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EDITORIAL.

H.M. the Queen Visits the Ex-Service Women's Club.

A full account of Her Majesty's visit to the club, of which she is now a member, will be found elsewhere. It was a great blow to Q.M.A.A.C. that their President was abroad, but failing her we know we are safe with Dame Helen. It gave us all the very greatest pleasure to see Miss Ireland in such well-deserved prominence, and to hear that the Queen asked specially to see Mrs. Parkes, and inquired after her hostels. We were delighted that Lady Bertha Dawkins was in attendance upon Her Majesty: Q.M.A.A.C. regard her as a real friend, and she is one of our Honorary Vice-Presidents. Perhaps the culminating touch to our enthusiasm, however, may be best described in the words of "The Times" report, "The Queen was wearing the Old Comrades' badge of her own corps—the white and blue oval brooch of the Q.M.A.A.C." There, Old Comrades, you may well flaunt your badges in future.

Listening to the excited chatter over the tea-cups after the Queen had left, we could not help hoping that she had carried away some impression of the very real happiness her visit had given, and if for that reason alone had felt it worth while.

It may perhaps be said that we have dwelt rather too persistently upon the Q.M.A.A.C. aspect of the Queen's visit, but after all the Gazette is simply and solely for Waacs, so it really needs no apology. At the same time we all appreciate to the full the opportunity which the club gives us of "mixing up" with the other services under the pleasantest conditions, and as time goes on we find our interests becoming more and more identified.

Members are reminded that the first annual general meeting of the club takes place on Saturday, April 14th, at 3 p.m., and that it is important it should be representative. Please keep the date free.

The British Legion.

There still seems to be some confusion with regard to ex-Service women and membership of the British Legion. The following paragraph is quoted from the January number of the "British Legion": "It has been brought to the notice of Headquarters that a number of branches are refusing ordinary membership of the Legion to ex-Service women on the ground that they are not eligible. This, of course, is quite contrary to fact. The annual conference last Whitsuntide passed a resolution admitting ex-Service women to ordinary membership, and branch secretaries are referred to Rule 4, paragraphs (a) and (b), of the constitution as amended, July, 1922."

No Service woman can have been a member of the Legion before June, 1922, until then they could only join the Women's Section, which is open to wives and dependants of ex-Service men. A good many of our members are now in close touch with their local organisations. Among others, Mrs. King (née Jordan, U.A.), is on the Legion Committee at Gerrard's Cross, where she is shortly being joined by Mrs. Aburrow (née Cable, U.A.): Dame Florence Simpson has also been asked to serve at Bracknall.

Memorial Window in York Cathedral.

A largely attended meeting of the women of Yorkshire was held at York recently to discuss a suggestion that they should unite in an effort to raise £3,000 for the purpose of restoring the Five Sisters Window in York Minster in memory of Army nurses, members of Queen Mary's Auxiliary Army Corps, St. John Ambulance, British Red Cross Society, W.R.N.S., those who went down in ships, and others who laid down their lives in the war.

The Case of Jessie Watson.

Several readers have written with regard to an article in "John Bull" of some weeks ago, under the heading, "Callous Treatment of an Invalid W.A.A.C." It will interest them to know that since October, 1921, Miss Watson has been receiving grants of money regularly from the Service Women's Benevolent Fund, and that the Soldiers and Sailors Families' Association have done everything they can. Further the O.C.A. office is in touch with the case. Representations on her behalf have also been made to the War Office, but at present without success. It is apparently the War Office whom "John Bull" accuses of callous treatment.

Overseas Officials' Dinner.

We conclude this dinner took place, as we were asked to publish a preliminary notice, but not a single word about it has reached us. The main object of this Gazette is to act as a link between all ranks of the Corps, and it is difficult for us to keep our old comrades who are now overseas in touch with all our activities, if we are not supported.

Gleanings from the Newspapers.

Perhaps the following Old Comrades are too modest to tell us of their achievements, but they cannot conceal their doings from the eye of the Press. Dame Helen Gwynne Vaughan has been elected President of the National Union of Scientific Workers. Miss Cust, who was specially appointed to a Veterinary Hospital in France with the rank of A.A., has now been admitted to the Royal College, and is the first fully qualified woman Veterinary Surgeon. Dr. Letitia Fairfield, not content with having obtained every possible medical qualification has passed the final examination for the Bar, and is now a woman barrister. People sometimes forget that Dr. Fairfield was in Q.M.A.A.C. first and transferred into the W.R.A.F. soon after that Corps started. We like to lay claim to our celebrities now and then!

The January "Blackwood" contains an excellent article by Miss Haythorne.

Our Contemporaries.

We acknowledge with thanks the February number of the "Veteran and Briton," "R.A.O.C. Gazette," "British Legion," "Imperial Colonist," "W.R.A.F. Leaflet" and "The Wren."

The latter contains a full account of the Q.M.A.A.C. dinner. It is so much nicer than our own report of the same festive occasion that we venture to quote the following graceful "appreciation."

We were given a very warm welcome, and both in the speeches, and in personal conversation with individuals, were made to feel that the various Services are now more united than they have ever been. Dame Florence Simpson was in the Chair and Dame Helen Gwynne Vaughan came as a W.A.A.C., having refused to represent the W.R.A.F. at the Dinner of her old Corps. Two hundred and fifty-seven of us sat down to dine, and the Wren representative being between Dame Florence and Dame Helen, hardly occupied the place of quiet and inconspicuous tranquillity she had hoped for. Quiet was hardly to be expected at such a cheery assembly, and should, at some future date, a noise-making competition be arranged between Wrens and Waacs, it is feared that the Wrens would be hopelessly beaten. In response to loud cries, "WE WANT MISS IRELAND," the Secretary of the Ex-Service Women's Club made the modest and charming response one would have expected of her, disclaiming any credit for her work.

In January we thanked "Clan Chattan" for his delightful letter which arose from our republishing his article on a Waac in the R.A.O.C Gazette. We now owe him a handsome apology for the very careless way in which his letter was printed. For some extraordinary reason half another letter from an entirely different source was attached to Colonel Macpherson's, reducing both communications to complete rubbish. We can only apologise very humbly. We are delighted to see that No. 34848 Q.M.A.A.C. has written in the following number of the R.A.O.C. Gazette to express her appreciation of the article, and then allows herself the pleasure of a few reminiscences.

Although I haven't had the experience of appearing before the C.O. for the wearing of non-issue apparel, I can well remember some of the girls confessing that they dare not meet his would-be stern eye, lest the ridiculous side of the show strike their minds simultaneously and the proceedings be dissolved in undignified laughter.

Does "Clan Chattan" remember having to admonish Waacs for returning to their hostel after late duty in the company of their own selection instead of being under the wing of old C's, detailed for the job and not very keen on doing it?

As "C.C." says, it was a daring experiment with a highly gratifying result. We had no injunctions to reserve ourselves in air-tight compartments, on the contrary we were encouraged to mix with the troops, off duty as well as on, and I think that kept everything on a natural matter-of-fact plane. Tommy Atkins was a gentleman and always, it seemed to me, regarded us as in a dangerous and uncomfortable environment, and therefore deserving of every help and respect.

