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Editorial.

TERM has again begun, and by the time this number appears work for the Annual Examinations will be in full swing. The results and examiners' reports, which have now for some years been uniformly good, will, we confidently hope, be as satisfactory as hitherto.

With feelings of much pleasure we have welcomed Mr. Johnstone back from his six months' trip to England—a trip undertaken only under the stern necessity of important family business.

While we feel how great a benefit to the School his return to us is, and how delighted we are to have his sympathetic and able teaching once more, we are all sorrowing to think that the old Staff, to which we have now been accustomed for some years, is not with us in its entirety. There is a vacant place which it will be very difficult for the Governors to fill. Mr. Stevenson has felt compelled, on account of ill health and the necessity of living in a drier climate, to leave us. Twelve and a half years is a long time in the history of a West Australian School, and that is the time Mr. Stevenson has been with us as Master and Director of our School Games. For eleven of these he has been House-Master, and so he has probably been more in touch with, and identified himself more with the School than any Master the School has ever had, with the exception, of course, of the Head and of Mr. Haynes, who was here for twenty years. But leaving all reference to his long stay in our midst on one side, what a gap his departure has made. Old memories, old associations, old aspirations seem suddenly to be deprived of their central figure.

When we look back at the condition of our games when he took charge of them, and compare their then weak and struggling state with their present excellence, we can appreciate to some extent what he has done for us. Good in every kind of school sport, he urged us forward in rowing, athletic sports, football and cricket. Of course, it was in the last-named that his influence was most felt, and it is primarily due to him that we have won the Darlôt Cricket Cup ever since it was given—six successive years. But long before the time the Darlôt Bros. gave the Cup, the High School XI. was a good one. Probably the best team we ever got together was in 1897-8, when it included, among others, Ernest Parker, Harold Rowe, N. Burges, H. Dyer, C. Shenton, and D. Lovegrove. The memory of that eleven still lives among the cricketers of the Eastern Districts.

Apart, however, from cricket and other games, Mr. Stevenson ever had the real interests of the School and its individual members deeply at heart. He was strenuous in the class-room, and most sympathetic. Everyone, however small, felt that in him he had a friend indeed, and though we believe that the School will still go on and prosper, both in

work and games, it will always owe much to his efforts, and his example of perseverance and dogged tenacity; and we are sure that the memory of "dear old Stevy" will ever be cherished by those who were privileged to experience his kindness, his energy, and his ungrudging efforts on their behalf.

His loss is quite as great from a more selfish point of view. We have only to turn to back pages to see how greatly he has helped launch THE CYGNET on its career. He has always been a great help to us in giving advice, correcting proofs of matches, and more especially in writing—often at great inconvenience to himself—interesting articles for our pages. It is, we fear, in vain to hope for as good a master, as kind a friend, or as keen a sportsman in his place.

Looking back over last term we see that, though an unusual number of reverses fell to our share in the cricket field, we won the Darlôt Cup for the sixth successive year. But let all who take an interest in our cricket future bear this in mind—that towards the Alcock Cup for 1906 the School has four points, and the Christian Brothers' College six!

Other branches of athletics were not neglected, for the swimming sports passed off very successfully. We can also safely say that, though in the boat-race we do not stand out very much in bald press accounts, yet we did far better than could have been expected of so light a crew.

We hope our readers will find some interest in the article headed "Howlers," and an interesting story called "The Match of the Season." We would be pleased if "Old Boys" would write us articles on the School as it was in their time. There is also a continuation of the "Early Days" series, which we hope will be of interest.

The Match of the Season.

