



THE BEDAN,

DECEMBER, 1938.

FOREWORD.

MY DEAR BEDANS,

This letter will be almost wholly a letter of leave-taking and welcome. The past year has proved a year of change. After a term of illness, Miss Hutchinson came back to school just before her retirement. Her long period of service must be unique in the history of any school, and all Bedans who have known her will be proud to remember their association with one whose equal few schools, if any, can boast. The exquisite "appreciation" of a colleague that follows epitomises our general feeling. A retirement as charged with usefulness as her "service" period is the best that all can possibly wish so able a woman.

It seemed that we had no sooner welcomed Miss L. Frankenburg back from America than we lost her. She felt that she could no longer postpone accepting more responsible work. She is now second mistress of a new secondary school at St. Albans. Here, her self-sacrificing service and courageous adherence to principles of freedom in educational practice must prove a challenge and a boon, as they are a loss to us.

Miss K. Herbert left the school to be married. As she thoughtfully arranged her wedding early in the summer holiday some colleagues and pupils were able to wish her God-speed. Miss P. M. Peters has gone as Organiser of Physical Education to Gateshead, which is sufficiently near to permit her occasional return. She followed Miss M. P. Barnard who left a half-term earlier to be Physical Organiser to Gloucester and Cheltenham. To all who have left, whether to enlarged spheres of activity, or to domestic quiet, we wish new happiness.

The school has been robbed, through death, of a Governor and a Benefactress. Mrs. Anita M. Richardson was for many years associated with the school and was one of its staunchest supporters. She was interested in the work of the school, most of all, perhaps, in music, for the encouragement of which she gave the "Richardson Singing" Cup. Her generosity continued in a bequest of £100 to the school for the encouragement of girls' education at universities. We extend to her family and to her friends our cordial sympathy in their loss.

Our heavy losses in staff have been compensated for by the gain of five new mistresses, and one temporary "loan." We welcome each for herself, and for the particular contribution to the school's commonwealth which we expect. Miss E. V. V. Clark, M.A., comes to us with first class honours in English and considerable experience of secondary school teaching. We feel sure that "scholarship" in the school will gain from her help.

Miss F. V. Collis is a trained gymnast and has already proved by her enthusiasm for her subject an acquisition to the school. Miss M. E. Gales, B.Sc., is helping in the teaching of Mathematics. Her unusual experience of a year's teaching in Germany should prove invaluable to herself and to the school for experiment and comparison. Miss K. Gourley has been lent to the school because, through lack of trained Physical Training Mistresses, we were unable to fill Miss Peter's place last summer. Our thanks are due to the L.E.A. for this helpful arrangement and to Miss Gourley for the generous way in which she has worked in her adopted school. Miss B. L. Smith, B.A., has been appointed for History. An unsparing worker herself, we feel that her influence is bound to tell. Miss D. H. Thompson, B.A., L.R.A.M., has been appointed for Music. This subject has come into its own at last by the recognition of the importance of Group IV subjects in the Durham School Certificate. Miss Thompson's impressive mastery of her subject is a happy augury for the future.

As usual we have to acknowledge, with sincere gratitude, many generous gifts. Miss Hutchinson gave us ten guineas to be used for prizes. Half-a-guinea goes to each of two girls, one for the most appreciative work in English, and the other for the most appreciative work in French. Miss Frankenburg left us a challenge and an inspiration beautifully lettered "The world is my country, All men are my brothers, To do good is my religion." Miss Peters and Miss Herbert presented an easy chair to the Prefects for their new room. The Lower VIII have presented the school with a Lecturn—a great boon for the girl-readers who have to use the splendid family-sized Bible presented to us last year by Miss Taylor. The Parent-Teacher Association has continued its gift of two guineas for prizes, and the Guild of Old Bedans one guinea for a School prize and one guinea for "Bedan" prizes, and Mrs. Nicholson one guinea for the prizes of her husband, the late Alderman J. S. Nicholson. Eta Cohen, one of the most eminent musicians that the school has produced, is now happily associated with us and has lent us violins for our weekly lessons. The school orchestra seems very much nearer realisation for we have now 10 violins, 1 cellist, and several pianists. When we remember the kindness of our many friends our only fear is that we should ever become unmindful of them through familiarity with their gracious service.

The term opened disastrously with the menace of war so threatening that though everyone was galvanised into an instantaneous desire to serve to the maximum, no one seemed sure of anything. We were not sure that the means taken for protection of the population were adequate; we were not sure whether the schools would be evacuated or not; we

were not sure whether our best service would be in the school or in the "front line," wherever the front line might chance to be; we were not sure whether peace could possibly be arrived at, and at the eleventh hour and fifty-ninth minute we were not sure, despite our overwhelming sense of gratitude at a great deliverance, that the solution was permanent. A sense of insecurity is most demoralising. A new sense of values has never been so urgent. A new dependence on a sure guide and on sure foundations is a critical need. The battle for peace seems joined at last, but the pity is that so many of us seem to think that it must begin with a Prime Minister or a President. The truth is rather that the peace of the world must come through the individual, peace must come in the home and in a school community as well as in every other community. The strength of a nation is the strength of its individual members. When every citizen goes to school to learn the important lessons of Christian duty, absolute honesty, purity, unselfishness and love, "nationals" will cease to be a danger internationally, and the education of a nation will then be effective as it is ineffective now.

With Christmas and New Year greetings,

Yours sincerely,

W. J. E. Mott.

School Charities.

The girls have supported the School Charities with their usual generosity. Each House has collected £6 10s. 0d., making a total of £39.

The annual subscription of £25 was sent to the Children's Hospital; £10 10s. 0d. was sent to Grindon Convalescent Home.

In addition to these, small contributions have been sent to the following:—The Deaf and Dumb Institute, Infirmary Brick Scheme, Blind Institute, Local Sick Animals, and the Chinese Red Cross.

A good collection of eggs was sent to the Children's Hospital at Easter as well as garments made in the sewing classes.

An Appreciation.

MY DEAR L. H.,

When, as a schoolgirl, I watched your arrival as a new member of the staff, I little knew that it was in store for me to write this letter on your departure.

What changes you have seen in the years between ! Then, as many as three classes were taught at the same time in one room—the sixth form, often in the corridor. Then, study periods meant retirement on the part of the girls to the umbrella stand in the only cloakroom. Then, physical exercise meant movement of the fore-limbs and head in a classroom, and in later days, when hockey was introduced, conveyance of a form to that corrugated field at Whithurn.

You began by teaching every subject to one class. Then, when specialisation came into being, you concentrated on Mathematics and Music for many years. Still later did you go back to English.

I never remember your wanting to pick and choose classes; your pride was in seeing what you could do with the material in front of you. Never has a better teacher been in the school.

You have had the confidence of each Head Mistress of the school and have yourself been its Acting-Head. You cannot yet have forgotten how the staff marked its appreciation of your work then.

Your influence on the girls has been very great, and of their warm feeling for you there has lately been much evidence.

The ability to put aside non-essentials and get down to bed-rock facts has always been yours: no flinching from the truth with you: ever ready to lend a helping hand; ever loyal.

Rest assured that you have taken away with you the affection of most and the respect of all.

Au revoir,

D. E. B.

School,

November, 1938.

Good Will Day.

As in previous years Good Will Day was celebrated in school.

As most of the girls correspond with at least one girl or boy abroad, these correspondents shared in our celebrations.

Several paper chains of friendship were sent round the world to different countries. Each link in the chain bore the name, in Esperanto, of the countries in which girls have correspondents. On the English link we signed our names, then sent the chain to a correspondent to sign her name on the link of the country to which she belonged, before passing on the chain.

The girls of IIIc sent a gramophone record of a Good Will message to their correspondents in Rockford Junior High School, in America, which we associate with Miss Patterson; and many girls signed their names at the end of a written message which was enclosed.

During the week in which May 18th occurred, the hall and corridors of the school were appropriately decorated. In the corridors were numerous posters bearing the slogan " Good Will." The hall was decorated with flags of all nations painted by the first formers, mounted photographs of correspondents, and posters. In large, white letters across the panelling in the hall were the words, " The world is my country, all men are my brothers," and on the desk was hung our reply to the broadcast sent out by the children of Wales.

The theme for the week during Morning Prayers was Good Will. The Jewesses were present every morning to hear the reading of passages taken from the sayings of Buddha, and Mohammed, from the Koran, and from the words of Christ; on the third day the message from the Welsh children was read.

On Good Will Day many girls stayed at school to hear the broadcast of the message, and to listen to a much enjoyed programme, consisting of a play and several poems on friendship between nations, arranged by the Junior Debating Society.

JOYCE BAILEY, IVc.

Guild of Old Bedans' Essay Competition.

It was gratifying to note the big increase in the number of entries in the Junior Section of this competition, but the response from the Seniors was exceedingly disappointing: one entry was received—a fact which speaks for itself. This essay on " Trees " was quite good and was marked by most sympathetic treatment of the subject, and under the circumstances the Editors feel that a prize of 5/- should be awarded to N. Trehwitt, Vc.

In the Junior Section the attempts were pretty equally divided between the two subjects. Here the prize of half-a-guinea has been given to J. Fenwick, IVc, whose description of a " play-park " on a summer evening showed much understanding and was pleasing to read, one weakness being a tendency to sound rather " grown-up " in style. Other efforts which deserve to be mentioned were those of M. Turner (IIIc), J. Wilson (IIIc), and E. Johnson (IIIb), all of which indicated that time, thought, and care had been expended.

The "Conversation between a Cat and a Dog on Man and His Strange Habits" appealed particularly to competitors from the lower forms and resulted in quite a few attractive essays. M. Coulin (IIc), M. Talbot (IIc), and J. Hogger (IIb) sent in interesting attempts, showing an ability to enter into the feelings of animals, and R. Sheriff (IIIc) displayed an original turn of mind in her quite amusing entry.

In conclusion the Editors would like to thank all who did make the effort, and the Guild of Old Bedans for its continued interest.

The Modern Events Club, 1937-38.

During the Autumn, Spring and early Summer we held our fortnightly meetings and welcomed many outside speakers—finding no lack of topics to engage our interest and arouse discussion.

We ranged from national concerns like the Post and Telegraph Service and the Growth of Railways to far corners of the World—China, Japan, Russia, India and America, and ended in more frivolous fashion with a most interesting talk and display of Dress through the Ages.

We owed a real debt of gratitude to the local Post Office officials, who not only illustrated P.O. Work by means of films, but conducted large parties of enquiring Bedans around the Post Office and introduced us to the greater mysteries of Telephone House. In the course of our "tour" we came upon two or three Old Bedans at work and this naturally added to our interest.

