

THE OLD BEDAN

1952

The Guild of Old Bedans

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INFORMATION FOR MEMBERS

Annual Subscription: 2/6 for 1952-53, due on **September 1st, 1952**.
Life Subscription: £2/2/6 if paid within two years; otherwise £2/12/6.

Annual Subscriptions count towards Life Membership. Anyone who has paid one half-crown subscription becomes a Life Member by a further payment of £1/12/6 before the end of her second year's membership. After that time the total of the payments made must be £2/12/6, e.g., a member who has paid ten annual subscriptions becomes a Life Member by a further payment of £1/7/6. If, however, membership is allowed to lapse, payments must begin anew.

Membership: On August 31st, 1952, the membership was 438 including 168 Life Members, but 28 have not yet paid 1951-52 subscriptions. Four members have paid their 2/6 annually (except from 1939-43, when Guild activities were temporarily suspended) and so automatically become Life Members.

The Winter Re-union will be held in School on Friday, January 16th, 1953, and a Supper in Meng's on Friday, March 20th.

The Secretary asks every member

1. To notify her of any change of address.
2. To give (a) her full Christian name, not just initials, and (b) if married, both maiden and married names.
3. To get her ticket for any Re-union by the date stated on the notice.
4. To ask, if she is not sure her subscription is paid. Any member of Committee will pass on her request.
5. To note that, to save postage, receipts for subscriptions will be enclosed with the first notice after payment.

For easier identification we use maiden names. The married name is usually given in brackets, or, if mentioned earlier, omitted.

GUILD ACTIVITIES AND MEETINGS IN 1951-1952

Loan and Scholarship Fund. During the School year 1951-52 there were no applications for loans or grants from the Fund.

In the course of the year nine borrowers repaid a total of £65 and one of them sent us an extra ten shillings in grateful recognition of the help she had received. Once again the members of the Old Bedam Hockey Club sent us ten shillings for which we would like to thank them.

K. M. CARRICK, Hon. Secretary.

Bede Grammar School for Girls.

The Hockey Club enjoyed a fairly successful season, having won 13 and lost 3 matches. Although several matches were cancelled, the weather was much better than in the previous season. Our greatest drawback is finding new members. The older stalwarts say they wish to retire gracefully, but this they cannot do because we have no one to replace them. We lose sight of the people from School when they go to College or to work away from home and very few of them come to us when they return. However, we do manage to play each Saturday and we do enjoy our hockey which, after all, is the main consideration. I wish to thank, on behalf of the Club, Miss Mead for her continued interest and support. We do appreciate it and would welcome support from other members of the Guild, especially as playing members.

Jean DEWIS, Hon. Secretary.

26, Park Parade, Roker.

London Branch. We held our Winter Re-union for 1951 on Saturday, 26th December, in the Y.W.C.A. Rooms, Great Russell Street. Those present were: Miss Ewart, Miss Franklin, Joyce Hebron (Ayles), Edith Broderick (Barge), Nancy Lawther (Habitica), May Hood (Pomeroy), Doreen Ward (Macrae), Isabel Lundy (Marcel), Alice Munro, Audrey Midwood, Dorothy Metcalfe (Price), Brenda Metcalf (Taylorson) and myself. We also managed to arrange a picnic on Saturday, 14th June, in Kensington Gardens, to which Old Bedams were invited to bring their children. Although we were spared the furore of rain, the weather was disappointing, being very dull and heavy. The following attended: Miss Mitchell, Miss Ewart, Mrs. Ward, Doreen Ward with Jean (18), Sheila (4) and Ian (15 months); Brenda Metcalf with Ian (9); Joyce Hebron with Margaret (6); Nancy Lawther with Olga (3); and myself with Martin (3). It would be hard to say which generation chattered most, but a good time seemed to be had by all. Doreen Ward has kindly offered to hold the December, 1952, Re-union at her home.

PHYLLIS TESSANT (Mrs. Beck), Hon. Secretary.

