



THE BEDAN,

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FOREWORD.

DEAR BEDANS,

We have unusual pleasure in welcoming Miss Frankenburg on her return from America. We feel the investor's interest in her adventurous stay abroad, because our dividends have already appeared in the shape of Lectures and Talks. It is interesting, too, to have one whose own views of education have been challenged and who can challenge us in her turn.

Miss Taylor left at the end of the Summer term to be married, and has been replaced by Miss L. D. French who is no stranger to Sunderland. Already Miss French has impressed us with her vigorous style and her kind and helpful personality, and we wish her every happiness and a long and useful time with us.

Miss Ewart, who had to retire through ill-health, is happily recovering. Her last letter shows that she is vegetating in her garden—if you can imagine such an impossible condition with her! We welcome with pleasure Miss Gibbons in her place who comes to us through the Education Office.

One of our saddest losses was that of Alderman J. S. Nicholson who died during the Summer holiday. He had been associated with Bede School long before its establishment on Humbleton Hill. The happiness and reputation of the School were personal things to him. His standards were high and his aims noble. We miss his encouragement, his criticism, and his friendship, and extend to Mrs. Nicholson and to all her family our cordial sympathy. The Mayor of Sunderland (Alderman J. Turner) passed away recently with tragic suddenness and to his family, too, we offer the School's sympathy.

The Higher School Certificate results were particularly good. Outstanding achievements were those of Olive Adamson who won an Open Entrance Scholarship of £45 a year for three years to King's College, Newcastle, where she is pursuing an Honours Course in History, and of Muriel Woodruff who won the only Scholarship offered by the Northern Counties Training College of Domestic Science, a Scholarship of £26 for each of two years.

We have to thank many friends of the School for their generous gifts, and particularly Miss Stephenson, an Old Bedan, for her offer of a Free Scholarship in Commercial Training for Bedans only. We acknowledge five guineas from Miss Ewart to provide a prize of half-a-guinea for ten years; a Bible from Miss Taylor for use during morning prayers; Book-ends, a Vase and a Clock from the Lower Vith for the Library. We thank the Parent-Teacher Association for its prize of two guineas, the Guild

of Old Bedans for the Essay Prize and for a guinea, and Mrs. Nicholson for continuing the prize of the late Alderman J. S. Nicholson.

The Library has been extensively used by pupils of all ages and it is gratifying to note that more interest has been taken in the reading of non-fiction. The popularity of the fiction section still remains unchallenged and our need for new books to add to this section was partly met last year by the VIII who spent the major part of the proceeds of their Library Dance on fiction. They also laid the foundation of a new Music Section in the Library which is proving popular. Few books are now lost and this is a real gain as showing an increased sense of responsibility in borrowers.

The School Activities flourish. A mere catalogue of School clubs gives some indication of our extra-school activities. The Classical Society has a large membership drawn from the middle and upper School. The Drama Club continues its fortnightly readings with occasional miming and impromptu acting. The Sketch Club has been founded particularly to meet the need of the upper and middle schools for creative expression which they do not find in the more formal syllabus. The Science Society arranged visits to the Electrical Exhibition, the Washington Air Pageant, St. Mary's Lighthouse, and the Dove Marine Laboratory at Callerecoats. The French Club has this year been in the second Form. We are very proud to draw attention to the success of the School in a competition arranged by the French Newspaper "La France," when Bede School took the 7th place and won a prize presented by the French Government. In the individual competition three girls got second-class prizes (1) Margery Humphrey, (2) Yvonne White, (3) Mary Arkless. Three girls came just after the prize list and two others got Honourable Mention. The Modern Events Club has considered the great problems that confront Europe and the World. These activities have for their aim the correction of a tendency in higher education to go "bookish." Not that every girl is in every extra-school activity. Though there is freedom of choice for the pupils no girl would be considered free to join all societies. The point really is that Dramatics, the Sketch Club, the Modern Events and League of Nations Society, the Science, the French and other Clubs give a chance even to the shyest to get into relationship with others in a different way from that offered by the class-room where work is far too often competitive and not co-operative. That school only is alive that tries to mobilise its several differences into a common wealth!

The interest in Physical Education continues to grow, and good progress has been made.

The Parent-Teacher Association, now three years old, has passed beyond the initial stages of experimentation and we believe that it can now get into its stride. Its most important function is co-operation with the pupils and staff in establishing right foundations of living. Happily we know what these foundations are:—"Whatever things are pure, lovely, true, and of good report."

With New Year Greetings,

I am, Yours sincerely,

WISFRED J. E. MOUL.

An Appreciation.

In July, 1937, Miss R. J. Ewart retired and School lost one of its most loyal and devoted members, one who never counted the cost to herself where School was concerned, one who spent herself ungrudgingly in its service over a long period of years.

It is as superfluous, at this stage, to speak of the careful methodical, almost meticulous thoroughness with which she performed the routine part of her work—no light, nor to many of us, easy job—as it is to recollect how she tried, often not very successfully, to make the rest of us come within measurable distance of the standard she set herself in such matters. Bedans all know these things. What we should be glad for them to remember is what she did for the music of the School, for she cared for music perhaps most of all. She was never too tired nor too busy to come to an extra School practice, or to give up an hour to the old Bedans' Singing Club, never impatient with our repeated mistakes nor unkindly critical of our performances. She gave the same artistic care to the simplest unison song as to the most difficult chorus, her accompanying was a delight to singers, a delight to listeners and a greater delight to conductors. And although it is true to say that we miss her in every department of School life, for she rarely missed anything in which Bedans had a part, we miss her most at the piano.

But we like to think that with more leisure she will be able to enjoy her music more—any art is an exacting mistress where time is concerned and music is no less so than the other arts, and often, in the working days, she bemoaned the fact that she had so little opportunity for practice. All that is changed and we hope that in spite of her new interests, her garden and her many new friends she will be able to practise as long and as often as the spirit moves her, and we hope, too, that the spirit will move her quickly to come back to Sunderland and play to us, and for us, again.

L. H.

Life in A.D. 2037.

The summer sun struck down upon the bending boughs of the tall trees, but few were the rays that penetrated the surging sea of foliage above my head. From time to time, indeed, there would be seen a golden haze, a patch of brilliant blue, as the broad leaves were parted by the soft sighing of some warm wandering wind. But few were these moments—for the rest, as I lay outstretched on the dark earth, the green upsoaring branches formed an unbroken arch above.

And I gazed and gazed, while the beauty of the scene sank deep into my soul—deep, deep, deep . . . and I was huddled in some small measure of my cares, my regrets for lost hopes, lost faiths, lost opportunities of the sorrows which life brings. Stillness and peace enfolded me, and I found a new hope and a new faith—hope and faith in humanity, in the essential good in man . . .

But, alas! thought I, what of the lost opportunities? This generation has, to all appearances, failed to accomplish all that it might have done. Will the next do the same? and the next? Will history repeat itself? Will the next hundred years bring forth good or evil? . . .

And then, the heat grew more oppressive, the heavy branches swayed closer, the leaves swept past my cheek with a slow caressing motion . . . and I fell asleep . . .

I awoke to find the earth around me carpeted with soft snow. I gasped, and struggled to my feet. I raised my eyes and saw, instead of the arching roof of the tree-tops, the sky itself, a vast velvety darkness, studded with innumerable stars.

A feeling of indefinable terror clutched at my heart. Surely I had fallen asleep beneath a sky of summer blue? What then, had happened? And then I remembered my last thoughts; the mingled hopes and fears which had filled my soul—and I wondered if some Being, hearing me, had snatched me away from the bonds of our time-bound world . . .

This I found to be indeed the truth—a hundred years had passed by—the year was 2037 A.D.!

I will not weary the reader by a detailed account of my adventures—how I penetrated into the new world, and how I returned to our own times—I must confine myself to a brief record of my impressions. It will be with the educational, social, and political changes that I will concern myself.

I found that in every great reform it was evident that the more advanced theories of our own time had been used; and I took heart, for this showed that at least we had taken some steps along the path.

First, I must tell you something of the principles of education which the new world upheld, for in the system of education most of the changes had their root. There were no radical changes in the means of teaching, but rather in method and manner. Instruction by wireless was only used to supplement ordinary instruction. It was realized that it was impossible that the instructor of millions could help every individual in his or her difficulties. I noticed the fulfillment of present-day demands in the fact that secondary schools and technical schools were open to all—the choice depended on the type of work which the pupil intended to do. There was no competitive examination for the number of schools of each type had been increased to meet the requirements of the population.

The "method and manner" were the logical outcome of the best of our present-day ideas. For example, both technical and secondary schools taught their pupils something about law, constitutional history, and economics, with the result that everyone was better equipped to be a good citizen. Foreign languages and travel further broadened the pupil's outlook.

The result was that internationalism prevailed. There was no world-state—centuries of different racial customs and history raised a barrier which would have taken more than a hundred years to break down; but there was a greater friendship between nations, a better spirit of co-operation in the world—and this great change began in the classroom. Our outlook can be entirely changed by environment, and the teachers of this new age realized this, and used their knowledge to the world's advantage. Great things came of it.

The youth of the world was made to realize that re-armament inevitably leads to self-destruction, and that no country can wage war under modern conditions and hope to come out unscathed. Pandering to nationalistic passions ceased.

