you could see your way to say a word or two about the Gazette and our keen desire to welcome to our circle ex-Q.M.A.A.C. ladies who served with the Ordnance during the war. We have some supporters and readers already—fit but few—but we want many more. The interesting and interested letters in the O.C.A. Gazette are convincing assurance that there must be many who cherish kindly recollections of the great days of their service with us and who would gladly renew touch with old friends and revive the memory of old associations through the pages of our magazine. I may add that we have a monthly ladies' page, edited by an ex-Q.M.A.A.C. lady, who was attached to the Corps in France."

The January issues of the "W.R.A.F." and the "Wren" are also acknowledged with thanks. The latter very kindly notes Miss McCloskey's recent distinction by the Royal Humane Society and speaks most appreciatively of her kindness to the Wren visitors to Shanghai last summer. There is also an account of a Women's Services Dinner in Switzerland on Armistice Day, when four V.A.D.'s, two Waacs, one W.R.A.F., and one W.R.N.S. spent an evening altogether, all well bedecked with ribbons.

HEADQUARTERS OFFICE.

At the January meeting of the new Council the following officials were appointed: Chairman of the Council, Dame Florence Simpson; Vice-Chairmen, Miss Edith Thompson and Miss Davy.

The following standing Committees were appointed:—

FINANCE.—Dr. Roberts, Mrs. Jolly, Mrs. Bircham, Miss Suggate, Miss Brodie of Brodie, and Miss Robertson.

GAZETTE.—Miss J. Horniblow, Miss Carlisle, Miss Mitchell, and Miss Taylor.

CAMP.—Miss H. Horniblow, Mrs. Jolly, Miss Hughes, Miss Pink, Miss MacDonald, Miss Robinson, Miss Porter, Miss Youell, Miss Blows, and Miss Taylor.

BENEVOLENT.—Mrs. Bircham, Miss Laird, Mrs. Jolly, Miss Pickford, Miss Brodie of Brodie, Miss Hughes.

A special Standing Committee was also appointed consisting of Miss Ireland, Miss Murray, and Miss Suggate, to investigate the work of the Headquarters Office with a view to ascertaining whether it is possible to curtail expense.

It is hoped that all details in connection with the registration of the Association under the Companies Act are now complete. Every effort was made by the Council of 1921 to obtain the licence of the Board of Trade to register under Section 20 of the Companies Act, and so avoid the word "Limited" being used as a part of the Association's corporate name. Certain complications arose however, and after long consideration the Council decided that it would be more beneficial to the Association generally to include the word "Limited" as part of its title. In accordance with the registration it is necessary for the annual general meeting to be held within three months of the date of registration. It has consequently been arranged for Saturday, March 25th, at 3 p.m., at the Morley Hall, Y.W.C.A. Headquarters, 26 George Street, Hanover Square, London, W.

All members are urged to make a note of this date.

It is also essential for members to sign a new enrolment form, applying for membership, and accepting a liability of an amount not exceeding 2s. 6d. towards any expenses that may be incurred within one year after membership has ceased. This, however, is merely a legal form, the Council having sanctioned that a certain sum be ear-marked to meet any such expenses. The members therefore will not be called upon to pay any liability. It is anticipated that the Association will continue to pay its way for several years at least, and curtail expenditure as funds decrease. The new enrolment forms will be forwarded to branch secretaries as soon as possible.

Members are reminded that from now onwards annual membership subscriptions fall due in January of each year. All members are being asked to pay a proportion of the subscriptions due up to and for the end of last year, thus making this scheme practicable. Those who have not received notification of the amount due will do so before long. This does not in any way affect the Gazette subscription.

The Secretary would be glad to hear from members at Hastings with a view to obtaining their views on the formation of a local branch.

LOCAL BRANCH REPORTS FOR JANUARY.

Brighton.

Wednesday, February 22nd, 7.15 p.m.—10 p.m.—A whist drive for Old Comrades and friends, at the Chocolate Parlour, Western Road. Tickets 1s., including light refreshments, may be obtained from the Committee. Members will help a great deal by asking for tickets by Saturday, the 18th, as it is most difficult to arrange catering, etc., if probable numbers are not known. But please do not stop away because you have no ticket, for every member present counts for so much in a local branch.

This was particularly so at the social on January 11th, at the Barclay Home, when we had a large room lent to us, capable of holding at least fifty, and a floor asking to be danced on. Rain and influenza kept some away no doubt, but when rooms are lent to us we ought to make more use of them. Miss Ashton kindly provided a tail-less donkey, which caused some fun, also an advertisement competition, and a prize for same, which was won by Miss Ballard. With the piano and gramophone and dancing there were plenty of things to do but not enough members to do them. The party finished at 10 p.m. with a vote of thanks to Miss Snowball for so kindly lending the room. We were glad to welcome Mrs. Gammon, late of Bostall, and we have since had the following new members: Miss A. E. Campbell, of Aldershot, Miss G. Thornton (Vendroux), Mrs. L. White (Berton-on-Sea), Miss Sharp, Miss Harper (Abbeville). How about the old members? Will they kindly send along their subscriptions, as they were all due in January.

H. A. BARON, Hon. Sec., 25 Wellington Road, Brighton.

Bristol.

A branch of the O.C.A. was established in this area on January 21st, when the first monthly meeting was held at the old Waac hut, Whiteladies Road. Sixteen members were present; eleven regretted inability to come, owing chiefly to illness, and fifteen to whom notices of the meeting had been sent failed to answer. Miss Gladys Collins, M.B.E., late U.A., Camp 6, Rouen, of 4 Brookfield Road, Cotham, Bristol, was unanimously elected as secretary for the branch.

Miss Betty Mould, M.B.E., who served in the Southern Command, was unanimously elected as Treasurer. The Committee were elected as follows: Mrs. Cheeseman, Misses Lloyd, Birch, Hall and Palmer.

The Headquarters report in November Gazette was read and commented on, and great interest was shown in the Gazette by those who had not seen it before.