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Social Service. (1) General: In June we sent one guinea to the Lady Baine Memorial Fund, and in October at the Guild of Help Antiques Market we made £17/10/0 at the Guild of Old Bedams' Cake Stall, and £6/12/7 by serving coffee and tea.

(2) Personal: (a) The Red Cross Library at Ryhope General Hospital is now run entirely by eight Old Bedams with their own Librarian and Deputy-Librarian. Each Wednesday, for some two hours, four of them cater for the reading of appreciative patients. In addition, two Guild Members do similar work at Sunderland General Hospital, and we have three reserves to call on in an emergency. We ask here for more, and should be glad to receive gifts of attractive books or magazines.

(b) Our help to old people continues. At Christmas, 15 parcels each of the value of 29/- and at Easter, 11, each worth 19/- were delivered from the Guild of Old Bedams to deserving old folk.

(c) Barnes School have again sent us fruit and groceries from their Harvest Festival; these we distributed and the 12 recipients were pleased by the children's kind thought.

One of our very able helpers, with the support of the Social Service Committee and funds, belittled a semi-blind, crippled old lady and has made her life possible, which it certainly was not, when, after 21 months in hospital, she returned to our room which had no water, no cooking facilities, no comforts.

Funds have been raised by individual efforts, made at first by members of the Committee only, but latterly also by other Old Bedlams who have held parties of various kinds in aid of our Social Service. Donations, too, from Guild Members have brought help and encouragement not only from near at hand but from far afield—from Reading, Vancouver, Birmingham, Glasgow, Northumberland, Cambridgeshire, Kidderminster. The 417 we have at present in the Trustee Savings Bank and the few shillings in cash in hand will probably be used up for our next batch of gift parcels.

Those members who read this with interest but who have not yet taken any part in their Guild's social service are asked to offer some little help now in money or in work.

Committee: Elsie Davidson, Dorothy Gibson, Rena Halliday, Vera Harold, Kathleen Mair, Cathie McCree, Anne Mitchell (Crowe), Joan Newby (White), Betty Peters (Spencer), Betty Poxley (Sculsby), Joan Poxley, Ethel Thompson, Gladys Thornley (Miller), Elsie Wilson (Hooker), and D. S. Arkie (Convener), 48, Ashwood Terrace.

Winter Re-union, January 18th, in School. 64 were present. Although Miss Neal was unable to join us, School was represented by the Captain and Vice-Captain, and members of the Staff. We schooled the nose of the introductory game "Where is it?" as we peered at each other's pictures of local beauty spots, etc. Next we had a "Musical Journey" and discovered the prize-winners of these two games. Supper followed. As last year, it was served, buffet style, in the Art Room, when Committee members headed round "home-made" sandwiches, cakes, bread and sausage rolls. Then we had a Lennox Quiz, followed by "In the manner of the Word," with Lena Thompson being invited to dance dramatically, and Mary Mackintosh to sing ably! Ice-cream prepared as for a warm time dancing "The Gay Gordons," and ten o'clock and "Auld Lang Syne" swept round too soon.

Supper, March 21st, in New's. Our annual supper goes from strength to strength. This year 150 were present. Miss Neal and Winnie Thomas welcomed all Old Bedlams, and after a Parncliffe Grill, trifle and coffee, we had time to gossip before going upstairs to listen to a programme by "Beds B.C." With Mary Mackintosh, Rena Thompson, Kathleen Carr and Winnie Scott as the broadcasting artists, the audience listened to "Take It From Here," "In the Kitchen," "Listen with Mother," "French for the First Founce," "From a Seat in the Circle," "Music Hall," "Curtain Down" and the "Legislative Girls' Choir," ending with "Bedlam's Choice" of songs for a sing-song. A telegram of good wishes from Miss Hutchinson brought its usual response—"For she's a jolly good fellow" and the singing of the School Song concluded a most enjoyable evening.

Summer Dating, June 15th. 60 present.

MYSTERY TOUR

By Winnie Rogers.