Science was directed to the path of peace. There was no more creation of new means of death; rather did science concentrate on discovering new aids to birth, and removed the fear that the nation would, in time, die out. Aeroplane-makers were forced to concentrate on transport planes rather than on bombers; and daily air-services to America were the improvement on the experimental trans-atlantic flights of 1937. This great speed-up of communications helped to make the world a more corporate body; the nations became even more dependent on each other than in our own day, and thus the chances of war were lessened.

An adequate standard of nutrition, clothing, housing and education was ensured for all. Pure Communism was found to be impracticable; it was impossible to ration out goods to the satisfaction of all. Man must be allowed the power of choice.

Sufficiency of income and shortening of working hours meant that every one had more leisure, and therefore more happiness. The fully educated world at last knew how to employ its leisure time profitably. One good result of this was that the need for stimulants was ended. There was no need to prohibit alcohol, for instance, or drugs, for happiness provided the natural cure.

The ideas about religion also followed our own ideas. The modern tendency to fall away from conventional religion is an example of the taste of our age for simplicity. The greatest masterpieces of our time have been created with a few strokes of the brush or pencil. The artist aims at absolute simplicity and purity; this is what we require in our religion, and this is what these people found. They cast away conventional and worn-out ideas and worshipped God in their own hearts.

And what of the government of the country?

Britain, at least, had retained her monarchy. But she had found Parliament too cumbersome a vehicle for her needs. The House of Lords had been abolished and the more intelligent and active members had been elected to join a weeded-out House of Commons to form one assembly. The retirement of all men over the age of 55 was demanded. Leaders were chosen who were between 30 and 50 years of age—experienced and critical men, with a fund of common-sense, men who could see pitfalls and devise measures to avoid them, men who knew the value of friendly international relationships as well as that of internal peace. These leaders formed a cabinet similar to that of our own constitution, except for the fact that it was much smaller. The rest of the assembly acted as an executive body and did the work of the municipal and county councils and all the minor authorities which confuse our own government. Party politics were no more—the best men were chosen, irrespective of beliefs, and their widely diverging views provided a stimulating freshness to the policy of the nation. There was no disunion, however; a skilful Prime Minister guided the reins, took the best from each man's views, and blended the varying opinions into a harmonious whole, representative of the spirit of the nation.

The new assembly had scrapped all existing laws, and devised a new and simplified code, devoid of complicated language, and legal convention. Crime was treated from a different angle. Some men are not cured by imprisonment and other penalties; instead their anti-social tendencies are aggravated and increased.

These men were treated with especial care. Detention was, of course, necessary for the preservation of the integrity of the community—but the period of detention was a period in which their characters were re-built, not destroyed.

The assembly also accomplished the nationalization of the great industries and paid proper compensation, to the satisfaction of all concerned. Thus profiteering and speculation were eliminated.

The traffic problem was solved by the construction of entirely new roads, with divisions for motors, for heavy commercial vehicles, for bicycles and for foot-passengers, all separated by wide grass verges. Naturally there was not room in Britain for an unlimited number of these huge roads; therefore only the main routes, dictated by geographical considerations or economic necessity, were constructed thus—but it was only on these roads that motor-traffic was allowed to go. On the other, narrower, roads only foot and bicycle traffic was allowed. Thus the sedentary habits of the nation were in some measure counteracted, for the car-owner had to walk or cycle to many places (then too, this rule meant that industry centred mainly on the great highways, instead of being spread out over the country).

Here I may mention that facilities for outdoor activities were much better than those of our own time. Much remains to be done in this direction.

And, indeed, much remains to be done in many things. In my brief glimpse of life in 2087 A.D., I saw what could be done, given time, perseverance and patience; and at first I regretted that the world of our own times had not attained such heights; but then I reflected that life was imperfect, even in A.D. 2087. Each age believes that it is the greatest that has ever been or ever will be; it believes that it knows "all mysteries and all knowledge"; but it forgets that before the last veil is removed from our eyes, Man will be no more.

YVONNE WHITE, L. VI.

Essays—for the Old Bedans' Prize.

The most obvious and disappointing fact was the small number of entries—2 from the Seniors; 3 from the Juniors.

Bedans had the whole of the holidays and until the beginning of November! Surely time enough to marshal their ideas or acquire them—or knowledge!

In each case the subject matter was left as wide in scope as possible.

Both of the Senior essays showed thought and were interesting in their foreshadowing of the possibilities 100 years hence. It was decided to award the prize to Yvonne White, though E. Joyce's work is highly commended.

Of the three Junior papers—not one reached the standard we had hoped for. The best account of a historical figure was that of Lilian Alexander, who chose Louis Pasteur, so she is awarded the Junior Prize, though in view of previous standards, which we have failed to approach this year, only half the allotted sum will be given.

Modern Events Club and League of Nations Union, 1936-37.

We certainly do not lack topics for discussion in these days ! and the year 1936-37 found us eager to consider some of the most pressing problems confronting Europe—or rather—the World. Whilst holding 2 discussions on the Spanish war and hearing 3 League of Nations lecturers (one of whom gave a very valuable talk on the League's work for Humanity), we showed equal concern for more definitely British affairs. Mr. Stephen Farness, M.P. for Sunderland, very kindly spared time to visit us and gave an interesting talk on Parliament ; this was followed up by Aldermen Ford and Ritson who debated before us on the " Merits of Local, as opposed to Central, Government."

We were fortunate, too, in persuading the American " exchange " mistress, Miss Patterson, to talk to a crowded meeting on " Life and Customs in U.S.A.," whilst another excellent talk was given by Dr. Turck, who considered the problems attached to Germany's cry for Colonies, and dealt admirably with Fascist ideas in general.

We had one joint meeting with the Science Club when a Coal Analyst spoke to us on " Coal Analysis as a Career." He had brought a great many specimens and these aroused much interest.

We wound up a full, varied and provocative programme with our last meeting in the Summer Term when we welcomed Squadron-Leader Brown, who, after our hopes had been raised, then dashed—was spared from the Air Training Centre at Catterick to give us an illustrated and enlightening lecture on " Modern Development in the Air."

E. M. P.

Science Society.

During the School Year, 1936-37, we held 4 meetings. Of these, the first was a purely business meeting, at which officials for the year were elected. At the others, lectures were given:— "The Life and Work of Louis Pasteur," by Edith Joyce, "The Analysis of Coal," by Mr. Bean (held in conjunction with the Modern Events Club) and "Heredity," by Miss Stirk.

This term the number of members has increased and greater enthusiasm has been shown. A lecture reviewing "A Century of Railway Transport," was given by two officials of the L.N.E.R. on November 2nd, and on October 5th a lecture was given on "The Work of the Post Office," which aroused so much interest that arrangements were made for two parties to visit the place itself.

Le Cercle Français.

L'année dernière, la deuxième classe a eu un cercle français. Nous nous sommes réunies chaque lundi après les classes et nous avons eu sept séances. Toutes les jeunes filles qui y sont venues, les ont aimées. Nous avons joué à des jeux—"Monsieur et Madame" et "Je me suis promené au bois et j'ai rencontré"—Nous avons aussi chanté des chansons. Quelques jeunes filles, ont donné des causeries et des poésies et d'autres ont donné de petites pièces de théâtre. Cette année le cercle se réunit tous les quinze jours sous la présidence de Norma Crozier. Nous voulons dire 'merci' à Mademoiselle Shearer de l'aide qu'elle nous a donné pendant l'année dernière.

D. BIRD, Présidente.

III. French Club.

We have not yet decided what to call ourselves, so, for the present, we are nameless. Our one and only meeting so far was held on November 25th, 1937. We are feeling very proud of ourselves and are already preening our feathers, for the whole form attended and the meeting was a great success. We were supposed to speak only French, but, owing to our rather small knowledge of French words we broke the rule sometimes and used English instead. Miss Shearer spoke French and there were many puzzled expressions at the "new" words. We were all given French names and one of us was called "Lisette" which

seemed so funny that one girl exclaimed "Poor Lizzie." We sang two songs " Sur le pont d'Avignon " and " Il était une bergère. We played a simpler form of "stations," using our French names (including Lisette), as the stations. There was great hesitation as the names of the stations were forgotten and I am afraid that the stations collided too often, but no one sustained severe injuries so we did not need the hospital. We also played a game called " L'Oracle." Miss Shearer was the oracle and we asked questions such as " Qui est trop grasse ? " or " Qui est très vilaine ? "

We were sorry when the end came. To finish we sang " La Marseillaise." We should like to thank Miss Shearer for helping us and we shall always look to her as the founder of our French Club.

OLIVE JEFFRIES (Présidente).

Since the above was written the club has found a name. It discarded one member's suggestion of *Les Amatrices de français* in favour of *La Plus Petit Cercle Français*.

National Savings Association.

New girls have received leaflets giving full particulars of the scheme by which weekly savings can be used, either to buy a 15/- National Savings Certificate, or to make a deposit in a Trustee Savings Bank.

There has been a much better response this year: we have fourteen new members, most of whom are regular savers. Some of our older members, too, continue the excellent habit of regular saving.

All girls, members or would-be members, are again reminded of the advantage of belonging to the School Association. Through it their certificates are predated several months, making them reach their full value of £1 much earlier than if they had been bought outright at the Post Office.

A. BOSTYSON.

School Dances.

A Dance was held in the School Hall on February 6th, organised by the Upper Vith. The profits, amounting to £12, were spent on the School Library. Also, on May 11th, a committee of Upper Vith girls and boys organised a Coronation Dance, and the proceeds of this went to the Guild of Help.

