

THE OLD BEDAN

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The Guild of Old Bedans

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INFORMATION FOR MEMBERS

Annual Subscription: 2/6 for 1953-54, due on **September 1st, 1953**.
 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 £2/12/6 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, 1953, the membership was 479, including 185 Life Members, but 20 have not yet paid 1952-53 subscriptions.

The Winter Re-union will be held in School on Wednesday, January 29th, 1954, and a Supper Re-union on Friday, April 9th.

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

Loan and Scholarship Fund. During the school year 1932-33, all those girls who were leaving school in July were told about this fund, and a notice asking for applications for help, was published in "The Bedan." No applications were received, however. As a result of writing to borrowers, I have \$43 returned, yet there are some girls who still ignore my letters, so that some of the loans would seem to have become "bad debts!" No money has been paid out of the Fund for the past two years.

K. M. CARANCK, Hon. Secretary.

Bedan Grammar School for Girls.

Winter Reunion. On January 14th, 36 Old Bedans congregated in the School Art Room for their winter reunion. School was represented by Miss Noel, several members of staff, and the School Captain and Vice-Captain. An introductory game of "Games Advertisement" broke the ice and loosened tongues. Next, six teams could be seen struggling with the knots of well-wrapped food parcels till the contents were eaten; this was followed by a musical game "In my shopping basket"—the prize being a tiny shopping basket, complete with handkerchief. A delightful supper was served on individual plates by members of committee, during which meal, a letter was read from Miss Hutchinson. Then came "What's in the News" with members of six teams looking feverishly through an 18-page Echo for lighting-up time, Sunderland Echo telephone number, etc. Steady hands were needed for the next game where dried peas had to be carried on a spoon to a waiting snapper. Sweets were handed to the winning teams. Ice-cream was very welcome at this point, and in the comparative silence which ensued the School Captain and Vice-Captain were presented with small gifts as a memento of the occasion. Mary Mackintosh took some Square Dancing to and a hilarious evening. The entertainment was organized by Margaret Turner, Winnie Scott and Rene Halliday, and the rest of the committee did invaluable work behind the scenes with the food, tea-making and washing-up. Well done, back-room boys!

Supper, March 18th. 142 were present at the 1933 Supper Reunion in Mergo. Miss Noel and Winnie Thomas welcomed those present, then everyone settled down to eating Farmhouse Grill, coffee and cakes. The very necessary interval for gossip followed until 9 p.m. when chairs were moved into rows in readiness for entertainment by the Coronation Crack-pots, (namely Mary Mackintosh, Kathleen Carr, Lena Thompson and Winnie Scott). After two exclusively Old Bedan chorus ditties, the Crack-pots presented a highly dramatic version of Alfred Noyes' poem "The Highwayman," featuring Mary Mac as a never-to-be-forgotten Bess, the landlord's black-eyed daughter. Next w/d we! a hockey—"Plink, Plank, Plank," then a burlesque of an operetta, once performed at school, "Will-o'-the-Wisp." The entertainment ended with a "What's your name?" sing-song—those whose names were included among the song-titles had Andy's Cardies thrown at them! A Red, White and Blue Medley rounded off the sing-song, then everyone joined in the singing of our own School Song.

The Summer Outing, June 19th. Once more, led by Margaret Turner, two buses set off from John Street—one very superior with "leopard" upholstery, causing the occupants of the lumber bus to pass taunting remarks (only to hide their eyes). Many were the guesses as to the destination of the Mystery Tour, but when we turned right at Wolviston, we could only think of Sedgefield Ayr! We passed this district sabbily, however, driving along pretty country lanes, till eventually our buses came to a stop. Here were wide grassy verges, flanked by fir and beech woods. Everywhere were tall hedges bursting with wild roses. Supper

was enjoyed amidst such lovely surroundings and in such jolly company. The sandwiches provided by the committee were especially good. Back into the buses this time laden with branches of roses. (Doris Sephton even carried away bunches of sprigs to make a bunch hedge!). Not far away was the hidden village of Elwick. This enchanted us with its ancient church standing guard over the little cluster of cottages by the village green. Here we waved "good-bye" to Nora Johnson who lives at Hartlepool nearby. Once more our obliging drivers made a detour to deposit us almost on our own doorstep.

Thank you, Margaret and Nell, for finding yet another lovely spot for our Summer Outing.

The Hockey Club had a very enjoyable and successful season culminating in the winning of the end-of-season County Tournament. Out of 28 matches played we won 16, drew 2, and lost 4 games. Two of our members, Jean Brewis and Audrey Knight, played for the County XI, and another, Edna Wright, for the 2nd team. Jean and Audrey played in the Northern Counties tournament at Scarborough in the New Year, after which Jean was chosen as a "further reserve" for the North.

