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1956

The Guild of Old Bedans

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INFORMATION FOR MEMBERS

Annual Subscription: 2/6d. for 1956-57, due on September 1st, 1956.
Life Subscription: £3 3s. 0d.

MEMBERSHIP: On August 31st, 1956, the membership was 501, including 236 Life Members, but 25 have not yet paid 1955-56 subscriptions.

The Winter Re-union will be held in School on Friday, January 25th, and a Dinner at the Seaburn Hotel on Friday, April 5th.

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

Social Service. Here is a short account of the activities of the Social Service during the year since last September.

- (1) We sent the usual parcels of groceries and some money for fuel to 21 needy households at Christmas, spending £22.
- (2) At Easter we spent £17 10s. 9d on 23 gifts, largely groceries and fuel.
- (3) We delivered 18 baskets of fruit and vegetables kindly sent to us by Barnes Junior and Infant Schools, and by Hylton Road Junior School.
- (4) We undertook to provide the cakes, sweets and cooked foods stall at the Guild of Help Autumn Market in October and we raised £31 17s. 6d. for them.

For these activities, which we hope are doing something to help a small section of the community, we need money. This is how we got it:—

- (1) The G.O.B. granted us £5 last September.
- (2) Donations from Old Bedans and friends £14 15s. 6d.
- (3) Individual efforts e.g. parties—£9 4s. 6d., Raffles—£1, and odd sales—£2 15s. 10½d. Total, £31 0s. 4½d.
- (4) Coffee Morning in the Conservative Rooms, £8.
- (5) Bring and Buy Stall at above, £7.

Old Bedans headed by Margaret Hunter and Cathie McCree run the Red Cross Library at Ryhope General Hospital and their regular work is much appreciated.

The Committee wished to include in their number the Chairman of the Guild, by virtue of her office. They were very glad to welcome Margaret Turner this year.

Two members visit "Wayside" for the Guild and found several Old Bedans there. They take little gifts, e.g. a cake or some sweets and are now included in "The Friends of Wayside" on behalf of the G.O.B.

We are glad of all the support generous Old Bedans give us and we should like to thank all those who have helped the Social Service during the past year.

The Hockey Club. We began the season with a full fixture list, but due to bad weather many of the matches were cancelled.

The results were as follows:—Played, 6, Won 4, Lost 1, Drew 1. Goals for 17, Goals against 9. Matches cancelled 12.

The first Tournament was held at Thorney Close and the Old Bedans were runners-up in their section. The second tournament was at West Hartlepool where we were in a stronger section and we were second out of four teams beating Norton "A" for the first time in a tournament for a few seasons.

We again experienced difficulty in falling membership, having only eight or nine regular players, we hope to be able to do something about this before next season begins.

In closing we would like to thank Miss Mowl for the use of the School premises and pitches and the Officers of the Guild of Old Bedans, for their continued interest.

PAT KIRTLEY, 41 Mount Road, MARGARET PARKER, 5 Markham Av., Wharfedale.	}	Joint Secretaries.
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London Guild of Old Bedans. The Winter Re-union was held on Saturday, 10th December, 1955, at the flat of Doris Clayburn (Mrs. James). The inevitable "tea and talk" were much enjoyed by Miss Birchall, Joyce Hebron (Mrs. Ayles), Nancy Lawther (Mrs. Hubicki), Doreen Ward (Mrs. Macrae), Isobel Lundy (Mrs. Munro), Alice Munro, Mary Thirlbeck (Mrs. Post), Brenda Metcalfe (Mrs. Taylorson), Kitty Clayburn (Mrs. Cooper), Joan Hebron (Mrs. Toon), Lena Lee (Mrs. Bridges), and also Doris Clayburn's sister Elaine (Mrs. Oliver) on holiday from Sunderland, and myself.

The Summer Re-union was to have been held at the home of Nancy Lawther, but, unfortunately, her daughter, Olga, developed German measles; however, Nancy very expeditiously arranged for our venue to be transferred to the premises where she works in Crosswell Road. This meeting took place on Saturday, 12th May, 1956, and was attended by Joyce Hebron (Mrs. Ayles), Edith Broderick (Mrs. Barge), Doreen Ward (Mrs. Macrae), Audrey Midwood, Mary Thirlbeck (Mrs. Post), Lena Lee (Mrs. Bridges), and myself.

PHYLLIS TENNANT (Mrs. Beck),
172 Hamstead Common Road,
London, S.E.18.

SUMMARY OF ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

25th September, 1956.