A five months' programme was drawn up, discussed, and agreed upon as follows:—

FEBRUARY 25th—A visit of O.C. to the Bristol Empire (names and 2s. to be sent to the Secretary by 15th February by all wishing to attend).

MARCH—A dance (details to be arranged by the Committee).

APRIL—A visit to Bath. Old Comrades to be entertained by the Bath members.

MAY—A meeting at Bristol (details to be arranged later).

JUNE—A charabanc trip to Weston-super-Mare (details to be arranged by the Weston members).

This programme was enthusiastically discussed by the members, who mean to make it a success. Eight new members were enrolled for the O.C.A., and several badges sold. Seven and sixpence was collected for the Princess Mary Fund. Members present at the meeting suggested names of other ex-Waacs believed to be resident in this area, and news is asked of the following: Nelly Townsend, Phillips (Montpelier), Olga Bennett, Bant, Emery, Gladys Low, Jean Durham, Doris Lyons, Moriarty, Jackson (Southville), Tanner. There was great discussion of old experiences and absent comrades, the factions of home service and overseas being fairly evenly matched, and the meeting broke up at 9.30 reluctantly, after having lasted three hours, to enable the Bath members to catch their train.

The Bristol branch trusts that those who have hitherto bemoaned the lack of a branch in this area will note that there is now a very lively branch here, which asks for the good wishes of all the older established branches. F.G.J.

The Hon. Secretary is Miss G. Collins, M.B.E., 4 Brickfield Road, Cotham, Bristol.

Cardiff.

Miss H. W. Marson, 4 Kyfeilog Street, Cathedral Road, Cardiff, is Hon. Secretary of this branch. Her name was printed wrongly in the last issue.

Edinburgh.

MARRIAGE OF DAME FLORENCE LEACH, D.B.E.—Members of this branch, for which she has done so much, wish Dame Florence every happiness.

CORRECTION.—By an oversight, Miss Lambert's name was omitted from the new Committee. At the first meeting of that Committee Miss Lambert was unanimously appointed deputy Chairman of the branch.

APOLOGY.—Owing to increased membership there were not sufficient copies of the December News Sheet. This month enough copies will be ordered to ensure each member receiving one.

DANCE.—A most successful dance was held in the Hill Street Hall, on January the 4th. Over a hundred were present, many in fancy dress. The catering was pronounced excellent. We were glad to welcome Mrs. Auldjo Jamieson, ex-W.R.N.S., who brought a party, and also members of the W.R.A.F. O.C.A.

CLUB PARTY.—On January the 14th a party was given in the Club, our guests being blinded soldiers and sailors from Newington House. A motor 'bus was provided to bring our guests to and from the club. After tea a concert was given by hostesses and guests, followed by Mr. Lennie, an entertainer, who added greatly to the success of the programme. Dancing was much enjoyed, the more bumps the better the fun, one man, totally blind and with one leg off below the knee, danced merrily at the reel until stopped by the orderly, "in case he broke his wooden leg." A beautiful supper was served at 8.15, after which Mr. Jack Miller thanked the members of the O.C.A. on behalf of the men for the evening's enjoyment. We wish to thank all those who so generously responded to our appeal in last month's News Sheet for "eatables." The result was tables groaning with food. Over three pounds was collected in our box in the club, this speaks for itself. We wish to send special thanks to our comrade in Dundee, who so generously sent us a donation of 7s. 6d. Our only regret during the last year is that we have been of so little benefit to our country members, but we hope when the new club opens that they will come and stay there and take part in our various activities.

TENNIS GROUND.—A tennis ground has been rented for next summer near Pinkhill Station. This is good news, as so many of our members have shown keenness on the matter.

WOMEN'S UNITED SERVICES CLUB.—It is very important that we should start the club with a good membership and

as the Q.M.A.A.C. were the largest body of service women so let them constitute the largest number of members in the new club. There must be a number of ex-Service women who do not belong to any of the O.C.A.'s. Do all in your power to let them know about the new club, and get them to join. The subscription is very small and the advantages to be gained by belonging to the club are many. A full description of 12 Drumsheugh Gardens was given in a recent Gazette. Members will remember that there are several large public rooms, including a dining-room which may be used as a restaurant by members and their guests, a smoking room and two other sitting-rooms. There will also be some bed-room accommodation. Fill up your application forms as quickly as possible, and help to make the club a great success; or write for particulars to the Secretary, W.U.S.C., 12 Drumsheugh Gardens, Edinburgh.

We regret to announce the death of No. 622, Miss Helen A. Foote, and No. 2367, Mrs. Ryan (Annie Alexander). Miss Foote joined the Corps in May, 1917, and was Hostel Forewoman at Camp 9, Rouen. After two and a-half years illness, most patiently borne, Miss Foote died in Edinburgh on January the 13th. Miss Foote took a keen interest in the O.C.A., and it was always a matter of regret to her that she could not participate in the social life of the club. The members of the branch sent a wreath, and were represented at the funeral on January the 17th.

Mrs. Ryan joined the Corps in 1917, and died in Edinburgh on December 29th, 1921, on the birth of twins. Her last Unit was at Aldershot, where she was one of the household staff.

CLUB ROOM.—The clubrooms at 22 Rutland Square are open on Wednesday and Saturday evenings, from 6 to 9.30.

BADGES.—Badges can be had from the Hon. Secretary, or at the club, price 1s. 6d., also copies of "Winsome W.A.A.C.S." post cards, and "Johnnie of the Q.M.A.A.C.," the latter now price 3s. 6d.

The Hon. Secretary would be glad to have particulars of any member of the O.C.A. who is ill, either at home or in hospital. Please note all changes of address to the Hon. Secretary, so that she may keep her records correct, and that you may get your News Sheet, etc.

Glasgow and West of Scotland.

