

Park Presbyterian Church—the date was postponed until after the opening Sunday, so that we might have the pleasure of having our annual school service in the new church.

The plays chosen for this year are “The Pirates of Penzance”, “Tudor Thorns” and “One Hour Alone”. Some of our gentler members find it a little difficult to be convincingly piratical, but they are coming on! The rehearsals mean serious work, but we enjoy them tremendously, as also the “side lines”, such as painting scenery, making costumes, applying make-up, and, not least, the working of spotlights—practically

everybody has something to do and enjoys doing it.

The time-table for the Junior and Senior Examinations is just out, and to our horror we find that the Seniors have papers right up to the end of term—there are even two on Speech Day!

As some of our most important players are concerned, this means that we cannot have our plays as originally planned; the most we can hope for—if we can find substitutes enough—is a modest entertainment in the Assembly Hall.

Needless to say, this is a very great disappointment to everyone concerned.

OLD GIRLS' ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL REPORT

The annual meeting of the Somerville House Old Girls' Association, held in the Assembly Hall on March 5th, was well attended.

The Secretary's report recorded the activities of 1951—a very busy year, because it marked the Golden Jubilee of the Association. Plans for a Fête in 1952 and the general programme for the year were also outlined.

The financial statement showed a credit balance of £236/13/9, and the Extension Appeal (for the M. K. Jarrett Music School) stood at £4,790, an advance of £916 for the year.

The following were elected office-bearers: President, Miss E. F. Craig; Life Vice-President, Miss C. E. Harker; Vice-Presidents, Mrs. Owen Fletcher (Betty Robertson), Mrs. J. C. H. Gill (Betty Blair), Mrs. Roy Freeman (Phyllis Horsley), Mrs. Roy Thomason (Edaline Hall), and Mrs. W. S. Conochie (Connie Sharpe); Treasurer, Jessie Andrews; Secretaries, Patricia Rigden, Shirley Wilson; Committee, Dorothy Chuter, Margaret Phipps, Ann Marsland, Wendy Wood, Jennifer Uscinski, Lee Carter, Ann Thomson, Pat Milne, Suzanne Foote, Barbara Bennett.

Since March, Dorothy Chuter has resigned on account of her approaching marriage—we thank her for her work for and interest in the Association, and we wish her every happiness.

One of the first social activities of the year was a Dance held at Milton Hall on March 1st, arranged by a committee from the large group of post-war “old girls”. The function was a great success socially and financially—a good start to activities for the Fête.

On April 23rd, the welcome to new members was held at School and, as an innovation, took the form of a Record Evening, so that members could hear the new Radiogram provided from Chisholm House funds as a contribution to our Music School equipment. It was an enjoyable occasion.

As in previous years, our Association joined with Clayfield College O.G.A. and the B.B.C. Old Collegians in organising a Ball at Cloudland, and once again it was very successful. Proceeds amounted to £95 for each school.

The Annual Dinner, in August, was again held at Rowe's Cafe. The attendance was smaller than usual but it was a very enjoyable re-union—this year, as an antidote to the formal proceedings at the Jubilee Dinner of 1951, informality was the keynote of the evening—no speeches, no programme, just *talk*—and talk we did!