We always looked on the game with Cranford as the match of the season, whether at cricket or football. This was partly because we were always very evenly matched, and partly because we only played each other once in the year at each game. In football especially it was looked on as a great advantage to be playing at home, both because of the encouraging presence of our shrill supporters, and because the visiting team had had a long and tiring journey, with an uncomfortable meal in the middle of it. In cricket it did not matter so much, because we left early in the morning and had an hour's play before lunch, which was taken in comfort. But imagine us setting out after morning school on a cold December day with a drive over the high moorlands, in the course of which we reached a height of seventeen hundred feet, as a preliminary to turning out to play. The vehicle we travelled in was a sort of covered wagonette. It was of a very ancient, dingy, and sombre appearance, and we always supposed it to be a converted hearse. The twelve miles of mountain road always took us a long two hours to cover, and our only solace on the way was contained in our paper packets of sandwiches, and in the natural cheerfulness of our spirits, which showed itself in many small jokes, except when we had a fit of seriousness as we thought of the hard task in front of us. But the cobwebs were pretty well blown away by the time we swung down the steep descent into the town, and up the slope on the farther side, on which stood the School, and the ground that was to be the scene of our encounter.

It was always the custom of these matches that one of the masters of the School that was playing at home acted as referee. Of course, masters are a necessary nuisance, and they are not all equally bad. Some of them are quite decent—comparatively speaking—but they vary a good deal, like other people. Now, there was one of the Cranford masters who was just a little too keen on his School winning. I remember the year before the one I am speaking of, he was standing umpire at one end in the cricket match, and he was so excited that when one of our men gave what seemed to be a catch at the wicket he called out "How's that?" as loudly as any member of their team. So on this particular day, when we saw him standing on the ground talking to two or three of their eleven, we recognised that we should be playing twelve men, and we in the forward line knew we should have to be particularly careful not to be found in a place that could be considered off-side even by a stretch of the imagination. Lawton, our captain, looked rather gloomy for a moment, but his cheery face soon regained its usual look as he said: "We'll take them on, referee and all." He told us a story while we were changing of a village cricket team, near where he lived, who had what they considered an important match to play towards the end of the season. They had a meeting early in the week, and passed a cordial vote of thanks to their usual umpire for his services during the earlier part of the season, but informed him that, in view of the importance of the game on the coming Saturday, he was just a little too impartial to be appointed. Then somebody else told the story of the village team which was allowed by the village butcher to use his field rent free. As a compliment to him for his generosity, they put him into the team and sent him in first. When he was given out l.b.w., first ball, "Hout, is it?" he said, as he nursed his shin, "then hout you go of this field of mine." Another story told was of a great nobleman who took up cricket, and was playing on the ground he had made at his own place. His footman was umpiring, and in response to an appeal from the fielding side he said, "I'm afraid I must say 'Not at home,' my lord." There was not much, perhaps, in these yarns, but they put us in good spirits as we made our way on to the ground.

Their captain looked very big and confident as he tossed for choice of ends. We knew him well—his name was Hughes—as he had played for them for more seasons than most of us could remember. We all believed a legend that he was twenty-three years old. Probably he was not anything like as old as that, but he was certainly well over the average age for a school team. He was a strong, bustling centre-forward, not perhaps as clever as our nippy little centre (Hennessy), but knowing how to use his weight, and a very good "marksman" when it came to shooting. I forget whether we won the toss or not, but I know we had to play the first half towards the end where the ground was rather peculiar. It sank away from the level at one corner, and generally the ground was very heavy there. They knew all about this, and whenever the ball went down that wing their right half, instead of feeding his own forwards, would pass right across to the other wing, and once or twice at the beginning of the game they almost caught us napping by these tactics. Certainly, we had all the worst of it for about twenty minutes, and the cheering of their friends on the touch-line grew rather monotonous. Then the ball went up our left wing, their right

back half missed his kick and only turned the ball to Hennessy, who dribbled almost up to the goalkeeper, and placed the ball in the net comfortably out of his reach. I don't suppose I shall ever forget the glorious moment of joy as we went back for the kick-off, and I found time to note the line of crestfallen faces, and to be amused at the silence which followed the yelling of a minute before. One of our fellows was rather a dab at writing verses, and he wrote a long poem about this match, on the model of Drayton's Ballad of Agincourt, which we had been reading in school. He could play football, though, although he wrote poetry, and he was our outside left, with a nice turn of pace and a neat swing in with the left foot for a centre. I don't remember much of the ballad, which he called "Sporting Sapphics" (though what he meant by that I never knew), but I do remember the verse about Harrison, who was our left half. It was rather rough on him, certainly, but he was undoubtedly the weak spot in the team, and nearly let us down times without number. But Lawton at back always seemed to be in the right place to come to the rescue. However, I am forgetting to quote the verse. Here it is, as well as I remember it:—

See where the fight is hot,
Circling around the spot,
Just where the ball is not,
The son of Harry.

