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The Eastern Districts Tours.

By F. D. STEVENSON.

I have been asked by many old boys to write, before I sever my connection with the school, a *resumé* of the different cricket tours which our team has taken to the Eastern Districts. I am attempting to do this with very little data, as some old score books are missing, and consequently I have had to rely upon my memory to a very large extent. On this account I have not gone into much detail as regards scores, and particularly is this the case with our opponents; and, in fact, I hardly think that a collection of figures would be at all interesting. There is no doubt that many names of those who have, on both sides, participated or interested themselves in the various trips have been left out. I must apologise for any omission of this sort, which is almost inevitable where a period of some eleven or twelve years has to be reckoned with, and where I have only consulted a few old score books.

It was about eleven years ago, while I was staying with the late Mr. R. G. Burges at Tipperary, and also with Mr. Hamersley at Wilberforce, that I first of all thought of a cricketing tour to the Eastern Districts. At that time, the two eldest Burges' were boarders at the School, and, naturally enough, they supported the idea, and soon afterwards we started what has since been one of our most important events of the year. Needless to say, the late Mr. Burges, with his characteristic energy and love of seeing younger people enjoying themselves, took considerable interest in the project; and, in fact, at first we practically lived at Tipperary for a full week, and from there migrated to the various places to be played.

The first trip we made comprised only Tipperary, York, and Wilberforce, and our team contained such well-known players at that time as the Burges', Marmions, Shentons, G. Elliot, and George Clarke. It was on this tour that Mr. Fred Hare, the then R.M. of York, entertained the team to dinner at the Castle Hotel, and Mr. Tom Lodge presented a trophy to our best bowler, who, on that particular day, was R. Andrews. Besides the splendid hospitality of the Tipperary people, and the Hamersley family at Wilberforce, the latter a place then famous for its cricket, we had and still have no better friends than Mr. and Mrs. Charles Edwards at York. Indeed, all the arrangements of putting the boys up fell to the lot of Mrs. Edwards, and the fact that there has never been any hitch in our programme at that place, where we have now stayed far longer than any other, is due to her great forethought and kindness. The Edwards' place became our "home," and it has been there now for eleven or twelve years that we have been entertained, and have met our many friends in the district. The boys from time to time have also been "housed," or have received hospitality, at various residences throughout the town and district; and among these one cannot pass over that fine old player Mr. Windsor, of the Union Bank; and also Mr. Cowan, the R.M.; Dr. Davis, the Seabrooks, Leeders, Harrisons, and Mr. Sweeney, who on several occasions captained the local team against us.

As year after year came round we extended our tour and, first of all, included Northam in our "travels," where we have, I feel sure,

made everlasting friendship. There are Mr. W. J. Stewart—who has now for some years presented a bat to the boy making the highest number of runs in the match against Northam—Dr. Rockett, Mr. Lionel Throssell (an old boy), the Hon. George Throssell, Mr. Morrell, and Mr. Meares, all of whom, with many others, have done their utmost to make our stay in that most prosperous town an enjoyable one. Certain it has been that at Northam we have more often than not suffered defeat, but I can remember many fine battles fought out on that ground; and this last year we were fortunate in defeating there what must be termed a really strong eleven—although they were without the services of their brilliant batsman, Walter Stewart.

It is quite likely that our Christmas tour is looked upon by many as simply a social outing, but I can assure the readers of this Magazine that, although we are liberally entertained wherever we go, the cricket is never neglected. I have seen boys become incapacitated through the strain, and, speaking for myself, I have often felt pretty sore, for the hard wickets, and the equally hard nature of the fielding grounds, are very trying. I shall have more to say about our bowlers later on, but one can never properly and justly estimate the laborious work which devolves upon them on this round of matches. The heat is often very great, and the worn-out bowling ends met with on some of the grounds do not make a bowler's work anything too easy.

After Northam we journeyed further afield, and visited Beverley. As in other parts of the Eastern Districts, Beverley has a fine recreation ground—of course not quite up to the standard of Northam and York, but a really good ground. There is no place that I have looked forward to with more pleasure than our visit to Beverley. The game there has always been full of good cricket, and the days never seem long enough for the meeting of old friends.

The last place that we added to our list of matches was Gilgering, a farming district midway between York and Beverley, where there is an excellent wicket. It is here that the Fleay family reside, and the local team is constituted of eight Fleays, two Willies, and Mr. Lloyd. Gilgering will always live in my memory for the very pleasant times I have spent there, and perhaps in some way for a terrific thunder and hail storm which, the year before last, drenched us all, and sent us into shelter a miserable looking body. There is no place that the ladies turn up in such force as at Gilgering, and, like all the other places visited, one vies with the other to make us spend a pleasant day. It was at Gilgering, of course, that I first saw Clarence Fleay play, and it was a fortunate stroke for us when we secured him for our team. He and D. H. McLarty have been the mainstays of the School Eleven for some time, and now that the latter has left us Fleay will have more responsibility cast upon him. However, he will be well backed up by Riley, Walker, Burges, Turnbull, Clifton, Forrest, and others, so that the team ought still to be able to keep up its reputation.