I started with the R.A.O.C. in Havre in an office with thirteen men and I never expect to have a happier time than that was and as safe as a houseful of maiden aunts. Only once was I in trouble, up against the Officer good and hard on a small point of discipline. For a few moments he literally stormed, then suddenly stopped, scratched his bald pate and remembered that he had daughters at home, one of them my age, he supposed. My defences broke down instantly and no more was said. . . . Another joy was the old soldier. We never dared enquire into his methods of acquisition, but he could find paraffin for our stoves, nibs for our pens and sacks as footmats when the powers-that-were had declared such things unobtainable anywhere and—supremest blessing!—he would produce a cup of "Sarge-Majors" tea when the depot brew was all too redolent of yesterday's soup.

HEADQUARTERS REPORT.

Donations to the late Miss M. M. Stevenson's Memorial Fund have been received from Miss Norah Corner and Mrs. Simpson. It is hoped that the Memorial Tablet will be completed and placed in position in the Writing-room at the Ex-Service Women's Club early in March.

The Secretary holds a few copies of photographs of the late Mrs. Dundas, and of a group of the members of Unit I., Wimereux, taken a short time before closing down. Forewoman Linsell kindly forwarded these some time ago for distribution, and members desiring copies should apply to the General Secretary, enclosing stamped addressed envelope.

A very varied list of inexpensive hotels in Paris, recommended by Old Comrades in response to an appeal in last month's Gazette, is to hand. Addresses will be forwarded on application to any member desiring to spend a holiday in Paris and requiring reliable accommodation.

The General Secretary is in touch with a number of ex-Waacs who are in straitened circumstances and badly in need of clothing. An appeal is therefore made for material and wool which can be made into useful garments, also discarded clothing of all descriptions, for women and children. Parcels will be gratefully received by the General Secretary, who will undertake to distribute the contents to the most urgent cases.

Will any Old Comrade be kind enough to give her copies of the Gazette for the months of November and October, 1920, and January, 1921? Unfortunately the office filing copies have gone astray, and it is essential that the volumes should be complete.

Can any Old Comrade supply Headquarters Office with the present address of Miss Annie Flynn, No. 19238, who proceeded to Western Australia in August, 1921? It is understood that Miss Flynn returned to England early this year, and the latest address to hand is c/o Mrs. Mutzke, Wool Road Point, Charlton. Letters forwarded to this address have been returned marked "unknown."

It is possible that Miss Flynn has been admitted to a Hospital or Infirmary.

EX-SERVICE WOMEN'S CLUB, LONDON.

Saturday, March 3rd, will long be remembered in the annals of the Buckingham Gate Club, as the day when the Queen enrolled as a member, and so conferred the highest honour upon the club itself and the eight hundred other members.

On arrival Her Majesty was met in the hall by Dame Helen Gwynne Vaughan, Chairman of the Service Women's Association, which represents all the Corps for whose benefit the club is intended; the Provisional Committee, on whom had fallen all the responsibility of equipping and launching the club; and the Secretary. All members of Q.M.A.A.C. were bitterly disappointed at the absence of Dame Florence Simpson, to whose initiative the movement culminating in the establishment of the club was directly due, but she was abroad, and could not possibly return in time. The Queen asked for her, and expressed regret at not seeing her. Apart from this it must be admitted that Q.M.A.A.C. were well to the fore in all the proceedings, and we were delighted to see so many members of the Corps presented to the Queen in the course of the afternoon.

After greeting Dame Helen, and the Provisional Committee (of which Mrs. Pratt-Barlow (ex-Q.M.A.A.C. and W.R.A.F. is Chairman, and Miss Gibson the Q.M.A.A.C. representative) and the Secretary, Miss Ireland who requires no explanatory letters, Her Majesty went upstairs to the drawing room, where about four hundred members were awaiting her in close formation—very close formation to be accurate. Here Mrs. Powell (Q.M.A.A.C. and W.R.A.F.) had got together a small choir, which broke into "God Save the King" as the Queen entered the room. Among the singers were the secretaries of the Q.M.A.A.C. and W.R.A.F. Old Comrades' Associations. Dame Helen then welcomed Her Majesty with a few simple (we had almost said "manly") words, and thanked her for coming with such obvious sincerity and gratitude, that she pleased everyone. Dame Helen called attention to the fact (which every Waac present had noticed instantaneously) that the Queen was wearing our Old Comrades' badge. That is something to be really proud of, and we all felt it was very wonderful of Her Majesty to think of putting it on. We had also noticed that, as we had hoped, Lady Bertha Dawkins was in attendance. She too is a member of our O.C.A. After that the Queen signed a special membership card, which had been designed by Misses Lithiby and E. Allan, both Q.M.A.A.C., and showed the badges of all the Corps concerned, and was presented with a little statuette in bronze, also the work of Miss Allan. The small boy who had posed as the model, and is the son of Mrs. Peters, Q.M.A.A.C., was present with his mother.

Among those individually presented to Her Majesty in the drawing room were Misses Davy and H. Horniblow, Q.M.A.A.C.; I. Crowdy, W.R.N.S., and Mrs. Powell. The Queen then made a detailed inspection of the house, escorted by Dame Helen, Miss Ireland, and Mrs. Pratt Barlow, during the course of which she made many inquiries as to the arrangements and general working of the club. She was evidently reminded of her visit to Mrs. Parkes' hostels in Belgrave Road, and on hearing that Mrs. Parkes was present, said she would like to see her, and asked with evident interest as to the well-being of what we used to call "Waac Enterprise No. 1."

The Queen seemed thoroughly pleased with everything she saw, and finally had tea in the coffee room, where the chief feature on the menu was a splendid cake specially sent by Miss Cocksedge, Q.M.A.A.C.

The Queen was in the club nearly an hour, during which time apparently most of the eight hundred members were tightly packed against the walls of the sitting rooms or lining the stairs. They behaved with that good nature, discipline and restraint, which is expected of Service women, and it is hoped and believed that they all had a good view of the Queen at some period of the proceedings. A crush was inevitable under the circumstances. The Provisional Committee and the Secretary and staff of the club are to be congratulated on the excellent organisation displayed, and on the fact that the club continued to carry on its proper functions practically without a break. Q.M.A.A.C. are deeply grateful to those good-natured representatives of other Services who polished up the Corps' plate to such splendid effect. A dazzling array of silver trophies was displayed.

A.B.C.

WOMEN'S UNITED SERVICES CLUB, VANCOUVER, B.C.

Our esteemed Secretary has asked me to tell you of our November doings, and they have been so many that I find it difficult to begin. Our membership is increasing and we have about thirty now on the list, with the prospect and hope of more coming, while our new Treasurer, Marion Paton (W.A.A.C.) informed us last night that she had opened a banking account with ten dollars. So we are beginning to feel that we are a real Club. The girls are so enthusiastic and all realise that the Vancouver Branch of the W.U.S.C. is a great thing.