Each of these dances was a great success, and the organisers sincerely hope that those to come may have even greater success.

MARGUERITE ROBERTS.

Classical Society.

Once again the Classical Society has enjoyed a most successful year. We have been entertained by speakers both from the School and from outside, who have given talks on ancient and modern Greece and Rome.

Another well-supported excursion was made to old Roman haunts at Borovicus and Corbridge, though at Heddon-on-the-Wall the more modern lemonade proved an attraction.

The feast of the Saturnalia will be celebrated on December 10th, and it is hoped that this party will prove even more enjoyable than the last.

MARGERY HUMPHREY, President.

Sketch Club.

We now seem to be firmly established as a school society, with a regular membership of between forty and fifty.

This year girls have given talks on various subjects at the meetings, while on Saturdays during the summer we go out sketching (weather permitting) and during the winter we come to school and do crafts. The range of our activities has been greatly increased, and some good work is done.

We were sorry to lose Miss Taylor, our founder, in July; but we have already had proof that Miss French is a worthy successor. Once again may I remind non-members that very few of the Sketch Club members possess any outstanding artistic ability—we are merely keen.

MARGERY HUMPHREY, President.

Drama Club.

The Drama Club has had an interesting and crowded year. Two plays were produced, "Ladies in Waiting," by Cyril Campion and Lewis Carroll's "Alice in Wonderland," and each was an unqualified success. Our fortnightly meetings continue to flourish and we should like to extend an invitation to the School to join us in large numbers. We must take this opportunity of thanking Miss Lloyd, Miss Stirk and Miss Herbert for their unflinching encouragement and support.

DOROTHY NICHOLSON.

The Geographical Association.

The Geographical Association holds monthly meetings at which slides or films are shown and interesting lectures are given. The meetings are usually held in the Training College. The subscription for Bedans and students is 1/- per year and for adult associate members 2/- per year.

The International Camp at Quincey.

Two Bedans stayed for the last fortnight of August at a holiday camp at Quincey, which is a very small village about sixteen miles from Paris. The word "camp" will perhaps convey a wrong impression. We were not under canvas, but in a chateau, which from the outside resembled a most imposing hotel. Inside too, were some rather fine mosaic floors and carved wooden stairs. The grounds were quite extensive, and included a large tree-bound lawn, netball and tennis courts and a ping-pong pavilion, of all of which we made the fullest use. Food was excellent and plentiful, though several of the most famous dishes caused great speculation among us novices.

Round the chateau was what the local inhabitants called "la forêt" which was regularly invaded by about thirty of us. Here we crept along tracks in Indian file in eerie darkness near the river, petrol blue, stagnant and warm; or in daylight gathered blackberries and carolled lustily, regardless of tune.

The company at the chateau was fine without exception. There were more than twenty English people, not quite so many French, one or two Russians, a German, a Swiss and a Dutch girl who most successfully organised our expeditions, as well as a number of little Spanish refugees. The French people in our dormitory were a very jolly crowd and we spent many happy hours, long after "lights out" in discussing with them anything from politics to Mrs. Simpson. The little Spaniards, vivacious and appealing, used to hop around, chattering merrily like magpies, unless they received news from Spain.

Each country had a 'day' when its representatives entertained the rest of the camp. Then the Spanish children showed us their love of colour and their inborn sense of music in their native dances; the French provided singing and speeches of their own districts—some lived in the Midi of France and two actually came from Algeria; while the English gave talks in French,

country dances and folk songs. Everyone heartily enjoyed the camp-fire when we scorched our faces and yelled ourselves hoarse, and the treasure hunt when we kept helpfully giving each other the wrong clues.

Our impression of the French countryside around Paris was gained mainly from train journeys. It is not so essentially different from that of the South of England. There is the same laziness, everywhere a white dust, cornfields, woods and neat orchards. Only the houses are more picturesque in style and colour—more individual.

We had a regular American hustle round Paris. It is a beautiful as well as a fascinating city. We trooped along broad boulevards bordered with trees, past elegant shops and open-air cafés, across the Seine with its barges and swimming baths, dashed across the spacious Place de la Concorde, where we were cooled by the welcome sprays of fountains, to eat our lunch picnic fashion in the heart of the city. This is the normal habit of Parisians whom we saw trotting round with loaves two inches thick and half-a-yard long. We visited the beautiful cathedral of Notre Dame with its stained glass windows and ancient treasures, and Montmartre leading up to the dazzling white church of Sacré Coeur, like an Eastern mosque transplanted. A concentrated view of the whole of Paris we obtained from the top of the Arc de Triomphe. Below us, white roads in all directions patterned the city, and little beetles of cars went scudding along them—there is apparently no speed limit in Paris.

Of course we went to the Exhibition which is in the centre of Paris, along both banks of the river. It is rather like an idea of a very modern city. All buildings are on a broad sweeping scale and the workmanship throughout is excellent. Each country is here represented by its products displayed in its own pavilion. The British pavilion we thought was disappointing in that it was not typical. To judge England by its representation there, we must imagine that the majority of our country folk dwell in rusticated yet sumptuously-furnished cottages, each one having a complete sports outfit (as typified by a large figure of Neville Chamberlain fishing) and perhaps a coronation robe!

Our only other excursion was to Versailles. This play-ground of French Kings covers many acres of white terraces, elaborate fountains, woods and waterways. The palace buildings are used as museums in which thousands of visitors daily can recapture some of the gilded splendour of the time of Louis XIV.

There were other outings planned, but a case of measles cut our holiday short. The night before leaving, we had a somewhat boisterous farewell party and finally and regretfully left, having

been waved off by all the remaining occupants of the chateau. We were all convinced that an international camp is one of the jolliest things in the holiday line.

MARY ARKLESS, U VI.

Visit to London.

Eight Bedans and two mistresses paid a most enjoyable visit to London from May 17th to May 23rd, immediately after the Coronation. Our purpose was two-fold—to see London, and to attend the Empire Youth Rallies in the Albert Hall and Westminster Abbey. We enjoyed the Rallies very much, and felt the need for some Peace Movement among the youth of the Empire.

The sight-seeing was also very enjoyable. We dashed vigorously from one place to another, ate bread and cheese in churchyards, arrived home (a Youth Hostel) after "lights-out," had to go to bed in the dark, and in short thoroughly enjoyed ourselves. We would like to thank all those who made our trip possible, and especially Miss Barnard and Miss Patterson, who proved that school mistresses can make extremely agreeable and sporting companions.

MARGERY HUMPHREY, U VI.

League of Nations Nansen Pioneer Camp (Near Welshpool).

August, 1937.

We spent a delightful fortnight at the above camp. After a tedious journey across England, entailing about seven changes, we reached the camp. Everyone was very jolly and friendly and we soon felt at home. Since we were living under canvas, we had to accustom ourselves to the cold nights and sleeping on humps.

The camp being an international one, there were Danes, Germans, Czechs and Dutch among our number. It was very interesting to note their different outlooks on world affairs. Talks given on Fascism, Communism, Democracy and the League of Nations proved both interesting and instructive.

We visited Aberystwyth, and Machynlleth while the Elstedfodd was being held there.

The weather was glorious during the entire fortnight. We were very loth to leave, and we burdened Heaven with vows to return next year!

ISABEL ARCHIBALD, Vb.

CATHERINE HEPTINSTALL.

Cockermouth Camp.

One very hot day in August two excited Bedans scrambled out of the train at Cockermouth Station, where three camp officers were waiting to take us to the Camp House. There we spent ten exciting glorious days—days full of climbs, rambles, picnics, bathes, sports, fancy dress suppers, and a visit to the circus.

JENNIE SMITH, Vh.

Lake District (Whitsuntide).

A small party of Bedans and two mistresses spent a very enjoyable week at Buttermere. The weather was exceptionally good, and there was no rain until the day of our return. Our outings included a visit to Honister Slate Quarries and the climbing of Red Pike, Melbreck and Grassmoor. Each evening was spent playing games.

Pannal Ash. College, Harrogate.

Several Bedans spent a pleasant week or fortnight of the Easter holidays at Pannal Ash. College, this year. We met many girls from all other parts of England. Each morning we did French, which we found both interesting and helpful. In the afternoons we played hockey, went into Harrogate and went on an excursion to Knaresborough. At night we held dances or concerts, or played games. At the end we all agreed that it had been a very interesting and enjoyable holiday.

GUY ROBINSON, Vh.

The School's French Prize.

The School took seventh place in the Inter-school French Competition arranged by *La France* and has received three handsome books from *Le Gouvernement Français*. In the Inter-pupil Competition, prizes were won by Margery Humphrey, Yvonne White and Mary Arkless, while five girls got honourable mentions:—Peggy Victory, Grace Clarke, Beatrice Humnam, Mary Jones and Doris Beattie, two coming immediately after the prize list.

Hockey Notes.

We had a most unfortunate season. We began well but the weather was so bad after Christmas that we had very few games and all our matches were cancelled. As a result our standard has been lowered; the girls' stickwork is poor and the 1st Forms have not progressed beyond the first stages of the game. After the tournament the teams were unfortunate; they began the season very short of experienced players and then illness deprived them of two of the 1st XI, in all except one game. Every player must realise that if she wants to reach a high standard she must practise regularly by herself and not think she can do everything in a games lesson.

