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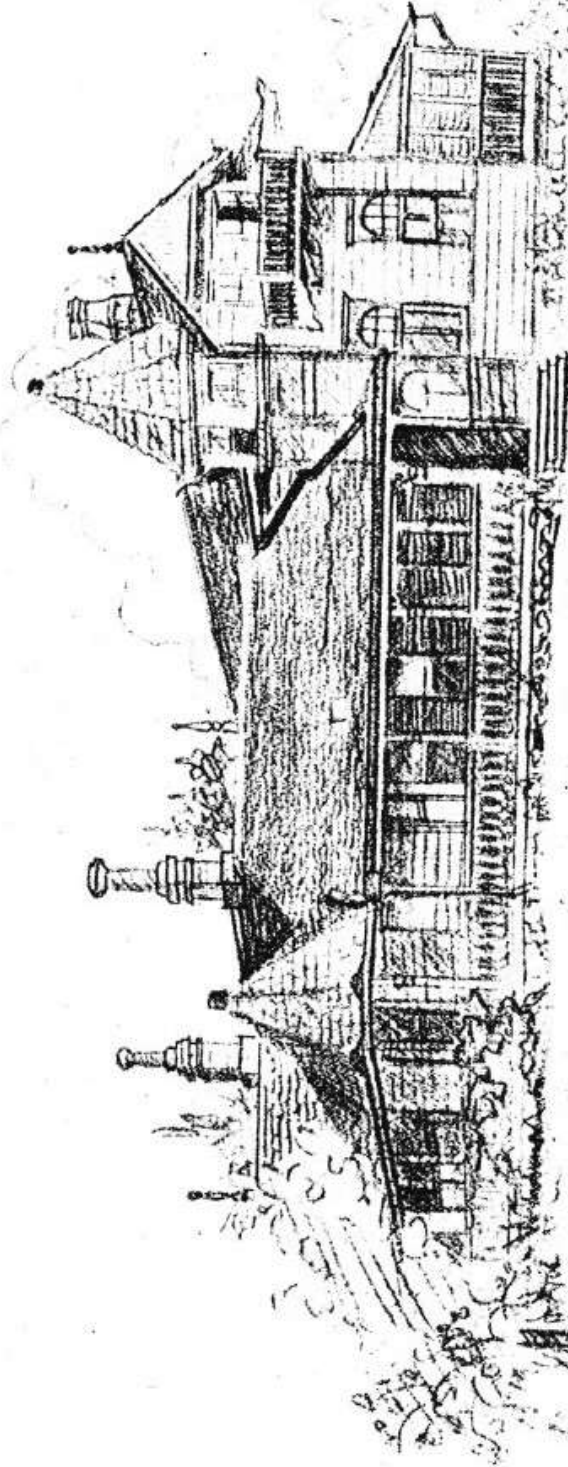
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ST. CATHARINE'S

Editorial.

It was particularly pleasing when a large number of contributions to the School Chronicle was received, as it is a clear indication that the girls are ready and willing to do their little bit for the School when called upon. It is much more pleasing when we think that this spirit has been evident throughout the School during the past year.

Although no outstanding successes came their way, the sports teams gave the rest of the school a splendid example of the development of the team spirit. Every member of the teams forgot individual ambition and self-advancement, and worked only for the advancement of the School.

With the year slipping away so rapidly, many of the older girls will soon be saying "good-bye" to schooldays. They must make it a duty to take away with them just this spirit of co-operation, service, and loyalty.

In this time of national strain and stress, we shall be called upon to make sacrifices. Here, again, we must be ready and willing to make our small contribution to our country, just as we tried to make our small contribution to our School. It will be difficult. We may be quite certain of that! But we may be equally certain that our sacrifices and sorrows will make our lives more worthy and our future more complete:

"Then, welcome each rebuff
That turns earth's smoothness rough,
Each sting that bids nor sit nor stand but go!
Be our joys three parts pain!
Strive, and hold cheap the strain;
Learn, nor account the pang; dare,
never grudge the throe!"

