

**THE HULME GRAMMAR
SCHOOL FOR GIRLS.
RECORD OF THE OLD
GIRLS' ASSOCIATION.
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THE OLD GIRLS' ASSOCIATION.

CONSTITUTION AND RULES.

The Society shall be called "The Old Girls' Association of the Oldham Hulme Grammar School for Girls."

The President shall be the acting Head Mistress of the School, and the Secretary shall be one of the members of the School Staff.

The affairs of the Association shall be conducted by a Committee, consisting of the President, the Secretary, the Treasurer and fifteen representative members, of whom fourteen shall be elected by the Old Girls, and one by the members of Form Upper VI. Of the fourteen Old Girls' representatives, two shall retire annually in rotation, but they shall be eligible for re-election, and the election shall take place at the December meeting.

Members who, without good cause assigned, absent themselves from committee meetings for two consecutive years, shall be considered to have resigned, and their places shall be filled up at the December meeting at the end of the second year during which they were absent from the meetings.

Full members (*i.e.*, girls who are able to attend the meetings) shall pay a yearly subscription of 2/-. Country members, who are not eligible to attend meetings, shall pay 1/-. Both subscriptions will include the "Record" and all notices of meetings.

All subscriptions are due in December, and may be paid at the meeting. No notices will be sent to any member whose subscription is two years in arrears.

There shall be two meetings of the Association each year—on the first Thursday in December and the first Tuesday in July, with the exception that in alternate years a picnic on the first Saturday in July shall take the place of the summer meeting at the School.

During the last week in November each member shall send to the Secretary at least one warm, useful garment for the poor. (Old clothes are also welcome).

The "Record" shall be issued during the Spring Term, and shall be sent to all members who have paid their subscriptions,

OFFICERS FOR 1915.

President—Miss Clark.

Secretary and Treasurer—Miss Evington.

Committee (In order of Election):—

Margaret Letham	May Wood
S. Rothwell	B. Fletcher
V. Phillips	Mrs. Orme (M. Fletcher)
B. Mellor	M. Kershaw
M. Smith	May Johnson
P. Lansdell	P. Rye (re-elected)
Mrs. Garfitt (L. Johnson)	Mary Lees

H. Schofield, Form VI.

Since last year, fifteen new members have joined the Association, but, in December, our meeting was not quite as large as usual as the War is claiming the time and work of women as well as men. Our nation, indeed the whole world is being stirred as never before, and we are proud to think that our Old Girls are playing well their part in the many useful spheres in which women may engage. There are few who are not sending forth some dear one,—husband, brother or friend into the fighting line, while they at home are doing their share to help the great cause. The Red Cross Society has claimed many as organisers, nurses or cooks, others are serving on Belgian Refugee Committees, visiting the wives and families of our soldiers, or serving on Relief Committees. One is working with the Society of Friends to assist our “innocent alien enemies,” and, no doubt, all are busy making comforts for the soldiers.

Our portrait this year is one which will be gladly welcomed by the older generation of the members. Miss Kerly is now, as you know, the Head Mistress of the Coborn School for Girls, a large school in the East of London. After leaving Oldham in 1901 she was for a year at the Oxford High School, where she was awarded the Gilchrist Travelling Scholarship, with which she visited America. On her return she was appointed Head Mistress of the County School, Tunbridge Wells, and in 1910 she was nominated to the Coborn School.

We wish that our Old Girls could have heard the touching account which Sister Ellis, a worker in Hulme, Manchester, gave us last term of the intense gratitude of all—teachers, parents and children—for the boxes of clothing and toys sent every year by present and past pupils of the Grammar School. She told how those to whom fell the work of distribution pounced on one thing after another as being “just what little Annie needed” or “the very thing for poor little May;” how neglectful parents’ hearts were touched that strangers should take so much trouble to produce such well-cut and beautifully worked gifts for children whom they had never seen. She gave instances of men and women who had been thus encouraged to make one more effort to reform, and of homes made happy and prosperous as a result. She saw dolls enshrined in strange cages, kept to be gazed at until next year brought a new doll to sit in state, while the small mother now ventured to play with her year-old treasure. One little girl put her Hulme baby to bed every night in her father’s clogs, and covered it carefully with her own little frock for bedclothes. And all knew well that these treasures came from “those kind girls at that school in Oldham.” Mr. Swann’s letter to Miss Clark, which appears on another page, tells the same tale. Our girls have been working rather in the dark in past years; now that they know how keenly their gifts are appreciated, we are sure that they will not relax their efforts. Many very useful garments were sent in last December, and a second parcel was sent at the beginning of this term as the special contribution of the December meeting.

The following additions have been made to the Album since last year:—Tom Shaw Cromar, the son of Mrs. Cromar (Vida Shaw); John Wallis Chapman, the son of Mrs. Chapman (M. E. Anderton); Gertrude Lumb and some of her pupils at Trewidland; Helen Wyatt and Nancy Wyatt Millington, the two little daughters of Mrs. Millington (S. Lees); John Sausmarez Carey, the son of Mrs. Carey (E. Neild); Joan, Norma and Raymond Williamson, children of Mrs. Williamson (D. Mayall). Others were promised, but so far they have not arrived.

A charming case, in which to keep one of each issue of the “Record,” was made and presented to the Association last year by Gladys Millington. Those who remember the folios she used to make for the school bazaars will easily picture it. It is in brown

holland, bound and tied with dark brown ribbon, and the printed cover of the "Record" itself is reproduced on the outside. It is made to expand so that it will be useful for many years to come. We thank Gladys for her gift in the name of the Old Girls' Association.