In looking back over the eleven years that we have visited the Eastern Districts, the great kindness showered upon us on all sides must ever make those boys who have been fortunate enough to get into the different teams feel a keen sense of appreciation; and, personally speaking, I have never been able to adequately thank the

many friends of the School for all they have done for us. To remember the excellent annual dinner at Northam, where Mr. Stewart, Mr. Lionel Throssell, and Dr. Rockett preside, and the happy speeches made there; the afternoon tea on the ground at York, dispensed from the old historical "lorry" by Mrs. Edwards and her charming daughters, the Misses Monger, and others; the dinner and the gay little crowd at Beverley; the musical evening or dance at Tipperary; and the fine old times at Gilgering and Wilberforce must bring back very dear recollections. I have not mentioned half we have to thank our friends for, but it will be sufficient, if needs be, to refresh the minds of any old boys who trouble to read these notes.

The social side of our trips is, perhaps naturally enough, paramount in my mind at present, but, as I have said before, we always try to win the matches. Every game has been played with great keenness. It would not be out of place here for me to call to mind a few of the most important performances of some of the old players. I wonder if any of the boys can remember the excellent innings played by Harry Dyer at York. What a fine bat he was—a left-hander. He smote the bowling there all over the ground—the fastest ground we ever played on. In those days Charlie Shenton was one of our best bowlers. He was a very small lad, but he had a nasty "off" turn, and it was amusing to see the way in which he puzzled many experienced players. F. G. Allen and I played some long partnerships in one of the early tours, and in one of these I remember, at Wilberforce, playing a two days' match, in which Ernest Parker and Harold Rowe took part. Both, as most of us know, were born on the same day, and were then very young. On the morning of the second day the game was going against us, and Parker was given a bowl. He was, at that time, cultivating a leg break, and there was a great outburst of delight amongst our crowd when he bowled the veteran "Jack" Taylor round his legs. Rowe stayed on at the High School after Parker went to Adelaide, and, of course, played many sterling games both in Perth and on tour for the School. The way Rowe has stuck to the School as an Old Boy is worthy of great praise. He and Mr. E. A. Randell were instrumental in the Old Boys holding their annual dinner, and what magnificent success attended their efforts is well known. There are few boys at the School now who remember the fine performances of the late "Tony" Forrest. He was our wicket-keeper, and well do I call to mind a great victory we achieved at Northam, principally through his work. He was a very strong, brave lad, and although some of our bowling in those days was a good deal above medium pace he always "stood up." "Tony" and his brother Kimberley used to stay at Beverley with their uncle, Mr. Barrett-Lennard, a fine old sport, who has always taken a great interest in our tour. Mr. Lennard played in our first match at Beverley, and—except in the case of last year, when he was called away from home to put out a bush fire—has always been either an enthusiastic player or spectator. One of the most exciting matches we ever played was at York. In the first innings we made a tie, and the game was a drawn one, but the second innings was very nearly finished upon the call of time. I am almost certain that that was the last game we played on the old ground in York. Two years later, on the new ground, we won by only six runs.

Gerloff did most of the bowling for us. He trundled at a great pace, and the local crowd got very noisy but, at the same time, were good-natured. Gerloff was even then a very tall fellow, and the way he sent the ball down upon the hard wicket was discomfiting to the batsmen. Our fielding in the slips on that day was excellent, McLarty being the most conspicuous. Mr. Cowan, the R.M., gave Gerloff a bat for his bowling, and I believe the local people were pleased after all with our victory. A little previous to this we had the best pair of bowlers that have ever been at the High School during my time. I mean R. E. Burges and R. H. Rose—the former a fast right-hand, and the latter a slow to medium left-hand. It was a splendid combination, and among their many excellent performances there was one at Wilberforce which stands out most prominently. They opened for us, and, in spite of doing good work, did not get a wicket for some time; but upon changing ends finished up with an average of five wickets each for less than thirty runs. Burges was a great worker while he was bowling, his fielding on both sides of the wicket being very fine. At another time Burges practically won a match for us at Northam, when he secured nine out of the ten wickets for forty five. In passing along the list of those who have done good service in the field “up-country” for the School, one comes across Sam Burges, who was, and still is, a good wicket-keeper and a useful bat. After “Tony” Forrest, I think the most finished “keeper” we ever had was Jack Gray—who is now in Melbourne—but Burges was very quick, and a hard worker. Gray never went on any of these trips, and neither did another good player, Donald McLarty. During the last few years there were J. L. Walker, who is now at Oxford, as neat a batsman as the School has ever possessed, and Frank O’Meehan, away in the North, who both did good work at all times, while Huggins, last year’s captain, will always be remembered for his splendid loyalty, and sterling qualities as a cricketer.

It is a great pity that the difficulties of junior cricketers, or those leaving school, going upon the turf, appear to be insurmountable. But I must confess that, to my mind, the difficulties are in many cases somewhat magnified. The fact, however, still remains that many cricketers, such as Huggins and McColl, another promising old High School boy, prefer to play on matting wickets than to tackle the senior ranks. That there is not enough encouragement given to younger players to follow the game up on turf must be admitted when the actual facts are brought to light. Still, year after year passes along without any appreciable effort being made by those mainly interested to remedy the defect, which in this State is ten times more pronounced than in any other.

In reaching our last tour, it must be a matter of congratulation to the School, and to the team itself, that we were never more successful. The play in every match was above the average, and we were credited with three wins, one draw, and one loss; and our only defeat was attributable to the fine innings played by Fleay against us at Gilgering. I have already said that we defeated a strong combination at Northam by a narrow majority; and at York some good scoring took place on both sides, but I think, had there been time, we would have had a good chance of making the runs set us. The

Eastern Districts Tour Team, 1905.