School Events.

We shall soon say "good-bye" to 1939!

Looking back over the past months, we recall with much pleasure the many events, both inside and outside the school, which we were able to enjoy during the year. Hard work, enthusiastic play, and exciting entertainments have been instrumental in making 1939 a very happy time.

Very soon after the re-opening of school, the girls attended the Warwick Show, which has an evergreen attraction,

particularly for our country boarders.

As several of our 1938 Prefects had left us, Canon Neal conducted a Prefects' Service, at which Margot Granger and Val Lucas were admitted as Prefects of the School. Pat Anderson and Dorothy Frame were made Pro-Prefects.

During first term, we were all very sorry to say "good-bye" to Miss Smith, who had worked so hard in the School and for the School for very many years. We wish her all happiness and health in the future. After Easter we welcomed Miss Thompson in her place.

On April 16th, the girls attended the Foundation Stone Service at St. Mark's Church, which was conducted by the Archbishop.

April 29th, St. Catharine's Day, is remembered as the first day of a very happy week-end spent by all Old Girls who were able to attend the Reunion.

On Ascension Night, St. Catharine's held the annual fancy dress dance. Our guests, the pupils of Slade School, also attended in fancy dress, and created much amusement by their original and colourful costumes. The dining room at Mytton House was decorated with trails of green Chinese lanterns and streamers, while the School flag in chocolate, blue and white had the place of honour. Mesdames Neal, Webb, and Stephenson kindly acted as judges, and prizes were awarded for the prettiest and most original costumes. After the judging charming shoulder sprays were presented to the visitors by the very tiny girls.

At the end of second term we also had to say "good-bye" to Miss Gordon, our Music Mistress, and we sent with her our very best wishes. To Miss Wald, we extend a most sincere welcome.

A sad event was the death of Mother Emma, and all the girls of St. Catharine's wish to express their deepest sympathy with the Community.

On May 12th, Joyce Stidolph was made a Pro-Prefect, and during third term, Thelma Fraser also achieved that honour. We congratulate them both!

On August 26th, the Guide Rally took place. This was a very successful day for St. Catharine's Guide Company, as they won both cups presented for Inter-Company Competition.

On September 1st, the girls attended Slade School Sports. In the evening, the generosity of Dr. Oakeley gave us a great deal of enjoyment at Wirth's Circus, to which we went as the doctor's guests.

On September 5th, Archdeacon Thomas conducted a quiet afternoon in our Chapel.

On September 16th, many weeks of hard practice culminated in the Inter-School Athletics. We extend heartiest congratulations to W.H.S. on their success. We achieved second place, and were more than pleased with the efforts of our team.

On September 21st, we held our Annual Inter-House Sports, after which we entertained our visitors at afternoon tea on the front drive.

On September 22nd, we were guests at a very enjoyable dance given at Slade School.

On October 17th, the Kindergarten Concert provided much entertainment for an appreciative audience.

On October 24th, the Warwick Spring Flower Show was held, and St. Catharine's was very creditably represented. We came second in the School Gardens Competition. We won first place in the Collection of Blue Flowers, and also gained eight other firsts and four seconds. The champion pansy came from Mytton House garden.

During the year, we have had the pleasure of seeing several excellent pictures. Among them were "Marie Antoinette," "As You Like It," "David Copperfield," "The Mikado," and "Good-bye Mr. Chips."

Fourth term brings with it Public Examinations, and with very little time left, Seniors and Juniors are working harder than ever. They have our best wishes, and we hope every success will reward their efforts.

House Notes.

BARNES HOUSE.

There are twelve members in our House this year. We are sorry to have lost Junè Marwick, our former House Captain, and Thelma Bang at Midwinter. At the beginning of the year, we welcomed Miss Hughes as House Mistress, and several new members.