UNITED SERVICES CLUB FOR WOMEN.—Members of this branch met for the first time in the new club rooms, at 212 Bath Street on Wednesday, 11th January. The two spacious rooms are well lit with electricity and heated with gas fires. The walls are colour-washed in white and pale green, and the polished floors have rugs. Tables, large and small, comfortable chairs and a couch form the furniture. Photographs of the Dame and Miss Ireland in a frame, and Miss Nisbet, with her tea urn and cakes, give a homely atmosphere to the club. On the last Wednesday of every month, members may bring one friend, male or female. Books and magazines are most acceptable.

OPENING OF CLUB ROOMS.—The club rooms will be formally opened on the afternoon of Saturday, February 18th by General Sir Francis Davies, Officer Commanding the Forces in Scotland. It is specially requested that members be present at the opening ceremony. Up to the time of going to Press, the hour has not been fixed, but it is expected to be 2 or 3 p.m. This will be made known at the club and in the Daily Papers before hand. Subscription is 2s. 6d. per annum, and should be paid to Miss Lander, at the Club.

COOKERY CLASS.—A cookery class is now being held on Monday evenings at 7 p.m., at the College of Domestic Science, admission 1s. 6d. for a single lesson. The demonstrations are most interesting and practical, and are being much enjoyed, and the attendance is good.

FANCY DRESS DANCE.—This was held on January 10th. On account of 'flu and other things, the attendance was not what was anticipated. The band, floor, and buffet were of the best, and those present had a very good time till the small hours. Special thanks are due to Miss Onie Browne, who shouldered the burden, after Miss Miller, Con- vener, was laid low with 'flu.

SUBSCRIPTIONS.—Anyone posting their annual subscrip- tion to Miss Gilchrist, should remember to pay it up to

January, 1923, at the rate of 2½d. per month. Should the total include ½d., this ought to be counted a 1d., as ½d. are not dealt with. (See letter sent out to all the members in December.)

HOCKEY.—A dance organised by Miss Steel in aid of the funds of the Hockey Club took place on January 4th. The result was satisfactory, and the dance much enjoyed.

Miss Bain, Captain, reports: On Saturday afternoon the O.C.A. played Chalmers U.F. Church, and showed their superiority by scoring three goals. It is pleasing to know that the members may now entertain their opponents to tea in the Club Rooms, a great advantage on a Saturday evening.

E. M. GILCHRIST.

London.

RAMBLE.—A ramble has been arranged for Sunday, March 12th to Potter's Bar. Meeting place, Victoria Station Yard, 10.30 a.m., 29a bus to Hadley Woods, walking to Potter's Bar, returning via Enfield.

SUB-DIVISION OF THE BRANCH.—Local Branches have now been started as follows: Hampstead Branch, Secretary, Miss Mitchell, 40 Denman Drive, Golder's Green, N.W.4; Ilford Branch, Secretary, Miss Druitt, 74, Belgrave Road, Ilford; Kew Branch, Secretary, Miss M. H. Robertson, 3 Harrow View Road, Ealing.

Two attempts have been made to get a local branch going at Dartford, but with no success. Miss Thomas, 122 St. Alban's Road, Dartford, has put in a great deal of work in endeavouring to make a start, but Dartford evidently does not want a branch, and though at the Glentworth ex-Service Men's Club every facility was afforded us for meeting no one took the trouble to turn up. The Wimbledon Branch (Miss Coleman, 25 Montague Road, Wimbledon, S.W.19), is held up for lack of a suitable room to hold its inaugural meeting. Miss Coleman would welcome any suggestion or practical assistance. It is hoped to get the Croydon and Dulwich branches started this month, and the Secretary would be glad to hear from any local members interested.

ALLOCATION OF THE FUNDS.—At the last meeting of the London Branch Committee the question of the allocation of the funds made at the bazaar was discussed, and the following arrangement was made: Fund for sending books, etc., to members ill in hospital or at home, £50; financial assistance for the local branches, £75; fund for gramophone, piano, etc., for permanent club-room, £75; general funds of branch, £57; total, £257.

Until the ex-Service Women's Club in London becomes an accomplished fact the fund for the gramophone, etc., will be kept on deposit. The amount set apart for general funds is necessary for the general working of the London Branch. The amount received back from Headquarters of the subscription (6d. per head) hardly pays our postage bill, and money is required for the club room on Thursday evenings, for the preliminary expenses of the concert party, etc. The cost of the social held in the Lee Hall on 28th January came entirely out of London Branch funds. It is a little difficult to know exactly what the members of the Branch want in regard to the social side of the Branch's activities. The social, which provided both dancing and whist, was rather disappointingly attended, some people even taking tickets and then not taking the trouble to appear. Certainly everyone enjoyed themselves, but the Committee doubt whether it is politic to spend money in providing free entertainment for the members in future. Probably those who did not come were suspicious as it was "free."

S. B. MURRAY, Hon. Sec., 81 Lancaster Gate, W.2.

Golder's Green and Hampstead Sub-Branch.

A meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 28th, at 7 p.m., at St. Ninian's Church Hut, Finchley Road (two minutes from Golder's Green Station). Will all members in this vicinity endeavour to come please. Hearty invitation is extended to any other branch members who care to give their support.

Richmond Sub-Branch.

The next meeting of the above branch will take the form of a ramble, on Sunday, February 19th, leaving King-

ston Market at 11.30 a.m. Ramble leader, Miss D. M. Piper.

A whist drive is being arranged for Tuesday, March 7th, at Pitt's Restaurant, Kew Green, Kew, at 7 p.m., tickets, price 1s. 3d., may be had from the Secretary.

We will be very pleased if Old Comrades from other branches will join us at either or both of the above meetings and also at any future meetings, all of which we hope to announce in the Gazette.

M. H. ROBERTSON, Hon. Sec.,
3 Harrow View Road, Ealing, W.5.

Leeds.