In a similar way the L.N.E.R. representatives went to great trouble in presenting the films which illustrated the enormous progress on the Railways. How toy-like and comical these early engines appear to us now!

The two lectures on America attracted very many of our members—for one was given by Miss Frankenburg, who gave us the benefit of the close interest she had taken in American affairs during her year there, whilst the other lecturer was an American also "on exchange," and teaching in Newcastle. From both of them we gained most valuable information and came nearer to a clearer understanding of the Negro Problem.

By means of a debate, the case for China and Japan was presented—the idea being to make clear the underlying causes of the great conflict in the Far East. Shortly after this we had the pleasure of listening to a local speaker who had visited China recently and we enjoyed looking at the lovely pictures and embroideries she had brought back with her.

Two very different lecturers aroused our interest in India, though Mr. Shoran Singha, who wore his native turban and showed slides illustrating native life and religious practices, attracted most attention.

Our last meeting was of vastly different character but there was no question as to the interest it aroused, for we had the history of Dress portrayed for us with Bedans acting as models and wearing the typical costumes of many centuries, so illustrating vividly the vagaries of Fashion.

E. M. P.

The Geneva Summer School, 1933.

The journey began at 8-30 a.m. on Thursday, July 28th, and ended at 5 p.m. on Friday, August 5th. During the ten days of the Summer School we attended sixteen lectures. The speakers and their subjects were interesting and varied, some of them being Mr. Wilson on "Central Europe," Mr. Whoshan on "Twenty Years of the League," M. Sois (in French) on "The Present Situation," and Signor Madaraga on "Imperialism."

We had many opportunities of viewing the city of Geneva and its surroundings, in particular the League of Nations buildings, which are dazzlingly white and very beautiful. The fine hot weather held until the Friday after we arrived, when a storm broke as we were returning from Chillon. The excursions to Mont Salève and Chamonix were more fortunate, and we had a beautiful view of Mont Blanc and the great glacier.

After the closing session at the Palais des Nations, and a farewell tea with Miss Gibberd (resident tutor) we began our return journey, and the time seemed all too short before we were home after a most interesting and happy holiday.

GLADYS GREENSWORTHY, Vc.

The Nansen Pioneer Camp.

The first two weeks of the summer holidays were very enjoyably spent at the Nansen Pioneer Camp (A League of Nations Camp) in Shropshire. The camp site was high among the mountains and many beautiful walks could be taken in the surrounding countryside. About one hundred and fifty pioneers, boys and girls from all parts of Europe, were accommodated in roomy bell tents; and in true camp style, cooking, washing up, etc. was done out-of-doors. Political discussions were held each morning, except on Sundays, and the afternoons were free for rambles, games, cricket and other forms of amusement. Bathing was also possible on certain days, in the River Onny, under the

supervision of a qualified Life Guard. In the evening, camp fires were held and greatly appreciated by all. A circular tour, by motor coach, of the surrounding country was organised and a visit to a beautiful bird sanctuary. On the last day an amusing treasure hunt was held among the mountains.

The camp was well provided with store tents, medical tent and tuck shop, and altogether we spent a very happy and memorable fortnight there.

IRENE BURNHAM and AUDREY VEITCH, Form Vc.

The Geographical Association.

The above association holds monthly meetings, generally in the Training College, when lectures are given on subjects of general interest. The lectures are usually illustrated by films or lantern slides and all Bedans over 15 years of age are welcomed. The subscription is 1/- per year for Bedans and 2/- per year for adult associate members.

School Journey to Belgium, 1938.

Thirty-seven Bedans and six mistresses spent Easter in Belgium this year. Their excursions ranged from the coast resort of Blankenberghe to the extensive underground caverns of the Ardennes Mountains in the east. Brussels and the battlefield of Waterloo proved most interesting, and most of the party lost their hearts to the quaint little town of Bruges.

With the exception of slight discomfort while crossing the North Sea, the party were in excellent spirits, and seemed to enjoy to the full their short holiday abroad.

The Trip to Glasgow.

On September 21st sixty-one Bedans and six mistresses left the North End of the Station at 6.14 a.m. en route for the Empire Exhibition, Glasgow. We arrived at Glasgow at 11.15 a.m., and after lunch we took the bus to Bellahouston Park.

In the short time at our disposal we visited some of the most interesting pavilions, being particularly impressed by the huge globe seemingly suspended in space, which was in the United Kingdom Pavilion, and by the futuristic architecture of all the pavilions.

There were magnificent displays of produce and craft-work in the Dominions' pavilions and also collections of the various national costumes.

We were given tea by the Milk Marketing Board, after which we left the Exhibition at 5 p.m., arriving home in Sunderland after a very enjoyable but tiring day.

B. SNAW, Vc.

National Savings Association.

The School Branch of the National Savings Association re-opened just before half-term. Unfortunately this short break, due to Miss Robinson's illness, affected the membership considerably; another circumstance perhaps was that it was inevitable that personal saving should decrease in time of urgent national demand.

It is hoped that both regularity and increased membership will result from the more hopeful outlook in the field of international relations.

A new scheme has been put into operation by means of which girls can save for careers over a period of four or more years. The response, so far, has been small.

Science Society, 1957-58.

The Science Society had a most profitable and enjoyable year. 7 meetings being held in all: 3 in the autumn term and 4 in the Spring Term.

3 lectures were given:—One by Mr. Chalmers on "Photography," in conjunction with the Sketch Club, one by Miss Stirk on "Heredity," and one on "Television."

A very successful Xmas Party was held in December.

A party consisting of members from the Society and from the Modern Events Club visited the Telephone Exchange.

At 2 meetings members read papers on subjects chosen by themselves.

E. JOYCE.

Cercles français.

L'année dernière la classe III a formé "Le Plus Petit Cercle français."

Nous avons eu plusieurs séances agréables. Nous y avons joué aux jeux comiques et intéressants. Quelques jeunes filles ont donné des causeries et d'autres ont chanté. Quelquefois, toute la société a chanté. À la fin de chaque séance nous avons chanté "La Marseillaise." Malheureusement, cette année, comme nous sommes dispersées, le Plus Petit Cercle n'existe plus.

L'année dernière, la troisième classe a eu beaucoup de réunions. Nous avons joué à quelques jeux et nous les avons

trouvés bons. Chaque semaine une jeune fille a donné une causerie sur un sujet du jour. Aussi, nous avons chanté des chansons gaies. Parfois quelques jeunes filles ont joué de comédies.

Le Cercle français de la quatrième et de la cinquième classe a eu deux séances jusqu'ici ce trimestre. La première a été une séance d'affaires suivie de quelques chansons, mais la deuxième séance a été une courte soirée amicale, où on a joué aux jeux et chanté des chansons.

Mademoiselle Shearer a assisté à toutes deux séances, et c'est directement à son encouragement que tout le monde s'est amusé heureusement aux séances et nous la remercions.

Nous voudrions aussi prendre cette occasion de la remercier de son aide et son enthousiasme de l'année dernière.

Les Comités.

Les Comédiens Français.

Beaucoup de Bedans passèrent une après-midi très intéressante et instructive à la Victoria Hall, le 14 novembre, quand Les Comédiens de Paris visitèrent Sunderland pour la troisième fois. Toutes les deux pièces—" Les Précieuses Ridicules " et " L'Avocat Patelin " étaient des comédies, et grâce aux efforts des acteurs, on les sîma beaucoup.

Form Upper VI.

French Holiday Courses.

During the year several Bedans attended French holiday courses at Rossall School, Pansal Ash College, Harrogate, and Norbreck Hydro, Blackpool. All had an enjoyable time and felt that the visit was well worth while. Perhaps the most interesting part of their experience was meeting school-girls from all parts of England. All can heartily recommend attendance at these courses. Vera Brady spent an enjoyable month in France on the " exchange " system.

The Classical Society.

The Classical Society has had a very successful year. It is one of the largest societies in the school and its membership continues to increase. In the past year various lantern lectures were given on Roman and Greek life and other subjects of classical interest. One of the most popular gatherings was the celebration of the Festival of the Saturnalia in December, which was graced by the presence of some distinguished ghosts from the Underworld, and at which two of our members were " married "

in true Roman style; while a venerable assembly of Roman bards, complete with lyres and laurel wreaths, led us in gladsome song. Enthusiastic support was also given to the Summer Outing, when about seventy of us spent many enjoyable hours exploring the Roman camps at Chesters and Bercovicus, and emulating the Roman garrisons of old, when we proudly disported ourselves along the Roman Wall.

M. JONES, President.

Drama Club.

The society continues to be well supported, especially in the Junior School. We should be glad to have more senior members, however, as it is difficult to cast juniors in grown-up rôles.

No play was produced last year owing to the absence of several mistresses.

The play chosen for production this year is "I Have Five Daughters," an adaptation by Margaret Macnamara of Jane Austen's "Pride and Prejudice." The production will take place early next term.

The subscription to the club is 3s. per year. New members are always welcomed.

I. ARCHIBALD, President.

Debating Society.

It was thought that the Debating Society might come to an untimely end but it was given a new lease of life when three new mistresses helped to re-organise it this year. Bedans now seem to have found confidence in hearing their own voices in places other than the corridors, for at the first meeting every member of the House spoke! The members are keen so we hope the Debating Society will at last have a successful career.

KATHLEEN PRICE.

Sketch Club.

The Sketch Club still continues to hold its own in the school. The membership is still fairly small but select.

At the beginning of the year several lectures were given by members. These lectures were usually accompanied by lantern slides, and were very popular.

On July 16th was held the Sketch Club Summer Dance which proved to be a great success. All the work for the dance was done by Sketch Club members, even to the printing of the tickets. With the profits from this dance the school is joining a "Picture Lending Library."

This term a competition is being held for originality in craft-work. All members are working eagerly for this.

Non-members are reminded that membership of the Sketch Club does not necessarily demand artistic ability and that all are welcome.

GWYN ROBINSON, President.

University Women's Camps for Schoolgirls.

Two Bedans spent a very delightful holiday, camping at Cardigan, South Wales.

We had a glorious time—twelve days packed full of rambles, exploring the beautiful countryside, baths in the delightful small bays near Cardigan, picnics, sports and, on the last night, the exciting camp fire which seemed to us the very best part of the holiday.

Another Bedan was at Terrington Hall camp. She recalls rambles over the Yorkshire Wolds, country dancing, mad midnight suppers, bathing parties, scrambling for tennis courts, and table tennis boards; the taking of amusing snapshots and a cricket match against the villagers which was lost, even after four days of preparation. Perhaps her happiest memory is, too, the camp fire on the last night, many new-found friends singing the camp-song "So here is Fellowship."

Hockey Report, 1937-38.

The season has been on the whole a successful one, for no matches have been lost by either the 1st or 2nd XI's.