We all hope that one of our kindest players, Ann Middleton, who has been very ill, will soon be well again. We should like to thank Miss Moul for use of the pitch and school throughout the season, and for her continued interest in the Club. We are always ready to welcome new players, who should get in touch with Jean Sangster or myself.

JEAN BREWIS, Hon. Secretary.

28, Park Parade, Roker.

London Branch. The 1942 Winter Reunion was scheduled for December 30th, which proved a most unfortunate choice of date as it saw the beginning of the dreadful fog. Lady Adey (Pratt), Eleanor Wilson (Titchardge), Nancy Lawther (Hubicka), Brenda Metcalfe (Taylorson) and Joyce Aylen (Hebeoss) managed to penetrate the fog, to Dorcas Ward's (Moorae) house at Kaling, for tea, and seem to have managed the journey home, though this must have been a nightmare! Miss Franklin and Bessie Dixon (Dunkley) had to turn back when they were very near to Kaling.

The Summer Reunion was once more held at Dorcas's House, and the following people were present: Edith Frederick (Burge), Bessie Dixon (Dunkley), Miss Franklin, Audrey Midwood, May Hood (Pomeroy), Dorcas and myself. Once more we were all pleased to renew the acquaintance of Dorcas's mother, also an Old Bedou, (Isabel Goodwell) and her three children, the eldest of whom had just won a scholarship. We were all very sorry that Miss Birchall and Miss Ewart could not be with us this time.

PAVILLIA TREMANT (Mrs. Beck), Hon. Sec.

172, Plumstead Common Road.

Social Service. The Committee thanks those members of the Guild who enable the work among old people to be continued.

The following sums have been raised: £8/18/6 by competitions and parties, £27/13/0 by donations. Over £11 of the latter came "in memory of Jean Powley" whose death depresses the Committee of a much-appreciated member. The money was used thus: £10 for parcels for 19 old people last Christmas, £7 for 14 old people at Easter, and some for smaller gifts as need arose. Also £1 and a plum pudding were sent to Sunderland Old People's Welfare Association's Christmas Party.

Fifteen old folk benefited by the kindness of Barnes School Infants and Juniors who sent us generous gifts for them from their Harvest Festival.

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A wireless set given by one Old Bedan was handed on to a sadly-crippled old lady, who loves to listen in and who was paying a weekly sum for Radiofusion which she could ill afford. She was delighted.

Another of our members continues to look after the same half-blind cripple whom we mentioned last year, and is still trying to find her a better room.

The Red Cross Library at Byhope General Hospital is run solely by the Guild of Old Bedans with Jessie Ridley (Pickard) as librarian. The Red Cross started us with 450 books; thanks to gifts from Old Bedans and friends we now have more than 900. We give out about 90 books on each weekly visit. In addition to our own work, we raised £20 for the Guild of Help's Autumn Market by running a cake stall, and morning coffee.

Will not those of you who cannot give personal help to your Guild's Social Service aid the work by a gift of money, books or magazines? All are acceptable and are put to good use. The members of the Committee work so willing and whole-heartedly that it is a pleasure to have to do with Old Bedans.

Committee: Elsie Davidson (Kirkwood); Rene Halliday (Downs); Vera Harrold; Kathleen Mair; Cathie McCree; Anne Mitchell (Crowe); Joan Newby, (White); Betty Peters (Spencer); Betty Poxley (Soakby); Jessie Ridley; Ethel Thompson; Gladys Thornley (Miller); Elsie Wilson (Hooker) and D. S. Arkle (Convener), 46, Ashwood Terrace.

SUMMARY OF ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING SEPTEMBER 23rd, 1953

48 members present.

New members welcomed by the President, Miss Neal.

Summary of Minutes of last Business Meeting.

Secretary's and Treasurer's Reports. Gist appears in various places in this "Old Bedan."

Constitution motion passed that "the Guild shall elect every two years a member of the School Staff (recommended by the Committee) to serve on the Committee. She will serve for two years then retire and not be eligible for re-election for at least one year."

Election of Office-Bearers and Committee for 1953-54.

Retiring Chairman's Remarks.

Reports on the Guild's Beach Clubs, Activities and "Old Bedan".

Allocation from Funds: One guinea for School Prize, one guinea for "Bedan" Competition Prize and three pounds for Social Service Activities.

Future Meetings: Winter Re-union Supper and Mystery Summer Outing.