A meeting of ex-Service women was held on Monday, January 9th, at the Legion Club. All ex-Service women were asked to attend. It was agreed to hold a monthly meeting (if possible) instead of weekly, with some definite aim. On February 6th we are commencing with a social, to which friends of the opposite sex can be invited. Miss Britton (who is ever ready to help) has undertaken to arrange the concert programme, which will include a sketch. Miss Britton has just written a pantomime, "Cinderella," which has been performed by members of Q.M.A.A.C. and Y.W.C.A. If only some kind friends would give the Leeds Branch a small grant, then we should be able to afford the room in the Legion Club, Albion Street, Leeds. All the members seem keen. A new committee has been arranged, which includes ex-W.R.A.F.s. Unfortunately, no ex-W.R.N.S. were present. An ex-Q.M.A.A.C. came from one of the suburbs of Bradford, which was thoroughly appreciated. Our thanks have been forwarded to Miss Hopkins, Y.W.C.A., who so kindly helped us, when there was no room available.

Manchester.

At the general meeting of the United Services Club it was decided that the minimum subscription should be charged to all O.C.A. members, and same was fixed at 1s. per annum, due January 1st, of each year. The Secretary hopes that all ex-Waacs will send along their subscription early, so that it can be said the Waac is the strongest element in the club, also to enable the club to get on a firm financial basis and get as large a membership as possible.

On February 24th there will be a fancy dress dance at Hayton's Grosvenor Academy, members requiring tickets should apply to the Secretary early, price 3s. 6d., spectators' tickets 2s. each.

It has been decided to hold a bazaar at the club on Saturday, April 1st, to raise funds. The Secretary will be pleased to receive offers of help to make garments, donations, articles to sell, and material to be made up, and hopes that every member will endeavour to send something, however small, and that they will attend the bazaar and bring their friends, and do what they can to make it a huge success. There will be side shows, bran tubs, fortune telling, refreshments, etc. Please send all parcels to Hon. Secretary, c/o Clydesdale Club, No. 1 Auburn Street, Piccadilly.

There will be a cafe chantant on Friday evening, 10th February, at the Clydesdale Club, commencing at 7.45 prompt, all members and friends are invited, we have got a good concert party coming so we should have a very enjoyable evening.

Any member who knows of a tennis court within easy distance of town that may be rented for the summer months will they please notify the Hon. Secretary, who is anxious to form a tennis club for members.

M. A. ROBINSON, Hon. Sec.,
5 King's Drive, Heaton Moor, Stockport.

Overseas Dinner.

The annual re-union dinner of Overseas Administrators B.E.F., took place at the Lyceum Club, Piccadilly, on January 14th. Dame Helen Gwynne Vaughan, D.B.E., presided, and the guests of the evening were Miss Knight, C.B.E. (Y.W.C.A.), Miss Ireland, M.B.E., and Miss Campbell. Among those present were Miss Davy, C.B.E., Miss Pratt, O.B.E., Miss Pridden, O.B.E., Miss Frood, O.B.E., Mrs. Pratt Barlow, O.B.E., Miss Shepherd, O.B.E., Miss Brodie of Brodie, who returned from France in September with the very last con-

tingent, and over seventy administrators who had served in the areas of Boulogne, Etaples, Rouen, Calais, and Abbeville.

Dame Helen Gwynne Vaughan, D.B.E., proposed the various toasts, and Mrs. Feiling, O.B.E., proposed the health of the guests, and emphasised especially the splendid work that the Y.W.C.A. had done for the women in France. Miss Knight, C.B.E., responded for the guests.

Miss Ireland, M.B.E., referred to the work of the Corps Overseas, and Dame Helen Gwynne Vaughan, in a stirring speech, spoke not only of the work that the Q.M.A.A.C. had done during the war, but impressed on her hearers the need of still further efforts on the part of the women of England. Her speech was received with great applause, cheers, and musical enthusiasm.

A telegram of regret at being unable to be present had been received from Dame Florence Leach, D.B.E., and it was unanimously agreed to send her a telegram of good wishes on her approaching marriage. Telegrams and letters were also received from Mrs. Chalmers Watson, Mrs. Kilroy Kenyon, Miss F. Sutton, Miss Low, Miss de Putron, Miss Hobbs, Dr. Sandeman, Dr. A. J. Campbell, and many others.

WHEN LONDON BRANCH RAMBLES.

We don't do it often—but when we do we have a topping time, and the ramble in the snow to Hayes on Sunday, 15th January, proved no exception to the rule. Rumour had it that an exalted official of the branch was to join us, therefore eleven very polite and exceedingly cold Waacs waited at Beckenham Station for more than an hour until the next train from Victoria (sans the exalted official) arrived. Of course, in the meantime, a detachment of the party had already explored the town in search of coffee, but even the local tuckshop could not be induced to make money (or coffee) on the Sabbath. Finally eleven blue-nosed but very cheery souls started forth in the direction of Hayes, and all went well, until the snow began to fall, thick and fast. However, we kept cheerfully and steadily on through the blizzard (at least we did our best towards the "steadily") until the pangs of hunger became too loud to be ignored. In the midst of some large fields someone suggested that it would be well to sit on "yon twig" and eat. "Yon twig" proving to be a friendly fallen tree trunk, the suggestion was carried unanimously, and we merrily clustered on and under the said twig. Another member had with much foresight brought a newspaper for a ramble, and a sheet each was carefully distributed to keep out the damp. Needless to say our rest in the haunts of the birds was not protracted—especially as no one had any inclination for the usual ramble lunch dessert—oranges—on rising it was found necessary to move with such celerity in the interests of circulation that we had reached our tea rendezvous by 2 p.m. Some of the most zealous explored Hayes Common—which really looked delightful covered with snow—while the goodwife prepared for us, and then we all adjourned to a cheerful little hut for tea. After removing various dripping articles of apparel and distributing them round the stove (by the way, I never thought that twelve ordinary sized hankies could get the steam up so) we commenced with much gusto on the very good hot tea and our second meal within an hour. In a very few moments one heard, "Do you remember," while from the other end of the table drifted, "Did you know—" and once more the good old ball was started, and kept rolling until 4 o'clock. One wonders at such times how ever the words "conduct excellent" managed to appear on any discharge papers! The tea hut did not enjoy complete popularity, as it possessed neither piano nor gramophone (ramble organisers please note), but we spent a most enjoyable time, and were very sorry to turn once more into the cold hard world.