Front Row (from left):—G. L. Burges, H. N. Walker, C. E. Fleay, D. H. McLarty, W. L. Brine, C. L. Riley, A. P. Turnbull.
 Second Row:—Mr. Stevenson, M. O'Connor, S. J. Caris, P. D. Forrest, T. G. Watkins, W. B. Browning.
 Back Row:—R. A. Clifton, S. Conner, J. Wilkie.

most important feature of the whole trip was the really fine bowling of McLarty and Fleay, particularly of McLarty, who at Northam, Wilberforce, and Beverley bowled better than he ever did before. At Beverley, he and Fleay disposed of what we have good reason to know is a strong batting side for the small score of 39. Here we met our old friend, Mr. Herbert Davey, who has captained the local team against us for some years, and Mr. Wansborough, the late secretary of the club, who looked after our arrangements at Beverley on many occasions. We missed Mr. Stewart and his son at Northam, but Mr. Stewart left word that his bat would still be given to the highest scorer in the match; and also Mr. Sam McKay, an old High School boy, wired from Perth giving a bat for the best bowling average of the tour. The former was won by Fleay and the latter by McLarty. We could not go to Tipperary this year, on account of the recent death of Mr. Burges. We were all very sorry for this. Our stay there has always been one of the most pleasant of the outing, and it is to be hoped that the fixture will not be allowed to lapse. At Wilberforce, the Hamersley family and Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Taylor put the team up, and the match was a very good one, although we won by a fair margin. At Gilgering, too, we spent as usual a gay time, the merrymaking lasting well into the evening. Besides McLarty's and Fleay's all-round consistent work, Brine, Walker, Burges, Riley, Clifton, Connor, and Forrest were much in evidence. Brine was particularly reliable throughout both with bat and ball, while Burges bowled in his customary steady manner, and was a great help to us. Walker's best effort was at Wilberforce, where he scored 53 not out in splendid style. Altogether, the team worked very hard, the fielding, like the bowling, being excellent. The longest and best partnership of the tour took place at Beverley, when McLarty and Fleay, batting first, put up 107 runs before being separated. The new members of the team were Watkins, Browning, Wilkie, and O'Connor, all of whom show a great deal of promise, although they did not, of course, get much chance of exhibiting their powers in the matches. We were unfortunate in that Turnbull and Caris could not make the trip, and it is needless to say that if these two members of our Eleven had been with us we should have done even better than we did.

Old Boys' Column.

Mr. H. B. Stone, who has several times coached the School "four," has been chosen to stroke the "eight" which is to represent this State in the Inter-State Boat Race. He is an Old Boy of the School, and we hope he will lead his crew to victory.

In the elevens which represented this State against South Australia in the recent test matches, two Old Boys were playing, viz., E. Parker, who was acknowledged to be the best bat in the team, and S. H. D. Rowe, who, it is claimed, was the best exponent of fielding on his side.

We are pleased to hear that M. J. Gerloff, an Old Boy, has passed his Intermediate Law Examination; and we desire to accord him our heartiest congratulations, and wish him every success in his career.

In the Annual Sports this year several of the Old Boys, headed by G. Burt, fixed up an obstacle race on the ground. This event was won by G. Wood, with Max Law second. The Old Boys' 100 Yards Handicap was won by G. Burt; Gerloff was second, and B. Wood third. The Old Boys' Hurdle Race was won by G. Burt, with A. Leake second.

THE "OLD BOYS'" DINNER.

By "OLD BOY."

The second Annual Dinner of the "Old Boys" of the School was held on Friday evening, December 8. Dr. Saw occupied the chair, and an attendance of 70 or 80 gentlemen included Dr. J. W. Hackett, M.L.C., Mr. J. S. Battye (Governors of the School), Mr. F. C. Faulkner (Head Master), and Messrs. J. M. Jenkins, F. W. Barford, and F. D. Stevenson (Assistant Masters). A most excellent repast was provided by Host Glowrey, and a splendid musical programme—contributed to by Signor Lardelli, Messrs. Hay, Wishart, Goff, Garrett, and Sparrow—was rendered during the evening. Speechmaking was of course, a long item in the bill of fare, but the speeches were excellent and very interesting. After the loyal toast had been honoured, the Chairman proposed "The High School," and in doing so mentioned the deplorable state of the school buildings and the urgent need for a new structure. He mentioned that the chief features of the School should be first in School work and first in games. He urged "Old Boys" to show the utmost loyalty to the Old School, for, he said, loyalty meant prosperity.

Mr. Faulkner, in replying to the toast, said it was very gratifying to him to be so well received, and expressed his pleasure at once more meeting the "Old Boys." He referred to the probable loss of Mr. Stevenson, whose health demanded his removal to a drier climate.

The toast of "The Governors" was ably proposed by Mr. E. A. Randell, and responded to by Dr. Hackett, who expressed his deep regret at the loss of Mr. Stevenson. Dr. Hackett also mentioned the probability of obtaining new buildings shortly—a statement which was received with vociferous applause.

Mr. J. S. Battye also responded.

Mr. Stevenson, who was loudly called for and splendidly received, thanked those present, and said he would look back on the days spent by him at the High School with the most pleasing of recollections.

Proceedings terminated with cheers for the chairman and for the success of the High School, and the singing of "Auld Lang Syne."

"PAST" V. "PRESENT."

By "OLD BOY."