Discussion re. memorial to Miss Hutchinson.

A MESSAGE FROM THE RETIRING CHAIRMAN

Let no one think there is anything arduous about holding the office of Chairman of the Guild of Old Bedans. My two years have passed quickly and pleasantly, working with a helpful, enterprising and willing committee.

With the passing of two years come changes. At the 1953 Business Meeting Miss Shearer retired from the Editorship of our magazine: in this she is irreplaceable, but your new editors are trying to maintain the high standard she set them.

At the 1952 General Meeting it was with regret that I had to speak of a dear friend of the Guild—Miss Hutchinson, one of the best-loved members of Staff ever to teach at Bede. One of my last official duties was, with Lena Thompson, to represent Old Bedeans at the Crematorium Service.

My thanks go to our invaluable Secretary and all committee members for their friendly help during my term of office.

The affection and esteem with which our new Chairman, Lena Thompson, is regarded by all who know her, will assure her of two years as your Chairman as happy as mine have been.

WINNIE THOMAS

SCHOOL NOTES

Staff

Goodbye to: Miss Holmes; Mrs. Seales; Mrs. Simson.
 Welcome to: Miss Wecklerburn; Mr. Shrimpton.
 Chairman of P. T. A. Miss Hayton.

Honours Won

School Captain and Vice-Captain: Joyce Eastgate, Sheila Thompson.
 State Scholarship: Edna Stranghan.
 Reserve list for State Scholarship: Muriel Hedley.
 Guild of Old Bedeans Prizes, 1952-3: Art: Gillian Rhymer, Kathleen Mowat. Bedeans Competition Prizes for Essays: Senior—Margaret Sherrock. Junior—Patricia Hannam.
 Sports Champions: Audrey Johnson; Marjorie Tweedie; Sylvia Frame.
 Junior County Hockey: 1st team—Edith Osborne. 2nd team—Sheila Thompson.

FROM NOVEMBER, 1951 TO NOVEMBER, 1952

These have become Life Members: Jean Bagley, Joyce Bagley, Eleanor Cartll, Marjorie Collin (Piper), Sheila Fenwick, Maureen Liddle, Joyce Orr (Snowdon), Nellie Smyth (Eades), Constance Warburton (Wilson), Hilda Weatherall, Nudge Welch, Hannah Wright (Tunn).

Girls

Peggy Allan; Marjorie Anderson; Rose Angus; Enid Bagley; Enid Bell; Zella Bowdidge; Joyce Bradley; Vera Brady; Alice Champress; Mollie Charlton (twice); Anne Chevalier; Irene Chivers; Edna Clement; Pauline Cragg; Rita Cragg; Lillian Dawson; Muriel Dodd; Alice Donkin; Eileen Easby; Margaret Edward; Mary Ferry; Rita Gertings; Doreen Graham; Eileen Graham; Mary Greenless; Jean Gowland; Blossom Greenwood; Lorna Groom; Joyce Haldon; Joyce Hebeon; Lillian Humman; Eveline Hunter; Marguerite Jessup; Sheila Johnston; Pat Kendall; Jean Kent; Jean Koch; Doreen Kewell; Lorna Macrobly; Rita Manning; Kathleen Marley; Joan Marshall (the second); Doreen Martin; Dorothy May; Eunice Milburn; Anne Mitchell; Margaret Mitchell; Nancy Oldfield; Audrey Myers; Olga Paltzer (twice); Marjorie Phillips; Olga Phoenix; Vera Price; Jean Pullan; Edna Richardson; Jean Richardson (the second); Brenda Riddle; Melva Ruxington; Barbara Robson; Joyce Robson (the second); Jean Rough; Mary Shea; Audrey Smith; Betty Smith; Kathleen Smith; Ella Selby; Margaret Sim; Vera Solomon; Joan Squires; Eva Stone; Joyce Tensdale; Kathleen Tensdale; Phyllis Tennant; Vera Thomas; Nora Thompson; Margaret Topps; Vivian Waddle; Gladys Watson; Nora Walker; Barbara Weather; Edna White; Joyce Williams; Marie Winter; Lily Wright; Olive Taylor; Rose Taylor.

Marriages since November 1952.