Perhaps, after all, however, the walk back to Beckenham through the moonlit snow was the part most enjoyed. Trees and hedges were a mass of glistening whiteness, and the whole world sparkled deliciously. Some of the sparkle seemed to get into our little band, as in one long line we marched through the snowy lanes to every tune—ancient and modern—which we knew. We agreed with passers by that we were mad—and we laughed to scorn the man with

a motor who was so sorry that he could not take more than three of us. We were perfectly happy, so why worry? A train to Victoria brought us back to civilisation, a muddy, wet, but happy family, in the search of hot baths and beds, and I have not yet heard of any one "going down" with 'flue as a result of our day in the snow.

On the 12th February we hope to spend another such happy day—without the snow—when we ramble with the sister services from Bromley. London Branch members roll up!

RAMBLER.

APOSTROPHE TO A METER. (Dedicated to Mrs. Parkes, M.B.E.)

Let others sing a roaring fire,
Or some poetic heater,
I, whom the Muse doth not inspire,
I sing the handy meter.

When back from daily toil I wend,
I foot it all the feater,
If, when a bath I do intend,
Bethink me of the meter.

Or weariness hangs o'er my bones,
Than rest, what then is sweeter?
No toiling up with coal and groans,
I hie me to my meter.

My penny drops, clink, clink, I turn,
Then—plop, the gas—though cheater
It may be, yet full taciturn
I'd be, without my meter.

Then sit me down, and in the glows
Of dull despair's defeater,
I warm my toes and e'en my nose,
And thank God for the meter.

CORVESCOR (Little Tich).

CORRESPONDENCE.

From Naples.

When I last saw you I had no idea of coming out here, but was offered an appointment and came last June. I am secretary to the manager of this branch of the American Express Company. It is a very responsible post, which I like, but I do not care about Naples.

The climate has been very hot all the summer, and I have just come out of hospital; English doctor and nurses: you pay according to your means, having a room first, second or third class. Good idea, is it not? I have had dysentery and yellow jaundice and have been really ill for six weeks, but am better now. Of course, Naples, as far as surroundings and view, is most beautiful, but you want plenty of money and should be a pleasure-seeker instead of a worker.

Naples is a beautiful, dirty place, not at all lively and with nothing much to do unless you have plenty of money. Capri and the Blue Grotto are indescribably beautiful. I have not yet been to Pompeii or up Vesuvius, but they are treats in store. I look out from my window and see both of them daily. Vesuvius is impossible to describe; it changes colour from grey to blue and pink. Once or twice I have seen it in eruption, belching forth flame, and I suppose lava, but I am too far away to see that.

I am studying the language and hope to go to Rome next year. I passed through Paris on my way out, and stopped four days in Genoa and one in Rome. The latter is most intensely interesting, and St. Peter's is wonderful, although for quiet grandeur I prefer St. Paul's, without being in any way insular.

When you see Miss Knowling be sure to remember me to her, and if you meet Miss Roche, will you say I should like to know how she is. I heard from Winnie Woods, she is still in Paris. If Miss Ireland would be interested in this letter please let her see it, and tell Minnie Davis my movements and anybody else who would like to know. Letters are most acceptable, and will be answered.

I consider it a splendid movement to have local branches and should certainly have come oftener to the gatherings had they been nearer. Had I been in London I should like to have been one of your committee. It does not break away from re-unions at Belgrave Road, which is another good idea. How did the bazaar go, I wonder? I hope profits good. It does not seem nearly five years

ago since we commenced the Corps, does it? but I am very glad we were formed and that I belonged to it. I received my medals the other day.

E. M. LENDRUM (Etaples).

From Auckland, New Zealand.

I am an ex-W.A.A.C., of Camp 111 Abbeville, and those who know me may be interested to learn that I am finding life out in the Colonies intensely interesting. I left England December, 1920, and sailed for Australia by the s.s. "Beltana," arriving in Sydney on the 28th January, 1921. I really had no intention of staying in the city, but in order to see all the sights of Sydney properly I took temporary posts there for three months, and thus became acquainted with nearly all the places of interest in and around this town. The harbour is, of course, noted as being one of the finest in the world, and its beauty is absolutely beyond description. It is so grand, extensive, interesting and lovely, and measures 300 miles round, taking in all the little inlets, and it is dotted all over with picturesque little islands. On its banks are numerous little holiday resorts, and for a few pence, and quarter to half hour's ferry journey across the water, one can leave the rush and commotion of the busy city for the calm and quietude of these restful little retreats. The Botanic Gardens of Sydney occupy a glorious position on the harbour banks and they possess a fine collection of rare and wonderful tropical trees and shrubs, and the finest show of flowers I have ever seen. The drawback of Sydney is that its streets are so narrow. Melbourne is a better planned city altogether, possessing wide roads, well conducted traffic, fine shops and imposing-looking buildings, and a great deal of jealousy exists between these two cities. My purpose in coming to Australia, however, was to farm, and in May last I travelled 600 miles from Sydney right into the Bush, six miles from the nearest little bush town called Tyalgum. The first part of the journey I travelled by water, then by rail, followed by car, through most exquisite country to the little bush town mentioned, finishing the remaining very wild six miles by sulkey. What struck me as humorous was that the driver of the car acted also as rural postman and delivered letters and packages on the way by simply pitching them at the various letter boxes which we passed and which consisted of all kinds of boxes and tins stuck on posts or fences. I might mention that in the majority of cases the letters missed their target and fell in the gutter or on the road. I spent three more months on a little dairy farm here, milking cows, ploughing, planting oats, pulling corn, riding horseback, etc., etc. The life was ideal from my point of view. However, I received a letter from some friends in New Zealand, who persuaded me to see that country and who had also obtained a post for me on a farm there. I landed in New Zealand in August last and have been following out the same lines as in Australia, viz., by taking a temporary post in Auckland so as to get to know the district, etc., and at the end of November I go up country to join an English lady who is farming in the back blocks in North Island. New Zealand is a very beautiful country, and the climate and scenery are more English than Australia. Auckland is an exceptionally fine city, with wide, clean streets, fine shops, large, artistic and well placed buildings, and beautiful parks. The harbour, too, is lovely, and as the city is built on hills, magnificent views of the harbour can be seen from various parts of the town. There are wonderful and weird attractions to be found in this country, such as boiling springs, and geysers, bubbling lakes, etc., etc., but I have not yet been out of Auckland, so cannot write about these yet. Although there is much unemployment here and the same unrest prevails as in every part of the world at present, yet I believe anyone who is willing to go out into the country can find plenty of scope for getting on, both in N.Z. and Australia. This life of travel is grand and I want to try and work my way round the world.