The annual cricket contest, "Past" v. "Present," took place on the W.A.C.A. Ground on the 8th December last. Glorious weather prevailed, and the game, which was a most enjoyable one, ended in a

win for the "Present" team by the narrow majority of 21 runs, although, be it remembered, the "Present" boys closed with but eight wickets down. The School had first use of an excellent wicket, and ran up 229 for eight wickets before Skipper Stevenson declared the innings closed. Of this total, Fleay, who went in first, remained unconquered with 112, and gave a great display of batting, his driving and leg-hitting being particularly clean. McLarty totted up 44 before retiring caught and bowled. A telling on-drive was responsible for most of his runs. Others who batted well were Riley and Brine, with a patient 13 and 10 respectively, and Clifton a bright 15. Bowling for the "Ancients," Bolton secured 6 for 58, and his slow lobs seemed to trouble the batsmen considerably. R. Burges and Arthur Strickland each secured a wicket at a moderate cost. With about two hours left to get the required number of runs, the "Old Boys" opened with Parker and Rowe, and 100 runs were posted on the board before Burges got one past the former. Parker played a nice crisp innings for 47, notwithstanding that his wrist was troubling him considerably. Rowe was taken in the slips for a quickly compiled 88. O'Meehan made 21, Gerloff 13, and Huggins 12, and the innings closed for 208. McLarty obtained 4 for 75, Fleay 3 for 65, and Burges 1 for 26, and all three bowled extremely well.

Luncheon was provided by Mr. Faulkner, and tea was very kindly dispensed by Mrs. Faulkner during the afternoon.

School News.

All Old Boys and all others interested in the School will be very sorry to learn that, owing to his health, Mr. Stevenson has to go away to a different climate. He will relinquish his duties at the end of this term, and we hope he will soon be in complete health again. For more than ten years Mr. Stevenson has been at the School, and has been respected and beloved by all who have known him. We wish him prosperity and happiness.

Owing to McLarty having left, the captaincy of the first eleven became vacant. Accordingly an election was held on Wednesday, 14th of this month. Fleay was unanimously elected, and we are sure he will fill this position satisfactorily.

Fleay, Browning, i., and Clifton, i., have been elected prefects in the place of McLarty, Gorrie, and Caris, who have left. Walker was promoted to the position of Head Master's prefect. Instead of McLarty. This election took place on Thursday, 15th of this month, the result being known on Friday morning.

Mr. Johnstone, who has been away in England for some time on six months' leave of absence, is expected to be back again on May 15, in time to resume his duties at the beginning of next term. During his absence Mr. Boutflower has come over from Tasmania, and is taking his forms for him.

In the test match played between Perth and Fremantle, last term, Fleay was chosen to play for Perth. This, we think, is a great honor both to Fleay himself and also to the School team.

McLarty, Fleay, and Brine also played for the King's Park Club last term, and, now that McLarty and Brine have left, Fleay still plays for this club, and Walker is playing for North Perth.

At the first meeting of the Inter-School Sports, which was held on Saturday, October 21, the representatives of the School did not accomplish quite as much as was expected of them. This may perhaps be put down to a somewhat neglected course of training and want of enthusiasm. In spite of this, we gained the following places on the list:—

OPEN EVENTS.

Throwing Cricket Ball.—D. H. McLarty (3rd).
 Long Jump—C. E. Fleay (2nd).
 High Jump—C. E. Fleay (equal 1st).
 120 Yards Hurdle—C. E. Fleay (2nd).
 One Mile—S. J. Caris (2nd).
 Relay Race (880yds.)—Third Place.
 Old Boys' Race (100yds.)—M. Gerloff (1st).

UNDER 14.

100 Yards—C. Ewing (3rd).
 220 Yards—C. Ewing (2nd).

UNDER 12.

120 Yards—R. Jenkins (3rd).
 75 Yards—R. Jenkins (3rd).

By points we came fourth on the list with 21; and Fleay gained third place for champion athlete.

The School is much indebted to A. R. Gorrie, an Old Boy, for the handsome gold and silver medal he has presented for second place in the Swimming Championship.

On Wednesday, March 14, we play our first Cup match against the Christian Brothers College; on Monday, March 26, we are drawn to play the Guildford Grammar School; and on Wednesday, April 4, we are to play the Scotch College.

In the recent Public Service Examinations, about which so much has lately appeared in the papers, O. Gemmell was second.

The Annual Athletic Sports.

As usual with our Sports Meeting, we had excellent weather, October 14 dawning fine and warm—in fact, an ideal day for such an event. In the afternoon there was a large gathering of spectators, among whom were many "Old Boys." Afternoon tea was kindly provided for the visitors by Mrs. Faulkner, and was also appreciated immensely by the boys.

At the close of the proceedings the prizes were distributed by Lady Stone.

On behalf of the School, we wish to thank our many kind friends for trophies and donations. Finally we must congratulate Mr. Stevenson on the complete success of this year's Athletic Sports,

which is entirely owing to his untiring energy and business-like methods of management.

The following are the details of the programme :—

OPEN EVENTS.

Long Jump—Fleay, 1 ; Turnbull, i., 2.
 Throwing Cricket Ball.—McLarty, 1 ; Forrest, 2.
 Hurdle Race, 120yds. (handicap)—Caris, 1 ; Fleay, 2.
 School Championship, 100yds.—Fleay, 1 ; Browning, i., 2.
 High Jump.—Fleay, 1 ; Riley, i., 2.
 100 Yards Handicap—Walker, 1 ; Browning, i., 2.
 220 Yards Handicap—Browning, 1 ; Caris, 2.
 440 Yards Handicap—Watkins, 1 ; Wilkie, 2.
 Obstacle Race—Turnbull, 1 ; Craig, i., 2.

UNDER 16.