28 members present.

Members welcomed by the President, Miss Moad.

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

Election of Office Bearers and Committee for 1956-57.

Chairman's Remarks.

Reports on the Branch Clubs, Social Service Activities and "Old Bedan".

Allocation from Funds: One guinea for School Prize, one guinea for "Bedan" Competition.

Future Meetings:—Winter Re-union, a Dinner Re-union and a Summer Outing.

THE LILY A. HUTCHINSON MEMORIAL FUND

The following volumes have been added to those listed in last year's "Old Bedan":

- The Hero in Eclipse by Mario Praz.
- The Poetical Works of John Milton. Volumes I & II.
- Six Great Poets by Aubrey de Selincourt.
- Selections from Samuel Johnson edited by R. W. Chapman.
- Sons and Lovers by D. H. Lawrence.
- The White Peacock by D. H. Lawrence.
- New Poems—1955 edited by P. Dickinson, J. C. Hall and E. Marx.
- The Idiot by Dostoevsky.
- Crime and Punishment by Dostoevsky.
- Webster's Dictionary of Synonyms.

Essays and Studies—1956 (Jubilee Volume) collected by Sir George Rostrevor Hamilton.

The Power and the Glory by Graham Greene.

England Made Me by Graham Greene.

Critical Essays by George Orwell.

Classical Influences on English Prose by J. A. K. Thomson.

Jane Austen Letters—1796-1817 selected and edited by R. W. Chapman.

The English Sense of Humour by Harold Nicolson.

Chosen Words by Ivor Brown.

Dylan Thomas by Derek Stanford.

Marianne Thornton by E. M. Foster.

SCHOOL NOTES

STAFF CHANGES FROM JANUARY, 1956:—

Goodbye to:—Miss Doris Crosby, Mrs. Slade and Miss Wedderburn who was sailing on December 28th for Port of Spain, Trinidad. She is taking up a three years appointment at the Girls' High School there.

Welcome to:—Mrs. Lewis, Miss Powell.

Chairman of P.T.A.:—Mr. E. Henderson.

Vice-Chairman:—Mr. R. Taylor (Staff).

School Captain:—Valerie Cathbertson.

Vice-Captain:—Joan Lister.

G.O.B. PRIZES:—Best Essay: Margarita Trueman, Sylvia Truether.

Art: Marie Scott.

LILY A. HUTCHINSON MEMORIAL PRIZE:—

English — Dorothy New.

French — Barbara Tunn.

LOAN AND SCHOLARSHIP FUND PRIZES:—

Dorothy Allen, Ruth Crompton, Ann Foster, Joan Johnson, Margarita Trueman.

SPORTS CHAMPIONS:—Senior: Hilary Wheale.

Middle: Winifred Pickering.

Junior: Carol Cooper.

FROM NOVEMBER, 1955, TO NOVEMBER, 1956.

THESE HAVE BECOME LIFE MEMBERS:—Eileen Brown, Nonah Hunter, Flora McDonald.

These have become Members during the past year:—Kathleen Allen (Brown), Audrey Almond, Irene Andrews (Goodchild), Dorothy Biescorn (Manning), Mabel Brown, Joan Brooks (Richards), Gladys Barrell, Ethel Chapman (Gardlan), Owen Clark (Cummings), Kitty Clayburn (Cooper), Doris Crosby, Margaret Crow (Hotherington), Marjorie Cockrell (Snowdon), Cecily Dennis (Tunst), Peggy Donville (Reynolds), Eileen Doxford (Jeffrey), Ruth Dorton, Shirley Dunkin, Barbara Emerson (Carney), Jean English, Dorothy Fox (Osterburn), Joyce Haldon (Harrison), Iris Harvey, Jessie Hebdon, Joan Hebron (Toon), Doris Henderson (Wilson), Aileen Henderson, Sheila Humphrey, Mary Johnson (Coatsworth), Hilda Lawson, Lena Lee (Bridges), Irene McLachlan (Jameson).

Eunice Milburn (Siddle), Edith Osborne) Morag Philip, Joyce Prince (Ayles), Pat Potts (Chase), Mildred Raine (Elison), Gillian Rhymer, Mildred Ross, Margaret Short, Shirley Sinclair (Russell), Freda Smith (Phillips), Violet Smith, Winifred Talbot, Sheila Thompson, Mary Thurlbeck (Post), Marjorie Whiting (Smith), Peggy Whiting (Carr), Ivy Whorlton (Ball), Lilian Wood (McLachlan).