Instead of our usual business meeting being held on the first Friday in November, we had our first social and dance in the club-room of the Y.W.C.A. to say good-bye to two of our girls, who were leaving for San Francisco on the 5th inst. In September, "Chubby" Scott (Ex-Waac Administrator) left us for an appointment in Stanford College, just out of Frisco, and she wrote such glowing accounts of the place that Nancy Oliver (Waac) and Minnie Ferguson (V.A.D.) thought they would try their luck there also! We hear they have both got fixed in good jobs and wish them lots of luck.

In spite of the good-byes, the evening was a great success. We had dancing and games, and Jean Watson (Waac) and Miss Tootell (V.A.D.) both added to the enjoyment of the evening by singing to us.

The next item of interest was our Armistice Dinner, which we held on Friday, 10th November, in the Cosy Corner Tea-rooms run by Mrs. Danby Smith (Nursing Sister) and one of our members. She had arranged the tables to make three sides of a square, so that we all got a share of each other. Flags and chrysanthemums decorated the room and the tables, and Miss Glazebrook (W.R.A.F.), who has lately opened a florist shop in town, kindly brought along some plants decorated with poppy-red streamers. The dinner was delightful, and while the tables were being cleared we all gathered round the piano and sang the old choruses.

About 9.30 the men folks arrived, and we danced with great "wim and wigwag." A distinguished guest of the evening was Mary Elizabeth, the four-months-old daughter of Mrs. E. Rogers (W.A.A.C.), and she came in for a good deal of attention. Mrs. Rogers said that she could not get anyone to look after her for the evening, but our private opinion is that she wanted the rest of us to see what a lovely wee baby Marv is. She behaved perfectly, and almost stood at attention when we sang "God save the King."

Next day, being Armistice Day, as many as possible of us attended the service at the Court House, and the Club placed a wreath on the Cross of Sacrifice, erected by the boys at Shaughnessy Military Hospital. Miss Glazebrook made the wreath, which took the form of a cross on a stand of laurel leaves and bronze chrysanthemums, with poppies growing round the base.

Our business meeting was held on 17th November, when Mrs. Lake, Commissioner for the Lower Mainland Girl Guides, gave us a short talk on Girl Guides' work. They are greatly in need of officers, and quite a few of the girls promised to help her.

Also it was decided to give the boys at Shaughnessy Military Hospital a Christmas party on December 29th. More later.

It was suggested that we have a sewing meeting once a month to make garments for dependents of returned men who need the help. The general opinion was that it would meet with better success if left until after Christmas, but an unofficial one was held at Mrs. Danby Smith's flat, when we made some baby clothes for a specially urgent case. We feel in this way that we are living up to the Service part of our title.

The Navy League are putting on a Children's Fancy Dress Ball in December, and it was agreed that the Club offer a first prize for the most original girl's costume. We gave a pair of skates.

The following executive was chosen to represent the different organisations in the Club: Nursing Sisters, Miss Muriel Ellis; W.A.A.C., Miss May Bannerman; W.R.A.F., Mrs. Bower; V.A.D., Miss Tootell. You will observe we have no Wrens up to date, but if there are any here, they will be sure of a real welcome.

I am afraid if I say any more that Madame Editor will be finding a shortage of space for other things, but we thought you would be interested in the doings of our young Club—which is only two months older than Mary Elizabeth.

CATH LAYTON, President.

I am enclosing a report of our November doings, written by our President, Mrs. Layton. She has asked me to give you a further account during December. This is my first letter to you as Secretary of this Club, Miss Benton having found it necessary to resign, which she did at our last business meeting on 5th January. She has not been well lately and, therefore, was unable to devote as much time to the Club as she felt she ought to give. We are all very sorry to lose her as Secretary, for she had done so much towards the formation of this Club, but we feel glad that she can still attend our meetings and socials and be one of us.

The usual business meeting was held on Friday, 1st December, when final arrangements were made for the party which we are giving to the patients at Shaughnessy Military Hospital of this city, on 29th December.

Also it was suggested that we have a distinctive badge for our Club, and several designs were submitted, but nothing definite has yet been decided on.

A new member, Mrs. Walker, nursing sister, was introduced that evening.

The party, which we gave to the patients at the Military Hospital on 29th December, came off with great success. About 180 patients came to the large hall of the hospital, a few being wheeled in on chairs and one was carried in on a stretcher, which was placed on a table, where he was able to see and hear all the fun. The girls of the Clubs had made elaborate paper hats for the boys, and great enjoyment was provided while each boy tried to procure a suitable colour for his complexion. We had a two-piece orchestra, and the evening was spent in games and dancing. Those who could, thoroughly enjoyed the dancing, and the boys who were unable to dance were greatly amused by the efforts of some of their pals. Later on in the evening we served refreshments, provided by the girls, and a few of us visited the wards and distributed cigarettes and refreshments to the bed patients, who seemed greatly cheered by our visit. The Matron, Miss Brown, has since told Mrs. Layton that the boys say it was the best party they have had and are hoping we will give another some time. Needless to say, we enjoyed it as much as they did, and felt we had done a little bit towards helping to make their lot a little more cheerful.

At present our membership stands at 30, but we have prospects of it increasing in the near future.

(Mrs.) L. MACGREGOR, Hon. Sec.

Calais Area.

A social and dance has been arranged and will take place on Saturday, 7th April, at the United Services Club, 5 Buckingham Gate, S.W.1.

As the social is being arranged by the Vendroux W.A.A.C.'s, we are particularly keen that as many as possible of old Queen Lizzie's bairns will answer the roll call on that date.

Tickets, 2s. 6d. each, may be had by applying to Miss Bobbie Andrews, 83 Belgrave Road, S.W.1. When applying for tickets please enclose a stamped addressed envelope.

LOCAL BRANCH REPORTS FOR FEBRUARY.**Brighton.**

It has been decided not to have a Club meeting at the end of this month, but to have an evening at the Regent instead. Meet at 8 p.m. on Friday, March 23rd, inside the main entrance of the Regent Theatre, Queen's Road. At that time there should be plenty of ls. seats available, and it is hoped that a goodly number of members will turn up.

25 Wellington Road, Brighton.

H. A. BARON.

Bristol and West of England.

A meeting of members was held at the end of February at Christ Church Parish Hall, Bristol, under the chairmanship of Mrs. Goodenough Taylor. The Chairman was re-elected with a committee composed of the following: Miss Collins (Bath), Miss Hall (Bristol), Miss Emms (Bristol), and Miss Thring, Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, Shortwood House, Litton, near Bath, to whom all applications for membership should be addressed. The committee believe that many old members of the Q.M.A.A.C. are resident in the district who are not aware of the existence of a branch of the Old Comrades' Association in their midst. They are advised that regular opportunities for meeting old comrades are arranged throughout the year, that the annual subscription is 2s. 6d., and that a copy of the Gazette (the only official organ of the Association) can be seen if applied for to the Hon. Secretary.

After the meeting several of the members adjourned to the Bristol Hippodrome, where they first of all had tea together, and then spent a most enjoyable evening watching the performance.