The present date of the December meeting has proved to be very inconvenient to the School, and we are therefore altering it from the day after the School's Annual Entertainment to the day preceding it. The Entertainment is a fixture for the first Wednesday in December, and we ask all Old Girls to make a note of this that they may rally round the School at 3 p.m. that day to support its work for the Oldham Branch of the N.S.P.C.A., and (every second year) the Children's Branch of the N.S.P.C.C.

N.B.—1915 is a "Second Year."

The Editor reiterates her earnest request that Old Girls will send in all items of news about themselves or other Old Girls. She keeps a note book always at hand, ready for use. If all were as zealous in this respect as the few, *very* few, there would be no lack of news.

The O.G.A. Badge may be had from the Secretary on receipt of 3/6.

THE NATIONAL UNION OF WOMEN WORKERS.

Early last year, Miss Marjorie Lees, the Secretary of the Oldham Branch of the National Union of Women Workers, sent an invitation to the Old Girls' Association to choose a member to represent them on the Executive Committee of this Branch, with the object of drawing into the social work of the town those of our girls who, on leaving school, have leisure to devote to it. At Miss Clark's request, Miss Evington consented to serve, and in June of last year, she attended the general meeting at Werneth Park, when the committee for the year and delegates to attend the General Conference of the Union were nominated.

The question of the legal position of English widows of aliens was discussed. As the law stands at present, such widows are obliged to retain the nationality of their late husbands. It was felt that, when they became widows, they should have the right to resume their own nationality if they preferred to do so, and a motion was passed by the Branch to support the National Union in taking steps to bring this about. Since the outbreak of the war such widows may now take out re-naturalisation papers on payment of a nominal fee.

Miss Gertrude Arrowsmith then read an interesting paper on the Montessori System of Education as she had seen at work in Madame Montessori's own school in Rome.

An Executive Committee Meeting was called at Werneth Park in February of this year, when it was decided that Mrs. Creighton should be invited to speak at the General Meeting in Oldham on Women's Work in War Time, and that she should be allowed to fix her own date.

MEETINGS IN 1914.

The summer meeting was held at the School on July 9th, a week later than usual, owing to the Board of Education Inspection of the School in the first week of July. A tennis tournament was organised, and the following entries were received—P. Rye and L. Dunkerley, A. and M. Wood, G. Dearden and Elsie Smith, M. Lawton and J. Bowes, G. Wood and J. Crompton, H. Gartside and M. Broadbent, A. Ashton and M. Kershaw, E. Quin and F. Harker, L. Caldwell and A. Lowe, M. Horsfall and E. Henthorne, E. and M. Johnson, D. Jackson and O. Garfitt. As usual at these tournaments, short games were played, and the winners were P. Rye and L. Dunkerley, who each received a small picnic basket. The day was fine, not too warm for the players nor too cold for the onlookers, who thoroughly appreciated the ample supply of seats.

We were pleased to see with us two country members from a distance, Mrs. Stott (E. Hall) from Russia, and Mrs. Higgins (E. Halligan) from near Lincoln. Country members will always be sure of a welcome among us when their visit to Oldham chances to coincide with the date of our meeting.

The following members signed the visitors' book :—

Miss Clark, Miss Baguley, Miss Clegg, Miss Gwynne, Miss Evington, A. Ashton, E. Avison, M. Ashworth, D. Ashworth, M. Bladd, W. and M. Broadbent, E. Bright, A. Buckley, J. Bowes, C. Caldwell, Nora Carson, D. Carter, D. Cliff, Mrs. Cromar (V. Shaw), J. Crompton, G. Dearden, L. Dunkerley, B. Fletcher, Mrs. Fletcher (M. Crompton), Mrs. Garfitt (L. Johnson), O. Garfitt, M. Gartside, F. Harker, Mrs. Hawkyard (M. Varley), E. Henthorne, Mrs. Higgins (E. Halligan), M. D. Higgs, Mrs. Hilton (H. Whittaker), E. Hirst, E. Holt, B. Jackson, D. Jackson, E., H. and M. Johnson, M. Kershaw, M. Lawton, M. Leech, Mary and Margaret Letham, A. Lowe, J. Macpherson, H. Marcroft, M. Mathews, L. Mercer, B. Mellor, D. Millington, Mrs. Mills (M. Brown), Mrs. Morton (E. Shaw), A. Owen, F. Owen, N. Pennington, V. Phillips, D. Pickford, B. Potter, E. Quin, P. Rye, M. Simpson, E. Smith, A. and M. Smith, L. Snowden, D. Stanton, S. Stock, Mrs. Stott (E. Hall), M. Stott, E. Thorp, A. Varley, J. Varley, Mrs. Watson (B. Holt), A. Watson, F. Whitehead, M. Whittaker, A. Winterbottom, A. and M. Wood, M. G. Wood, Mabel Wood.

On December 3rd took place the winter meeting at a time when, owing to the outbreak of the Great War, suffering and grief were with us here in England, the lands of our Allies were being devastated and their inhabitants tortured, it was not considered seemly to hold our usual entertainment. We resolved, instead, to turn our meeting to good account by holding a working party, the garments made to be distributed among the poor in Oldham and in Hulme. The Committee arranged the hall to look as much like a drawing-room as possible, placing little tables covered with dainty cloths about the room and drawing the curtains. Songs were sung by V. Cromar, P. Lansdell, D. Pickford and S. Rothwell, and between the songs there was ample opportunity for conversation and for gathering up the news of the past year among those who rarely see each other at any other time.

The retiring Committee members were P. Rye and Mrs. Watson (B. Holt). P. Rye was re-elected, and Mary Lees was nominated in the place of B. Watson. Bertha has been for many years a most indefatigable member of our Committee, and it was with sincere regret that we yielded to her resolve to retire, in order to make way for a younger member, so that the Committee might be representative of all periods of the school's life.

