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EDITORIAL

It is but two months since peace was declared. Indeed in the immediate aftermath, the realisation that nominal peace does exist is only growing upon us gradually. The world, in its endeavour to heal and cure its torn and bleeding wounds, is beginning the slow process of re-adjustment once again.

That re-adjustment is in no sense near completion: it sometimes appears that the application of the word "re-adjustment" to the present chaotic state of international relations is farcical. Unhappily peace has not brought with it opportunities for realising our dreams concerning the Post-War World. In every nation there is spreading a general discontent of such subversive character that individual demoralisation and national degradation is resulting.

The continued inability to agree as displayed in the Peace Conferences is most discouraging and disheartening to every thinking person. It was always considered that international co-operation and unselfishness, world-wide tolerance and understanding were essential factors in the foundation of a firm peace basis. These ideals must remain unchanged. People must accustom themselves to the indisputable fact that they are fellow-citizens in a world nation—they must be responsible to each other for respecting an international code which is an absolute necessity to the preserva-

tion of world order. No narrow or petty race pride must cause another war. Surely it is apparent that wider issues are at stake than those involving selfish jealousy and obstinate and ruthless self-seeking: as a world nation we must fight for the preservation of human-kind. The only way to win that battle is by using the weapons of international harmony and good-will.

This is the gigantic task facing modern youth. This is the burden which our modern scientific civilisation is placing on our shoulders. It is our sacred duty to perform this task to the very best of our ability—no less because we shall be fulfilling the obligation imposed upon us by the death in striving of so many of our forebears, than because we shall be preparing a legacy worthy of future generations' respect and acceptance.

—JUNE SYMES, V.I.A.



ST. CATHARINE'S SCHOOL REPORT (WARWICK)
December 3rd, 1945.

Once more we present the Annual Report—the ninth since the amalgamation of the C.E. Girls' School and St. Catharine's:

NUMBERS: Numbers for the past year have been practically the same as for 1944, our average enrolment being 120 boarders and 22 day pupils. This means we are filled to capacity, as we do not intend to increase our accommodation until such time as efficient help is more easily obtainable.

The health of the school has been excellent; we have been particularly free from epidemics, and there have been no cases of serious illness.

KINDERGARTEN: The small children have worked very happily under **Miss Telford's** supervision and made satisfactory progress. As usual their "Breaking up" function (held last Sat-

urday evening, December 1st) took the form of a "Christmas Tree." The actual presentation of gifts was preceded by a short programme of songs and recitations which the children themselves appeared to enjoy as much as their audience.

PRIMARY: **Miss Wilson** and **Miss Bunton** have done good work in the Primary School, and **Miss Gavin** with the Sixth and Seventh Grades. **Miss Gavin** came to us at the beginning of the year to replace **Mrs. Bridges**, who had come to Warwick to be with her husband and who returned with him in January to New South Wales. She was a gifted and experienced teacher and we were very fortunate in having her last year.

UPPER SCHOOL: In the Upper School good, steady work has been done and three girls have just sat for the Senior, and twenty-four for the Junior Public Examinations. At Midwinter an extra class for non-examination pupils was formed and has worked well under the supervision of **Miss Allen**. She is leaving us to be married and we will miss her very much next year. We wish her every happiness in her future life.

We are very sorry indeed to be losing **Miss Mathews**, who became our Senior Mistress at the beginning of 1942 and who for the last four years has given of her best to the school. She came just when children were being evacuated from Brisbane and elsewhere, and helped the school through that extremely difficult period. She has always been thoroughly loyal and conscientious as well as capable. She is a good organiser and is much loved by the children. She is going to take charge of St. Gabriel's School at Charters Towers, of which I had the privilege of being the first Sister-in-Charge.

PUBLIC EXAMINATIONS: Public Examination results have again been very satisfactory. Our five Senior Candidates were successful, **Maureen Kirk** and **Lyndall Hughes** both securing particularly good passes. **Sheila Harvey** gained a Teachers' Training Scholarship and is now at the Training College. **Maureen** is studying Medicine, and **Margaret Wilson** and **Marjorie Dickinson** Physiotherapy at the University, while **Lyndall Hughes** is teaching at St. Michael's School, Clayfield, and doing an external course in Arts. Eighteen girls secured Junior Certificates with an average of seven subjects, and twelve gained Extension Scholarships. **Alison Ralston** was offered a Junior Scholarship to the Teachers' Training College. Five of our State Scholarship Candidates were successful. The sixth, who had had only five months in Grade VI and five in Grade VII, failed by a few marks in Mathematics but passed well in the other subjects. She is doing good work this year in Sub-Junior.

MUSIC AND ART OF SPEECH: In Music as in Art of Speech good work has been done. Very satisfactory results have been obtained in the A.M.E.B. Examinations in Piano, Violin and Art of Speech, both Theoretical and Practical. **Miss McKenzie** and **Miss Gladwell** are to be congratulated on the results, also **Miss Edwards**,

who has been responsible for the Art of Speech and dramatic work of the school for the past three years. This year she has also been teaching Class Singing. She has decided not to return to Warwick next year and will be very much missed by us all.

PHYSICAL CULTURE: Daily Physical Culture classes have been held and a high standard in this subject has been maintained. The Coulson Cup for Inter-House Competition was won this year by Neal.

SWIMMING: Swimming was the main feature of the first term. Once again we took part in the Annual Inter-School Swimming Carnival, and in spite of the fact that our team was actually stronger than in 1944, when we tied with Warwick High School for the Cup, we forfeited it this year to P.G.C., who entered a particularly fine team. Nancy Monaghan broke last year's "Under 14 Backstroke" record by $5\frac{1}{8}$ seconds. The final scores were: P.G.C. 100, St. Catharine's 70, and W.H.S. 36.

This year, for the first time, we held an Inter-House Carnival; it was combined with that of Slade. Barnes was the winning House with Neal second. **Miss Bunton** has been the Swimming Coach this year and the girls owe much to her excellent coaching and untiring interest.

TENNIS: At the end of last year we had the misfortune to lose all the girls of the Tennis Team which had gained the Inter-School Cup for 1944 and the Margaret Brown Cup for the Downs Championship.

Our present team has worked hard, but was not successful in the Inter-School matches.

Early in February work on two new tennis courts was commenced, and these were ready for use in the Inter-House matches after Michaelmas when Crothers proved to be the winning House. **Judith Young** won the Senior Tennis Championship and **Diana Budge** the Junior.

NETBALL: Netball flourished in the second and third terms. The new team worked hard, and vigorous and exciting matches were played against P.G.C. and W.H.S., to the latter of whom we finally surrendered the Cup.

There was keen competition for the Inter-House Cup, which was won by Barnes.

ATHLETICS: The Inter-House Athletics on 5th September were held in Slade Park, Barnes proving victorious after a very exciting afternoon. The Athletics Cup and the Relay Cup were won by Barnes and the Ball Games Cup by Crothers.

We are very grateful to **Mr. Shallcross** and **Mr. Charles** who, with **Miss Griffin**, trained the School team. We were not successful in the All Schools' Athletics on 15th September, though our Senior Hurdler, **Judith Young**, broke the long standing record of **Beryl Griffiths**, and our Senior Tunnelling team defeated the other School teams.

SINGING AND PLAYS: Inter-House Singing Competitions and Inter-House Plays have been two new features that have stimulated great interest. **Mr. Leadbitter** very kindly judged the Singing and awarded the Cup to Barnes, while **Miss Edwards** judged the Plays, in which Slade proved the successful House.

GUIDES: Since last year the number of Girl Guides has so increased that it was decided to form another Company in the school. The new Company was registered as the 3rd Warwick, and at present we have two full Companies of keen Guides.

Miss Mathews is Captain of the 2nd Warwick with **Louise Armstrong** as her Lieutenant, and **Miss Bunton** of the 3rd with **Daphne Salisbury** as hers.

At the Inter-Company Rally in November Miss Mathews' Company was once more successful in winning the Shield. She has been keenly interested in the Guides ever since she came to St. Catharine's, and in this as in other directions will be greatly missed. On November 24th a special Camp Fire was given in her honour.

MISSIONS: The School has always been interested in Missions. However, a visit from the Bishop of New Guinea in June last greatly increased our enthusiasm. He gave us a very inspiring and helpful talk about work in his diocese.

We did not have the usual Missionary Afternoon, but instead part of the proceeds of a very successful School Concert, held on August 3rd and 4th, was given to this cause.

The girls have attended several Missionary Fetes and Garden Parties at St. Mark's, while the Upper School attended a Lecture in the Parish Hall, given by the Rev. Ian Shevill.

Altogether £65 has been forwarded to the Australian Board of Missions during the year.

On April 20th and 21st, in the Parish Hall, the Juniors, trained by **Mrs. Morrilee**, produced the Dutch Operetta, "Jan of Windmill Land." It was very well performed and the hall was filled on both occasions. About £50 was received for the Limbless Soldiers' Appeal and a cheque for £60 forwarded to that Fund.

CONFIRMATION: Twenty girls were confirmed by his Grace the Archbishop in the Parish Church on Trinity Sunday and received their First Communion in the School Chapel on St. Barnabas Day.

The Chapel had been enlarged and ceiled during 1944, and last May was lined throughout with masonite, an organ recess and additional windows added and new seats, etc., provided. His Grace dedicated these additions on May 25th when he was in Warwick for the Confirmation.

Daphne Salisbury became Captain of the School in February and has been ably assisted by **June Symes**, who was admitted as a full Prefect on St. Matthias Day.

We were honoured by a visit from his Grace the Archbishop of Perth early in October. He was accompanied by the Very Rev. Dean Barrett of St. John's Cathedral. They arrived by car on

Tuesday afternoon. The Dean addressed the girls at Assembly next morning and officiated at Evensong when the Primate gave a very interesting and helpful address. The Primate, assisted by the Dean, celebrated the Holy Communion for us on the Thursday morning when the whole school was present.

Just before he left the Primate asked that the School be given a holiday, which was greatly appreciated.

Daily Religious Instruction is given throughout the School and we are very grateful to the Rev. J. A. G. Housden and to Canon Edwards for their help in this matter.

We will be sorry indeed to say Good-bye to a number of our senior girls who are now leaving us and going forth into the life that lies beyond school. Some are expecting to go to the University to continue their studies; some expect to train as teachers and nurses; others to take positions in banks and business houses, and still others to help at home. We are hoping that all will go from here inspired with a sense of service and ready to do their part in making this world a better and happier place.

After six years of war, the news that hostilities had come to an end was difficult to believe. There was a spontaneous outburst of enthusiasm which showed itself in a variety of ways, but deep down in most hearts there was a real sense of gratitude to God for the deliverance of our Country. We gratefully remember all who in any way contributed to Victory and pray that we may do our part to be worthy of them, and more particularly of the heroic dead who have laid down their lives for us.

In conclusion, we would like to thank all who have contributed to the Prize Fund, also the many friends who have helped us in various ways during the past year. We particularly wish to thank his Excellency for the trouble he has taken to be present with us to-night.

PRIZE LIST, 1945

FORM PRIZES

- Grade II: Lorraine Johnson.
- Grade III: Ann Housden.
- Grade IV: Toni Brace.
- Grade V: Jill Griffin 1, Dell Keable 2.
- Grade VI: Joan McDonald 1, Hazel Wickham 2.
- Grade VII: Marigold Reardon 1, Neradah Rogerson 2.
- Forb IVB: Venesia Nicholls.
- Form IVA: Helen Griffin 1, Gwen Driscoll 2, Nancy Wilmot 3.
- Form V: Betty Jones 1, Helen Naylor 2.
- Form VIB: Jeanette Lindley.
- Form VIA: Dux of the School, June Symes.

SPECIAL PRIZES

DIVINITY: Primary School, Jill Griffin, Hazel Wickham, Marigold Reardon. Upper School, Patricia Griffin, Marion Rose, Daphne Salisbury.

MUSIC: Heather Donovan, Marian Becker, Carley Mackay.