After the Midwinter holidays, Nellie Sikes was chosen as House Captain, Blanche Pyne as Athletics Captain, and Nancy Riggall as Tennis Captain.

We competed in the Inter-House Sports, and we wish to congratulate Crothers House on coming first. Although we

tried our best, our points were the lowest. We also competed in the Inter-House Netball. Slade House are to be congratulated on coming first in this.

One of our members is sitting for Scholarship, one for Junior Typing, Commercial, and one for Junior. We wish them all the best of luck!

CROTHERS HOUSE.

This year has been very successful for Crothers House, both in work and sport.

Crothers had representatives in the Inter-School Athletics Team, the School Netball Team, and one girl in the School Tennis Team.

There was keen competition among the Houses for the Athletics Cup, and Crothers were victorious, for the second year in succession, narrowly defeating Slade by a few points. Slade and Crothers tied for the Cup for Ball Games. Congratulations, Slade, on winning the Relay Cup.

Outstanding on Sports Day were Peggy Sheridan, who won the 100 yards open; Vida Wilson, who won the Junior Cup; and Fay Sheridan, who won the Under 12 event.

All girls did their best, even our youngest member, Yvonne Wilson, to whom we were very sorry to say good-bye at the end of last term. We were also sorry to lose Ann Doyle, our House Captain, and Olive Searl, at the end of last year.

We regretfully said good-bye to our House Mistress, Miss Sully, and wish her the best of luck in the future. We were very pleased to welcome in her place Miss Rowland, who is an old member of Crothers, and thank her for all she has done for the House during the year. We also welcome Joyce Stidolph as our House Captain, and Una Wilson as a member of Crothers House.

Two of our members are sitting for Junior, and one for Scholarship. We all wish them the best of luck in their exams.

Mrs. Crothers sent us a beautiful cake again this year, and all the school "tasted" of her kindness. We take this opportunity of thanking her sincerely for her thoughtfulness.

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NEAL HOUSE.

We started again this year with Miss Smith as House Mistress, but owing to ill-health, she had to leave Warwick. We regretted the departure of Miss Smith, because she had been our House Mistress for many years, but we trust that she is much better now. Before she left we entertained her at afternoon tea.

After Easter, Miss Thompson came to us, and we continued in the same way, with Hazel Whatley as Netball and Athletics Captain; Dorothy McDonald as Tennis Captain; Peggy Bigg as Secretary; and Margot Granger as House Captain.

A few weeks before Midwinter, we had to say good-bye to Peggy, and at Midwinter, Dorothy Frame left us. Dorothy McDonald now occupies the position of Secretary.

We were third in Netball and Athletics also. We congratulate Slade and Crothers on their success.

We must also congratulate Beryl Griffiths on her success, both in the Inter-School and Inter-House Athletics. She carried off the Senior Championship this year.

Natalie Laidlaw obtained excellent music and theory results, and we offer her our congratulations.

The garden this year has been divided among the girls, each one having a separate part.

The three Seniors are in Neal House, and we wish them the very best luck in the coming examinations.

SLADE HOUSE.

There are only twelve of us this year, and, unfortunately, we have not had any new girls to welcome.

We wish to congratulate Val Lucas on becoming a Prefect, and Pat Anderson and Thelma Fraser on being made Pro-Prefects.

We also congratulate Margaret Laney and Pat Anderson on their success in Junior, and we take this opportunity of wishing Millicent Cameron and Dorothy Thomas the best of luck in their forthcoming examinations.

We are fortunate in having four Slade girls in the "A" Netball Team, and we have been able to win the Cup for the second year in succession. We also have three girls in the "A" Tennis Team. In the Inter-House Athletics we came

second, and we congratulate Crothers on their success. Once again we won the Relay Cup, and we tied with Crothers in the Ball Games.

When the Music results came out, we were very pleased to hear that Marjorie Dickinson and Roma Warner had both gained very high marks in the Elementary Grade. Well done, Marjorie and Roma!

