



The gay wife of Mr. Pepys

THE wife of Pepys, the diarist, is one of the most charming women in literature. Pepys has left us a vivid portrait of a fascinating lady who aspired to be fashionable and gay and yet, in spite of all temptation, remained to the end a loving and devoted wife — better perhaps than he deserved.

Valerie Berkeley, 24-year-old school teacher at Writtle, of Swiss Avenue, Chelmsford, will be giving her interpretation of the fascinating Mistress Pepys in next week's production of "And so to Bed," at the Regent, by the Chelmsford Amateur Operatic and Dramatic Society.

Although "Val." is well known in Chelmsford for her capable acting, this is the first time she has played for the C.A.O.D.S. Her best part to date was Rowena in "Quiet Wedding" for the Marconi Dramatic Society two years ago.
