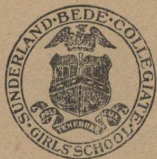


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Annual Subscription, 2/6.

Life Subscription, £2/2/0, if paid within two years of membership, otherwise £2/12/6.

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Membership, 369 — 66 Life, 301 Annual and 2 Associate Members. Our numbers decrease.—Is it your fault? Have you paid *your* subscription? Did you ask *your* friends to meet you at the Old Bedans' Re-union? If not, why don't you try it? Half a crown a year is less than one penny a week!

For easier identification we use maiden names. The married name is given in brackets, or omitted to save space. Please excuse us!

Our grateful thanks are given once more to Mr. Blyth for his never-failing kindness in auditing our accounts.

Miss Boon has sent a generous gift of one pound to our funds. We thank her very much.

S.O.S. from the Secretary:—

- 1.—Please let her know if you are coming to meetings.
 - 2.—Have you paid your subscription? It was due on September 1st.
 - 3.—If you are married, will you please give your maiden name as well when writing.
 - 4.—Do bring along a new member.
 - 5.—If you have *any* news, let us have it. Don't wait, and then say, "It isn't in the Magazine!"
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The Guild of Old Bedans' Hockey Club. We had a fairly successful season although bad weather caused many matches to be cancelled. In the County Tournament we took third place. Five members have gained positions in the County Second Team, an honour we have not had for some years. New members are urgently needed, and we should welcome any new players. The subscription this year is 5/-.

We should like to thank Miss Moul for allowing us to use the School field and premises.

MARGARET MITCHELL (Secretary), Inverthorne, Thornholme Road.

The Guild of Old Bedans Hockey Club. We had a fairly successful kindly given permission to use the School Gymnasium for Badminton on Friday evenings. On November 9th, four people came to play; the following week, five—not promising but a little better—but the next, only two players arrived, although 20 had given their names as wishing to join. We do ask them to come and to bring anyone else interested. We have two club rackets and a box of shuttles for their use.

IRENE HALLIDAY (Mrs. Downs), Secretary, 4, Mount Road, East.

Will some London or District member not re-start the London Branch? Doreen Ward (Mrs. Macrae), 2, Wolverton Gardens, W.5, would help her.

Notes on Meetings, 1944-45

Winter Re-Union, November 30th, 1944.—73 present. A riotous evening began with Beetle Drive, wended its way through the tortuous windings of the Palais Glide, paused for delicious coffee, and "pool" food and then a grand slam—"Railway Stations." Most exhausting, most enjoyable!

Summer Meeting, June 28th, 1945.—34 present—quieter but just as enjoyable. Military Whist, followed by miming, then country dancing directed by Lena Thompson.

Summary of Annual Business Meeting, September, 1945.—

Welcoming speech by President, Miss Moul.

Adoption of Minutes of last Business Meeting.

Secretary's and Treasurer's Reports.

For gist of Secretary's Report see "Information," for Balance Sheet, p. 11. Balance £41-9-4 misleading; minimum spent on stationery, many Life Completions (£23/12/0); many Advance Subscriptions (£1/13/0). £75 Defence Bonds purchased 1944-45.

Vote of Confidence given to Committee for action of publishing Report separately; following motion adopted by Meeting—"That in clause XI

of the Constitution the words 'a copy of the School Magazine' be altered to 'A Report of Old Bedan Activities.' "

Name of Report to be *The Old Bedan*.

Office-Bearers and Committee introduced.

Ethel Thompson, as retiring Chairman, expressed her appreciation of Miss Shearer's continued help and advice, thanked Miss Lloyd for her good wishes to the Guild, and welcomed the new chairman, Gladys Littlehailes, who then took the chair.

Short introductory speech by new Chairman.

Reports given on Loan and Scholarship Fund—see *School News*; and on Hockey and Badminton Clubs—see *Information*.

Editorial Committee of 6 elected to edit *The Old Bedan* v. p.1.

Allocations made:—£1/1/0 for Annual School Prize; £1/1/0 to provide prizes for competition in *Bedan*; £1/1/0 to Welcome Home Fund; £2/2/0 to Loan and Scholarship Fund; £1/1/0 to Children's Hospital.

Irene Halliday (Downs) agreed to form Badminton Club if supported.

Arrangements for Winter Re-union left to Committee.