At Michaelmas, we were all sorry to lose Margaret Collins, who was an enthusiastic member of the House.

We wish to thank our House Mistress, Miss Clark, for all she has done for us during the year.

GUIDE COMPANY NOTES.

This year the Guides welcomed Miss Hughes as Guide-Captain. Miss Jean Rowland has acted as Company Lieutenant during the year.

During the second term, the Guides hiked to the golf-links, and spent the whole day there.

The Guides were very pleased to receive a visit this year from Miss Hawthorn, the Deputy State Commissioner, and Miss Martin, who does a great deal of guiding in Scotland.

The third term was spent in determined practising for the Guide Rally. Besides working to win the Neal Cup for the third and final time, the Guides were resolved to win the new Cup presented by the Guide Committee. A Toowoomba Company came to Warwick, and there was keen competition between it and the 1st and 2nd Warwick Companies. Despite the severe tussle, at the end of the day the 2nd Warwick Company had the Neal Cup to keep, and the new Committee Cup for one year.

On 22nd August, our Commissioner, Mrs. Neal, enrolled Betty Deshon, Leslie Staunton, Jane Oakeley, and Fay Sheridan as Guides. The Guides are hoping to have more recruits next year.

Examination Results.

SENIOR PUBLIC, NOVEMBER, 1938.

Joan Bain, 1B, 2C.

Anne Doyle, 1B, 3C.

JUNIOR PUBLIC, NOVEMBER, 1938.

Patricia Anderson, 1B, 6C.

Peggy Bigg, 2A, 2B, 3C.

Margot Granger, 1A, 3B, 3C.

Margaret Laney, 1A, 1B, 5C.

Valerie Lucas, 1B, 3C.

Olive Searl, 4C.

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Typewriting, Junior.—Blanche Pyne, 64 per cent.

JUNE EXAMINATIONS, 1939.

Shorthand, Elementary.—Dorothy Frame, 73 per cent;
Blanche Pyne, 65 per cent.

SEPTEMBER EXAMINATIONS, PIANOFORTE.

Jane Oakeley, Grade IV, 88 Honours.

Natalie Laidlaw, Grade V, 85 Honours.

Joyce Donovan, Grade VI, 90 Honours.

Fay Sheridan, Grade VI, 90 Honours.

Marjorie Dickinson, Grade VII, 94.

Roma Warner, Grade VII, 92.

SEPTEMBER EXAMINATIONS, VIOLIN.

Nellie Sikes, Grade III, 77 Credit.

SEPTEMBER EXAMINATIONS, THEORY.

Joyce Donovan, Grade V, 93 Honours.

Nellie Sikes, Grade V, 92 Honours.

Jane Oakeley, Grade V, 91 Honours.

Natalie Laidlaw, Grade V, 77 Credit.

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The End of School Days.

The end of the school year is here once again. To many it means merely the proximity of holidays, the end of a year in which we have accomplished something to be proud of, or a failure in some lessons on which we look back with regret. But, to many of us, the closing of the year brings sadness, as it means the ending of our school life.

We must now take our place as citizens in the world, and face the facts of life, remembering always the whole foundation of a successful life is summed up in those two words, "High Ideals."

In our school life we have been sheltered, and ever guided by our teachers, who encourage us to think for ourselves, and to form good and noble ideals, making school a place in which we may learn to fit ourselves for life in the best possible manner. When we are no longer guided by our Alma Mater, it is our duty to nourish those ideals we have formed, and put them into practice in whatever sphere of life we may enter.

As we stand on the threshold of a new life, with all its possibilities, we wonder what it will bring forth.

We should have an aim in life, and ambition enough to achieve that aim. To learn how to live is as necessary as to learn how to gain proficiency in any art or profession. We must not think because we are born with all the essentials of life, that that is the end of the matter. We must learn how to employ them to the best advantage, so as to yield the highest results.