Married are:—Greta Beadle, Margaret Berry, Muriel Blair, Norma Burnside, Eileen Chambers, Ethel Chapman, Margaret Chappell, Heather Crawford, Doris Crosby, Audrey Goldsbrough, Jean Elliott, Florence Farrow, Greta Gibson, Peggy Gould, Betty Hewitson, Joyce Horn, Joan Lockenby, Ida Lilian Magog, Marguerite Maughan, Marjorie McCluskey, Norma Farnaby, Thelma Richardson, Isabel Koffe, Gertrude Schiffman, Marjorie Snowball, Kathleen Thompson, Marie Walker.

Babies to:—Audrey Anderson, Eileen Barken, Mavis Berriman, Kathleen Berlace, Joan Brooks, Moira Cuddeford, Jean Eldon, Ethel Foreman, Helen Garrick, Daisy Gettings, Monty Graham, Jean Hamilton, Joan Haswell, Kathleen Jockey, Joyce Lindsay, Sheila Marsh, Anne McKenny, Scovel Miller, Olga Palmer, Joyce Pillars, Audrey Potts, Dorothy Pellan, Audrey Ragg, Joan Reed, Betty Rough, Jean Rough, Dorcas Sharp, Joan Sigworth, Margaret Summerside, Sheila Taylor, Kathleen Teasdale, Janet Walton, Joyce Whorlton, Dorothy Williams, Edna White, Rita Wood, Teresa Worthingham, Audrey Wrang, Joan Halsey, Joyce Williams, Winifred Latham.

In Memoriam:—Lena Anderson (Mrs. Plumptre); Lena Bestell; Florence Branfoot (Mrs. Coupland); Nancy Crute (Mrs. Watson); Miss A. Guthrie (Mrs. Williams); Miss Maud Patterson (of U.S.A.); Flo Stone (Mrs. Baylor); Dorothy Wilson (of Cuthberton); Mabel Winton; Marjorie Hodgson (Mrs. Cobourne) died in Sydney, Australia, 19/11/55.

Missesses. We are sorry to have to record the death of two people who for a time gave service to school. Miss A. B. M. Guthrie (Mrs. Williams), who died recently is remembered as a member of staff very popular with the girls in the earlier days of the school. She was treasurer of the Schweitzer Hospital Fund in England and Dr. Schweitzer was her guest during his visit to London.

Miss M. Patterson, an American teacher who exchanged posts for a year with Miss Franklin, enjoyed her stay here; we all liked her, and several people kept in touch with her to the end.

For years we have been asked by many Old Bedans "what happened to Miss Stokes?" Always we had to say, "No one knows". Then quite by chance we learn that the Mother of an Old Bedan heard from her at intervals. Miss Stokes lives in her own house in Polperro and is very happy there—in fact she has never left Cornwall since she settled there. She has a big garden, and still paints. Recently she sent to a friend in Sunderland a catalogue of which she had designed the frontispiece for a local art exhibition. She had also exhibited and sold several of her paintings at this Cornish exhibition.

Miss Ewart is back at home in Reading and we are glad to say, recovered from her illness last year. Miss Haggart has seen Miss Reynolds (Mrs. Holmes) in Edinburgh. Miss Parker (Mrs. Horton) recently paid a visit to Sunderland and called upon Miss Arkle. Miss Joyce Harris spent a weekend in Sunderland this year. We are very glad that Miss Wilman has recovered from her recent operation and is back at school. We welcomed Miss Lloyd back to the fold at the Dinner in April, and she was delighted with us!

Old mistresses still resident in Sunderland carry on, though Miss Shearer has had to be away from home from May to November. All Old Bedans missed her very much at the meetings, and are glad to welcome her back again into their midst.

CAREERS.

Kathleen Moses has completed a 3-year course at the Occupational Therapy Centre, London, and now has a post at St. Nicholas' Hospital, Gosforth.

Joyce White is teaching music at Consett Grammar School. In the 1956 examinations held by the University of London she passed the Intermediate B music examination.

Edna Hornsby was ordained as a deaconess of the Methodist Church in April by Dr. Leslie Weatherhead. She served her probationary period as a deaconess at Manchester and Stockton. Barbara Watson is nursing at St. Mary's Convalescent Home. The particular house in which she works was given to the Hospital by Peter Fleming.

Anne Ruth Wilson is a cataloguer at the Scottish National Library, Edinburgh, and talked to the Duke of Edinburgh when the Queen and he opened the Library recently.

