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Q.M.A.C. OLD COMRADES' ASSOCIATION.

THIRD ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

At The Ex-Service Women's Club, London, on December 9th, 1922.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

On the occasion of the third Annual General Meeting I am pleased to report that the work of the past year has been satisfactory. This year has seen us register as a Limited Company, the final documents pertaining to which were signed and sealed with the Company Seal in July. All members have been asked to sign the new Enrolment Form, thus becoming registered members of the Association.

The actual membership stands at 286 life and 1,308 annual members, as against 267 life and 1,595 annual members in 1921.

The generous gift of £300 from an anonymous friend has been a great help to the funds. Several small donations have also been received.

We affiliated as an Association to the British Legion, when it was decided to admit all ex-Service women on equal terms of membership as those extended to ex-Service men.

Headquarters.

The most important item dealt with is undoubtedly the Benevolent Work of the office. Eighty-eight ex-Waacs have received financial assistance from the Service Women's Benevolent Fund since January, 1922. Cheques received value £1,203 5s. 5d., and payments made, £1,256 2s. 11d. All cases are investigated and submitted by this office.

We have to acknowledge, with gratitude, the extremely kind consideration and generous response of the Service Women's Benevolent Fund Committee to these applications. About 5,060 letters have been dealt with during the year by the General Secretary and the Clerk.

Branches.

The enterprise and devotion of branch secretaries cannot be too highly appreciated. They have to face much hard work and many difficulties in running a branch successfully. Good results have been achieved. A new branch has been opened at Liverpool, and is doing well. The need of comradeship in the colonies has led to the formation of Ex-Service Women's Clubs. The scheme has met with much enthusiasm, especially in Australia, New Zealand, Canada and Vancouver. Two have already affiliated, i.e. Vancouver and Winnipeg.

Camp.

The unfavourable weather this summer naturally affected Shanghai on Thames to a certain extent, and several unexpected expenses have had to be met. In spite of these difficulties, the season cannot be regarded as unsuccessful, and Miss McClosky is to be congratulated on her efforts to make all visitors happy and comfortable, and to assure the success of the camp.

We are also deeply grateful to Miss Ireland for her valuable help as Treasurer, Miss Horniblow and Miss Pink as Secretaries; they have all worked hard, aided by a Sub-Committee.

5th December, 1922.

Gazette.

The Gazette is one of the greatest assets of the Association, subscribers number approximately 1,005, as against 1,227 for the previous year.

We are deeply indebted to Miss Edith Thompson for all her work in connection with the Gazette, to Miss Pink, who has helped her, and to the Sub-Committee which addresses and despatches the Magazine every month. This is no light task.

Ex-Service Women's Clubs and Holiday Homes.

The year has been outstanding in the number of clubs and holiday homes that have opened for ex-Service women. St. Leonards and Southsea have given a considerable number of Old Comrades the opportunity of a delightful holiday. Both houses face the sea, and offer a warm welcome to all visitors. The Edinburgh Club is now well established, and will not be forgotten by any ex-Service woman who has been fortunate enough to stay there. A suitable house having been obtained at 5 Buckingham Gate, we now possess our own club in London. We owe a tremendous debt of gratitude to the committee, who have made it possible for all Old Comrades to enjoy the privileges of a well-run London club.

The weekly re-unions of the London Branch are now held there. Although the accommodation is more adequate we shall always retain pleasant memories of the happy evenings spent under Mrs. Parkes' hospitable roof at 91 Belgrave Road, where so many Old Comrades have renewed acquaintances of old army days.

FLORENCE SIMPSON, President.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

TO THE CHAIRMAN.

I have to report that the work of the year is now complete, with the exception of payment of capitation fees on adjusted subscriptions which have not yet been claimed by all branch secretaries. It is hoped that this will be settled during December.

A new branch has been opened at Liverpool. This now has a membership of about 25, and appears to be doing well.

The need of comradeship in the Colonies has led to the formation of ex-Service Women's Clubs. The scheme has met with much enthusiasm, especially in Australia, New Zealand, Canada and Vancouver. Two have already affiliated as Overseas Branches, i.e., Vancouver and Winnipeg.

The registration of the Association as a Limited Company being complete, the final documents were signed and stamped with the Company Seal on July 4th. All members have been asked to sign the new Enrolment Form, thus becoming registered members of the Association.

During the year 88 cases have been given financial assistance from the Service Women's Benevolent Fund. Cheques received value £1,203 5s. 5d., payments made £1,256 2s. 11d.

About 5,060 letters have been dealt with since January. These consist of various inquiries re the Old Comrades' Association, employment, training, overseas assisted passages, clothing grants, compensation, war medals, etc.

(Signed) E. BERTRAND, General Secretary.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

I have the pleasure to place before the Council the following details regarding the financial position of the Association. The period covered is from 1/1/22 to 30/11/22.

GENERAL FUND.

1. Total Receipts—

Subscriptions	£90 12 2
(Annual 675, and Life 19, 1922).	
Badges	23 1 7
Illuminated Address and Branch	
Refunds	1 2 5
Donations	301 5 4
Repayment of Loans	27 0 0
Sundries	1 14 2
Interest on Deposit Account	27 13 6
Memorial Fund to late Miss Stevenson	43 17 11
Princess Mary Gift Fund	20 15 0
	£537 2 1

2. General Expenditure—

Salaries, Wages & Petty Cash	£315 18 8
Loans Advanced	20 0 0
Grants	37 15 0
Stationery	21 11 1
Capitation Fees	11 3 6
Sundries	142 1 11
Princess Mary Gift Fund, and Royal	
Wedding Expenses	23 1 0
	£571 11 2

3. Income, as derived from the following sources:—

Subscriptions	£90 12 2
Profit—Badges, etc.	3 6 0
Illuminated Addresses	0 4 6
Interest on Deposit Account	38 16 3
	£134 18 11

4. Assets at Bank, 30/11/22—

Balance, Deposit Account	£2,190 8 0
Current Account (£17 17s. 4d., less o/c.	
£1 18s.)	15 19 4
National Savings Certificates	249 12 0
Secretary's Cash in hand	3 16 2
	£2,459 15 6

5. Shanghai Fund—

(a) Loans Outstanding: Mrs. Parkes.	
The sum of £500 was written off	
this loan by sanction of the Council,	
10/10/22	£250 0 0
(b) Total receipts, i.e., Deposit	
Interest	3 8 2
(c) Total expenditure, i.e., grant to	
equip Manchester Recreation Hut	30 0 0
(d) Assets at Bank, 30/11/22—	
Balance, Deposit Account	£200 0 0
Balance, Current Account	94 8 2
	£294 8 2

6. Camp Account—

Total expenditure as per Statement of Accounts prepared by Miss Ireland, Hon. Treasurer, Camp Sub-Committee:—

(a) Total Receipts	£166 0 11
(b) Total Expenditure	177 15 8
(c) Assets at Bank, 30/11/22—	
Balance, Current Account	19 2 5
Reserve Account	19 9 0
	£38 11 5

7. Gazette Account—

(a) Total Receipts	£136 8 4
(b) Total Expenditure	132 9 1
(c) Assets at Bank, 30/11/22:—	
Balance, Deposit Account	£100 0 0
Current Account (£54 14s. 1d., less	
o/c £8 17s. 6d.)	45 16 7
	£145 10 7

8. The Council is Trustee for the following funds:—

MARTIN FUND.