Finally, may all the girls who are now leaving school, to take their places in the world, ever remember the motto of St. Catharine's, "Per Volar Su Nata"—born to fly upwards, a standard of courage and service, together with the love for all that is righteous.

Perhaps the best ideal of work to keep before us is given in the words of Browning:—

"All service ranks the same with God
If now, as formerly, He trod
Paradise, His Presence fills
Our earth, each only as God wills
Can work; God's puppets, best and worst,
Are we; there is no last nor first."

JOYCE STIDOLPH.

A Landscape.

A-far the green of wheat on low, wide fields,
 Is mingled with the glorious shades and hues,
 Among the mountains' ever changing blues.
 Now, watch the river winding through the wealds,
 Where water-lily leaf in current yields,
 And willow boughs, in breezes, lightly lose
 Their tips in water flowing o'er the ooze,
 Their lifeless listlessness of shade reveal'd.
 A century past, these hills, these plains, these banks,
 Were wooded thick with forest trees and vines.
 Of native birds and beasts were many signs—
 The kookaburra's laugh and 'possum pranks,
 The hunted kangaroo and native bear—
 But they are gone long since; we wonder where.

PHILLIS BASKERVILLE.

The Fairy Wish.

It was Joan's birthday, and nurse had said that she might go into the wood to play. Her small brother, Peter, had wanted to go too, but Nurse had said perhaps next year, when he was a little older.

The sun was shining and the birds were singing, as Joan ran off with her favourite doll into the big wood to play. As she skipped along the little path through the trees and flowers and ferns, she saw rabbits and other little wild creatures scuttle away out of sight. But Joan was not happy; her thoughts kept wandering to Mother lying quiet and pale on her pillows.

No matter how she tried to forget it, she could still see that pale face. Daddy, who was a famous doctor, had been in Africa experimenting, and was now coming as quickly as possible to his sick wife. But even then, the doctors thought that it might be too late.

Joan came to a part where the path branched off in three directions. She followed one of these tracks, and after she had walked for a few minutes she found that the track ended, and there was a pretty, soft ring of grass. She sat down on the grass to think. She thought about Mummy; she thought about Daddy; she thought about little Peter and how he always wanted to see a fairy. "Yes! wouldn't it be lovely to see a fairy," she said aloud.

"Good afternoon," said a sweet voice behind her. "You wished to see a fairy?"

"Oh! yes," said Joan, "and I do believe you are one," she added, catching sight of the small creature.

"Indeed, you are right," said the little creature.

"Oh! how good of you to allow me to see you," said Joan in delighted tones.

"Yes, not many people can see us," replied the fairy, "only those who wish inside a fairy ring."

"Then this is a fairy ring," exclaimed Joan, "How delightful!"

"Yes, and now you see me, you may have whatever you wish for," said the fairy.

Joan thought of the lovely doll's house she had seen in the shop window, the fluffy teddy-bear and the box of paints which she had not been able to have for her birthday, because Mother was too ill to remember that it was her birthday.

She was just going to say the doll's house, when the thoughts of Mother came back into her mind.

"I should like you to make Mummy better," she said, bravely trying to forget the pretty toys.

"That is a very good, unselfish wish," said the fairy, "so you shall have it. Turn round three times, shut your eyes, and wish."

Joan thought at first, when she opened her eyes, and the fairy was gone, that she had been dreaming. But the more she thought about it, the more convinced she became that it was not a dream, but that she had really seen and spoken to a fairy.

How surprised and delighted she was when she got home and found that Daddy had arrived and brought with him a lovely doll's house, and that already Mother was much better. After this she improved daily, until she was quite well. Everyone thought how wonderful it was, but only Joan knew of the Fairy Wish.

VALMAE CLARK.

The Epitaph.

(With apologies to Thomas Gray)

Here on this gleaming dish with parsley strewn,
Lies rooster to the neighbourhood well known,
He pecked the garden patch to rack and ruin,
And so his master marked him for his own.

