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LONDON.

A very happy gathering took place on Monday the 17th March, when Mr. J. G. Klees, the Gen. Man. in the presence of all the staff at Aldwych House presented to Miss Watts and Mr. Rice both of the London Sales Staff, a present from them all, including one from the Company, on the occasion of their approaching marriage, which we understand will take place early in April. We are sorry to say Miss Watts will be leaving us immediately—and Watts more they'll have enough Rice at the Wedding so only bring boots!

Best wishes to Miss Lilian Toms who became Mrs. Raven on March 1st, also to Miss Brown, who is now Mrs. Dickie. Tweet! Tweet!

Miss Bessie Swincock, known to many operators as a winner of the Comptometer Cup, during the time when the Comptometer Club was going strong in London, and who also has assisted at our Exhibition Stand, will shortly be leaving the ranks of operators to become Mrs. Rowley. Good luck and every happiness, Bessie!

Some time ago Miss Marjorie E. Burt, who is an operator at Margarine Union, sent us her photograph which we publish herewith. Miss Burt is a keen sports enthusiast, and was successful in winning a silver cup for Netball Shooting. She also won two prizes at the firm's sports. More power to her arm!

Bon voyage to Miss Margaret J. Elliott, who left London for British Columbia on March 15th.

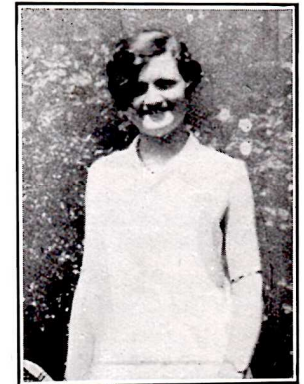
“ Comptometeritis.”

A rather amusing incident occurred in the London School quite recently. A male student struggling with long division, suddenly alarmed his instructress by calling, “ Miss! Miss!—come quickly, I've got cramp.” He also complained of having developed Comptometer Spine, but this complaint was treated as just another way of trying to dodge work!

IMPORTANT.

Now that the Spring and Summer are fast approaching, when thoughts turn to not only Love, but to the “ Vast Open Spaces,” and various other resorts, do not forget your orders for blazers and badges in good time. All particulars can be obtained from London Head Office and respective Branch Managers.

It is with much regret that we announce the death of one of our recent Students, Miss Lily James, 76, Balfour Road, West Ealing. We extend our deepest sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. James and family in their sad bereavement.



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BELFAST.

During the past year we found it necessary to move into larger offices in Belfast; this was principally due to the large number of young ladies who desired to enrol in the school, the old premises being inadequate in every way. Even now we are hard pressed to find room for all who would like to join us. We attribute this demand for instruction to the fact that parents now realise that Comptometry is one of the few professions still open to their daughters that is not overrun and that later, should she migrate to other lands they will feel more at ease with regard to her, knowing that she will be well looked after by our world-wide organisation.

We extend our heartiest congratulations to the following students who have obtained the hall-mark of efficiency in Comptometry, i.e., the Diploma.

Miss M. Bridgett. Miss L. Graham. Miss M. Hollinger. Miss E. McClelland.

Also to Miss F. Beattie who has won a coveted Comptometer Ring

DUBLIN.

From the far off shores of the Pacific in Vancouver, B.C., we heard with pleasure of Miss Elizabeth Wefers, an ex-pupil of this school. Miss Wefers, who is now employed as a Comptometer Operator for the B.C. Telephone Co., went out to Vancouver with her sister, Helen, nearly two years ago; from all accounts received of them they appear to be very happy in their new home.

The following students are to be congratulated on obtaining permanent appointments as Comptometer Operators:—

Miss Kathleen Bourke,
to Messrs. Vickers (Ireland) Limited, Dublin.

Miss Nancy O'Gorman,
to Messrs. Norman Macnaughton & Sons
(Dublin), Ltd., Dublin,

Miss Bernie McFadden,
to Messrs. Rowntree & Co. (Ireland), Ltd., Dublin.

We also extend congratulations to Miss Miriam Delaney on obtaining the Diploma with 100 per cent. (whose photo we show herewith) and to Miss Ina O'Meara on winning the Comptometer Ring.

BRADFORD.

We were delighted to hear from Miss Phyllis Walker, one of our Bradford operators, who recently went to Pittsburgh. We had advised our Comptometer School there that Miss Walker would probably be calling on them, and her letter says: "Imagine my surprise when they were expecting me and had a position ready for me. It is quite a good one and has given me the opportunity I need. I am in the Foreign Department of a large department store, and the work is very interesting."