The 1st XI combined well when the defence had improved their stopping and clearing, and the forward line is to be congratulated on its hard hitting and shooting.

Five teams were entered for the County Tournament and two teams came out top of their sections.

The hockey match, North v. Midlands, which was played at Ashbrooke was attended by 240 Bedans.

The teams wish to thank Miss Peters for her valuable coaching and also the girls who entered so well.

P. VICKROY, Captain.

Hockey Criticisms.

- M. WILKINSON, G.K. Played with much more assurance this season. She is skilful in keeping the ball low when clearing.
- M. HENDERSON, R.B. Is still very erratic; on occasions she can play well, but she allows far too many balls to pass.
- E. BACON, L.B. Has improved. Her stopping is still inconsistent but with more experience and better stickwork she should become a really steady player.
- K. BECKLIFE, R.H. Was below standard at the beginning of the season but improved so much that by the end she was tackling well and giving good support to her forwards. She could be more tenacious.
- A. PAGE, C.H. Is a quick and untiring player. She "backs up" well yet is always ready to cover a mistake on the part of the defence. Her stickwork has improved.
- M. ANGLISS, L.H. Has played a steady, reliable game. It is a pity she has not more speed but in all her movements she thinks before she hits and this is a great help.
- P. VICTORS, R.W., has improved enormously. She has good speed and co-operates well with her inner. She has been a most conscientious and reliable captain and has been especially useful in coaching junior teams.
- D. SMITH, R.L. has been the most forceful and persevering player on the forward line. She tackles well and shoots with determination.
- K. PRICE, C.F., is improving. She follows up well and has done some useful work, but is rather apt to get out of position.
- M. LAYTON, L.L., has played a most persevering game. She is always ready to "try again" and support any attack on goal.
- M. JONES, L.W., has improved latterly. Her stick work is neat and often very effective—it is a pity she has not more tenacity and staying power.

Hockey Match Results.

Team.	Played.	Won.	Lost.	Draws.	Goals For.	Against.
1st XI ...	8	6	0	2	25	9
2nd XI ...	6	6	0	0	19	1

Junior County Reserve:—A. PAGE.

Colours:—P. VICTORS, M. WILKINSON.

In October, 1938, Mary Burton and Kathleen Price were chosen to play on the 1st XI for Junior County Hockey, Mary as Right Back and Kathleen as Centre Forward.

Rounders, 1938.

This season has been more fortunate than last for the Rounders Team. We were fortunate in having almost a full team of last year's players and the results have fully justified our hopes of a successful season.

We should like to thank Miss Barnard for her helpful coaching at the beginning of the season, and Miss Peters too for continuing

this when Miss Barnard left us. We thank also the girls who have provided refreshments for us after our home matches.

D. SMITH, Captain.

Rowers Criticisms.

- M. LANGHAM (3), Bowler, has played steadily—she is a reliable bowler and fields well.
- M. BEYRON (4), Back-stop, is, as a rule, a quick, accurate fielder. Her batting will probably be much better next season when she has had more experience.
- F. VICTORY (11), 1st post, has fielded well, and, with Brenda Cartledge, has again proved to us the value of left-handed batsmen.
- B. CASTLEMAN (10), 2nd post, has been a most valuable batsman—but her fielding is very weak.
- K. PRICE (9), 3rd post, is a useful all-round player and has done well.
- K. BECKHOFER, (6), 4th post, has only played in a few matches and has done fairly well.
- D. SMITH, (4), Deep, is a reliable fielder and batsman. She has been a most conscientious captain both on and off the field.
- A. PAGE, (8½), Deep, is an excellent fielder because of her quick movements and accurate throwing. She can hit well at times but is erratic.
- M. ALEXANDER (8½), Deep, is a useful deep fielder who throws well. She has done some good batting.

Rowers Match Results.

Team.	Played.	Won.	Lost.	Drawn.	Goals for.	Against.
1st IX ...	7	5	1	1	54½	34
2nd IX ...	7	4	2	0	32	24½

Tennis.

Considering the bad weather we have had a fairly successful season. We have bought netting and nets for three more grass courts and this makes up for the loss of the Boys' courts; we are grateful to them for still allowing us to use the courts one period each morning.

House Match Results.

- HOCKEY—Senior, New House. Junior, Ben House.
- NETBALL—Senior, New House. Junior, Dress House.
- BOYS' TENNIS—Senior, New House. Junior, Avon House.
- TENNIS—New House.
- SPORTS CAP—Esk House.
- Gymnastic Shield—Avon House.
- SPORTS CHAMPIONS—Junior: Freda Sharp, Strath House.
Middle: Brenda Cartledge, Esk House.
Senior: Ann Pace, New House.
- DEPARTMENT GUILDS—Beth McBain, Ben House.

A Tennis Racket presented to the School by Mr. Joseph—Foggy Victory.

Netball.

In September, 1938, two school Netball Teams were formed. Netball progressed so favourably that the 1st Team gained first place in the Inter-Schools Netball Tournament in October. The teams have made a most promising beginning and are hoping for a successful season. The tennis are being run most efficiently with the valuable help of Madge Brown (Captain), Mary Williams (Vice-Captain) and Lillie Crouch (Secretary).

A Dream ?

One night as I lay on my bed,
I saw a queer sight,
Two goblins dancing on the chair,
With faces very bright.

They laughed and danced and quite forgot
That I was in the bed;
To see their clothes and little shoes
I lifted up my head.

As quick as I could wink an eye
They scuttled out of sight,
Was it a dream—I do not know—
In the middle of the night ?

FRANK ROBERTSON, Form Ib.

Lullaby.

Sleep, my little baby dear,
In your mother's arm;
God will send his angels near
To keep you from all harm.

The sun is sinking in the west,
The flowers are fast asleep,
The little birds are in their nest,
The stars begin to peep.

The little clouds across the moon
Have now begun to creep,
The night wind will be colder soon,
So sleep, my baby, sleep.

MURIEL ELLIOTT, Form Ib.

Humpty Dumpty.

Now Humpty Dumpty was an egg,
Who sat upon a wall,
Although he was in danger
Of a nasty fall.

Humpty Dumpty wore a coat,
And also wore a hat,
He wasn't either large or small,
But he was very fat.

Now Humpty Dumpty was one day
Sitting on the wall,
When he did lose his balance
And to the ground did fall.

Now no one Humpty could repair
After this dreadful fall;
And now we cannot see him
Sitting upon the wall.

JOYCE RICHARDSON, Form Ib.

The Fairy.

A fairy sat on a tangleweed
Looking at a flower,
A little girl espied her
As she sat in a bowyer.

The fairy soon espied her
And prepared to fly away;
The little girl cried out to her,
" Please stay with me and play."

The fairy shook a curly head
With obvious regret,
" Although I cannot play with you
I'm very pleased we've met."

" I'm off to see the queen," she said,
" And I cannot linger here; "
" Well, may I come along with you ? "
" Of course you can, my dear."

The fairy took her by the hand
And led her to a tree,
And with one wave of her bright wand
The little girl did see

A fairy land bedecked with flowers,
It made a lovely scene,
And seated on a golden throne
Her Majesty the Queen.

The fairy led her to the Queen
Who, with a gracious smile,
Said, " Welcome to our fairy land,
Pray stay with us awhile."

She stayed and played and had such fun
And watched a little game,
But soon the fairy came and said,
" Now I must take you home."

And when they reached the garden path
She prepared to fly away;
And as she flew away she said,
" I'll come another day."

INDEX LAWREN, FORM 16.

A Child's Prayer.

Oh! God, Who art in heaven so high,
Hear us all when we do cry;
We are all so very small,
We cannot picture Thee at all.

Oh! God in the sky, please lend Thine ear
Our whims and fancies for to hear;
Oh! make us good and make us great,
Deep in our hearts no man to hate.

Oh! God in heaven Who watches all,
Please hear our voices when we call;
Forgive our sins we beg and pray,
And help us all in this new day.

DOUGLAS WILLIAMS, Form Ic.

Hymn of Praise.

Let God's praises be sung everywhere,
Down on the earth and up in the air:
God is the King of all.

Praise Him, Praise Him, all people on earth,
Loud sing his praises, with joyful mirth,
God is the King of all.

God is the Father of birds on the trees,
King of the fish in the deep, deep seas.
God is the King of all.

God will watch over us every day,
When we work and when we play.
God is the King of all.

Let God's praises be sung everywhere,
Down on the earth and up in the air:
God is the King of all!

JOAN GEORGEON, Form Ic.

Dawn.

Beyond the beautiful deep sea
They're lighting up the sky:
The orange sun doth early rise
Showing day is nigh.

Past the rocks and golden sand,
Over pebbles round,
Beyond the blue and glistening sea
We see the sunrays bound.

JOAN YOUNG, III.

I Wish.

I wish I had a mansion tall,
With roses growing up the wall,
And shady eaks upon the lawn,
And birds to sing at break of dawn,
How happy I would be!

And in the back a garden sweet,
With brooks and winding paths that meet;
Then after twilight in the eve,
I'd sit there and not want to leave,
So happy would I be!

EMERSON HERRING, Form III.

THE BEDAN.

My Music.

Up and down the stave I strum,
 Mixing finger with the thumb;
 Walts and vals and marches too;
 Will they not find something new?
 Runs in twos and threes they couple,
 Just to make my fingers supple;
 Walts and vals and marches too,
 Will they not find something new?

 F. SARA, III.

Our Garden.

Lovely lies the garden in the pale, calm moonlight,
 Rippling flows the river by the honeysuckle wall,
 Heavy are the breezes with the scent of roses,
 Shadowy, mysterious, stands the privet hedge tall.
 Once again the garden, with the dim, cool fragrance,
 Basks in all the beauty of a quiet summer night,
 Why does nature hearken in a breathless silence?
 Shadowy ghosts are gliding in the still clear night.

 R. HORRIS, III.

Small Expectations.

I'm saving up money for Christmas,
 I really don't know what to buy;
 The trouble is, where is the money?
 (Here there's a pause for a sigh).
 "The family's" — so very extensive,
 Sisters, brothers and cousins as well;
 It makes the bill awfully expensive,
 How it's going to be paid's hard to tell.
 But I'm going to be quite optimistic,
 P'raps make little gadgets with glue,
 They may not be very artistic,
 But for this year they'll just **have** to do!

 MRS. MANCOURT, FORM II.

Do you know ?

(Some facts about Old Sunderland).