E. E. CURTIS,

Late 9834, Q.M.A.A.C., Camp 111 Abbeville.

From Tanga, East Africa.

MY DEAR Q.M.A.A.C. FRIENDS,—I know I'm the "limit" to have stayed out here more than seven months without giving any of you a sign of life, but the O.C.A. is continually in my mind, and though I'm awfully busy I must make an effort to send you a few lines before 1921 ends. First, a very happy New Year to everyone! I arrived here at the end of April, and as time went on I was hungering for some W.A.A.C. news, so I confess I wrote quite a "snorty" letter in July asking why I'd never had my paper which I paid for up to July, 1922. Fortunately I enclosed my letter in one to my mother, and seeing the address, she calmly told me the Gazette had faithfully come every month and they had been sitting at home and never forwarded to me, so I had a nice budget all at once.

The Gazette is a magnificent institution. Most of us crave for news of our old pals in the Corps, and yet are too busy to write individually. It was so interesting to read about Connaught Club and quite joyous to know that **Suggate** and **Smart** are still to be found there. I shall poke round Edgware Road in search of their sunny smiles when I come home on furlough. Then **Maud White** (I forget her married name) in Berlin. I wanted to hear about her, and her letter delighted me, also many other notes. I'm so glad **Bowen** is on this Continent with me! also **Edwards** and "**Auntie Batty**." I made a valiant effort to see the latter on my way out last April, but found she was too far away to get at. However, I was consoled by a charming letter she wrote to catch me at Port Said, and which—disgraceful to relate—has never been answered.

The October Gazette has just come, and I am most interested in reading **Mrs. Foster's** letter from Nyasaland. I imagine her country is not vastly different from this, though perhaps the heat is not quite so terrific. I nearly went to Nyasaland, but am glad I came here. Tanganyika Territory is a beautiful part of the world, and we certainly have appropriated one treasure from German possessions.

I am living on the Ushambara mountains, 2,700ft. above sea level and about forty miles from Tanga, which is our nearest town. We send native porters there about once a fortnight for provisions, etc. Letters come in one great batch about once a month and we look forward eagerly to the mail.

I am in charge of six mission schools in the surrounding district. The children come in from their villages and the African teachers are mostly very keen and get quite a lot of them "on." Some of them are a bit slow, but many of the boys and girls are very intelligent and manage to read and write and do ordinary arithmetic most creditably. I don't teach myself yet. The language is such a difficulty. I can understand Swahili fairly well, but the people on these hills speak Ki-Shambala, which is a purer Bantu language and less mixed with Arabic. Furthermore, we aren't meant to teach much individually. The job really is to supervise the schools and encourage the native teachers. It means walking miles, and I go long "safaris" through the forest and up and down the mountains and visit the women in their villages. The scenery is most beautiful. We are surrounded by forest with great trees of enormous height. Behind us to the west are ranges of wonderful blue mountains, and then to the north—towards British East Africa—stretches the vast plain far, far away, melting into the dim distance in a soft lavender haze. The flowers and tree-ferns and bananas and cocoanut palms are lovely—not so the insects, which need a great deal of getting used to! Our station is a series of mud huts built on the crest of a hill above the forest. We have quite a nice garden and lots of roses. There are only two Europeans besides myself, the lady nurse and the English padre, both awfully nice, I am glad to say. The Africans themselves are charming. I see **Mrs. Foster** says how cheerful and obliging they are and I heartily endorse it. Perhaps the radiant sunshine and ever-brilliant colouring of their native country makes their manners so attractive. Smiles and politeness everywhere. I am greeted with cordial hospitality wherever I go and often given presents of eggs and bananas. It is a pleasant contrast from the disagreeable countenances that often meet one in England nowadays!

Our people here are very little spoilt by European civilisation and we have a horror of their getting the evils of Western habits and lust for gold, which is the easy snare wherever we white people go I'm afraid. It is good to know so many W.A.A.C.s are scattered about the world, one knows their reputation for cheeriness and good comradeship.

I expect to stay out till May, 1923, and then go home for five or six months, and shall hope to return here again after my furlough, but it will be lovely to come back to dear England and I hope come to some of the W.A.A.C. re-unions if I am in London. We have a good many maize and tobacco plantations on our hillsides, and there are some rubber "shambas" left from the German days, but they are not very profitable. Rice grows on the flat ground here and there. A rice field is "a thing of beauty"—never to be forgotten. Just a wide stretch of green, the clearest, greenest green you can imagine, and so cool and refreshing with the channels of water trickling through it and coming down the slopes of the hill to soak the growing crop.

I echo **Miss Tytes'** sentiments about the dulness and lack of enterprise of West Country W.A.A.C.s. There seems no one to represent the old Southern Command Depot at Bristol, and those of us who knew and loved it for so many months of our service in the corps do regret that there is no local branch of the Old Comrades thereabouts. [This has now been started.—Ed.] I think most of us drifted to other commands before we were demobilised and are now working far from the scene of our early days in Q.M.A.A.C. I wonder whether you have heard lately from **Miss Shebbeare** in China, I have such very nice memories of her in 1919.