Tea, cakes and a chat were especially enjoyable, because members were welcomed by Gladys Littlehailes into her cosy kitchen. Delightful conclusion to the evening.

School Notes

Old Bedans' Loan and Scholarship Fund.—A small award was made to Freda Geddes, and four girls received loans.

Changes of Staff.—Goodbye to: Miss Parkin, Miss Dunbar, Mrs. Edwards, Mrs. White, Miss Briggs and, at Christmas, to Miss Lloyd, Miss Arkle and Mrs. Beaney.

Welcome to: Miss Barkess, Miss Crone, Miss Main, Miss Muir, Miss Rudd, Miss Rutter and, in January, to Miss Hall, Miss Marsh and Miss Waggott.

School Captain.—Helen M. Garrick.

School Vice-Captain.—Kathleen M. Bell.

Sports.—Senior School Championship: Zoë Crowcroft.

Middle School Championship: Patricia Palmer.

Junior School Championship: Audrey Bew.

Sports Cup: Strath House.

Guild of Old Bedan Prizes:

Picture for Progress, 1944-45: Strath House.

School Prize: 1944-45, for Art: Kathleen Humphrey and Doreen Walker.

Bedan Competition Prizes, 1945, for Essay: Not announced yet.

Other Honours:

Scholarship to Nottingham University: Heather Gardiner.

Mayfield Prize for Mathematics in School Certificate Examination: Marjorie Balmer.

Art: Kathleen Humphrey, Kathleen Bell and Doreen Walker had pictures exhibited in the Sunderland Art Club Exhibition, while Miss Showell's picture *The Cliffs at Ventnor* was purchased by the local Art Gallery.

Music: Kathleen Bell, Helen Garrick, Sheila Snowball and Miss N. Abbott have performed at the Sunderland Pianoforte Society Meetings.

Christmas Festival: The Art and Music Departments have combined, under the direction of Miss N. Abbott and Miss Showell, to produce *The Dayspring from on High* hath visited us, a delightful, original and wonderfully effective interpretation of the Christmas message.

On ne badine pas avec l'amour: A performance of this play by Alfred de Musset was much enjoyed and appreciated, even if not fully understood (!), by the elder girls. The French Players were entertained by Senior Girls.

Since November, 1944

These have become Life Members: Grace Caldwell, Isobel Caldwell, Elsie Davidson (Kirkwood), Lily Forster (Young), Edith Gibson, May Gibson, Winnie Halliday (Wilson), Freda Humphrey, Cathrine McCree, Betty Senior (Comiort), Beisy Powley (Souisisy), Flora Cook.

Among those married are: Olive Adamson, Joyce Bailey, Edna Bathgate, Audrey Brown, Vera Burn, Margaret Capon, Alice Champness, Mary Champness, Nancy Chicken, Eta Cohen (the first), Marjorie Collin, Jean Cook, Rachel Corner, Natalie Dickenson, Eileen Easby, Gladys Forster, Koma Glaholm, Frances Grant, Audrey Hall, Marjorie Hanson, Catherine Heptinstall, Margery Holland, Beatrice Hunnam, Rose Johnston, Edith Joyce, Kathleen Kelsall, Vera Kemp, Dorothy Keithley, Elizabeth Lawson, Maisie Lawson, Elsie Martin, Ruth McBain, Vera McBain, Mollie McGregor, Dorothy McKee, Irene McLachlan, Maureen Pallas, Betty Peters, Pat Potts, Marjorie Prust, Ivy Riddick, Kathleen Robson, Irene Sigsworth, Doreen Smith, Ena Stone, Dorothy Teasdale, Marjorie Tomline, Jean Turnbull (the first), Peggy Victory, Kathleen Vincent, Muriel Watson, Peggy Watson, Marjorie Wilkinson, Phyllis Willock, Mary Williamson, Irene Wilson, May Woodhill, Maisie Young, Margaret Young.