ART OF SPEECH: Beginners, Laurel Reimers. Junior, Toni Brace. Improvement, Sally Sherry. Senior, Daphne Salisbury.

COMMERCIAL: Senior, Beth Harding. Fifth Form, Rhonda Gavin.

SCIENCE: Senior, Daphne Salisbury. Fifth Form, Helen Naylor.

LANGUAGES: Helen Griffin.

HARWARD PRIZE FOR ENGLISH: June Symes.

ALEXANDER CRICHTON PRIZE FOR MATHEMATICS: Louise Armstrong.

TENNIS: Senior Champion, Judith Young. Junior Champion, Diana Budge. Inter-House Tennis Cup, Crothers.

INTER-HOUSE NETBALL CUP: Barnes.

SLADE CUP FOR PHYSICAL CULTURE: Neal.

SINGING: Barnes.

INTER-HOUSE GENERAL EXCELLENCE TROPHY: Crothers.

CAPTAIN OF THE SCHOOL: Daphne Salisbury.

OLD GIRLS' PRIZE: Daphne Salisbury.

CERTIFICATES

SENIOR PUBLIC, 1944.

Marjorie Dickinson, Sheila Harvey, Lyndall Hughes, Maureen Kirk, Margaret Wilson.

JUNIOR PUBLIC, 1944.

Mary Arden, June Boatfield, Muriel Castle, Wilma Giles, Beth Harding, Jill Harding, Audrey Hudson, Claire Jackes, Blanche Martindale, Beryl Meier, Pam Muir, Lesley Patterson, Alison Ralston, Marion Rose, Dorothy Smith, Noela Smith, Beryl Thompson, Joan Wall.

THE SAGA

MUSIC

PIANO

Grade II: Marian Becker, Credit.

Grade III: Carley Mackay, Honours. Carley Mackay (Theory), Pass. Rita McPhee, Honours. Rita McPhee (Theory), Pass. Minna Dawes, Credit.

Grade IV: Joan Christison, Credit. Lorna Judge, Credit. Lorna Judge (Theory), Pass.

Grade V: Sally Sherry, Credit. Diana Budge, Credit. Sybil Frisby, Credit. Juanita Banning, Credit. Judith Bradhurst, Credit. Marie Christison, Credit. Esme Hempel, Credit.

Grade VI: Wendy Schwennessen, Credit. Wendy Schwennessen (Theory), Pass. Stephanie Jones, Credit. Betty Tweedie, Credit.

Grade VII: Toni Brace, Pass. Anne Housden, Pass. Dorothy McDonaugh, Pass.

THEORY

Grade III: Corinne Harris, Credit. Joan Pawsey, Pass. Fay Nation, Pass.

Grade IV: June Bonney, Pass.

VIOLIN

Grade III: Heather Donovan, Credit.

Grade IV: Heather Donovan (Theory), Credit.

Grade V: Juanita Banning, Credit.

ART OF SPEECH

PRACTICAL

Grade I: Daphne Salisbury, Pass. Daphne Salisbury (Theory), Credit.

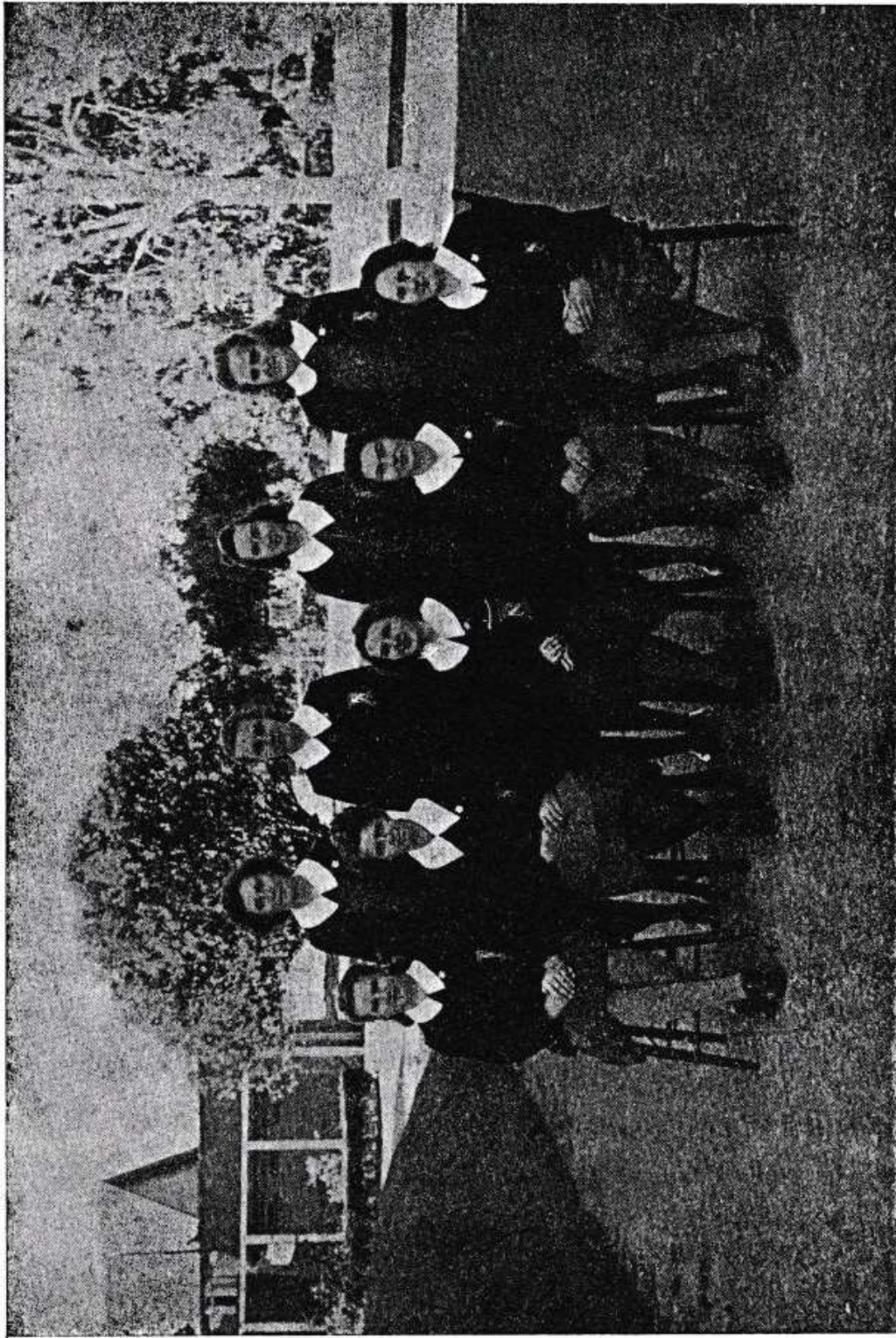
Grade II: Helen Naylor, Pass. Helen Naylor (Theory), Credit. Margaret Zupp, Credit. Margaret Zupp (Theory), Credit.

Grade IV: Judith Bradhurst, Pass. Diana Budge, Pass.

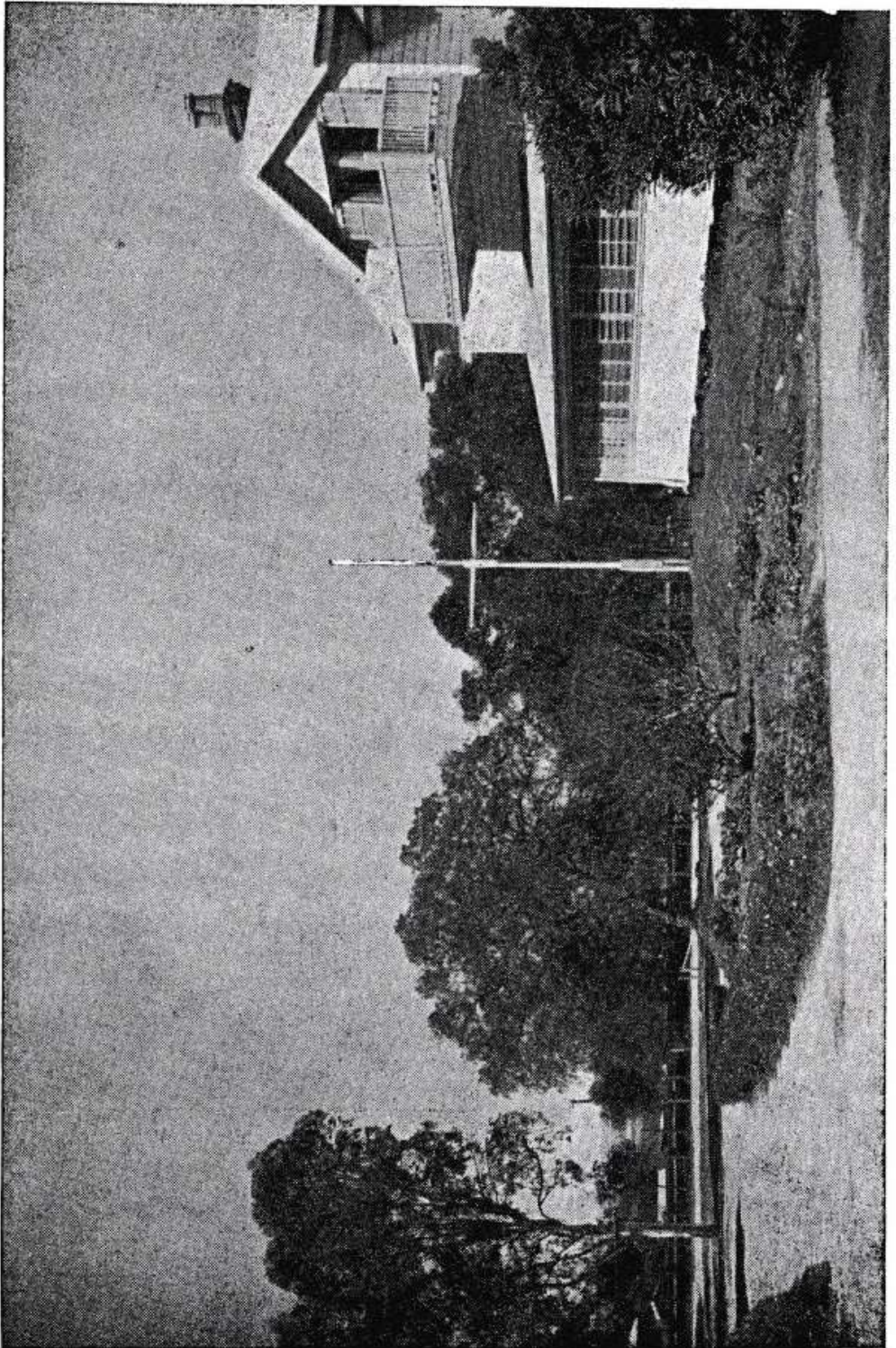
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Grade I: Louise Armstrong, Pass.

PREFECTS AND PRO PREFECTS (1945).



**BACK ROW: E. Harding, M. Rose, J. Harding, H. Naylor.
FRONT ROW: L. Judge, L. Armstrong, D. Salisbury, J. Symes, J. Hammond.**



Examination Results

EXAMINATIONS, NOVEMBER, 1944

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SCHOLARSHIP EXAMINATION, NOVEMBER, 1944

ANALYSIS OF RESULTS

	Arithmetic	English	Geog.	History	
Gwen Neilsen	121	88	57	61	65.4%
Minna Dawes	90	83	67	59	59.8%
Patricia Schwennesen ..	81	95	64	54	58.8%
Betty Machin	75	104	53	52	56.8%
Kathleen Banning	112	78	53	36	55.8%
Jocelyn Cunningham ..	64	95	50	59	53.6%



BARNES HOUSE NOTES

At the beginning of the year we were pleased to welcome into Barnes House many new girls and our two new House Mistresses, Miss Gavin and Miss Gladwell, in the places of Mrs. Griffiths and Miss Abernethy, whom we were sorry to lose at the end of 1944.

Although more than half of our members were "new girls" in February we have become united into one happy, conscientious, enthusiastic body, and have found several very good teams.