1. That Sunderland Town Moor was a "spa."
2. That water was sold in Bodwell Lane at a farthing a bottle.
3. That the Bridge Hotel (High Street East) was Lord Durham's seaside residence.
4. That Charles Wesley preached in Numbers Garth (off High Street East).
5. That Crosswell's Scouts used the Tower of Bishopwearmouth Church.
6. That Bede entered Wearmouth Monastery (Old St. Peter's Church) at seven years of age.
7. That salt pans were used near Paris Ferry for obtaining salt from sea water.
8. That the glass for the Crystal Palace (recently burnt down) was made at Messrs. Hartley's Glass Works, Sunderland, which are now demolished.
9. That Jack Crawford was a lockman on the River Wear and was taken to sea to serve in the Navy by the Press Gang.

 SARA ADAMSON, FORM II.

Our Cat.

He looks innocently at you,
 Our dear little black cat;
 I wonder what he's thinking of
 When he sits upon the mat.

He doesn't think of Princess,
 He doesn't think of Kings;
 I wonder if he thinks of birds
 And other things with wings.

And when we switch the wireless on,
 He jumps on to a chair,
 And wonders where the noise comes from,
 "Oh yes! it's over there!"

We sit, on winter evenings,
 Around the fire and chat;
 Of course he too must have his place,
 Our dear little cat.

MARGUERITE BAINE, Poem IIIb.

The Wireless.

It's quite a common thing now,
 To own a radio,
 And listen to the B.B.C.,
 Where famous people go.

There's everything for every taste,
 From opera to races;
 And also people lecturing
 On many foreign places.

Then there are men who commentate,
 On football and on cricket,
 And they are either shouting "Goal!"
 Or "Leg before the wicket!"

Then there is the "Band Waggon,"
 And "Monday night at Seven,"
 And from hotels late music is
 Broadcast until eleven.

And then on Sunday afternoons
 The gardener's to the fore,
 For Mr. Middleton is a boon
 Who gives advice—and more.

And when it's time to go to bed,
 Time to put out the light,
 A voice across the air is heard,
 "Good-night, everyone, good-night."

ELLEN BARRISS, Poem IIIb.

Fairy Land.

Twinkling lights, dancing feet,
 Happy faces, music sweet,
 Mermaids, fairies, a pirate cave,
 A gypsy encampment, and red-skins brave.

Alice in Wonderland tells her story,
 There's the beautiful peacock in all its glory,
 And the water nymphs, and the tulip beds,
 And the pylon of light its radiant sheds.

This is a fairy-tale all come true,
 It delights the eye and the senses too:
 These beautiful things we all can see
 In Sunderland's Wonderland near the sea.

ERNA WOODS, FORM IIIb.

A Schoolgirl's Lament.

Oh! why am I a schoolgirl,
 With poetry to compose;
 How can I think as Shakespeare did,
 With an awful cold in my nose?

It's got to be something topical,
 That everyone likes to read;
 But my thoughts, they wander freely,
 Much farther than they need.

With Maths, Geography, and French,
 My intellect gets so dim;
 I can't compose a single thing,
 And, anyway, I'd rather do Gym.

I doubt if my effort will ever get past,
 The critical eye of the "Ed";
 So unto others brighter than I,
 I hand the honours instead.

CASSIUS LUCAS, FORM IIIc.

The Traffic Problem.

The traffic problem at our school grew worse,
 With frequent bumps and tumbles on the stairs;
 Sore heads and knees we often had to nurse,
 And many girls were taken "for repairs."

The prefects then their heads together laid,
 And on arrival at our school one day,
 We found the corridors were all arrayed
 With traffic lines and signs, all bright and gay.

We came across the notices "Keep Left,"
 While tortoises implied we must "Go slow,"
 And "Single File," adorned with drawings deft,
 Prevented us from walking in a row.

And now the traffic problem we don't mind,
 And those who do not know the "Highway Code"
 Are warned, and sinning twice are promptly fined,
 To teach their rules are needed "on the road."

JOAN SCHELLAND, FORM IIIc.

The Grandfather Clock.

It stands in the corner that grandfather clock,
 Ticking the years away.
 It never gets tired of saying, "Tick, tock!"
 And always sounds merry and gay.
 It has ne'er lost a minute, that grandfather clock,
 And is always correct on the hour.
 Yet still it keeps saying "Tick, tock, tick, tock"
 And over all things seems to tower.
 For hundreds of years that grandfather clock
 In the hall in the corner has stood,
 And still counts the minutes, "Tick, tock, tick, tock";
 I don't suppose I ever could.

ARTHUR KISCO, Form IIIc.

Doing Nothing.

The words bring to my mind a feeling of ease and rest, even of laziness, but to write of doing nothing seems to be one of the most difficult things I have ever had to do.

I wonder if one ever does do nothing. One summer afternoon I remember a friend suddenly saying to me "What are you doing?" "Nothing," I answered. I lay on the beach in the sunshine. Across the blue of the sky I had seen little snowy clouds scudding, now and again my eyes had followed the graceful flight of some gull, or turning idly I had seen the white-capped waves creeping lazily up the yellow sands. The little children running busily and noisily here and there made me feel happy. As I put my hand into the cool sand the particles had filtered through my fingers, and I marvelled at all the wonder around me.

Was it true to say I did nothing? I think that perhaps on that day I did more to realize something of the beauty of the world than I do when I feel the day has been fruitful with doing something.

MARGUERITE SMITH, Form IVb.

The Lure of the East.

Again and again comes the call of Tibet,
 It throbs in my heart and my brain even yet,
 And I pray and I dream I once more may be sure
 To drink in its beauties and yield to the lure
 Of my Tibet.

I hear it, I hear it, the call comes again,
 Insistent, compelling, like the beat of the rain,
 I wish I were there to see ever anew
 Low Lamas, High Lamas, and a Dalai Lama too,
 In my Tibet.

I'm listening and waiting, and tho' years pass me by,
 I'll wait and I'll listen for that call till I die;
 And when the light becomes dim and the fire slowly burns
 I sit and I dream, and my heart, how it yearns
 For my Tibet!

NOEMA CROOKS, Form IVc.

The French Club.

We have many societies and clubs at the Bede,
 But there's one you must join, and if you take heed
 I will tell you its name, and then you will read
 Of the French Club.

It is run by Miss Shearer, and the girls meet,
 Every other Thursday, and each other they greet
 With "Bonjour Mary, elles sont dîtes,"
 In the French Club.

They sit in a ring and they play "à un jeu,"
 They speak in English "un très-petit peu,"
 And they sing the French song, "à la queue, à la queue"
 In the French Club.

Before they go home, the French Anthem they sing,
 Which first was composed when France lost her king.
 It has started already, goes on after spring,
 So join the French Club.

DINA LEVINSON, Form IVc.

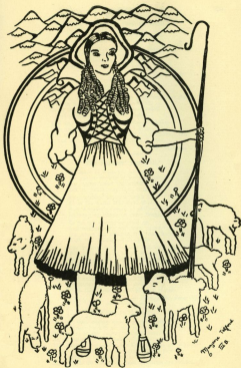
The Singing Lesson.

'Twas at a singing lesson,
 My throat seemed to grow numb,
 For suddenly I realized
 My turn to sing had come.
 I bravely stood upon my feet,
 And tried to get that "te,"
 But alas! that note, it seemed
 "So(h) " "far(h) " away from "me."
 I plucked up courage to begin,
 Once more I tried again!
 But even though I tried my best
 Alas! 'twas all in vain.
 A "ray" of hope flashed through my heart,
 I wouldn't be beaten "so(h),"
 And even though I thought I'd fail,
 I tried, and reached the "deh."
 And so, my fellow students all,
 A lesson take from "me,"
 And do not grow discouraged
 If you are "so(h) " "far(h) " from "te."

OLIVE SMITH, Form IVc.

Where I'd like to Roam.

Where the hills are green with grass,
 Down beside the mountain pass,
 That is where I'd like to roam,
 Far away from my old home.
 Where is heard the cowboy's song,
 Where there's nothing done that's wrong,
 That is where I'd like to roam,
 Far away from my old home.



Where the stars are twinkling bright,
 In the dark sky of the night,
 That is where I'd like to roam,
 Far away from my old home.

Where the palm trees upright stand,
 In that far off mysterious land,
 That is where I'd like to roam,
 Far away from my old home.

FLORA BLANK, Form V.

Peace.

You may find peace in the cool green woodland glades,
 Or in a gently-running silver brook,
 Or in the glancing sea the daylight fades,
 And even in a well-belated book.

You may find it in the murmuring of a prayer,
 Or in the eyes of Mary and her Son;
 You may feel it when you view the mountains fair,
 And also when your day of work is done.

M. WALLEN, Vb.

The Flowers' Farewell.

We come to wish you all adieu,
 We garden flowers of summer time,
 We cannot stand the winter dews,
 Yet we would stay along with you.

The sunshine does not linger now
 As in the warm May days of old;
 Now Autumn's breath of chilling cold
 Is brownning leaves on every bough.

So for the winter we must go,
 And mother earth will keep us warm;
 She keeps her children free from harm
 With the covering of the snow.

Our Winter sleep, so deep and long,
 Will pass away in happy dreams
 Of singing birds and rippling streams
 And glades echoing with your song.

And, when the Springtime comes again,
 The waking earth shall wake us too
 To happy life and joy anew
 With the warm sun and showers of rain.

SARA REED, Form Vb.

The Sea (a Sonnet).

Oh Sea, thou mighty wonder of the world,
 Thy vastness holdeth all who see in awe,
 The voices of thy mighty sea-gods roar,
 As on the shore their banners are unfurled.
 The screaming sea-gulls round their heads are whirled
 While on the beach their foaming horses paw;
 The beauty of their armour I ne'er saw
 More-bright than when on them surf-beams are twirled.

Yet, Sea! how hard and cruel canst thou be,
 For in thy depths imprisoned loved ones lie
 Remembered ever, yet for ever past;
 Their sons and daughters beauty do not see,
 But hatred for thy mighty waves they cry
 And horror for the great expanse thou hast.

ERNA HENNER, Fern Va.

The Dawn of Peace.

When comes that time when war shall be no more,
 When hatred and all enmity shall cease?
 Will nations learn to tread the way of peace,
 Or will they still be steeped in blood and gore?
 Have all men died in vain who went before
 To fight for England's honour, to increase
 The safety of her people, to give lease
 To a new era that would not know war?
 That time will come, and the whole world shall say,
 "It is a sin to let the human race
 Be crushed and killed by guns and balls of lead.
 Now; on the threshold of this new-born day,
 Let fields of wheat and barley take the place
 Of fields of grass—where lie the glorious dead!"

NORMA TRAVENET, Va.

The School Life of a Bedan.