Among Bedan Babies are those of: Joan Bambrough, Dorothy Bavidge, Kathleen Bellamy, Bertha Berger, Alice Brown, Margaret Carr, Eva Chappel, Dorothy Coates, Winifred Coates, Sarah Cohen, Dorothy Dale, Alice Donkin, Isabel Eaton, Lily English, Dorothy Gardner, Elsie Gimson, Joyce Hannington, K. Herbert, Jennie Hey, Edith Hooks, Joan Hoey, Amor Hudson, Hilda Hunter, Edith Johnson, Mollie Kirby, Florence Leithead, Evelyn Maddison, Mollie MacNaught, Sylvia Mahaffy, Doris Miller, Moyra Nelson, Connie Nicholson, Olga Phaup, Marian Powley, Olive Ranson, Joan Scott, Mary Seath, Connie Simpson (the first), Olive Sopp, Eileen Souter, Olive Stonehouse, Edna Sutherland, Margaret Taylor, Marjorie Taylor, Isobel Theodorson, Doreen Thompson, Grace Vincent, Jean Vincent, Nancy Waite, Nancy Walker, Vera Wardle, Blanche Wickens, Wynneth Wood.

In Memoriam: Marguerite Davison (Purdie), Ethel Teasdale, Nancy Topel, Constance Whitfield (Watson).

Letter from Miss Boon

Dear Old Bedans,

I am asked to send you a few lines of greeting and gladly do I comply with this request. I fancy that the matter is fairly urgent so I won't let the grass grow under my feet (even if it were inclined to do so), but will say what I have to say in as short a space and as speedily as possible.

The new "Old Bedan" has my heartiest goodwill, and I have every confidence that it will have a big success and be tremendously popular

among all Old Bedans. I have always read the latest news about you all with great eagerness; and it has interested me deeply. I never forget you, my dears; you are often in my thoughts and I like to hear about your doings and concerns. They bring back memories of days gone by, many of them such very happy days, when I was amongst you and watching over you.

After many vicissitudes since leaving Sunderland, including a trip to New York, a rather long spell in London ending abruptly during the worst of the air raids, a country cottage in Yorkshire where I grew roses and gazed upon moorland and trees which I loved, I came here to Cheshire. And now I am in a little flat with a dearly-loved sister living in the same house, and many younger, and some very young, relatives all within easy distance.

What an inestimable blessing to have no more blackout and no more wailing sirens! Can we ever be thankful enough that we have peace at long last? We have far to go yet of course and must not think of relaxing; yet we have come out of the long dark tunnel into God's sunshine of hope once more.

May you all have a happy Christmastide and all manner of blessings in the New Year.

Yours affectionately,

M. E. BOON.

Message from the Retiring Chairman to Old Bedans

As I look back over my two years as your Chairman I think of my happy association with you all. To work with Old Bedans is to work with a happy band of friendly, helpful people.

We have revived the Guild from its slumbrous state and have found that Old Bedans have welcomed this re-awakening. Though we have not resumed quite all our former activities, nevertheless, we have made a start, and enjoyed some successful re-unions.

During my term of office there have been changes. Miss Shearer retired from school and later from the Secretaryship of the Guild. As we all know, Miss Shearer has been the inspiration and life-force of the Guild, and has given many years of unstinting labour in its interests. I was, therefore, happy to be able to speak for you all, when I asked Miss Shearer to accept a token of our appreciation and affection, on her retirement.

As the new Secretary and Treasurer, Rita Craggs has shown herself a keen and hard-working successor. To her, and to the Committee I would like to offer my appreciative thanks for their loyalty and friendly co-operation.

I wish the Guild and its new Chairman, Gladys Beaney, every success in the future.

ETHEL M. THOMPSON.

Things That Remain

A Memory: One special memory? Looking back, we see Miss Lloyd as Singing Mistress of the Junior School. We have forgotten none of the songs she taught us, and we like to think of this part of her work, of the firm foundations she laid, of the high standard she set, of the untiring energy she put into this service to Bedans.

We remember, among other delightful things, a performance of Armstrong Gibbs' setting of Walter de la Mare's poem *Five Eyes*,—remarkable for the beauty of its intonation, for its precision and its almost faultless enunciation, and we remember too the obvious enjoyment of the singers—a real tribute to the teacher's efforts.

Such a training made a lasting impression on us, and gave us courage to tackle successfully and with zeal the greater difficulties we met with in later singing lessons, and fostered in us a love of good music that has endured far beyond school-days.

This she gave us.

CORNER-STONES:

A County Hockey player remembers with gratitude her first introduction, through Miss Arkle, to the game of hockey—on the old Hylton Road field. "Keep to your own ridge!" At these words, how many of us bravely sacrificed our childish desire to be wherever the ball was, and began to realise that we were part of a team and that it was the team that mattered!