On a mystery trip for the night,
We all arrived cheerful and bright.
Most of us had a flask
Now what more could we ask,
But that rain would not bring us its blight?
We set off as the town clock was striking.
Both the coaches were much to our liking
But no one must sit
Next the driver, for it
Was for couriers,—or some such Viking!
It seemed to be our lucky day,
Even though we'd not all got our pay,
For at six bob per head
We were all being led,
And taken by 'bus the whole way.
The towns were soon all left behind
And along leafy lanes we did wind.
"We're here"—with a shout
All Old Bedans got out.
This spot was a very good find.
For the river meandered in way,
Yet the bridges were also at play!
But someone had a lotion
A most powerful potion,
Which soon sent the pests . . . away.
Then a very pleasant sight met our eyes,
For Miss appeared with the pies!
There were sandwiches three
Made by our Committee
And choc. biscuits—a final surprise.
At last we all got to our feet
(We'd used a tree trunk as a seat),
A camera came out
Ere we turned round about.
And the party was "snapped"—all complete.
Then off on our journey once more,
We still had more pleasures in store.
But one 'bus got lost—
(The wrong road it crossed),
No sign of the other we saw.
At last we got back on our route,
The driver's horn going toot! toot!
We finished together
In very wet weather,
But that didn't matter a toot.
We must have a splendid committee,
To plan us this outing so pretty,
So "thank you" to all,
On whom work did fall,
And pardon this very poor ditty!

P.S.—To those who weren't with us that night
We'll now put you out of your plight.
For to ~~Wishes~~ we went
Four hours were well spent
So do join in our next mystery fight!

SCHOOL NOTES

SUMMARY OF ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING, SEPTEMBER 24th, 1953

55 members present.

New members welcomed by the President, Miss Moul.

Summary of Minutes of last Business Meeting.

Secretary's and Treasurer's Reports. Got appears in various places in the *Old Bedas*.

Constitution motion passed that "Miss Shearer be elected Vice-President of the Guild."

Officers and Committee for 1953-54 declared elected.

Chairman's Remarks.

Reports on the Guild's Branch Clubs and activities.

Election of Editors of *The Old Bedas* and Social Service Committee.

Allocation from Funds: One guinea for School Prize and one guinea for *Bedas* Competition Prize.

Future Meetings: Winter Re-union, Sepper and Summer Gating.

Presentation of Letters in memory of Miss Ross.

Staff

Goodbye to: Miss Cross, Miss Radd, Miss Ferguson, Miss Lax.

Welcome to: Miss Fall, Mrs. Simson, Mr. Rogers, Rev. Hyman, Mr.

Payke.

Vice-Chairman of Parent-Teacher Association: Miss Hayton.

Honours Won

School Captain and Vice-Captain: Mariel Hedley and Elspeth Fyffe.

State Scholarships: Pamela Cowgill, Jean English.

Mayfield Prize (for mathematics): Patricia Storey.

French Prize awarded by Newcastle French Consul: Jean English.
Ann Heads.

Guild of Old Bedas Prizes, 1951-52: School Prizes for Art: Ann Bagg, Kathleen Moses, Maureen Torbet. *Bedas* Competition Prizes for Essays on "Numbers": Julia Read, Dorothy Allen.

Sports Champions: Jean Walls, Greta Chase, Pat Thompson.

Swimming: Connie Parkinson, a new pupil of the school, represented Northumberland and Durham at the National Schools' Championships.

County Hockey, Senior XI: Audrey Knight. Junior XI: Pat Kirtley, Verna Jenkins.

FROM NOVEMBER, 1951, TO NOVEMBER, 1953

These have become Life Members: Peggy Anderson (Roberts), Hilda Andrew (Moore), Kathleen Bellamy (Dunoburn), Lilian Chalk (Gardner), Mollie Corbett (Johnson), I. Gibbons, Marjorie Orr, Pauline Orr (Graham), Anne Price, Mary Parker, Alice Rogers, Kathleen Scott (Bolton), Cecelia Selley, Lolita Selley, Rose Taylor (Cruick), Sybil Ward, Winifred Whiting, Francis Wills (Gilles), Maudie Woodruff (Heron), Gena Wright (Harris), Olga Wright. The following have never failed to pay annually for twenty-one years to become Life Members: Irena Davies, Winifred Graham, M. E. Eggart and Evelyn Johnson (Ellis).

