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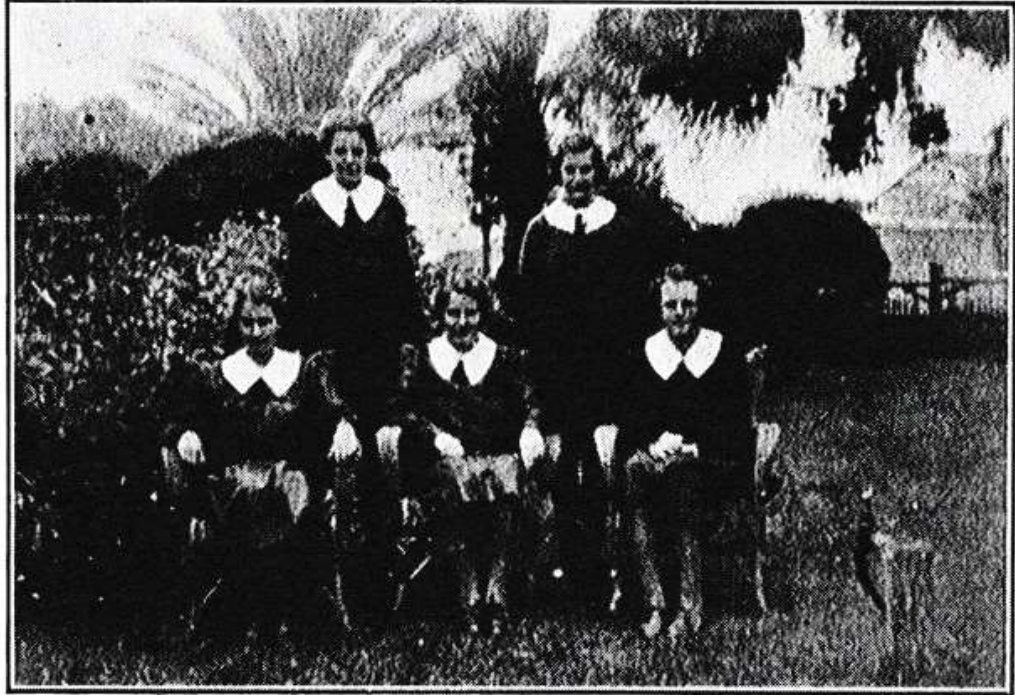
HOUSE CAPTAIN

Crothers-Barnes Peggy Sheridan

Neal Peggy Bigg

Slade Patricia Anderson

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PREFECTS.

SITTING (Left to Right): Peggy Bigg, Patricia Anderson, Peggy Sheridan. **STANDING:** Dorothy Thomas, Edris Grimley.



ATHLETIC TEAM

SITTING (Left to Right): Iris Corduroy, Dorothy Thomas, Fay Sheridan. **STANDING:** Peggy Sheridan, Beryl Griffiths, Una Wilson.

EDITORIAL.

A desire for Freedom is common to every one of us.

Many a girl, on leaving school, gives expression to some such utterance as this: "Oh, how pleased I am to be leaving school. Now I am free to go where I like, and to do as I like, without constantly being reminded I am only a school girl still."

Before long you will have only the memory of your school days. You are free from lessons certainly, but are you satisfied?

The freedom you craved so earnestly in the past, is not tasting quite so sweet after all, and it has brought with it the responsibility of settling for yourself many perplexities and difficulties that in your school life, you had been in the habit of referring, quite naturally, to older and wiser heads than your own—your teachers.

To learn to depend on one's self, to look for one's resources inside, and not outside of one's self, is to learn the secret of success and of happiness. Without self reliance we are the sport of every wind that blows, the victims of chance, of circumstances, of environment. All the real success in life, and all the great achievements in the world's history, have their root in the self reliant qualities that make for true manhood, and true womanhood. Strong characters are not built up by hampering, or indulgence; they are the result only of steady individual work towards a great life and purpose.

Remember, that it is only by service, and sacrifice, that we can ever hope to enter into a life of true and perfect freedom.