Early in the second term two of our Junior Public members were made Pro-Prefects, and Joan Hammond became House Captain. On the result of all members voting Judith Young was chosen as House Secretary. We extend our heartiest congratulations also, to all our Public Examination Candidates who were successful in 1944.

We were fortunate in having with us this year both the Senior and Junior Swimming champions, Pam Poulsen, Ruth Monaghan, and also the Senior Athletics Champion, Judith Young. Four of our Junior members also represented the school in the Junior Relay, with Betty Johnson as the first runner. As a result we carried

off both the Swimming and the Athletics Cups. Congratulations Crothers on winning the Relay and the Ball Games Cups.

Barnes was also well represented in our Inter-School Tennis and Netball teams, having two players in the former and three in the latter. Again we were successful in the Netball, but were narrowly defeated in the Tennis.

For the second year in succession we won the Walking Relay cake, which was heartily enjoyed by all our members.

We won the first Inter-House Singing contest held on the 10th November—thanks to Valma. Our Physical Culture was not such a great success. Neal obtained first place. Well done, Neal!

This year we were given new positions for our House Gardens. Our day girls have willingly supplied us with the necessary plants and seeds.

1945 has brought us all much luck and happiness, and we all hope that in the years to come we may have just as much, if not more, jollity and comradeship in BARNES.

CROTHERS HOUSE NOTES

HOUSE MISTRESSES: Miss Mathews, Miss Nainby, Miss McKenzie, Miss Allen.

OFFICE BEARERS:

House Captain Joan Wall
 Netball Captain Coolah Malanos
 Tennis Captain Helen Naylor
 Athletics Captain Margaret McKenzie
 HOUSE COLOURS Purple and Gold

Jottings From the House Minutes

1944

SEPTEMBER 18th: Athletics team congratulated on winning three Cups. Fay Sheridan and Helen Naylor congratulated on winning Senior and Junior Championships. Coolah also praised for a good piece of work. Netball team also congratulated on winning Cup of the season.

OCTOBER 20th: Congratulations to Barnes on winning Cup for the season for Physical Culture, and Slade on winning the Tennis Cup.

DECEMBER 6th: We retained the House Trophy for the third year in succession.

1945

FEBRUARY 23rd: Welcome to all new girls, also to our new House Mistresses, Miss Mathews, Miss Nainby and Miss McKenzie.

Daphne made Head Girl—sorry to lose her as she now has to divide her attention among all the Houses.

JUNE 20th: Mrs. Crothers sent us her birthday cake once again—we all enjoyed it.

AUGUST 23rd: Welcome to Miss Allen.

AUGUST 27th: Said Good-Bye to Muriel Castle, who was our Secretary and Netball Captain.

OCTOBER 5th: Athletics team congratulated on winning two Cups—Relay and Ball games. Coolah Malanos congratulated on good work, and Corinne Harris on the interest she showed in the training. Tennis team chosen: Helen Naylor, Corinne Harris, Hazel Emerson and Betty Jones.

OCTOBER 19th: Congratulations to Slade on winning the "Plays" competition. We came third.

OCTOBER 26th: Congratulations to Barnes on winning Netball. Best of luck to Corinne and Gwen who are representing us in the Senior and Junior Physical Culture.

NOVEMBER 2nd: We came second in Inter-House Physical Culture. Congratulations Neal; also congratulations to Barnes on winning Inter-House Singing.

We extend thanks to our Mistresses for their helpful co-operation throughout the year.

Crotherites extend to all Public Examination candidates their good wishes for success.

NEAL HOUSE NOTES

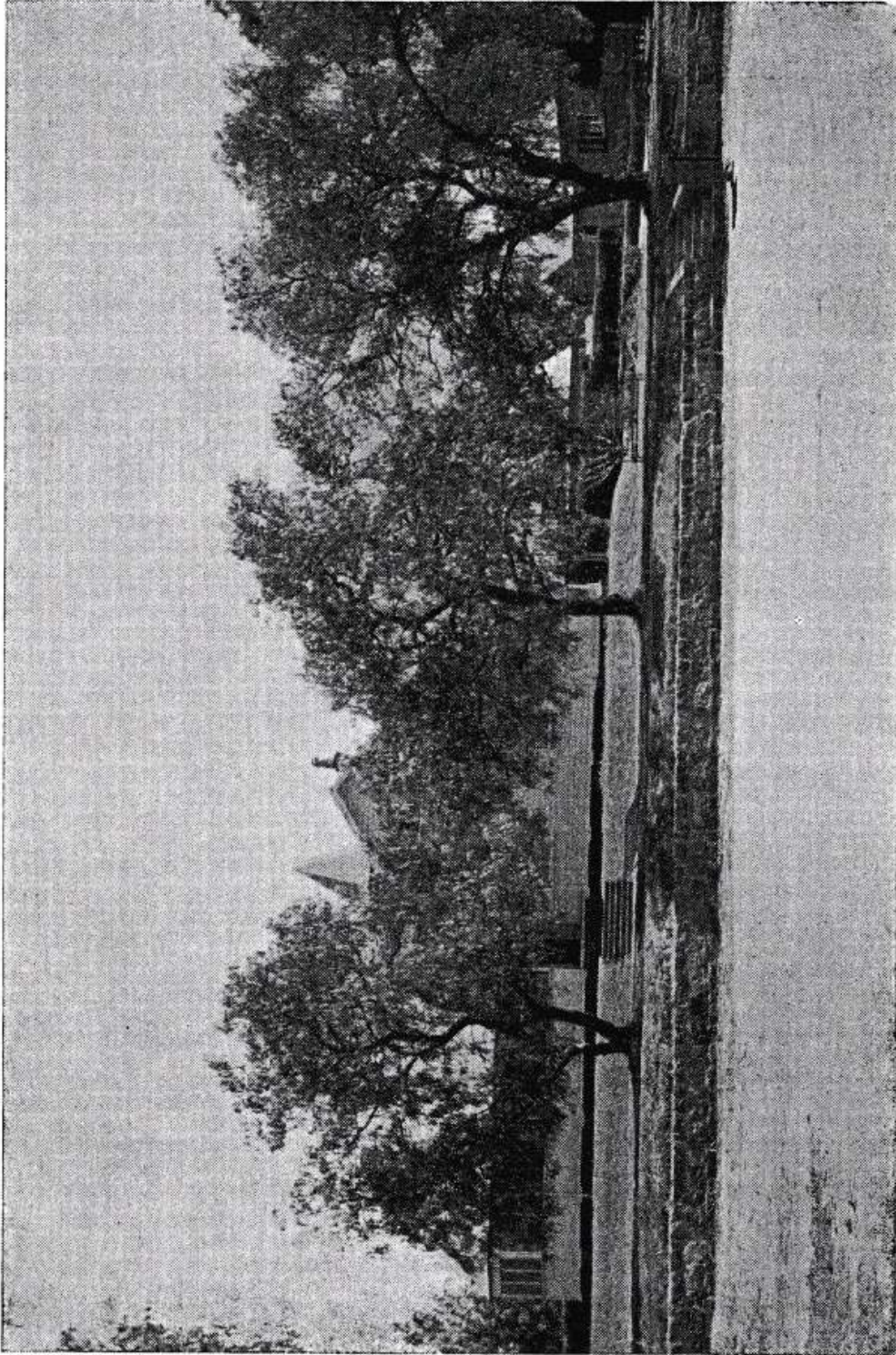
House Mistresses Miss Telford, Miss Bunton, Miss Griffin
House Captain Louise Armstrong
Pro-Prefects . . Louise Armstrong, Beth Harding, Jill Harding and
Marion Rose.

Swimming Captain Jill Harding
Netball Captain Louise Armstrong
Tennis Captain Beth Harding
Athletics Captain Jill Harding
Secretary Marion Rose

1944 was rather unsettled for Neal House owing to change of staff and lack of Senior Girls, but this year we were fortunate in having three of the staff as House Mistresses and Louise, Beth, Jill and Marion as Pro-Prefects.

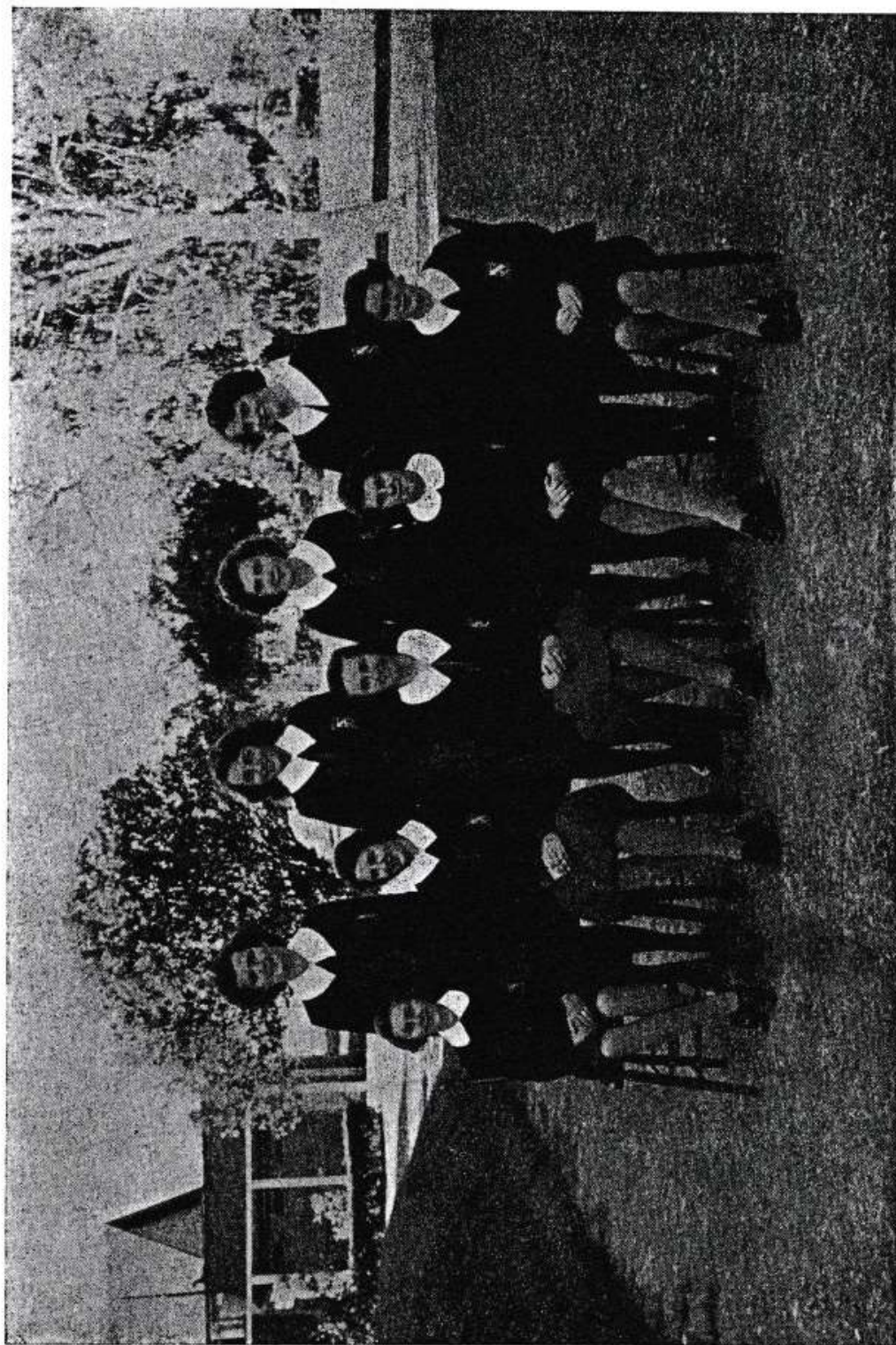
We held the first meeting of the year at the end of February, and we welcomed Miss Griffin and all new girls into the House. We are glad to have Miss Telford and Miss Bunton and many of last year's girls with us again.