That the meeting was a happy one was plain; many said how delightful it had been, and several members asked, "Couldn't we have another like it next year?"

The following members, about eighty-five, signed the visitor's book :—

Miss Alexander, Miss Baguley, Miss Clegg, Miss Evington, Miss McHardy, Miss Sutcliffe, Mrs. Airey (S. Fletcher), A. Ashton, M. and D. Ashworth, M. Booth, H. Bowes, E. Bright, W. and M. Broadbent, C. Caldwell, N. Carson, A. Chadderton, Mrs. Cromar (V. Shaw), G. Dearden, D. Eatough, F. Harker, Mrs. Hilton (H. Whittaker), E. Hirst, A. Farrow, D. Field, Mrs. Fletcher (M. Crompton), B. Fletcher, P. Fletcher, Mrs. Garfitt (L. Johnson), O. Garfitt, I. Gillespie, D. Jackson, E. and M. Johnson, M. Kempsey, M. Kershaw, P. Lansdell, E. Lawton, B. Leach, H. Lee, M. and W. Leech, M. Lees, Mary and Margaret Letham, E. Macpherson, B. Mellor, D. Mellor, L. Mercer, D. Millington, Mrs. Mills (M. Brown), Mrs. Millington (S. Lees), E. and M. Newton, Mrs. Orme (M. Fletcher), A. Owen, K. Parkyn, D. Pickford, E. Potter, B. Potter, E. Quin, E. Robinson, M. Rodgers, S. Rothwell, P. Rye, M. and A. Smith, E. Smith, L. Snowdon, K. and N. Spencer, Mrs. Stephenson (H. Marcroft), S. Stock, E. Taylor, H. Taylor, Hilda Taylor, H. Wardle, A. Watson, Mrs. Watson (B. Holt), F. Whitehead, M. Whittaker, G. Wilkinson, A. Winterbottom, A. and M. Wood, I. Wood, G. Wood, M. Wrigley.

GAMES.

HOCKEY.

The first match was played on the school ground on February 23rd, 1915, the result being a draw, 4—4. In the Old Girls' team were—K. Parkyn, L. Holroyd, M. Wood, W. Leech, P. Rye, J. Rye. K. Parkyn and P. Rye scored two goals each. It was a very quick game, the school team playing splendidly. The Old Girls' team was three players short, so one present girl played for the Old Girls to make up their number.

The return match was played at Chadderton Hall on March 5th 1915, and resulted in a win for the Old Girls, 6—0. The team comprised—M. Johnson, K. Parkyn, L. Holroyd, W. Leech, M. and D. Ashworth, J. Rye, P. Rye, May Wood, M. Lees, D. Brierley. The Captain (P. Rye) specially congratulates May Wood, J. Rye and M. Lees who played a splendid game, though two of them had not played for some time.

CRICKET.

The first match was played at the school on June 26th, when the following girls composed the team—P. Rye (Captain), D. Ashton, D. Ashworth, M. Johnson, D. Brierley, L. Ashton, M. Ashworth, M. Newton, E. Whitehead, B. Bagot. The result was a win for the school which scored 65 runs against 40.

The return match was played on July 7th, when the Old Girls again lost badly.

TENNIS.

Two matches were played against the school, the first of which resulted in a decided win for the Old Girls. The return match was won by the school, which was represented by three girls and three mistresses. The players for the Old Girls were J. Bowes and E. Smith, L. Dunkerley and P. Rye, M. Smith and M. Lees.

Those who act as captains of the various teams are most anxious to see the games well organised, and a flourishing Games Club formed from which they can draw players. Will all Old Girls who are interested in games send in their names to P. Rye (Hockey), Blenheim House, Waterloo Street, or to M. Johnson (Cricket), 291, Park Road? We hope soon to call a meeting to discuss a scheme for placing the games on a better footing.

CORRESPONDENCE

135, Withington Road,
Whalley Range,

January 18th.

Dear Miss Clark,

I am writing to tell you something of the happiness and joy we have been able to dispense through the splendid gifts you sent us.

If your girls could only have seen the delight with which our poor children received the dolls and clothing, and could go round with us to their homes, and witness the happiness and comfort their efforts have brought to so many, I am sure they would feel well repaid for the self-denial and labour they have expended. It was indeed a real pleasure to me and to my co-workers that we were able through your generosity to clothe so many half-starved and helpless little girls, and to bring some degree of happiness into their lives.

I have retained some of the garments, as I am continually finding out fresh cases where they will be most useful and appreciated.

We all thank you and your girls most heartily for the splendid help you have given us. Many of the mothers have again and again expressed their gratitude to you for all you have done.

With every good wish for a happy and prosperous year for you and for the school,

Believe me,

Yours very sincerely,

A. H. SWANN.

(Vicar of S. Mark's, Hulme, Manchester.)

33, Kensington Road,
Oldham,

December 22nd, 1914.

Dear Miss Rye,

Thank you so much for the splendid parcel of clothing you have sent from the Old Girls' Association of the Hulme Grammar School.

They are extremely useful garments, and will bring much joy to the poor children who will receive them. Please thank your Association in my name and that of the Wards Committee, and tell them how very much we appreciate their kind thought.

With most grateful thanks,

Believe me,

Yours faithfully,

GERTRUDE MOORE.

St. Thomas' Vicarage,
Rocanville,

Saskatchewan.