This just shows once more how world-wide the Comptometer organisation is, and how we can help operators in all countries.

Hearty best wishes to another bride, formerly Irene Giles, and an operator at Ripley & Sons (West)—but now Mrs. Greenwood.

Congratulations to still another Ring winner, Miss Freda Hindle.

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LEEDS.

Congratulations to our newest Ring Winner, Miss Dora Burgoyne, who made a very satisfactory final score of 105%.

The following good scores have been made by Diploma winners:—
Miss Lena Hewitt, 97%. Miss Mabel Jones, 97%. Miss Beatrice Kendrick, 95%.

Miss M. Whiteley and Miss A. Day have just left the School to join the staff of Messrs. Montague Burton, Ltd., and we wish them a long period of useful service.

BRISTOL.

Diplomas will never be "three-a-penny," but it is strange that the Misses Ambrose, Farrell & Hall should "pass out" almost together. There are students in Evening School "sweating on the top line," and we hope they, too, will get their Diplomas before we close for the summer.

We have said before that there is money to be made in Bristol by the "temporary" operator. In January there were 17 operators in temporary jobs. Two of these operators did good work in Plymouth, and, we have been informed, shook the confidence of certain males in that delightful town!

Tears have been shed over the departure to permanent positions of the Misses Ambrose, Hall & Taylor. Respectively, the lucky employers are: Bristol Rates Office, Shell-Mex, Ltd., and Bristol Co-operative Society, Ltd. Good luck to 'em!

Ex-School Operators will have the pleasure of discussing their little problems with their former instructress for the inauguration of the SERVICE DEPARTMENTS means that Miss Cole will visit you regularly at the office. Collect your "snags," and make her earn her money!

If you haven't been introduced to the new Steel Comptometer Desk you soon will. There has been nothing finer in office furniture! The efficiency of your operation and your comfort throughout the day is largely dependent on the desk you are given. Make inquiries, please!

SOUTH WALES (CARDIFF AND SWANSEA).

Recent appointments include the following: Miss Edna Rowe to Frazer & Co., Ltd., Cardiff; Miss Betty Gifford to Post Office Engineering Dept., Cardiff; Miss Mona Farley to General Electric Co., Ltd., Cardiff; Miss Elsie Darrall to Lovell & Co., Ltd., Newport.

We are glad to learn that Miss Doris Evans has now recovered from her recent illness and is back with Foster Hain & Read, Ltd. During her absence her place was taken by Miss R. Hatcher.

Miss Doris Chappell, operator with Wm. Evans & Co., Ltd., Cardiff, for several years, changed her name and her occupation on March 4th. She is now Mrs. Evans, and we wish her every happiness.

We are very proud of Miss Edith Grimwood of Cardiff School and Miss Kitty Williams of Swansea School, whose names have been added to the rapidly growing list of South Wales operators, who wear the coveted Comptometer Ring.

We congratulate Miss Mary John, Miss Hetty Griffiths and Miss Myra Evans of Swansea School on securing Diplomas, each with a percentage of 94.

S. WALES AND MON. ASSOC. OF COMPTOMETER OPERATORS.

We hasten to take this opportunity of correcting an error in the current issue of "Comptometer News." We refer to the photograph which has been erroneously entitled "At the South Wales and Monmouthshire Association Dance." This photograph was taken at the inaugural meeting of the Association on November 7th. Of course our operators went to the dance on December 11th all dressed up in "glad rags," and with the gentlemen represented in decidedly better proportion than on the occasion of the photograph.

Our second dance was held at Cox's Café on February 21st. While compared with our first effort the attendance was a little disappointing, the dance was a great success and everyone had a good time.



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The Association organised a most successful social evening at Cox's Caf  on January 15th. Excellent vocal entertainment was provided and the evening went merrily with games and competitions. Mr. D. Bernard Morgan, Director of Messrs. David Morgan, Ltd., the well-known Cardiff Department Store, was our guest on that occasion, and during the course of the evening gave us a most interesting talk.