What a wonderful example of self sacrifice is shown to us today by our Soldiers, Sailors, and Airmen, who are fighting in unity to preserve our own rights, and freedom, and also to restore the same rights to weaker nations who have been beaten down by the forces which would deny us and them everything that makes life worth living, everything we hold dear.

Is it the work that makes life great and true?
Or the true soul that working as it can,
Does faithfully the task it has to do,
And keepeth faith alike with God and man?

SCHOOL EVENTS.

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 1940 a very happy time.

It was with great regret that the school bade "farewell" to Canon and Mrs. Neal in July. Canon and Mrs. Neal have had a great deal to do with the girls' school here for twelve years. Old girls and the guides particularly have grateful memories of Mrs. Neal, and there are many things in and about the school to bear witness to Canon's interest and help.

Archdeacon Thomas paid us a visit in April, when he admitted three members to the Community Fellowship.

The Old Girls' Reunion, held the last week-end in April, was rather spoiled by the pressure of war activities. However, we hope that next year more of the local girls will be able to attend and spend a happy week-end together.

In May the girls had a successful doll's stall at the Church fete. They were glad to have some part in the renovating of St. Mark's, and eight St. Catharine girls were amongst the first candidates to be Confirmed in the Church in May.

The Inter-House Sports were held on August 23rd, the first part in the Show Grounds and the second half at the school. We were happy to have our Mother Superior with us on this day, and later the prizes and trophies were presented by her to the winning Houses and girls. Slade House won the tennis, netball and Athletic Cup this year.

In the Inter-School Sports in September, we came second to High School in total points for the Montrose Cup, with 48 points to the High School's 50 points. There were three records broken in girl's events, all of them by St. Catharine's champion Beryl Griffiths, who broke her own hurdles record of last year, brought the 200 yards open record down 1 1-3 seconds, and lowered the existing record for the 100 yards made by a girl of this school, Clarice Thompson, in 1923, and unchanged since then. We are very proud of Beryl.

During November the school was honoured by a visit from the

Primate of Australia, and all will mark this as a memorable day in their school life.

After the Midwinter holidays we lost Miss Sheila Thompson, who left us to become Mrs. McDougall. We wish her every happiness.

We also said goodbye to Miss Thelma Skuse. Miss Skuse has had good results from the few girls who have taken Commercial subjects, and whom she entered for the Queensland Shorthand Writers and Bookkeepers Association examinations. Miss Skuse left us to be married on November 30th.

The girls held a needlework display on December 7th, Crothers-Barnes being the successful House. All Houses put forward a splendid display of needlework, and we wish to thank Mrs. Slade and Miss Wheatcroft for kindly coming along and being judges.

The Old Girls held their usual party the second last night of the term, and this year it was in the form of a farewell party to Miss Val Rowland. Miss Joyce Stidolph, secretary of the Association, made a presentation on behalf of all the members. It is with the greatest regret that we say goodbye to Val this year. She leaves us to be married, and we wish her all the happiness in her future life that she so richly deserves.

The Chapel has been painted recently as well as other parts of the school, including the kindergarten, primary room, gymnasium, music block and science room. At the beginning of the year all the bathrooms were repainted, also some dormitories. The grounds and the three tennis courts have been greatly improved. The improvements have cost rather much, but are well worth while, and we are grateful to all who have helped us with them.

NEAL HOUSE NOTES

The year 1940 has been a very happy one for Neal House, and our fellowship has been an inspiration to us all. The House has given of its best to every branch of school life.

On Sports Day we won the Inter-House Ball Games' Cup, and came second in the relay. One of our girls, Beryl Griffiths, broke three records at the Inter-School Sports, one of which had been held for seventeen years. These records were:—200 yards open, held since 1930; 100 yards open, held since 1923; 90 yards hurdles, in

which she broke her own record of the previous year. We offer her our heartiest congratulations.

We were very pleased to welcome back to the House, Peggy Bigg, who was reinstated as a Pro-Prefect, and has since been admitted as a Prefect. Edris Grimley has also been made a Pro-Prefect.

In September, Mrs. Slade promised to present a Cup for the best House Needlework Display at the end of the year. So, every Saturday afternoon, we held a Sewing Bee, which was very well attended. We would like to thank the day-girls especially for their keenness and regularity. As a result, we came second in the display, and we congratulate Crothers-Barnes on their victory.