You will be tired of this ramble and I had better wind up, but please give my love to all my friends through the Gazette. Those who knew me will know I never forget them. It is presumption to ask anyone to write to me, as I can't promise to answer. We are always so busy and a hundred and one jobs are perpetually turning up in addition to the daily routine, but we clamour for letters. I am splendidly fit and awfully happy. I wish everyone of the O.C.s as cheery a life as mine.

Again a very happy New Year and good fortune follow you all.

THEODORA MARTIN

(Universities Mission to Central Africa).

NEWS OF OLD COMRADES.

Miss Burford Rawlings is editing "The Imperial Colonist," which is the official organ of the Overseas Settlement of British Women Society. It is a readable little paper, issued monthly, and contains a good deal of news relating to our members. **Miss M. E. Moore**, formerly U.A., Gales, and Catterick, has been working in Yorkshire in connection with the Coalition-Liberal organisation for the last year. She has now been transferred to London, and is Assistant Manager of the "Lloyd George Liberal Magazine." Among other ex-Waacs who are working with the same organisation are **Miss Bourne**, **Mrs. Barwood**, **Miss Craigie**, and until recently **Miss Clem Gordon**, who has unfortunately had a bad break-down, and has been obliged to give up work for the present.

Miss O. Mainland, who has been working in Cologne for over two years, is coming home almost at once. **Miss Rita Lindsay** (Rugeley) has returned from her travels, and is just finishing a secretarial course. She hopes to get a job somewhere near Bebington in Cheshire, where she is now living. **Miss Gwendolen Masters**, Glamorgan Street, Chelsea, is shortly going out to Australia, to take up a post in Adelaide. She would be very glad to hear of any Old Comrades in that City.

Miss E. E. Curtis sends a most interesting letter from New Zealand, which is published in this issue. She also tells us that her sister, formerly **E. A. C. Curtis**, of Camps I. and III., Abbeville, is now **Mrs. Kenneth Bland**, and is living at 54 North Bondgate, Bishop Auckland.

The following extract from a South African paper, in regard to **Miss Black's** (late Company Commander, Bostall Heath Camp) abilities as a gymnastic instructress, will remind many of us of her squad, who were selected to represent the Corps at the Royal Naval and Military Tournament at Olympia during 1919. We send our sincere good wishes to **Miss Black**, and wish her every success. **Miss Black** went out to South Africa a few months ago, and obtained a situation at the Training College, Cape Town, as gymnastic instructress to the girl pupils. On the evening of the 6th December they gave a very successful gymnastic display at the Training College. "The exhibition illustrated the work of six months' training, and did credit to the skill of **Miss Black**. The programme comprised ring drill, musical drill, Swedish drill, and dances. It was wonderful how **Miss Black** had taught her pupils; her short sharp orders were responded to with a precision which was military in its effect, and one found it impossible to reconcile the frail sex with these young ladies, who, erect and sturdy, were the embodiment of health and physical fitness. During the evening **Dr. Viljoen**, the Superintendent-General of Education, said they that evening had the pleasure of witnessing the great success which had characterised the work of their youngest and most recent departure in the matter of training teachers. They had been very fortunate in securing the services of **Miss Black**. That course was only twelve months old and the display had been most creditable in every respect. The girls had been trained by **Miss Black** on modern and right lines. They had three objects in view in carrying out that course—firstly, the physical side; secondly, the aesthetic side; and thirdly, the disciplinary side. He hoped that every high and secondary school would have on its staff a young lady as physical instructress, who had been trained at the Cape Town Training College by **Miss Black**."

"**Dot Hastings**, late of Camp III., Abbeville, is now in Toronto, Canada, and would be glad to receive news of Old Comrades. Address, c/o Mrs. A. Ashton, 247 Sherbourne Street, Toronto. **Miss M. G. Barrow** (Late Head Patrol, Winchester Area), is still an invalid, and would like to hear from Old Comrades. She regrets having been too ill to acknowledge letters. Address, Sudnope Hall, near Matlock, Derbyshire. **Miss Constance Sutton** is anxious to get in touch with all Old Comrades living near, with a view to forming a branch of the O.C.A. Address, Macdonald College, Quebec Province, Canada. **Miss Murray Scott** has now changed her address to League of Red Cross Societies, Geneva, Switzerland. **Miss R. G. Merry**, late of Rouxmesnith, Dieppe, is anxious to hear from Old Comrades, and would also like the address of late Worker M. Townsend, and Minnie Wheatcroft, of the same Unit. Address, Fern Bank, 10 Cadogan Avenue, Old Colwyn, N. Wales. **Miss H. D. Buttar**, late of Queen Elizabeth Camp, is anxious to hear from girls who were in huts, "Kenyon Castle" and "R.E. Cabin." Address, Glenbervie House, Drumlithie, Kincardineshire. **Miss F. Bale** has now joined the Bristol Branch, and is anxious to hear from Old Comrades. Address, 82 Bishops Road, Bishopston, Bristol. **Miss Brogdale** has had to lead a quiet life since her dis-home at Castle Cottage, Saltwood, Hythe, Kent, sending best wishes to all Old Comrades. It is regretted that **Miss Brogdale** has had to lead a quiet life since her discharge, and has been unable to do work of any kind. **Miss F. E. Jeffs**, late of Pont de L'Arche writes that her one regret is that there is never any news of her Old Comrades in the Gazette, and how she longs to visit the old camp again. Address, Leighton Court, Weston, Cheshire.