A Bedan starts school at the age of eleven,
 And her first year at Bede is simply heaven.
 She learns to play hockey and netball too;
 She learns French and Latin yet never feels "blue."
 Her days are all spent in thinking of school,
 And she tries very hard not to break any rule;
 Her first year, however, comes to an end;
 Then she's put in the Seconds with her best friend;
 A girl in the Sixth Form then catches her eye;
 And she spends all her time watching her passing by;
 She finds herself thinking of her all day,
 And blushes whenever she passes her way;
 In the third form she shows her greatest affection
 For a new young mistress—the last word in perfection.
 At last in the Fourth she realises with joy
 That she's really in love with a wonderful boy;
 She gazes at him from the windows above
 And knows herself that she's really in love,
 Alas! her work suffers; her report is quite bad,
 She blames anything but this adorable lad.
 Her father insists on her working next term
 Then allows her to have her very first "penn."
 At last in the Fifth Form she gets quite a start,
 She starts to work hard, especially at Art.
 The "Darkness" is coming she realises at last
 And then she regrets her terrible past.
 But the "Darkness," like all things, comes to an end,
 Her relief and her happiness both seem to blend;
 Then the summer she spends waiting to hear
 The results, which are good and banish all fear.

She stays two more years at this grand old school,
 Which chiefly are spent in helping to rule;
 She realises a fortnight before she's to leave
 That she loves the old school, and commences to grieve;
 However the end of her time comes at last,
 And into the Wide World one more Bedan is passed;
 And she never forgets all the rest of her time
 Her school life at Bede, which was simply sublime.

GIVEN ROBINSON, L.VI.

All on a Summer's Day.

Sun,
 Blazing, burning from an azure sky,
 Sun.

Clouds,
 Thin wisps gathering in the west,
 Soon the sky is overcast:
 Clouds.

Heat,
 Stilling, stuffy breathless air,
 Bees are humming here and there;
 Heat.

Silence,
 Not a leaf moving, not a stir,
 Silence.

Rain,
 Slow, huge splashes on the window pane,
 Slow at first, then faster, faster,
 Falling gems of richest lustre,
 Rain.

Thunder,
 Rumbles at first from far away,
 Then, as if clouds had burst asunder,
 Comes a mighty clap of thunder,
 Crashing, banging, clashing, clapping,
 The very sky is surely cracking,
 Thunder.

Lightning,
 Vivid streaks, the heavens brightening,
 Blinding, flashing, dancing, striking,
 Lightning.

Four hours later, sudden through,
 The rain steep'd garden lanes anew;
 The flowers once more uplift their faces,
 The bees creep from their hiding places,
 Butterflies, lured by the sun's bright glare,
 Dry their wings in the sweet, warm air.

MARSHALL A. BAKER, Form L.VI.

The Master.

Slowly, unceasingly, he travels on,
 Reckless, unfeeling he waits for no-one,
 Tyrannical master, we all must obey,
 To his might irresistible we must give way.
 Wealth cannot win him, nor power delay,
 The invisible, invincible giant holds sway.
 Innumerable ages he has seen to pass by,
 And countless more ages he will cause to die,
 Life everlasting is given to him,
 His prime reaches back into centuries dim.
 He softens our sorrows, puts memory to test,
 He bids us of youth, and at last brings us rest.
 He will e'er be a mystery that no-one can solve;
 Though scientists should their great knowledge involve
 In schemes for his downfall, he'll ever evade,
 And smile at their efforts painstakingly made;
 Regardless of man, our days being done,
 Old Father Time will for ever march on.

ELLEN KING, FORM L.VI.

Robert Bruce and the Spider.

The king sat in the darkened cave
 His heart was filled with woe;
 He felt deserted, all forlorn,
 His plans had had a blow.
 And all at once, as he looked up
 A spider he then saw,
 It struggled up to reach its web
 High up above the floor.
 But ere it reached its home on high
 It slipped, he did espy;
 But still undaunted, tried again,
 Its courage rising high.
 Again it clanked, again it fell
 But still it tried and tried,
 Until at last it reached its home
 "Brave," King Robert cried.
 "Your courage fine puts mine to shame,
 You've tried and tried again,
 And have succeeded—so could I,
 I'll follow in your train.
 "Once more," he said, "I'll try to win
 Against the English foe,
 I'll follow your example brave,
 And on to battle go."
 He gathered round his soldiers brave,
 And drove the English out,
 And made his realm both strong and proud,
 And settled all his doubt.

BERRY MITSCHKA, FORM IC.

Miss Nobody.

Who does not change her outdoor shoes,
And then a constant mark does lose?
Miss Nobody!

Who, even though she is in school,
Dares to break the silence rule?
Miss Nobody!

Who comes up to school so late,
At five to nine, just by the gate?
Miss Nobody!

Who scuttles her homework every night,
And in the morning has a fright?
Miss Nobody!

Who, a bicycle does ride,
Along the drive, so broad and wide?
Miss Nobody!

Who keeps the honour of the school,
By sticking closely to each rule?
Miss Everybody!

MARGARET MITCHELL, FORM IVc.

Marriages.

- Edna Archer to Ernest K. White, 1938.
Isabel Clark Reed to Austin Smith, 1938.
Joan C. Colling to Matthew N. Callan, February 15th, 1938.
Lena Underwood to David Stirling, March 26th, 1938.
Bessie Robinson to George Dawson, June 2nd, 1938.
Mary Agar to Arthur Douglas Vincent-Jones, June 6th, 1938.
Winifred Pullan to Douglas Laws, June 11th, 1938.
Ivy Hodger to Harold Sanby, June 15th, 1938.
Joan Wise to William Crosby, June 15th, 1938.
Dorothy Calvert to Thomas G. Deane, June 19th, 1938.
Vera Hindmarsh to Gilbert E. Easton, June 20th, 1938.
Hyllis Mary Carr to Thomas Ferry, July 2nd, 1938.
Emily Maud Adey to Rev. Brian M. Pratt, July 9th, 1938.
Marion Powley to Alfred S. Monday, July 9th, 1938.
Joan Chapman to John Rendall, July 19th, 1938.
Ethel Robinson to John Rawson, July 20th, 1938.
Ella Graham to L. Thornton, July 20th, 1938.
Hilda Murray Udale to Arnold Botter, July 20th, 1938.
Betty Kitch to Arnold H. Stafford, July 25th, 1938.
Hilda Hunter to Frank Lee, September 10th, 1938.
Winifred Clayburn to George D. Cain, September 14th, 1938.
Dorothy Gardner to Frederick Dodds, September 17th, 1938.
Isabel Murray Scott to Rev. William T. Hinkley, September 17th, 1938.
Hilda Forbes to John Humble, September 24th, 1938.
Margaret Isabel Gibbon to Frederick G. Dyer, October 1st, 1938.
Patience M. Smithwhite to Harry Edward Denis de Vitaz, October 3rd, 1938.
Dorothy Pauline Orr to Rev. John J. Graham, October 13th, 1938.
Jessie Carney to Robert Whitfield, November 19th, 1938.

Congratulations also to Evelyn Share (Mrs. Joel).

BIRDS.

- To Mr. and Mrs. Kemp (Mary Walton), May 29th, 1937, a daughter.
 To Mr. and Mrs. G. Eades (Nellie Smith), January 6th, 1938, a daughter.
 To Mr. and Mrs. G. Graham (Maggie Phillips), January 20th, 1938, a daughter.
 To Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Hill (Annie E. Shield), January 28th, 1938, a son.
 To Mr. and Mrs. K. Mackintosh (Doris Jackson), January 30th, 1938, a son.
 To Mr. and Mrs. J. Middlemiss (Greta Rieborough), February 5th, 1938, a daughter.
 To Mr. and Mrs. A. Young (Dora Davidson), March 1st, 1938, a son.
 To Mr. and Mrs. H. Smith (Beatrice Lawson), March 2nd, 1938, a daughter.
 To Mr. and Mrs. B. Nelson (Elsie Bell), March 14th, 1938, a son.
 To Mr. and Mrs. I. Jones, (Alice Carter), March 16th, 1938, a son.
 To Mr. and Mrs. L. Barden (Dorothy Proctor), March 17th, 1938, a daughter.
 To Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Beavens (Gwyneth Wilkinson), March 23rd, 1938, a daughter.
 To Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Hudson (Florence Wilson), April 19th, 1938, a daughter.
 To Mr. and Mrs. Kirkwood (Elsie Davidson), April 23rd, 1938, a daughter.
 To Capt. and Mrs. T. Hampshire (Edith Eshelton), May 1st, 1938, a son.
 To Mr. and Mrs. Scott (Mary Booth), May 1st, 1938, a son.
 To Mr. and Mrs. J. Steel (Margaret MacLaurichan), May 1st, 1938, a son.
 To Mr. and Mrs. C. Haslam (Annie Simpson), May 13th, 1938, a son.
 To Mr. and Mrs. G. Pillans (Isabel Theodorson), May 19th, 1938, a son.
 To Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Yarn (Hannah E. Wright), June 4th, 1938, a daughter.
 To the Rev. and Mrs. F. E. Maydes (Irene Stephenson), June 6th, 1938, a son.
 To the Rev. and Mrs. A. Collin (Elsie Almond), June 25th, 1938, a son.
 To Mr. and Mrs. K. Tweedy (Elsie Graham), June, 1938, a daughter.
 To Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Dea (Minnie Hammond), July 6th, 1938, twin daughters.
 To Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Darke (Doris Liddle), July 17th, 1938, a son.
 To Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Wood (Alice Ritchie), July 19th, 1938, a daughter.
 To Mr. and Mrs. Bedford (Edith Ferry), August, 1938, a daughter.
 To Mr. and Mrs. B. Ord (Jessie Vincent), August, 1938, a son.
 To the Rev. and Mrs. W. Hoessell (Ruby Christie), September, 14th, 1938, a daughter.
 To Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Wilson (Eileen Gaultlett), September 19th, 1938, a son.
 To Mr. and Mrs. H. Mesdale (Nancy Clogg), September 24th, 1938, a daughter.
 To Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Young (Thomson Madden), September 25th, 1938, a son.
 To Mr. and Mrs. J. Cummings (Gwen Clark), September 27th, 1938, a son.
 To the Rev. and Mrs. N. Maddison (Mollie K. Hinkley), October 7th, 1938, a son.
 To Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Parteous (Mary Pretty), November 10th, 1938, a son.
 To Mr. and Mrs. Rowell (Nancy Walter), November 14th, 1938, a daughter.
 To Mr. and Mrs. T. Lawson (Pauline Anderson), a son.
 To Mr. and Mrs. MacAlastair (Katherine Blinn), a daughter.

In Memoriam.

IVY ANDERSON.

BOSSA GOLDING.

BOSSA HEMPHREY.

FERRIS MEANS.

CLARA WILLIAMS.