Edinburgh and East of Scotland.

A very happy evening was spent by 30 members of the Women's United Services' Club, as guests of the Blind Sailors and Soldiers of Newington House. The men entertained us with songs, and the room was then cleared for dancing. It is always a great pleasure to go to Newington House, as we get such a warm welcome from Major Williamson, the Superintendent, the Matron, and the men.

We have to congratulate two of our members, Miss Jack and Miss Tait, on their successes in the December Government Examination. Out of over 1,000 entries Miss Jack gained third place, and Miss Tait also took a good place. Miss Jack scored 100 per cent. in shorthand, and Miss Tait 149 marks out of 150.

We are very proud of their success and give them our heartiest congratulations.

The first general meeting of the Women's United Services Club was held on 17th February. There was a good attendance of members, presided over by Mrs. Chalmers Watson, C.B.E., M.D.

A sure sign of the success of the Club was the fact that there were no complaints or serious criticism raised. On the other hand satisfaction with the Club and confidence in the management and the staff were expressed.

The financial statement was good and the members look forward to an even more successful year in 1923, and it is hoped that the membership will still go on increasing.

HOCKEY CLUB.—On March 3rd our team travels through to Glasgow to play the Q.C.A. team there. This is the first meeting of the two teams and both sides are looking forward to a good game and have hopes of winning!

J. H. COWAN, Hon. Secretary.

Glasgow and West of Scotland.

VISITORS.—Miss Allies (Gordon Square, Hyde Park and Grove Park depot), having seen the address of the Club in the Gazette, visited it on Wednesday evening and was lucky in meeting at least one Army friend. Miss Allies lives near Worcester, and regrets that there is no O.C.A. near.

Mrs. Miller (née Pyper) who, since her marriage, has lived in barracks at Aldershot, visited the Club while on a visit to Glasgow. Being a guest night her husband accompanied her. Mr. Miller has been ordered to Bermuda for three years, and before leaving Mrs. Miller wished to make sure of her subscription and Gazette. That's the spirit! Other members going abroad, and those abroad, please take note!

In this month's Gazette Miss Peggy Fox (now married) is mentioned as on her way to Bermuda. Perhaps Mrs. Miller could get into touch with her by sending her address to the Gazette.

TABLE TENNIS.—There is now a set at the Club, and the art needlework class being over, members are able to dance in one room or play tennis in the other. No need to have an idle moment!

Miss Laird's Glasgow friends are glad she has now settled in Glasgow as Resident Secretary of the Queen Margaret Union. Several of her old girls and the Secretary of this branch spent a very happy evening in her pretty rooms. As some had not met since their Army days (at St. Pol and Rouen) there was great excitement and talk.

To be the means of bringing friends together, and to see their meetings, makes one feel that the work of the Branch Secretary is not in vain.

HOCKEY.—By the time this is in print Edinburgh and Glasgow O.C.A.'s will have met. Look out for results in next month's Gazette. Miss Gardner (captain) reports the following matches:—

Jan. 6.—O.C.A. beat Templeton by 4 goals to nil.

Jan. 13.—O.C.A. beat Chalmers Church by 7 goals to nil.

Jan. 20.—O.C.A. beat Mearns by 4 goals to nil.

Liverpool.

We welcome to Liverpool Miss Evans, from London. We are progressing slowly but surely. There is still the old trouble amongst us, "apathy." What can we do to arouse waning interests? It is not possible to notify members of every individual meeting, and surely everyone can remember they are fortnightly.

Should anyone forget the dates, or place, a note to me will be replied to by return.

Friends of members are welcome at every meeting, which is always of a social description.

D. HOLDER, 49 Claremont Road, Wavertree.

LONDON AND DISTRICT.**Richmond.**

In spite of very bad weather on February 18th three brave members (including our ever faithful "little" Wilf and "Ole Bill"), with spirits undamped ventured forth to explore new ground in the Staines area. Fortunately the rain cleared off in the afternoon, and a distance of 20 miles (so they tell us!) was covered. As they appear very anxious to prove the distance the same tour has been fixed for Sunday, April 8th. A good tea is promised us halfway. Meet Richmond Station at 10.30 a.m. sharp.

As the whist drive and social held at the Ex-Service Club on January 20th, was voted such a success, it is hoped that another one can be arranged shortly.

May I remind those members who have not yet renewed their O.C.A. subscriptions for 1923, that these are now overdue.

Application forms for visitors to "Oversea," St. Leonards, can be obtained from me.

DOROTHY M. PIPER, 15 Arthur Road, Kingston Hill.

Golder's Green.

Our members, we feel sure, very much regret Miss Mitchell's resignation as Secretary of our branch, as it is owing to her perseverance and hard work that this branch exists to-day. Although Miss Mitchell is no longer Secretary, we shall still have her in our midst as a very enthusiastic and interested member, for which we are more than thankful.

At our last meeting on January 23rd, a theatre party was suggested, but as members could not all manage the same evening arrangements were made for two parties, the first for Monday, February 5th, to see "The Island King," and the second on Tuesday, the 6th, to see "The Last Waltz." Both parties had a thoroughly enjoyable time.

We are having our first "social evening" in our new "home" on Tuesday, February 27th, but more about this in next month's issue.

W. BIGG for A. COLLIER, Secretary.

SWIMMING CLUB.—A General Meeting was held on Thursday, January 18th, at Buckingham Gate when Miss Chapman took the Chair. The Secretary and Treasurer presented a General and Financial Report with which satisfaction was expressed. The question of Bath and Night for Summer Season was discussed with the result that Ladbroke Grove was again chosen, but for Tuesday evening.

Election of Officers and Committee then took place.

Miss M. Chapman was the only nominee for Secretary, and it was necessary to deprive her of the Vice-Presidency, which she previously held, in order to gain her in the new capacity. We feel deeply grateful to Miss Chapman, as if she had not consented to this the Club would have been in a bad plight in the absence of other nominations.

Secretaryships do not appear to be popular.

Miss Mainland is a real acquisition as Vice-President as beside being a good swimmer, she has always been so keenly interested in us.

We retain our President and other Vice-Presidents, and 1923 Officers and Committee are as follows:—

President: Miss Ireland, M.B.E.; Vice-Presidents: Mrs. D. Parkes, M.B.E., Miss Mainland; Secretary and Treasurer: Miss Chapman, M.B.E.; Captain: Miss Stansfield; Vice-Captain: Miss Chidley; Delegate to A.S.A.: Miss Millbank; Committee: Miss Bartlett, Miss Izzard, Miss Jarvis, Miss Porter.

Miss Bartlett did not wish to be re-elected as Vice-Captain, but we have not lost her altogether as will be seen.

It may be advisable to point out that practices will continue to be held at Marshall Street on Tuesdays at 6.45 p.m., until April 24th (inclusive), though the winter season ends on March 27th, when 5s. subscription for the summer season will fall due. It is hoped to return to Ladbroke Grove on May 1st, but a definite announcement regarding this will be made next month.