(a) Receipts, 1s. Deposit Interest	£1 15 10
Unused Cheques	0 3 2
	£1 19 0
(b) Expenditure	£76 5 0
(c) Assets at Bank, 30/11/22—	
Balance, Deposit Account	£113 0 0
Current Account, £2 9s. 11d., less	
o/c., £1	1 9 11
	£114 9 11

MEMORIAL FUND.

(a) Deposit Interest	0 16 7
(b) Assets at Bank, 30/11/22—	
Balance, Deposit Account	£73 0 0
Current Account	1 9 5
	£74 9 5

(Signed) E. BERTRAND, Treasurer.

30th November, 1922.

Interest on Deposit Accounts, 30/6/22 to 30/11/22, not yet entered in Pass Books:—

General Fund, £11 2s. 9d.; Shanghai Fund, £1 2s. 10d.; Gazette Account, 9s. 3d.; Martin Fund, 10s. 11d.; Memorial Fund, 6s. 9d.

HEADQUARTERS OFFICE.

The third Annual General Meeting of the Association was held at the Ex-Service Women's Club, 5 Buckingham Gate, on December 9th, 1922, and was well attended. Dame Florence Simpson was in the chair, and among those present were Dame Helen Gwynne Vaughan, Miss Ireland, Mrs. Powell, Miss Horniblow, Miss Thompson, Miss Trotter, Miss Gilchrist, Miss Baron, Miss Cowan, the Misses Bradford.

The work of the past year has been very satisfactory, as will be seen by the President's and Secretary's reports.

At the close of the meeting we were all invited to tea, which was most excellently arranged, and warm thanks are due to Miss Ireland and her staff for their splendid help and catering. It was a good opportunity to meet old friends and have a real Waac gossip.

The registration of the Association as a Limited Company was an important step taken during the year, and puts us on a firm basis.

Subscriptions to the Memorial Fund to the late Miss M. M. Stevenson were received during the month from the Misses Leneghan and Hall. The total in hand now is £44 13s. 4d.

We are delighted to welcome the Ex-Service Women's Association, of Wellington, New Zealand, as our third

affiliated Overseas Branch. We extend to them our warmest wishes for all success.

Badges are still obtainable from Headquarters Office or from Local Branch Secretaries price 1s. 6d., plus postage.

Members are reminded that all annual membership subscriptions of 2s. 6d. are now due. In the case of local branch members, this sum should be forwarded direct to the branch secretary. Unattached members should renew their subscription at Headquarters Office.

May it be pointed out that the membership subscription of 2s. 6d., which entitles Old Comrades to all the privileges of the Association, is quite distinct from the Gazette subscription of 3s. 6d., for which sum the Gazette is forwarded for twelve months, irrespective of the month of payment.

Q.M.A.A.C. OLD COMRADES' ASSOCIATION.

London Branch General Meeting, December 7th, 1922.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Since the last report was presented in July, 1921, the branch has enlarged its activities in many directions, though the membership has fallen to under 600 as compared with over 1,000. In September, 1921, a sports day was held in the grounds of Bedford College, but it was not possible to arrange for this in 1922, owing to the state of the ground there. We hope to arrange for one in 1923. The second Annual Dinner was held on 12th November, 1921, when there was an attendance of 330. The bazaar, organised by Miss Ireland was held on 3rd December, 1921, when owing to the loyal support of the whole branch a profit of over £250 was made. As the treasurer will explain, this money has been used to develop the branch, and carry on the every day work.

The most important work has been the division of the branch into smaller sub-branches, and this scheme has been very successful, as the following reports will show :—

Golders Green.

The first meeting of this branch was held in December, 1921, when the members present were somewhat few in number but very enthusiastic in spirit. A committee was formed and their help in seeking out local members enlisted. The meeting held subsequently was better attended, and a successful social was held in May last, since when three rambles, a theatre party, and another social have been held. The branch has dwindled in numbers, owing to removals and marriage, but the few enthusiastic members remaining are anxious to obtain a room for fortnightly meetings and until this can be obtained, it is feared there will be little to record. An initial grant of £3 was received from London Branch and funds in hand at present amount to £2 8s. 10d.

N. MITCHELL, Hon. Sec.

Ilford.

Ilford Branch now consists of seventeen members, who meet fortnightly, the average attendance being ten. We are going strong, and everyone seems quite enthusiastic, only we want another day in each week to get round everything. We had a whist drive on November 24th, and a very jolly time was spent, and we made the excellent profit on the evening of £2 1s. 6d., and received a donation of 2s. 6d. We hope during the winter to do something of the kind again, with even better financial results.

M. DRUITT, Hon. Sec.

Richmond.

They have a very successful branch, with about thirty members, who are most enthusiastic. They began with a social meeting, and since then have had frequent rambles, cycle runs, etc. Miss Piper is secretary.

Besides the foregoing, at Croydon Mrs. Graham tried hard to get a branch going for that district, and held two meetings but had not much result. At Wimbledon Miss Coleman, for about six months, tried to procure a hall or room to hold an inaugural meeting, but has not been able to find anything. At Dartford Miss Thomas was offered splendid accommodation for holding re-unions at the Ex-Service Men's Club, but in this instance no members were forthcoming, and after a good deal of work had been done, she has had to give up the project. A great deal remains to be done regarding the sub-division and volunteers willing to undertake the work are required.

HOCKEY CLUB.—Regarding sports, in reference to the Hockey Club, last season we were handicapped very much

by lack of proper ground, but this season we have a ground of our own on alternate Saturdays.