Though hockey was Miss Arkle's favourite game—we learned later that she had an enviable reputation as centre-half, both at school and at college—she threw herself whole-heartedly into the formation of a school netball team, and, year after year, with untiring enthusiasm, she produced teams imbued with her own spirit of sportsmanship—teams to which we knew it was an honour to belong. Thus she taught us that each one of us has a duty to the rest; she awakened in us the beginnings of a social sense; she showed us that unselfish service is the surest road to happiness.

That these lessons were well learned is shown in the work some of us were privileged to do when the Guild of Old Bedans was re-organised; the first, most popular and most successful Branch, was the Social Service Club, and in it too Miss Arkle was a moving spirit.

These are lessons that are not forgotten; they live in the memory of Bedans, young and old.

Of Old Friends

"Many thanks for the *Report*," writes Mrs. Judson (Miss Herbert). "I read it from cover to cover, and wish I could contribute some news of interest other than only the acquisition of a small son, Stephen by name." How we wish every Guild member would, like Mrs. Judson, send at least one item of news!

The number of "old" mistresses grows rapidly. Miss Dunbar left "Bede" to take a post nearer home, Miss Parkin to become Mrs. Horton, Mrs. White (Miss French) to join her husband in China, and Miss Briggs slipped away suddenly in September to become Lecturer in Geography at Sunderland Training College. Somewhat belatedly, we send them good wishes and thank them for happy lessons and ungrudging service. We hope to keep in touch with them all, and Miss Briggs at any rate, near enough to attend Guild Meetings, we feel we still have.

Our good wishes go too with those who leave Bede School at Christmas. Bedans and Old Bedans are fortunate in still having Mrs. Beaney as one of them as Chairman of their Guild; the mistresses lose a colleague

equally popular with her contemporaries and with those who taught her as Gladys Littlehales. Her kindly presence and ever-ready help will be greatly missed.

School, though again happily not the Guild, will also regretfully say goodbye to Miss Lloyd and Miss Arkle.

To Miss Lloyd, who has longer associations with Bede School than any of us and who has been the Headmistress's right hand since 1939, the Guild has already sent a letter of appreciation and thanks on her official resignation in July; now, as she begins her real retirement, we shall add only that we wish for her in it many and happy days. A "Memory" of her appears in these pages, as does also one of Miss Arkle.

Few Old Bedans have not, at some time, worked or played with Miss Arkle; the nine and ten-year-olds of "Tin Tab" days remember the plays of Form Lower II—a pleasure they took "in serious vein"; the coaching in games; the gardening and the picnics where, unwittingly, they learned how to be guests and hostesses. Later Bedans are grateful to Miss Arkle for quite other reasons too, for the lessons in Needlework which have enabled them to make clothes for their children in these days of rationing, and for training in the art of working together which has stood them in good stead on many occasions. The School Silver Lining Society and the Old Bedans' Social Service Club lay very near Miss Arkle's heart, and her example and her infectious enthusiasm soon gathered round her a keen and happy band of willing helpers. In this work Miss Arkle acted as link between old and present Bedans, and her devotion to the cause brought immediate and fruitful results. All her many friends wish her good health and many happy days in which to enjoy her manifold activities.

Miss Arkle, however, is not retiring "to do nothing." She has been offered a part-time post at Sunderland Training College as visiting lecturer in Needlework, which subject formed part of Miss Elliot's work until she left Langham Tower in July and went home to Ryton. Miss Peters is now Physical Training Organiser for the town. Mrs. White, on a stormy Mediterranean, was the only passenger who had not been seasick, Miss Franklin visited Sunderland recently, as did also Miss Birchall, who went to Cothelstone to see Miss Coburn, and called also on Miss Wilson: "Same old smile! Same old comments!" Miss Arkle spent a holiday in Birmingham with Muriel Bruce (Mrs. Anderson), one of whose great interests there is her work for the Hospital Library Service. We hear of other interesting contacts: Miss Boon met Amy Waggott in Manchester, and learnt from her of her appointment to Bede School as Miss Lloyd's successor. Miss Wilson has heard from Miss Trout. Miss Ewart always visits Lily and Gertie Wright when she goes to Morecambe, . . . and likes "having Miss Franklin for a week-end—she is always so jolly, and she and I go walking in this beautiful countryside." She enjoys the meetings of the Literary and Debating Society, and "Concerts in Reading are first-class and I rarely miss one; I play very little now as my eyesight is a handicap." Help, she says, is a problem and limited her gardening last year to "putting two boxes of antirrhinums in the airing cupboard to germinate." Miss Hutchinson finds old friends everywhere—Lucy Welch, Janet Summerbell, Enid Crowe, and recently in Haltwhistle. Dorothy Thompson (Hastewell); she had a visit from Marion Orr and was sorry to miss Flora Cook when she called. Nora Johnson has met Miss Biggs, and Norma Crozier Miss Thompson (Nicholson) and also