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Red was his comb and his crow so shrill,
No recompense had neighbours night or morn,
He waken'd sleepers with inspired will,
He gained from master (all he wished) some corn.

What needs more must I vent my baffled hate—
Or meditate deep slumbers broken rude,
Reproach, revenge, redress lie on this plate,
One tempting and all-satisfying food.

DOROTHY McDONALD.

An Unfortunate Mishap.

Mr. White Whiskers, who was an absent-minded mouse, left home early one morning. He was father of two children, and had a loving wife.

He had just reached the door, when his wife called him back, for he had forgotten his waistcoat. He had to wear this, for he was going to interview a business mouse.

On arriving at the bus stand, he asked what time the bus left for the Town Hall. They told him at one-thirty. He thanked them, and went off to buy "Mouse Weekly." He sat in the park until two-thirty reading, for he had forgotten what time the bus left.

At last he arrived at the Town Hall, after leaving his paper in the bus, his hat in a taxi, and his gloves in a tram. He went up the steps until he came to an office marked J. W. A. Curly Whisker. He went in, and the secretary told him Mr. Curly Whisker would see him.

In he marched, feeling very proud of himself. Mr. Curly Whisker then said, "Well, Sir, and what can I do for you?"

Then Mr. White Whiskers looking puzzled, said, "Oh dear! I have forgotten."

Mr. Curly Whisker was very angry indeed, and told him to leave immediately. Poor Mr. White Whiskers had to go home without getting a job.

JUNE STIDOLPH,

The Midnight Ball.

The village garden blazed with flowers,
The beds were like a great bonfire;
The lilac white formed fairy bowers,
For a little elf to play his lyre.

All night long, while the moonbeams danced,
While the elfins piped, the fairies sang,
The bushland animals tossed and pranced,
Till the village church bells rang.

ROMA WARNER.

A Christmas Dream.

One night I was very tired, so I went to bed early. After I had been in bed for a while, I had a dream. I sat up in bed and saw a turkey walking about. Then a pig ran in, and then a Christmas pudding, and they all got in a ring and danced and sang in their own way. But I could not understand them.

A little while afterwards a sixpence and a little spoon came hobbling in. They had dropped out of the plum pudding when it was coming in the door. This time it was a different dance. They shuffled all over the place. It was a funnier one than last time. The little people then asked me would I like to have a dance and then go out into the forest. And I said "yes."

The turkey led the way. We went a few miles, and then the sixpence and the spoon decided to come back. On the way back the turkey got lost. There were only three to come home with. We had one more mile to go, and the sixpence and the spoon and myself were feeling very hungry. The sixpence said, "What about eating some of Plum Pudding?" But I would not agree to that, so they did not eat some of Plum Pudding after all.

Plum Pudding and Sixpence were having a fight now, and while they were fighting Sixpence took a big bite out of Plum Pudding and he was very annoyed. The quarrel did not last for long, however; soon all of them were friends again. I said good-bye to them all, but I could not say good-bye to turkey because he was lost.

JOAN HAMMOND (Grade III).

The Stream.

Once there lived a tiny stream,
Who loved to play around;
Babbling and gurgling through meadows green
And making a pleasant sound.

It spoke to the flowers which grew by its edge,
And many a tale told the bee.
It watered the ferns on the low rocky ledge,
As it journeyed on to the sea.

It knew it soon would meet the sea,
And there would its journey end.
So happily, merrily, full of glee,
Its way through the meadows did wend.

JUNE STIDOLPH.

Mytton House Garden.

Mytton House is surrounded by a small but lovely garden. Walking up the path we see poppies swaying in the breeze, as bees and butterflies hover about them.

Stately purple and blue delphiniums stand as if guarding the velvet pansies, which lift their many-coloured faces to the sun. Blue and pink larkspurs and brilliant blue cornflowers, sprinkled with dew, shine in the sun.