Miss A. E. Lewis writes from 3 Julian Road, Folkestone and asks us to thank **Mrs. Lutwyche** for the lovely calendar she received from her at Christmas. **Mrs. Lutwyche** did not give her address. **Miss Lewis** says she has had a most interesting letter from **Mrs. Beasley**, from Winnipeg and also from **Miss Daisy Minns**, from Montreal, and that both of them seem to meet many more Old Comrades in Canada than **Miss Lewis** does in Folkestone. The following is an extract from **Mrs. Beasley's** (Pat.) letter: "I have had a Waac staying with me for three months and ten days, one I used to know at Borden. I had no idea she was coming out here, and met her and her fiancé in the park near here one evening last June, the day before they were married. They had a month's honeymoon and then came to me and have since gone to Saskatchewan. Last week there

was a re-union of overseas girls, including W.A.A.C.'s, W.R.A.F.'s, W.R.N.S.'s, etc., so, of course, I went: Dr. Ellen Douglas was there, she is such a good sport. My medals arrived a few weeks ago, so, of course, I put them up for the occasion. There were some Waacs I had seen at Folkestone and Connaught Club."

Miss E. M. Clarke, M.B.E. (late U.A. of Porton, Southern Command, and **Miss Duckett**, of Havre, are now running a Y.W.C.A. Hostel at 85/87 Guilford Street, Russell Square. They would gladly welcome any Old Comrades who care to look them up. **Mrs. Le Mesurier** (formerly Grimson) seems to be making a regular habit of opening a new restaurant each year. In 1920 she started the Brownies, in Shoe Lane, in 1921 the Victoria Street Brownies was opened, and now, in 1922, she is almost content with enlarging the Victoria Street premises, but is launching out in fresh directions. The Brownies have become quite a rendezvous for Old Comrades, and one is almost certain to find a friend there at lunch time. **Miss Carlisle** and **Miss Jacobs** are newcomers in the same line of business, and are making a good start in the Haymarket. It behoves Old Comrades who are in that neighbourhood at any time to give them a call. **Miss Eva Chapman** (Warwick Square) has obtained a post at the Helena Holiday Home, at St. Leonard's.

PERSONAL NOTICES.

Simpson—Leach.—In London, on January 12th, Dame Florence Leach, D.B.E., to Mr. E. P. Simpson, of 105 Park Street, Grosvenor Square, W.1.

Davies.—To Mr. and Mrs. Davies (nee Smith, of Rouen) a son, Christopher George.

Browne.—To Mr. and Mrs. Browne (nee Didcote, of Rouen), a daughter, Barbara Helen.

Graham-Barrow.—To Mr. and Mrs. Graham-Barrow, at Shanghai, a son.

Foote.—Old Comrades will learn with deep regret of the death of Forewoman Foote ("Footie"), Quarters Forewoman, of No. 9 Camp, Rouen. She went Overseas with one of the earliest drafts in May, 1917, and served till 1919, when she was overtaken with the illness from which she never recovered. Her late Unit Administrator, Miss G. Collins, writes with much sympathy of F/W. Foote, whom she says was beloved by all with whom she came into contact.

Stevenson.—On the 5th February, at Mundesley, Norfolk, Mary Margaret Stevenson, O.B.E., aged 46 years (U.A., Connaught Club, Hastings, and Folkestone Depots, and D.C.C., Bostall Heath).

Ryan.—No. 2367, Mrs. Ryan (Annie Alexander) died in Edinburgh on December 29th., 1921 (Aldershot).

STOP PRESS.

Princess Mary's Wedding.

As we go to press an invitation has been received for a contingent of fifty ex-Q.M.A.A.C. officials and members to line part of the route of the wedding procession. Correct and tidy uniform (no great coats) is essential, and it will be necessary for those taking part to spend the night of February 27th in London. Anyone wishing to join the contingent should write at once to the General Secretary, O.C.A. It is hoped to make the contingent as representative of the local branches as possible and the fifty names will be selected from the total number of applicants on that principle.

Wanted for Headquarters, O.C.A.

Part time General Secretary, to begin work in April Q.M.A.A.C. only.—Apply, stating full qualifications and amount of time available, before February 28th. Salary by arrangement.

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KENT. Daintily furnished cottage, four rooms and box room, delightfully situated, splendid view, garage if required, to let during April, £2 weekly.—Apply Mrs. Comper, Hillside Cottage, Groombridge.

WANTED. Good general servant, knowledge of cooking, housemaid kept, wages £30 a year, for early in March.—The Misses Bradford, Fir Cottage, Bracknell, Berks.

The Hall of Residence, 107 and 109 Belgrave Road, and 5 St. George's Square, S.W.1 (within 10 minutes' walk of Victoria Station). Lady Superintendent, Miss M. Sterling O'Reilly. Fees from 37/6 to 3s guineas (according to rooms). These terms include partial board (viz., breakfast and dinner) on weekdays, and breakfast, dinner and supper on Sundays.

The Helena United Services Holiday Home, 58 West Hill, St. Leonards-on-Sea, stands on the cliff overlooking the sea, near Golf Links and Tennis Courts. It is open to women who have served in the following: W.R.N.S., W.R.A.F., Q.M.A.A.C., Women's Legion (Motor Transport Section), Women's Forage Corps. The Home is available for Holiday Parties or Week-end Visitors. There is accommodation for fifteen. All the beds are single and there are a few single rooms. Inclusive terms will be from 30/- to 35/- per week according to room. Terms for week-end visitors are by arrangements when accommodation permits. Meals are served at small tables. No bed-room may be retained for more than a month unless under special authority. Payments are made weekly in advance. Any complaints should be made in writing to the Warden. Nearest Station:—West St. Leonards. Frequent trains from Charing Cross, Cannon Street, London Bridge, Victoria and Clapham Junction. Return Fare from London, 3rd class, 17/6. Week-end Tickets available from Saturday morning until Monday night, 11/6 return. Applications to be addressed to The Warden, 58 West Hill, St. Leonards-on-Sea.

WANTED. Housemaids, wages £35, good holidays, with board, wages, 20 maids kept.—Apply Miss Parqitar, Matron, Avery Hill Hostels, Eltham.

Cooks Wanted. Miss Ireland knows of several vacancies for cooks. If any member desires a post as cook, Miss Ireland will be glad if she will communicate with her at 81 Lancaster Gate, W.2.

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.

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

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"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.

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