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The present membership is 411, comprising 31 Life, 373 Annual and 7 Associate Members. There are also 43 members whose subscriptions for 1937-1938 are still unpaid; 3 of these have resigned as from 1938-1939 but we should like to point out that they have not discharged their liabilities to the Guild for the previous year. Neither have the 40 other members who have sent no intimation at all of their wish to resign. This is the largest number of "lapsed" the Guild has had in any year since its re-organisation. Should any member wish to resign, we ask her to **intimate the fact in writing, not later than the Annual Business Meeting**, otherwise we expect her to pay her subscription for the ensuing year. 12 members resigned in September for 1938-1939 and there are 42 new names on our roll (v.p. 48).

The Annual Subscription—2/6—for 1938-1939 fell due on September 1st. May we have yours now, if it is not already paid?

Members are asked to consult their Membership Cards and to keep dates free. The Dance will be held on Thursday, December 20th, in the Barnes Hotel, and as special attractions there will be "Tom Brown and his Band" (seven performers) and spotlights. The Winter Re-Union on February 14th will take the form of a Valentine Party. Special attention is called to the Handicraft Competition. Those interested should consult Maisie Curry **now**.

The Guild Prizes offered for essays in the last *Bedan*, and which will be awarded on Speech Day, were won by Yvonne White, L.VI, and by Lilian Alexander, IIIc. The names of the winners in this year's competition appear elsewhere in this *Bedan*. The Guild's School Prize is divided between Doris Forster, Up.VI, for Music, and Enid Claxton, Vc, and Irene Wilson, IVc, for Art, and the Guild's picture for progress has been won this year by Ben House.

We offer our sincere thanks to Mr. Blyth for auditing our accounts, and to Mr. Udale for so kindly acting as M.C. at the Dance.

The Secretary appreciates the many kind messages that reach her with subscriptions and in other ways, although it is impossible for her to reply to them all by letter. Will members be good enough to help her in these ways:—

- (a) by notifying her at once of any change of address.
- (b) by letting her know in good time whether they intend to be present at meetings.
- (c) by giving her any items of information about Old Bedans, e.g., marriages, births, changes of occupation, etc.

Information about the Guild and its activities will be gladly given by the Secretary,

E. R. SHARER,
Bede Collegiate Girls' School.

Meetings of the Guild.

The Dance, December 28th, 1937.—At the eighth Annual Dance about 136 people enjoyed themselves thoroughly, thanks to the hard work put in by Mollie Hinkley (Mrs. Maddison) and the Sub-Committee beforehand, and by Mr. Udale, the M.C. for the evening.

The Winter Re-union, Wednesday, 26th January, took the form of a Broadcasting Party and the programme included an hour's Wireless Whist; S.O.S.'s during supper and a News Bulletin—very topical, a Children's Hour with youthful games and dances, a Bedtime Story read by "Auntie Lillian," Wireless Competitions, and Songs by the O.B.C. Singers; we "closed down" just before 11 with the inevitable "Good-night, everyone, good-night."

A special word of thanks is due to Gladys Littlehales who produced an excellent supper and who managed to provide for everybody's wants although the numbers present far exceeded what had been expected.

At the **Summer Re-union on Wednesday, June 15th,** about 50 members were present. There was no formal programme and after tea had been served in the Library, guests wandered about in school or in the grounds and amused themselves with talk or games. Miss Moul and Mrs. Maddison received the guests.

The Annual Business Meeting, September 28th, 1938.—Owing to the crisis in international affairs, almost all the teacher-members of the Guild were absent on duty, which accounted for the small attendance at the meeting. Miss Moul welcomed new members in a short speech, in which she expressed the hope that they would find in this Guild, Activities, Benevolence and Companionship which she characterized as the A.B.C. of Guilds. The meeting then proceeded to the Agenda for the evening, deciding first to take the minutes of the last Business Meeting as read. The Secretary's and Treasurer's reports were read and

adopted. The gist of the Secretary's report appears in various places in this *Bedan*. The Treasurer's Report showed a balance on the year's working of £17 15s. 5d. which included Interest, £10 9s. 0d. in completion of Life Subscriptions and a profit on the Dance of £1 5s. 7d. The Balance Sheet appears on page 34.

The Office-bearers and Committee for 1938-1939 were then announced (page 29) and the reports from Branch Clubs were read and adopted. After this the meeting proceeded to allocate some of its funds as follows:—£1 1s. 0d. to the *Bedan* editors for prizes; £1 1s. 0d. for a School prize; all expenses in connection with the presentation to Miss Hutchinson (postage, printing, refreshments, etc.) as the Guild's gift to her; £1 5s. 7d. to the Social Service Club, to be used to help present *Bedans*; £1 to the Sunderland Nursery School Fund and any arrears* of subscription received before Christmas to the Social Service Club for its general fund.

The Winter programme was then discussed and the chairman of the meeting voiced very strongly the Committee's views about the difficulty of catering when members were so dilatory in sending replies to the Secretary. For this reason it was decided to hold no Dinner this year. The programme arranged by the Committee is on the membership card.

*So far the sum of £4 7s. 0d. has been received.

Presentation to Miss Hutchinson from Old Bedans.

On Friday, October 21st, an extremely interesting event took place in the School Hall—the presentation by Old Bedans of 1900—1938 to Miss Lily Hutchinson on her retirement.

It was a friendly informal gathering which met to do honour to an old friend and teacher; for in the 38 years that Miss Hutchinson has spent working for *Bedans*, she has endeared herself to one and all.

Miss Catherine E. Mallen, as the first Chairman of the Guild, made the Presentation. This included, besides a cheque, a picture chosen by Miss Hutchinson herself (Van Gogh's *Little Tree in Blossom*), and an album of photographs, greetings and signatures collected from Old Bedans the world over.

In tendering these tokens of affection, Miss Mallen spoke of the untiring work done by Miss Hutchinson for Bode School. She recalled those days when " Maths " was her subject, and of more recent times when in teaching English literature, Miss Hutchinson gave joy and guidance to so many.

Miss Mallan's remarks on the hockey fields and the hockey, of her time as a pupil at "Bede," caused much amusement among the audience. Credit to the pioneer work done by Miss Hutchinson for this game was another point made by the speaker.

In her reply, Miss Hutchinson thanked all old Bedans for their loyalty and affection and for the ways in which they had expressed them. In her own inimitable style she was soon delighting her audience with stories of early days at the "Old School." To cap Miss Mallan's tales, she herself told one of "Kathie" as a small girl in a pinafore, defending her rights at an early age!

After this came some impromptu sketches of "Crutch" at "Bede." Mary Mackintosh, supported by members and friends of the Singing Club, made everyone laugh at some of "Crutch's" favourite mannerisms, and transported us all back to well-loved singing lessons. There followed a staff-room scene, ending in hockey coaching, a Speech Day Cantata, and finally the "Last of the Singing Club" in the guise of three old, old ladies—Klissie Wilson, Mary Mackintosh, and Ivy Lockey. These caricatured a glee party and sang so well that we were at pains to remember that it **was** a caricature.

Refreshments followed, and the chatter broke loose again, when old friends met once more. Travellers, who had journeyed especially for this occasion, were welcomed; and tales and photographs were exchanged in the happiest of spirits.

After this came a short much-enjoyed Sing-song, conducted by "Crutch" herself, and the evening ended with *Auld Lang Syne*, "Three cheers for Miss Hutchinson," and *For She's a Jolly Good Fellow*.

In looking round on that happy company of Old Bedans, one felt that Miss Hutchinson's influence has indeed been far-reaching. From her strength of character and splendid personality, Old Bedans have drawn lasting inspiration, and all now unite in wishing her many years of happy retirement.

E. T.

Guild of Old Bedans' Loan and Scholarship Fund.

At the Annual Meeting held in June, 1938, the available interest of £43 was used as follows:—(a) Scholarships, £25; (b) Loans, £18. The sum of £2 was returned by a borrower. Since 1933 the sum of £50 has been returned to the fund. This is added to the capital.

D. E. BIRCHALL, Hon. Treasurer,

Bede Collegiate Girls' School.

GUILD OF OLD BEDANS.*Statement of Accounts on August 31st, 1938.*(A) BALANCE SHEET FOR YEAR—FROM SEPTEMBER 1ST, 1937,
TO AUGUST 31ST, 1938.

RECEIPTS.		EXPENDITURE.	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Subscriptions—		Postage and Telephone	
6 Completed Life Sub-		Calls	5 9 7
scriptions	10 2 0	Stationery and Printing	
10 Associate Subscrip-		(general)	4 1 6
tions at 1/-	0 10 0	Cheque Book	0 5 0
27 Arrears at 2/6	3 7 6	Deficit on Meetings—	
58 New Annual Sub-		1. Dinner, Nov. 22nd,	
scriptions at 2/6	4 15 0	1937	3 6 8
286 Annual Subscrip-		2. Summer Re-Union,	
tions at 2/6 (renewed		June 15th, 1938..	1 4 0
or rejoined).. ..	35 15 0	Gifts—	
Interest—		Flowers	0 6 10
1. On Deposit Account	0 1 6	2 Greeting Telegrams	0 2 11
2. On War Loan	5 8 10	Guild of Old Bedans	
Balance from Meetings—		Social Service Club	2 7 6
1. Dance, Dec. 29th,		Grindon Convalescent	
1937	1 5 7	Home	2 3 0
2. Winter Re-Union,		Sunderland Guild of	
Jan. 26th, 1938..	1 18 0	Help	2 2 0
		School Prize (Annual)	1 1 0
		Expenses Old Bedans'	
		Gift to Miss Hut-	
		chinson	2 15 6
		Refuse	10 10 0
		Balance on Year's Work-	
		ing.. ..	17 15 5
Total	<u>451 10 5</u>	Total	<u>451 10 5</u>

(B) TOTAL FUNDS.

	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Balance on Aug. 31, 1937	188 14 10½	Made up as follows—	
Balance on Year's Work-		2½% War Loan, 1923-27 ..	98 7 2
ing, including Interest		Balance in Bank—	
on Deposit Account		1. On Deposit Account ..	13 7 8
and War Loan	16 14 5	2. On Current Account ..	44 6 4
		Balance in Cash in Hand..	0 9 1½
Total	<u>£156 10 3½</u>	Total	<u>£156 10 3½</u>

E. R. SHARER, Hon. Treasurer, Sunderland, September, 8th 1938.

I have examined Receipt Books, Stock Receipts, Current and Deposit Bank Accounts, and I certify that everything is in order.

September 22nd, 1938.

THOS. H. BLYTH.

The Guild of Old Bedans' Singing Club.

No more Singing Club meetings means that "Crotch" has really left School. How we shall miss them! The Club really finished when Miss Hutchinson fell ill in the spring. One more meeting was due, and I felt unwilling to cancel it although it was well-known that Miss Hutchinson would be unable to attend. Ivy Lockey and I made our way to school on that Wednesday evening; on the way we met Elsie Wilson, and just as we turned in at the gates, we spied Winnie Graham dragging her long limbs up the hill. The four of us prowled round the School grounds, talking over old times and finally we stood round the lamp and sang. So the Singing Club went down, singing!