At the end of the year we presented one Junior, one Senior, and two Scholarship candidates, and all passed.

During the third term, Miss Hanretty took us all for a picnic and we spent a very pleasant afternoon. The babies especially enjoyed themselves, being greatly enthralled by their peanut hunt.

We were very sorry to say goodbye to our House Captain, Margot Granger, who passed the Senior successfully, and welcome Peggy Bigg as our new Captain. We hope that all new girls will be happy and helpful members of Neal House during 1941.

SLADE HOUSE NOTES

Slade was very pleased to welcome our two House Mistresses, Miss Wald and Miss Thomson, and all the new girls. We were very sorry to lose so many of our old Slade members who did so much for us throughout the year. Two of them, Margaret Laney and Millicent Cameron, were successful in the Senior and Junior Examinations, respectively, and they have our heartiest congratulations.

Slade did excellent work on the Sports Field last year, and carried off the Athletics Cup, and also the Relay, Netball, and Tennis Cups. We hope for another triumph this year. Two Slade girls, Valerie Lucas and Margaret Laney, were in the A Tennis Team last year, and five in the A Netball, and it is to be hoped we will be as fortunate this year. Neal won the Ball Games Cup after an exciting tussle with Crothers, and Crothers were easily the winners for the Sewing Cup. They have our congratulations for their good work.

Our House Captain, Pat Anderson, is also Captain of the School, and we are very proud and pleased to have her with us again.

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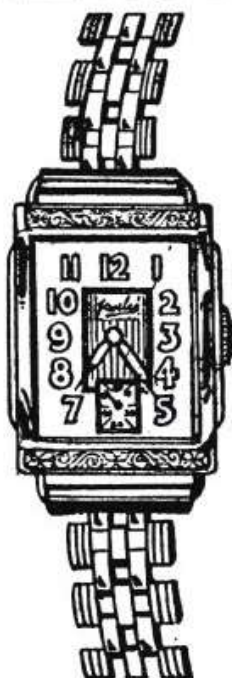
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Dorothy Thomas also has been honoured with a Pro-Prefect's Badge, and we know she will be a credit to Slade.

Quite a number of Slade girls were successful in Music Examinations, and we wish to congratulate them, as well as the girls in Neal and Crothers, for doing such good work.

We take this opportunity of congratulating Margaret Laney on winning the Old Girls' Prize—last year—the first year of its award to the best all round girl in the school, and on her Training College Scholarship, and Patricia Anderson on her Matriculation pass.

CROTHERS-BARNES HOUSE NOTES

Last year, so that the Houses might be more easily divided, it was decided to combine Crothers and Barnes. Its year of existence has been a happy and united one.

We welcomed Miss Gower to the House last year, and this year we are pleased to have Miss Brown with us. There are several new members, and the House now numbers eighteen.

At the end of the year we farewelled Miss Rowland who has been connected with the House for so many years. The party we gave her could not express our appreciation of all she has done. We wish her every joy in her married life.

Peggy Sheridan was elected House and Athletics' Captain. We also congratulate her on being made a Pro-Prefect.

Crothers-Barnes had representatives in the School Athletics team, and two girls in the A Tennis team. At the Inter-House sports we retained the Junior Relay, and came second in the day's events. A hearty cheer for Slade and Neal who won the two Cups.

The triumph of the year was the winning of the Needlework Cup. Peggy spurred the girls to a great effort, and the result was very pleasing.

Mrs. Crothers sent us a beautiful cake, and the whole school celebrated. We do appreciate her kindness.

We must congratulate:—

Pat Penrose and Pat Drinkwater on their Junior passes.

Una Wilson on her Scholarship pass, 76.8 per cent.

The Music girls, especially Betty Deshon and Joan Hammond, with honours.

Pat Penrose on her Art of Speech.

Nancy Riggall and Blanche Pyne on their Commercial successes.

Fay Sheridan on winning the Junior Tennis Championship.

GUIDE NOTES

The Guides spent a very happy as well as hard-working year under the leadership of Miss Jean Rowland.

Throughout the year we had almost a full company, which is a larger number than in previous years.