A most enthusiastic season is anticipated. The membership numbers fourteen, subscriptions £1 each, of which £8 has been paid up. Twenty-four fixtures have been made out of a possible twenty-six, this being a satisfactory number, in view of the fact that the club started rather late. Out of seven matches played to date, three have been won, three lost, and one drawn. Later in the season the team will meet the Sister Services, and it is intended to put up a good fight and to establish more firmly the reputation gained in previous years in this connection. A ground has been rented for alternate Saturdays at Cricklewood at a cost of £20 for the season.

With the subscriptions and the proceeds from the many efforts which the members are making, it is intended that the Hockey Club shall be self-supporting.

E. M. SMART, Hon. Sec.

A SWIMMING CLUB was inaugurated, and has proved exceedingly successful.

The inaugural meeting of the Swimming Club was held on March 23rd, 1922, when officers and committee were elected—Miss Ireland being elected President, and Mrs. Parkes and Miss M. Chapman joint Vice-Presidents.

Rules were drawn up and membership cards issued on payment of 3s. London branch kindly lent an initial sum, and a first-class instructress was engaged. Practices were arranged for Friday evenings through the summer season at Ladbroke Grove, commencing on April 3rd. The club is affiliated to the Amateur Swimming Association, and started with a membership of 38. In July a jumble sale was held in order to raise funds for the second period of instruction, from June to September, and this object was attained.

Subsequently the membership reached sixty, and the summer season closed on September 22nd, a day prior to the Service Women's Gala, at which it was hoped to secure the Challenge Cup previously held by the W.R.N.S. Unfortunately only seven members competed, but three events were won by Q.M.A.A.C., the cup passing from the W.R.N.S., and us, into new hands.

A team of Q.M.A.A.C. members also competed in a gala held on September 18th, and were accounted very honourably defeated by a few yards.

As several intrepid members desired to continue through the winter, the members were circularised, and as a result Marylebone Baths were chosen for practice on Tuesday evenings, commencing on October 3rd, but were abandoned after three weeks, as being unsuitable. A return was made to Ladbroke Grove Baths for two weeks, pending definite decisions, and finally practices were arranged, and are now being held at Marshall Street Baths, Regent Street, on Tuesdays, 6.45 to 7.45, where instruction is still being received. Two of our members have trained in the club and obtained the bronze medallion of the Royal Life Saving Society, while others are preparing to qualify. Many individual successes of our members in non-Waac events have been recorded.

The last event was a whist drive and dance, held recently at the Ex-Service Club, the proceeds of which have enabled us to re-pay the loan made by London branch and secure instruction up to March, 1923, making a full year from our inauguration.

N. MITCHELL, Hon. Sec.

THE GYMNASIUM CLUB has commenced its second season and Miss Bartlett, the Captain, reports as follows: The above class was formed in 1920, at Cosway Street Women's Institute, under the tuition of Miss Hilda Rogers, an L.C.C. Instructress. A loan was made by London Branch to purchase costumes; this amount has since been re-paid by the members. The attendance has been fairly regular.

In the spring of 1921, the Waac class gave a display at Cosway Street, after only one term's work, and their progress was considered most satisfactory. In the spring of 1922 a joint display with the Sokol Club was arranged at the Regent Street Polytechnic, which was also most successful. A further display of this nature is to take place on December 16th, at the same address, in aid of St. Bartholomew's Hospital.

The class at present numbers 20. A further loan from London Branch has been granted in order to purchase new

costumes—the former ones having become somewhat worn after two years strenuous service. It is hoped to repay the balance of this loan (£5) very shortly.

There are still three vacancies for keen members of the O.C.A., who would attend regularly. We meet on Wednesday evenings, from 7 to 8.30 p.m. The fee is 4s. per term, costumes cost 13s., complete, and may be paid for in weekly instalments.

We are very proud of the following awards:—

1921, High Jump—Miss H. Garnham, silver medal.

1922, High Jump—Miss D. Coleman, silver medal.

1922, General Work—Miss N. Mitchell, silver medal.

M. C. BARTLETT, Captain.

A TENNIS CLUB was formed in the summer and two courts were taken at Cricklewood, and after expending a good deal of money on equipment the membership was very poor. The season was a decided financial failure, and the experiment will probably not be repeated.

THE DANCE SUB-COMMITTEE, of which Mrs. Jackson is the Secretary, reports as follows:—

At the outset I should like to say that in comparison with the previous year the dances organised have not been so keenly supported by the members, much to the disappointment of the committee. I think, however, I am fully justified in reporting that, although the dances have not proved tremendous financial successes, they have socially been most successful, which after all has been the main object of the committee in their work.

Four dances have been organised since the last General Meeting of the branch: two small informal dances, one at St. George's Row L.C.C. Schools, which incurred a small loss and the other at the Ladbroke Hall which barely covered expenses. In March a fancy dress dance was held at the Boots Reception Rooms, Regent Street. Prizes were given for the best fancy dress, and presented by Dame Helen Gwynne Vaughan, D.B.E., LL.D., D.Sc., F.L.S., to whom our best thanks are due for her interest and support.

Captain Mansbridge again came to our rescue in October of last year, allowing us the use of the R.E. Drill Hall for a fancy dress dance. This was organised with the object of raising a large sum of money with the hope of bringing our total profit up to the standard of the previous year. Much energy was spent on elaborate arrangements, but alas, the financial result was disappointing.

The total amount of profit for the season amounted to £5 13s. 10d.

In conclusion, I feel that I must add that the retiring members of the committee have all worked with much energy in connection with the arrangements for these dances, and it is entirely due to their energy and support that the dances have been so thoroughly enjoyed.

L. M. JACKSON, Secretary.

A SAVINGS CLUB was started by the Treasurer, and carried on with the help of Miss Pink, Miss Birchenough and Miss Smith. The Treasurer, in her report, will give details of how much this has been used by the members.

A Concert Party was got together in January of last year, at the request of many members, and Miss French undertook to manage it. After a good deal of time and expenditure of money a concert was given in May, but little support was given by the branch, and it was very disappointing, both to Miss French and the members of the concert party. The committee thereafter decided that it would not be possible for them to continue the concert party as one of its regular activities, in view of the financial loss.

In regard to gifts, in response to a very general wish, a small present was sent to the President of the Association, in the name of the branch, at Christmas, 1921. In October, 1922, a gift was made to Mrs. Parkes on the last evening we met at Belgrave Road for our Thursday reunions. With part of the proceeds of the Bazaar Fund, a piano was presented to the Ex-Service Women's Club, London.