The few shillings left in the Club funds were used to help to send some flowers to Miss Hutchinson, who later gave about a dozen of the "old soldiers" an autographed copy of a carol book, as a memento. These we will all treasure.

I do thank Miss Hutchinson most sincerely for all she did for the Singing Club, Miss Ewart too, and all those members of Staff and Old Bedans who came regularly to the meetings. The dear old Singing Club! It was more than just a Singing Club, wasn't it? We shall always remember it gratefully and happily.

MARY MACINTOSH.

Guild of Old Bedans' Social Service Club.

This year the Social Service Club has had a record membership of 84.

It was decided at our Annual Business Meeting to spend most of our funds on clothing for poor children and on help for present Bedans. The parent Guild gave us £9 7s. 6d., the annual Whist and Bridge Drive brought in £9 6s. 10d. and we had several generous donations from members. The Club made grants amounting to slightly over £9, to be used for Bedans. Miss Arkle, our intermediary in this matter, found several girls in great need of extra nourishment, and spent the money for us in providing 256 School Dinners and 408 bottles of milk. With the rest of our funds, we bought warm clothing, which was added to the November and February collections—both much larger than in previous years. Clothing was sent to 22 schools and institutions, and the letters of appreciation sent us were so sincere that we feel that this branch of our work should be extended if possible. A head-teacher says:—"The doors of our school may soon be locked, but I am sure that many of the girls will often remember the timely help you gave them." Another member tells us that

" the rheumatic girl is still sitting about the house in the coat she had from the Club two years ago," whilst a Salvation Army Officer writes, " Will you kindly pass on to the members of your Guild the gratitude of our poor people ? "

Owing to the enthusiasm and generosity of two of our Committee, who held a private whist drive in aid of the Club, we began this year with 16/6½ in hand. To them, as to all kind members and friends who in various ways have answered our appeals throughout the year, the Club is very grateful.

Remarks such as we have quoted make us feel that our work is not in vain, and we would welcome new members at any time. The subscription is 6d.

BETSY SOULSBY,
ELSIE WILSON, 102 Ewesley Road. } Secretaries.

NOTE:—It is with great regret that we have to report the impending resignation of one of the secretaries. Betsy Powley (Mrs. Soulsby) is sailing in January for Nigeria, where her husband is taking up an appointment under the C.M.S. Betsy has been an ardent worker on the Committee since the Club was formed ten years ago, and will be greatly missed. We wish her good luck, and feel sure that in the mission field she will find ample scope for her boundless energy and capability, which have been so much appreciated by the Social Service Club. E. W.

Guild of Old Bedans' Netball Club.

Last season was very enjoyable, although many matches were cancelled owing to bad weather.

Perhaps the most interesting match of all was one arranged between married and single Old Bedans, and watched by two of the very young generation, who found the activities of their respective mammas vastly entertaining. During tea, we heard story after story of days spent in the old school, and the " Tin Tab," as memories of old friends and mistresses were recalled.

New members will be very welcome. We play on Saturday afternoons and the subscription is 3/6.

MARGORIE STEPHENSON, Secretary, 17 Otto Terrace.

The Guild of Old Bedans' Hockey Club.

This season the hockey club plays on the school pitch instead of at Sparks' Farm, and we wish to thank Miss Moul for letting us use the field and also the school premises for entertaining our visitors after a match.

The subscription is 7/6, and we should welcome very heartily any new members, especially those who have just left school or college. We should like some new—and young—blood in our club!

MARGREY M. WADE, Secretary, 13 Cleveland Road.

The Guild of Old Bedans' Badminton Club.

The Badminton Club is still going strong, and although our average attendance is only eight, we spend most jolly Friday evenings. We shall be delighted to welcome any new members. Ability to play is not a *sine qua non*, and for the modest fee of 3s. 6d. an expert knowledge of the game, together with ample opportunity for "chin-wag," is guaranteed!

R. CRAGGS, Secretary, 19 Ewesley Road.

The London Old Bedans.

The first Re-union of "London" Old Bedans was held on April 2nd, 1988, in town. The inverted commas are inserted advisedly, as the branch includes Old Bedans from places as far from London as Reading, Maidenhead and Hornchurch. Seventeen Old Bedans—members and non-members of the Guild—turned up, including Miss Boon, Miss Ewart and Mrs. Hopkins (Miss Taylor). Apologies were received from several others unable to be present, and the "Parent" Guild sent a Telegram of Good Wishes. In true Bedan style everyone had a limitless fund of conversation on which to draw, and most of the evening was spent in "swopping" stories of the "high spots" of school life. "Do you remember" was inevitably the prelude to gales of laughter and an increased babble of conversation.

An excellent supper was followed by games, one of which intrigued Miss Ewart so much that she risked losing her train rather than her turn! The meeting wound up by deciding that a Branch of the Guild of Old Bedans should be formed, to meet about every three months.

The next meeting took the form of a ramble, and twelve of us (including three new to the Branch) tramped across Wimbledon Common and Richmond Park, finishing up with a substantial tea, followed by ice-cream cornets, roundabouts and swings. No-one was any the worse, as far as is known, for this somewhat injudicious mixture!

We met again on October 22nd at our original rendezvous, which is central, comfortable and not too expensive and were, as before, seventeen strong. We welcomed four newcomers, although we missed some familiar faces, due to removal from London. We amused ourselves with a series of "parlour" games until supper, Miss Ewart's "team" doing its utmost to outdo Miss Boon's in the difficult arts of '(inter alia) flipping "kippers" into plates, inhaling split peas on to drinking straws, and drawing various objects and celebrities—to be guessed by the rest of the team. (The results of the latter game would have appalled the most hardened art-mistress).

After supper a portrait gallery of ourselves as "mothers' darlings" was inspected and wild guesses made at the names of the owners of the cherubic countenances displayed. Judging by the results, we have all changed considerably since those early and innocent days!

We expect to have a good time at our next meeting early in the New Year, when we shall have dinner in the West End and visit a theatre.

Prospective London Old Bedans might be interested to know that membership of the London Branch is open to all members of the Guild, on payment of an extra 6d. per annum to cover postage, etc. Actual expenses of each meeting are shared.

I should be so grateful for names and addresses of London non-members of the Guild. I already have fifty-three Old Bedans on my list, but feel sure that there must still be some unknown to me.

Best wishes to the Parent Guild from its latest offspring—the *London Old Bedans*.

DORREN WARD (Secretary),

2 Wolverton Gardens, Ealing Common, W.5.

Notes on Old Bedans.

Since the publication of the last *Bedan*, the Guild has sustained a great loss by the death of Mrs. Anita Richardson, a Vice-president and Life-member. Old Bedans will remember her interest in their welfare, in their singing and indeed at all times. Sunderland is poorer by the passing of a woman of such kindness and culture.

We cannot mention all our new Old Bedans. Of last year's Up. VI, 5 are now studying at Universities:—Mary Arkless at Manchester; Margery Humphrey at King's College, London; Nancy Adamson at King's College, Newcastle; Gertrude Gould at Hull and Beatrice Hunnam at Durham. Mary was awarded a State Scholarship and two Scholarships to Manchester, and offered an open Entrance Scholarship to King's College, Newcastle; Gertrude gained an open Scholarship to Hull, and Margery won, while still at school, a prize offered for an essay in connection with the Empire Rally of Youth held in London in the Spring. Seven Prefects have gone to Training Colleges for Elementary Teachers: Edna Bathgate to Hereford; Marjorie Hanson to Gipsy Hill; Eileen Heilpern, Ray Lock, Doreen Smith and Peggy Victory to Sunderland. Doris Forster has entered the Northern

Counties' School of Domestic Science, where Joyce Robson has successfully passed the final examination and is spending a third year in Advanced Needlework and Dressmaking.

The following girls have graduated:—from King's College, Newcastle:—Bertha Bosin (Pass), Audrey Hayton (Hons. History), Phyllis Heilpern, Phyllis Tennant and Enid Bagley (Hons. French) and Hannah Cohen (Pass, with distinction, specialising in Languages); from Cambridge:—Eva Maceoby (Historical Tripos, Class 2, div. 1). In Training College "Finals" Winnie Scott gained a distinction in Advanced Music, Dorothy Middlemass in Advanced English and Elsie Garrick in Education.

Martha Potts has become a Headmistress of an Elementary School in the town and Dorothy Charlton, who for some years held an appointment at Holy Trinity School, Ashton-under-Lyme, is now Superintendent of the Shipley Nursery School, Yorkshire, in which she had been an assistant for a year. Freda Scott (the first) teaches at Wheatley Hill and Vera Hub in an Infants' School near Barnsley; Peggy Davidson has a Domestic Science Post at Shotton Colliery Centre, while Winnie Talbot is still at St. Helen's, and is looking for a flat.

We learn from various letters that Old Bedans "enjoy reading the *Bedan*, especially 'our corner'"; one confesses that she "endeavoured to read the *Notes on Old Bedans* as she travelled to and from work," and another that she spent her weekly half-holiday "reading the *Bedan* and getting news of her school friends." In view of these remarks we append a list of posts which have not so far been recorded by us. Hilda Bird is still working in the National Provincial Bank, where Audrey Elliott has a junior post. Hilda Hosenson is in the Education Office and Mary Ure in the Income Tax Office. Doris Aisbett has joined Maisie Kirby in the Borough Treasurer's Office. Enid Potts and Jean Richardson are now telephonists. Our last news of Dorothy Sanderson was that she was working at Steel's Ironmongery Store. Doris Earl is in Binns' Dissection Office. Dorothy Forster, Rita Nelson and Hannah Reed work in Branches of Boots' Chemists. Edna Ilsley has a post at Collingwood's, Elizabeth Harrison at Hills', Jennie Arthur at Allan's, Clothiers, Jean Newby with "Jane Jones." Joyce Gallon is a tracer with Lynn and Co.; and in hair-dressing, we have Joyce Alder at Binns' and Audrey Watson at Gwen Clark's (Mrs. Cummings) own establishment. Nancy Robinson is in the office of Hedley and Swan, Laura Manning with Clark's in Suffolk Street. Jeanne Dickinson is a clerk at Stockton, and Dorothy Coulsey in the Mineral Audit Office of the L. and N.E.R. in Newcastle. Muriel Robinson has a post with Newcastle Electricity Under-

taking. Isa Heslop won the scholarship so generously offered to a Bedan by Dorothy Stephenson, to be held at her Commercial School, from which, recently, another Bedan, Doreen Suffield, was successful in the Civil Service Shorthand-Typists' Examination. Margery Holland, Florence Goldsmith and Stella Buddle were awarded whole or part scholarships to another Commercial School. Doris Ebdon and Ann Gilbertson are in chemists' shops with a view to studying pharmacy, and Joyce Shepherd is in the laboratory of Ford Paper Mills. Our newest recruits to nursing are Myra Gray, who has a junior post at Ryhope Mental Hospital and Marjorie Rochester, who is at Hull. Elsie Forster, Florence Laithead, Winnie Fulton, Sheila Black and Peggy Watson are also engaged in nursing. Grace Logan is working at Ford's, Dagenham; Mary Priestman has finished her training at Pitman's College and now has a clerkship with typefounders in London. Margaret Watson has a post with the Port of London Authority. Queenie Bae (Mrs. Bennett) whom we met after many years, has an important and unusual post with a Leeds clothing firm; Elsie Kinch is a clerk to Commander Stephen King-Hall and writes enthusiastically of her work. Maisie Rich and Jean Walker have both now gone to Civil Service posts in London. Connie Wray is Secretary to the Agent for Houghton-le-Spring Conservative Association, and says she has "often had occasion to thank her stars for delivering her from the routine of an ordinary office." Eva Maccoby holds a Student Traineeship in the Rotherham Training Centre for Housing and Estate Management, and writes, "Never have I found my work so absorbing or so satisfying. The weekly contact with the tenants, dealing with applications for houses; even the book-keeping is interesting." Edith Alexander is now chief organiser for Physical Training for Northumberland County Education Committee.