Many of the older Guides knitted socks, and the younger ones hemmed handkerchiefs for the soldiers. The Guides also made an effort to help refugee children and many clothes were collected by them.

At the end of the year, as usual, we held our Guide break-up, and we succeeded in winning the rally—this win made it our fourth in succession. Our Commissioner presented us with a large shield which is returned each year to be inscribed.

We wish to thank Miss Tilly who very kindly put herself at our disposal throughout the year to pass us for our various tests.

We were very sorry to lose Miss Rowland, who left us to be married. We wish her every happiness in the future, and for ourselves, we hope the coming year will be as happy and successful as the last.

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SCHOLARSHIP CANDIDATES (1940)

SITTING (Left to Right): Margaret Squires, Una Wilson, Marjorie Dickenson. **STANDING:** Valmae Clarke, Natalie Laidlaw.

SCHOLARSHIP RESULTS

Una Wilson 76.8 per cent., Valmae Clarke 71 per cent., Margaret Squires 71 per cent., Marjorie Dickenson 64 per cent., Natalie Laidlaw 62 per cent.

JUNIOR RESULTS

Cameron, Millicent: English B, French B, English History B, Geography C, Arithmetic C, Algebra A, Geometry C. (E.C.1.)

Drinkwater, Patricia: English C, French C, English History C, Geography C, Biology C.

Penrose, Patricia: English C, French B, English History C, Biology A, Art of Speech C.

Steffman, Shirley: English C, French C, English History C, Geography C, Arithmetic C. (E.C.1.)

SENIOR RESULTS

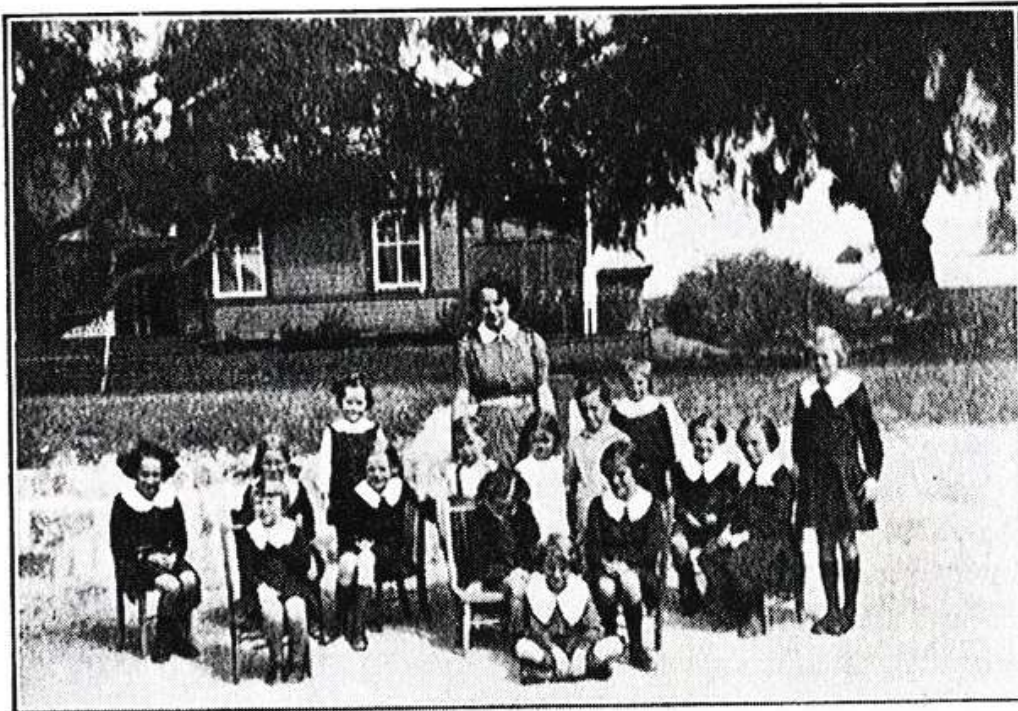
Margaret Laney: English B, French B, Modern History C, Ancient History C, Geography B, Mathematics C, Botany A, Mathematics I. (Intermediate) B. (M. 2, 4, 5, 9, 10, 12.)