Dear Miss Evington,

You ask me to write a description of the "West" for the "Record," little knowing what a brain-racking effort you are imposing on me. Everything in a new country is so different that the most accurate portrayal will probably convey nothing to those who have not lived in it. All towns look much the same, so that a description of Rocanville will cover hundreds of "villages" on the prairie. If you picture a "town" of one hundred private houses, half-a-dozen stores, four elevators and a station all made of wood, with prairie and copse stretching right away from it, looking from half-a-mile away exactly like a collection of dolls' houses in the middle of a cricket-field, then you have an idea

what the town from the outside looks like. When you get into it, you find very wide streets—the main street about thirty yards broad with a surface of hard beaten earth (a quagmire in wet weather)—and the side streets just wide strips of grass, with a track worn bare down the middle of them. On each side of the street there are plank foot-walks raised about a foot above the level of the street, so that when you go about the town it is like walking along a series of very narrow station platforms. The elevators, by the way, are like huge pepper-pots, a hundred feet high, and can be seen for miles across the prairie in this brilliantly clear atmosphere. The Town Hall is like a barn, one-storeyed, and lined inside with plain painted match-boarding, one end of it is the fire engine shed, with double doors opening on the street; all the men in the town compose the fire brigade.

The village is self-governing in municipal matters, with a council of three. Each village has a village constable, who wears a metal star on the breast of his ordinary clothes; his office makes no difference to his work, whatever his occupation may be. There is no drainage and no water supply. We each pump our drinking water from our own well in the yard, and have tanks to catch the rain water from our roofs. There is no such thing as a tap or a sink in the Vicarage, at the same time there is a telephone, which most houses in town have, and many of the farms as well. Of things intellectual or artistic the town has hardly any share at all. "There's no dollars in it!" A harmonium and a vigorous nasal yell satisfy the Westerner's musical soul.

I should think this is a long enough description, but I have omitted to say how old the town is. Ten years ago there was an empty prairie where the town now stands. Eight years ago, a farmer's wife, driving down to see the town for the first time, came to a small group of buildings. "This farm seems prosperous," she said, "it has quite a lot of barns and out-buildings, we'll call and ask the way to the town." This "prosperous farm" proved to be the town of Rocanville.

With all kind wishes,

Yours sincerely,

ETHEL CAREY. (Ethel Neild.)

NOTES.

Last July we lost Miss Gwynne, who had accepted a post as History Mistress in a school in Montreal, that she might fulfil her long-cherished desire to see something of colonial life. She took with her our warm good wishes that she should experience all the joys of skating, tobogganing and sleighing that our winter of "samples" fails to provide.

Many Old Girls knew Miss Clegg, who joined the staff just eleven years ago. Finding that there was not a sufficient number of leisured women qualified to nurse the wounded in the Woodfield Hospital of the Voluntary Aid Detachment, she has resigned her post here in order to throw herself into the breach and take her place on the Nursing Staff. In three months' time, Oldham will be able to provide others qualified for the work, and Miss Clegg will be released in time to go up to Oxford at the beginning of the Academic year, and there work for the Geography Diploma of the University. For this purpose the Gilchrist Trustees have granted her an Exhibition of £100—the record of her work here being so good as to cause them to choose her out of a number of other candidates. This honour gained for the School is but the least of the many reasons we have to express our heart-felt gratitude for all that Miss Clegg has stood for to us, and she will go up to Oxford with our best hopes for a useful future, for we know that to her such usefulness would bring the greatest happiness.

Miss de Castro has been appointed Warden of the Women's Hostel, University College, Nottingham, and we heartily congratulate Nottingham. Miss Sharman has offered her services to the French Red Cross and has gone over to France to nurse the French wounded. She would have gone to help the British, but the War Office refused the help of all who were not fully qualified nurses with the usual three years' hospital training.

Many Old Girls will remember Miss Katherine King-May (Mrs. Atkinson) who, on several occasions, most kindly came to judge the Gymnastic Cup Competition and also the Swimming Competitions. She was lately House Surgeon in the Oldham Infirmary, having been preceded in that post by her sister, Dr. Mabel King-May. Both sisters are now on their way to Serbia with Mrs. St. Clair Stobart's unit, gone to fight the typhus fever with the same self-sacrificing valour that animates our brothers in the battle-fields of France.

In January, Nellie Neild, our first Old Girl to be appointed Head Mistress of a High School, began her work at the Bridgnorth Grammar School for Girls, Shropshire. She enters on her responsibilities with qualifications exceptionally good. A Student of Lady Margaret Hall, she ended her three years' course by being one of the only two women who obtained a First Class in the Oxford Final Honours School in History, and every Old Girl knows that were she a man she would consequently hold the Honours M.A. Degree of Oxford. But, an M.A. she is, as she took the London Degree examinations concurrently with those of Oxford, and we need not repeat how the London Examiners thought so much of her thesis that they recommended her to have it printed, and that she was awarded the Alexandra Medal of the Royal Historical Society. Those who remember Nellie's unfailing good sense, will not be surprised to hear that these excellent academic qualifications did not content her, but that, on leaving Oxford, she spent a year in training for the practical work of her chosen profession, and gave proof of her training by gaining the London University Teachers' Diploma with a First Class in the Theory of Teaching, and another First Class in its Practice. Since then she has gained experience as Assistant Mistress in the Central Foundation School, London, in the Sherborne School for Girls, where she also managed one of the boarding-houses, and in the Bedford High School, where she did good work in the special responsibilities of a Second Mistress, and we wish her good speed in her new life at Bridgnorth.

Ada Neild has succeeded her as History Mistress at the Bedford High School.

Marjorie Martland is our first Old Girl to be a qualified medical woman. Owing to the great demands of the war, the shortage of medical men caused the authorities to put on a special examination in the early autumn so as to secure the urgently needed services of the young men and women who were able to pass the qualifying tests, and Marjorie is now an M.R.C.S., able to fill the place of a man needed at the front, till later on she will complete the examinations necessary for the London M.B. & B.S. She is House Surgeon at the N.W. London Hospital, with her hands very full in the Out-Patients' Department.