The only other outstanding event which the present Committee arranged, the third Annual Dinner, was held on Saturday, 9th December.

S. B. MURRAY,

Honorary Secretary, London Branch.

81 Lancaster Gate.

December, 1922.

NEWS OF OLD COMRADES.

Miss Haythorne writes from University Hall, Bangor, North Wales, and says that some of the University hostels there can be let in the holidays to parties on very reasonable terms. "They are simple but quite comfortable, and the scenery is magnificent."

Miss Annie Jewitt is back in Bradford again, after a few strenuous months at canteen work. She was sleeping in a hut, and celebrated August Bank Holiday by being flooded out.

Miss Margaret Douch writes, "I am so very sorry to hear of dear Mrs. Kenyon's death. Please convey my deepest sympathy to all her friends in the O.C.A. She was one of the finest women the Corps possessed."

Misses B. Miller and I. McDermott (late Bakeries, Rouen) send greetings to all old bakeresses. They both enjoyed the "Holidays in France" in the October Gazette, especially "Rouen in the Good Old Days."

Miss Hilda E. Taylor (late R.E.P.S., Rouen) says, "I was a member of the Birmingham Branch, and was sorry to say goodbye to the others when I sailed for Canada, I am now staying with friends in Cleveland, Ohio, and should like to have the Gazette, please."

Ex-Member 1757 says, "Will you please inquire through the Gazette whether any ex-Service woman who sat for the temporary clerks examination in October, 1920, have been made permanent? I have heard of several of the men who are now permanent, but not one woman."

Miss Rose A. M. Johnston writes from Kirribilli Point, North Sydney, N.S.W., and is very worried about her sister who has been in hospital a long time. She sends best greetings to all old friends.

Miss Philippa Chubb has taken a teaching post at Greystones, near Dublin. Her address is the Gold Hotel, but she is shortly returning to England. She was at Gordon Square and at Lympne.

A letter from **Miss Jessie Blades** has unfortunately been held over for some time. She spent her last holiday with two Waac friends at Evesham, and had a very happy time. "It is indeed good," she says, to meet old comrades, for there is such a nice spirit about them all which one doesn't come across in ordinary every-day people." Miss Blades is living at Bedale York, which reminds us of Bedales School, Petersfield, where **Miss I. Hobbs** (B.E.F.), and **Miss G. M. Rogers** (London District) are both teaching. **Miss Bird** (Gateshead, Nottingham, and Connaught Club) has just been appointed Assistant Bursar at Bedford College University of London, a post which was originally filled by **Miss Sandberg**, now Mrs. Lionel Foster.

Miss Bartels is in London for a short time, and was present at the annual dinner.

Mrs. Parkes, who is always full of surprises, has recently flown to London from Cologne. Apparently she had a comfortable lunch in Cologne and dropped in at 91 just as tea was being brewed. She says the trip was well worth while, and that she would advise every one to travel that way for comfort, and that it is not really more expensive in the long run, as a car from the aerodrome to her own door finished the journey, at an all-inclusive fee.

Miss Pudsey (Scarborough) has trained in Dr. Truby King's method, and is anxious to find a post as children's nurse.

Miss Cuffey (D.A., of Rugeley, Lincoln, and Pontefract) is just finishing a course in domestic economy at the National School of Cookery, in Buckingham Palace Road. She hopes presently to open a tea shop, and would be glad to hear from anyone who knows of a suitable vacancy. Miss Cuffey wrote to the general secretary to offer her services for any good work (an excellent example to follow), and has temporarily joined the Gazette Sub-Committee. She managed to "assemble" uniform, and was present at the ceremony at the Cenotaph on November 11th.

Miss M. D. Symonds, B.Sc. (Northern Command) is leading a very busy life. She is a woman director of her father's factory, which entails social work among the women employees. She is also working for the Social Science Diploma at Bedford College, of which she was formerly a student, and this includes Charity Organisation Society work at Shoreditch.

From Mrs. Parkes.

Christmas, 1922, was the third occasion on which Her Majesty the Queen has sent calendars and greetings to all ex-Q.M.A.A.C., at 91 Belgrave Road. We feel very honoured to know that we are still remembered by Her Majesty, and although a correspondent in last months Gazette informed us we are "not known" publicly, we at 91 are very content in the knowledge that we are not only "known" but remembered through the years by our late Commandant-in-Chief.

For St. Dunstan's.

A whist drive will be held at 5 Buckingham Gate on Saturday, February 3rd, in aid of St. Dunstan's. All members scoring above 140 will be eligible to qualify for the £1,000 prize which is being given at the final drive in June. Tickets 2s. 6d., exclusive of refreshments, may be purchased from Mrs. Parkes, 91 Belgrave Road, London, S.W.1.

LOCAL BRANCH REPORTS.**Brighton.**

We had a very jolly little whist drive on the 3rd, and only regretted that more members were not present to share our enjoyment, and sample our new quarters. Prizes were won by Mrs. S. Smith (Records), Miss O. Boniface (Henriette) and Miss G. M. Brown. Several members have started the year well by paying their subscriptions. We hope the others will follow suit.

Miss H. Pink (Connaught Club) has kindly consented to act as our representative on the Council.

There will be a social in the Lounge of the 1918 Club, Lewes Buildings, 79 Middle Street, from 7.30 to 10 p.m., on Wednesday, January 31st. Dancing, cards, etc. We have also booked the table tennis, so the athletes (!) among us will have a chance to shine.

H. A. BARON, 25 Wellington Road.

Liverpool.

On Tuesday before Christmas we held our annual party with most gratifying results. There were nearly one hundred guests present. Our rooms had a very festive air, being decorated with holly, mistletoe, and many coloured balloons. We started with a few hands of whist, then had refreshments, which were livened with crackers. By this time, everyone was thoroughly worked up for any fun, so you may be sure there was "some din." The rest of the evening was spent in dancing, games and music. No one was at all willing to go home, having had such a good time, they wanted more.

Now, Liverpool, make a New Year's resolution that you will attend more regularly, and keep your club, not merely going, but prospering. D. HOLDER, Hon. Sec.

Mrs. Smith's whist drive on November 14th was a great success. A visitor carried off the first prize, the second prize was annexed by the Wren faction, Miss Wall representing them well; the third was won by Mrs. Knight, and the Booby prize went to a visitor. Waacs and Wrafs evidently do not shine at cards either way. Over forty did justice to the refreshments at the interval, and by the way, we understand the "fun" waxed fast and furious in the kitchen, where the urn went on strike, but we will draw a veil. The only thing the writer regrets was missing the "Scrum," as she was not able to be at the club that night.