Patricia Anderson: English pass, French C, Mathematics pass, Botany B, Music B.

Margot Granger: English C, French C, Botany C, Music B, Mathematics (Intermediate) pass.

Valerie Lucas: English, Botany pass.

KINDERGARTEN NOTES



KINDERGARTEN

Mistress, Miss Viola Thompson, and Pupils.

1940 was quite a busy year for the Kindergarten. Unfortunately, the attendance was not as regular as it might have been, mainly owing to the measles epidemic. From seven at the beginning of the first term, the numbers increased to seventeen, but this year we have only ten on the roll.

In September, a concert was given for the parents, and the children were thrilled to see such a large audience. This year we decided to use part of the proceeds for the Bombing Victims' Relief Fund.

Mr. Peter Leonard gave a special recital for the Kindergarten, and did their old favourite "Peter Pan and Wendy." Some of the children took part, and later, they entertained Mr. Leonard at a morning tea party.

The Christmas Tree was the most exciting, and Santa Claus, as jolly as ever, once again favoured us with his presence.

The Kindergarten Room is looking much brighter with newly painted tables, and chairs, and we should like to thank all the girls who helped with the painting.

Also we thank Miss Wheatcroft for her gift of a Doll's House, and a number of children's books.

PRIZE LIST

1st Form, year's work: Anita Bray.

2nd Form: Joan Hammond, Alison Ralston, Brenda Burton.

3rd Form: (3A) Una Wilson, (3B) Jane Oakeley.

4th Form: Dorothy Thomas.

5th Form: Millicent Cameron.

6th Form: Patricia Anderson.

Dux of the School: Margaret Laney.

SPECIAL PRIZES

Divinity (presented by Mrs. Housden): Primary, Betty Kelly; Intermediate, Valmae Clarke; Senior, Peggy Bigg.

Alexander Crichton Prize for Mathematics (presented by Mrs. McGowan), Patricia Anderson. Beginners' Prize for French (presented by Mrs. Anderson), Jane Oakeley. Art of Speech, Patricia Penrose. Music, Patricia Anderson, Betty Deshon. Dressmaking, Joyce Donovan. Slade Cup for Needlework, Crothers-Barnes House. Commercial work, Thelma Fraser.

Commercial Certificates: Thelma Fraser, Margot Granger, Blanche Pyne, Edris Grimley.

Music Certificates: Preparatory, Barbara Cameron; Grade VI. (Credit), Patricia Penrose; Grade VI. (Credit), Valda Smith; Grade VI. (Credit), Roma Warner; Grade VI. (Honours), Joan Hammond, Betty Deshon, Grade VI. (Honours); Grade V. (Credit), Fay Sheridan; Grade V. (Credit), Peggy Sheridan; Grade IV. (Pass), Margaret Laney; Grade IV. (Pass), Beryl Hammond; Grade IV. (Credit), Natalie Laidlaw; Grade IV. Theory (Credit), Dorothy Thomas; Grade II. (Credit), Margot Granger, Patricia Anderson.

Art of Speech: Grade II., Patricia Penrose.

Tennis Prizes: Junior, Fay Sheridan. Senior, Margaret Laney.

Doubles, Peggy Sheridan and Patricia Anderson.

Inter-House Tennis Cups: Slade House. Inter-House Netball Cup, Slade House. Sports Captain, Valerie Lucas.

Captain of the School, Margot Granger. Old Girls' Prize for best all round girl (awarded this year for outstanding work and sport), Margaret Laney.

PIANOFORTE EXAMINATIONS

PRACTICAL, MAY, 1940.

M. Laney, Grade IV., 67 Pass.
B. Cameron, Grade VII., 84 Pass.

SEPTEMBER, 1940.

P. Anderson, Grade II., 76 Credit.
M. Granger, Grade II., 76 Credit.
N. Laidlaw, Grade IV., 81 Credit.
B. Hammond, Grade IV., 65 Pass.
P. Sheridan, Grade V., 77 Credit.
F. Sheridan, Grade V., 76 Credit.
B. Deshon, Grade VI., 90 Honours.
J. Hammond, Grade VI., 87 Honours.
U. Smith, Grade VI., 83 Credit.
R. Warner, Grade VI., 83 Credit.