In the foreground iris lilies find shade under a palm tree. Three trellises, adorned with purple and golden bells, form archways across the paths. A single little primrose plant grows near one archway, and its flowers remind one of the English woods and meadows.

In the background are red and white climbing roses, while to the right, purple wistaria grows luxuriantly. Violets, gerberas, and marigolds add a flash of colour to the garden.

The gorgeous golden flowers of the broom-trees look like a shower of sun-rays. To one side of the gate an English oak stands stately in its spring splendour. In the middle of the green lawn two cypress pines, whose leaves give shelter to the twittering birds, keep watch like sentinels on duty.

PEGGY SHERIDAN and SHIRLEY STEFFMAN.

Fairy Music.

When the moonlight is flooding the field and the plain,
I hear it distinctly again and again;
The breezes that sigh through the leaves and the grass,
Seem to whisper the echo to me as they pass.
Silent and still in the daylight of noon,
Is the music so sweet by the light of the moon.

'Tis the fairies that tinkle their clear silver bells,
And dance by the moon in their green fairy dells;
'Tis the fairies that play on their sweet fairy pipes,
'Mid the grass and the trees on the lovely spring nights;
Their laughing and singing in joy as they play,
Must vanish like stars at the dawn of the day.

But again as the moon creeps o'er forest and glen,
And sheds it's pale light o'er the cave and the den;
Again the wind echoes that sweet fairy song,
Of the happy young people, the gay fairy throng;
The music and laughter and song as they play,
Will float on the wind 'till the dawn of the day.

VALMAE CLARK.

Sports Notes.

TENNIS.

Our tennis team was unsuccessful this year, although practices were well attended and much enthusiasm put into our play.

We won both our matches against W.H.S., but the P.G.C. proved too strong. Congratulations, P.G.C., on retaining the Cup.

We were very sorry to lose Norma Johnstone from our team this year, but we welcome Joyce Sommerfield in her place.

We are now busy practising for our Inter-House matches and our Championships. Tennis has been played regularly throughout the year, and there is much keenness among the younger players which augurs well for the future.

RESULTS OF INTER-SCHOOL MATCHES:

First Round:

St. Catharine's v. W.H.S., 46-19.

St. Catharine's v. P.G.C., 28-44.

Second Round:

St. Catharine's v. W.H.S., 48-18.

St. Catharine's v. P.G.C., 21-48.

NETBALL.

We were very fortunate in having six of our A netball team back at school this year.

We were sorry to lose Norma Johnstone, but we welcomed Millicent Cameron, who goaled excellently throughout the season.

Although we were unsuccessful in the Inter-School Fixtures, we enjoyed some very even matches. On each occasion the result was in doubt until the final whistle blew, and twice we were defeated by a single goal. In the last match of the season, against P.G.C., we were successful. We congratulate W.H.S. on winning the Cup.

Our B team played very well this year, and for the first time had the chance to prove their worth, which they did by winning one match against P.G.C. and the other resulted in a draw.

During second term House matches were played, and great interest and enthusiasm were shown in these by the players themselves and other members of the House on the sideline.

To Miss Clark we offer our thanks for the splendid coaching she gave us during the season.

ATHLETICS.

Once again the Inter-School sports provided the chief highlight of the sporting year, and third term saw the athletes down to hard and serious training. Their efforts were well repaid on the great day, September 16th. The W.H.S., to whom we offer our congratulations, once again gained the coveted Cup, but our team achieved second place, and the Open Tunnelling Team, of whom we are justly proud, won the

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tunnelling event for the third year in succession. Our Open Relay were narrowly beaten on the tape.

Special mention must be made of our hurdles representatives. This event was included for the first time this year. Beryl Griffiths won the Open Hurdles, and Vida Wilson, whose splendid style was remarked on, won the junior event with the greatest of ease. Vida also gained second place in the Open 200 yards.

During the last week of term we held our own Inter-House Sports, the serious events on the Show Ground Oval, and the more lively events on the school tennis courts, after afternoon tea, which was served in the school grounds. Everybody thoroughly enjoyed the afternoon, which was finalised with the presentation of trophies by Mrs. Healy.