J. HEY (Captain).

Hockey Criticisms, 1936-1937.

- *M. WINDASSON, G.K., has played better this season as she has gained more confidence. She needs to practise daily in order to quicken her movements.
- K. KENSALL, R.B., improved greatly during the season as her tackling and stopping became more accurate. Her recovery is handicapped by lack of speed.
- D. MORRIS, L.B., improved with experience. She played hard and supported well.
- *J.A. PARK, R.H., is a quick, reliable and untiring player. She was outstanding in the support she gave her forwards.
- *J. HEY, C.H., was once again the controlling force of the team. Her stickwork and speed of recovery are excellent. She was an outstanding player as captain of the County Team.
- M. SWEENEY, L.H., although hardly up to 1st team standard played hard and improved. Her stickwork is still erratic.
- P. VICTORY, R.W., has good speed and can centre well—although she allows too many balls to pass over the side line.
- *D. BURR, E.L., plays a good fighting game. She tackles back and follows up her shots well.
- K. FINCH, C.F., with more practice and experience should be a good 1st team player. She plays hard but at the moment is not sufficiently steady.
- M. LAXMAN, L.L., has shown great improvement and learned to "keep up" with a fast game. Her stickwork is weak but she tries to make up for this by quick tackling.
- *F. BLAKEN, L.W., plays a most determined game. She tackles well and has opened up the game with some really excellent centre passes. She must be careful not to distract her opposing half.

x Durham County Junior 1st XI. * Durham County Junior 2nd XI.
 † Colours.

Hockey Match Results.

Team.	Played.	Won.	Lost.	Drawn.	Goals for.	Against.
1st XI.	4	1	3	0	7	12
2nd X.	3	1	0	2	5	4

County Tournament,—1st XI. won 3, drew 2, and were beaten in the final by 2 corners.

Tennis Notes.

We were more fortunate with the weather in the Summer Term and were able to play tennis fairly regularly.

Unfortunately for us this season, the boys needed their own courts in the afternoon and so we had to do the best we could with our own two courts. A new arrangement for Vith Form tennis was experimented with and proved successful and by this each girl got two periods a week on a hard court.

Rounders Notes, 1937.

This season has been rather disappointing with regard to match results, but has been thoroughly enjoyed by all members. The 1st Team was unfortunate in losing a very large percentage of its members. Only three of last year's players were left, and of these, one suffered an injury, barring her from further matches. Next season we hope to be more fortunate.

We wish to thank Miss Barnard for her valuable coaching, and also the girls who prepared the refreshments for home matches.

K. KELSALL (Captain, 1937.)

Rounders Criticisms.

- M. LUXEMAN, (9) was a fast bowler with sound fielding. Her batting was disappointing.
- F. BLAKY, (6) proved a most efficient back-stop, and a valuable member of the team. Her hitting improved during the latter end of the season.
- F. VICTORY, (16) has fielded much better. A left-handed player, her batting is excellent, and we expect much from her next season.
- K. PACE, (8) has shown a marked improvement in fielding. Her batting style is good.
- D. SMYTH, (4) has fielded smartly. Batting would be improved with more vigour.
- M. AUSTIN, (4) has shown improvement in her batting. A quick fielder, her throw-in is very strong—but not always accurate.
- K. KRASNA, (6) proved herself a keen and efficient captain. We shall miss her and also her hard batting.
- A. PACE, (1) fields well and has a valuable throw-in. Batting disappointing. She was unfortunate in missing several matches as a result of an injured leg.
- M. STOCKHALL, has shown a marked improvement. Her batting is promising and she is a useful deep.

Rounders Match Results.

Team.	Played.	Won.	Lost.	Drawn.	Rounders.	
					For.	Against.
1st XI.	7	4	2	1	41½	25½
2nd XI.	7	2	5	0	28½	31

Netball.

... Last year the Netball of the School had a very chequered career. This was mainly due to the fact that with only one court at our disposal, and that not full sized, and with classes of 33 in number to use it, we were practically compelled to concentrate on hockey to make any thing like satisfactory progress in games.

In a school as large as ours, it is also felt that more adequate representation is achieved by allowing girls to play on only one team, either the hockey or netball, and not on both as hitherto.

At the Schools' Tournament, Bede was represented by two senior and two junior teams. The Seniors did well, one team reaching the semi-final, and one the final. The Juniors were not so successful.

Les Comédiens de Paris: "Le Malade Imaginaire."

Encore une fois, les Comédiens de Paris ont donné une représentation à Sunderland. Le vingt-deux novembre, un grand nombre d'élèves se sont rendues au théâtre pour voir une comédie de Molière:—"Le Malade Imaginaire." La pièce nous a fait beaucoup de plaisir. Nous l'avons trouvée à la fois amusante et satirique. Molière a aperçu du ridicule à ce que ses contemporains estimaient, et nous aussi, nous en trouvons encore—bienque, selon nos professeurs de français, la plupart des Bedans n'aient pas l'oreille fine ni une très grande connaissance de la langue française! Les Comédiens nous ont aidé beaucoup, bien sûr, et nous attendons leur retour avec impatience.

YVONNE WURR, L. VI.

The Bede School Monster.

There did appear on the writing block, in the temple of learning sacred to Form IVH, a certain creature of unknown antecedents, its length some five feet. On observation the monster proved to possess the preposterous number of eight legs, complete with thigh boots. On its nose reposed a pair of minute spectacles, on its head was set a hat of monstrous proportions, tilted at a rakish angle. Under the frigid gaze of one of the goddesses of the temple the creature was reduced to wearing a many-hued muffler, like unto Joseph's coat. Sad to tell the monster must have been a devotee of my Lady Nicotine, for a pipe protruded from his fossal receiver. Behold him, Reader, on the opposite page.

JOYCE YOUNG, IVh.



JAMES THOMAS, F.R.S.

Ye Bede School Monster

"In skating over thin ice our safety is in our speed."

"Nowhere so busy a man as he there was."

"It's not the linen you're wearing out
But human creatures' lives."

"She speaks plain common fire and smoke."

"Perseverance gains its mood,
And patience wins the race."

"No geographers in Afric maps,
With savage pictures fill their gaps,
And o'er inhabitable deserts
Place elephants for want of tigers."

"Science is the great antidote to the poison of enthusiasm."

"Travel teaches toleration."

"The perfection of art is to conceal art."

"Better to travel in hope than to arrive."

"Experience makes us wise."

"And every statute could be ploughed by rote."

"She worked and sang from morn till night."

"I've seen your stormy seas and ' stormy weather. '"

"Full well she sang the service dirge,
Entuned in her nose full sorely."

"Beside 'tis known she could speak Greek
As naturally as pigs squeak,
That Latin was to more diffide
Than to a blackbird 'tis to whistle."

"Whence is thy learning? hath thy toil
O'er books consumed the midnight oil?"

"But oh, she dances such a way,
No can upon an Easter day
Is half so fine a sight."

"O star-eyed science, hast thou wander'd there,
To wait us home the message of despair."

"Accent is the soul of language: it gives to it feeling and truth."

"And French she spak ful faire and felisly."

"Science is busy with the hither-end of things not the thither-end."

"Art is a shadow of the divine perfection."

"Mathematics are the most abstracted of human knowledge."

The solution to the mystery lies with the Upper Sixth. A small prize will be awarded to the first person who guesses correctly to whom the quotations apply.

The French Play.

One day in November, we waited with glee,
The players from France we expected to see.
We mixed with the boys and the girls who were there,
Crowding the Circle, the Stalls and the stair,

We got to our places and waited a while,
And studied our programmes—the time to beguile;
Then up went the curtain, the play had begun,
And we were all ready for laughter and fun,

We saw on the stage these people from France,
You could tell they were French at the very first glance,
With gestures and speeches the play ran its course,
We laughed and we shouted until we were hoarse.

Too soon it was over—each moment a joy,
The play brought enjoyment to each girl and boy;
We clapped and applauded these people from far,
And shouted 'Good-bye'—or at least—'Au revoir.' "

MARGARET MITCHELL, FOURTH ILLU.

Baby's Lullaby.

Day is dying in the West,
Baby close your eyes and rest,
Mother's near,
Watching, dear,
Lulla, lullaby.

Father sailed the ocean blue,
Now he's coming home to you,
Hush my dear,
Mother's near,
Lulla, lullaby.

DOROTHY TAYLOR, II.

Our Noble Selves.

Oh, a hard task is mine, and a poor scribe am I,
The laurels of the great Upper Sixth forth to cry;
To convince all the staff is the task we have got
That we really are quite a hard-working lot.

We may have our fun, but we do not lack brains;
Our work doesn't lose, nay rather it gains,
We assure you it isn't the worse by a jot,
For we really are quite a hard-working lot.

We know all the dates of Napoleon's wars,
And can always pick out an adverbial clause,
Our translations from Latin and French are quite "hot,"
For we really are quite a hard-working lot.

They think that we're lazy, and fritter our time,
 They'll probably think this an abominable rhyme,—
 I shan't try to make them believe that it's not,—
 But we really are quite a hard-working lot!

MARGERY HUMPHREY, U.VI.

Miss Pugh.

Miss Pugh is gently rocking in the creaking little chair,
 The shaded lamp sheds fitful golden rays upon the floor,
 Lights up her neat black dress, her mild grey eyes, her soft grey hair,
 The crackling fire, the sleeping cat, the curtain o'er the door.