Kathleen Allen; Arne Bates; Mavis Berriman; Joyce Broderick; Elton Cameron; Pat Carty; Marjorie Carter; Joyce Fenwick; Eleanor Garraway; Margaret Graham; Audrey Hall; Joyce Harding; Cynweth Harms; Eva Hancock; Winifred Henderson; Joyce Hepple; Kathleen Humphrey; Cecelia Lakin; Kathleen Masley; Muriel Orr; Margaret Ponder; Jocelyn Pritchard; Audrey Reynolds; Edith Richardson; Vera Roberts; Betty Scott; Elizabeth Shephard; Joan Sigsworth; Louie Solley; Jean Somerville; Doreen Turnbull; Dorothy Waggott; Doreen Walker; Margaret Wilson; Dorothy Young.

In Memoriam

Margaret Bigelow (Mrs. Wilson); Minnie Chelton (Mrs. Dobbie); Audrey Hall (Mrs. Crombie); Ethel Hands (Mrs. Wood); Edence Hoole (Mrs. Smart); Marie Hurwitz; Lily A. Hutchinson; Leah Jeans (Mrs. Kibickly); Jean Fosley; Jean Rogers; Jessie Spier; Kathleen Stothard (Mrs. Collinson).

"CRUTCH"

Of all those who served and made our School, surely none has given more to it than Lily Hutchinson, and none won and kept more certainly, not only our respect and gratitude, but also our warm affection. She had a keen brain and exceptional ability as a teacher and an organizer, she was a born leader and kindly; she could have gone far. We are glad and proud that she stayed with us.

So many tributes, spoken and written, have been paid to her by Old Bedans and colleagues, that it is difficult to say anything that has not already been said better. And is there need to remind Old Bedans what "Crutch" has always stood for to them? According to their generation, they have their own special memories of her, and some memories all of us share. She liked to teach, and she brought the same success, the same encouraging enthusiasm to Hockey or Mathematics, Singing or English. She taught Bedans not only to sing, but what is much more, to *love* to sing. In January 1950, left alone, young and timid, to take for the first time the whole school for singing, she was terrified!

How many times after that, did school stand in front of her, confidently and joyfully waiting to sing? It seems fitting that for most of us the last memory of her is of her conducting the School Song in April 1950 at the Dinner that celebrated the 50th birthday of the school to which she gave so much.

Knowing and trusting her practical commonsense, her immediate grasp of essentials, her honesty of judgment, her far-seeing view and her personal interest in one, pupils, colleagues and friends came for her help and counsel on every conceivable matter; and that help never failed.

As Old Bedans loved and trusted L. H., so did she them, and the welfare of this Guild was dear to her. When she was no longer able to be present at our meetings, she looked forward to hearing about them, never failed to send us greeting, and was always anxious to have the latest news of all individual Old Bedans.

As, coaching the first hockey teams, and throughout her life of service to Bede School, she taught many a Bedan "to play the game" in all senses of the word, so, during the past two and a half years of growing weakness and sometimes acute illness, did she fight what she knew to be her own losing battle with cheerful fortitude, and kept to the last her own bright indomitable spirit.

We Bedans mourn her passing, but nothing can take away those things she gave that lie deep in the character and the heart of most of us.

Misses. The Guild as a body, and numberless Old Bedans personally, have sustained a great loss by the death of Miss Hutchinson on August 29th; her passing leaves a gap that cannot be filled. A few Old Bedans were able to attend the Commission service, among them Miss Elliott. Those who did not know in time will be glad that the Guild sent flowers and were represented by the Chairman and Vice-Chairman.

Old Bedans will be sorry to learn also of the death of Minnie Charlton (Mrs. Dodds), an Old Bedan as well as a former member of staff. Many of them remember with gratitude her live and interesting Geography lessons.

Miss I. O. M. Harris retired in July from her post at the Northern School of Cookery. We send her good wishes for the future and hope to see her now at all our meetings. She has again visited Miss Birchall who, she says, "is really very well and sprightly."

After a year spent in part-time teaching until a successor could be found, Miss Andrey Lodge retired from all school work in July. Miss Lamb retired from a year's work in South Africa last year, is teaching at Rye Grammar School; and is living in Rye. Gladys Littlehales (Deane) has been teaching Domestic Science at West Park Central School since January and enjoys it very much. Miss Orme is well and happy in her work at Bury. Mrs. Nicholson has given up her teaching post. Since her visit to Sunderland she has enjoyed much of the Edinburgh Festival and "discovered" Aberdeen—"What a lovely city!" Miss Ward is an active and popular member of the staff of Neville's Cross College.

Miss Lloyd has recently returned from her holiday in Rhodesia.

Marjell Bruce (Anderson) continues to devote a great part of her time to Red Cross Library work; she and Miss Arkle again fought for holidays. Miss Shearer has several times won the prizes offered by the Modern Language Association for translations in verse of French and German poems.