In Sport, the chief items of interest are that Jennie Hey is now playing in her old place, centre-half, for King's College, that Elizabeth Carr played for Durham County against Cheshire, that Betty Fairgrieve played left-half for The Best in their match against England, and that Kathleen Thompson, the North centre-half, was reserve centre-half for England, and that she and Betty both toured New Zealand as members of the English Women's Hockey Team.

Bedans are represented too in the Arts. Jennie Shadforth passed the examination of the City and Guilds of London Institute in dressmaking, gaining a first class; Bessie Maccoby obtained the Teachers' Drawing Certificate of the National Society of Art Masters, 2nd class, and Mary Maughan the Art Teachers' Diploma of the Board of Education. At the Summer Club Exhibition of the Sunderland College of Art Students' work, Bessie Maccoby, Joan Lamb and Irene Ross obtained 1st, 2nd, and 3rd prizes in

the portraits class, Irene Ross a prize for fabric printing, Joan Lamb for puppet work and Phyllis Willcock for dress design. Joan Hoey was offered a scholarship of 25 guineas to the Reville School of Fashion, but was unable to take it up. She is at present working in Binns' Advertising Department but hopes eventually to take up Fashion Design. At the North of England Musical Tournament, Kathleen Carr took first place and a silver medal in one of the dramatic sections, Laura Crombie is still with the D'Oyly Carte Opera Company. Marjorie Field is still dancing in ballets and plays at the Open Air Theatre in Regent's Park. She arranged the choreography for *Yobias* and the *Angel* there, is dancing this season in the pantomime *Jack and the Beanstalk* at Golders Green, and is now having her singing voice trained. She has gone far since, in her school-days, she moved the audience at the Old Bedan Week-End by her sympathetic interpretation of the mother in the tragic *Gaspell of Kilnokr*. Eta Cohen (the first) is another Bedan who has more than fulfilled her early promise when she led the "orchestra" of four strings which provided the music in the school quadrangle for folk-dancing. She won unstinted praise from the critics for her violin-playing at the Sunderland Musical Society's concert. She now has violin classes at 'Bede' and other schools, and has generously lent three violins for the use of Bedans.

Marjorie Nicholson's home is now in Carlisle where she still meets "Bedans who seem to be everywhere." Nancy Heal and Nancy Lumsden (both married) also live in Carlisle. Alice Lawther is spending a year at Montpellier. Two Old Bedans have teaching "exchange" posts. Alice Munro, our ex-chairman and Ida Walker. Alice is at Newport News in Virginia. She has attended the National Youth Congress at Vassar College as representative of the League of Nations Youth Group. She finds work, food and climate all different and interesting. Ida Walker is in Johannesburg and has spent two days at Lucy Poogate's (Mrs. Nichol) home near Pretoria—days which seem to have been occupied chiefly in the asking and answering of questions about people and things in Sunderland. Dorothy Blencarn was on furlough from Egypt in the summer and had many things to tell of the life there. Both Dorothy Gibson (Mrs. Richardson) and Hannah Wright (Mrs. Tunn) have returned to their respective homes in Singapore and Brazil after short holidays in England. In a letter to Elsie Wilson, Hannah gives a vivid account of baby Barbara, and reminds Elsie of her oft-expressed wish to cruise, on her retirement, round the world and visit Old Bedans. Hilda Hardwick (Mrs. Aldridge) writes interestingly from New Zealand to Kathleen Walton, and tells how "she still sings right through 'The Walrus,' 'The Pied Piper,' 'Follow On,' 'The School Song, and several other favourites.'" Elsie and Winnie

White, who joined the Guild a year ago, write from Vancouver—Elsie works in the City Clerk's Office, and Winnie is studying singing, and has sung as a soloist on several occasions. They both enjoy the *Bedan*, and wish they could take part in some of the Guild's activities. They would be delighted if some of the girls they knew would write to them c/o City Clerk's Office, City Hall, Vancouver, B.C. Flora Hollingshead (Mrs. Bamshaw) is shortly going to the West Indies, and Betsy Powley (Mrs. Soulsby) to Oyo in Nigeria (v.p. 36).

Since we began to write these *Notes*, we have learnt that Flora Cook is now in Carlisle and has charge of all the County Libraries of Cumberland, and that Mary Fairclough has "an interesting post just now, looking after a Siamese princess who was thirteen yesterday."

Maisie Curry has become Superintendent of St. Gabriel's Kindergarten Sunday School, and asks us to say that she "will be expecting to see all the babies of Old Bedans." We recommend to her notice the twins, Alan and John, all the babies on page 28 of this *Bedan* and young June, who, finding our Secretary in bed, hailed her as "Gran'ma."

Two interesting things have come the Secretary's way recently. One was a book containing the autographs of the members of the first "Bede Circle"; the first name in it is that of Margaret Korner (Mrs. Steppat), who was the guest of honour at the first Old Bedan dinner, and the last that of Hilda Bird, to whom reference has already been made. The other was the artistic efforts of Miss Boon's and Miss Ewart's teams in one of the competitions run by Doreen Ward at the last meeting of the London Old Bedans. We should like to record here the gratitude of members of that Branch to Doreen and her helpers; we have had numerous letters expressing the pleasure the meetings have given, and lack of space alone prevents us from quoting from more than one, which says, "I have joined the London Branch, and we have already had some happy gatherings. It is nice to get a breath of "The Bede" again, even though I do not know any of the girls in the Branch. They are very jolly and have told me a good deal about the new school, which, of course, I have never seen." The writer left Sunderland twenty years ago, so one more link is forged in the chain that binds the Old to the New.

L. H.

E. R. S.

New Members of the Guild since January, 1938.

- Aisbett, Doris, 27 Grange View, Thompson Road, Sunderland.
 Arkless, Mary, 47 Mount Road West, Sunderland.
 Askew, Joyce, 20 Mount Road West, Sunderland.
 Aynsley, Joan, 20 St. Andrew's Terrace, Roker, Sunderland.
 Beattie, Doris, 6 Sandringham Road, Sunderland.
 Bilby, Mary, 8 Dundas Street, Sunderland.
 *Bloom, May, 5 Valebrooke, Sunderland.
 Brown, Ethel (Mrs. Carty), 70 Stratford Avenue, Sunderland.
 Bruce, Eunice, 71 Ewesley Road, Sunderland.
 Davis, Joan, 25 Blandford Street, Sunderland.
 Earnshaw, Ada, 25 Leechmere Road South, Grangetown, Sunderland.
 Forster, Doris, 13 Barnes View, Sunderland.
 †Gilbertson, Ann, 13 Wingrove Avenue, Sunderland.
 Goldsmith, Florence, 9 Silksworth Lane, Sunderland.
 Gould, Gertrude, 25 Shrewsbury Crescent, Hunsletton, Sunderland.
 †Hebron, Joyce, 20 Mount Road West, Sunderland.
 Holpern, Eileen, 46 Ormonds Street, Sunderland.
 Housson, Hilda, 49 Victoria Avenue West, Sunderland.
 *Hudson, Amor, 2 Elmwood Avenue, Southwick, Sunderland.
 Hurnam, Beatrice, 22 Alfred Street, Sunderland.
 Jöhling, Joan, 8 Waldron Square, Sunderland.
 Langham, Margaret, 41 Millburn Street, Millfield, Sunderland.
 Lockrane, Vera, 34 Percy Terrace, Sunderland.
 Logan, Grace, Sandra, 42 Lyndhurst Drive, Rosford, Essex.
 *Logan, Joyce, 67 Hartington Street, Roker, Sunderland.
 Meldrum, Marie, 14 Radley Avenue, Longbridge Road, Ilford, Essex.
 Nicholson, Dorothy, 122 Durham Road, Sunderland.
 *Pace, Ann, 35 Hartington Street, Roker, Sunderland.
 Riechbrough, Edna, 7 Patterdale Grove, Sunderland.
 Rochester, Marjorie, 12 Belvedere Road, Sunderland.
 Rockliffe, Kathleen, 31 Mount Road West, Sunderland.
 *Rutherford, Jean, 104 Sorley Street, Sunderland.
 *Stothard, Peggy, 18 Dent Street, Fulwell, Sunderland.
 Stothard, Kathleen (Mrs. Collinson), 29 Beechwood Terrace, Sunderland.
 Tait, Gladys, 63 Cairns Road, Fulwell, Sunderland.
 *Tomsdale, Dorothy, 21 Vioforth Drive, Sunderland.
 Thompson, Mena, 20 The Westlands, Sunderland.
 Victory, Peggy, 435 Cleveland Road, Sunderland.
 *Wardle, Vera, 16 Colchester Terrace, Sunderland.
 Whitehouse, Nancy (Mrs. Alexander), 3 Prince's Gardens, Seaburn, Sunderland.
 Wilson, Margery, 47 James Armitage Street, Southwick, Sunderland.
 Wood, Rita, 28 Estrick Grove, Sunderland.

* Associate Member.

† Life Member.

‡ Omitted accidentally from last Bedan.

Emily Anderson, Joyce Elliott, and Gladys Littlehales have become Life Members.

In Memoriam—Mrs. Aera Remington, a Vice-President of the Guild of Old Bedans