December 1st was celebrated with great revelries, the masked fancy dress dance got up by Miss Watson (ex-Waac) being the cause of all the flutter. The latter, arrayed in a becoming red and gold peasant frock, directed operations, which was no easy matter, when normally peacefully and quiet members of the club were dashing about disguised as crackers, pierettes, apaches, and everything under the sun. Two of the revellers locked themselves firmly into the kitchen, of all places in the world, and after a time emerged someone's great great grandmother in a charming pink poke bonnet, and befrilled frock, and by her side "Glaxo," complete with baby's bonnet and long robe, but "Baby" had no control over her giggles, and it was soon discovered that she was Miss Poynts (W.R.A.F.), and that Miss Lampard (W.R.N.S.) was the great great grandmother. An energetic member of the committee, Miss Smith, in an attractive flag day costume, was soon recognised, in spite of her black mask, while Miss Bragg came as "Superstition," the idea cleverly worked

out. A very formidable "Policewoman" did excellent work at the door, taking tickets, etc. Though mere man's get up cannot, of course, be as interesting as the fairer sex, mention must be made of the one who appeared in our midst, as a "Ghost," with a cowl drawn partly over the skull, this apparition's dancing partner was a "Departed Spirit." A chef was also energetically fox trotting in spite of the rather crowded room, for though the numbers had been restricted, a good many turned up without tickets and paid at the door. The party became most hilarious when the interval came, and they all sat down at little tables round the room to coffee and light refreshments. Prizes were given, and the fun went on, at what time it ceased is not known to the unfortunate writer, as she had to be prosaic and catch her last train, leaving the gay scene behind.

W. W. LINDSAY,

Press Representative, Liverpool Women's Ex-Service Club. Edinburgh.

GENERAL MEETING.—A general meeting of the branch will be held at the Women's United Services Club, 12 Drumsheugh Gardens, on Thursday Evening, January 18th, 1923, at 6.45 p.m.

HOCKEY CLUB.—The Hockey Club is going very well, although we could do with more members. The membership subscription is 3s. a year. A number of matches have been played, and we hope to meet the Glasgow O.C.A. team in March and April.

Oxford.

A general meeting and social was held on December 7th at Barnett House, Broad Street (by kind permission of the Council) to decide the future of our branch. Quite a good number of members turned up and it was decided unanimously to "carry on" next year in spite of our small numbers. We had a very nice tea and plenty of talk of the old days in the Corps.

We have a few new members joining us for 1923, and Miss J. M. Payne, late U.A. Scarborough Emergency Quarters, who, although always a member of our branch, is now returning from London to live at Oxford again; we shall look forward to seeing her at our next re-union.

We have, alas, to say "Good-bye" to the founder of our branch and late Hon. Secretary, Miss E. T. Hawes, who has left Oxford. We owe her a large debt of gratitude, because if it had not been for her energy and enthusiasm, the Oxford branch of the O.C.A. would never have existed. Here's wishing her the best of luck from us all and we hope that she will often visit Oxford in the future, when she can be sure of a good welcome.

Mrs. Davis (ex-hostel forewoman, Southern Command) has notified me that she has a spare bed-room in her house, 28 Jericho Street, in which she would put up any ex-Q.M.A.A.C. in need of a bed and friends in Oxford for the small sum of 2s. 6d. per night for bed and breakfast or 25s. per week. I feel sure any Waac stranded in Oxford would be thankful to take advantage of this kind offer.

Mrs. Davis has been elected to the Committee to replace Miss Hawes. M. GRUNDY, Hon Sec.

Portsmouth.

We have to extend our very grateful thanks to Miss C. Robertson, who has kindly consented to carry on the Secretaryship of this branch again. Mrs. Dobson unfortunately found it necessary to resign, owing to removal from the neighbourhood.

Miss Robertson is calling a General Meeting, and full particulars will be published in the next issue.

Glasgow and West of Scotland.

GREETINGS.—A Happy New Year to all Old Comrades at Home and Abroad. The Secretary has received a card from Dame Florence Simpson, D.B.E., with the following greetings: "To wish you and all members of the Glasgow branch a very happy Christmas and New Year," from Florence Simpson, Fir Cottage, Bracknell, Berkshire. Other greetings are from Misses Irnes and Elder, Rhodesia; Miss J. Murphy, Washington; Miss Thomson, New York; and Miss Nickson, Montreal.

Since sending in the report the following greeting has been received by wire: "Greater success than ever to the branch and club during 1923—Rouen Signals' Reunion."

We tender our sincere thanks to the Rouen Signallers for their kind thoughts of this branch.

E. M. GILCHRIST.

U.S. ENTERTAINMENT.—The first of the U.S. Entertainments took the form of a Whist Drive to Limbless Soldiers on the 9th December.

DEPARTURES.—Miss E. Cook sails this month for Rhodesia. She hopes to meet with Miss Innes and Miss Elder, both members of this Branch, who are now settled there. Misses Nita and Isobel Murphy also sail this month for Montreal where Miss Nickson is already in a good post. Miss Murphy did excellent work as Treasurer of this branch in the first year of its existence. These comrades have our best wishes, and we hope they will let us hear from them occasionally, and that they will not forget their own branch of the O.C.A.

RE-UNIONS.—Tea-parties have been held in the club during the Christmas season to welcome Miss McCreddie and Miss Winter, also Miss Ottman, who is home from London on holiday.

CHRISTMAS GUEST NIGHT.—The Club was tastefully decorated by the Misses Onie and Ella Browne and McLellan and there was a good turn out of guests. A very happy evening was spent singing, dancing, recitations, and, of course, refreshments.

HOCKEY.—Miss Bain, Captain 1st XI, reports the month's matches:—

Dec. 2nd, O.C.A. v. Whitehill, Whitehill 3, O.C.A. 0.

Dec. 9th, O.C.A. v. Denny, Dumbarton 2, O.C.A. 1.

Dec. 16th, O.C.A. v. Rutherglen, O.C.A. 1, Rutherglen 1.

The 2nd XI has had a good run of luck this month.

Miss Gardner reports the following matches:—

Nov. 23, O.C.A. v. Bellgrove Church, O.C.A. 6, Bellgrove Church 0.

Dec. 4th, O.C.A. v. Templeton's, O.C.A. 4, Templeton's 0.