On Saturday, January 25th, 39 members of our Association were the guests of the Association of Comptometer Operators in Bristol and the West of England. Arriving in Bristol at 4.0 p.m., we were met at the station by their committee, who conducted us to the Wayfarers' Club, where they provided us with an excellent tea and a splendid entertainment by artists of exceptional talent. Our train back to Cardiff left at 9.15 p.m., so that the evening came to an end all too soon. We all look forward to the pleasure of meeting our Bristol friends again very shortly—this time in Cardiff.

Membership of the South Wales Association is steadily increasing, but we want to enrol all past and present operators of both sexes. If you are not already a member, please apply for full particulars to the Hon. Secretary, Miss V. A. Gough, c/o The Comptometer School, Dominions House, Cardiff.

DUNDEE.

Our Dundee School is very depleted in numbers just now. We should be glad if all operators would inform their friends of the excellent opportunities offered to "Diploma" Comptometer Operators. For those who are keen and anxious to succeed, it is a short, interesting course and the fees are moderate.

Miss Margaret Malcolm is another of our operators who has left us to go to London. We hope she is liking her new work and wish her the very best of success.

EDINBURGH.

The following girls have been placed in situations recently :—

Miss Millar to The Scottish Malt Distillers, Ltd., Edinburgh.
Miss Elder to Thomson & Porteous, Edinburgh.
Miss Peacock to Scottish Co-operative Wholesale Society, Leith.
Miss Chambers to Macpherson & Morrison, C.A., Edinburgh.



We welcome Miss J. G. Weir back on our staff as teacher. This allows Miss Nicholson to devote her time to Service Work among our Users. In her calls Miss Nicholson will be able to assist our operators in the latest methods on the Comptometer.

If any of our operators have friends who wish to enter the Comptometer School, now is the time to apply as we have a few vacancies for the Day School Course.

Congratulations to Miss J. Elder and Miss M. Chambers on securing Comptometer Rings. Here is a photograph of Margaret.

GLASGOW.

In order to cater for non-dancers and to give the opportunity of plenty of "talk," we held a Whist Drive and Social Evening at Messrs. A. F. Reid's Restaurant at which the mere male was excluded. The first part of the evening was devoted to Whist, when 92 girls and lady friends played their cards as only ladies can. We then had tea, where, of course, all excelled themselves, but there was no prize for this.

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Mr. and Mrs. Norman then arrived—we wanted Mrs. Norman to present the prizes—so had to let Mr. Norman in as well—but made him pay a forfeit by way of a speech dealing with the Club activities. Miss Waldie replied, thanking Mr. and Mrs. Norman for coming along.

Then came the talent of our operators. The artists were :—
Miss M. Cadden. Mrs. W. W. Davidson (Miss I. Alexander). Miss S. Forrest.
Miss B. Carle.

The climax of the evening came when one or two of the "bright sparks" fancied themselves as "C. B. Cochran's best," and gave us a very enlightening!! display of high kicking and the "Break Away." This was followed by a Scotch Reel and the singing of "Auld Lang Syne." The only available male was then pushed into the centre of a circle of "radiant beauty" (and he can still see—girls), then dancing round him, they sang, "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow" with great gusto.

Again, thanks to our live-wire Committee, and the courtesy of the Sports Committees of some of the large business organisations in the district, the Comptometer Club has added yet another attraction to the programme. Although still in the development stage, it is proving one of the most enjoyable to those participating, while other members who want a course of lung development can turn up on Saturday afternoons to cheer—or jeer, but good naturedly of course, as we are conscious of our failings.

All this is about our entry into the field of Hockey. With a nucleus of girls in the school and an odd player from the former pupils, we mustered an XI to meet the 2nd XI of Macfarlane Lang & Co., Ltd., at Tollcross on November 23rd. A hard and most enjoyable game ended in a win by 3 goals to 2.

Following this, two games have been played at the Singer Sports ground, Clydebank, against XI's from Departments 19 and 14. On December 7th, Department 19 rather overwhelmed us. They won by 3—0, and only the wonderful goalkeeping of Miss Boyce kept the score down to this proportion. In addition to enjoyment we gained very valuable experience (and also our first mention in the results column of the newspapers), which stood us in good stead the following week, when we met Department 14. This game resulted in a draw, 1—1, which result reflected the run of play and justified the few changes made in the team.

The fixtures for December 21st resulted in a victory for the weather. The Scottish Co-operative Wholesale Society had invited us to their ground at Cardonald, but Friday night brought our first real snowfall and the game had to be called off.

