

The Bergman Osterberg Union

News Sheet

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REUNION DATES, 1952

Saturday, February 16th, for a social day. Should this date not be possible for an old student who would like to visit College, she should write to Miss Alexander, who, with the staff and students, would be pleased to see her on another Saturday in February.

June 20th - 22nd — Week-end.

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St. Laurence,

Kea, Truro, Cornwall,

July, 1951.

Dear Old Students,

In writing this shortly after my return from an enjoyable Commemoration Reunion, I am sure that you will be delighted to hear that College is looking almost her old self again. Much painting and renovating has been done both at Kingsfield and Aller Loo, which make a happy background for the Students, who, with their energy and enthusiasm, show a zest for life which is very refreshing.

The Memorial Garden, which was looking most attractive with the roses in full bloom to welcome us, is much appreciated by the Staff, and we held part of our Annual General Meeting on the lawn where once we received our Diplomas. The gardens everywhere do great credit to the College gardeners; the sweet peas, picked from the garden by the tennis courts, were of show standard, and the grouping of the flowers indoors was obviously done by an artist in flower arrangement.

Our one regret was that there were not more Old Students there to share our pleasure and to repay the Staff and Students for all they did for us during the week-end.

At the Annual General Meeting we decided that the February Reunion shall be of a social nature, where Old Students can meet and chat, and the Summer Reunion shall be as at present, including demonstrations of the Students' work. In this way we hope to attract more Old Students, for, although those of us who managed to go are fully aware of the difficulties, we feel both we and the present Students gain so much by the contacts thus made, that we send out a strong appeal to all Old Students to plan a year ahead in order that they may re-visit College at regular intervals. Miss Alexander has invited those who cannot manage the dates given, to come and see the work at any time during February, letting her know a few days beforehand.

You will read in this News Sheet about the changes which have become inevitable in the management of the College. I can only say that we should be profoundly grateful to those who have worked so hard to maintain her independent status.

Having been re-elected for a further period of three years, I hope to meet many more Old Students during that time. Do come at least once during the next three years if you possibly can.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

V. M. JEANS.

COLLEGE BADGES

The College Badge will be obtainable in September from George H. Hart, F.R.S.A. (Guild of Handicraft), Campden, Glos. Cost not more than £2 5s. Old Students wishing to buy a College Badge should write to Mr. Hart.

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THE KINGSFIELD BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE. Many years ago, at an Old Students' tea party during Ling week, someone made the suggestion that there should be a Book, kept at College, which should contain details of the lives of those people whose names were inscribed on the panelling in the Dining Room. Now at last, after many vicissitudes and a war, it is ready. Naturally it begins with a life of Madame herself, very ably and charmingly told by Dr. Anna Broman, her niece. The book is a handsome volume, bound in green leather. Messrs. Edward Bumpus produced it. With its hand-made pre-war paper and lovely gold lettering it is a joy to handle. It is inscribed "The

Kingsfield Book of Remembrance." Inside there is a reproduction of our College badge and a copy of the inscription on the panelling. Dr. Broman thought her life of Madame would be more complete if she added a few notes on those other Swedes who helped Madame found College at Kingsfield. *M. S. S. Chamberlain.*

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The Committee would be very grateful if any Old Student has data, reminiscences or personal recollections of Miss Wikner and others, which would help in the writing of a short history for the Book of Remembrance.

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Can any Old Student help us with the tune to which the whole College moved through the buildings on the night of Diploma Day? Replies should be sent to the Honorary Secretary, Mrs. Stagg, 1a, Hillmorton Road, Rugby.

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Miss Helen Green would be very pleased to see any Old Student who is able to visit her—Orchard Cottage, Harston, near Cambridge. Miss Green was Principal of the College for two years and Founder of the Old Students' Union. She is still most interested in the College and Old Students, but now is unable to move far from her home.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

Entrance Fee, 5s. Life Subscription, £4 4s. Annual Subscription, 7s. Subscriptions are due on January 1st. Please send to Miss Whitehead, 35, St. Albans Road, Leicester. After eight consecutive Subscriptions have been paid, the Life Membership is reduced to £3 3s., and after sixteen to £2 2s.

The Honorary Treasurer is delighted with the response she has had to the reminder sent out, and would like to thank all those who replied. She hopes that the rest will follow. She would be grateful if members would send their subscriptions another year without reminders, to save postage.

She has Banker's Order forms if members wish to have them.

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Miss B. Townson, the Honorary Secretary, will continue in this office after her marriage in September. Communications should be addressed to Mrs. Stagg, 1a, Hillmorton Road, Rugby.