Miss Gales (Baron) whom she felt "bewildered to hear talking of the difficulty of persuading her young Christopher to wear a coat to go to the Nursery School; it was strange to see her puzzled!"

Like Christopher, perhaps, are the babies of Nancy McKenny's (Melton) Nursery Class at Lincoln, while to teach Sunderland children of all ages have come, as usual, numerous Bedans from Training Colleges, including Joan Scorer, though she lives in Nottingham. Dorothy Wilson has a post in Birmingham, Winifred Wakinsshaw is now teaching in London and taking a course at the *Institut Français*; and Joyce Logan has a tiny school in Aysgarth. New headmistresses are: Marjorie Stephenson in Cambridgeshire, Louise Airey in Ripon and Nellie Mee in Luton, where she has founded a Parent-Teacher Association. At home, Doreen Youll is Headmistress of West Park Central Girls' School, while Miss Bertie is seconded, and Doris Wilson and Ella Latter are on the panel for future headmistress-ships.

On the Town Council, Nellie Blacklock (Hedley) has just won a seat, her sister Evelyn has been re-elected, and Martha Potts is one of the Teachers' representatives on the Education Committee. We are sorry, however, to lose Kathie Mallen (Elmes) from this Committee to which she was, by our request, co-opted in 1936 to represent the Guild of Old Bedans on the Board of Governors of the School.

In the Public Library these Bedan librarians have either returned from or are still in the Services:—Eileen Henderson, W.R.E.N.; Jean Kent, Jean Pullan, W.A.A.F.; Vera Roberts, Margaret Kirtley, A.T.S. (Margaret has a specially good record); Florence Thwaites, Munitions; Audrey Smithson, Nursing; Lilian Dawson, F.A.N.Y. Audrey Syrett has passed the cataloguing and Joyce Richardson the Preliminary Section of the first Library Association Examination. Kathleen Mair has charge of the Monkwearmouth and Alice Turnes of the West End Branch. Alice, however, is going to change her work for that of teaching—a profession she always wanted to adopt.

Among Old Bedans in local Government offices are Irene Watson (Food Office), Jean Robinson and Marie Winter (Collector of Taxes). Sheila Adamson, until recently a colleague of the latter, is now seeing "Pay-as-you-Earn" from the other side in the office of a private firm. Edith Broderick writes: "It is grand to read the latest news of Old Bedans; we have a small colony of our own in the Telephone Exchange, including supervisors." The G.P.O. has its quota of Bedans, including Hetty Short, Audrey Winter and Muriel Anderson, while Telephone House is populated by them. Many in these "Colonies" are not Guild Members. Will they not all join us now? They would be very welcome.

If Bedans fill Local Government offices, no less numerous are they in the *Young Teachers' Dramatic Society* in whose productions many have acted. Mary Baker, either with a friend, or by herself, has written several plays and had two produced. Kathleen Stothard (Collinson) is Assistant Secretary of *Sunderland Pianoforte Society* and Winifred Elstob, May Wilson and Moira Mahoney have all played at one or other of its meetings. Eta Cohen (the first), recently married, has been in close touch with such musical celebrities as Solomon and Harriet Cohen, and had, some time ago, an audition with the Boyd Neil Orchestra.

