

General Notes.

In the last few months of last year S. Catharine's was busy doing its small share in helping the work of the Red Cross and the Relief Funds.

The weekly afternoon given to needlework was devoted to work for our soldiers and sailors, and each form collected from its members a weekly subscription in aid of the Patriotic Fund.

All prizes were voluntarily given up, and the money thus saved was donated to the Food-Stuffs Fund.

The girls who earned prizes received instead certificates, showing the school badge and colors, and stating that the owner forwarded at her own request the cost of her prize to the Food-Stuffs Fund.

The School Library has received some excellent additions during the course of the past year, particularly in the way of historical novels. These books not only form a splendid adjunct to the lessons given in class, but they cherish a taste for good literature.

Before the war broke out we were regularly receiving one of the English illustrated papers, the pictures of which were pinned up in the classrooms in order that everyone might keep abreast of the times, and develop a keener interest in events taking place in other parts of the world.

The Shakespeare Reading Club held many successful meetings through the year. The readings, however, were not confined to Shakespeare, but included works of Sheridan and Goldsmith.

Our joint school magazine, the "Link," is still flourishing, and two of S. Catharine essays were printed in the first issue for 1914.

Two essays were also sent to London in September to compete for prizes offered by the Colonial Institute to competitors within the British Empire.

The general work of the school is far more advanced this year than hitherto. Last year the highest form in the school was the Junior Public Class, but this year it contains girls who have passed that examination.

As the number of little ones has been increased a Kindergarten has been formed. It is held in the reception room and, judging by their voices, the small people seem very happy.

The day-girls this term threaten to outnumber the boarders—which is rather unusual for S. Catharine's.

Personal.

An excellent address on the subject of mission work among the aborigines was given at S. Catharine's by Mr. Needham on the occasion of his visit to Stanthorpe.

Canon Michlem, the Principal of the Theological College at Nundah, also paid us a visit.