Since the beginning of the year the Comptometer Hockey Team has been keeping it's end up, not too badly. The following are some of the results :—

	For	Against.
MacFarlane Lang & Co. 2nd XI ...	3	5
Albion Motor Car Co. 2nd XI ...	3	0
Jas. Templeton & Co. 2nd XI ...	3	0
Dunlop Rubber Co. ...	3	2
Albion Motor Car Co. 2nd XI ...	2	2

For next season we have engaged a pitch of our own and purpose becoming members of the Glasgow District Ladies' League. We want two elevens, and hope all our old friends who are interested in hockey will give us their support.

Club's Future Functions.

The next venture of the Glasgow Comptometer Club is a repeat Whist Drive and Social Evening in Reid's Restaurant on Wednesday, March 26th, which we hope will be another success. Tickets (3/- each) may be had from any member of the Committee or on application to the School.

We are still very anxious to enrol new members, and as we hope to have an interesting programme for the summer months, we are sure that all the present members will do their best to augment the membership by getting their Comptometer friends to enrol.

Swimming Section.

With the summer coming on and with it's warmer (?) weather, we hope to receive increased support at the weekly meeting at Cranstonhill Baths on Mondays, 7.45—9 o'clock. Miss Moore, our unofficial instructress, is still quite willing to do her best to keep us "above water."

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LEICESTER.

We have to congratulate the following students on passing the Diploma Test with the percentages stated, and do so heartily, with a little friendly criticism added as salt and pepper :—

Miss V. Corps, 95.45%. Miss M. Timson, 95.45%. Miss R. Mortimer, 94.7%
Miss M. Redgrave, 92.42%.

Each of these students was quite competent to pass with 100%, but for some reason she failed to get 100% of concentration on the test.

"Nerves" is probably the explanation, or, in other words, lack of self-confidence. So, dear Diploma Winners, keep, and show, a firm belief in your own ability in every circumstance, and go through with 100% of success. We think you can, and we ought to know.

The following students are our most recent Ring Winners; some of our "rising generation," and we like them quite well :—

Miss I. Campbell. Miss L. Parkin. Miss E. Wood.

LIVERPOOL.



Herewith a photograph of Miss Dora Mutch, a recent Ring Winner.

MANCHESTER.

We were very concerned to read in the Manchester papers about Miss Sylvia Darby's serious motor accident. Miss Darby is now in Stockport Infirmary suffering from a fractured skull. We sincerely hope she won't remain there long, and take this opportunity of wishing her a very speedy recovery.

We also congratulate the following Ring Winners :—

Mary Pimlott. Frances Scott. Jessie English. Eileen Hargreaves.
Olive Whitworth. Marjorie Goodwin. Marjorie Bates.

And we are pleased to announce the recent Diploma and Certificate winners :—

M. Herbert ...	...	Diploma (E)	M. Rigby ...	...	Diploma
H. Stephenson ...	...	(E)	F. Pollard ...	...	"
L. Taylor ...	...	" (E)	M. Wightman ...	...	"
H. Balls ...	...	" (E)	E. Scholes ...	...	"
A. Usher ...	...	" (E)	M. Seddon ...	...	"
N. Gell ...	...	" (E)	E. Waller ...	...	" (E)
N. Benson ...	...	" (E)	M. Murray ...	...	" (E)
A. Wetherall ...	...	"	D. Younger ...	...	" (E)
E. Newton ...	...	"	D. Ogden ...	...	" (E)

Those marked "E" are Evening School Students.

W. Nicholls ... Certificate M. Herbert ... Certificate.

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We still have a number of prospective Diploma and Certificate Students attending our Evening Classes, and we hope to publish further winners in our next issue.

We have two recent additions to our staff in the persons of Miss N. Gell and Miss M. Herbert. We hope they will find their new work interesting.

At a Dance recently given by the C.W.S., one of our students, a Miss Marjorie Ward, gave an Exhibition dance, which was greatly appreciated. We did not know we had such talent in the School.

A little bird tells us that Miss Tonge, an operator at the C.W.S. has become engaged. Congratulations, Miss Tonge.

MIDDLESBROUGH.

The year 1930 has opened very brightly in connection with both Middlesbrough Day and Evening Schools. In the Day School, Miss Marjorie Graham—who is now on the staff—passed her Ring Test and followed this up by getting her Diploma with a 97% pass. Three other girls have also gained their Diploma—Miss Hilda Irwin, with a very fine paper attained 99%; Miss Lilian West with 93%; and Miss Kathleen Scott, 91%. We think this is a very creditable result for a small school, and our Rings and Diplomas gained since the School opened eighteen months ago compare more than favourably with others much older established.