THEORETICAL, SEPTEMBER, 1940.

P. Anderson, Grade II., 71 Pass.
M. Granger, Grade II., 70 Pass.
D. Thomas, Grade IV., 83 Credit.

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The sparkling river that I know so well.
The reed that swayeth in the gentle breeze
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Bend down their boughs to shade the tired sheep,
The soft green grass that covereth the land,
Provides a restful carpet when the night brings sleep.

When through the boughs the golden sunshine creeps
And casts its mottled pattern on the ground,
From yonder bush the timid rabbit peeps
To scamper off when heard the slightest sound.

The golden wattle blooms from yonder hill,
Shed their sweet fragrance through the rustling leaves,
The nodding blue bells from the bank so still
Look up, to sunlight and the weeping willow trees.

When that great sun its ray is bending low
That mirror bright its radiance reflects,
The birds with last sweet call to nest do go,
And croaking frog the scene of peace perfects.

The evening breezes sing their song so tender,
And hills grow hazy in the fading light,
It's then the river bank and all its splendour
Looks to the sinking sun to say "Good Night."

VALMAE CLARK.

"FEAR"

She awoke from the deep sleep which comes only to the young. How dark it was and how quiet. Not a thing moved, not a sound was heard. Suddenly there came a noise from the outside. She started. What was it? Only a twig cracking perhaps, but She lay still, listening. Into the dark silence floated the call of a mopoke, weird and frightening to one awake in a sleeping house, even though known to be only the cry of a bird.

Then there came another sound from the outside, and the roof creaked. Could there be someone out there? Too frightened to move, she remained in her bed, scarcely daring to breathe.

The moon came out from behind a cloud, and its rays penetrated into the room, through the open window, lighting it up a little.

Her eyes searched the room, and in a dark corner she thought she saw the shadow of a hand. Then the moon vanished, and left her in the dark once more. She fixed her frightened eyes on the place where she had thought to see the hand. Nothing moved, at least not there, but the blind rattled on the window. Her eyes quickly turned their attention to the source of this new alarm. Outside a little breeze had sprung up, shaking the trees, and causing a branch to scrape backwards and forwards across the roof, making a ghostly sound.

Then, through the window came a humming sound. It grew nearer, and came into the room, and issued from the various parts of it. She lay in her bed, motionless. The sound approached the window, and she saw in the dim light that it came from some insect. She gave a sigh of relief, and then started at the loudness of it, in the still night air.

Noises, unnoticed in the day, came and went, each bringing a fresh fear of what it might be. Still she lay there, her fear too strong to let her get out of her bed, and leave the room, which she would fain have done. Once she pulled the bed clothes up over her head, as if to shut out her frightening surroundings, but she could not bear to be unable to see what was happening, so she pushed them back again. She tried to think of pleasant things, but always some fresh sound brought her back to her surroundings.

Then, like a messenger from the gods, came the laughing notes of a kookaburra, heralding the approaching dawn.

With a sigh of relief, and a heart full of love for these early bush friends, she turned over, and was soon fast asleep, her fears forgotten.

PAT PENROSE.

“SALLY”

Sally had fallen from the old barn roof. Sally was dying, he was sure of it. Why did he let her climb up there? Why was he always so yielding to his little daughter? It was his own fault, he had killed her. It was awful. It was awful!

These stirring thoughts urged him on, although the good mare was already at a high gallop.

It was a very black night, and stormy clouds covered the sky, but he must hurry on. By the bush track it was ten miles to the doctor's home, ten miles of scrub, rabbit warrens, fallen trees, and logs, but he knew the way thoroughly. And then a rumble of thunder sounded overhead. He ran a shaking hand over his perspiring forehead, and spurred his horse, and spurred, and spurred again. On! On! Good horse! On, Bess, on!

There was Doss alone with dying Sally, and a storm coming up quickly, and half the distance to go.

A vivid streak of lightning flashed across the sky followed instantly by a tremendous peal of thunder that echoed through the bush. He leaned over the mare and patted her fondly. Could she do it, his own faithful Bess? Speed, Bess, speed!