Miss Hilda Nact's has visited Sunderland three times this year. We have been pleased too to see Miss Ewart, Miss Orme and Mrs. Nicholson if only for a short time. Miss Ewart was obliged to miss the last two London meetings, much to her disappointment. She keeps in touch with quite a number of Old Bedans, however, primarily Edith Rosendick (Barge), who also lives in Reading. Miss Franklin attends the London meetings regularly. Miss Marsh (Hartlett) is living in Grimsby where Miss Harding stayed with her this summer.

Mrs. Montgomerie (Mrs. Muir) and Mrs. Muir (Miss Rutter) have each had a son, and Mrs. Sealey a daughter.

Qualifications, Degrees, etc., since December, 1952:

- Sheelagh Brooks—B.A. Modern Languages (King's).
 Pat Kendall and Jean Rosenstein—M.B.E.S. Durham.
 Beryl Fitzgerald—British Orthoptic Board Diploma.
 Marjell Malone—Proebel A. Certificate 1952.

Careers

Schools and Colleges: Agnes Hunter is lecturing in English at Durlington Training College. Joan Lockroy teaches Domestic Science at North Shields, and Sheila Fenwick in Sunderland. Marjorie Madson is teaching in the Grammar School at Kendal. Joyce Veitch is teaching in the Kindergarten of a small boarding school near Winchester. Ruth Donkin is teaching History at Hebham. Two Old Bedans took over the headships of new schools in September—Doris Wilson at Quarry Vew Infants and Marion Preece at Hastings Hill Infants.

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Mavis Milburn is now studying Interior Decoration at Leeds College of Art. She recently lectured to the Teachers' Training Department in Leeds on "Legends and Superstitions of Sunderland and District."

Hospitals and Chemistry: Jean Rosenstein is House-Doctor at the General Hospital, Haregate. Eva Campbell, a qualified doctor, is doing maternity work in Hull. She expects to go abroad as a medical missionary. Ruth Richardson is Matron of a hospital at Winchcomb, near Cheltenham. Sheila Gallon, an electro-encephalographer, is now at St. John's Hospital, Aylsbury.

Dulcie Armstrong is working at the Eye Hospital in Sheffield, though living in Doncaster. Adna Wright is now at Sunderland Eye Infirmary. Marjorie Liddie is dispensing at Acomb, York. Kathleen Carter (Gorringe) manages a branch of Timothy Whites & Taylors at Horden.

The Arts.

Music: Ethna Spencer played at a concert in Manchester—as accompanist and in two-piano items with her tutor from Wynyard Hall. Joyce White gained her A.R.C.M. diploma in pianoforte teaching, passed a special harmony examination set by the Royal College of Music, and is now reading for her B. Mus. degree (external). Before leaving Roker for Rome, Marjorie Jackson won the Morison Trophy for the best voice in the North. She studied at the Scuola di Bel Canto in Rome and rehearsed the leading mezzo-soprano role in "Il Trovatore." Recently she left home for a Scandinavian tour.

Art: Eusevia Anderson, who teaches at Sunderland School of Art, had two designs for souvenirs to commemorate the Coronation approved by the Council of Industrial Design. One design is of a small cushion in pale blue furnishing satin with three lions in tan silk on one side, and the Royal Cypher and date, on the reverse. The other is a set of place mats in silver grey rayon with the Imperial Crown, initials, and date embroidered in black white and lemon-yellow in the centre. Both were executed mainly on a domestic sewing machine. Eusevia Anderson is known to a wide public through her talks to various women's organisations in the North-East, and also from her collaboration with a professional potter who is fulfilling orders for Coronation souvenir pottery for the U.S.A.

Sport.

Tennis: Audrey Jordan won the ladies' handicap singles event at the County Tournament at Ashbrooke. Hester Downs and Dorothy Grierson retained the Agatha Cup for ladies doubles in their Sunderland and District League event.

Badminton: Dorothy Young (Wheldon) and Dorothy Grierson played for Sunderland in an inter-town match.

Hockey: Joan Bewick played for Durham County and was a North Reserve. J. Keir and Audrey Knight played for the second XI. Lena Thompson is honorary treasurer for Durham County Hockey Association, and a North selector.

All hockey enthusiasts in the North-East have cause to be grateful to Lena for her successful efforts to have an international match staged in Sunderland in March. It was thrilling to see the English and Welsh teams in action at Ashbrooke and several Old Belians were present at the dinner given in honour of the Welsh players, including Mary Mackintosh and Winnie Scott who helped to entertain the company.