We are rather given to blowing our own trumpet, but as this will be the last "blast" from the 1922 Committee and the highest praise is due to the member concerned, we feel fully justified in announcing the award to Miss G. Jarvis of the Bronze Medallion of the Royal Life Saving Society. Miss Jarvis trained during club hours under the Club Instructress. Those of us who remember sustaining "Jarvie" last season during her tadpole efforts, by that portion of a swimming costume which affords the most convenient grip, should now be shamed into emulation.

Perhaps also if all those introducing members who cannot "swim a stroke" will reflect that they too, might be medallists by the end of nine months Club instruction, they will really turn intention into action and come along and join.

A St. Patrick's Masked Carnival will be held at Buckingham Gate on Saturday, March 17th, at 7.30 p.m. Tickets 2s., including refreshments, may be obtained from committee members or the Secretary, Miss M. L. Chapman, M.B.E., 181 Maida Vale.

TENNIS CLUB.—Do come and join us, for this is going to be the very best season we have had. We have two beautiful courts on the East Acton Athletic Grounds, which is only a 4d. 'bus ride from Marble Arch direct, or a 2d. tram ride from Hammersmith Broadway, but please note the station is EAST Acton, on the Tube.

The ground can be used ANY day of the week and from 2 o'clock on Sundays, and our ONLY restriction is that we may NOT play gramophones on Sundays.

The subscription for the season is £1 (one pound), which must be paid before the 1st of May, 1923, but can be paid in instalments from now onwards.

We already have nearly thirty members, so send your name at once to Miss Chidley, 5 Buckingham Gate, S.W.1, with a deposit of not less than 2s., as it will be necessary to limit the numbers.

The courts are situated right in the country, although only three minutes from the station and tram terminus, and it will do you good to come out for the fresh air and beautiful scenery. The courts are on the top of a hill from which we command a splendid view of the White City and Wormwood Scrubs Prison. We have already enlisted Art, Talent, and Humour, so if you are not a tennis player come along and we will endeavour to add this to your other charms. You need have no fear of being the only member on the court as a committee member will be on the ground every evening to greet you.

HOCKEY CLUB.—Results of recent matches are as follows:—

Jan. 6.—O.C.A. drew with Ministry of Health; 1 goal all.

Jan. 13.—W.R.A.F. beat O.C.A. by 2 goals to nil.

Jan. 20.—O.C.A. beat Hounslow by 2 goals to nil.

Jan. 27.—Finchley County School beat O.C.A., 4 goals to 1.

Feb. 10.—O.C.A. beat W.V.R. by 9 goals to nil.

Feb. 17.—O.C.A. beat Saxonians by 11 goals to nil.

Feb. 24.—Vickers beat O.C.A. by 4 goals to 1.

Manchester.

We finished up the month of January with an exceedingly enjoyable whist drive in our club-room on the 31st. This was organised by Miss Nell Savage (Signals, Boulogne), in aid of the hockey club, of which she is secretary, and it was a great success. On February 2nd we had fortune telling at the Club, by cards, palmistry and clairvoyance. Mrs. Grath and Miss Schofield, friends of Miss Matley (W.R.N.S.), Treasurer of the United Services Club, gave us a very enjoyable and interesting evening.

We purpose having a whist drive every third Friday in the month at the Club. A charge of 6d. will be made to pay for prizes, so please all come in order that we can purchase good prizes. The first drive will be held on March 30th, afterwards the third Fridays as far as possible. The whist drive on February 24th in aid of hockey funds was a great success, financially and socially.

On March 2nd there will be a concert at the Club. A dance has been arranged for March 20th, to be held at the Women's University Union, Lime Grove, tickets 4s. each; this includes supper. As we do not wish to make any profit on this dance everything will be arranged as nicely as possible. The tickets are strictly limited to 80, so it is advisable to apply for tickets early, from the Hon. Secretary, who is organising this dance.

Anyone who knows Miss Robinson, knows that this will be a very enjoyable evening. On March 24th there will be a whist drive at the Clarion Café in aid of funds for the holiday hut at Adlington, tickets 2s. 6d. each.

Will all members who have not paid their subscription for 1923, please do so as early as possible.

M. ANDERSON, Press Correspondent.

Portsmouth.

Our whist drive and social on January 31st was a great success. There was a large attendance and everyone seemed thoroughly happy. Songs were sung by Staff-Sergt. Hollingdale, R.G.A., who also proudly displayed a fountain pen which was presented to him by "Waacs" at Shoreham. A report of the "drive" on February 28th will appear in our next.

February 19th—the first general meeting of the United Services Club for Women—was held at their premises, 26 South Parade, Southsea. The new President, the Marchioness of Milford Haven, was in the chair. Miss Ireland, General Secretary, read the financial statement and urged that the ex-Service women of Portsmouth should make a real united effort to put the club on a sound financial basis.

Lady Milford Haven spoke encouragingly, and urged each to bring at least one new member. A cordial vote of thanks was accorded Lady Milford Haven for her presence at the meeting, also for the retiring House Committee, who with one exception were re-elected.

On March 28th there will be yet another whist drive, it is hoped, too, that we will be able to discuss the coming outdoor season. We hope to begin rambles about Easter.

We are watching and waiting for those new members for the United Services Club, our members please gently but firmly bring forth your friends. We were pleased to welcome Miss Pearse, of Eastbourne.

CORRESPONDENCE.

From Miss Belle Thomson, 40 West 88th Street, New York.

(Kindly forwarded by the Glasgow Branch).

My dear Miss Gilchrist,—I can't tell you how delighted I was to have the pleasure of meeting you and the other girls at the Club at Glasgow that evening, and what a jolly time we had, hadn't we. I'm so glad to know Miss Murphy is getting on all right, and I do hope she is very happy in the land of her adoption. She, too, must think me very negligent as I have not written to her, but I lost her address in Washington, hence the delay.

Well, I must say, Miss Gilchrist, I had a wonderful time when I was home, and I have many happy memories of good times spent last summer in Scotland, England and France. I met lots of my old Waac friends, and stayed a few days with two or three of them in different places, and you can just imagine how our chins wagged. My, what a lot we found to talk about, and didn't we enjoy ourselves discussing the good old times. My visit to France was exceedingly interesting, and although I had previously visited most of the places, nevertheless I enjoyed my visit very much. Crossing from Southampton to Le Havre I stayed in the latter place for a few days, and from there visited Douville, Trouville, Etretat, Honfleur, St. Adresse, and all round Le Havre. From Havre I went on to Rouen, and from Rouen to Dieppe, where I re-visited all the scenes of my Waac days. Rouxmesnil (my camp) is a little bit out of Dieppe, but I hired a car and was soon spinning along the road and arrived at dear old Rouxmesnil almost before I knew it. How I wished I could have done that during my Waac days when I had been to Dieppe to do some shopping, and stayed so late that I had absolutely to run all the way back and arrive at the Mess Hall door breathless, just in time to answer my name. But what a different Rouxmesnil I behold now; nothing whatever left to show where all the different offices, orderly rooms, etc., stood, and I had to guess a lot and stand on a certain spot and think "now this is where the Camp Office was," "Company office was over there" and so on, and then I went up the hill to where our (the girls) dear little Camp was. And how sad I felt when I thought of all the girls and the happy times we had, and how we were all scattered now. I looked, but alas in vain, for a familiar face when I walked about the streets of Dieppe and visited Neuville Galleries, and thought of Wheatcroft especially then (she will know why), but my luck was out and I didn't see anyone I knew. I visited Mrs. Lockyer in her little shop (where we used to have tea) and found her just the same as in the days gone by. She seemed quite pleased to see me and told me I was to be sure and remember her to all the old Rouxmesnil girls I happened to run across. When I left the camp I motored all round Martin Eglise and thought of the Native Labour Hospital and the dances we used to attend there.