Poor old Harrison! I am afraid we two, who played in front of him, gave him rather a bad time. We used to call him all the names under the sun, but he only smiled serenely, and next time he ought to have passed to us he was robbed again, as certain as fate.

But to return to the story of the match. We crossed over with our lead of a goal—a very comfortable feeling at half-time—and we kept it till there was only seven minutes to go. Then a horrib'e thing happened. They were pressing us at the time, and Lawton returned the ball with a kick which was rather too short and high. Hughes and our centre half were waiting underneath it, and it came down in front of Hughes' shoulder, ran down his right arm, and fell in exactly the right position for one of his strong low kicks. Almost before our goalkeeper, who was commonly called Cumber (which was not his real name), had realised what was happening, the ball was over the line at the far side of the goal, and he was just a fraction of a second too late to scoop it out. Of course we had appealed pretty loudly for hands, but the referee pointed to the centre, and even if we had wanted to talk, our voices would have been drowned in the clamorous uproar of of the kids on the line. But Lawton was not the captain to allow any referee-baiting, and we had to try and look as if we liked it rather than otherwise. But Lawton said just a whispered word to Hennessy, and he passed it on very quietly to the rest of us in the forward line. The whistle blew for the kick-off, and Hennessy, instead of passing quietly to his neighbor, kicked high and straight towards their goal. We rushed down the field for all we were worth, keeping well in the centre, according to our instructions, instead of sticking to our ordinary places. There was just a moment of uncertainty who would get the ball, but we came through with it in a body, and rushing the two backs as they closed in, one of us shot hard at the goalkeeper. He fumbled the ball, and we were on him before it was cleared. Through it went before anyone could have said Jack Robinson, if he had been foolish enough

to wish to do so ; and the best of it was that, as in the case of our first goal, there was no possible question of off-side. So within about six seconds of kicking off we had the lead again, and we kept it till the whistle blew. It was a desperate bit of generalship, but it came off ; and I suppose there were not eleven people together in such high spirits as we were during our homeward drive in the darkness of the winter evening. The converted hearse seemed to be glorified into a sort of chariot of Israel, though I do not imagine the Israelites ever carried such a cargo of chocolate and other inventions of advanced civilisation. That moment when the last goal was got was worth living for, and probably in after life no pleasure is so pure and unalloyed. Poor old Harrison was quite forgiven.

Presentation to Mr. Stevenson.

At the close of last term Mr. Stevenson was presented with a handsome travelling bag by the boys and masters of the School

Mr. Faulkner said that the School deeply felt the loss of so able and energetic a master, who had been at the School for nearly 13 years. He said that Mr. Stevenson had done a great deal for the School sports, and had organised and carried out the cricket tour to the Eastern Districts. He could not say how deeply he and the School regretted that he had to leave owing to ill-health.

Mr. Stevenson, in thanking the School for their present, said he also wished to thank Mr. and Mrs. Faulkner for the great kindness they had always shown him, and the boys for the consideration they had always given him when acting in the interest of their sports. With regard to the sports, he said he had to thank the many friends of the School for the generous way in which they had treated the boys and himself.

The boys shook hands with Mr. Stevenson after the presentation, and gave him every good wish for the future.

Rowing.

The Secondary School's Boat Race, of one mile, was rowed on 28th April this year, instead of in June, as has usually been the case. Of the four crews, Scotch College was the strongest, having the same boys as last year. The other three crews were about equal, High School being the lightest.

The day of the race was fine, and a large crowd of people lined the banks of the river at the Narrows, the finishing point being in a line with the barge on which were the Governor and his party.