Dec. 12th, O.C.A. v. Stonelaw, O.C.A. 6, Stonelaw 1.

Dec. 20th, O.C.A. v. 2nd North Kelvinside, O.C.A. 2, Kelvinside 0.

SUBSCRIPTIONS.—Please note all subscriptions are due to be paid in January, and can be paid at the Club any Wednesday evening. E. M. GILCHRIST, Hon. Sec.

Don't forget, then, if any of you are passing near us, that Wednesday is "our" night and 212 Bath Street our address and Miss Gilchrist is always in faithful attendance.

LONDON.

I wish to draw the attention of all members of the London Branch to the change of Secretary. Annual subscriptions for 1923 are now due, and I shall be glad if members will send me them as early as possible, to the address given below.

Following are notices of coming events connected with the London Branch activities:—

OLYMPIA PARTY.—There will be a party of London members of the O.C.A. going to Olympia on Saturday, January 20th. Members are asked to meet for tea at the Ex-Service Club, Buckingham Gate, before proceeding to the Circus, or if they prefer, to be at the booking office, Addison Road Station, at 7.30 p.m., for the performance only.

SWIMMING CLUB.—Old comrades are reminded that the General Meeting will take place on Thursday, January 18th, at 8.15, at the club. A large attendance and many nominations for 1923 season's officers are hoped for. Practices are still being held and instruction received. Particulars will be given gladly to any inquirers on application to the secretary.

HOCKEY CLUB.—Preliminary notice is given of a whist drive to be held in aid of the above on February 24th, at the Ex-Service Women's Club, 5 Buckingham Gate. Tickets 2s. each (including refreshments) from E. M. Smart, 81 Lancaster Gate, W.2., or any member of the club.

SYLVIA CORNER, Hon. Sec., London Branch
5 Ferncroft Avenue, Hampstead, N.W.3.

OUR OLD COMRADES' ASSOCIATION

Everyone who reads this is a member of the Q.M.A.A.C. O.C.A. How many of you count yourselves active members? How many of you can look back on a single thing you have done since the first "Gazette" was issued to help the O.C.A.? I think I am quite safe in answering—very few. Whose fault is it—the fault of those of us who are trying to carry on the work or is it *your* fault? I shall

put my side of the case and doubtless the Editor will let you put *your* side next month.

When I was a member of the Q.M.A.A.C. one little phrase was impressed on me in season and out of season—*Esprit de Corps*—in fact I got rather tired of its promiscuous use; but if the very people who used the phrase so frequently had the slightest idea of what it means, it would not be possible to count on one hand the number of ex-officials who take an active interest in the running of the O.C.A. In this branch we are handicapped by the absolute lack of people who are willing to volunteer to give any time to the work. We are all busy people with our daily work to do, but having had within us some idea of what our Old Comrades' Association might achieve we have dreamed dreams and seen visions—but the dreams and visions are fast fading and disillusionment is strong within us.

Why should *you* wait to be personally approached to help? It is *your* O.C.A. Don't sit back and criticise, that is a simple way of satisfying your conscience. The other day someone said to me, "I don't know who runs the Gazette but I don't think much of it." Possibly she is typical of many of you who read this. Just think back—have *you* ever sent in one item of news to the Editor? Have *you* the very slightest idea of the labour—all of course absolutely voluntary—which it takes to produce such a paper? Come and show us how *you* would like it done, and I am quite certain the Editor would gladly give you a free hand for a couple of months. If you don't feel quite equal to running it by yourself, you could join the "Gazette" Committee, or you could even write your bright ideas to the Editor. Don't, however, keep them to yourself, and then feel you have a right to run down the paper to the next person you meet. Until you are actively assisting, you have no rights of criticism. After all, the "Gazette" exists only to pass on news about Old Comrades and obviously the Editor cannot compose that, and it is up to each one of us to keep her supplied.

Remember it is constructive criticism we want. We are only too well aware of our shortcomings, and for a lot of them we blame *you*. We should like to hear your side of the story, why you don't come to the club room on the Waac evenings to see if any of your girls are there and be interested in them, why you do not support the branch in its ventures. It is interesting to note that not one of the ex-officials in London, apart from the few who take an active part in running the branch, took a ticket for the K'Lotteries Concert. Of course if you don't feel that you must support a thing of this kind just because it is a Waac venture I cannot make you change by writing about it. I only write of it because it is typical. I know we are criticised because we are said to keep everything in our own hands. Work is there, it has to be done and obviously it is simpler for us to get on with it rather than hunt round for people to do it and court the inevitable refusals. I do not see why we should even have to ask—if you felt as you should, considering what the Corps was meant to stand for and what the words Old Comrades' Association mean, *there ought to be far too many people to do the work.*

No. 50,027.

OVERSEA, St. LEONARD'S-ON-SEA.

"Oversea" rejuvenated this Christmas and was properly old fashioned. Home-made fare, with the proverbial holly and mistletoe were the order of the day, to say nothing of the stocking hanging episode on Christmas Eve.

Father Neptune, assisted by the Clerk of the Gales, kindly held himself in abeyance, and enabled good old Santa Claus to descend the chimney noiselessly, but it is obvious that he was blown back to Iceland within twenty-four hours. This disturbance of the elements outside, however, did not deter the enjoyment of the visitors inside "Oversea" they gathered round the cheerful board, and subsequently the cosy fire, enjoying themselves thoroughly. The high sea was magnificent, and after viewing it from the windows we felt we must go down to it and inhale the ozone, delighting in the roar of the waves and the spray on our tingling faces. There was plenty of sunshine too when the wind became tired and fell asleep, and on these occasions "Oversea" opened her windows wide, and welcomed in the warmth.

In wishing all Old Comrades a very happy New Year, a visitor's very apt remark is quoted:—

"Have you acquired the 'Oversea' habit yet?"

CORRESPONDENCE.

From Miss B. M. Preston, Head Office, Imperial War Graves Commission, St. Omer.

Although I am not a member of the O.C.A., the Gazette is passed to me every month, and in the December edition I noted with interest the letter from Mrs. Knicker of Tulsa, Oklahoma, one of our old girls of the A.E.F. stationed at Tours 1918-19. Perhaps if you would publish a small extract from the following in your next Editorial, she won't be disappointed in her search for news of her old friends next month.