From Dieppe I went to Paris for a few days, and had a grand time in, and around, the gay city. I returned to Dieppe to get the Dieppe--Newhaven boat home, thus terminating my short, but enjoyable visit to France.

I had a fine trip back to New York (sailing from Liverpool), and was real sorry when New York sky-scrapers were sighted, as another week at sea would have been very enjoyable, but of course, all good things must end, and I knew that was the end of my three months holiday and that I would have to settle down to work again. In all I had travelled a good bit over ten thousand miles, so I think that should satisfy me for another year at any rate.

For the information of the old Rouxmesnil girls I would add that Pat Halley (late Officers Mess) is now married and settled in New York, and Kitty Rowlinson is also taking the plunge and is being married in a few days time.

I hope I haven't bored you with all this, but I thought perhaps you could insert parts of it in the "Gazette" for the benefit of all the old Rouxmesnilites, if you think it worthy of it.

From Mrs. McDonald, 440 Hayes Street, San Francisco, California, February 2nd.

I will write again soon, and try to give a little account of working conditions out here, but I must say right now, that this is a very good city for women, the wages are better here than most places, and always lots of work, especially domestics. Well, I guess all my pals will be surprised to hear I was married on December 16th, so instead of being Lily Cumberland, I am now Mrs. McDonald, and I am very happy, and would love to be able to welcome a few pals out here. I read in last month's gazette that two girls were leaving Vancouver for California. I wonder if they are anywhere near her, if so I wish they would please get in touch with me. Although I don't know either of them, we feel we are one big family, and would like to meet each other, and I would be glad to help anyone along if I possibly could. I always look forward to the arrival of the Gazette, I think it is fine. I was quite at home again in Calais, as I read the account of Ada Strange's holiday over there.

I was very sorry to hear of the death of Mrs. Kilroy Kenyon. Well I remember her greeting to us on our arrival at Calais; it is a pity such a fine woman could not live for ever. My very best wishes to all pals, and the Gazette for this, another year.

From Miss A. B. Anderson, 44 Rue de la Paix, Le Touquet.

The Gazettes are full of interest to Miss Glasper and myself, and we have been amazed to find where lots of the girls have settled. We feel sure many of our old friends of Wimereux (Unit II.) would be glad to have our address.

During last summer we had quite a number of old Waacs visiting us, and I need hardly add, enjoyed their visits, and had a very jolly time with them in the evenings, etc. Paris Plage is growing at an alarming rate. I am quite sure many of the girls who were stationed here would hardly recognise it. Houses, shops, hotels, etc., have sprung up. I notice (with regret) two houses are being built in front of Reanne and Grillin. It spoils my view of the billet where I used to feed. Trees have been planted along some of the streets, which is rather nice, as they were long straight rues and bare.

A new road is being cut through the forest to Golf Hotel, branching off from our line at the little cottage (I think the Guardians), and the road which leads to Regina and Casino, etc. It is very interesting to see the place grow, and sometimes I wonder if we will ever forget it as it was in 1917-18-19, but I think not!

From Mrs. Hughes, New York City, February 3rd.

I have just received the January issue of the Gazette, and the very apt article by "No. 50,027" rather pricks my conscience. My one or two feeble attempts to keep in touch with a few ex-officials haven't been very successful. They refuse to reply. I would suggest that the Gazette run an agony column for sufferers like myself, and would like to be the first contributor: "Mrs. Vernon H. Hughes (ex-A.A. Russell, B.E.F. and A.E.F.), 20 West 10th Street, New York, would like news of Leckie, Rust and Bedell." We are more or less settled in New York, that is until we eventually return to England for good, and I would be so delighted if any ex-Waacs who happen to be passing through New York would call on me. I should also be only too glad to help any girl who anticipates coming over here to work, by putting her in touch with the right people, etc.

From Miss Nixon, Dorchester House, Montreal (to the Secretary of the Glasgow Branch).

I see the Murphies (also members of Glasgow Branch) nearly every day. They have been most kind during my recent illness. Miss Sutton has been in several times too. She is a busy woman, and her college is a considerable train journey from here, so that we can only meet occasionally. She has a beautiful suite of rooms, and the sitting-room is lined with photos of war veterans, Dame Florence, Dame Helen, Miss Davy, and Miss Haythorne, its like stepping into the past to go into her room. She tried when she came out to form a club here, but without success, but now that the Murphies have come, and when I get on my legs again, we may manage something. I saw in the Gazette that Miss Birnham, Supervisor of the Women's Division in Ottawa, offers assistance to overseas girls who start clubs. However, you may be sure I shall always want to be attached to the Glasgow Branch.

From No. 50461, Toronto.

I have spent a very pleasant year in Canada, and like it very much indeed. I have had a great many chances of advancement, which I simply could never have had in the old country, and have come across innumerable people who also owe their success to the S.O.S.B.W., and who say the same as I do with regard to opportunities.

From the time I left Scotland, everybody was so kind to me that I simply had no difficulties whatsoever, and have had no reason to be home sick at all, but the fact remains that even Canada isn't quite the same as home. Still, one has to think of the many thousands who are still pegging along at home with nothing to strive after. Everybody that I have spoken to says that there are enormous chances out in the small Western towns, but the travelling expenses in Canada itself are so heavy that most people who cross on their own have to stay in the large Eastern cities where there are fewer chances—this applies to men mostly.

From No. 42358, Winnipeg, February 8th.

Well, this is a great country. I may say I did not like it at first, but have got used to it now. I work in a store, and have been there almost since I came here. I tried housework, but what I had of it I didn't like, so quit after six weeks. I really cannot say all I think about this country, but there is one thing I would like to say, when people come out here from the old country they have got to work, work, work; if they don't the Canadians have no use for them. I am not sorry I came, I have learned a lot since I left home, but some day I will go home again, it may be on a visit, when I save up the money.

Oversea, St. Leonard's.