MEMORIAL TO MABEL E. BOON

At the close of the Business Meeting came the pleasant ceremony of presenting to the School the Lectern chosen by the Guild as a memorial to Miss Boon.

The Chairman first explained how, at the meeting last year, Miss Mead had been able to tell us that a lectern was needed for the School Hall. This suggestion met with instant approval; and a small committee was elected to study photographs, etc. submitted by four wood-carving firms. Their final selection—a beautifully proportioned lectern in natural waxed oak—was made by G. Meale & Son of London. On the column is a small tablet which reads: "In memory of Mabel E. Boon, from the Guild of Old Bedans"

In handing over the Lectern to Miss Mead, the Chairman expressed the hope that it would prove both useful and decorative in the School Hall.

Miss Mead then accepted the Lectern in the name of the School and spoke appreciatively of the loving thought and imaginative thinking that had gone into the choosing of a gift so suitable and in such good taste.

She reminded us of Miss Boon's two main interests—Religion and Art,—and said that as she had loved the morning service which brought the School into communion with God, so also, she had loved beauty and all things beautiful, and this Lectern would be a perpetual and fitting reminder of her.

We were pleased to have with us at this ceremony, a number of present Sixth Form girls.

E. R. SHEARER — A TOKEN OF APPRECIATION

During the Business Meeting there was an interlude which gave great pleasure to us all. This was the presentation of a Book Token to Miss Shearer from the Guild, in appreciation of her work as Editor of *The Old Bedans*.

The Chairman, who spoke warmly of Miss Shearer's unsparring labours over the preparation of the magazine each year, said that this token was but a memento. Our gratitude to Miss Shearer can never be fully expressed.

We regret that Miss Shearer finds she must retire from the actual completion of the magazine. During her time as Editor, she must have read dozens of letters, verified hundreds of facts, and corrected thousands of mistakes! All this, besides hustling the printer into production and keeping watch on our precious bank balance!

We hope that the book Miss Shearer has chosen — F. Foster Darling's "Natural History in the Highlands and Islands" — will give her great joy.

MARRIAGES

Dorothy Blencarn, Joan Brunsell, Betty Caws, Elaine Caws, Doreen Chapman, Margaret Chastney, Brenda Colling (the second), Dabilla Cooper, Milda Cotton, Pauline Craggs, Betty Carverhill, Kathleen Currier, Moira Dodds, Joan Forster, Helen Garrick, Eileen Graham, Joan Goodrich, Pamela Hall, Una Hawking, May Hood, Marguerite Jessop, Pat Kendall, Moira Mahoney, Rita Manning, Freda Mansfield, Audrey Milner, Audrey Myers, Pat Palmer, Olga Paltzer, Mary Pearson, Dorothy Perkins, Marjorie Phillips, Moyna Potter, Vera Price, Dorothy Pullen, Mildred Raine, Sheila Rowland, Jean Richardson (the second), Maureen Richardson, Brenda Riddles, Marjorie Rochester, Evelyn Rogers, Ida Storey, Gweneth Spain, Betty Sweeting, Kathleen Teasdale, Marjorie Tetford, Peggy Thirkell.

Lilian Thompson (the first), Sheila Triggs, Janet Walton, Denise Wood, Margery Wild.

Births

Sheila Anderson, Doris Bell (the first), Madeline Binks, Joyce Bloom, Doreen Bullock, Marjorie Baines, Jean Burn, Joan Best, Marion Cairns, Grace Caldwell, Polly Carter, Doreen Denton, Gladys Gawnworthy, Rita Gittings, Ellen Grassam, Marcella Goodall, Kirby Heptinstall, Anzor Hudson, Ethel Hugall, Mollie Johnson, Molly Jones, Hilda Lisle, Ellen Morris, Anne McKenney, Nancy Oldfield, Florence Parker, Mary Priestman, May Purvis, Suzanne Rose Bertha Robinson, Doreen Stockhart, Mary South, Marjorie Taylor, Joan Tweedie, Marial Thompson, Nancy Utton, Florence Watson, Margery Wilson, Joyce Whoolton.