She ponders on the world without, the turmoil, noise and strife,
 The busy traffic, crowded shops, the cinema, the street,
 The cocktails, cars, and crooners and the hum of Modern Life,
 Of rushing lives, and weary hearts, and tired aching feet.

No footfalls on the doorstep, no key rattling in the lock,
 No laughing children coming home, or screams of radio;
 Outside the whistling of the newsboy only seems to mock
 The silence and the peace, where days unnoticed come and go.

Then she looks back at the kettle on the hob, the flowers, the mat,
 Canaries in a cage, the aspidistra in a pot,
 She stretches out a thin white hand and softly strokes the cat,—
 Strange she should be so perfectly contented with her lot.

The clock strikes nine, the light is dimmed, and shadowed blackness reigns,
 A fragrant scent of lavender now softly drifts into
 The quiet darkened room, where like a wistful dream, remains
 The peace and silent joy that is the soul of meek Miss Pugh.

DORREY SIMMONS, L.VI.

A Picture of the Country-Side.

A bright blue sky is gleaming
 Above the fields so green,
 Rays from the sun are beaming
 On Nature's pleasant scene.

Along the lonely roadway,
 Birds flutter to and fro
 Every minute of the day,
 Singing as they go.

Beyond the trees and hedges,
 A rippling stream does flow,
 Along its curv'd edges
 Forget-me-nots do grow.

It really is a charming sight,
 The country-side in Spring,
 Where everything is gay and bright,
 With flowers and birds that sing.

ANNIE SMITH, III.

Farrago.

After the First Gymn. Lesson.

" Say no more,
 But rest thee at my cottage porch,
 For thy feet are weary and sore."

During Lessons.

" A slumber did my spirit seal."

Any Test.

" If it were done when 'tis done, then 'twere well it were done quickly."

On would-be Singers.

" Swans sing before they die—'twere no bad thing
 Did certain mortals die before they sing."

A French Mistress's Remarks after Year Test.

" Tell me the old, old story."

On Solving Pythagoras' Theorem.

" Ah, sweet mystery of Life,
 At last I've found thee!
 Ah, at last I know the secret of it all."

On Homework.

" Lighten the darkness of our life's long night
 Through which we blindly stumble to the day."

On Virgil Translation.

" Say not the struggle naught availeth."

After the Return of a C— Exercise.

" It is too true an evil; gone she is,
 And what's to become of my despised time."

A Schoolgirl's Plea.

" Avenge, O Lord, thy slaughtered saints!"

End of Term.

" Now quit your cares,
 And anxious fear and worry."

At 4 o'clock.

" I will arise and go now."

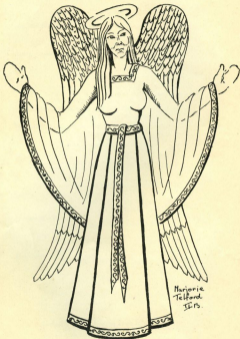
J. ARONSON, Yb.

Lullaby.

O baby, my darling, the sandman is calling,
 So lie down and close your dear eyes,
 And soon into slumberland you will be falling,
 Whilst Mother sings lullabies.

O baby, my darling, may angels watch o'er you,
 And guard you and keep you all right,
 And give those sweet dreams that Mother prays for you,
 And quiet repose until light.

KATHERINE BURCK, Lc.



Remembrance.

Some time ago, a score of years or more,
A crisis fell, and so man fought with man,
Peace seemed beyond where mortal eye could see,
Her golden wings were shattered by the war.

Ah, how man suffered in those days of strife!
How slowly passed the time, so dark and long!
And burning, black and dismal, there among,
Hung, like a shadow, want and loss of life.

But while together nations greedily fought,
In cornfields here sprang lovely scarlet flowers,
Then finally for peace did crave the Powers,
And so at last the Armistice was wrought.

Though green the battlefields of want and dread,
Though time has passed upon its senseless way,
Men still remember to this very day,
The fields of glorious poppies, gleaming red.

I. MISSISSOUI, II.

"Gym."

Its purpose is to keep me fit,
And make my figure slim;
If this result can be achieved,
I'll gladly go to "gym."

I've had a course of "bunny jumps,"
And now it's somersaults,
So far in this direction
My efforts have been faults.

It may be, that, in time to come,
My figure neat and trim
Will show my efforts were not vain
When I attended "gym."

MARION POSTER, I.

Winter.

Outlined against the wintry land,
Gripped in Winter's icy hand,
Left to die,
Branches, stiff and stark and bare,
Once so graceful, green and fair,
Death is nigh,
Deserted by their dancing leaves,
Long watched by the playful breeze,
From their home,
Prey of icy gusts by night,
Covered soon with snowflakes light,
Death has come.

D. CANNON, IV.

Pictures in the Fire.

It was that delightful hour of the day just after tea on a winter's evening. The light was fast fading from the sky and I could hear the wind whispering in the chimney. There I sat in my cosy armchair by the fireside gazing at the bright embers and little dancing flames. I felt dreaming and thought I saw a host of wonderful things.

Yonder in the corner of the fire was a dark forest with its tall fir trees, and close by was a tranquil lake glowing in the sunshine and on its golden waters a tiny sailing boat with red sails unfurled. Where was the little boat sailing? To the dark cave at the far side of the lake or to the foot of the mountains on my left. Such beautiful mountains, they seemed as if they might be covered with flowering and lovely flowers with their tops just hidden in little grey clouds of smoke.

I closed my eyes for a moment and looking up again I saw along the fore-shore of the lake a girl in a scarlet dress with flowing golden hair, riding on a coal-black horse. I dreamed she was going to the beautiful golden castle with its many towers and with a flaming flag flying high above them all. Was she perhaps a fairy princess of the fire who made this changing magic in the flames?

As I was pondering on this I felt something cold touch my hand. It was my little terrier Jack telling me it was time for a walk and so I had to leave my pictures in the fire, but I will look again to-morrow and find some new entrancing scenes.

MARGUERITE SMITH, IIIb.

Marriages.

LAWSON—SMITH—Bessie Lawson to William Harold Smith, on March 31st, 1937.

ANDERSON—LAWSON—Dulcie Anderson to Thomas Lawson, on April 5th, 1937.

WILKINSON—BROWN—Winifred Wilkinson to Harry Brown, on April 29th, 1937.

JAMES—CHALK—Winifred James to William F. Chalk, on April 29th, 1937.

MILBURN—TAYLOR—Hilda Milburn to Geoffrey C. Taylor, on June 19th, 1937.

SHARMAN—BLAKE—Narcie Shorman to J. B. Blake, on June 19th, 1937.

BOSS—BROWN—Betty Boss to George T. Brown, on June 23rd, 1937.

SORTER—TAYLOR—Eileen Sorter to Charles B. Taylor, on June 23rd, 1937.

POWLEY—SCULLION—Betty Powley to Austin Scullion on July 17th, 1937.

HINKLEY—MADDISON—Mollie Hinkley to Norman Maddison, on September 6th, 1937.

THOMPSON—HARRING—Florence E. Thompson to J. W. Harring, on November 20th, 1937.

MARLEY—GARTY—Kathleen Marley to David Francis Garty, on October 29th, 1937.

BAILES—PAUL—Bertha Bailes to ——— Paul, Astoria, 1937.

GARRICK—WILSON—Miriam Garrick to George D. Wilson, on July 17th, 1937.

Births.

- To Mr. and Mrs. N. Bollerby (Betha Betts), on January 25th, 1937, a daughter.
- To Mr. and Mrs. M. Thompson (Nancy Beal), on January 28th, 1937, a son.
- To Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Wilson (Gladys Scott), on February 1st, 1937, a son.
- To Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong (Kathryn Aird), on February 11th, 1937, a son.
- To Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Jones (Lucia Hindmarch), on March 26th, 1937, a daughter.
- To Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Laws (Marjorie Thompson), on May 25th, 1937, a son.
- To Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Wood (Alice Ritchie), on July 18th, 1937, a daughter.
- To Mr. and Mrs. Reed (Bernda Bryers), in August, 1937, a daughter.
- To Mr. and Mrs. Stanes (Marion Johnson), on September 24th, 1937, a son.
- To Captain and Mrs. Talloch (Winnie Trovost), on November 12th, 1937, a son.
- To Mr. and Mrs. Rootledge (Mollie Holmes), on November 14th, a son.
- To Mr. and Mrs. Millar (Frances Forster), in November, 1937, a daughter.
- To Mr. and Mrs. Albert Ellis (Kathryn Johnson), on November 20th, 1937, a son.
- To Mr. and Mrs. Turnbull (Doris Russell), on December 9th, 1937, a daughter.
- To Dr. and Mrs. Young (Lily Forster), on December 9th, 1937, a daughter.
- To Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Green (Bessie Peake), on December 16th, 1937, a daughter.
- To Mr. and Mrs. Ralph (Olive Kierborough), on December 22nd, a daughter.
- Congratulations also to Mr. and Mrs. French (Nancy Haggott).
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In Memoriam.

ANDREW J. S. NICHOLSON—August, 1937.

ESMÉ JACKSON (Mrs. Beaks)—July 2nd, 1937.

JANE ELIZABETH RILEY TAYLOR—December 29th, 1937.

The Guild of Old Bedans.

Message from the Retiring Chairman.

Dear Fellow-Members,

For the last two years I have had the privilege of acting as Chairman of the Guild of Old Bedans, and now that my term of office has expired I should like to say how much I have enjoyed the opportunities which I have had of keeping in touch with past and present Bedans through the various activities of the Guild.