We congratulate last year's House Captain, Sheila Harvey, on her success in Senior, and also Jill and Beth Harding, Marion Rose and Beryl Thompson on their Junior Passes, and we wish this year's



WHITE HOUSE (from Tennis Courts)

SWIMMING TEAM, 1945.



**BACK ROW: P. Poulson, G. Neilsen, B. Harding, P. Griffin.
FRONT ROW: N. Monaghan, P. Schwennesen, J. Harding (Captain), R. Monaghan, N. Rogerson.**

candidates the best of luck and hope that this time next year we will be able to congratulate them all.

During the first term an Inter-House Swimming Carnival was held for the first time. We were fortunate to have Jill Harding, the School Swimming Captain, Beth Harding, Pat Griffin and Neradah Rogerson (all of whom were Inter-School representatives) in our House Team. We must congratulate Barnes on winning the carnival and ourselves on coming second.

Circlos has had to be abandoned this term because the court is being repaired, and the Tennis and Netball matches and the Athletics have been contested. We congratulate Crothers and Barnes on their wins, and we also congratulate the Houses which won last year's competitions on their successes.

The Cup which Mr. Coulson so kindly presented to the school for competition in Physical Culture, was won by Barnes House in 1944, but our girls did very well in coming second. Congratulations Barnes and congratulations Beth on gaining first place in the Rigolletto Duplex. This year we did better, and are thrilled at winning the Cup. Congratulations to Beth on again winning the Senior Championship.

When the House marks were totalled for the first half-year Neal House came third. This year our disorder marks have been remarkably few in number and it is to be hoped that the behaviour of the Neal House girls in the second half-year will be equally satisfactory.

Inter-House Singing was held this year for the first time. Thanks to Valda's untiring training, we came second and we extend our congratulations to Barnes on their win.

Another new Inter-House Competition was the Plays. These were produced after the Michaelmas holidays, and our presentation of "The Patchwork Quilt" gained us second place. Congratulations Slade on your well-deserved win.

Gardening has not been so enthusiastically undertaken this year, but it is hoped that the garden will be a thing of beauty at the end of the year. So far we have poppies blooming and recently we planted asters and snapdragons, which we hope will grow well.

Recently we thought that such a House as Neal was worthy of a House Motto and after much consideration it was decided that "Honour before Honours" could not be bettered. Do your best, Neal, to live up to it.

SLADE HOUSE NOTES

Slade House was fortunate enough to retain its House Mistresses of last year—Miss Edwards and Miss Wilson—whom we welcomed heartily again at the beginning of the year. We were very sorry to lose our House Captain of 1944—Margaret Wilson—who had proved herself so popular and efficient. June Symes was appointed in her place.

Last year Crothers House, with such athletic talent at its command, managed to monopolise all but two of the Inter-House Cups. Slade sincerely extends its congratulations to Crothers, and also to Barnes for winning the Physical Culture Competition. However, Slade is very proud to record that with reference to the Tennis Cup we were victorious due to the fine efforts of our team.

Two of our senior girls of last year, Marjorie Dickinson and Margaret Wilson, deserve our congratulations for their excellent Senior passes. Alison Ralston, June Boatfield, Lesley Patterson and Noela Smith were successful in the Junior Public. May this year's candidates be as successful. For the next year let our enthusiasm and vitality prove valuable assets to Slade House.

At the beginning of the year the Inter-House Swimming was held and Slade House wishes to congratulate Barnes House who carried off the Cup.

This year Slade was not so fortunate to win the Tennis, but our team played well and we congratulate Barnes on their excellent effort in gaining the Cup.

Congratulations are also extended to Neal House for their success in the Physical Culture.

It is with great pride that Slade House holds the three Junior Championship Cups; the Tennis where Diana Budge proved herself the victor together with the Physical Culture Championship, and Hazel Wickham is our excellent Junior Athlete.

THE CONCERT NOTES

The Annual Concert, which hitherto has aroused so much interest and enthusiasm amongst the "artistic temperaments" in the School, was entered upon this year with much the same zest, and the various performances met with the usual warm appreciation from the audiences on both nights (August 4th and 5th).

The preparation for the production of a Concert programme entails considerable time and effort on the part of Staff and children, but after the difficulties of covering the ground work have been overcome, and the performances gradually shaped and finally polished, the producers and performers alike feel the effort has been well worth the making, and there comes the thrill of "something attempted, something done."

Choral, Pianoforte, Violin, Dramatic, Verse Speaking and Physical Culture presentations were combined to effect a full, varied and interesting programme.

ST. CATHARINE'S SCHOOL CONCERT, 1945.

Programme

Opening Presentation—"God Save the King" (arrangement by Edward Elgar) School Choir
Two Piano Performance—"Husarenritt" (Spindler)
Valmai Carstens, Marian Becker.

- Verse Speaking Choir—"A Musical Instrument" Senior Girls
 One Act Play—"The Four Poster" . . . Dorothy Thomas, Alice
 Wilson, Jeanette Lindley, Valmae Clark, June Symes,
 June Stidolph.
 Two Songs—"Swinging" and "Taylor Gnome" . The Little Girls
 Recitation—"When Polly Buys a Hat" Toni Brace
 Physical Culture Group One, Group Two
 Display of Movements Beth Harding
 Verse Speaking—"Uncle John's Pig" The Little Girls
 Piano Solo—"The Doves" (Frank Hutchins) . . Corinne Harris
 Character Study—"I Like Them Fluffy" Muriel Castle
 Choral Performance—"Nymphs and Shepherds" (Purcell)
 "I Heard a Forest Praying" (De Rose) . Senior Girls
 Recitation—"Matilda Runs Away" Juanita Banning
 Physical Culture—"Tannhauser" Senior Group
 Two Scenes from "A School for Scandal" (Sheridan)
 Muriel Castle, Jeanette Lindley
 Musical Monologue—"The Sea is His" Daphne Salisbury
 Part Song (Eight Voices)—"Love's Old Sweet Song" Senior Girls
 Two Piano Performance—"Danse Polanaise" (Scharwenka)
 Gwen Neilsen, June Bonney, Carley Mackay, Valmae Carstens.
 Violin Solo—"Ave Maria" (Gounod) Heather Donovan
 Character Study—Scene from "Romeo and Juliet" . Sally Sherry
 "V" Formation—"Marching Along the Road to Victory"
 One Act Play—"The Spinster of Lushe"
 Diana Budge, Daphne Salisbury, Jeanette Lindley, June Symes,
 Sally Sherry, Louise Armstrong.

GOD SAVE THE KING

BOARDERS' NOTES

February, 1945, brought the usual influx of new girls who, after braving the ordeal of the New Girls' Concert, settled down happily to the routine of school life.

June Symes was admitted as a full Prefect on St. Matthias Day and Louise Armstrong, Joan Wall, Marion Rose, Jill Harding, Beth Harding, Helen Naylor and Lorna Judge were made Pro-Prefects during the year.

Swimming was the main feature of the first term, followed by Tennis and Netball in the second, while the Juniors used up their surplus energy in practising assiduously for their Dutch Operetta—"Jan of Windmill Land."

April 30th, being St. Catharine's Day, was celebrated by a half-holiday. Netball matches between the staff and the girls (the latter being victorious) were played in the afternoon.

Our Annual "Ascension Day" Dance with Slade had to be postponed; it was held in the Parish Hall on July 27th and proved most enjoyable. The School Concert was held a week later.

Victory Celebrations were marked by the Thanksgiving Service at which the Rev. C. S. R. Arkell—a returned Prisoner of War from Germany—celebrated at 7.30 a.m. in the School Chapel. Then followed Victory Processions in which “The School” and “The School Guides” marched. An “All Day” picnic out on the Condamine, followed by two dances with Slade, completed our Peace Celebrations.

The highlight of the third term was Athletics; everyone devoting much energy to training. Slade Sports, which had to be postponed owing to the weather, were held on September 4th, and our Inter-House Sports on September 5th, when Mrs. Webb presented the trophies. The Athletics Trials with Slade took place on Slade Oval the Saturday before the Inter-School Athletics Day (September 15th) when our Senior Hurdler, Judith Young, broke the long standing record of Beryl Griffiths. We heartily congratulate the High School on their splendid effort on gaining the Montrose Cup.

On September 21st an “All Schools” Dance was held in aid of the Women’s College Appeal. The last dance of the year was held on October 5th, and for this Slade Dance we thank the boys for a very enjoyable evening.

Missions have been supported with the usual interest. Bishop Strong’s visit was marked by an interesting address on work in New Guinea. The girls have attended several Mission Fetes and Garden Parties at St. Mark’s, while the Upper School attended a lecture in the Parish Hall, given by the Rev. Ian Shevill on the subject of “The Japanese Religion.”

On October 9th the Primate and the Dean arrived and stayed till Thursday, 11th. The Primate gave the School a holiday on October 12th, when Inter-House Plays occupied the morning. Slade House won with “And So It Goes On.” Neal came second with “The Patchwork Quilt,” followed by Brothers and Barnes with “Grannie’s a Hundred” and “The Never Never Nest” respectively. In the afternoon the School went to the “Spring Show” in the Town Hall. Several of our floral exhibits won prizes.

On October 13th the Downs Tennis Championship was played between P.G.C. and Toowoomba Technical College, resulting in a win for the latter. Previously we were the holders of the “Margaret Brown” Cup for 1944.

The Inter-House Physical Culture was won by Neal House and the Inter-House Singing (very kindly adjudicated by Mr. Lead-bitter) by Barnes House.

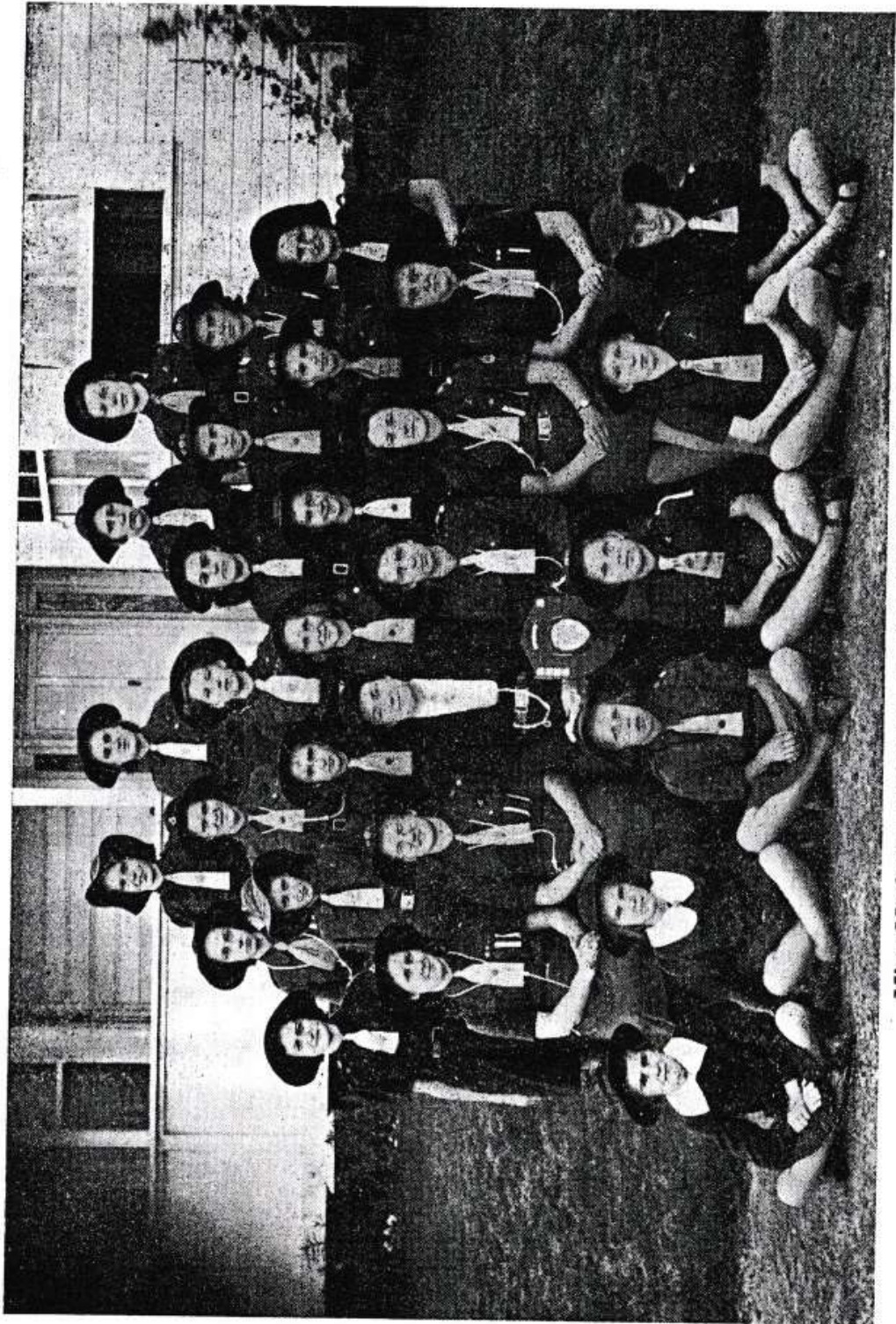
The Reverend Mother Superior spent a week-end at the school in November and enjoyed a “repeat” performance of the Inter-House songs. Crothers House won the Tennis for the year, and the General Excellence Trophy for the best all-round House.