In Memoriam

Minnie Lumsden.

NEAR AND FAR

Reunions. It has been very pleasant to welcome back to the North, if only for a short stay, Miss Ewart and Miss Birchall. Those who have seen them can assure Old Bedans that they do not change. While staying at Gosforth, Miss Ewart managed to pay short calls on a number of old friends in Sunderland, including Mrs. Johnson (Miss Coburn). Miss Birchall was unfortunate in just missing the Guild Business meeting, but in the worst of the bad September weather, met many old pupils and colleagues, including Miss Eggs. Miss Birchall and Miss Ewart meet in London twice a year, and often at Old Bedan Re-unions.

Miss Hutchinson spent the winter in Monkswaton, returning in April to her own home, where Miss Shearer has since stayed with her frequently. She hears all Old Bedan news, and asks for more! Miss Lloyd is going shortly to Rhododa for six months to visit a nephew and family, and is looking forward to it. Miss Haggart makes time amid really heavy home responsibilities to keep in touch with us, and is, as ever, interested in, and generous to, Old Bedan enterprises.

A delightful birthday surprise for Miss Shearer was a long letter from Miss Logie, from her home in Roxyth. Her memories of Bede School are still very clear and very kindly. Miss Seddon visited Miss Arkle in April, and stays sometimes with Mrs. Eacher (Miss H. L. Smith), who now lives in Southampton. Miss Elliott has moved her home from Ryton to Newcastle. Mrs. Horton (Miss Parkin), has taken a part-time post at Sheffield University. We were indeed grieved to hear that she had lost her husband last winter.

Gladys Littleboales' (Eganey) home is a happy meeting place for several old mistresses — Miss Arkle, Miss Shearer, Miss Harris, Miss Briggs, Miss Stirk and others.

Recent Honours Won

L.R.A.M.: Joyce White.

Isobel Caldwell was recently appointed honorary Central President of the Church of Scotland Girls' Association for the next two years.

Floora Cook is President of the North-West branch of the Librarians Association for 1932.

Joyce Miller (Mrs. Crooks) was presented with a ten-year membership badge as a Sunderland pioneer of the Girls' Training Corps.

Careers

Education. Units Magrill is headmistress of an open-air residential Jewish school at Broadstairs. In Sunderland, Una Broadley is a new headmistress and Elizabeth Petch and Nan Gaultlett have retired. Bessie Lamplugh is now teaching Biology at Thornaby, Stockton; Mary Cragg teaches in Bristol. Hilda Nicholson (Whaddon) in Birmingham, where Dorothy Wilson (the second) has taken a further qualification in Physical Training. Marie Anderson, after a wheel-chair tour of Holland and Germany covering 1,800 miles, is teaching mathematics at a York school. Edith Joyce (Robinson) is doing I.C.E. research in the Department of Botany, University of Leeds, and Nancy Lawther (Hübicka) is doing external examining for a London School of Languages.

Nursing. Lillian Galloway is now at the Royal Victoria Infirmary, Newcastle, and comes into contact with Mary Garnett, back home from China. Audrey Mitchell is a sister tutor at St. Mary Abbott's hospital (London). Henrietta Pundson is assistant matron at Tynemouth Victoria Jubilee Hospital, North Shields. Sheila Gallon is an electroencephalograph recorder in Middlesbrough (this means she records the results of examination of the brains of mental hospital patients!). May Hood is secretary to a doctor at Killing Chest Clinic. Jean Vincent (Colston) is training as an Air Fitteress.

Civic or Social Work. Gwen Harley (Cheesman) has been made a J.F. Dorothy Metcalf (Price) is giving a course of voluntary work in hospital management in London; Vera Sheraton gave a talk on the nursing profession to Sunderland Ladies' Circle, of which Vera McEain (Whitehouse) is chairman. Sarah Robson, after spending a year as teacher in Waukegan, Illinois, gave a talk at a meeting of Sunderland's Standing Conference of Women's Organisations. Grace Wood is giving a course of monthly lectures to the Sunday Schools Association.