Hurdle Race—Craig, i., 1 ; Connor, 2.
 High Jump—Connor, 1 ; Ewing, 2.
 100 Yards Handicap—Low, 1 ; Burges, ii., 2.
 440 Yards Handicap—Low, 1 ; Burges, ii., 2.

UNDER 14.

Egg and Spoon Race, 75yds.—Riley, ii., 1 ; Leschen, 2.
 100 Yards Handicap—Ewing, 1 ; Dickson, 2.
 220 Yards Handicap—Ewing, 1 ; Jenkins, 2.
 Sack Race—Price, 1 ; Bunning, 2.

UNDER 12.

120 Yards Handicap—Blake, 1 ; Whitwell, 2.
 75 Yards Handicap—Jenkins, 1 ; Blake, 2.
 Egg and Spoon Race—Curthoys, ii., 1 ; Jenkins, 2.

Our Early Days.

CONTINUED FROM OCTOBER NUMBER.

Our issue of April, 1879, appears in a cover which suggests the lady in "The Mikado," who "stains her gray hair puce." It is somewhat lacking in interest, because there is a scarcity of school news, and an abundance of sermon-like solemnity in the principal articles. The Editorial is a disquisition on the history of English Public Schools, which gives us an appetite for the next item, an account of the Anniversary Supper. The 6th, 5th, and 4th forms and the First Eleven were entertained at this memorable feast—(were there many members of the eleven in Form I.?)—and by a bold departure from precedents on such occasions, several toasts were proposed. It is reported that at the conclusion of the evening's amusement the boys departed.

There is pleasant reading in an article on music and musical taste in W.A., though one is inevitably reminded of the classic chapter on Snakes in Iceland. For the author is most dolorous. "Where," he asks, "are those pleasant family re-unions where the eldest daughter presides at the pianoforte, and her brothers and

sisters sit round, and each contributes to the harmony in a good old English part song or glee?" Twenty-five years afterwards we are still unable to answer this plaintive question. Possibly the eldest daughter is married. It may be that the brothers and sisters have been advised to stand when they sing instead of sitting. Or perhaps they have no clearer conception of harmony than—"When you goes hup, I goes down; and when you goes down, I goes hup." The writer introduces a convenient stranger, and makes him ask stupid questions as a pretext for bringing in the information which he desires to convey; and he concludes by strongly advising those who have any musical taste to cultivate it in their youth, because "a man with a taste for music is always preferred in society, and stands a better chance of success than he who shuffles and gets into by-corners to avoid notice." It is not made quite clear why a man with no taste for music should insist upon shuffling, unless he has a taste for cards, and in that case he will probably be more comfortable in the so-called bye-corner than in the immediate neighborhood of the piano-stool. By way of peroration comes the sage suggestion that "if you have a melodious voice, you will afford greater gratification by singing a plaintive old English ballad well than by a display of all the mechanical difficulties of an instrumental solo." And we may well leave our author at this point, merely quoting, for the sake of those who do not know it, the story of the man whose hostess said—"Are you musical, Mr. X.?" "Well, to tell you the truth," he said, "I am; but don't let that prevent your playing or singing something."

The Debating Society decided by one vote that Responsible Government would be advantageous for Western Australia, but at their next meeting were unable to come to any decision as to what constitutes a Public School; and their proceedings are followed by an article in which the praises of swimming are sung in purple patches of poetic prose. "*Mens sana in corpore sano*" is inflicted on us here. It was avoided by some strange chance in the first number, but such immunity could hardly be expected to last long. We are told that no words can describe "the pleasure felt by a gallant swimmer when, diving with a joyful bound deep into the blue depths, he trusts himself boldly to the else so treacherous element."

Presumably because copy was short, a piece of "Tom Brown's Schooldays" follows, and is succeeded by the second and final instalment of the tale of a cricket match. It is incredible that the Humbleby eleven should actually have begun their match with the strangers who ought to have been playing Humbleton, when the team they expected was from a neighboring village. What journalists call the "cricketing talent" of a country district is so thoroughly well known; and, indeed, in cases where school elevens play matches against village teams, it is remarkable how the crack bowler of the countryside figures as a member of each successive village eleven.

With some items of School News, affecting chiefly the Athletic Sports and the School Library, together with some correspondence, the number concludes, and we can turn our attention to the issue of June, 1879. It opens with a sermon on the text, "*Aspice, Prospice, Respice*," and this is followed by a long and solemn quotation from an address of Sir George Bowen's to the University of Melbourne.

Then there is considerable correspondence about the Debating Society, from whose recorded doings it appears that they decided whether the execution of Charles I. was justifiable, whether the character of Cromwell is worthy of our admiration, and whether music helps to make life more pleasurable. The works of William Shakspeare are called into requisition to provide material for the next column, and at last we arrive at a really interesting item of news. It seems that the chief cricket match of the previous term was against the Junior Rechabites of Fremantle. We do not know whether, in the history of Western Australian cricket, a specially glorious part was played by the Junior Rechabites of Fremantle, but there is a suggestion hinted that more than half of their team were not members of that society, and also their captain is accused of lack of courtesy. Their name certainly recalls some titles that appear in English provincial papers, such as "Congregational White Star" and "Pickford Street True Blue Rovers." At football the boarders beat the day boys by two goals and three touch-downs, which is evidence that the Rugby code was played.