Alice Kent, B.Sc., has taken the Liverpool University Teachers' Diploma and is now Mathematical and Science Mistress at the Crediton County High School, Devon. She is leaving in July to become Mathematical Mistress at the Secondary School, Halifax.

Jean Macpherson, B.A., who took the Manchester University Teachers' Diploma, is History Mistress at the Basingstoke County High School, Hampshire.

Priscilla Fletcher has gained the First Class Diploma for Housewifery of the Manchester School of Domestic Economy. She is now conducting successful Cookery Classes in Oldham, several Old Girls being numbered among her pupils.

Phyllis Lansdell made a most successful appearance in the "Elijah" at the Free Trade Hall, Manchester, on January 6th.

Helen Bowes and Mary Lees came to the end of their three years at Girton College last June. Mary gained a Third Class in the Second Part of the Historical Tripos in spite of her very severe illness at Easter, which caused her to lose four weeks of the last term. She would have taken an *Aegrotat*, but her lecturers thought her work for the year so good that there was still a probability of her getting into the Honours List, so she took the examination and her courage was rewarded. Her record is Part I. Class II., Part II. Class III., and were she a man she would be an Honours M.A. of Cambridge.

Janet Macpherson, also at Girton, took the First Part of the Mathematical Tripos at the end of her first year, and we were proud to find her name among the Senior Optimes.

She was joined last autumn by Annie Hall, who is now reading for the English section of the Modern and Mediaeval Languages Tripos.

At Somerville College, Oxford, Dora Hudson stood second for the prize awarded for the greatest "industry and proficiency" shown by those students who are taking the Final Honours School in English Language and Literature.

Ethel Lloyd is at College Hall, a University Hostel for London Students, where she has the advantage of being with her sister Annie, another Old Girl, who is a Medical Student at the London School of Medicine for Women. Ethel is working at University College for the London M.A. Degree in History, and she has already headed some three or four of the term examination lists.

At Manchester University, Gladys Cooper gained a First Class in Final General Latin, and also the First Prize for First Year French. Jessie McRobert obtained the B.A., and Dorothy Cliff passed the Second Year Examinations towards that Degree. They were joined last autumn by Marion Chadwick, who took the Higher Alternative Matriculation Papers in History and English before leaving school, and is now working for the Honours Degree in English.

Bessie Nicholson has taken the Domestic Economy Course at the Manchester School of Domestic Economy.

Amy Throup is at present in training for the Domestic Economy Diploma at the Manchester School of Cookery.

Ellen Carson is a student at the new Kindergarten Training College, Whalley Range, working for the Higher Certificate of the National Froebel Union.

Florence Chadwick has resigned her post in Jersey for one at the Council School, Churchtown, Southport.

Bertha Fryer is leaving the Cripples' School at Exeter to take charge of the St. Nicholas' Hospital Home, Pyrford, Surrey.

Gertrude Lumb is leaving Trewidland, Cornwall, on her appointment to the Headship of the Council School at Kirkby Stephen, Westmoreland.

Edith Mellor, who has been Mistress of an Infants' School in Hull for the last year, has obtained a post in the St. George's Infant School, Shaw.

Martha Lewis, her fellow collegian at Lincoln Training College, is at the Freehold Council School, while Lily French is at Beaver Street, and Harriet Jackson at Derker.

Of those who are not yet qualified, Isabel Kay and Doris Schofield are at Lincoln Training College, Nora Whitehead, Eleanor Hilton and Hannah Gartside at Bingley—all enthusiastic partisans as to the merits of their respective colleges.

At the Oldham General Post Office, Ethel Waterhouse is learning telegraphy. Jessie Smith is a clerk at Lees Council Office, Alice Horrobin at Victoria Station, Manchester, and Nellie Hirst, Doris Booth, Dorothy Wilde, and Bertha Hudson also hold posts as typists, while Annie Halliwell is learning type-writing.

To Mr. and Mrs. Reginald Lambert (Emily Ashton) came the call of Greater Britain, and they have settled down in New Zealand.

Last, but far from least, come our ladies-of-the-lamp. In a Military Base Hospital in France is Sister May Nicholson of the Army Nursing Service. When first the Expeditionary Force went out, her unit was established at Rouen and she could tell us a thrilling story of the *sauve qui peut* from that town which followed the retreat from Mons, when the wounded having been hurriedly carried down to the rescuing ships, the hospital staffs and equipment fled after the combatant forces to the new base at St. Nazaire. When the final stand of the British and the French ended in the driving back of the Germans over the Marne and the Aisne, the hospitals followed up, and May found her hands full nursing in one of the best buildings taken over by the R.A.M.C.—the Trianon Hotel at Versailles.

When the Samaritan Hospital at Belfast closed on account of the War, Bessie Mellodew returned for a short time to her old hospital at Ancoats before joining the Nursing Staff of the Military Hospital, Cambridge, as a member of the First Eastern Cambridge Territorial Unit. The hospital with its 1,200 beds has been set up in wooden buildings on the University Cricket Ground, while the 170 nurses are housed in Selwyn and King's Colleges.

On the staff at the Oldham Royal Infirmary, the school is represented by Nurse Margaret Higgs and Probationer Dorothy Neild. To these we can now add Elsie Wardle, who has been appointed to the very responsible post of Head Dispenser—work for which she is well qualified, seeing that she has been for some years Head Dispenser at the Queen's Hospital for Children, Hackney.

Ada Wormald is nursing in the Leeds Hospital, and Elsie Shaw is a probationer at the Ear Hospital, Manchester.