The Upper School has seen several excellent pictures, including



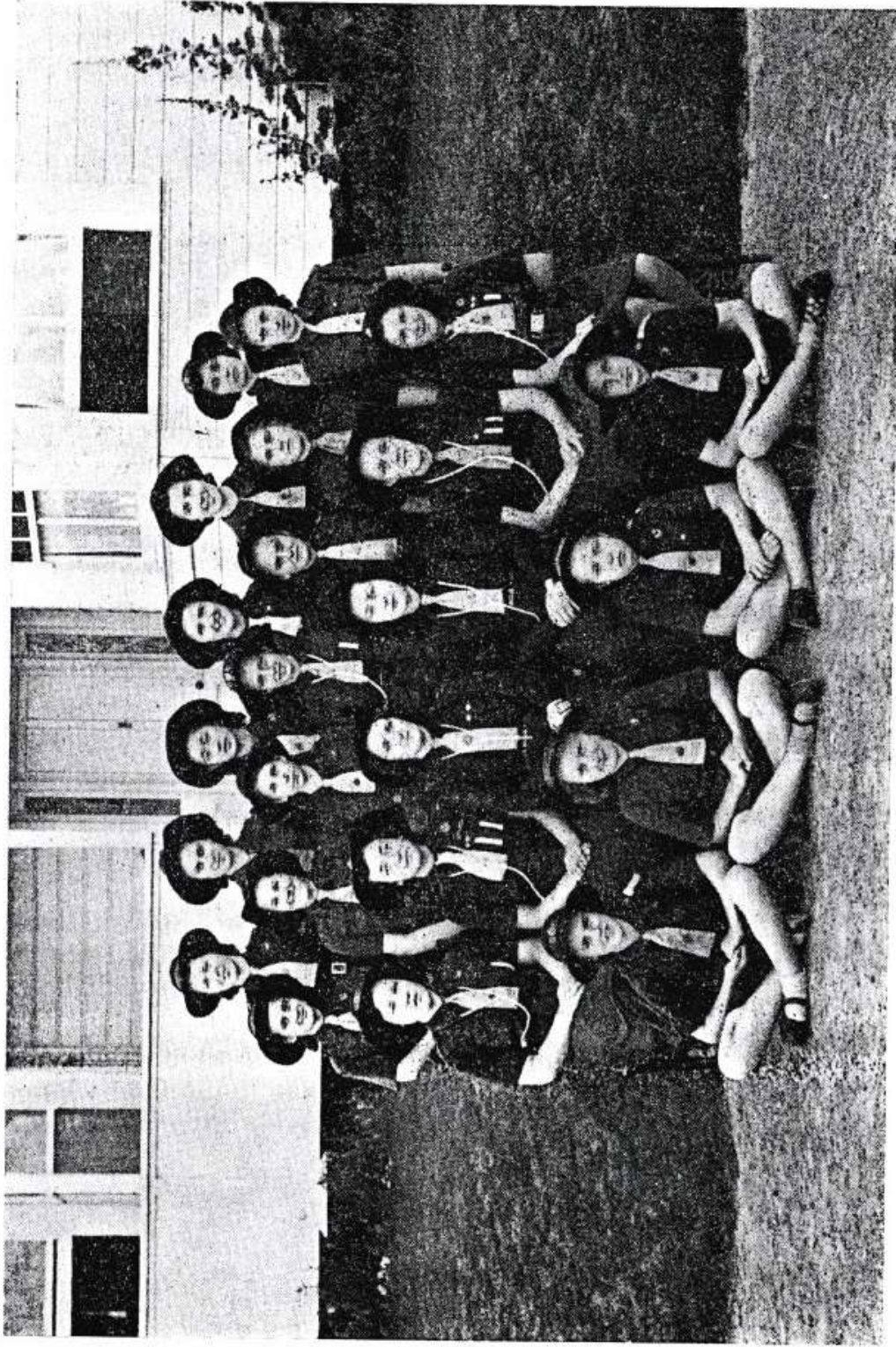
OLD VIEW OF WHITE HOUSE

2ND WARWICK GUIDE COMPANY (HOLDING INTER-COMPANY SHIELD).



Miss Mathews (Captain), Louise Armstrong (Lieutenant).

THIRD WARWICK GUIDE COMPANY.



Miss Bunton (Captain), Daphne Salisbury (Lieut.)

“Jane Eyre,” “Lassie Come Home,” “The Story of Dr. Wassell” and “A Song to Remember.” Sixth Formers attended “Outward Bound”—a play presented by Records Staff, while Staff Sgt. Daniells most generously gave some of his valuable time to enable the whole school to enjoy a recital by the Records Concert Party. Senior Music Pupils have enjoyed several recitals, amongst them being that given by Miss Watt, also one by Mr. A. Day and Mr. Noel Nickson, the former from Brisbane and the latter of the Melbourne Conservatorium.

House and Guide Evenings have been combined with Dancing to make week-ends a pleasant relaxation.

CHAPEL NOTES

In addition to the daily Chapel service, attending St. Mark's on Sundays and for Special Services has made us feel we take an active part in parish life.

On May 25th Archbishop Halse dedicated the additions and improvements to the Chapel. The following Sunday twenty of our girls were Confirmed by his Grace at St. Mark's, thus increasing the number of Communicants to eighty.

A feature of Thanksgiving Services during Peace Celebrations was the presence of Padre Arkell, who had just returned from four years in Prisoner of War Camps in Italy and Germany.

During the second term we had a visit from members of the Bush Brotherhood, and in June from the Bishop of New Guinea, whose address greatly increased our enthusiasm about missionary enterprise.

The Primate (Archbishop Le Fanu) and the Dean of Brisbane (Dean Barrett) spent a couple of days at the school this term when his Grace addressed the School at Evensong and celebrated the Holy Communion, assisted by the Dean, the following morning.

Canon Edwards' fortnightly Evensongs are eagerly looked forward to by the girls, who also wish to thank the School Chaplain, the Rev. J. A. G. Housden, as well as Brother Roberts, who have taken weekly services.

—DAPHNE SALISBURY, VIA.

OBITUARY

The School extends to the Rev. H. W. Griffiths and family its sincere sympathy on the death of his wife. Mrs. Griffiths was Senior Language Mistress for 1944, and devoted much of her time to school activities in which she took a keen interest.



GUIDE NOTES

2nd Warwick Company

Captain M. C. Mathews
 Lieutenant Louise Armstrong

Patrol Leaders

Fuschia Anita Bray
 Magpie Lorna Judge
 Robin Valda Smith
 Waratah Joan Hammond

3rd Warwick Company

Captain F. N. Bunton
 Lieutenant Daphne Salisbury

Patrol Leaders

Blue Bird Joan Kellaway
 Gum Blossom Marion Rose
 Thistle Joan Wall
 Wattle Pat Keable

Secretary of Combined Court of Honour:

Marion Rose.

Since last year the number of Guides so increased that this year it was decided to form another company in the school. The

new company was registered as the 3rd Warwick Company, and at present we have two almost full companies of keen Guides, all of whom are eagerly looking forward to our Inter-Patrol Rally, which will be held towards the end of the term.

Our Inter-Patrol Rally of last year was won by the Magpie Patrol after very close competition. Last November we met the 1st Warwick Company in the Annual Inter-Company Rally which took place at the Guide Hut in Queen's Park, and our Guides did some splendid work to retain the coveted Guide Shield which we had won from the town Guides in 1943. Both companies are looking forward to meeting the 1st Warwick Guides at a Rally next term.

On Anzac Day we held a parade and marched with our colours to present a wreath at the Soldiers' Memorial in Leslie Park, and in May we took part in a procession which opened Scout Week in Queensland. After the procession we attended a Scouts' Own. At the termination of Scout Week a Combined Guides and Scouts Sports Afternoon was held, and after an enjoyable afternoon, we were pleased to hear that this sports' afternoon was to be held annually. On V.E. Day the Guides marched in another procession, and we have had regular Church parades every month.

Guide Meetings are held every Tuesday afternoon and the Court of Honour meets each Friday after school. Since last September many Guides have passed First Class Tests. D. Salisbury, M. Rose, L. Armstrong, B. Thompson, F. Sheridan, N. Smith, H. Hope, J. Wall, L. Fergusson, B. Burton and V. Smith passed First Aid Tests, the first four Guides also qualifying for St. John's Ambulance Badges. Guides who were awarded Cook's Badges were: D. Salisbury, L. Armstrong, F. Sheridan, L. Fergusson, B. Thompson and H. Hope. We are indebted to Dr. Best for examining the Guides in First Aid, and to Mrs. Smythe for testing the cooking. Daphne Salisbury and Louise Armstrong are now warranted Lieutenants, and all Guides are working hard for their second or first class badges. Unfortunately we have been able to go for only one hike this year, but we hope to go for another full-day hike soon.

One Saturday night last term we held a Guide Evening and raised £3/2/- for the Target Fund for Queensland Rehabilitation, and we sent £2/2/- to the G.I.S. Appeal. Towards the end of 1944 each Guide made a felt toy for some bombed child in London, and recently each company sent a box of entries to a "Queensland Guide Handcraft Exhibition" in which Meryl Bell (3rd Warwick) was awarded first prize in the knitted socks section.

Recently Sister Margaret gave us the Art Room for use as a Guide Room and now each Patrol has a corner gaily decorated with charts and posters, and we are very comfortable, and anticipate very happy Guiding days.



SPORTS

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1945-44



D. SALISBURY

ATHLETICS NOTES

We were not victorious in the Athletics Competition this year, although our team had been splendidly trained.

In winning the 90 yards Hurdles, Judith Young succeeded in breaking the All Schools' Record. Also, the Senior Tunnelling Team defeated the other School teams, and again our Senior Team obtained second place in the Corner Spry.

We wish to extend our heartiest congratulations to Warwick High School on the winning of the Montrose Cup, and also to P.G.C. who were narrowly defeated.

On the Saturday before the Inter-School Sports we spent a very enjoyable afternoon at Slade School's Oval, and once again our team succeeded in defeating the Slade Team.

We appreciated the valuable training and assistance afforded to us by Miss Griffin, Mr. Shallcross and Mr. Charles. Our sincerest thanks go to them.

—JUDITH YOUNG.



SWIMMING



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SWIMMING NOTES

The members of the Swimming team this year were: Jill Harding (captain), Pam Poulsen, Muriel Castle, Beth Harding, Pat Griffin, Gwen Neilsen, Ruth Monaghan, Nancy Monaghan, Daphne Mills, Neradah Rogerson and Pat Schwennesen.