Audrey Jordan has entertained many Sunderland hospital patients and orphan children with her ventriloquist dolls, Jimmy and Elizabeth.

The Arts. Marie Anderson won two first-class certificates for contralto-soprano and solo singing at Darlington Competitive Musical Festival. Mavis Milburn gained first class honours in interior decoration in the final examinations for the National Diploma of Design. Ann Jeffrey passed the intermediate examination in Arts and Crafts at the Sunderland College of Arts and Crafts. Violet Cooper, on Sunderland Corporation Library staff edited "Searchlight"—produced and printed by members of Wesley Hall, Trintion Street. Patricia and Marjorie Jackson have broadcast in the radio programme "Young Artists from the North-East."

Sport

Netball. Sheila and Jean Bagley and Hilda Johnson are in the team chosen to represent Durham County for this season.

Hockey. Dulcie Armstrong and Audrey Knight are playing on the County First XI and Audrey Jordan, Edna Wright and Jean Brewis (captain) are on the Second XI.

Peggy Victory (Simson) is becoming quite enthusiastic about hockey again since she began teaching it to present Bedans, until Miss Metcalf (who is spending the term at Kungälv, in Sweden) returns. Several Old Bedans meet at Peggy's Keep Pit and Dancing Class on Monday nights.

John Turnbull (Hazard) completed a course sponsored by Durham Football Association in the art of refereeing, but was released for request to take an examination for a referee's certificate.

Joan Bagley acted as Swimming Instructress during a week's camp for Red Cross girl cadets at Crookdale.

Homes of Married Widows. Mariel Thompson, Catterick; Ethel Russell, Alton; Ethel Huggall, Newport; Jeanne Holdforth, Leeming Bar, North-alerton; Dorothy Hodgson, Castle Eden, Co. Durham; Lily English, Houthwaite, Yorks.; May Hood, Unbridge; Emily Adey, Redgate, Sarvey; Marjorie Telford, Belfast; Madeline Banks, Edinburgh; Marjorie Bales, Loughborough; Marion Cairns, Kent; Elizabeth Carr and Joan Hebron, Middlesbrough; Jeanne Douglas, Newcastle; Edith Perry and Hilda Hall, Richmond, Surrey; Edna French, Soston; Gladys Garraworthy, Margaret Henderson, Janet White and Dorothy Williamson in London; Thelma Henderson, Dufton; Amor Hudson, Planer; Nancy Lamsden, Carlisle; Elsie Scott, Monkswaton; Marjorie Taylor, Wabeyn Garden City; Dorothy Thompson, Barton Hill; Joan Tweedie, Leyburn; Nancy Utton, Howe; Marjorie Watson (the first), Harforth, Yorks.; Mary Craggs, Bristol; Janet Wafon, Leeds; Hester Lide lives in Sesham opposite the Vicarage where Molly Hinkley lives. Betty Glassfield, Winnie Halliday and Freda Meesfield all live in Birmingham.

Widows Abroad. Jean Nichol is in Hongkong; Grace Caldwell, East Africa; Florence Parker, Melbourne; Marjorie Rochester, Singapore; Doreen Bullock in Durva, keeps in touch with Miss Birchall. Linda Foreyth who emigrated about thirty years ago is now living in Brisbane, her mother over here for the Festival of Britain, visited Connie Warburton (Wilson). Sally Robson (Wood) went on exchange to U.S.A. for a year and broadcast while in America. Jean Mitchell and Joan Brooks are enjoying their life in Civil Service posts in Salisbury, Northern Rhodesia. Elaine Field is now Child Health specialist for Malaya and is living in Penang. Mollie McGregor lives in Jamaica, her daughter, now studying Dramatic Art in England, visited Sunderland last summer. Grace Clarke (Easton) has left Nova Scotia and is now living in Dorchester, Massachusetts. Elsie White writes at intervals from Vancouver of her sister Winnie (Cooper) and herself, and is always generous to the Social Service interests of the Guild. Miss Shearer recently received a photograph from Jamaica of Joyce Veitch (Hearne) and her daughter. Winifred Wakehouse is teaching at an Army school in Malaya. Ethel Foreman left in October for Nigeria where she will spend two years studying the language, then as a qualified teacher she will be responsible for the training of African evangelists.