The invitations to the School Speech Days which, as Chairman, I received each year, enabled me to learn something of the numerous interests of Bedans still at school and to see how from year to year Bede Speech Day traditions are upheld. At the re-unions, dinners, and other social functions of the Guild, I have enjoyed meeting and working with many old Bedans whose varied experiences made the renewed contact most interesting. Especially I should like to say how helpful and resourceful the committee members have been on all occasions, to thank them and our most able Secretary and Treasurer, Miss Shearer, for all their hard work and support, and to wish my successor, Mrs. Maddison, a very happy time as Chairman of the Guild this year.

Yours sincerely,

ALICE K. MUNRO.

Information and Notices.

Officials and Committee for 1937-1938.

President	...	...	...	...	Miss MOUL.
Vice-Presidents	...	...	...	} Mrs. STANSFIELD RICHARDSON.	...
	...	...	...		Miss BOON.
Chairman	...	...	...	MOLLIE HUNKLEY (Mrs. MADDISON).	
Vice-Chairman	...	...	...	...	WISFRIED GIBSON.
Joint Secretary and Treasurer	...	...	...	E. R. SHEARER (Staff).	
Assistant Secretary	...	...	...	...	EDITH LOCKEY.

Committee:—

MOLLIE GARBUTT, G. LITTLEHALES, (Staff), ELIZABETH MEE,
ALICE MUNRO, MAHON ORR, ELLA SOLLEY, KATHLEEN
WALTON, D. WILMAN (Staff).

The present membership is 417, comprising 29 Life, 378 Annual and 10 Associate Members. There are also 44 members who have intimated no wish to resign, but whose subscriptions

for 1936-37 are still unpaid. A few members have resigned and there are 40 new names on our roll. A list of these appears on page 39.

We have been trying to induce our "lapsed" members to rejoin us, or if they prefer, to send a formal resignation so that their names may be taken off our register, and our books brought up to date. To the 170 letters we sent out, we have received 24 answers! So far, 14 have returned to the fold, one as a Life Member. We are glad to welcome these back.

The annual Subscription of 2s. 6d. fell due on September 1st. May we have yours now if it is still unpaid? Should you wish to resign your membership at any time—(we hope you never will!)—will you please intimate the fact to the Secretary not later than the Annual Business Meeting in September? If you do not do this, we naturally take it for granted that you still wish to be a member, we continue to address envelopes to you and to have notices, a membership card and a *Bedan* printed for and posted to you, and thus money, time and trouble are wasted.

By a curious coincidence, the names of all our Chairmen since the re-organisation of the Guild have begun with the letter "M." Our Vice-Chairman of last year, Mollie Hinkley, married three weeks before she took up office as Chairman and has become Mrs. Maddison, so the sequence is still unbroken. Members will like to know that a telegram of good wishes and congratulation was sent from the Guild to Mollie on her wedding-day.

The Guild Prizes offered for Essays in the *Bedan* of 1936 were won by Olive Adamson, Form Upper VI. (Senior Section), and by (1) Lillian Alexander, Form II.; (2) Joyce Fenwick, Form II., and Pamela Eker, Form IIb. (Junior Section). This year's results appear elsewhere. The Guild's School Prize was divided between Dorothy Morton (for music), and Yvonne White (for French), while Strath House won the Trophy for Progress.

Again this year we are indebted to Mr. Blyth for auditing our accounts during the busy first days of the School year, and to Mr. Udale whose services as M.C. at our dances are invaluable.

May we beg you to make a point of letting the Secretary know in good time whether or not you intend to be present at meetings; otherwise we do not know whether to cater for 20 or 90 and are caused much worry? May we ask you also to let her know at once if you change your address?

Any further information about the Guild and its activities will be given gladly by the Secretary.

E. R. SHARRER.

Bede Collegiate Girls' School.

Governors but also one of its members, Catherine Mallen, representing it on the Board of Governors, and she thanked Mrs. Hedley (Nellie Blacklock) for her help in this matter. She renewed to the retiring Chairman, the Guild's good wishes for her in her married life, and deplored the loss the Guild had sustained through Miss Ewart's retirement from school duties in July, and consequent change of residence. She told the members present, that on their behalf the Committee had, in July, written to Miss Ewart, a letter of appreciation and good wishes, and had informally presented her with a small souvenir of the Guild, in the form of a reading-lamp; and she read to the meeting Miss Ewart's letter of acknowledgment. The Secretary was asked to convey to Miss Ewart the meeting's thanks and good wishes. The rest of the retiring Chairman's speech appears in her message on page 26. A vote of thanks, proposed by Marion Orr, and seconded by Mollie Garbutt, was accorded to her, and from this point the new Chairman, Mrs. Maddison (Mollie Hinkley) conducted the meeting. She first thanked the Guild for the good wishes sent for her wedding, and hoped that in assuming the magic "M" of her predecessors, she would be gifted also with some of their dignity and efficiency.

After the adoption of the reports on the Loan and Scholarship Fund and of the Branch Clubs—these appear elsewhere—the meeting proceeded to allocate some of its funds as follows:—(a) one guinea to the *Bedan* editors for prizes, (b) one guinea for a School Prize, (c) two guineas to the Sunderland Guild of Help, (d) three guineas to Grindon Convalescent Home, and (e) the profits of the Dance, £3 4s. 6d., to the Social Service Club for use among present Bedans. It was further decided to pay over to the Club for the same purpose any arrears[†] of subscriptions received before Christmas.

In the discussion of the Winter programme, it was found that the Committee's idea of holding a "Valentine" party was impracticable as the School could not be had for that day, whereupon one member moved that the date be reserved for 1939! The programme decided upon appears in the 1937-38 Syllabus, and after the election of a Dance Sub-Committee, the meeting adjourned.

* Of these 44 are still unpaid.

† £3 has been handed over to the Social Service Club.

Old Bedans' Loan and Scholarship Fund.

The Committee for the year 1936-37 consisted of Miss Moul (Headmistress), Miss Harris (Sixth Form Mistress), Miss Hutchinson (Staff Representative), Miss Mallen (Old Bedans' Representative) and Miss Birchall (Treasurer). The sum of £55

was spent as follows:—£10 as a second instalment of a previously awarded Scholarship; £15 as a first instalment of a new Scholarship, and three Loans of £10 each. Since 1925, when the first awards were made, this Fund has helped to the extent of £552.

D. E. BIRCHALL (Treasurer),

Bede Collegiate Girls' School.

Guild of Old Bedans' Singing Club.

Our Wednesday meetings are very happy hours. Our repertoire consists of the *Scottish Student and Fellowship Songs*, various two-part songs, and lots of carols.

This season we have decided to meet one Wednesday in the month only.

We are very sorry to say goodbye to Miss Ewart, our excellent pianist, and hope she is well and happy at Caversham. We wish to thank Dorothy Morton for playing for us, and above all to thank Miss Hutchinson for her inspiring leadership.

IVY LOUKEY,

p.p. MARY MACKINTOSH (Secretary),

19 Co-operative Terrace.

Guild of Old Bedans' Social Service Club.

The membership of this Club has been 76 during the past year, and there are many more supporters whose subscriptions we should welcome so that we might enrol them as members.

Our activities have been similar to those of last year. Two clothing collections resulted in 26 large parcels of new and second-hand garments. These were sent to members who appealed on behalf of needy schools, institutions or families. Some of the thank-you letters we received were pathetic in their gratitude and made us feel how greatly the gifts were appreciated. In addition to garments sent by members, we bought and distributed £12 worth of new clothes, and we have also given £5 from our General Fund to help present Bedans—a branch of work in which our Club shows increasing interest. Our Whist and Bridge Drive of 1936 brought us £13 9s. 7d. That this sum was larger than usual is due to our having had a provision stall which accounted for over £5. Another Drive was held in December.

The annual picnic for 100 little girls in July was turned by torrential rain into a party. However, thanks to the boundless energy and resources of our workers, the children had a thoroughly good time, with plenty to eat, which after all is their idea of Heaven!

During the year the Club lost one of its secretaries, Ethel Tate, who had to resign in February. Ethel has been an earnest and interested worker for many years and we have always appreciated very much all she has done for us. Betsy Powley (now Mrs. Soulsby) agreed to fill the vacancy, and has since been elected to the vacant office.

The work among present Bedans has gone on apace. The profits from the Dance, two grants from the Guild, and the above-mentioned £5 from the General Fund of the Social Service Club have enabled us to spend £14 19s. 6d. on this branch of our work. We have helped girls by providing: (a) clothing in addition to that allocated from the clothing collections, (b) 313 dinners, and (c) 612 bottles of milk. Besides this we sent three girls to Grindon at Easter for three weeks, an experiment so successful that the School repeated it in summer. Before this any girl sent to Grindon was sent by the generosity of private members of the Guild. We have other help to acknowledge. The anonymous member who made herself responsible for easing school life for one Bedan continues her generous interest. Also, Dorothy Stephenson offered for competition amongst Bedans a free scholarship for a four-term course at her Commercial School, and is giving in addition free tuition to another Bedan who would otherwise have been unable to train.

Once again we hope our members and friends who have shown their practical interest in our Club by supporting our efforts have all received an official "thank-you" card, but should any have been omitted, may we apologise for our apparent ingratitude and assure them how very much we appreciate all gifts?