After a false start, owing to a mishap in the Guildford boat, the crews at last got away a little after 3.30. The Scotch College boat gradually drew ahead of the others, winning the race in 7min. 7sec. The other boats kept close together till near the end, when the High School spurted and gained an advantage, which, however, it could not keep, the second place being only just gained by the Guildford Grammar School, Christian Brothers College being a very close third, and High School last.

Although the School crew came last, they rowed a very plucky race throughout, being very much handicapped owing to their lightness of weight, and also because they had not very long to train.

The following were the members of the crew :—

Stroke—G. L. Burges, 9st. 9lb.

2—R. B. W. Browning, 10st.

3—A. P. Turnbull, 9st.

Bow—T. G. Watkins, 9st. 6lb.

Cox.—H. L. Fowler, 4st. 9lb.

Our Early Days.

The main feature of our issue of December, 1881, is the large number of advertisements which it contains. On the back is a picture of a smiling family, with nicely brushed hair, seated round a table drinking tea, while Paterfamilias exclaims : "And this is the celebrated Taeping Mixture. It really is delicious tea, and we shall always use it in the future, and we must recommend it to all our friends." The *West Australian* announces itself as the only newspaper in the colony published oftener than once a week. B. Stein and Co. draw a pleasing picture of their first-class reading room, replete with every comfort, and of their select lending library, undoubtedly the most convenient and comprehensive library in the colony. It opens with 29 periodicals and papers, among which are included—"Bow Bells," "Bow Bells Novellettes," "Family Herald," "Every Week," "Ladies' Treasury," "Myra's Journal," "Wedding Bells," "World of Fashion," "Weldon's Ladies' Journal," "Young Ladies' Journal," and "Police News"—so that it may be said to justify its proud boast of meeting the tastes of all classes.

The Editorial is devoted chiefly to encouraging the School eleven to practice fielding, in which they seem to have been deficient. The experienced reader will see at once that in such an article it would be practically impossible to avoid the phrase *esprit de corps*, and it duly makes its appearance twice, once in each of the two short columns. It is followed by a rather long article on "The Aeneid," "that celebrated work of adventures and perils." The august initials appended warn us to refrain from criticism, but we may be allowed to quote a sentence to which a misprint gives a rather curious turn. We are invited to condemn "Aeneas' cold and tame manner, which can easily be seen in his behaviour to Dido, in the fourth look."

More interesting to most readers would be the description of a cattle hunt, which comes next in order. The interest of the reader is worked up to the culminating point—"On we drove them, and when I in unbounded excitement did press too close, an old, fierce-looking bull turned round and charged." We feel it is rather a descent from such stirring and poetic prose to the labored comedy of the "Historical Notes," which in this number deal with the reign of Stephen, and are crowded with very small jokes, such as this : "War became general. So did Stephen, and he took the command." The notes end with some lines to be learnt by the firstlings of the flock, and forgotten as soon as possible :—

William the First was a wicked king reckoned,
But he wasn't so bad as William the Second ;
Henry the First as a scholar was famous,
But Stephen, it's feared, was a great ignoramus.

Next we come to a very pleasant feature, in the shape of original essays by boys dealing with the incidents of some one day in the holi-

days. They are short, but very interesting, because they are told so simply and directly, and give a pleasant picture of happy days in the open air. They are signed by some well-known names, such as Gull, Clifton, Saw, Wilkinson, Bunbury, Denny, and Birch; and they are decidedly the sort of contribution which a school magazine ought to encourage. We ourselves would give a hearty welcome to such material, which many of our readers could easily supply, if they are not too busy writing to dear far-away friends in Chicago and elsewhere.

From the remainder of the number, which is occupied by School News, we extract, as we promised in our last issue, the scores in certain cricket matches. They ought to be of great interest, as so many of the players are still happily to the fore, although a quarter of a century has passed since the time of these their recorded feats.

HIGH SCHOOL V. TOWN.

TOWN ELEVEN.