From the pen of Jean's Day (with apologies to Longfellow)—

" Ye who love a nation's legends
 Love the ballads of a people,
 Listen to this Northern story
 To this tale of Lena Thompson
 She it was, the North selector
 She the mighty organizer
 She who sent the correspondence,
 Sent the circulars and missives,
 Sent the tickets and instructions,
 Sent the telegrams and tickets,
 Made arrangements complicated
 After many years of striving
 For a Northern international
 It was vital, it was urgent
 The event should be successful."
 It was—thank you, Lena!

Golf: At the annual meeting of the Wearside Golf Club, Kathleen Carr (Ritch) and Hilda Edwards (Shaw) were presented with the Jopling cups; Hilda Edwards also received the Vice-Captain's prize.

Flying: Norma Parnaby, after winning a "JAC Scholarship a year ago, has been awarded her pilots "A" licence.

Netball: Hilda Johnson, and Sheila and Jean Bagley play on the County Netball team. Hilda is secretary of the Durham County Netball Association.

Home of Married Bedans. Brenda Riddell, Sheffield; Jean Richardson, Fountham; Ethel Scott, Carlisle; Dorothy Veitch, Farnborough; Brenda Scott, Leeds; Winifred Sangster, Brighton; Joyce Veitch, Mitchelmore; Hester Marion Richardson, Glasgow; Grace Gillespie, Edinburgh; Isabella Bell, Liverpool; Violet Fisher, London; Kathleen Laws, Pinner; Emily Adey, Reigate; Winnie Hall, London; Kathleen Humphrey, Carlisle; May Welch, Doncaster; Ray Lock, Cheshire; Eileen Wood, Manchester.

Home from Abroad. Mariel Anderson from Cyprus, Hilda Hansen from Aden, Ellen Whiting from South Africa, Joyce Veitch from Jamaica, Marjorie Hudson from Egypt, and Alice Turner from Germany, where she has been teaching English children.

Changes of Address. Hilda Andrews (Moore) to Kirkland, Kendall; Maureen Little to York; Unita Magrill to Manchester; Clara Buckley (who retired at Christmas) to Monkseaton and Bertha Lawrence (Sottle) to Sunderland, after living in Manchester for many years.

News of Bedans Abroad. Blossom Greenwald (Mayer) is living in Israel; Norma Treshitt (Watt) has emigrated to Australia; Ella Richardson (Simmons) lives in Canada where her sister Dorothy visited her last year. Shelagh Brooks is teaching English for a year in a girls' school in France. Margaret Banks has gone to Southern Rhodesia to work as a retail pharmacist. Nancy Robinson (Perlick) has been home and has now returned to Canada; she was pleased to visit this country but prefers life in Canada. Mary Davidson grows medicinal plants, and lectures on them to the students of Kansas College of Technology. Joyce Peaine (Ayles) teaches at the Church Missionary Girls' School at Agra in India. She works in other villages on her mission work in India. Dorothy Gibson (Richardson) left for Singapore in October. The social services committee and Ilberus gave her a hilarious send-off party. After two years' training in Glasgow, Ethel Foreman has taken up a missionary appointment in Northern Nigeria. Elsie White, in Vancouver, had her last holiday in Bermuda, which she loved in spite of having spent two days in hospital as the result of a motor-cycle accident. Her sister, Winnie (Cooper) and her family had a motor-trip to

Yellowstone National Park, and Salt Lake City. Vera Kitchen, a nurse in Northern Canada for the past five years, was the only white woman among Eskimo settlements, visiting patients by air, and by sledge drawn by huskies. Now, in a nursing post near Calgary, she is working in a Red Indian settlement.

In Public Life. Flossie Jones (Warden) is the first woman President of the Sunderland and District Branch of National Union of Metal Craftsmen. At a recent meeting she was the first woman ever to act as chairman. Edith Gibson is the only woman member of the Hospitals Regional Board. Nellie Blacklock (Hedley) is Vice-Chairman of Sunderland Old People's Welfare Committee. Grace Wood lectures to Durham Local Education Authority Drama tutors. She is also Religious Educational Adviser to Mothers' Unions in the diocese of Durham. Th's entails speaking to Mothers' Unions and Sunday schools in many different places. Marjorie Walker (Cuthbertson) is Editor of the Sunderland Training College Old Students Association Magazine.

Elna Nelson (McBain) spoke on "Life and Works of Robert Louis Stevenson" at a meeting of the Sunderland Burns Club.