Eta's sister Judith we were pleased to meet with her young son, when she was in Sunderland recently, and one wintry day we found four Bedan Babies with their mothers, Joan Ball, Irene Andrews, Winnie

Scott and Margaret Taylor, on the deserted promenade. There, too, we have met Elizabeth Carr with her baby, and, in town, Mabel Davidson, Mollie Youll and many others, while at a school party the other day, five Old Bedans and two "Bedan Babies" were present. Joy Brown is married and has been living in Halifax for three years; Irene Sigsworth (Johnson), just married, and Flora Hollingshead (Ramshaw) have gone to new homes in Northern Ireland and Cornwall respectively. Merle Colling, whose sister Elsie is a sergeant in the A.T.S., is a hospital sister; Una Greenwood is a probationer at a Convalescent Home of Edinburgh Infirmary. In our own Monkwearmouth and Southwick Hospital, Marjorie Anderson (Curtis) is lady almoner; Joan Simpson has a similar post at Cherry Knowle Emergency Hospital. Muriel Scott (the first) works in a *Good Housekeeping* Demonstration Kitchen, and Evelyn Thompson has a Domestic Science post in the Bristol area. As assistant matron at Darlington Training College, Joyce Hebron has met some very new Old Bedans. Edna Martin is now Secretary at Sunderland Training College and Mollie Duncan, too, has a secretarial post, with a Headmistress in Carlisle; Irene Hall is Principal of Morrison's Commercial School. Roma Gialholm (O'Connor) has a chemist's shop in Hawes, and one Sunderland chemist has two Bedan dispensers—Doris Ebdon and Maureen Liddle. Rita Sheriff and Margaret Capon (Edwards) have recently passed the Intermediate Examination of the Pharmaceutical Society. There is again little news from Universities, but we congratulate Beryl Shaw on obtaining the degree of M.B., B.S. (Durham) and Vera Harard on gaining a London University Diploma in Theology. We are also pleased to record that Eileen Scorer had the best School Certificate results at the Manning School, Nottingham, and gained the "Ethel Burgess" prize.

We have news of other Old Bedans in posts a little more "off the beaten track." Rina Hands, as Secretary of the Coal Utilization Joint Council and member of the Women's Advisory Committee for solid fuel, has been twice in Sunderland this year, lecturing and demonstrating. She is now manager of the Stork Margarine Kitchen. Marion Orr, Winifred Whiting and Kathleen Simpson all met her in London at her new flat. Joyce Hands, a successful nurse, has been doing work in connection with the Rehabilitation of Miners. After a year's practical training, Sheila Marwood is studying at Sunderland Technical College for the degree of B.Sc. Engineering. D'Arcy Hogg is now H.M. Inspector of Schools for a North-Western district, Emily Anderson and Eleanor Carlill both have posts as lecturers, the former in Dress-designing at Gloucester School of Art, the latter in the teaching of the deaf, at Manchester University, while Flora Cook was recently appointed County Librarian for Lancashire. Nancy Lawther (Makowska) is a Monitor for the B.B.C. in connection with transmissions in French. We are glad to know that she is able to spend a good deal of time on her music, both for her own pleasure and, with some colleagues, to help good causes. Moyra Shield was assistant to the architect who prepared the new town plan for Durham, recently published in the book *Cathedral City* and is now engaged upon similar work at Oxford.

News from abroad is mostly of comings and goings. Peggy Watson and Jean Cook were both married recently in India. Hilda Hoseason, who had a commission in F.A.N.Y. in India, and whose letters "read like a novel" is now back in England. Mollie McGregor has re-married and lives in Jamaica. 'Drought,' says Mollie, 'causes some inconvenience, but there is no servant problem.' Ruth Wilson, evacuated in 1940 to

Australia, stayed first at Wentworth Falls, just escaping a bush fire, has lived in Sydney for the past two years, and is now on her way to England. Betsy Powley (Soulsby), home from Oyo since last January and now living at St. Leonards-on-Sea, has just come for a holiday to Sunderland with her little Elizabeth, and visited us a few minutes ago. They spent a week-end with Mary Robertson who is back in London. Grace and Isobel Caldwell are going for five years to Rio de Janeiro; Margaret Crow, after hearing wonderful promises regarding life in the A.T.S. in Belgium, found herself there in an out-of-the-way camp of sorts, in winter-bound country, living under primitive conditions and enduring hardships comparable to those of a pioneer in the backwoods. Edith Gibson is home from Malta on demobilisation leave, while Dorothy (Richardson) after an adventurous journey from Singapore to Australia in the earlier days of the war, is at last on her way home. Another who suffered war adventures is Hilda Hall (Villiers) who escaped with her family at the last moment from Norway in a small boat, and has been living in the Argentine. They are now home, and intend to settle in Yorkshire.