The article on Swimming is continued, and the virtue of *mens sana* having been exhausted in the previous number, we are now told that "*experientia est optima rerum magistra*." The writer hopes "That everyone who cannot swim will take to the water"—a risky proceeding—"proving that the naturalists in their *systema naturæ* may as well rank as amongst the *mammalia pinnipedia* as amongst the *digitata*." As it stands, this sentence is rather a pretty puzzle, but obviously some word like "mankind" has been omitted after the words "rank as."

Skipping a portion of a sermon quoted from Canon Farrar (as he was at that date), we arrive at the pleasant news that the prizes for the athletic sports have been ordered from Messrs. Wigg and Co., of Adelaide, and are expected to arrive when the Rob Roy next returns from Albany. The programme of the Athletic Sports includes only ten events, among which are Putting the Weight, Pole Jump, and Three-legged Race. Our readers will be interested to hear that George Leake, jun., Esq., was the starter. This term there was another supper, but this time the boys were the entertainers, and the guest was Mr. Davies, the Head Master, on the occasion of his birthday. The Rev. Mr. Coghlan occupied the chair, and proposed the health of the guest of the evening in a most humorous speech, creating endless merriment. Wilkinson proposed the health of the chairman in a brief but most amusing speech. Mr. Prinsep, Mr. Haynes, Mr. Hart, Rose, and Birch iii., were among the other speakers. With the first instalment of "Edgar Leicester; or, A Colonial Boy's Experiences of School and College," the number ends.

In our next issue we propose to make some comment on the number which appeared in December, 1881, and to give full details of the very interesting matches played against the Town and the Weld Club. But this is No. IV. of a new series, and we wish we could lay our hands on one or more of the previous issues, and particularly the October number, to which reference is made in the one we propose to describe. Is it possible that any Old Boy can unearth it for us?

The Adelaide Examinations.

We have now for many years been very successful at these examinations, but this year we have done better than ever. Putting aside mere "passes," and looking only at the "honour" lists, we see that in the "Higher Public" Riley, i., was third in the General Honour list, bracketed first in Greek and bracketed second in Latin. In the Senior Honour list Riley, i., was first; and he was also first in Greek, first in Latin, first in Trigonometry, bracketed fourth in Arithmetic and Algebra, and bracketed seventh in English Literature. Turnbull, i., was second in History in the Higher Public, and in the Senior General Honour list he was tenth, being second in Latin and fifth in History. Walker, i., in the Senior Honor list, was bracketed ninth, and was fourth in Latin, bracketed eighth in History, and twelfth in Geometry.

Turning to the "Juniors," Davy came out second in the General Honour list, and was third (bracketed) in French, fifth (bracketed) in Latin, and fourth (bracketed) in English History. Gemmell was seventh in the General Honour list, being first in Latin and sixth (bracketed) in French. Murray, who has unfortunately left, came out eighteenth in the General Honour list, and fourth in Latin. In all, we have secured six first places, which, considering the size of the school, is extremely creditable, and we may add, in the words of the Governors' report: "It is only by indefatigable work that such examination results can be secured."

One hundred and six candidates entered for the Higher Public, 426 sat for the Senior, and 619 for the Junior.

Of the Government Exhibitions, Riley, i., obtained the First University Exhibition; Turnbull and Walker, i., got Senior Exhibitions; Davy, Murray, and Gemmell gained Junior Exhibitions; and a Governors' Exhibition was given to Terry. In all, we got as many Government Exhibitions this year as all the other secondary schools put together.

Cricket.

The 1905-1906 cricket season was opened by a couple of practice matches, one against the Claremont Training College, played at Claremont, which we won by 101 runs on the first innings; the second against the Wanderers, in which we were beaten. Clifton, Forrest, Caris, and Connor won their places in the team, and did well, Connor taking Grey's place behind the stumps. In the Claremont match we made 135, Fleay making 63 not out, Riley 23, Brine 15, and McLarty 13. Of the College total of 34, Oates, the captain, made 28. In bowling, McLarty obtained the good average of 6 wickets for 11 runs. The School went in again, but all did not have an innings. Riley (42), Fleay (19), Brine (13), and McLarty (11) made most of the runs. Afternoon tea was kindly provided during the two afternoons on which the game was played. In the match against the Wanderers our two best men, McLarty and Fleay, were absent, and so our team was very weak. The Wanderers went in first, and E. Stokes made 50, and F. G. Burt 29, among other good

scores. For the School, Brine did best with 34 runs. Clifton made 23, and Riley 14. We were beaten by some 30 runs.

The matches for the Darlot and Alcock Cups were begun on Monday, December 4. On that day we played and beat the Guildford Grammar School eleven. We won by an innings and 31 runs, our innings totalling 148. The Grammar School boys went in first, and made 77. Harper was bowled by Fleay for 4, and Shaw fell to McLarty for 9; Lukin made 10, and Mitchell 22, but none of the others reached double figures. Ross made eight before sending up a catch, and Long was bowled by Burges when 7 stood to his credit. McLarty and Fleay started the scoring for the School. The former was bowled by J. Fleay after a well-made 37. C. Fleay was run out when 17 stood to his name. Brine played a splendid innings for 54, being finally caught out. Walker was bowled by J. Fleay before his scoring account had been opened. Riley made a good stand, but going out to hit Fleay was stumped by Long. He had made 19. Turnbull was also put down to Fleay after 4 stood to his credit. Caris was run out before he had scored, but Connor made 5 before being bowled by Moore. Clifton was bowled by Fleay for a single, and Burges fell to Moore with 5 runs. Forrest carried his bat for 2. In the second innings of the Guildford boys Davy alone reached double figures, his 11 being compiled by hard hitting. Long made 8, and Ross 6. Their total was 40. In their first innings Fleay obtained 4 wickets for 28, and in the second 2 for 6; McLarty got 2 for 23, and 2 for 12; Burges, 4 for 14 and 3 for 16. Brine got 2 for 5 in the second innings. The following were the scores:—

GUILDFORD GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

FIRST INNINGS.