A happy gathering of ex-Service women took place at the Helena United Services Holiday House, 58 West Hill, St. Leonard's, on February 3rd, when many "old comrades" of the Wren, Q.M.A.A.C., and Wraf took advantage of the opportunity of wishing "many happy returns" to the house upon its first anniversary. At the dinner the toasts were "The King," proposed by Miss Williams, Secretary of the Wraf Old Comrades Association, London; "The Queen," proposed by Miss de Putron, Bexhill, who had the honour of conducting Princess Mary round her camp at Rouen, and who has been elected unanimously to be President of the local branch of the Old Comrades, recently formed; "The Royal Forces," proposed by Miss Ireland, General Secretary of the Helena Residential Clubs, 5 Buckingham Gate; and "Many happy returns to Oversea," proposed by Miss Mainland, Secretary of the Q.M.A.A.C. Old Comrades' Association.

Oversea is continually justifying its existence, and week-end parties there are becoming increasingly popular.

NEWS OF OLD COMRADES.

Mrs. P. H. Catchpole (née Youngman), 2168, Le Havre, is leaving England for Western Australia early in March. Until further notice her address will be c/o The Immigration Officer, St. George's Terrace, Perth, Western Australia.

Miss M. Conder, late Hon. Secretary, Wallsend Branch, is leaving England early in March. Her address will be c/o the Mother Superior, St. Peter's Home, Grahamstown, South Africa. We wish her all success in her new venture.

Miss Sylvia Corner has not only undertaken the secretaryship of the London Branch, O.C.A., but she is most actively concerned with the Girl Guide movement. She is District Commissioner for Hendon, and is also largely responsible for the equipment of a new training house for Guides. They are fortunate in having an officer with so much experience of this kind of work.

Miss Doris Allan, writing from 106 Beverley Street, Toronto, asks to be remembered to Miss Ireland, Mrs. Jackson, and Miss Corner. She thinks the latter will remember her at Farnborough. Miss Allan is staying at a club for business girls, which reminds her of 81 Lancaster Gate, except that smoking is not allowed. **Miss C. J. Gossar**, Unit II., Wimereux, is living at the same place, but neither of them are as yet in touch with the Toronto Ex-Service Women's Club (Hon. Secretary please note.)

The Gazette Committee wish to thank **Miss Alice Ed-dowes** for her kind and appreciative letter.

Miss Edith Bashford, 20 Calverley Park, Tunbridge Well, would like news of **Lily Ling** or **Lucy Garrett**, of Camp 2, Etaples.

Miss A. B. Anderson, writing from The Scotch House, 44 Rue de la Paix, Le Touquet, Paris Plage, France, is delighted to have received so many letters in reply to the notice which appeared in our August issue, and hopes to see many of her old friends again this season.

Miss A. M. Boyd, writing from Box 140, P.O., Rotorua, New Zealand, has only met one Ex-Waac during her travels, in spite of the fact that she always wears her O.C.A. Badge. If any members happen to be in the vicinity, Miss Boyd will be so glad to welcome them. Miss Boyd is kindly collecting foreign stamps for a little cripple boy. Can any Old Comrades help in this matter?

Miss A. E. Lloyd, late of Henriville Camp, Boulogne is sailing for South Africa and is to be married. Her new name will be Killin and the permanent address will be forwarded later. (Home address, 196 Waterloo Road, Wolverhampton). She often hears from **Poole, E. M.** ("Puddles"), who is in U.S.A. and has two sons. She also tells us that **Scottie** (late Brommage) is married and lives in Northampton, and **Olive Cripps** is also married and has a little daughter. Miss Lloyd would welcome any news of Henriville Waacs.

Miss Robina Dollier, of Aldborough Hall, near Norwich, Norfolk, would be glad of news of Wimereux folk, especially of Crompton. Can anyone give her Miss Crompton's address?

Miss F. A. Chedd, Plas Newydd, Crumlin, Mon., is anxious to get into touch with **Mrs. Nancy Grimmond**, whose home she believes is in Glasgow. Our Glasgow members may be able to help her.

Mrs. Marsden (Prior Park) sends an attractive photograph of her small daughter Anne. She is living near Camborne in Cornwall. **Mrs. Foster** (née Sandberg) sends from Nyassaland a photograph of her son John, aged six months. She hopes to bring him home next year.

Ada S. Tandy, late F/w. of Hipswell Camp, Catterick, writes from 4 Glen Road, Boscombe, Hants. She receives boarders, and would like it made known to all Old Comrades. Anyone wishing to spend an enjoyable holiday in this direction is advised to write to her for accommodation. It is a nice large house, not far from the sea.

Miss Florence Robinson (Signals, Dieppe, Abbeville, St. Omer, Calais), writes: "The O.C.A. Gazette is one of the most welcome items the postman delivers. On its arrival all else in life is forgotten for the time being. Last month I was particularly keen on the Edinburgh news, as I am shortly to make the acquaintance of that branch and its members. Perhaps it has already decided to give Miss Hood and myself a home during our stay, but it's "wait and see" at present. We shall be at "Civil Signals" during the day, and I look forward to meeting many Old Comrades in Edinburgh and elsewhere when passing through. My friend was unfortunately prevented from being one of the old brigade in France, but she is a real Waac at heart.

Ex-Member 1757 says she was not correctly reported in the January Gazette. Her question was, "Has any ex-Service woman who sat for the temporary clerks examination in October, 1920, and failed, been made permanent?" The member concerned is very anxious for an answer.

Has any member had news of **Mrs. Samuel** (née Elkin) since Christmas, 1921? Boulogne Signallers would be glad to hear.

[It is said that Mrs. Samuel was seen at the Ex-Service Club, London, on March 3rd.—Ed.]

Miss Ethel Thomas is living in London again. Her address is 3a Lodge Place, N.W.8. **Miss Eva Finny** is still living in Dublin, and has a post on the staff of a large Secretarial Training College. She finds the work very interesting, but it naturally a good deal depressed by the state of the country.

Mrs. Holgate and **Ida Farmer**, would like to know if there are any ex-Waacs in New York. They have been out there some time, and have not yet met any Old Comrades, and will be pleased to hear from anyone out there. Address c/o Mrs. Sharpe, Height's Road, Long Island, N.Y. [See letters from Mrs. Hughes and Belle Thomson.—Ed.]

Miss N. M. C. Cole (758) writes from Bristol: It is a pleasure to receive the Gazette from time to time, and to receive tidings of Old Comrades through its columns. I hope some day I shall have the pleasure of spending some time at Shanghai Camp, it sounds most inviting.

We are indebted to the "Ex-Service Women's Bulletin," Sydney, N.S.W., for the following information about Old Comrades in Australia:—

Miss B. Chalmers (ex-Waac.), secured a post on the R.M.S. "Esperance Bay," which sailed for London on the 30th September. She is very firm in her decision not to remain behind on the other side, as has **Miss Aldred** (ex-Waac), who has just returned from a holiday with friends at Griffith. She had the opportunity of enjoying much riding, and was keenly interested in all she saw of the big irrigation schemes of that locality.

Miss E. Lindley seems to have been inquiring into the possibilities of the four corners of Australia, with a view to migration, and is at last about to satisfy her wander-thirst for a time. She dropped into the club the other day to tell us that she is off to Honolulu with the family with whom she had been living in the Goulburn district.

Mrs. Duxbury (nee Pepperdene) is in Sydney for a holiday from her home in Gippsland.