Home from Abroad. Hilda Hope is home from South Africa, and Mary Leonard from Egypt. Maureen Pallas (Collingwood Price) who has had successes as a repertory and radio actress in Christ Church, New Zealand, has been on holiday in Sunderland. Elsa Garbutt (Poulter) came home for three months from a peaceful Kenya and has returned to a restless, tense Nairobi, where the women have been taught to use a revolver. Mollie Garbutt, home from Chittagong for the summer, flew from Calcutta in the air liner which was used by the Queen and Duke of Edinburgh on their flight from Nairobi early this year. Mollie was able to attend two Guild meetings before returning to Chittagong by Comet aircraft in November.

Notable Occasions. Mariel Anderson attended a luncheon party on H.M.S. Surprise given by Lord and Lady Mountbatten, while on their visit to Cyprus. On the Queen's birthday, Mariel represented the Order of St. John at the Trooping the Colour ceremony at Nicosis.

Nearer home, Marjorie Hindmarch and her husband attended a garden party at Buckingham Palace. Soon after her removal from Sunderland, Lily English was invited to judge exhibits at Houthwaite Show. Of more local interest, Louie Lamden (Dame Louisa Wilkinson) presented prizes to nurses at Sunderland Royal Infirmary this year. Elsie Davidson judged

needlework at a Northern Gas Board Handicraft Show, where Edith Galey was a prizewinner. All these Old Belians who have shared Elsie's generous hospitality will know how much she enjoyed helping to judge the school-girls' tea-making and tea-serving competition during Sunderland's Ten Week.

Meetings

On holiday at Otterburn, Elsie Davidson met Marjorie Jackson (Sugges) and Mabel Hudson (Woodroff) whom she had not seen since schooldays. Miss Shearer met Eleanor Carill, home for a week-end from her work training teachers for the deaf in Manchester.

Marie Bruce (Anderson), Miss Ankle and Miss Shearer met Ethel Hagall (Chapelroy) who was on holiday from Newport, Mon. Old Belians who do Red Cross Library work at Ryhope General Hospital found Madge Robertson there as a patient and visited her weekly. Mary Robertson spent part of her holiday in Sunderland with Betty Powley and both ended a walk on the Roman Wall with a short visit to Miss Hutchinson and Miss Shearer at Redburn. Nancy Welch and her holiday hostess, Minnie McMillan, also visited the Wall but could not manage to include a similar call. Amy Huxsey (Lunyer) on holiday in a Yorkshire village, discovered Elsie Service (Widd) staying in the same house; and both met Sarah Hunter who was there for the day.

Miss Shearer started Florence Wilson (Hudson) by looking her up in Kettering at Christmas time. Florence occasionally sees Margaret Tapel (Armitage) who lives in Corby. Joyce Helson has again met Miss Harris at Miss Rochaff's. Ruth Marley (Green) spending a short holiday in Switzerland after a long spell of illness, met Winnie Rogers (Brown) and heard an account of the Old Belian Sapper she had been unable to attend.

Visits to the Food Office bring meetings with Old Belians employed there—among whom are Kathleen Wilson (the first), Annie Major (Gray), Lilian Weston (Wilson), Marion Davison, Freda Chapman and Iris Harvey.

At Elsie Wilson's cottage at Eggstone, Brenda Bryers (Reed) met Edith Wilson (Davis) for the first time for twenty years. Brenda's daughter listened delightedly to tales of yore. Another Old Belian with a Teesdale cottage is Doris Septon (Crighton).

From Your Letters

From Mrs. Henry Bennett—"I greatly appreciate the kind words spoken of my sister, Mabel Beon, and the very kind thought of the Guild in presenting a Lecture to the School in her memory."