Once again this year we took part in the Annual Inter-Schools' Swimming Carnival. P.G.C. entered a fine team and we congratulate them on their splendid performance which enabled them to carry off the Cup. Our juniors were stronger than those of last year and Nancy broke last year's under 14 years backstroke record by five and four-fifth seconds. The final scores were: P.G.C. 100, St. Catharine's 70, Warwick High School 36.

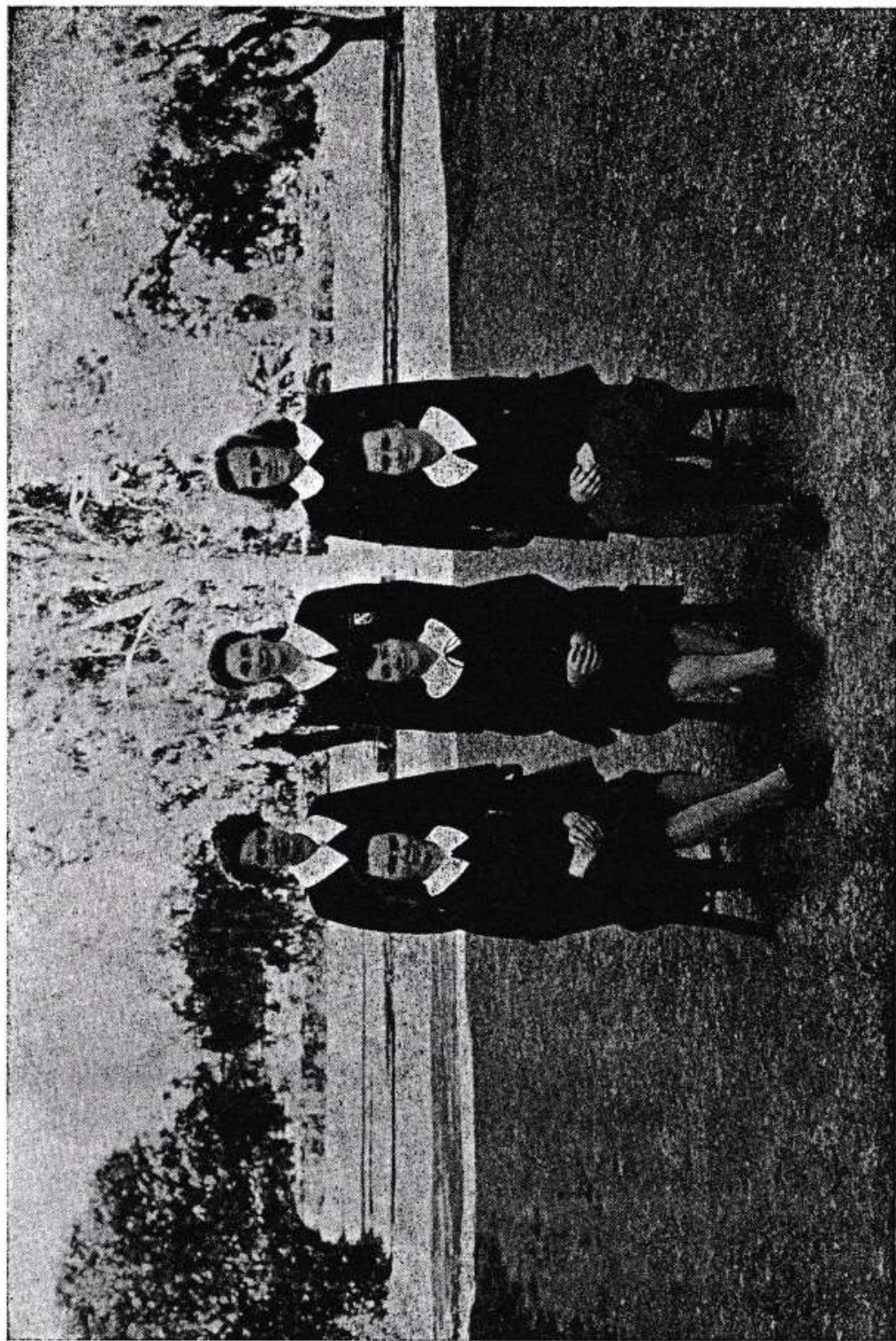
Although we did not manage to retain the "Nell Foote" Cup this year our team was stronger all round than that of 1944, and contained many girls who should do well next season. Two swimmers were entered in each event and a remarkable achievement was the fact that there was no race in which we failed to gain two places.

For the first time, this year we held an Inter-House Carnival combined with Slade's. In this Barnes House was successful, Neal second, Crothers third, and Slade fourth. Pam Poulsen was the Senior Champion and Jill Harding was runner-up, while the Junior Championship went to Ruth Monaghan with Nancy Monaghan second.

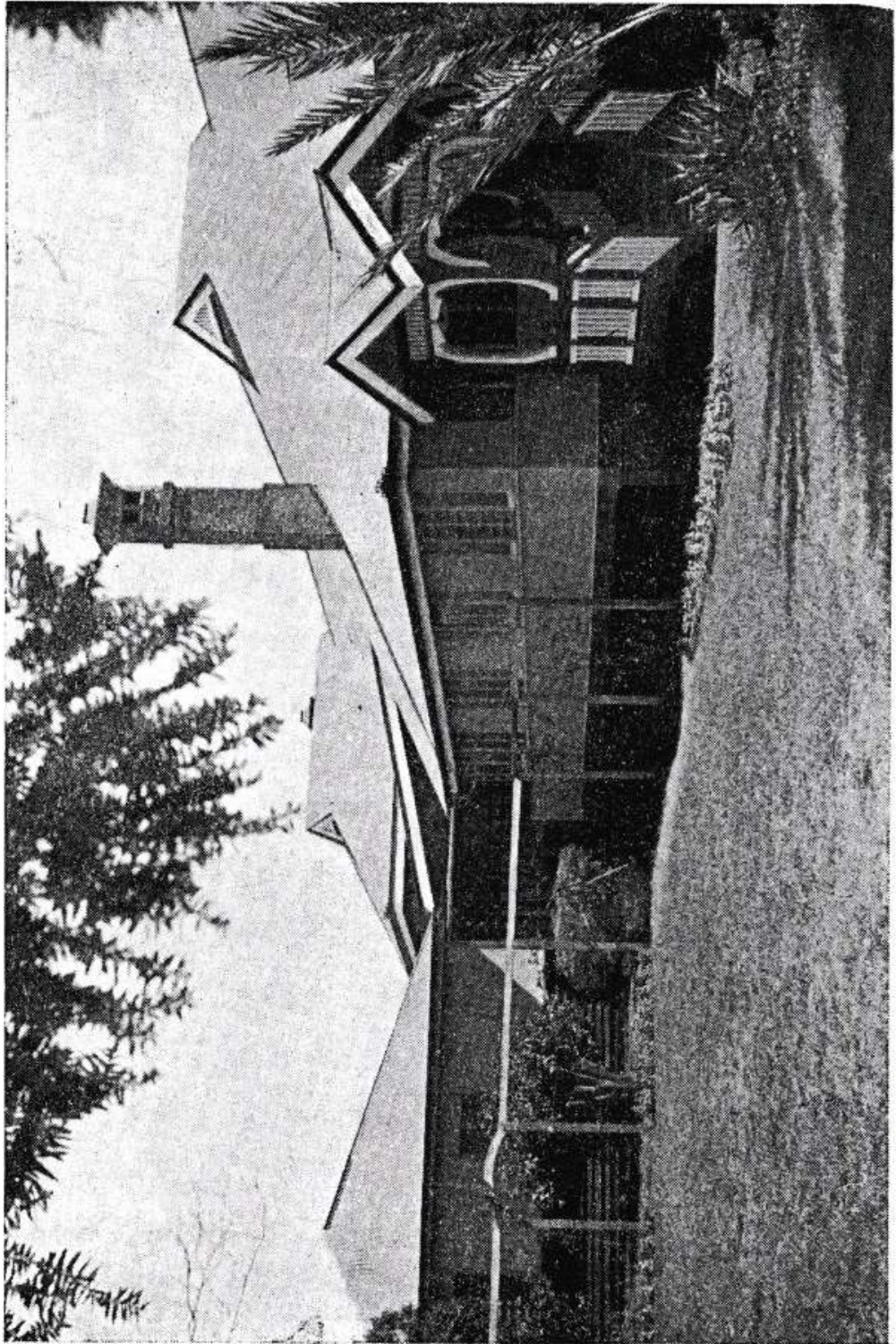
Before the season ended we, with the other Warwick Schools, took part in a Carnival arranged by the Queensland Echelon and Records Office. This was very exciting, and we all enjoyed taking part in it. Pat Schwennesen won two certificates, for first places in the Brace Relay, and in the 33 yards Handicap, while Jill gained second place in an open 33 yards Freestyle Championship, and Muriel came second in the Diving contest.

We extend our heartiest thanks to Miss Bunton for her excellent coaching and untiring interest during the season, and we are sure that her efforts helped us greatly to reach the high standard attained by the team.

NETBALL TEAM, 1945.



**BACK ROW: L. Armstrong, J. Young, H. Naylor.
FRONT ROW: C. Lancaster, V. Carstens, P. Poulson.**



NETBALL NOTES

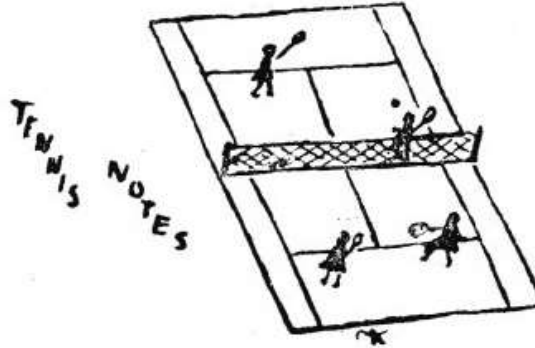
We were sorry to lose five of our previous Netball team at the end of last year, among them Margaret Wilson, our captain, but we were pleased to see Muriel and Helen back again.

The girls chosen for the team this year were Muriel Castle (captain), Louise Armstrong, Helen Naylor, Valmae Carstens, Judith Young, Pam Poulsen and Carma Lancaster. Our first match of the season was played against P.G.C. and after a very exciting game the scores were equal. We extend our congratulations to High School on winning the Cup.

Throughout the Netball season we played several matches against our Staff team whom we would like to thank for their interest and assistance in the game.

Our A and B teams played one match at the school against the A.W.A.S. teams, and we wish to thank them for an enjoyable and exciting afternoon.

We also wish to thank Miss Edwards for her excellent coaching during the year.



TENNIS NOTES

At the end of last year we had the misfortune to lose all the girls of our previous Tennis team, who had succeeded in defeating Glennie for the Downs Championship. Their places were filled by Judith Young, Helen Naylor, Dell Warrener and Pam Poulsen.

We wish to thank Miss Griffin for her coaching and helpfulness in many ways, and we also thank other members of the staff who gave us practice in the afternoons.

We were not successful in any matches and our congratulations go to P.G.C. on winning the Tennis Cup.

—HELEN NAYLOR.



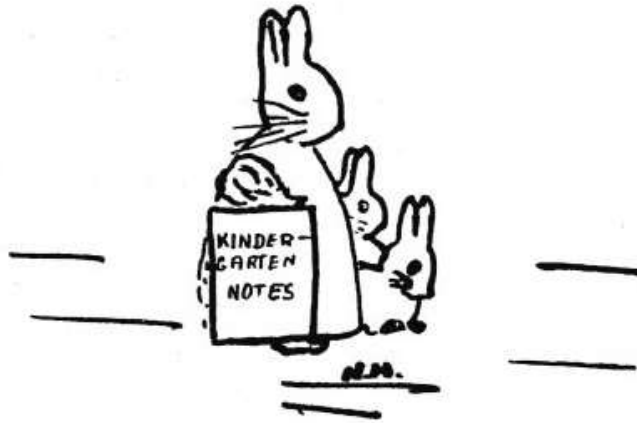
LIBRARY NOTES

The duties of librarians have fallen this year to VIB Form, as no Library committee was elected at the beginning of the year. Definite Library hours have been allotted on week days, thus enabling day-girls to change books frequently.