Margaret Chilton is teaching History and Art at Blackburn High School.

In February on Ward 18 of the Royal Infirmary, Sunderland, five of the Staff were Old Bedams—Sheila Wilson (house doctor), Geraldine Cook (Tasker), Sister, and three student nurses one of whom was Margaret Brown. Margaret is now working as a pupil midwife at Farnborough, Kent.

Mona Philip is a tuberculosis Health Visitor in Edinburgh, which involves arranging X-rays of contact cases, industrial visiting to factories, skin-testing children and three-monthly visits to homes of former T.B. patients, talks to Townswomen's Guilds, Youth Clubs, etc., on the prevention of tuberculosis.

Elsie Cairns has her own chemist's shop in Stockton.

Mary Robertson is now Principal of the F.L. Calder College of Domestic Science, Liverpool.

Three Old Bedams are teaching at Sunderland High School. Vera Harrauld is teaching Divinity and English, Marjell Orr (Mrs. Sheriff) is taking Science, and Betty Sayers, English. Betty recently spent five years in New Zealand and taught in a private school, a city high school for girls and in a co-educational district high school during her stay there.

Moira Prier has a post as assistant scientific officer in palaeontology (the study of extinct organisms) at the British Museum of Natural History, London.

The Arts.

Miss Dorothy Elliott, whom many Old Bedams will remember teaching Art at Bede and at Sunderland Training College, took part, with seven other members of the North East Branch of The Embroiderers' Guild, in embroidering a series of panels illustrating different techniques of embroidery. The idea for the subject "Noah's Ark", came from Miss Elliott, and during three meetings with the other members, the basic design was agreed upon, and ideas of colour and treatment interchanged. Then each concentrated on the final detail of her own technique. Each panel is interesting individually but more so when mounted and taking its place in the series. Noah's Ark with formal clouds and waves, is common to all, and a surrounding scroll including the words "The Animals went in Two by Two" But the animals vary, chosen carefully for their suitability to different techniques. There are benevolently solid elephants (in wool), heraldic-looking

horses (in applique) delightfully "Landscape" lions (in drawn fabric). Subsidiary animals (always in their pairs) include ladybirds, squirrels, doves and snails. This series of embroidered panels has been on view at the Royal Water Colour Galleries in London, then in Edinburgh and Sunderland. The exhibit won first prize in the 1956 National Competition of the Embroiderers' Guild.

Patricia Beattie won the speech championship and two other first prizes at a Darlington Competitive Musical Festival for verse speaking and reading. She is now taking a two-year course at Darlington Training College.

Marjorie Jackson was placed second in the regional contest of the Kathleen Ferrier competition at Stockton.

Despite losing her voice a few hours before she had to appear in her dramatic recitation class in the North of England Musical Tournament at Newcastle, Marcia Bainbridge won the Lee Dixon Memorial Trophy, an award recognised as a stepping stone to a professional stage debut. Marcia is now teaching at Bushey, Herts.

In Public Life.

Lydia Hill was elected an alderman this year. She is also a magistrate.

Evelyn Blacklock was invited to attend a garden party at Buckingham Palace in July. Martha Potts, head teacher of High Southwick Primary Girls' School was awarded the M.B.E. as a November investiture. In July the Educational Development Association held a social evening in Bede Towers at which Miss Potts was the guest of honour. She was presented with a cheque which she handed over to the E.D.A. camp committee. Many retired teachers were among those present.

Doris Wilson was national chairwoman of the E.D.A. Summer School, 1956, and is to be Principal of the 1957 School to be held at Durham.

Hannah Graham gave a talk on her three month's visit to Canada to members of the Sunderland Branch of the National Council of Women. Incidentally Marie Walker, who taught at Hill View Junior School where Hannah Graham was formerly head-mistress, recently married Hannah's nephew.

Rose Taylor (Crute) presented prizes last summer at Tossall School Sports Day as mother of the head boy.

Elsie Proom, secretary of Sunderland Scroptomist Club, attended the European Federation Conference at The Hague in August. The highlight there had been the official opening by Queen Juliana.

Sybil Brown attended the international conference at New York in August. She stayed at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, and was greatly impressed by American hospitality.

Sport.

Our only known notable achievement this year is that of Vera Jenkins (Dorr), the Old Bedlars' centre-forward, who played for the North of England against the West of England in March, and against the German Touring Team in September at Manchester. Also playing for the North she was one of the victorious team which took part in the international tournament at Antwerp, the team flying there and back, and bringing home with it very definite opinions on Continental hockey and hospitality.