We are pleased to announce that Miss Lilian Walker and Miss Nancy Arrowsmith, who won Comptometer Rings during October have now obtained Diplomas, Miss Walker with 93.94%, and Miss Arrowsmith with 92.42%. Miss Walker has obtained a position with Messrs. Dorman, Long & Co., Ltd., Middlesbrough and Miss Arrowsmith is now in the "Quaker Town" of Darlington with the Darlington Forge Co., Ltd.

The Middlesbrough and District Comptometer Operators' Club have formed themselves into a Rambling Club and intend holding the first ramble on Good Friday. In this district surrounded as we are with moors and a wonderful countryside, these walks should be very interesting. During the Winter months, several fine evenings have been spent and were all thoroughly enjoyed by those attending. The membership is increasing, and altogether the Club is filling a very good place in the district.

NEWCASTLE.

Everybody had quite an exciting and busy time decorating the schoolroom and Christmas Tree for our school party, which was held on the 24th December. We all had a jolly time and fortunately, no one had to be carried home through over celebrating.

We had competitions and the lucky winner, Agnes Bormand (one of our recent Ring Winners), who gained the most points, was presented with a lovely strap of beads by Mr. Haigh.

We had quite a lot of fun looking for our presents on the Christmas Tree, and by the time we had found them there was very little tree left.

While we were having tea the gramophone played tricky tunes which made everyone feel inclined to get up and dance. After tea we danced a little and ate a lot. The fruit was flying in all directions. We finished up feeling happy, but rather tired.

We heartily congratulate Agnes Bormand, Mary Charlton, Doris Milne, and Vera Clemmet, our recent Ring Winners.

The following girls have been permanently placed since our last issue, Bessie Teasdale, Olive Foster, Norah Payne, Florence Nelson, Annie Johnston, and Marjorie Reid. Good luck to them all.

Congratulations to the girls who have gained Diplomas since August, Alice Douglas, Molly Phuler, E. Lunn, Jean Stables, Vera Clemmet, Doris Milne, Mary Melville, Winfred Dodds, Nina Monaghan, Annie Mann and Edna Raine.

A little while back some of the brightest members of the old Junior Club put their heads together and started the ball rolling in the direction of a dance. Their efforts were most successful and in consequence a Dance was held in the Brighton Rooms on the 13th February, which all present greatly enjoyed.

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We think you would like to know who did the work, so here are the names of those "stout fellows."

Alice Douglas, Alice Stephenson, Margie Lawson, Freda Barrick, Gladys Robson, Mabel Armstrong.

We think the success of the Dance indicates that we ought to have another, but next time we shall have to take the Oxford Galleries judging by the number at the last "do."

SHEFFIELD AND HULL.

Important.

Starting April 29th for four days we shall be exhibiting in the Business Efficiency Exhibition held in the Cutler's Hall, Sheffield. We hope to demonstrate the new 20-column Comptometer, and many other matters of interest and all operators and friends are heartily invited to call and see us.

Several pertinent questions would have been asked by an outsider visiting the Re-union Party held in the new Schoolroom and Offices on December 28th last, the chief among which would undoubtedly have been :—

Why do Comptometer Operators enjoy swapping yarns ?

Who was the tallish lady with glasses, who derived much pleasure and caused much laughter when the balloons were free ?

Who was the young man sitting on a charming lady's lap in the tea room ?

Who pinched all the Manager's cigarettes ?

Since our last Brevities we have a goodly number of Ring Winners to report. These are : Misses Dorothy and Margaret Jackson, Olga Hepworth, Blanche Bowers, Enid Cooke, Marian Deakin and Mary Hawdin. Also Miss Ellen Booth, Miss Carmen Albaya and Miss Margaret Wheatley, whose photographs we give.



In one week our Hull School placed permanently all its pupils, so if anybody has friends in this district who are interested now is a very opportune time to join.

It is suggested that we hold a Sheffield and District Operators' picnic sometime in June, and we would be very glad to receive suggestions from operators as to the form this picnic shall take. All suggestions will be welcomed, and in any case, it would help us if all operators desirous of coming would send in their names at once. Our previous Re-unions have been so jolly and "worth-while" that we feel this picnic too, will be a happy time for everybody.