First Innings.				Second Innings.			
G. Parker, l b w, b Fawcett	...	...	0	c Letch, b Birch	...	...	0
E. Sholl, b Birch	...	...	8	c F. Moore, b Parry	...	...	4
J. Rowe, st. Mr. Beuttler	...	...	5	run out...	...	...	4
Laurence, b Birch...	...	...	5	c E. Moore, b Parker	...	...	8
A. Glyde, b Birch...	...	...	5	b Parker...	...	...	0
F. Hare, not out	...	...	6	l b w, b Parker	...	...	32
A. Curtis, st. Fawcett	...	...	0	not out	...	...	1
F. Hare, st. Mr. Beuttler	...	...	0	b Fawcett	...	...	14
F. Glyde, b Fawcett	...	...	0	c and b Parker	...	...	0.
Smith, b Fawcett	...	...	0	c F. Moore, b Parker	...	...	1
Lowe, st. Mr. Beuttler	...	...	0	b Parry	...	...	3
Bye	...	...	1	Byes	...	...	3
Total	...	...	30	Total	...	...	70

First Innings.				Second Innings.			
F. Moore, b Parker	...	...	4	not out	...	...	2
Fawcett, b Parker...	...	...	4				
Mr. Beuttler, b Lowe	...	...	17				
Thomas, b Parker...	...	...	1	run out	...	...	13
Gale, b Lowe	...	...	4				
Moore, b Parker	...	...	1				
Birch, b Parker	...	...	7	not out	...	...	3
Parker, not out	...	...	8	b Lowe	...	...	0
Letch, b Lowe	...	...	2	b Lowe	...	...	2
Parry, st., b Lowe	...	...	2	c and b Lowe	...	...	0
Mackay, b Lawrence	...	...	4	c Smith, b Lowe	...	...	3
Byes	...	...	8	Byes	...	...	7
Total	...	...	62	Total for 5 wickets	...	...	30

WELD CLUB V. HIGH SCHOOL.

(Played at Perth, October 22.)

First Innings.				Second Innings.			
WELD CLUB.							
Mr. James, c Gale, b Fawcett	...	...	3	c Brick, b Fawcett	...	...	3
Mr. Marmion, b Fawcett...	...	...	0	c and b Birch	...	...	1
Mr. Parker, hit wicket	...	...	9	b Birch	...	...	6
Mr. Hare, b Birch	...	...	6	b Fawcett	...	...	1
Mr. Sholl, c Gale, b Fawcett	...	...	2	b Birch	...	...	0
Mr. Clifton, c Fawcett, b Birch...	...	...	2	b Birch	...	...	7
Mr. Leake, c Thomas, b Fawcett	...	...	0	c Gale, b Birch	...	...	7
Mr. Mason, run out	...	...	8	b Birch	...	...	0
Mr. Hillman, st. Mr. Beuttler	...	...	0	c Moore, b Fawcett	...	...	15
Mr. Elliott, c Birch, b Fawcett	...	...	1	not out	...	...	0
Mr. Knight, not out	...	...	0	b Fawcett	...	...	6
Byes 8, leg-byes 3...	...	...	11	Wide	...	...	1
Total	...	...	42	Total	...	...	47

HIGH SCHOOL.							
First Innings.				Second Innings.			
Thomas, c Eliot, b Hillman	..	..	4				
Brown, l b w	...	...	0	not out	...	...	0
Mr. Beuttler, c James, b Parker	...	15		run out	...	...	20
Gale, b Hillman	...	...	0	b Parker	...	...	3
Moore, i., b Hillman	...	...	1	b Parker	...	...	0
Parker, c Hare, b Parker	...	...	5	c Sholl, b Hare	...	...	3
Birch, b Hillman	...	...	3	b Hare	...	...	0
Moore, ii., c Hillman, b Hare	...	...	4	c Knight, b Hare	...	...	0
Parry, c Knight, b Hare	...	...	1	b Parker	...	...	5
Chipper, c James, b Hare	...	...	2	b Parker	...	...	2
Fawcett, not out	...	...	3	Letch, not out	...	...	5
Byes 8, wide 1	...	...	9	Byes 2, wides 3	...	...	5
Total	...	...	47	Total	...	...	43

We should be very grateful for the loan of any numbers just prior to the one we have noticed above if any Old Boys could lay their hands on them. There must surely be some in existence.