Meetings.

At a dinner of the local branch of the Darlington Training College Old Students Association, held at Seaburn on January 30th, 1956, Old Bedans present were:—Elsie Kirkwood, Ethel Thompson, Minnie McMillan, Flora McDonald, Esther Betts, Florence Andrews, Rose Smith, Irene Andrews, Connie Warburton and Margaret Turner. Elsie Kirkwood is now Chairman of the Association and Flora McDonald secretary.

Miss Ewart, recovered from her illness, visited Edith Barge's home for tea. Miss Arkle, collecting fruit from her "old folks" from Commercial Road Infants' School Harvest Festival met several Old Bedans—Norah Hunter, Marjorie Walker (Garbutt), Bessie Taylor and Eileen Robson. In the top class were the children of Kathleen Scott (Bolton), Florence Mowbray (Crompton), Mary South (Cox), and Marjorie Walker (Garbutt). The children were very thrilled to meet someone who had taught "Murray". Marie Booth (Scott) met Lilian Howe and Erid Crowe at Rugby where Lilian is a headmistress.

Vera Kemp (Hardy) spent a pleasant few days in Reading last Summer with Edith Brederick (Barge).

It was of particular interest to the Guild of Old Bedans representatives present at Senior Speech Day in School to notice that one of the Lily A. Hutchinson Memorial prizes was won by Barbara Turn, daughter of Old Bedan, Hannah Wright; and to hear an excellent vote of thanks given by Valerie Cuthbertson, the head girl, daughter of Marjorie Walker.

Dinner.

At the Seaburn Hotel on April 13th, 175 of us enjoyed not only a successful function but a real re-union. Before dinner, through dinner, after dinner, Old Bedans were greeting Old Bedans. Discovering the friendliness of the Guild and the spontaneity of our entertainers, any Old Bedan attending the Dinner, who did not "belong" when she entered, was surely, surely, a member before she left.

Meal and service were excellent and there was a cheerful buzz of talk with a few pleasant interruptions, notably a short speech by our President, Miss Mox, which included a much-appreciated invitation to attend the Founders' Day service in Bishopwearmouth Church.

Dinner over, we hastened eagerly to sit in front of the little stage. We had thought that the Television Show of two years ago could not be bettered. Perhaps it wasn't, but this programme rivalled it and the general level of the items was higher. From behind two screens, hung with Bedan blazers, Bedan caps and various more-splendid hats issued our Entertainers, wearing sashes printed with G.O.B. "Hurry, hurry, and products of Bede", "the Gobs" sang their stirring introduction, "here for the very last time". (Oh, Gobs, we hope not!).

The programme was in three parts. First, after an appropriate introductory verse and to the accompaniment of vivid descriptive music, the Gobs mimed "Women in Sport"—in turn at bowls, tennis, golf, hockey, bridge, curling. Shall we forget the agonised features and bodies of the bowlers, the mild explosive "B... other!" of the furious golfer, the frigid faces of the three silent experienced players and the chatty remarks of the amiable amateur Fourth at the bridge drive!

The audience was so busy laughing that even Bodan powers of conversation had not come back before Part 2 began: items of news from this year's Old Bodan, dramatised. Who but our Entertainers would have interpreted these as we saw them presented, again all to suitable music? One Gob appeared on the stage and began to conduct; from behind came a second, who bent nimbly down, pushed head and shoulders between the conductor's legs and SANG lustily. "That", we were told, "was Emily Duvant singing in Elijah, under Sir Adrian Boult." And so it went on. In this way we saw Minnie McMillan and Winnie Gibson meet "in a quiet spot in Cambridge", Celia Pipe gain her "degree in Physical Education in Texas", Three Sisters ("no need to say who these are"), Irene Stephenson "when she found two men bungling her dining-room at the Rectory in West Boldon" and the whole of Gertrude Veitch's adventures at the Balmoral Sale as recounted in the Old Bodan.

After the News, came an Opera. "These days", said our pianist, "parents begin worrying, almost as soon as baby is born, about getting her into a Grammar School". On this theme, the Gobs presented "The Long Long Trail to Bode". The words, the verse, the pianoforte accompaniment, the realistic acting, the singing, the enunciation (we heard every word) were all appreciated to the full, as we followed the adventures of Patricia.

