

Miss Cummins, an old girl of S. Margarets, and a former mistress of S. Catharine's, was, on 21st January, received as a novice into the Society of the Sacred Advent, and is now known as Sister Margaret.

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Miss Mackay is at present studying music in London. We were sorry to hear that she had been in the hospital, owing to some trouble with her knee.

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Miss Walker and Miss Dougharty leave England by the Osterley in April, and are due to arrive in Melbourne on May 17th.

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In the first quarter S. Catharine's welcomed Miss Collisson, B.A., from the Church of England Girls' Grammar School, Melbourne. Miss Collisson teaches History and Latin. She has helped a great deal in the inauguration of the S. Catharine's Debating Society, and was elected Sports Mistress for 1915.

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There was a general exodus of prefects during last year. Winifred Stevens left at Easter, Zoe Pike at midwinter, and Joan Elliott and May Davies at the end of the year. Those chosen for the present year are:—Meta Brookes, Bertha Logan, Betty Drummond, and Ilma Ellis.

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Kathleen Hay, who had a very serious illness during the last term, is back at school again working for the junior.

The Debating Society.

Instead of continuing the Shakespeare Reading Club it has been decided to form the S. Catharine's Debating Society, meetings of which are to take place at least three times a term.

The Head-Mistress elected the first committee of the Society. The following were the officers chosen:—

PRESIDENT.—Miss Edwards.

VICE-PRESIDENT.—Miss Collisson.

SECRETARY AND REPRESENTATIVE FOR FORM V. A.—Meta Brookes.

REPRESENTATIVE FOR FORM V. B.—Evelyn Brunckhorst.

REPRESENTATIVE FOR FORM IV.—Isobel Ferguson.

The first debate took place on March 4. After a short speech by the President touching on the aims and object of the Debating Society, the Rules were read by the Secretary.

The President then called on Miss Collisson to propose the motion that "Australia has done her duty in the present war." This was opposed by Meta Brookes. The seconds on each side were Peggy Thorburn and Ilma Ellis. The motion was then thrown open to debate, and after a lively discussion it was put to the vote of the meeting and the motion was won by 13-10.

The second meeting of the S. Catharine's Debating Society was held on March 25th. Evelyn Brunckhorst was called upon to propose the motion that "A University career is necessary for women." This was opposed by Miss Hume, the seconds being Betty Drummond and Isobel Ferguson. The motion was rejected by 11-10.