School News.

On March 20 we had a half-holiday, as it was the anniversary of the opening of the school. Mr. Faulkner spoke on the need of commemorating the birthday of the school, which is the oldest in the colony. The school has been open since 1878.

His Excellency the Governor last term very kindly presented another picture to the School; it is an enlargement of a print which appeared in *Punch* of Nelson looking over the fleet of to-day. The picture has been hung over the Head Master's chair in the big school-room, next to the print of the Victory going into action at Trafalgar, which the Governor gave us last year.

On Thursday, June 7, Forrest and Watkins were elected prefects, in place of Fleay and Burges, who have left.

There will be no gymnasium display this year, as it has been thought wise to let a year go by without one, so that it may be more looked forward to next year, and not become monotonous.

Walker, i., has been re-elected captain of the first eleven football team, and Leake, i., captain of the second eleven. The first eleven played their first game in the "B" competition on Saturday, June 9, against the Reserves, and won by three goals to 1. The School is also sending in two teams for another competition on Wednesdays, in which the James Street and Claremont State Schools first elevens are competing. The first matches of this competition were played on the 6th June, when James Street beat our second eleven by two goals to none; and the first eleven drew with Claremont, one all.

On the evening of Empire Day, May 24, the Governor entertained 350 pupils of the secondary schools at Government House, when an illustrated address was given by the Bishop on "Round the Empire," and a similar one on "The Navy," by His Excellency the Governor. A choir of a few boys from each school led the others in patriotic songs which were sung between the addresses. At the close of the proceedings, on the proposal of Mr. Faulkner, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to His Excellency.

Old Boys' News.

[BY OLD BOY.]

Early in May last opportunity was taken to make a presentation to Mr. F. D. Stevenson on his retiring from the School. The presentation took the form of a handsome note-book, suitably inscribed, and purse of sovereigns. The function took place in Mr. C. Lee-Steere's office, at the Legislative Assembly.

Dr. Saw, chairman of the Board of Governors, on behalf of the Old Boys, asked Mr. Stevenson to accept the gift as a token of the esteem in which he is held by them. He referred to the almost irreparable loss the School had sustained by the departure of Mr. Stevenson, both in School work and in the playground, where he had done so much to place the High School in a top position in all branches of athletics. He assured Mr. Stevenson that it was with the feeling of the utmost regret that the Old Boys viewed his retirement, and wished him the best of health and prosperity in all his undertakings.

The Doctor's remarks were supported by several of the Old Boys present.

The toast of Mr. Stevenson's health was enthusiastically received, and several minor toasts brought the evening to a close.

Howlers.

There is no other word which quite expresses the same sense as the word "howler." A howler is a blunder, mistake, error, or solecism which possesses picturesqueness in addition to inaccuracy. We all come across specimens now and then, but the most fortunate among us is hardly likely to meet with more than half-a-dozen really choice and perfect examples—in good condition—in the course of a lifetime, so in collecting some few tit-bits with which to feed the CYGNET a tribute of gratitude must be offered to the editor of a certain London paper, the *Westminster Gazette*, who by means of a competition for prizes induced contributors to set down amusing departures from exact information in every department of knowledge. Let the Perth High School, however, hang no diminished head. In history howlers it can hold its own with the best, proudly offering the statement that "Addison was a great inventor, and built the Addison lighthouse." England can perhaps equal, but scarcely excel this effort with such gems as the following :—

George Washington was the man who said he never told a lie.

Henry the Eighth was brave, corpulent, and cruel : he had an ulcer on his leg, and great decision of character.

The British constitution is what you may call a sound one, but on account of its insolent position it suffers from fogs.

Compare Caesar and Alexander. Caesar, Caeserior, Caeserrimus ; Alexander, Alexandrior, Alexanderrimus.

The Doomsday Book was a hymn-book used by the Puritans.

Queen Elizabeth wore the white flag of a blameless life.