Aged two weeks, she is killed by a solemn duet, sung by anxious parents perusing an unerring folder marked intelligence Tests—"It's the badge we're worrying about" they sigh. Next Patricia is seated, white-bonneted, "in" a Pedigree Pram, a masterly profile in cardboard, the handiwork of Jennie Hey. "I wonder what she is cut out to be", says Mother, while Patricia throws odds and ends out of her pram and behaves generally none too intelligently. We see her grow through Infant and Junior schools to the fate-bearing age of eleven. It is Examination Day. Much moved, her excited parents prepare to send their daughter to her ordeal. She is quite off-handed and accepts calmly their various recalls, to get—an apple—her pencil-case—a purse—a clean handkerchief. Alone, Mother has quite a swoop over the hair and anxiously awaits her return. At last Patricia strolls in, unconcernedly sucking a lollipop. "Well, how did you get on?" Patricia, nonchalantly taking her time, "Oh, 'twas easy" (suck, suck). "What did they ask you?" "Oh not much" (suck). "Could you do it all?" "Oh yes" (suck, suck)

Next the Echo boy is stampeded and there is wild searching for the list of successful candidates. Patricia's name is there.

She goes to Bode, where she and her new school mates hear from an earnest mistress all they must do and learn. Too soon, Patricia, a grown-up Bodan, has triumphantly passed the G.C.E. ("O" level) and is going out into the world,

"You've been in the darkness,
Now pass through to light."

The opera ends with a grand chorus, Bode and knowledge, "it has been known for ages that it's turned out a lot of sages" And so we leave Patricia. Will she perchance be a future entertainer of other Old Bodans?

The casts, Mary Mackintosh, Margaret Turner, Kathleen Carr, Joyce Gallon, Lana Thompson, Jennie Hey and their introducer and clever pianist Winnie Scott, were much applauded and Miss Moul presented to each a small gift from the Guild of Old Bodans. Then, we all sang the School Song and very slowly and still greeting friends so far unseen, made our way into the night.

E.R.S.

Homes of Bedans living out of town.

Moyra Potter, Preston; Susie Wright, Sandwich; Marjorie Taylor, Welwyn Garden City; Jean Ebdon, Larwick, Shetland; Joan Sigworth, Pontefract; Isabel Scott, Leeds; Brenda Scott, Riding Mill; Margaret Crowther, Letchworth, Herts.; Mabel Davidson, Welwyn Garden City; Marjory Raine, Leeds; Pauline Orr, Willington, Co. Durham; Dorothy Archer, Bromley, Kent; Barty Wigham, Manke; Gwen Browne, Brumhall, Cheshire; Alice Munro, Buckley, Kent; Marjorie Smyth, has gone to live with her sister Nellie (Eades) who is ill at Warblington, Hants. Marjorie will be missed by the social service library workers, and by the "meals on wheels" helpers.

News of Bedans Abroad.

Elsa Garbutt (Poscher) has been in the very middle of anti-Mao Mao activity in Kenya, and received official recognition for her work at Thika H.Q. during the Mao Mao disturbances. She and her husband were among those invited to attend the garden party at Nairobi to meet Princess Margaret.

Greta Gibson (Thomas) has gone to live in Vancouver. Hannah Graham recently had a three months' holiday in Canada. When Pat Swann went to Nigeria to teach native children, and to carry out missionary work, she took three trunks filled with everything from pots and pans to a sewing machine to furnish her own flat. Pat is teaching in Kantjan.

Jean Bagley, when she arrived in Australia, for two years teaching there was met by Norma Towitt. Margaret Berry (Lai) now living in Malacca, a small old Malayan town known as Sleepy Hollow, is the first and only English woman ever to teach at the school there. She has found the staff most kind and helpful. Margaret takes English and Science.

Mary Allison is teaching in a one-room school on an island North of Ontario, Canada. Her pupils live on islets around her schoolroom on Moon Island and travel to lessons by boat. As soon as the sea freezes, the children are unable to reach school, so a three months holiday may begin!

Dorothy Hawdon who is teaching Domestic Science at Kumasi (Gold Coast) is responsible for drawing up school curricula and opening new schools in the territory. When Mr. F. T. Willey, M.P. for Sunderland North, visited the Gold Coast he had a chat with Dorothy who was counting votes at the elections there.

Ethel Foreman who is with the Sudan United Mission was teaching at Gindiri. When she moved into Jos to have her baby she saw the Queen and Duke of Edinburgh three times. The last occasion was four days before her son was born. She has been on leave in Sunderland this year.