Harper, b Fleay ...	...	...	...	4
Shaw, b McLarty ...	...	...	...	9
Lukin, b Fleay ...	...	...	...	10
Davy, c and b McLarty ...	...	...	...	0
Moore, b Fleay ...	...	...	...	0
Mitchell, c Caris, b Burges	...	...	...	22
Long, b Burges ...	...	...	...	7
J. Fleay, c Brine, b Burges	0
Ross, c Clifton, b Fleay	8
Lennard, b Burges	5
Crossland, not out	0
Extras	12
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Total	77

Bowling:—Fleay, 4 wkts for 28; McLarty, 2 for 23; Burges, 4 for 14.

SECOND INNINGS.

Mitchell, c Caris, b Burges	...	...	5
Long, b Fleay	...	...	8
Harper, b McLarty	...	...	0
Lukin, c McLarty, b Burges	...	...	0
Shaw, b Burges	...	...	0
Moore, b McLarty	...	...	3
Davy, run out	...	...	11
J. Fleay, b Brine	...	...	4
Crossland, b Fleay	...	...	1
Ross, b Brine	...	...	6
Lennard, not out	...	...	1
Bye	...	...	1
Total	...	...	40

Bowling :—Burges, 3 for 16 ; McLarty, 2 for 12 ; Fleay, 2 for 6 ; Brine, 2 for 5.

HIGH SCHOOL.

McLarty, b J. Fleay	...	...	37
C. Fleay, run out	...	...	17
Brine, c Long, b Ross	...	...	54
Walker, b J. Fleay	...	...	0
Riley, st Long, b Fleay	..	...	19
Turnbull, b Fleay	...	...	4
Caris, not out	...	...	0
Connor, b Moore...	...	...	5
Clifton, b Fleay	...	..	1
Forrest, not out	..	...	2
Burges, b Moore...	...	...	5
Sundries	...	...	4
Total	...	...	148

Bowling :—Fleay, 5 for 56 ; Moore, 2 for 28 ; Ross, 1 for 1 ; Davy, 0 for 16 ; Shaw. 0 for 9.

On Wednesday, December 6, the second Cup Match was played on the W.A.C.A. Ground. We were drawn to play the Scotch College, and won by an innings and 152 runs. The School team went in first, Fleay and McLarty being the representatives. Fleay, however, was disposed of before he had scored at all, and Walker took his place. The latter hit out well, and scored 16 before succumbing to McCollum. Riley followed and made 12, and was then caught behind the wickets through mishitting a rising ball. Brine followed, and made a useful 17 before Thompson brought about his downfall. McLarty, meanwhile, had been steadily scoring. Turnbull was next man in, and he was caught and bowled by Clarke when 9 runs stood to his credit. Caris was similarly disposed of when he had made a single. Connor, who was next in, made a lucky couple off chances, and then had an appeal for l.b.w. from Richardson given against

him Clifton, who took his place, bat'ed very well, making 18 not out. Forrest took the place of McLarty, who was given out l.b.w. after making 114 by good cricket. Forrest, however, was run out when he had made 6. Burges was last man in, and made 14 before the innings was declared closed with 9 wickets down. The total was 232.

W. Campbell and Thompson opened the scoring for the Scotch College. The former made 10, and stayed in for some time before he was caught by Caris off Fleay. Thompson fell first, being caught by Brine off McLarty; Higham, who followed, was disposed of by Fleay before he had scored. Richardson made 5 before being bowled by McLarty. Clarke carried his bat for 5 runs, but G. Campbell was caught by Walker off Burges when he had only scored a single. Lane, Mare, and Hutchison were all disposed of by Fleay before they had scored. Leake made 6 before he fell to Burges, and Fleay got McCollum's wicket when he had made 1. The total was 31 for this innings. Following on, the Scotch College captain sent Thompson and Clarke in first. The former was bowled by Burges for 1, and the latter was caught by McLarty off Fleay for *nil*. Higham was bowled by Burges for 3. W. Campbell followed, and played a good innings for 25, being run out. Richardson and Campbell were dismissed by Fleay for 0. Leake was bowled by McLarty for 3. Mare fell to Forrest for *nil*, but Lane made 10 before he was bowled by McLarty. Hutchison was caught by Caris off McLarty for a couple, and McCollum was not out without scoring. The total was 49.

In the first innings of the Scotch College Fleay secured 6 wickets for 19, Burges 2 for 4, and McLarty 2 for 19. On the whole the fielding was good, but occasionally it was slovenly, and the returns erratic. The following are the details of the scoring:—

HIGH SCHOOL.

McLarty, l.b.w., b Richardson	...	...	114
Fleay, b Richardson	...	...	0
Walker, b McCollum	...	...	16
Riley, c Campbell, b McCollum	...	...	12
Brine, b Thompson	...	...	17
Turnbull, c and b Clarke	...	...	9
Caris, c and b Clarke	...	...	1
Connor, l.b.w., b Richardson	2
Clifton, not out	18
Forrest, run out	6
Burges, not out	14
Sundries	23
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Total for 9 wickets	232

Bowling analysis:—Richardson, 3 for 70; Thompson, 1 for 25; McCollum, 2 for 51; Clarke, 2 for 17.