Other Old Girls working for the Red Cross in the Voluntary Aid Detachments are:—

Bertha Martland, }
 Madge Newton, } at Worsley Hall
 and } (recognised by the Military Authorities for
 Helen Johnson, } severe cases.)

Margaret Maw – Quartermaster.

José Wild, Maud Bentley, May Gartside, }
 Kathleen Spencer, Madge and Dorothy } at Woodfield.
 Mellodew, Beatrice Fletcher, Ada Farrow, }

May Johnson, Annie Wood, } at Abbey Hills.
 Janet and Elsie Lawton, }

Phyllis Brothers, at Greenfield.

Winifred Wareham, at Heaton Mersey.

Lily Braddock.

Doubtless there are many others whose names have not reached us. We shall be glad to have them for our Roll of Honour.

To the leisured women of the country there has come a stirring call to follow the lead of their brothers and give themselves to the service of their country. It may involve leaving home for a time and putting up with the discomfort of lodgings, it may mean long days of mechanical and uninteresting work, spending the summer afternoons at a desk when they might have been playing tennis or enjoying themselves shopping, visiting or motoring—but such considerations seem too mean to take account of when we think of our men toiling all winter in the trenches, being maimed, mutilated, and dying in our defence. Yet, a very miserable answer has been given by those to whom the call was addressed. There are tens of thousands of upper and middle-class homes where one or more of the daughters of the house could (possibly at some slight self-sacrifice on the part of the remaining sisters) be spared to set free a man for the fighting line. The last census gives over three million leisured women—so far the response has come from only 45,000 of whom the great majority are already at work and therefore are not numbered among the 3,000,000. The economic conditions are quite sufficiently strained

through the men being called out, they would become still worse if women's work were also to be disorganised. Our country has made its appeal to the women, who live at home, whose home-duties are no tie when the call to marriage comes, when the invitation for a fortnight or a month is accepted, when pleasure or self-interest beckons away. Grievously disappointing has been the result to those who had firm faith in the unselfishness of women's patriotism. Some say, "We are knitting!" Anyone can knit—the workers have turned out hundreds of well-made garments, knitted in their short intervals of leisure. Girls at college, teachers at night work, all workers with their brains, are knitting as they work—it needs no army of leisured women to devote themselves solely to knitting. One of two and even three sisters will say, "Oh, I can't be spared from home." Why not? Would not the sister left at home be also able to rise to the occasion, and like the thousands of workers in shops and schools, mills and railways, gladly undertake the extra work in order that one more woman might be spared to serve her country?

The Bishop of Stepney in his recent book "In the Day of Battle" speaks of the sort of caste-narrowness of which the War must make short work. "Oh," he says, "the splendour of the brotherhood over there; there where the chief privilege of rank seems the privilege of special danger, where all that is private or personal is lost and merged in the heroism of a common effort and a common cause. Day by day they are bearing the intolerable strain. Belgium first, and then the French and our soldiers, then the Russians; torn with shot and shell, shivering in the trenches, wounded and unheeded in their pain, dying in agony by the thousand. Then behind the rampart of that heroic self-surrender, behind the fence of their valour, the stone wall of their magnificent endurance are the like of us, are you and I, safe, because they are fighting for us, peaceful, because indeed the chastisement of our peace is upon them, unwounded, because they are wounded for us, alive, because they die." And will the Old Girls of the School not take their share in broadening that rampart, raising still higher that fence, and strengthening that stone wall by sending in their names to swell the pitifully small number of those leisured ones who are ready to do anything in their power to help the cause of Right and Freedom?



WAR SERVICE FOR WOMEN.

The President of the Board of Trade wishes to call attention to the fact that in the present emergency, if the full fighting power of the Nation is to be put forth on the field of battle, the full working power of the Nation must be made available to carry on its essential trades at home. Already, in certain important occupations there are not enough men and women to do the work. This shortage will certainly spread to other occupations as more and more men join the fighting forces.

In order to meet both the present and the future needs of national industry during the war, the Government wish to obtain particulars of the women available, with or without previous training, for paid employment. Accordingly, they invite all women who are prepared, if needed, to take paid employment of any kind—industrial, agricultural, clerical, &c.—to enter themselves upon the Register of Women for War Service which is being prepared by the Board of Trade Labour Exchanges.

Any woman living in a town where there is a Labour Exchange can register by going there in person. If she is not near a Labour Exchange she can get a form of registration from the Local Agency of the Unemployment Fund. Forms will also be sent out through a number of women's societies, and can be obtained by post from the General Manager, Board of Trade Labour Exchanges, at the address below.

The object of registration is to find out what reserve force of women's labour, trained or untrained, can be made available if required. As from time to time actual openings for employment present themselves, notice will be given through the Labour Exchanges, with full details as to the nature of work, conditions and pay, and, so far as special training is necessary, arrangements will, if possible, be made for the purpose.

Any woman who by working helps to release a man or to equip a man for fighting does national war service. Every woman should register who is able and willing to take employment.

BOARD OF TRADE,
Queen Anne's Chambers,
Broadway,
Westminster, S.W.

March, 1915.

REGISTER OF WOMEN FOR WAR SERVICE.