I must first introduce myself as ex-Wkr. B. M. Preston (I forget my number) of Tours camp, and ex-Wkr. G. Smith, now Mrs. Klicker, and I were two of the famous "Old Moderners," ten noisy irresponsibles whose one ambition in life seemed to be to hold as many protest-meetings as there were days in the week, never satisfied, yet—at heart—thoroughly happy. We are scattered now, and I can account for them all except one. Three are in America—Day, Powell and "Smithie," four in London, Hardy (whom I often meet), Cunningham (now Mrs. Yelf), Binks and Leggett, and I am in France. "Jimmie" Jameson is in Spain.

I am still carrying on with the work I did at St. Pol, where I was posted after I left the Americans, and was one of the lucky ones there who comprised the "Ford is Final Concert Party" that toured round France in 1920-21 cheering up all that was left of them. When the camp closed down, the Branch of Graves work that I was in moved to the Imperial War Graves Commission at St. Omer. But more recent halcyon days have not made me forget old days and old chums in the Waacs.

From Miss May Nixon, Dorchester House, Montreal.

I have got nicely settled down in Canada. Arrived in this house 31st October per s.s. "Tunisian," and have never moved since. The Secretary was going home to take up work as a conductress and I fell heir to her job. It is all very interesting and new to me, but I am quite into the way of it by this time, and getting on famously.

The other day the signature on a cheque caught my eye, and you can imagine my joy when I discovered it to belong to Miss Constance Sutton (U.A., Rouen). She lives at St. Annes de Bellevue and is Housekeeper at the Macdonald College of Agriculture there. Of course, I immediately communicated with her and received an invitation to visit her. I went yesterday, and spent the most enjoyable afternoon since coming to Canada. We had a great long talk, and a lovely little tea party in her beautiful rooms. I am sure Dame Helen's ears must have been burning, and those of various other mutual friends.

I was very sorry Dame Helen was unsuccessful at North Camberwell, but nothing should stop her from carrying the poll next time.

If there are any girls in Montreal and district who would care to communicate with me, and arrange a meeting, I shall be awfully pleased.

Kindest regards to all,

Yours sincerely,

MAY M. NIXON.

From Colonel Macpherson, General Headquarters, British Army of the Rhine, Cologne.

I have to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of your letter of the 20th instant; also the budget of Gazettes, which has given me great pleasure in reading.

If I would not be trespassing on valuable space, I would be very grateful if you would permit me, through the columns of the Gazette, to wish my old Waacs who were at Boulogne with me, 1917-18-19, all the best New Year greetings. I am better known to them as Col. Macpherson, C.O.O., Boulogne.

I see you did me the honour to reproduce the article I perpetrated, "Our Wack," which I intended as a small tribute to the very gallant band of ladies who so well supported me when I had the privilege to be the C.O. of Boulogne Base during the war. I equipped the very first hostel in France for the very first Waacs who landed—in 1917. I would be glad if you would kindly let me be a subscriber to your splendid little paper.

Since writing to you last me have had an undertaking from "The Feminist Club," of Sydney, Australia, to meet parties of British women migrants, guarantee positions for them, and furnish them with hospitality and social intro-

ductions. The women are leaving about the middle of February, in charge of a trained nurse. Each woman is paying her own fare, and taking a little money of her own with her—say £50 if possible. The cost of fare and medical examination is £50. This is a fine opportunity for suitable educated British women to go out to Australia under comfortable travelling and social conditions. Please let me know as soon as possible whether or not any of your members wish to join in with the party. ETTIE A. ROUT.

27 Queensborough Terrace, London, W.2.

From Miss Patricia Dennis, Cape Town.

I am coming to England in the spring, and if you have ever lived 6,000 miles away from London for two or three years, you can imagine something of the extra heart-beats at the thought of coming back. That's how I feel just now. It will be wonderful looking people up. This work teems with interest—sometimes even excitement. People pass through this house, which is really like a base hostel, who seem to have left South Africa till last, having lived in every other corner of the world, as well as the kind who have never before left their native heaths. So there is variety.

I have seen many Waacs, but never have time to keep in constant touch. I have seen a lot of Bowen and Edwards of course, because they have been down here. Edwards, who married Commander Clarke early this year, will be in England by the time this letter reaches you. Bowen came and lived here with me for a few months during last session. That was very good for we have had many a foregathering. You will know, of course, that she is now in the Prime Minister's office. One night I went along with her, and we chatted with General Smuts in front of the fire in Cecil Rhodes's library in Groote Schuur, and, unnecessary to add, did not talk politics. The General read amusing epitaphs to us out of the local newspaper instead!

I am just back from a fascinating trip to North Rhodesia. The call of the wild is no myth up there. When you see six crocodiles in one afternoon you begin to realise that—there, at least—interesting things may happen at any moment.

From Miss R. E. Guest, Uckfield, Sussex.

I've just had a week's holiday and spent it in Croydon with two of the old girls who were at Juniper's Camp, Christchurch, Hants. I often wonder when any of the Christchurch girls are going to come to the front in the Gazette. But I have never seen mentioned anyone from either the Barracks, Iford, or Jumper's Camp. Although I spent a most enjoyable time with the two sisters, Gertie and Francis Cleave, when we talked of our gay times and a wonderful rally we were in at Bournemouth. I'm now off to visit a few Waacs that are left at Maresfield Park Officers' Mess. It seems quite like old times to see them rushing about and preparing for guest night with such an important air. I've been wondering if I shall be much of a bother if I ask you to send the Gazette to my home address, as I've left the Bungalow for the winter and am now in a cottage, which we have to leave in March. It would mean another change of address then, so perhaps you could send it to my home. Then my mother would forward it to whatever address I'm at, as I'm not sure or settled yet.

From Miss Logan, 2 Knaresborough Place, S.W.5.

I feel strongly that some protest should be made against the correspondent who stated, "The General Secretary to be a voluntary worker linking up past and present, and making the whole alive? I say voluntary because so much more can result from one who gives than one who earns." I have had various dealings with the Head Office, O.C.A., for help for Old Comrades who are in distress. The Secretary has never failed me. Money has been sent almost at once to every comrade. If the comrade has been ill the secretary has spared time to go and see her in hospital. One sick comrade wrote to me and said, "I got such a dear letter from the Secretary, so sympathetic and kind that I feel I know her, and I shall always be grateful to her." I cannot help feeling that if your correspondent has ever done paid work she must have done it very badly, and not given of herself, otherwise she could not have written in that way. All work that is worth doing is paid for, and people thus find their true level.

EDITORIAL.

Business.