Contributions to the magazine section include: "The Times' Supplement" from Canon Edwards, "The Spectator" from Miss Wheateroft, "Illustrated London News" from Mrs. Bennett, and "National Geographical Magazine" from Miss Stay.

Mr. Woodward kindly gave "Australian Journey," while additional books recently presented by old girls and friends include: "The Robe," "Crump Folk Going Home," "Hans Andersen's Fairy Tales," "Jane Eyre," "Pioneering," "Southern Saga," "Random Harvest," "Trumpet in the Dust," "Onward Australia," "Wisdom of the Simple," "Peter Pan," "Moby Dick," "Lassie Come Home," "Pinocchio," "The Green Years," "Infamous Army," "Mathilda Waltzes with the Tommies," "The House that Berry Built," "Sigh No More," "Modern One-Act Plays," "Poor Mr. Edward," "The Ikon on the Wall," and "The Silver Ball."

—DAPHNE SALISBURY.



KINDERGARTEN NOTES

At the close of another happy and successful year, 1944, the Kindergarten children presented several short plays which were greatly appreciated by the large audience. These plays were produced by Mrs. Morralee. After the entertainment each child received a gift from the Christmas Tree, and presented to parents small gifts made by the children.

On Speech Day Ann Rosbrook received the Grade I prize for gaining first place in class. Pat Bodimeade was first in Prep. IV, while in Prep. II Charmaine Simpson gained first place.

At the beginning of 1945 all in Grade I were promoted to Second Grade.

In the first half-yearly examinations held this year Carlien Jensen and Judith Schwennesen tied for first place in Grade I. Charmaine Simpson was first in Prep. III, and Marlene Bodimeade came first in Prep. I.

During the year several new pictures have been added to the collection on the walls. These always prove a source of great interest to the little ones.

The children in Grade I help to keep their room clean and tidy, and the day-children provide flowers for the tables.

—C. TELFORD.



ON SECOND NAMES

When my grandfather returned from his archaeological expedition in Egypt fifty-six years ago, his arrival coincided with a most auspicious event in the Bledge household—the birth of his grand-

son. From all accounts I was a healthy infant although I gather that the aforesaid grandparent did not appreciate any hearty squawlings. When he was endeavouring to decipher Hieroglyphics he was in the habit of devoting set periods to his labours. Apparently so intolerable became my repeated revival attacks on his highly-strung nervous system that, unable to bear the siege any longer, he burst into the room with—

“Great Heavens, Ellen, can’t you keep your brat quiet? How do you expect me to work with that incessant noise going on? Why, look at this, here I’ve been devoting all my attentions to the Egyptian Empire and I’ve been distracted so much that I find I’ve actually anticipated myself to the extent of writing sentences—paragraphs indeed—on the Ptolemies. Just conceive how I should have felt if I’d discovered I had sent away that. The Ptolemies! I’ll Ptolemy that child!” With that he strode from the room.

So that is how it all came about. I thought I should tell you at the beginning to get the wretched thing over. I know with your inherent good taste, that you will not inquire—if ever you do see the signature T. P. Bledge, “And what does the P. stand for?” I expect that the very fact of seeing unexplained initials provokes people into asking such tactless and wholly embarrassing questions. What to them is a mere matter of satisfying momentary curiosity, is one of unparalleled agony for the questioned from the time he sees them light with the mirth his disclosure invariably causes. In my opinion “Ptolemy” may have suited an Egyptian King in the third century B.C. but it does not suit an English commoner in the twentieth century A.D.

I recollect for the first week of secondary school I had managed to keep my particular skeleton locked in its cupboard. But with the acquisition of crisp newly-cut exercise-books, whose pages I was in future either to hallow or scorn, its exposure became inevitable. It happened, at that time, that I was particularly proud of the many flourishes I could fit into my short signature, T. P. Bledge. Then there was a high pile of undefiled exercise books, which presented a huge field of attack to me. I unscrewed the top of my ink bottle, filled my new pen, rescrewed the top, gave my pen a few experimental jerks and so armed, began the highly successful assault. Oh, the exquisite joy of signing T. P. Bledge twenty times! How I revelled in it and the pleasant feeling of anticipation, while I blotted one in preparation for the next, I challenge anyone to describe. I had just completed the attack—behold my books now irrevocably mine—when an old boy, in the feignedly innocent saunter peculiar to schoolboys, happened to pass. My nib still glimmered darkly with ink, and my pile of books was most conspicuous. The boy naturally bumped my desk and my books toppled down, scattered all around him—T. P. Bledge, T. P. Bledge, T. P. Bledge.

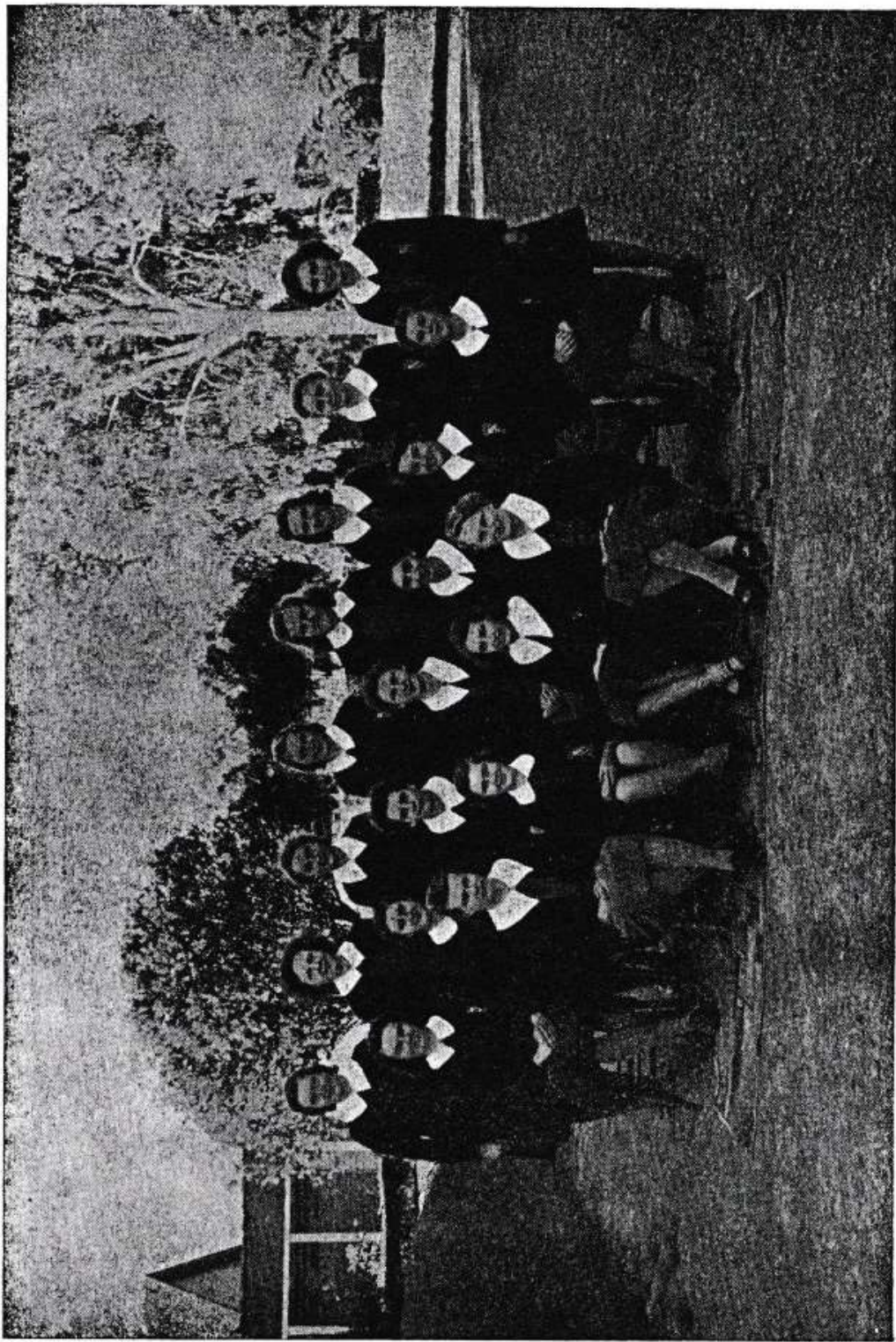
“Got your new books, Bledge? Weren’t long naming them, were you? What does the T. stand for?”

TENNIS TEAM, 1945.



**BACK: J. Young, A. Warrenner, P. Poulson.
H. Naylor.**

ATHLETICS TEAM, 1945.



BACK ROW: K. Robinson, K. Banning, V. Nicholls, W. Beatfield, H. Naylor, J. Harding, C. Harris, B. Harding.
MIDDLE: C. Lancaster, E. Johnson, M. Mackenzie, J. Young, C. Malanos, G. Neilsen, D. Budge,
FRONT ROW: V. Lewis, N. Monaghan, H. Wickham, B. Cross.

“Tom.”

“And the P?”

It was inevitable. I had neither the moral nor physical courage to attempt to make excuses.

“Ptolemy! Ptolemy! Hey, do you know what Bledges’ second name is? Ptolemy.” My tormentor could contain himself no longer and gales of laughter swept the room. I remember thinking how I should enjoy employing all mediaeval means of torture on the inventor of such an outlandish custom as bestowing ridiculous second names on luckless, innocent babes. Everywhere I looked I seemed to see T. PTOLEMY Bledge, T. PTOLEMY Bledge—

The inflieter of my mental agony continued to twist the screws of my invisible rack. “Oh, I’m so sorry if I have offended you, your majesty, with my unseemly noise. Knowing how very refined you Ptolemies are, how you have always clung with such worthy assiduousness to your noble name, my conduct must appear quite unpardonable. May I, only a humble English boy, offer my sincerest apologies.” By this time he had gathered a large appreciative audience, who welcomed me as the scapegoat on whom they could vent all their traditional feelings concerning new boys and such cattle. Thus after the first discovery, my schooldays were periodically marked by days dedicated to “Ptolemy-teasing.” These were always borne in silent martyrdom as I knew how useless it would be to resist.

If I didn’t have to attend a committee meeting to-night I could go on for hours describing the agonies I have gone through because of my redoubtable “P.” I became a standing joke at my office—“Old Bledges’ ancient connection.” My club-fellows were really kinder about it, accepted it with less apparent enjoyment and my wife is most sympathetic. Needless to say, I have not afflicted my children with such senseless encumbrances. I often comfort myself with the knowledge that Algernon will not suffer at school as I did, and Lucinda will never have to explain her second name.

THE DANCERS

Lithe, supple dancing figures,
 Pliant as reeds, bent with the wind,
 Wind tripping across the clover—
 White ripples in green clover—
 Not any move graceful as ye, human nymphs.
 Gauzy wings of butterfly
 Flit silently through scented air.
 Your skirts a million filmy wings,
 Swaying and dipping: till when I shut my eyes
 Nothing but faint clouds of white
 Fluctuate and reel, as a misty wave.

From the dim, front darkness
 Comes the melody—or is it the music
 Of movement plucked from the
 Strings of your bodies, now taut, now limber,
 By some Great Hand? Listen!
 The flood of symphony grows louder, pulsates
 Through me as though I were a giant nerve.
 And the deep-throated drums
 Begin their beat: Faster come the tumbled
 Notes—darting, tripping and scampering
 Across the keys, up and down the scale.

To this crash of heated melody,
 To the frenzied accent of the
 Accelerated rhythm they are dancing:
 Dancing as truly befits Heaven's maids
 But scarcely credible as for Earth's children:
 A dazzling maze of multitudinous stars—
 Ivory arms out flashing in a whirl of shimmering
 Net: the swift gleam of pearly almond faces
 Swirling, twirling, spinning, eddying, surging,
 One mad, twisting, crazy mass of lustrous
 Silver—a final shattering burst—

Then stillness, silence, hushed peace
 A slow submissive sinking
 And a crumpled, creamy, lifeless mass:
 The Ballerinas' Swan Song.