Truly, experiences vary in our family of Bedans! Here are one or two more: Betty Senior (Comfort) wrote from Kent last February: "You will realize that 'The Garden of England' has not been quite 'a bed of roses' during the past few months." Hetty Rogers was commended in the *London Gazette* in 1942 for bravery when a bomb fell on Fulwell Fire Station, and this year was selected, with two of the male personnel, to represent No. 1 Region of the Sunderland N.F.S. at the Service of Thanksgiving in St. Paul's Cathedral.

Bombs are of the past; Margaret Watson is probably typical of many Bedans, linking up their present to their future: "I enjoy my work very much. I am now a Wireless Mechanic and used to handling screw-driver and pliers instead of the calculating machine . . . I shall be a Leading Aircraftswoman after May 1 . . . I should like to continue this type of work when I leave the Service, and with that in view have taken a Correspondence Course in Radio . . . I have been in the Air Force nearly two years, and would not have missed the experience for anything . . . My job is to inspect and service wireless sets and wiring in the aircraft, and when I have done an inspection, I can fly on air test—one part of my work I particularly like."

And Grace Wood, concerned with the future, has been representing the "training" aspect on one of the Boards dealing with the selection of candidates for the Emergency Training Course for Teachers. She thinks "teachers need have no fear of the effect of this novel entrance to the profession. The candidates accepted are all keen and eager both to teach and to learn from those more experienced. Their understanding of other professions and trades, their adventures at home and abroad, and their experience of 'all sorts and conditions of men' should give reality to their teaching, and strengthen the links between school and the world outside."

Though this record of ours must surely be incomplete, yet, as Miss Haggart writes: "The tale of Old Bedans of yester-year is thoroughly absorbing and a grand-record of patriotic duties, well done, pretty well all over the globe."

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS ON AUGUST 31st, 1945
 Summary of Balance Sheet for Year 1944-45, from September 1st, 1944, to August 31st, 1945

RECEIPTS.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
From Subscriptions—							
272 Renewed at 2/6	...	34	0	0			
16 Completed Life (varying sums)	...	23	12	0			
33 New Annual at 2/6...	...	4	2	6			
17 New, 1945-46 (advance)	...	2	2	6			
9 in Advance at 2/6	...	1	2	6			
1 in Advance, 1945-8	...		7	6			
5 Associates (2 1944-45, 3 1945-46) at 1/-	...		5	0			
12 Arrears at 2/6	...	1	10	0	67	2	0
From Donation	...					5	0
From Interest—							
(a) On War Stock	...	3	8	10			
(b) On Defence Bonds	...	1	6	8			
(c) On Deposit Account	...		7	9			
From Meetings—					5	3	3
(a) Annual Business Meet'g	6 0						
(b) Winter Re-Union	...	12	9				
(c) Summer Re-Union	...	2	9				
Total	...				£72	14	3

EXPENDITURE.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Stationery and Printing	...		2	17	6		
" Report "	...		12	0	0		
Postage and Telephone Calls	...				14	17	6
Gifts—					8	5	8
School Prize (Annual)	...		1	1	0		
Children's Hospital	...		2	2	0		
Red Cross Prisoners of War Fund	...		2	2	0		
Prizes for <i>Bedan</i> Competition	...		1	1	0		
Flowers to Miss Taylor	...			6	6		
Book Token, Flowers, to Miss Lloyd	...		1	9	3		
Balance on Year's Working	...				8	1	9
Total	...				£41	9	4

Total	...				£72	14	3
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TOTAL FUNDS.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Balance on August 31st, 1944	224	3	9½	Made up as follows—			
Balance on Year's Working (1944-45), including Interest on War Stock, Defence Bonds and Deposit Account	41	9	4	3½% War Stock 1929-47			98 7 2
				3% Defence Bonds			75 0 0
				Balance in Bank—			
				(a) On Deposit Account	69	0	9
				(b) On Current Account	22	12	9
				Balance in Cash in Hand			12 5½
	<u>265</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>1½</u>				<u>265 13 1½</u>

H. M. CRAGGS, Hon. Treasurer.

Sunderland, September 22nd, 1945.

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

THOS. H. BLYTH, 22/9/1945.