Meetings. Margaret Turner spent a few days with Ethel Russell (Carr) during the summer holidays at Ethel's new house in Alton. Maude and Dorothy Wilson, sisters of our Miss Wilson, at Cotherstone, keep in touch with Mary and Annie Potts, Dorothy Goodair and other Old Belians, and were recently visited by Miss Arble and Miss Shaver. Joyce Veitch (Hearne) stayed with Dorothy Carlyn at Easter th's year. Miss Arble and Miss Shaver met Dora McCre (Piggott) on holiday from Nottingham; Winnie Wilkinson who keeps in touch with Muriel Jeffrey now teaching in Mirfield. Dora Hyeman (Chappell) who had recently seen Irene Stephenson (Marple) and had also spent a night at Lillian Thompson's (Marley) in Edinburgh.

Miss Arble met Dorothy Hearne, who was on the point of leaving to take a post in Malaya; and on visiting Miss Shaver's allotment was asked by a passer-by if she could let her have some parsley; the latter turned out to be Mollie Topel. Miss Shaver has met Bess Tindale (Darling) and Elsie Scott (Reck) both of whom live in Monkton; and has been visited by Phyllis Tennant (Beck) from London.

Jean Boswell (Rough) discovered Elizabeth Taylor working in an antique shop in Whitby, while Evelyn Blackett (Brown) in Sunderland for the day, found herself at the same cafe table as Elsie Rogers. Eva McCrick (Millean) and Elsie Davidson met at the London Airport and exchanged news of Old Belians.

While on holiday in Harrogate, Ellen Carl's met Jean Howson—who is a house-doctor at the Harrogate General Hospital.

During one week in August this year, a group of Old Belians could be found every evening in the coffee room at Otterburn Hall. They were Madge Welch, Marjorie Smyth (Sanderson), Marjorie Jackson (Squires), Elsie Davidson and Winnie Scott. At her moorland cottage among the Rothbury hills, Mary Mackintosh entertained Hilda Edwards and Kathleen Carr. Re-unions at Old Belians' cottages also include an impromptu picnic one hot August afternoon, in the garden of Elsie Wilson's Teesdale cottage, when Edith Wilson renewed old acquaintance with Dora Septon and Ethel Thompson. Edith Alexander paid several visits to Dora's upper Teesdale cottage.

At the South Africa v. North of England Hockey Match at Newcastle, many Old Belians were among the spectators. Lena Thompson met Miss Macpherson, Jessie Kell, Mary Baker and Alice Brown (Rindle) with her

daughter Jennifer. The following day, the South African girls were entertained at Durham, and Old Bedens invited to meet them over tea were Jean Brewis, Jean Sangster, Miss Metcalf and the School Captain.

NOTABLE OCCASIONS

A golden wedding celebrated recently was that of Gladys Littleboyles' mother and father, both old pupils of our school.

Gwen Marley had the honour of being invited to a garden party at Buckingham Palace this year.

FROM YOUR LETTERS

From Elizabeth Carr (Hosman) Middlesbrough. "I do like to follow the fortunes of the Guild."

Maureen Liddle (Accomb, York) "The business is a very busy one being 50 per cent a country shop with many people cycling in from the surrounding villages, with county speech, and manners, and friendliness." From Brenda Riddles (White) "Here in Sheffield I have many opportunities for both hearing and making music. The high-light last year was a visit to London with the Sheffield Philharmonic Chorus. We gave a performance of "A Dream of Gerontius" in the Festival Hall with the Hallé Orchestra."

From Helen Reed (Perry) "We are really settled in Sanderson now and love the district. Anne's Anderson spent a full day with us recently. We are only 9 miles from Chartwell and usually take our visitors past the famous house—but we've not seen the famous man himself—only his dog!"

From Marjorie Kirtley (Herts.). "My booklet—'Jays of Other Lands'—consists of songs introduced to children with little talks. I helped Dr. Northcote and Dr. Wiseman by writing song lyrics for 'The Charendon Folk Songs'."

From Edna Riseborough (Brett) "I had been trailing round shops all the afternoon and was glad to be home. I opened the door to find a scrap of paper in the hall. I picked it up, read it, and nearly hit the ceiling in my excitement. "Mrs. Brett" it read "You have won half share in the Fashion Contest and may have either £250 cash or a £75 T.V. Set, two 20 guinea seats with all expenses paid to see the Coronation, and a cheque for £125." Well, for quite some minutes I could hardly believe my good fortune, but after having read the note countless times, and telephoning the London office of the newspaper, as requested, decided it must be true. Then the planning started. By the time I'd thought of all the things I wanted to buy, I realised I'd have to win another contest outright to get them. However in due course we chose the T.V., and then had the anticipation of the Coronation trip. Everything was provided in luxury style for this occasion by the newspaper proprietors, beginning with 1st class rail tickets and hotel accommodation. Seats were booked for dinner in Soho on the eve of the Coronation. Then the great day dawned—we had taxis to take us up to Aquascutum House in Regent St., where wonderful food was provided for breakfast, lunch and tea. The colour of the Procession was magnificent and the State Coach absolutely unforgettable. Taxis took us back to our hotel, then out to dinner and later to see the Illuminations and Fireworks. Altogether a very wonderful, unforgettable day."