Crothers won the Inter-House Cup, Slade the Relay Cup, and Slade and Crothers the Ball Games Cup.

The Senior Championship was won by Beryl Griffiths, the Junior Championship by Vida Wilson, and under 12 by Fay Sheridan. Our best wishes to the 1940 team.

Visitors to the School.

Early in the year Miss D. Hawthorn and Miss Martin came to inspect the School Company of Guides.

On April 17th, we were honoured by a visit from the Archbishop, who conducted the first Holy Communion service in our Chapel.

On April 24th, Mr. Millward came to the school and gave an address on "Anzac."

In third term Rev. A. C. Flint came and gave us a very interesting talk on missionary work.

On August 14th, we were very happy to welcome the Mother Superior for a brief stay.

We have also had visits from Sister Edith and Sister Isobel.

On September 5th, Archdeacon Thomas visited the school, and conducted a quiet afternoon.

On October 14th, Mr. Brennan and Mr. Thomson, of the Diocesan Finance Board, paid us a very brief visit.

Old Girls' Notes.

The most important event on the O.G.A. calendar for 1939 was the Reunion held at the school on St. Catharine's Day, April 29th. A pleasing number of old girls took the opportunity of coming back to the school and meeting old friends and making new ones. It was decided at the O.G.A. meeting that this Reunion should be an annual event, to take place on the last week-end in April, and we here invite all old girls of the school to do their very best to join us at that time next year.

On Saturday afternoon tennis and netball matches between past and present pupils were played, the old girls being successful in the tennis, while the present girls were definitely superior in the Netball. On Saturday night a party was held at the school, when dancing and competitions were enjoyed by all.

On Sunday morning there was an early celebration of Holy Communion in the School Chapel. At 10 o'clock the Guides attended church parade at St. Mark's, where the dedication of the new school flag took place. The reunion was brought to a successful conclusion on Sunday afternoon by a very happy picnic at Silverwood Dam.

Mention must be made of the fact that at the O.G.A. annual meeting, it was decided that the old girls should give an Altar to the School Chapel. It is a simple but lovely altar, and with its surrounding tapestry, looks very beautiful indeed. All old girls who have not already seen it, should do so at their earliest opportunity.

Now for some news of old girls!

Dorothy Thompson is still enjoying her kindergarten work in Brisbane.

Vera Cutmore is teaching at Surat.

Marjorie Campbell has her own hairdressing salon in Mackay.

Jean Fraser was married recently, and we wish her every happiness.

Lorraine Smith is doing office work in Brisbane.

Margaret Caston is studying chiropody in Brisbane.

Doreen Hauenschild is still teaching in Sydney, and doing a little free-lance journalism in leisure hours.

Rene Armitstead is in a chemist's shop in Childers.

Cecily Elkington is teaching physical culture in Tasmania.

Beatrice Whatley has just learned of her success in her Nursing Final Examination at Dalby. We extend to her our congratulations.

Ida Keenan has recently returned from a trip to England.

Maurine Benson is a fully qualified Karitane nurse.

Patricia Luscombe and Nancy Whatley have both finished their courses at the Training College, and are teaching in the west.

Ethel Meiklejohn is governessing outside Warwick.

Nell Appel is headmistress at St. Anne's School, Townsville.

Mrs. A. E. N. Hughes (nee Joyce Ogg) is leading a very full and busy life in Sussex, England.

Peggy Bigg has obtained a position with the Border Post, Stanthorpe.

Marie Addison, Grace Gillespie, and Duleie Gwynne have recently announced their engagements, and we wish them all happiness in the future.

Esme Warner is starting business in a frock shop, Warwick.

Doreen Gilham is doing a massage course at the Queensland University.

We wish to welcome Una Smith as a life member of the Association.

Note: Subscriptions for 1940 fall due on May 1st.