Margaret Topal (Armstrong) has gone to India for three years, with her family. Elsie Elliott left Sunderland in September for Cologne where she is teaching children of British Service men. She was presented with a travelling case when she left her teaching appointment at Hastings Hill Primary School.

Marguerite Maughan who spent three months in Norway and worked as an official guide to tourists visiting Trondheim's historic cathedral was recently married to a Norwegian.

Molly Garbutt (Johnson) returning to Pakistan in May, was on tour of Bombay organised by the Order of Mercy and mainly staffed by European volunteers with profits for charity. She enquired of one of the tour representatives the name of the "lead price" shop, and stood face to face with Doris Procter whom she had not seen for nearly twenty years! Later, on the boat, Molly was asked by a fellow passenger (not an Old Bedan) if she knew Henrietta Cragg.

Ivy Riddick (Snowdon) is living in Los Angeles.

Elsie White (the first) who lives in Vancouver, Canada, had two interesting trips this summer (a very good summer there)—one of 2,300 miles motoring in Canada and U.S.A. and a second, in September, motoring around the Olympic Peninsula down to Oregon Coast in California, then into Crater National Park and Portland, visiting Mount Hood and the Columbia River Scenic Railway, then back to Canada via the Okanagan, and Mount Rainier in Washington.

Her sister Winnie (Cooper) and her family motored through California and spent a short time in Mexico. Elsie has sent a generous gift towards the Christmas parcels for the old people. It is nice to receive dollars for this as well as shillings.

Home from Aboard, 1955-56

After three years in a North Indian Village, Joy, Joyce Prince (Ayler) did not find the climate too cold in Sunderland when she arrived in January on a six months' vacation, as it is cold enough in winter in Joy, for those blankets and a hot-water bottle! Her work as a teacher-trainer includes hospital visiting, caring for orphan children and, on one occasion, arranging a marriage between natives! Joyce and the 75-year-old headmistress are the only two English people in the village. She is now back in Joy.

Jean English, now at Leeds taking her teaching diploma, was stopped by a German policeman in the Saar, for crossing the road against the lights. Her excellent German made him doubt the authenticity of her British passport. Jean enjoyed life in the Saar so much that she hopes to return after gaining her teaching diploma. She found the cost of living there very high, but teachers were well paid, and of high standing socially. School lasted from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., then scholars and teachers were free for the rest of the day. Fourteen year old girls having left school attend once a week compulsorily. There are no examinations as we know them at school here, but a series of tests at regular intervals. The climate in the Saar Jean found delightful in summer but extremely cold in winter. Although there are heaters in all the trams icicles still form on the tram seats. Jean visited British, American and French zones of Germany at the time of the election excitement.

Norma Taylor (Shaw), home from Johannesburg for three months in the summer, had a re-union party in the Conservative Rooms at which several Old Bodans were present. She returned in July to Johannesburg.

Marion Barnes (Lawson) was on holiday in Sunderland this year, with her husband and son, from Melbourne.

Miss Shearer and Miss Arkle met Mabel Cotnam (Simister) on holiday in Sunderland from Okinawa. Mabel was one of those who helped to raise money to provide clothing and school essentials for the children of lepers, when the U.S. Army was looking after the Okinawa leper colony. She learned enough of the Japanese language to bargain in the markets of Okinawa. She expects to go to Pennsylvania in the Spring of 1957.

Celia Pipe flew back to U.S.A. in early September after a holiday here.

Cecilia Larkin (French) has been home from Nairobi with her one-year-old son for a six months' holiday.

Mabel Rolfe is home from Darbul, Persian Gulf.

FROM YOUR LETTERS

In a letter to the Secretary:—"May your work not be made too arduous by lazy payers-up like me"

From Moring Philip in Edinburgh: "I had quite a thrill the other day. I was watching all the Festival visitors walking along Princes Street, while I was in a bus, and standing in a bus queue were two Bedans! I spotted their blouses and badges straight away. They didn't get on my bus, and I was on duty, otherwise I would have jumped off and spoken to them. It was so nice to see the School colours up in my home city."

From Mary Henderson (Lewis) in Egham, Surrey: "I live with my husband and seven-year-old daughter in a bungalow not far from historic Runnymede. I should like to say that as we live close to the R.A.F. Memorial on Cooper's Hill, I have noticed the names of several Old Bedan boys who have no known grave. If any of their relatives wish to have flowers placed under their appropriate tablet for anniversaries, etc., I should be only too willing to do it for them. If you know of any one to whom this may be of interest would you please ask them to contact me?"