Lightning—thunder—lightning—thunder. Would it never stop. Sally—Doss—storm. Was he going mad? Was he really insane? God speed!

Suddenly he rose from the saddle, and shouted thankfully. A light twinkled through the trees, the doctor's light. Leaving the foaming mare at the gate, he rushed up the path, and burst into the room.

After the doctor had heard his story, he pushed him gently on to a bed, and told him to rest.

"No, no, I can't! I must go, I must."

"You're frantic, man, and exhausted. Lie down and rest. Doctor's orders. Fanny, bring him a hot cup of coffee," and he was gone.

Some time later, someone was tugging at his arm.

"Harry! Harry! are you ill? You've been tossing, and yelling, in your sleep. You've——"

"How's Sally?" he blurted out.

"Sally? She's taken her dolls for a walk. Have you been dreaming, Harry?"

It was Doss, sweet and gentle, and he clung to her tightly.

"I think I have," he said.

A VILLANELLE

The Flutter of White

'Twas only a flutter of white
That flitted across the stage
And vanished out of sight.
A flutter that passed in full flight
A flutter with fear in its gaze
'Twas only a flutter of white.
Then swiftly through the cloudy night
A witch came, white with age
Chasing that flutter of white.
She glanced quick, from left to right
Her face was sour with rage,
She found the flutter of white.
She followed then the flutter of white
Around and across the stage
And into the circle of light.
Alas, I bewailed the fate
That the witch had in her rage
Prepared for that flutter of white
When it left that the circle of light.

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THE OLD GIRLS' NOTES

The end of the year is here once again. To the Old Girls the past year has been a time of regretful farewells.

In July, we gathered together to say "Goodbye" to Canon and Mrs. Neal, who in the past 12 years have always been interested in the doings of the present and the past students of the school. Joyce Stidolph, secretary of the Association, made a presentation to both Canon and Mrs. Neal from all the Old Girls, to show our appreciation for all they have done for us.

Our usual party, held the second last night of the term, took the form of a farewell party to our former secretary, Miss Val Rowland. Val has always been one of the keenest workers for our association and we are deeply grateful for all she has done. We wish her the very best for the future.

The Old Girls' Reunion, held the last week-end in April, was rather spoiled this year, as so many of our girls are taking active part in the various war activities, and so were unable to be present.

Now for some news of the Old Girls:—

Hazel Whatley is doing important war work in Melbourne. For the work girls had to have Senior or equivalent passes, and a knowledge of trigonometry and geometry, and to have held responsible positions in their school. Although a great number are needed for this vitally important work, Hazel was one of only twenty-three girls chosen. Among them are girls who have been Prefects in schools from all over Australia. We are very proud of Hazel and her achievements, and hope that numbers of other girls in the school will follow in her footsteps.

Rene Wickham is doing Missionary work in Papua, and loving every minute of it.

Dorothy McDonald and Phillis Baskerville gained Teachers' College Scholarships, and have been at the Training College in Brisbane this year.

Vera Cutmore is teaching in Mackay.

Margaret Caston is doing chiropody in Brisbane.

Betty Evans is nursing at Dalby.

Joan Haseman is working at the A.M.P. in Dubbo.

Thelma Fraser is at home for the time being.

Mrs. Bomfrey, an old girl, has her small son John attending kindergarten at school.

Ida Keenan recently announced her engagement. We believe her fiance is in the Royal Australian Air Force.

Ethel Meiklejohn has announced her engagement to Sgt. George Reid, of the A.I.F., formerly of Ipswich. We wish them both all happiness in the future.

Mrs. Charlie Tickle (nee Dulcie Gwynne) recently married, is now busy setting up her own home.

Dorothy Thompson is now teaching at Toowoomba.

Mrs. Clem Hill (nee Moira Johnstone) and Mrs. Phillip Pilcher (nee Lorna Hill) were frequent visitors at the school during their stay in Warwick.

Lena Cross has left 4WK Warwick, and has taken up duty at 2UW Sydney.

Mrs. Graham Maslen (nee Dorothy Strudwick) is leaving shortly for Melbourne, where her husband, who is a member of the Royal Australian Navy, will undergo training.

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