(1) Surname	
Other Names... ..	
(2) Full Address	
(3) Age	
(4) Married, Single or Widow	
(5) Have you ever done any paid work, and if so, what?	
(6) If so, when? Giving date as nearly as possible	
What kind	
Employer's Name or Names	
(7) Are you free to work :—	
(a) Whole time	(a)
(b) Part time	(b)
(c) To leave your home for work if pay is sufficient and housing satisfactory? ...	(c)
(8) Is there any other work which you are willing and able to do?	
(9) If you have never done paid work, what kinds of work are you best suited for? ...	
(10) Are you prepared to be trained for work which you have not previously done? ...	
*SPECIAL QUESTIONS FOR PERSONS WILLING TO DO AGRICULTURAL WORK :—	
Have you ever worked at any of the following branches of work :—	
(a) Milking	(a)
(b) Dairy Work	(b)
(c) Care of Live Stock	(c)
(d) Light Farm work	(d)
(e) Market gardening	(e)
(f) Poultry farming	(f)
(g) Ordinary gardening	(g)
If you have not, state which branch you think you would be suited for	

*Persons answering these questions should, if desiring agricultural work only, fill up Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 7 and 10. Persons willing to take agricultural and other work should fill in all numbers.

BIRTHS.

- May 10th, 1914—To Mrs. Fitz Clarence (Miss Jack), a daughter,
Mary Annette.
- April 25th, 1914—To Mrs. Osborne (May Kershaw), a son
- May 11th, 1914—To Mrs. Bottomley (Elsie Kershaw), a daughter.
- June 2nd, 1914—To Mrs. Shenton (A. Jagger), a son
- June 7th, 1914—To Mrs. Fuller (E. Broadbent), a son.
- July 30th, 1914—To Mrs. Snowdon (Eva Kay), a daughter,
Edith Mary.
- Aug. 29th, 1914—To Mrs. Carey (Ethel Neild), a daughter, Ruth
Sausnarez.
- Nov. 1914—To Mrs. Walter Wall (A. Sugden), a daughter.
- Dec. 23rd, 1914—To Mrs. Stott (K. Swailes), a son, Philip Sydney.
- Mar. 22nd, 1915—To Mrs. N. Dunkerley (Eva Jackson), a daughter,
Mary.
- Mrs. Wright (Lena Horrobin), has a son, and
a daughter, Mary.
- To Mrs. Jack Smith (Elsie Atkins), a daughter,
Barbara Mary.
- To (Mary Mellor), a daughter,
Dorothy Mary.

MARRIAGES.

- April 8th, 1914—Eva Jackson to Mr. Norman Dunkerley.
- April 15th, 1914—Esther Shaw to Mr. V. L. Morton.
- May 27th, 1914—Mabel Crompton to Mr. T. Fletcher.
- June 3rd, 1914—Mary Varley to Mr. W. Hawkyard.
- June 3rd, 1914—Eva Wood to Mr. Charles Husband Bake.
- June 10th, 1914—Helen Whittaker to Mr. James P. Hilton.
- June 18th, 1914—Clara Ashton to Mr. J. Leech.
- Aug. 26th, 1914—Eva Doris Thorp to Mr. Harold Dunkerley.
- Sep., 1914—Edith Walsh to Mr. Hopwood.
- Oct. 28th, 1914—Hilda Marcroft to Mr. T. Stephenson.
- Dec. 23rd, 1914—Annie Chadwick to Mr. P. Wilson.
- Jan. 20th, 1915—Gladys Millington to Mr. Leslie Mann.
- Jan. 29th, 1915—Edith Hulton to Mr. Harold Mansel Harvey.
- Feb. 16th, 1915—Gladys Knott Hammersley to Mr. Percy Hall
Birch
- Mar. 24th, 1915—Lilian Hood to Mr. Chamberlain.
Elizabeth Brierley to Mr. W. Berry.
Elsie Broome to Mr. Ashton.

LIST OF MEMBERS.

Any inaccuracy or omission in this list should be reported at once to the Secretary.

Changes of address should also be promptly notified.

*—Country Members.

†—Subscriptions not yet received.

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| Airey, Mrs. (S. Fletcher) | Caldwell, Charlotte |
| Armstrong, Gertrude | *Carey, Mrs. (E. Neild) |
| Ashton, Annie | Carson, Nora |
| Ashton, Edna | Carson, Ellen |
| †Ashton, Lily | Carter, Doris |
| †Ashton, Ada | †Cave, Emily |
| †*Ashton, Nora | Chadderton, Alice |
| Ashworth, Maud | Chadwick, Marion A. |
| Ashworth, Dorothy | †*Chadwick, Florence |
| Atkins, Mrs. (M. Lansdell) | †Chadwick, Elizabeth |
| †Avison, Edith | *Chapman, Mrs. (Ellen Ander-
ton) |
| Bagot, Bessie | †Cliff, Dorothy |
| †Bake, Mrs. (Eva Wood) | *Cooke, Mildred |
| †Barratt Mrs. (E. Andrew) | Cookson, Winifred |
| Bentley, Maud | †Crimin, Mrs. (M. Brearley) |
| †Birch, Mrs. (G. Hammersley) | Cromar, Mrs. (V. Shaw) |
| Bladd, Margaret | Crompton, Jane |
| Blomiley, Ethel | |
| Booth, Millicent | Dearden, Gladys |
| Bowes, Helen | †Dunkerley, Lilian |
| †Bowes, Jessie | Dunkerley, Mrs. (E. Thorp) |
| †Bowes, Ethel | |
| †*Bradbury, Doris | Eatough, Dorothy |
| Brearley, Alice | |
| †Brierley, Doris | Fairnie, Mrs. (M. Rothwell) |
| Bright, Ellen | Farrow, Ada |
| Broadbent, Winifred | †Field, Dorothy |
| Broadbent, Mary | Fletcher, Mrs. (M. Crompton) |
| *Broadbent, Marion | Fletcher, Beatrice |
| Buckley, Annie | |
| †*Buckley, Mrs. (S. Hall) | |