At the Business Meeting, in September, we had to confess that for the first time since the formation of the Club, there was a deficit of 7s. 9½d. on the year's working. Owing to the generosity of certain members, this deficit was wiped out before the Club's Annual Meeting in October. The Committee appreciates this action very much, and is now ready again to answer the various appeals that are sure to come.

B. POWLEY (Mrs. SOULSBY),	} Joint Secretaries.
11 Ridgeway Crescent, Alexandra Road.	
E. WILSON, 102 Ewesley Road.	} (School Representative.)
D. S. ASKLE, Bede Collegiate Girls' School.	

GUILD OF OLD BEDANS' NETBALL CLUB.

Although at the end of last season we lost two of our regular players who were to be married during the summer, the Old

Bedans' Netball Club continues to flourish. This season we were pleased to welcome three new members, but unfortunately one of these, Dorothy Crow, has had to withdraw on account of illness. We hope she will make a good recovery and we look forward to seeing her next season.

The number of members who have left to be married has steadily increased during the last few seasons and we are trying to arrange a match for the Singles v. the Married. If there is sufficient interest we will try to make it an annual match, with a tea-party Re-Union to follow.

We play our matches on Saturdays, sometimes in the morning, sometimes in the afternoon and the subscription is still 3s. 6d. If anyone is interested she should write to the Secretary, who will be glad to give her full particulars and try to arrange matches.

REBE LISLE (Secretary), 104 Cleveland Road,

Guild of Old Bedans' Hockey Club.

In spite of bad weather, which caused several fixtures to be cancelled, we had some very enjoyable games last season. This season, so far, the weather has been more favourable, and we are pleased to say that two of our members, Mary Wilkinson and Dorothy Grierson, are on Durham County 2nd XI. The latter has also played for the 1st XI.

As usual, we are playing on Spark's Farm Playing Ground, and our fee is 7s. 6d. In spite of this, our funds became practically non-existent, and so, on October 19th, we held a Whist Drive in School, and made a profit of £4 5s. 0d., and we now hope to be solvent for a year or two to come. We should welcome new members.

M. M. WADE (Secretary), 13 Cleveland Road.

The Guild of Old Bedans' Badminton Club.

The Badminton Club, resuscitated in October, 1937, after the General Meeting of the Guild, has made a promising start, for the members, though as yet only twelve in number, are very enthusiastic and attend regularly. The Club meets on Friday evenings, at 6.30 p.m., in the School Hall and the subscription is 3s. 6d. New members will be welcomed.

B. CALOOS (Secretary), 19 Ewesley Road.

GUILD OF OLD BEDANS.

Statement of Accounts on August 31st, 1937.

(A) BALANCE SHEET FOR YEAR—FROM SEPTEMBER 1ST, 1936, TO AUGUST 31ST, 1937.

RECEIPTS.		EXPENDITURE.	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Subscriptions—		Printing, Stationery, Telephone Calls..	3 9 4
2 New Life Subscriptions at £3/3/0 ..	4 4 0	Postage	5 4 4
1 Completed Life Subscription	1 12 6	Cost of Meetings—	
50 New Annual Subscriptions at 2/6 ..	6 5 0	Business Meeting, September 20, 1936	0 2 6
2 New Associate Subscriptions at 1/- ..	0 2 0	Winter Re-Union, November 23, 1936	0 12 8
255 Renewed Annual Subscriptions at 2/6	33 17 6	Dinner, Feb. 4, 1937..	4 14 1½
43 Arrears at 2/6 ..	5 12 6	Summer Meeting, June 30, 1937 ..	1 9 6
Interest—		Gifts—	
1. On Deposit Account	0 2 0	To Prize (Annual) to School	1 1 0
2. On War Loan ..	2 11 4	.. Prizes (Annual) Madras Competitions	1 1 0
Profit on Dance, Dec. 29th, 1936	2 4 6	.. Guild's Social Service Club ..	9 10 0
		.. Sunderland Guild of Help	2 2 0
		.. Souvenir to Miss Ewart	0 19 0
		Bedans	10 10 0
		Difference between Nominal and Actual Price of War Loan ..	2 6 10
		Bank's Commission ..	0 10 6
		Balance on Year's Working.. .. .	11 18 6½
Total	<u>£55 12 4</u>	Total	<u>£55 12 4</u>

(B) TOTAL FUNDS.

	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Balance on Aug. 31, 1936	136 15 4	Made up as follows—	
Balance on Year's Working, including Interest on Deposit Account and War Loan ..	11 18 6½	3½% War Loan, 1929-37 ..	98 7 2
Total	<u>£138 14 10½</u>	Balance in Bank—	
		1. On Deposit Account..	2 17 2
		2. On Current Account..	37 9 4
		Balance in Cash in Hand..	0 1 2½
		Total	<u>£138 14 10½</u>

K. R. SHERER, Hon. Treasurer, Sunderland, September, 1937.

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

September 24th, 1937.

THOS. H. BLISS.

Notes on Old Bedans.

If that young pupil critic who said there was "too much about Old Bedans in the *Bedan*" is interested only in her contemporaries' contributions, it is not so with her older sisters. These "like to know how the School is progressing." They "enjoy reading every word of the *Bedan*, especially about the Guild's functions," and "take twice as long to eat breakfast on the morning of its arrival, as they ought." "It is always a joy to hear all the latest news about both present and past Bedans. The account of all the activities at School filled me with a mixture of admiration and alarm; I should like to smuggle myself unseen into your midst and see how it is done." "School seems to be humming with activity, judging from the *Bedan*." "It was delightful to hear about everyone again, and especially to read the *Notes on Old Bedans*. It seems so funny to think our form is among the ranks of the past."

Many a young Old Bedan finds "it hardly possible that my name should be among those of Old Bedans;" quite a number will be having that feeling when this is printed! Let us wander among Old Bedans, and visit first some of those at Colleges. Olive Adamson has won an open scholarship to King's College, Newcastle, where we hear very good reports of Doris Miller and of Nancy Lawther; Joyce Crute and Violet Blackman are at St. Hild's, where Winnie Common is Games Captain; at Sunderland Training College, Elsie Garrick is Head Student, Jennie Davis is doing Advanced Music and Kathleen Smith and Sheila Turpin hope to specialize in Physical Training, while Sheila has been successful in the Bronze Medallic Life Saving test; in Darlington, Winnie Scott is President of the Musical and Dorothy Middlemass of the Dramatic Society, Joyce Robson has been doing very well at the Northern Counties' School of Domestic Science, to which Muriel Woodruff has won a Scholarship, while Evelyn Thompson and Joyce Hebron have also gone there to study.

The Commercial Schools of Sunderland must be full of Bedans. Maizie Rich won the scholarship so kindly offered to Bedans by Dorothy Stephenson, but resigned it when she was appointed to a Civil Service post, and it is now shared by Audrey Brown and Joyce Steel. Schools, shops and offices of Sunderland are also populated with Bedans. We cannot attempt to enumerate these, though we are glad to meet them.

Margaret Crow has now joined Hilary Freeman in the Excise and Customs Department in London and they live to-

gether. Other recruits to the Civil Service or to Post Office work are: Gladys Griggs who took a high place in the examination; Lily Jameson, Doreen Stoddart, Betty Peters, the first winner of Miss Ewart's School Prize, Maisie Rich who was first in the Newcastle District in the Sorting Clerks' Examination, Betty Short, Joan Boswell, Freda Dulziel, Nancy Mitchell and Brenda Metcalfe.

Our youngest Nurse Probationers are May Woodhill and June Band, both at Gosforth; Dorothy Johnson in Leeds and Marjorie Prust at St. Nicholas-at-Wade, in Kent. Vera Sheraton is now a registered Children's Nurse, and has begun her general training at Bradford. Dorothy Bell (the first) writes from "Bart's."; Lorna Pattison has been on the Staff of Newcastle Infirmary for four years and has passed the final State Nursing Examination. Mary Milburn is a School Nurse in Sunderland, Mary Fairclough a fully-fledged Private Nurse, and Gabrielle Stewart has joined the Army Nurses, and is looking forward to being sent abroad—to South Africa probably. Lilian Galloway has been a dispenser for some time now; Grace Maras is now a fully qualified Dispensing Chemist, and has "achieved one of her ambitions, that of having her very own chemist's shop. Though I never manage to attend any of the Guild functions," she says, "I consider that news of old friends in the *Bedan* is well worth the meagre subscription of half-a-crown." Roma Glaholm is managing a branch pharmacy, with Dorothy Adamson as a colleague; while Marjorie Taylor has passed the Pharmaceutical Chemists' Qualifying Examination in Edinburgh, and in June took the Degree of B.Pharm. in London—the first person from here to do so.

Here are a few others who are doing "something different." Freda Blakey has gone to train at Chelsea Physical Training College; it is long since a *Bedan* became a "gymnast." Florence Armstrong has, along with a friend, a school in Surrey; Muriel Robinson is training at the London School of Electricity. Three girls were bold enough to apply straight from School for posts in London: Grace Turner and Florence Watson are working at Copy-right House, while Elsie Knowles has a post with a firm of East India merchants. Mary Priestman was awarded a free scholarship to Pitman's College, and is also in London. Our newest Old *Bedan*, Joyce Askew, left School at Christmas to begin work in a laundry with a view to qualifying in laundry management.