This column has been relegated to the background this month, to make room for more important matters; and very dull stuff too, most of you will probably think. Business affairs often seem dull to unbusinesslike people, but everyone ought to take some interest in their own business, and be intelligent enough to wish to see it properly managed, even if they are not prepared to take the management into their own hands. The affairs of the O.C.A. are your affairs, the Association funds are your funds, so please read all the reports carefully, taking a personal interest in them, and you will be surprised to find that it is not a bit dull really. Perhaps you can discover something wrong, or something that you disapprove of and that will add a tremendous zest, you can immediately dash off an indignant letter to the (in?) competent authority concerned.

A Happy New Year?

One of the advantages of being tucked away at the end of the paper is that comment on what has gone before is easier. We have tried to read the various annual reports now published with the detached attitude of an outsider, and have come to the conclusion that in some instances these are curiously pessimistic, and this is specially noticeable in the London Branch reports. Possibly the various secretaries are tired out with the work of the year. We make no apology for devoting considerable space to this branch, for its membership constitutes almost one half of the total membership of the Association. It is true that we have lost some members, but we always realised that the Association had no means of recruiting, and must therefore gradually diminish. It is true that we have spent some money—a little perhaps without sufficient return—but how amazing it is to see how much we have still left. Shanghai perhaps, did not pay as well in 1922 as in 1921, but it is wonderful to think it paid at all, considering the bad summer, and still more wonderful to know that we have a whole camp of our own as a going concern. The dances have not shown much profit, and the tennis club has a deficit. Never mind, everybody has enjoyed themselves, and we are not running a commercial enterprise. The Gazette has lost a few subscribers. We don't mind a bit, the loss is theirs, and we have a comfortable balance at the bank. Better a thousand keen members than ten thousand bored ones; better money well spent on deserving objects than hoarded in the bank. So let us set forth on the adventure of the New Year in a cheery frame of mind, proudly, but with all modesty, aware of the good work we have done during the last few years, and determined to carry on in the same spirit. Will every member lend a hand, please?

The Third Annual Dinner of the O.C.A.

About 300 Old Comrades attended the dinner, which was held at the Baltic Restaurant, London, on December 9th. The President, Dame Florence Simpson, was in the chair, supported by Dame Helen Gwynne Vaughan, Miss Davy, and Miss Horniblow. The following guests were present: Miss D'Avigdor (W.R.N.S.), Miss M. Thomson (W.R.A.F.), Miss Downing (Forage Corps) and Miss Leveridge (W.V.R.). Miss Barker and the Women's Legion representative were unable to attend at the last moment. After the President had proposed "The King," and "The Queen, Our Commandant-in-Chief," Miss Edith Thompson, President of the London Branch, proposed the "Sister Services and Guests," to which Miss D'Avigdor replied. Miss M. Thomson proposed the "Q.M.A.A.C. Old Comrades Association," to which the President replied. Miss Ireland proposed the health of the President, which had a tremendous reception, and Mrs. Jackson that of Dame Helen Gwynne Vaughan, with special reference to her Parliamentary campaign, to which Dame Helen made an amusing rejoinder. Every toast was received with enormous enthusiasm, and several with musical honours. The diners shouted loudly and persistently for the speakers they wanted, and invariably gained their point, amid vociferous cheers. It was, in fact, a stirring evening, and very pleasant to see so many people all obviously enjoying themselves thoroughly. Local branches were well represented, Miss Cowan from Edinburgh, Miss Gilchrist from Glasgow, and Miss Baron from Brighton, being among those present. All arrangements were admirably made by Miss Murray, who took an infinity of trouble to make the evening the success it was.

Christmas Greetings.

It is regretted that Christmas greetings to all Old Comrades from Miss Davy and others were received too late for publication in the last Gazette.

Our Contemporaries.

We acknowledge with thanks the December numbers of the "Veteran and Briton," "R.A.O.C. Gazette," "British Legion," "W.R.A.F. Leaflet," the "Ex-Service Women's Bulletin" (Sydney, N.S.W.), and we are much gratified to receive a letter, which we publish in this issue, from "Clan Chattan," a regular contributor to the R.A.O.C. Gazette, whose sympathetic study of a Waac we published in the October Gazette.

EDINBURGH POPPY DAY, 1922.

It will be remembered that, on the day of the opening of the club premises by F.M. Earl Haig, he spoke of considerable length on the work and aims of the British Legion and appealed to our members for support and assistance. In response to Earl Haig's appeal Mrs. Chalmers Watson, on being approached by the Committee of the British Legion (Scottish Headquarters) readily consented to act as Convenor of the Committee appointed to carry out the work in connection with "Remembrance Day" in Edinburgh.

We who worked with Mrs. Chalmers Watson, on the Committee of the W.U.S. Club, at 12 Drumsbeugh Gardens, know how much of the success of the club is due to her organising abilities, and are therefore not surprised at the wonderful success which attended her efforts on November 11th. The street collections alone amounted to £2,377 7s. 7d., while £830 was received in donations, making a total of £3,207 7s. 7d.

Mrs. Chalmers Watson has received the following letter of appreciation from Earl Haig:—

"General Blair has told me of the wonderful way in which you organised the appeal in Edinburgh on "Remembrance Day," on behalf of the cause which I have so much at heart. Please allow me to congratulate you on the splendid success which attended your efforts, and may I offer you my most sincere thanks for all you did. With kindest remembrances and hearty good wishes for Christmas."

WEDDINGS.

Clark—Cashen.—On January 13th, at St. Saviour's Church, Walthamstow, John Clark to Wkr. C. Cashen (Holland Park, Bostall Heath, and Caterham Camps).

Scrivener—Smith.—On 24th September, 1922, at Congregational Church, Waverley, N.S.W., Harry Scrivener, D.C.M. (ex-Sergt. North Hants) to Kate Smith (ex-Waac., Etaples).

Bambrook-Welberry.—At Oxford, on November 27th, 1922, W. L. Bambrook to Elizabeth Welberry, of 62 Cowley Road, Oxford (late Q.M.A.A.C. clerk, Sydenham). New address, 24 St. Mary's Road, Oxford.

BIRTHS.

Peachey.—On June 16th, at Liverpool Road, Ashfield, N.S.W., to Mr. and Mrs. P. Peachey (nee Constance Brown, Signaller, Boulogne) a daughter.

Whyte.—At 108 Colworth Road, Leytonstone, Essex, on November 19th, to Mr. and Mrs. A. L. G. Whyte (nee K. I. Hawkins, Unit 3, Signals, Boulogne)—a son, Keith Garrioch.

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