From Alice Lawther (Hibicka) S. Kensington. "The December London Re-Union was held on the third day of the GREAT FOG. We had to feel our way to Doreen's from the Tube Station, and were conveyed back to the Station afterwards by her husband, armed with a bicycle lamp."

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From Mary Robertson (Clifton-on-Sea). "Yes, the Floods here were as bad as anywhere, and the death-roll proportionately higher than elsewhere, but we escaped personal trouble. However, it has been possible to help in various ways with clothing, feeding and cleaning. The students undertook cooking for the helpess."

From Elsa Garbutt (Poshter) Kenya. "A state of EMERGENCY was declared a short while ago and all European women and children were gathered up and taken to 'concentration centres'. There we lived with an armed guard while our husbands went into camp and became full-time policemen. There were fourteen people living in the house to which I was taken. One or two of the children had whooping-cough, so it was not long before all the children in the house were coughing. In spite of this, the children revelled in all the excitement. They slept on the floor, had most of their meals picnic-fashion, were damped in the bath two and three at a time, and thought the whole adventure great fun. The fact that rifles were propped up in the corners of the rooms did not seem to interest them at all. The women carried revolvers or automatics. We were torn between the fear that the guns might go off when they shouldn't and the conviction that they wouldn't go off when they should! One of the men in the district was remarking the other day, that the women had been very good over this emergency business—no panic, no fuss. We told him that we had not time to worry about the *Moo-Man* with a galaxy of Hollywood stars living in the district, making films. Having watched Mr. Clark Gable rescue women from earthquakes, gangsters and floods, I feel sure that saving me from the *Moo-Man* will be a little matter that Mr. Gable will take in his stride."

From Rosale Walker (Basker). "This is my fifth year in America. I am very happy here. Children in America are more precocious than English children—child talks to teacher and student to professor as equals, yet authority is respected and maintained. Shopping is a pleasure and housework, with all its modern conveniences, is not drudgery any more. I was struck by the cleanliness here in Utah."

From Joyce Prince (Ayles) India. "Old restrictions and customs are passing away very rapidly, and new conventions of behaviour have not been formed, so that boys and girls who, a few years ago, would probably not have been allowed to look at each other, are thrown side by side to forge a new pattern of life."

EDITORIAL POSTSCRIPT

It is encouraging to know that the Guild membership is increasing; our only regret is that we lose "new" Old Bedlams for some years after leaving school. If any of you can bring some of these straying lambs to the fold, we shall be delighted!

We congratulate Phyllis Tennant (Beck) as Secretary of the London Branch, and Dorcas Ward (Macrae) who so often acts as histress, on keeping alive the London Branch of the Guild.

Our thanks for help in producing this copy of the magazine, go to Mr. Milner Taylor for auditing, to Olga Wright for typing, and to all those who have written such interesting letters. We often hear appreciative comments from people who have enjoyed reading news of old school friends, so we appeal to you ALL to do your best to collect some accurate news items, and pass it on to us before next November. E.T. W.T.

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS ON AUGUST 31st, 1933

Summary of Balance Sheet for the Year—September 1st, 1932, to August 31st, 1933

RECEIPTS		EXPENDITURES	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Subscriptions	—	Stationery, Printing and "Old Books"	18 18 0
Interest	..	Postage and Telegraphs	9 1 8
Balance from Receipts	..	Gifts	9 2 2
"Portrait" and Letters (charity donations)	..	Balance on Year's Working	31 8 8
	£68 10 7		£68 10 7

TOTAL FUNDS

Balance on August 31st, 1932	£	s.	d.	Made up as follows:—	£	s.	d.
Balance on Year's Working	..	..	..	31 1/2 War Stock	..	..	..
	..	..	..	3 1/2 Defence Bonds	..	..	..
	..	..	..	Balance In Bank—	..	..	..
	..	..	..	Deposit Account	..	..	..
	..	..	..	Current Account	..	..	..
	..	..	..	Cash in Hand	..	..	..
	£443	18	10		£443	18	10

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

J. M. TAYLOR, September 14th, 1933.

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