The interests vary as well as the work of Old *Bedans*. We hear of keen yachtswomen, of assistant Cub-masters, of Old *Bedans* in charge of Girl Guides companies, where young *Bedans* give them their version of School news. At Marsden, Vera Bibby was, in summer, one of Durham Education Com-

mittee's first women superintendents in school camps. We read of Phyllis Tennant's further successes in Temperance Examinations, and of Sylvia Brewer's in her plays. At the Board of Education Art Examinations, Bessie Manceby has passed in drawing, Suzanne Roe in Part I, and Mary Maughan in Part II. of the test in Industrial Design. Bedans "take up French again" in Sunderland, in Leeds, in London. Of needlework too we read. "The Art Lecturer designed the costumes and we made them. They looked quite professional. Perhaps Miss Arkle will be pleased to know that her early training was not in vain;" and from another—"I was thinking of Miss Arkle when your card arrived. I was sewing a dress—without any tuckings. I once tried that on Miss Arkle, but she pulled all my work out, saying that I walked where angels feared to tread." Marjorie Field has appeared in her first film and danced for the third year in succession at the Regent Park Open Air Theatre. We read of Betty Ross (Mrs. Brown) playing very well in her Badminton tournaments; Mary Brauford who teaches in Surrey, plays hockey for Haslemere ladies. Besides our hockey players mentioned in the Hockey Club's notes, we must speak of our International! Betty Fairgrieve was a reserve on the English team that played Germany on March 5th, while Mrs. Lawson (known to us as Miss Smith) was left-half. This season, Betty is on the English team that is to visit Australia.

A few more items of news! Frances Grant is now working with the Sunderland Electricity Undertaking, where are already three Bedans; Bessie Dixon has been transferred to a branch of Boots, the Chemists, at North Shields; Edna Sayers has gone to live in Edinburgh and has a post in the L.N.E.R. District Superintendent's Office; Janet Summerbell has a new post as Headmistress, and Mary Thurlbeck (the first) a new post and a flat in Uxbridge, while Alice Hudson is music mistress in Dudley High School. Nora Mason (Mrs. Charnley) lives in Great Orton, Bradford, and her sister Jennie (Mrs. Barnes), at Chorley; Jessie Rae (Mrs. Fryers) writes kindly from Leeds, and Edith Ward, in Ilford, is a generous supporter of the Social Service Club. From Lincoln comes news of Mabel Fox (Mrs. Gardiner), happy with her husband and little son, while Thora Meakin is still at Walcott. She still bears "Bede" news and tells us that Irene Forster, who left School to go to New Zealand, has been training for missionary work in China and hopes to be sent there when the war ends. We hear of Doris Miller's interesting holiday post in Biarritz and Nancy Lawther's in the Belgian Ardennes. Ruth Marley has a post in Malta just now. Dorothy Gibson (Mrs. Richardson) is home again from Penang and was able to be present at our Dinner; Peter, her elder boy, is attending school in Sunderland while he is in this country.

Lucy Fosgate's (Mrs. Nichol) David in South Africa knows his 9 times table and loves reading, while Jean, though she "burst into tears at the end of *Candereffa* because she had no fairy god-mother, glories in stories and acts them out in the garden afterwards, attired in old curtains and a pair of high-heeled shoes, with a long-suffering Barry to sustain the minor rôles."

There have been some interesting meetings of Old Bedans. Kathleen Watson, now at Maidenhead, knows Miss Ewart's niece there and hopes to see Miss Ewart soon; she met several Old Bedans at Keswick, in summer, including Rita Craggs with whom she was at School. Dorothy Crow has gone to teach in the same school as Effie Crowe; we understand that they are known as "The Two Crows." Margaret Turner (the second), was interested to read in the last *Bedan* of Mary Raddick, in Liverpool, and hopes some day to meet her there; she remembers her as "a large, very jovial Perfect." We have mentioned our newest exiles to London. From there, Doreen Ward writes, "If you could do anything through the *Bedans* to start a London Branch of the Guild, I promise it my support." We have several times suggested that Bedans resident in or about London—and perhaps Leeds—might found Branch Clubs, and we have personally invited three enterprising spirits in London to "do something." Perhaps, on reading this, one of our London Bedans will arrange at least one Re-Union? That should not be very difficult; addresses could be had from the Secretary. Other meetings have been between Vera Sheraton and the "David, aged six months" of the last *Bedan* who was, strangely enough, her first private patient, and between Nan Stirling and Midge Welch in Leeds; while Peggy Davidson, on holiday in Kirriemuir, met Ethel Kirtley (Mrs. Headrick) and Annie Kirtley, and they "talked about 'Bede' till Mr. Headrick became tired." Nor must we omit that meeting between two Life Members, who fore-gathered, one on either side of a barrier, at the Gare du Nord, from two far distant little corners of France, and talked without ceasing all the way from Paris to London.

Besides the anonymous "adopter," and Dorothy Stephenson, mentioned in the Social Service Club Note, other Bedans have been generous in helping younger Bedans. Marjorie Taylor offers hints to Bedans about the profession of pharmaceutical chemist; various Bedans, entering on training or posts, have sent prospectuses and information to the School Careers Mistress, and Moyra Nelson and Connie Simpson have kept us informed of vacancies at Messrs. Boots, while Flora Hollingshead has been very kind in helping to recommend and place Bedans with her employers, who are analytical chemists. There are four Bedans working there at present—besides Flora.

Let us visit lastly some who are not yet workers—Bedan Babies! Our acquaintance with these is growing so wide that perhaps soon we shall be able to realize Miss Hutchinson's long since-expressed wish—a party for Bedans' Babies! Then we shall be able to entertain all those mischievous-looking jolly boys and smiling girls that we meet taking a lordly airing in their prams—Margaret and John and June and Judith, David and Michael and the rest, and some day we hope to meet the two littlest, who still reckon their age in weeks and whom we know only in letters—little Peter in County Antrim and small Elmore Anne of Dundee.

E. R. S.

New Members of the Guild since February, 1937.

- Adams, Olive, 26 Shaftesbury Crescent, Humbledon, Sunderland.
 Bailgate, Edna, 211 Cleveland Road, Sunderland.
 Blackman, Violet, 22, Primrose Crescent, Fulwell, Sunderland.
 Blakey, Freda, 27 Kiteick Grove, Sunderland.
 Brown, Frances, 19 Woodstock Avenue, Sunderland.
 Brown, Joyce, Brookles, King Avenue, Seaburn, Sunderland.
 Caws, Elaine, 8 Holmlands Park North, Sunderland.
 Clarke, Marjorie, 16 Leachmere Road South, Georgetown, Sunderland.
 Cooley, Dorothy, Ala-Bank, 9 Mount Grove, Sunderland.
 Crow, Margaret, 4 North Grove, Bolton, Sunderland.
 Crute, Joyce, 50 Kewsey Road, Sunderland.
 Dale, Dorothy, 57, Ward Street, Sunderland.
 Edmonds, Edith, 3 Christal Terrace, Fulwell, Sunderland.
 Hanson, Marjorie, 23 Wraith Quay Road, Sunderland.
 Humphrey, Margery, 27 Stansfeld Street, Sunderland.
 Knowles, Elsie, 68 Grosvenor Terrace, Canthorpe, London, S.E. 5.
 Lucas, Dorothy, 21 Brinkburn Street, Sunderland.
 Marshall, Joan, 25 Rockville, Fulwell, Sunderland.
 Mitchell, Nancy, Lorne House, 18 Lorne Terrace, Sunderland.
 Morrison, Dorothy, 8 Canburn Avenue, Monkseaton West, Northumberland.
 Marton, Dorothy, 22 Hawarden Crescent, Sunderland.
 Niel, Betty, 6 Vilette Mount, Sunderland.
 Frost, Marjorie, 2 Thornton Place, Sunderland.
 Rich, Maisie, 4 Tomstall Vale, Sunderland.
 Ribbick, Ivy, Britannia House, Mount Road East, Sunderland.
 Rough, Wyneth, 223 Cleveland Road, Sunderland.
 Solley, Cecelia, 21 Dunelm, Durham Road, Sunderland.

New Members—continued.

- Strathers, Winifred, 26 Fox Street, Dawson, Seaburn, Co. Durham.
 Taylor, N. L. (Mrs. Hopkins), 28 Oaklands Close, Petts Wood, Kent.
 Thompson, Evelyn, 25 Ashwood Terrace, Sunderland.
 Thompson, Sarah, Langdales, 200 Newcastle Road, Sunderland.
 *Tindle, Beale, 16 Cleveland View, South Berke, Whitburn, Sunderland.
 Waggott, Mary, 7 Bushborne Terrace, Sunderland.
 Walker, Jean, 28 Hawarden Crescent, Sunderland.
 White, Elsie, City Clerk's Office, City Hall, Vancouver, B.C., Canada.
 White, Winnie, City Clerk's Office, City Hall, Vancouver, B.C., Canada.
 Wilcock, Phyllis, 14 Thompson Street, Fulwell, Sunderland.
 Wilson, May, Ivanhoe, Seaburn Gardens, Sunderland.
 Wray, Constance, 68 Wayman Street, Monkwearmouth, Sunderland.
 Wright, Edna, 26 Leechmere Road South, Grangetown, Sunderland.

Miss Ewart, Madge Hardy and Marjorie Hindmarch have become Life Members.

* Associate Member.

In Memoriam—JOYCE E. TAYLOR.

