

Three volumes of One-act Plays of To-day were added to the Society's library, which occupies a small and modest place on one of the Reading Room shelves.

The committee of this year consisted of: Miss Williams, President; Karla Oosterveen, Secretary; Isabel Gibson, and Rose Hales, ordinary members.

—K.O.

### SYDNEY UNIVERSITY WOMEN'S SOCIAL SERVICE SOCIETY.

During the year College has contributed to the work of the Society in several ways.

The Principal, during Trinity Term, entertained the Senior Mothers' Club which is attached to the Settlement House at Redfern. On this occasion, Mrs. Earp, assisted by Mrs. Carter, and clad in wonderful eastern garments, gave a delightful rendering of "Madame Butterfly." Members of the Committee and of College helped to entertain the mothers with supper. The happy function concluded with an inspection of the Louisa McDonald Commemoration Hall.

A display of Rhymic Dancing, by members of the Settlement Girls' Club was held early in Michaelmas Term. College grounds formed a delightful setting for the Rhymic Dancing, which was held on the Dining Hall terrace. Thence the programme continued, and Wenona School gave an interesting display of archery on the main front lawn. Afternoon tea was served in the front cloisters, and an exhibition match of tennis was given by Misses Waterhouse, Dingle, Mackenzie, and Grasse. Later on the same afternoon the Girls' Club successfully presented a one-act play in the Common Room.

The grateful thanks of the S.U.W.S.S.S. Committee are given to the Principal for her kindness in lending the grounds, and to the bursar and members of College, who helped so enthusiastically to make the function a success.

Members of College have also taken an interest in the work of the Settlement Clubs, and have helped with the collection and distribution of comforts to the seven hundred inmates of Newington State Hospital for Aged and Infirm Women.

—M.H.

### OLD STUDENTS' DINNER.

The Old Students' Dinner was held in the Louisa Macdonald Memorial Hall, on Friday, 12th August. Dr. Marjory Little presided.

Some fifty old students were present and the guests were Miss S. J. Williams, the tutors and the student house committee. At a meeting held later in the common room where the election of officers took place, Dr. Little spoke of the need for all old students to have their names on the roll as in future enrolment will be automatic on entering College.

### EXTRACTS FROM LETTERS FROM OLD STUDENTS.

Mrs. W. W. Ingram writes from Cliffords Inn, London, in March:—

After a few delightful months in Italy we have settled down here in London. I liked the Italians immensely and was very glad that I had learnt a little Italian beforehand; very few of them speak English to any extent. The Italians in the North are very hard-working, thrifty people, great admirers of the British, though, like most continentals, a little bit jealous. They are all very much seized with the problem of their over-population. They have a yearly increase of between 500,000 and 600,000, and, of course, since America is practically closed to them, they don't know how to dispose of the surplus. Most of them seem to adore Mussolini, though, of course, if they don't they won't say so. I must say he seems to be the right man for them at the moment. He pulls the whole country together and keeps everyone disciplined. The trains are all beautifully clean, much more so than the French ones, and start and arrive on time. Everyone has to eat brown bread to make the harvest go further, and no Italian can leave Italy except on business, so that they will have no chance of spending money outside the country. They are certainly making a valiant attempt to get the lira back to something like normal. living in Italy is cheaper than in England, but the people are extremely poor: one wonders how they exist on the wages and salaries they get. The flat we are in is in Samuel Butler's house, and is one of the few houses that escaped the fire in London. It was here that the commission sat afterwards to re-adjust the boundaries and plan the re-building. We overlook a square