—JUNE SYMES.

AN ESSAY ON WINDOWS

A window, as everyone knows, is that object which enables people to see through walls. Not that each person carries his own private window around, and places it in position whenever or wherever he thinks that something particularly interesting may be happening on the other side of a wall. Oh, no, most windows (especially in schools) are placed in the most disadvantageous positions. For example, at the present moment I am sitting in the classroom; every window in the room is well above my head and if I put my neck out of joint all I can see is a brownly coloured piece of wall, and a little blue something or other that may, or may not, be the sky.

So much for a schoolroom window, very uninteresting unless it is closed; then if the day happens to be sunny, it is a most superlatively bright rectangle with pinpoints dazzling rainbow colours; I stare at these so much that I am unable to read what is on the blackboard for approximately ten minutes. As I window gaze

quite frequently the result is that folk receive the impression that I am a little stupid. It is not my fault. I did not invent windows with glass like that.

Now, allow me to tell you about my window. First of all it is very large and is framed in yellow muslin curtains; and, most important of all, it has plain glass. I can see through it if the windy and watery elements decide to behave boisterously. (None of those pimply, wrinkled panes for me.)

But, to proceed; my window is on a level with my bed. I can see all the early morning proceedings of the north-western side of the homestead without any undue exertion.

A window like mine is a great advantage when one has the measles, mumps or one of those objectionable diseases which necessitates the severing of family relations for a short period. One is not altogether cut off from the outside world: even though brothers and sisters are continually peering and passing such rude remarks as "Spotty" or "Puddin' face."

My favourite kind of window is a French window. Mum has one in her room. She also had a bed of pansies just to the left of the window. The pansies are no longer there.

Windows also portray the character of the inhabitants of a house. A person of frank and kindly character would never be seen in a house with smudged, tightly-closed windows. They must be open and shining like herself.

My own wish is also that of that very famous poet, Anonymous, who once said:

"I'd really love to own a window
That could be placed anywhere at all,
Placed in fences, ceilings or any kind of wall;
Especially to climb into a neighbour's garden,
When I lose my tennis ball."

—JESSIE McDONALD, Form IV.

ODE TO A BLACKBOARD

The symbols of agony, of algebra. I fear
Oh, thou deep, dark plane of mystery,
Whereon the terrors of the day are writ:
I see upon thy surface, white and clear
Thee in thy overwhelming immobility,
The lines of Euclid's incomprehensibility
Are also placed upon thy wide expanse.
Oh, tableau-noir, art thou as wise as Solomon,
Dost thou absorb the wisdom on thy brow,
Or does it remain a blank to you
As your face to me is now?

A SUNSET

Oh, I would that I could walk beyond that golden way
 Where the sun is gaily painting his sign of fading day.
 I saw the shining glory and it beckoned out to me
 To come and sit beneath the gleaming panoply—
 To sit there for a moment 'neath a soft, pink golden glow
 That across the Western sky doth shine and float and flow.
 But, as I watch your glory, oh, sunset of my dreams,
 You fade away to greyness—or that is how it seems—
 But somewhere in the world the sun will always shine,
 And again to-morrow morning at the breaking of the dawn.
 I'll rise and watch your glory in its unsurpassed form.

—JESSIE McDONALD, IV Form.

THE CREEK IN THE CLEARING

Slowly and painfully an old man trudged along the dusty bush track, his head bent and one thin hand clasping the ancient port-manteau, containing all his worldly belongings. Now and then he paused, to mop his perspiring brow, then continued on his weary way, until, coming at length to a branch of the track, he halted uncertainly, considered awhile, then hurried down it as quickly as possible, a light of joyous expectancy in his faded blue eyes.

Reaching a clearing in the forest, and perceiving the little creek which splashed its merry way through it, he heaved a deep, rapturous sigh, and sank down beneath a shady gum to rest.

"It hasn't changed," he muttered. "It's just the same as it was when I left. It must be nearly fifty years ago now."

Yes, he had been young and active then, as he had helped during the long hours while his father was working at a distant sheep station. The station had changed hands since then. As for their little cabin—could that pile of crumbling logs by the creek once have been his home?

He would never forget the day he had left it. His mother had cried and his stern father—grieved and disappointed—had raged, but what scope did the bush hold for one of his ambition? So he had had his way, and marched off, full of youthful zeal and the will to succeed.

He had succeeded. He had gone to Canada, become a successful business man, and married. But all that was over now. He had lost all his wealth and his wife had died—their only child had lived only three days after her birth.

So now he had come back—perhaps to die. On arriving at the little nearby township, he learned that his parents had died about six years after his departure, one after the other.

Slowly the old man raised his head and smiled. How happy

he was to be back, but he was so very, very tired. His head dropped on to his chest, and his eyes closed in sleep.

The little creek babbled and gurgled noisily by, but it did not wake the sleeping man. Nothing would ever wake him again.

—GWEN DRISCOLL, Fourth Form.

SCHOOL

St. Catharine's stands upon a hill,
There we learn against our will;
We learn about our native land
And how Cook was killed upon the sand.

When I return from school each day,
And would rather stay outside and play;
I feel it really would be best,
To study hard for our next test.

—ROSEMARY LAIDLAW, Grade VI.

AUSTRALIA

Distant ranges and foam-capped waves,
Flick'ring shadows the pathway paves,
Blazing hearth and a cosy home,
Australia—my own.

Swaying gums and a bubbling brook,
Cattle grazing, a leafy nook,
Crystal air and Cathedral dome.
Australia—my home.

Forest scent and a blooming shrub,
Magpie warbling and vine-tied scrub.
Mist arising like frothy lace.
Australia—my place.

Shady verandah and garden bright,
Shining river and gay sunlight,
Swishing branches, and cooing dove,
Australia—my love.

—BETTY JONES, Fifth Form.

THE SCRUB

Out in the Scrub,
Where the gum trees grow,
The wattle's in blossom
And willows bend low.

Down near the stream
Where the clear waters flow,
The sun's on the water
Making it glow.

In the trees the birds sing
Their sweet merry song.
And the flowers give their perfume
All the day long.

—ANN BERESFORD, Grade IV.

“SPRING TIME”

In Spring Time when the trees are green,
Little flowers are bright and clean,
And little birds come back again
To enjoy the nice fresh Spring.

When the birds in tree-tops sing,
Little children jump the ring,
While the bees in quest of honey,
Haunt the places green and sunny.

Animals eat the sweet new hay;
While the little children play,
The butterflies flit from flower to flower,
To pass away each sunny hour.

—PENELOPE PORTER, Grade IV.

“ATHLETICS DAY”

Athletics Day is drawing nigh,
And girls are jumping hurdles high;
Girls are ready on the track,
Running powers they do not lack.

That is Neal House over there,
Their ball is flying in mid-air;
And Crothers is tunnelling with a will,
It would greatly surprise me if they got nil.

Slade House at its “Captain Ball,”
Isn't too bad after all;
Barnes House is practising “Circle Gap,”
They'll come well up, if there's no mishap.

NANCY MONAGHAN, MERYL BELL, JILL GRIFFIN, Grade V.

"THE LITTLE BROWN HEN"

A little brown hen wandered away,
 Out in the woods to hop and play.
 And while she was scratching so hard at the ground,
 All of a sudden, she heard a sound.
 "Hullo," said the fox, "how do you do?"
 "Oh," said the hen, "go away, do";
 And without even waiting to hear what he'd say,
 The little brown hen was off and away.

—TONI BRACE, Grade IV.

OLD GIRLS' NOTES

Quite a number of Old Girls have taken up nursing. **Dorothy Thomas** is at the Warwick General and is a frequent visitor to the School. **Beryl Hammond**, who is training at St. Martin's with **Betty Deshon** and **Beryl Parkinson**, spent a couple of days here whilst passing through Warwick on holidays. **Pat Anderson** and **Betty Penfold** are continuing their training at the Prince Alfred, Sydney, while **Noela Smith** is assisting the Matron at Slade. Others in the nursing profession include **Pat Fogarty** and **Margaret Petherick** at the Brisbane General.

Among those teaching are **Margaret Laney** at Fordsdale and **Melva Law** at Rockhampton. **Sheila Harvey** is at the Teachers' Training College in Brisbane, while **Jill Penrose** is on the staff of the Toowoomba C.E. Boys' Preparatory School. **Lyndall Hughes** is teaching at St. Michael's, Clayfield, and also doing an Arts Course. **Madeline Eagar** is at the Kindergarten Training College and is finding the work most interesting. **Mary Taylor** has completed her qualifications for teaching Commercial subjects and gained her Diploma in Accountancy. **Barbary Becker** is a governess on a station near Cecil Plains.

Alice Wilson, School Captain for 1943, is still on the teaching staff of St. Catharine's, while **Maureen Kirk**, our School Captain from last year, is doing First Year Medicine at the University in Brisbane, where **Margaret Wilson** and **Marjorie Dickinson** are doing Physiotherapy.

Betty Thomson and **Brenda Burton** have positions in Solicitors' Offices in Brisbane, while **Pam Muir** is working in Burns Philp Shipping Company, and **Mary Cassidy** in Dalgety's. **Nereda Hudson** is continuing her work in the Brisbane branch of the Red Cross, while **Mary Arden**, **Edris Grimley** and **Shirley Devine** have positions in Brisbane also. The latter is in the Government Pay Office.

Pat Edwards has a position in the Department of Post-War Reconstruction at Canberra and loves the work.

Wilma Giles, Gladys Castle, Muriel Castle, Helen Hope, Beryl Meier and **Dorothy Smith** have Commercial positions in Dalby; **Valmae Clark** and **Roma Warner** are working in Warwick. **Ella Hatten** is at the Shire Office at Quilpie, while **Sylvia Sorensen** works in an office at Dirranbandi.

Lesley Patterson is in the Commonwealth Bank in Maryborough, and **June Single** in the Bank of New South Wales in Warwick; **Leona Whip, Marjorie Macdonald** and **Blanche Martindale** are in Banks in Brisbane, as is also **Millicent Cameron**.

From Sydney we hear from **Hazel Whatley**, who was transferred from the Meteorological Laboratory at Rocklea to the Sydney Branch of the Directorate of Aircraft Production. Hazel was School Captain in 1939.

Pat Penrose has a position as a laboratory assistant in Brisbane. The following Old Girls are still in the Services: **Thelma Frazer, Natalie Laidlaw, Blanche Pyne, Iris Corderoy, W.R.A.N.S.; Lorna Smoothy, Pat Tweedie, A.A.M.W.S.; Bernice Harding, W.A.A.F.S.; Beryl Griffiths** and **Jean Turner, A.W.L.A.**

We were very interested recently to receive a letter from one of our Old Girls in Sydney—**Gretta Dunstan (Vaughan-Jones)**, who was at school about 1921. She is now married to the Rev. J. Dunstan of Bondi.

Una Charles (Smith) has settled down to married life, while **Peggy Bassett (Sheridan)** was married at the beginning of the year in Brisbane, having Fay as one of her bridesmaids.

Joyce Ross (Stidolph), who was married in St. Mark's in April, is living in Warwisk, while **June** has her own business in Palmerin street, and is a frequent visitor to the School.

Fay Sheridan, Gloria Donovan, Alison Ralston, Beth Wood, Joyce Donovan, Dorothy Burgess, Joan Bain and **Betty Rowland** are all helping at home.

We were pleased to have among our enthusiastic barrackers at the Inter-School Athletics a number of Old Girls who came to Warwick especially for that event.

Recent visitors to the School include **Sheila Harvey, Margaret Wilson, Lyndall Hughes, Val Gardiner (Lucas)** and **Margot Granger**; the latter is to be married shortly and expects to live in New Guinea.

On February 24th (St. Matthias' Day) **Dorothy Frame**, who was at School from 1937-1940, was Professed as a Sister of the Society of the Sacred Advent in the Community Chapel at Albion; she is now helping at the Tufnell Home, Nundah.

Any news of Old Girls would be welcomed, and magazines are available on receipt of subscription.