- Fletcher, Priscilla
 *Foote, Grace
 *Fryer, Bertha
- Garfitt, Mrs. (L. Johnson)
 †Garfitt, Olive
 Gartside, May
 *Gartside, Hannah
 Gillespie, Ida
 Griffiths, Gwendolen
- †Haigh, Helen
 *Haigh, Alice
 *Hall, Elizabeth
 *Hall, Annie
 †Hanson, Mary
 Harker, Florence
 Hawkyard, Mrs. (M Varley)
 Henthorne, Emma
 Higgs, Margaret
 *Higgins, Mrs. (E. Halligan)
 Hilton, Mrs. (H. Whittaker)
 †Hilton, Eleanor
 Hirst, Nellie
 *Hodgson, Mary
 Holroyd, Lilian
 Holt, Evelyn
 †*Hood, Mrs. (S. Hand)
 *Hopwood, Mrs. (E. Walsh)
 †Horsfall, Maud
 *Hudson, Dora
 Hurst, Gertrude
- †Jackson, Bertha
 Jackson, Doris
 †Jackson, Harriet
 Jackson, Mabel
 †*Jennings, Margery
- †Jessop, Emily
 Johnson, Ethel
 Johnson, Helen
 Johnson, May
- †*Kay, Amy
 *Kay, Isabel
 Kempsey, Madge
 Kempsey, Elizabeth
 Kempsey, Florence
 †*Kenning, Ella
 *Kent, Alice
 Kershaw, Mary
- †*Lambert, Mrs. (Emily Ashton)
 Lansdell, Phyllis
 Lawton, Elsie
 Lawton, May
 Lee, Helen
 Leach, Bessie
 †Leech, Mrs. (C. Ashton)
 Leech, Marjorie
 Leech, Winifred
 Lees, Edna
 Lees, Mary
 *Lees, Elizabeth
 Letham, Mary
 Letham, Margaret
 †*Lewis, Martha
 †*Lloyd, Annie
 Lloyd, Ethel
 Lowe, Agnes
 *Lumb, Gertrude
- *Macpherson, Jean
 *Macpherson, Janet
 Macpherson, Elsie
 †*McRobert, Jessie
 *Mann, Mrs. (G. Millington)
 †*Martland, Marjorie
 †Martland, Bertha

† Mathews, Marion
 * Matley, Ethel
 * Maw, Margaret
 * Mellowdew, Bessie
 Mellodew, Madge
 Mellor, Beatrice
 Mellor, Gertrude
 * Mellor, Edith
 † Mellor, Daisy
 Mercer, Lilian
 * Millington, Mrs. (S. Lees)
 Millington, Daisy
 * Millington, Elsie
 Mills, Mrs. (M. Brown)
 Morton, Mrs. (Esther Shaw)

* Neild, Nellie
 * Neild, Ada
 * Neild, Lillian
 * Neild, Dorothy
 * Newton, Madge
 Newton, Edith
 Newton, Marion

Orme, Mrs. (M. Fletcher)
 Owen, Annie
 Owen, Florence

Parkes, Marjorie
 Parkyn, Kathleen
 Pennington, Nora
 Phillips, Vera
 † Phillips, Josephine
 Pickford, May
 Pickford, Dorothy
 Potter, Bessie
 Potter, Edith
 * Prosser, Mary

Quin, Ethel

* Riley, Catherine
 † Robertson, Mary
 † Robinson, Mrs. (H. Clayton)
 Robinson, Clara
 Robinson, Elsie
 * Rodgers, Gladys
 Rodgers, Marion
 Rothwell, Susan
 Rye, Phyllis

Schofield, Mary
 † Scholes, Mary
 † * Sergeant, Alice
 * Shaw, Elsie
 * Shawcross, Mrs. (M. Higgs)
 Simpson, Mary
 Simpson, Fanny
 Smethurst, Phyllis
 Smith, Mary
 Smith, Alice
 Smith, Elsie
 * Smith, Jessie
 † * Snowdon, Mrs. (E. Kay)
 † Snowdon, Lilian
 Spencer, Kathleen
 * Spencer, Marion
 Spencer, Nita
 Stanton, Dorothy
 Stephenson, Mrs. (H. Mar-
 croft)
 Stock, Sarah
 Stockdale, Lilian
 † * Stott, Mrs. (E. Hall)
 Stott, Mary
 * Stott, Doris

* Taylor, Henrietta
 Taylor, Ena
 * Taylor, Hilda

- †*Tetlow, Helen
 †*Thorpe, Florence
 *Trewman, Susan
- Varley, Ada
 Varley, Jessie
- *Wardle, Elsie
 Wardle, Hilda
 *Warhurst, Doris
 Waterhouse, Ethel
 Watson, Mrs. (B. Holt)
 Watson, Alice
- †*West, Muriel
 †Wharton, Mrs. (E. Stott)
- †*Whipp, Nellie
 Whitehead, Alice
 Whitehead, Doris
 Whitehead, Frances
 Whitehead, Elsie
- †*Whitehead, Nora
 *Whittaker, Ethel
- *Whittaker, Norah
 *Whittaker, Mabel
 Whittaker, Mary
 *Wild, Nadia
 *Wilde, Dorothy
 Wilde, Constance M.
 Wilkinson, Gladys
- †*Williams, Lillian
 *Williamson, Mrs. (D. Mayall)
 *Wilson, Mrs. (A. Chadwick)
 Winterbottom, Ellen
 †Winterbottom, Elsie
 Winterbottom, Annie
 †Wolstencroft, Annie
 Wood, Annie
 Wood, May
 Wood, Mabel
 Wood, M. Gertrude
- *Wood, Mona
 Wright, Annie
 *Wright, Elizabeth
 *Wright, Sybil
 †Wright, Dorothy
 †Wrigley, Elsie