Miss Clara Neale, Vice-President of the club, applied to the Committee in August for leave of absence until the end of the year, as she is travelling far and wide in New South Wales and Queensland, in the interests of the Australian Board of Missions.

Miss N. O'Keefe (Folkestone) is returning to Sydney from Trangie shortly.

Miss Nora Skilton is anxious to hear of **Miss Lilian Pocock**, believed to have arrived in Sydney lately.

Mrs. E. P. Simpson (née Turner) points out that she married in the same month, and secured the same name and initials as her ex-Chief Controller, Q.M.A.A.C. She is expecting a visit from two ex-Waacs, **Miss Alice Jones** and **Miss Victoria Cross**.

Miss C. Webb, a new member, has gladly discovered **Mrs. McLean** (née Underwood), our member, at Parkes. They served together at Gordon Square, London.

Miss M. Winter is still enjoying life in the country. She is now at "Ardgour," Quirindi, New South Wales.

Miss C. Smith writes from Kingclair Farm, Penrith: "I am here with Mrs. Mackenzie's little girl, and am having a lovely time. Shiela, a splendid little Australian horse-woman, has taught me to ride. I was surprised to learn so quickly, but perhaps that was due to the fine bay hack I had. One day we rode in the bush, boiled our 'billy,' and returned home through the paddocks, bringing the cows back for milking. I must say it is a big experience for me to see bush life in Australia, which I think is a beautiful country."

Miss Dorothy Richardson, who has already experienced a great variety of country life, writes from "Goodooga," via Brewarina: "We have been busy lately having a lot of shearers through. I am going on to Combadello Station, Moree, to work with one of the girls I came out with. I will be two days and a night in the coach. All good wishes for the club."

Miss Agnes Thompson writes from Biniguy, via Moree: "I am getting married here in October, and shall spend my honeymoon in Sydney."

Miss Maud Wilkinson writes: "I am now living in Melbourne—address c/o Victoria League, Nat. Mutual Buildings, Collins Street. My friend **Miss L. White**, returned to England in June."

Other ex-Waacs in Melbourne are: **Mrs. James** (U.A., Boulogne), **Miss Mabel Griffiths** (Wimereux), **Miss L. B. Ford** (Boulogne).

Mrs. Catchpole, at Beech Farm, Benacre, Wangford, says she has not seen an Old Comrade for over two years. We must get **Miss Hobbs** or **Miss Baron** to look her up in the holidays.

"The Lonely Typist" at Headquarters asks us to acknowledge (with her grateful thanks) the delicious box of real Scotch shortbreads which reached her recently inscribed "To Louie, the lonely typist, as described in the December Gazette, from a Lonely Branch Secretary."

LOCAL BRANCH SECRETARIES.

Birmingham.—Miss Brinsford, 167 Birchfield Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

Bournemouth and Dorset.—Miss F. E. Lever, Ferndene, Commercial Road, Parkstone, Dorset.

Brighton.—Miss H. A. Baron, 25 Wellington Road, Brighton.

Bristol.—Miss E. M. Thring, Shortwood House, Litton, near Bath.

Cardiff.—Acting Honorary Secretary, Miss E. M. Barke, 7 Corbett Road, Cardiff.

Edinburgh.—Miss J. H. Cowan, 6 Salisbury Road, Edinburgh.

Glasgow.—Miss E. M. Gilchrist, M.B.E., 13 Royal Terrace West, Glasgow.

Leeds.—Mrs. Leonard, 51 Clarendon Road, Leeds.

Liverpool.—Miss D. Holder, 49 Claremont Road, Wavertree, Liverpool.

London.—Miss S. Corner, M.B.E., Fairhaven, 5 Ferncroft Avenue, Hampstead.

Manchester.—Miss M. A. Robinson, 5 King's Drive, Heaton Moor, Stockport.

Newcastle.—Miss Warskitt, Carricks, Ltd., Devonshire Street, Carlisle.

Nottingham.—Miss E. D. Newberry, 122 Goldsmith Street, Nottingham.

Oxford.—Mrs. M. Grundy, West Wood House, Hinksey Hill, Oxford.

Portsmouth.—Miss C. Robertson, Flat 1, 6 Waverley Road, Southsea.

Reading.—Miss B. A. Priestley, O.B.E., 55 Northumberland Avenue, Reading.

Southampton.—Miss E. Pargiter, Ordnance Survey Office, Southampton.

South Wales.—Miss E. Owen, The Palace, Abergwili, Carmarthenshire, S. Wales.

St. Leonard's.—Miss Woodman, 214 Battle Road, St. Leonard's-on-Sea.

WEDDINGS.

Hudson—Deighton.—On January 16th, at St. Paul's Church, Cambridge, Lieut.-Col. Percy Hudson, C.M.G., D.S.O., the King's Regiment, to Dorothy L. Deighton, late Assistance Administrator, Intelligence Department, France, and later D.A. at G.H.Q. Present address, The Barracks, Seaford, Liverpool.

Hollands—Roper.—On November 25th, at St. Paul's Church, Milton Regis, Frederick Hollands (late Sgt., R.W. Kents) to Elsie Roper (late F/w., West Lancs., Scarborough). Present address, 3 Bowling Street, Sandwich, Kent.

Wheelan—Tonkin.—At Christchurch, Highbury, on February 10th, Arthur George Wheelan, Reinforcements, Etaples, to Hilda Beatrice Tonkin, late Signaller, Etaples. [Corrected notice.]

Christian—Cartwright.—Ethel Lucy Cartwright (late Signaller, Boulogne), to Harold Christian (late Sgt., D.D.M.S., Boulogne, on January 25th, at Aldersbrook Baptist Church, Wanstead.

Penny—Kirk.—On February 5th, at St. Peter's Church, Wisbech, Alfred John Penny (late Middlesex Regiment), to Ivy Annie Kirk (Dickie), late of St. Martin's and Ostroho Camps, Boulogne.

DEATH.

Pattison.—On 24th December, 1922, at Elgin, Eliza Pattison (Jock), late Signaller, Abbeville and Cambis.

[Miss A. E. Eddows writes: "All Calais Signallers will be very grieved to hear that Jock Pattison passed away on Christmas Eve. She took part in our delightful re-union at Conway in 1921, but was prevented by illness from joining us at Mundesley last May. She was one of the best."]

LE TOUQUET, FRANCE. Scotch House, 44 Rue de la Paix, central position, near tram terminus, sea front, casino, tennis, etc., comfortable and moderate, stamp for terms.—Alice B. Anderson and Glasper (Unit II, Wimereux).

EX-ADMINISTRATOR (Overseas) seeks resident pupil for gardening, comfortable home, moderate terms.—Miss Hardy, Hazeldale, Clevedon, Somerset.

HAMPERS OF COUNTRY PRODUCE. New laid eggs, chickens (ready for table), fruit (fresh and boiled), vegetables and flowers, supplied weekly or monthly, carriage paid at £1 1s. and 10s. 6d. by the Misses Thring, Shortwood House, Litton, Bath. Trial hamper for 10s.