SCOTCH COLLEGE.

FIRST INNINGS.

W. Campbell, c Caris, b Fleay	...	...	10
Thompson, c Brine, b McLarty	...	...	2
Higham, b Fleay	...	...	0
Richardson, b McLarty	...	...	5
Clarke, not out	...	...	5
G. Campbell, c Walker, b Burges	...	...	1
Lane, b Fleay	...	...	0
Mare, b Fleay	...	...	0
Hutchison, b Fleay	...	...	0
Leake, b Burges	...	...	6
McCollum, b Fleay	...	...	1
Sundry	...	...	1

Total 31

Bowling :—Fleay, 6 for 17; Burges, 2 for 4; McLarty, 2 for 9.

SECOND INNINGS.

Thompson, b Burges	...	...	1
Clarke, c McLarty, b Fleay	...	..	0
Higham, b Burges	...	...	3
W. Campbell, run out	...	...	25
Richardson, b Fleay	...	...	0
G. Campbell, c and b Fleay	...	...	0
Leake, b McLarty	...	...	3
Mare, b Forrest	...	...	0
Lane, b McLarty	...	...	10
Hutchison, c Caris, b McLarty	...	...	2
McCollum, not out	...	...	0
Sundries	...	...	5

Total 49

Bowling :—Fleay, 3 for 18; Burges, 2 for 12; McLarty, 3 for 11; Forrest, 1 for 4.

On Monday, December 11, the last Cup match of the first round of the season was played between the School and the Christian Brothers College. The match ended in our favour, with a margin of 42 runs. The wicket was slightly damp, and inclined to crumble, so McLarty decided to bat first on winning the toss. He and Fleay went to the wickets first, and scored slowly. Fleay was smartly stumped by Juett when jumping out to Baldwin; he had made 13. McLarty returned an easy ball to Baldwin, and retired with 23 to his credit. Riley and Brine were then in for a while together, and then Brine was bowled by Troy when he had only made a single. Walker, who took his place, was stumped by Juett when he had made 7. Riley fell to Troy when he had made a useful 20. Turnbull was bowled by Bovell for 3, but Caris made 9 before Gibbs caught him. Forrest played well for 12, but was bowled by Baldwin.

Clifton was bowled by Andrews when he had made 5, and Burges was bowled by Baldwin before he had scored. Connor carried his bat for 7. With 5 sundries, the total was 105.

Baldwin and Bott came in first for the C.B.C.'s. The latter, however, was dismissed by McLarty when he had only just opened his scoring. Baldwin was caught by Clifton off Fleay when he had made 9. Fleay also got Gibbs' wicket when the latter had made a couple. O'Sullivan was run out, and Juett was bowled by Burges when 17 stood to his credit. McKenzie played a good innings for 15, being disposed of by Fleay. Troy fell to Fleay before he had scored, and so did Hayes. Andrews was caught by Brine off Burges, and Bovell was run out. Savage played well for 14, not out. Fleay bowled well with five wickets for 28, Burges got 2 for 9, and McLarty 1 for 22. The following are the scores :—

HIGH SCHOOL.

McLarty, c and b Baldwin	...	...	23
Fleay, st Juett, b Baldwin	...	...	13
Brine, b Troy	...	...	1
Riley, b Troy	...	...	20
Walker, st Juett, b Baldwin	...	...	7
Turnbull, b Bovell	...	...	3
Caris, c Gibbs, b Baldwin...	...	...	9
Forrest, b Baldwin	...	...	12
Clifton, b Andrews	...	...	5
Connor, not out	...	...	7
Burges, b Baldwin	...	...	0
Sundries	...	...	5
Total	...	...	105

Bowling.—Baldwin, 6 for 23; Troy, 2 for 18; Andrews, 1 for 8; Bovell, 1 for 20.

CHRISTIAN BROTHERS' COLLEGE.

Baldwin, c Clifton, b Fleay	...	...	9
Bott, b McLarty...	...	...	1
Gibbs, b Fleay	...	...	2
O'Sullivan, run out	...	...	1
Juett, b Burges	...	...	17
McKenzie, b Fleay	...	...	15
Troy, b Fleay	...	...	0
Savage, not out	...	...	14
Hayes, b Fleay	...	...	0
Andrews, c Brine, b Burges	...	...	1
Bovell, run out	...	...	0
Sundries	...	...	3
Total	...	...	63

Bowling.—Fleay, 5 for 28; McLarty, 1 for 22; Burges, 2 for 9.

On Monday, February 12, the second half of the cricket season was opened by a match against a team captained by Mr. Joe Sholl. We lost by 10 runs on the first innings. Our opponents made 75, of which A. Leake made 21, Carr 18, Chamberlain 10, O'Meehan 10. For the School, Walker 19, Connor 15, Clifton 13, contributed most. The winners went in again for a second innings, and when time was called they were four wickets down with over 150 runs to their credit. The School fielding was slack, and many runs were thus gained by our opponents. During the morning Browning fielded for Mr. Stevenson, but in the afternoon the latter captained us himself.

Distinctive Colours.

TO THE EDITORS.

Dear Sirs,—On reading your notice entitled “Old Boys’ Colours” in the last number of THE CYGNET, I was pleased to learn that some of the Old Boys wished to have distinctive colors. To my mind, the idea is a splendid one, and so is the suggestion of having the colours slanting from top to bottom on a slightly narrower band. I hope the Old Boys will not let this matter drop.—Yours, etc.,

RODERICK DHU.