From Miss Ewart in June, 1956: "Please thank my Guild of Old Bedan friends for their kind enquiries about me. I am glad to say that I am now in very good health. I wish I could join you on June 22nd. . . ."

From Lilian Thompson (Marley) at 183 Craigcrook Road, Edinburgh, 4: "Not a single Old Bedan has crossed my threshold since I issued my open invitation, except Dora Horsman (Chappell) who comes up every Easter to tell me all the news of Sunderland."

From Elsa Engvald, St. Leonard's, Lyncombe Vale, Bath: "I have just retired after being thirty-two years at Wakefield High School as head of the Preparatory School, and am living with my sister in Bath. If any Old Bedans or any young Bedans, come to live in Bath, or come as students to the Training College, which is a very good one, I should be pleased to see them if they cared to contact me. When Old Bedans (either Froebel or graduates) are seeking posts, I do not think they could find a happier school to teach in than Wakefield High School."

From an Old Bedan on holiday, Summer 1956: "We are managing to have an enjoyable time in spite of the weather. We are in a little bungalow which belongs to a colliery engineer and there is a plentiful supply of coal, so we have been very cosy"

From Miss Franklin: "Here I am in Africa teaching Africans,—as I wanted—in a British territory, at the Swazi National High School. This is rather like an American campus with teacher training department, school, hostels and staff houses in the grounds. We are in the midst of Swazi-land, a lovely countryside with mountains wherever you look, and African kraals everywhere. It is a subtropical area, and I have already made use of the gumboots I bought to come here; they are very necessary for the two minutes' walk across the school.

"If the heat and humidity of the summer agree with me (so far it has not been unduly hot) I plan to stay for a few years. In the winter, the dry season when the days are sunny and yet not too hot, and when I have learned the language, I hope to wander over the hills. The whole of Swaziland is still rural. I marvel at the adaptability of these very rural people and at the achievements of those who have had a modern education. Most of the staff are Africans, though not all Swazis. The students are older than normal secondary school

pupils, especially the boys, as most young children are employed to herd their fathers' cattle I have visited African, Indian and coloured schools as well as European and have friends in each community whom I visit in their homes I was at the last Old Bedans' meeting in London just a year ago, and I met a friend of Nancy Lawther's at Fort Hare, my first visit in the Union."

EDITORIAL POSTSCRIPT

We are glad to hear of the return to health of Miss Wilman and Miss Ewart, and should like to wish a speedy recovery to all those Old Bedans who have been ill. May we say "Welcome back to Sanderland" to our Vice-President, Miss Shawer.

Your letters have once again been very gladly received and the Secretary or Editor will be grateful for news items at any time. Many of you are very diffident about giving news of yourselves and offer it very shyly. Please let us judge whether it is of news value to other Old Bedans.

We are delighted that the numbers at our Annual Dinner increase. The copies of the words of the School Song, alas, decrease every year! Please remember not to fold up your copy and push it into your pocket or handbag, as new copies must be reprinted to replace those lost.

A correction from last year's Old Bedan is necessary—and apologies for a printer's error—Mary Alexander is Assistant Director of Education at Southampton and not Northampton as printed.

Our thanks are due to Olga Wright, Winnie Graham and Lilian Wood (Mrs. McLachlan) for their help in typing, to Mr. Taylor for auditing our accounts and for all those who willingly co-operated in the compiling of this magazine.

W.T.

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS ON 31st AUGUST, 1936.

Summary of Balance Sheet for the Year—31st September, 1935, to 31st August, 1936.

RECEIPTS		EXPENDITURE	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Subscriptions	43 19 6	Stationery, Printing and "Old Books"	25 3 0
Interest " " " "	15 15 3	Postage and Telephone	7 8 7
Balance from Meetings ...	2 9 3	Calls " " "	8 2 6
		Memorial Calls " " "	20 17 6
		London Branch " " "	0 10 2
		Balance on Year's Working	0 1 11
	<u>600 4 2</u>		<u>600 4 2</u>

TOTAL FUNDS

	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Balance on 31st August, 1935	345 19 3	Made up as follows:—	
Balance on Year's Working	0 1 11	31 2/3 War Stock	98 7 2
		31 2/3 Defence Bonds	75 0 0
		Balance in Bank:—	
		On Deposit Account	339 5 3
		On Current Account	11 0 0
		Cash in Hand	6 8 11
	<u>696 1 4</u>		<u>696 1 4</u>

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

J. M. TAYLOR.

ELSIE I. KIRKWOOD, Hon. Treasurer.