From Miss Hutchinson—"Thank you very much for the grapes and for your kind message from the Guild. It is a real comfort to know how many good friends one has, especially when one's activities are somewhat limited."

From Marjorie Griffin (Piper)—"I was amazed to read in *The Old Belians* of old school friends who had absolutely escaped my memory."

From Nellie Garbutt (Johnson) in Chillingham, 1949—"One morning last week the sweeper who does floors, baths and windows only, arrived in a huff/ann. My mind flew to ringworm, etc., and I eyed him warily. I finally discovered in a boiling language, that his master had been dead for a month, so he (a blind), had to shave his head, prepare food and offer it to the crows, eat the rest, and go huffed! (Still, we do wear black!").

From Mariel Anderson in Cyprus—"My work carries me all over the island, and I return each night to Nicosia. Without a car one is stranded, so my Morris Minor is my best friend. The roads are not good; the drivers are shocking; so it is no joy to drive. The local bus service between towns and villages is amazing. All the provisions, live-stock, and even coffee, if necessary, travel in with you—so there is quite a friendly atmosphere! When travelling up to the hill resorts, the hair-pin bends cannot be taken in one, and it is quite hair-raising to look back and find the rear of the bus hanging over a sheer drop! The language problem is one of the difficulties. Miss Haggart had a big enough job trying to teach me French. If she heard me trying to speak Greek and Turkish (I haven't tried Armenian yet!) it would be the end! I do the practical demonstrations which is quite complicated at times, especially in the villages, where few understand English. Education is not compulsory, so there are many who can neither read nor write. They have no idea of time on this island. In the villages they have no clocks but work by the sun . . . If you go into a shop to look at something, you are offered a cigarette and a drink (soda-water, lemonade or coffee) even though you don't purchase anything! I cannot speak too highly of the Cypriots—they have been most friendly, kind and hospitable to me."

From Jeanne Holdbroth—"Grandmother on arrival of *The Old Bedouin* to children—"Down tools, while granny devours *The Old Bedouin*."

EDITORIAL POSTSCRIPT

As your new Editors, we should like to ask your help in the compiling of this magazine. Our contacts with Old Bedouins of various years is obviously more limited than was that of Miss Shearer, who knew so many of us at school. We may read or hear of some interesting occasion not realising the person concerned is an Old Bedouin. In a letter to the Secretary, one member said—"My life is full and pleasant but not very sensational." Will you, please, let us decide what is of news value? If you have enjoyed reading this magazine, won't you try to contribute at least one item of news for the next?

We wish to thank Mr. Milner Taylor, our honorary auditor, for his services and all those Guild members who have helped with typing, etc. Next year we should be glad to include **YOU** in our thanks to contributors to the Magazine.

To all Old Bedouins who are ill, we hope for a speedy recovery to health—remembering especially Marion Orr and Miss Hutchinson. W.T. E.T.



STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS ON AUGUST 31st, 1902

Summary of Balance Sheet for the Year — September 1st, 1901, to August 31st, 1902

RECEIPTS		EXPENDITURE	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Subscriptions	51 0 0	Stationery, Printing and "Old Books"	20 10 11
Interest	10 8 2	Postage and Telegrams	7 10 2
Balance from Meetings	2 4 8	Cable (Including Lectures)	28 15 0
" Portion of a School	4 5 0	Charter Book	4 0 0
Photographs	3 0 0	Balance on Year's Working	4 10 0
Lectures	6 15 0		
	<u>£74 10 0</u>		<u>£74 10 0</u>

TOTAL FUNDS

	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Balance on August 31st, 1901	407 11 11	Made up as follows:—	
Balance on Year's Working	6 10 0	1 1/2% Year Stock	26 7 2
		3% Defence Bonds	72 0 0
		Balance in Bank—	
		Deposit Account	228 1 8
		Current Account	16 12 7
		Cash in Hand	9 0 0
	<u>£414 10 0</u>		<u>£414 10 0</u>

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

J. M. TAYLOR, September 17th, 1902.

ELSIE I. KIRKWOOD, Hon. Treasurer.