The last two examples are interesting because, in spite of the impossibility of adapting Doomsday Book to choirs and places where they sing, there is an intelligent appreciation of Puritan austerity, and in the final statement it is courteous to assume that there is no real inaccuracy beyond the misquotation.

Church history and the Catechism are full of pitfalls. It is almost a stock answer to assert that the two things necessary to baptism are water and a baby, but ingenious to offer the statement that vaccination forgives us our sins. Radley is the school that had the honor of containing the boy who was asked what he knew of the creeds, and replied:—"First they wrote the Apostles' Creed, and nobody believed it; and then they wrote the Nicene Creed, and nobody believed it; and then they wrote the Athanasian Creed, and they had got to believe it."

A whole article could easily be written on the curiosities of mis-translation, but discarding Greek, because of the difficulties confronting the printer in setting the quotation in type, let us select three gems of paraphrase from Latin into English, and three from French.

Cœruleæ puppes. Skye terriers.

Peritissimi viri. Men who kept on being killed.

Æs triplex. A threepenny bit.

Pas de deux. A father of twins.

Tant de malheur. Unhappy aunt.

Ce n'est que le premier pas qui coûte. It is certainly not the Prime Minister who is cute.

Geography will furnish us with some alarming information, as, for example, that the shape of the earth is obsolete, or that the three highest mountains in Scotland are Ben Nevis, Ben Lomond, and Ben Johnson. It was not an Australian who said that kangaroos, when there is danger, put their young into their opossums; and it was an English boy whose powers of observation were being tested by the question, "How does a cow rise from the ground?" His answer was, "By its musils and the power God has given it." The area of London has been given as the place where the servants live, and a hibernating animal has been defined as an Irishman.

Of late years it has become a favorite practice to set papers in what is called general information. Occasionally these papers are extremely interesting in themselves, as displaying considerable limitations of knowledge on the part of the examiner. Perhaps it would be ill-natured to quote illustrative examples, and it might tend to dim that halo of omniscience that surrounds the master's head, like the divinity that hedges round a throne. So let us confine ourselves to one or two curious answers. One of the most beautiful is in reply to the question—"What is a graven image?" and it runs—"An idle maid with hands." Horse power is said to be the distance a horse can carry a pound of water in an hour. The chief products of the United States are given as tinned meat and borking stricters. The Grand Old Man is Adam, and K. of K. is "King of Kings," while the Milky Way is "sour milk." Finally, in order to conclude on a musical note, we may quote the definition of a "nasal organ" as being a "harmonium." But it must be understood that the average examiner, though admiring the ingenuity and picturesque perversity of these varied statements, will usually offer a warmer welcome to information more commonplace and ordinary in its conventional accuracy.

The Annual Swimming Sports.

On February 28 we held our Annual Swimming Sports in the Claremont Baths. We had splendid weather, and got our programme started well up to time, viz., 10.30 a.m.

Our hon. handicapper was Mr. F. D. Stevenson, whom we have lately lost as a master, and who has for so many years past, both for these and for the Athletic Sports, carried out this duty so well.

We have to thank A. R. Gorrie, an Old Boy, who was himself an expert swimmer, for presenting a medal as second prize in the Championship.

The following are the events, with their results :—

I.—Under Fourteen Years Handicap, 50yds.—The finish of this event was very exciting, Guy, the winner, securing the victory by less than half a length from Walker, ii., the scratch man.

II.—Hundred Yards School Championship.—There were only four entries for this race. Low won easily, with Davy second.

III.—Under Sixteen Years Handicap, 75yds.—This was another very exciting race, resulting in a tie between Walker, ii., and Kevan.

IV.—Long Dive.—1st, Davy ; 2nd, Watkins.

V.—Open Handicap, 100yds.—1st, Low ; 2nd, Clifton, i.

VI.—Breast Stroke, 75yds handicap.—The chief exponents of breast-stroke seemed to be the two McMillans, who had a sharp tussle for first place, which resulted in a win for McMillan, ii.

VII.—To give those who had not won anything a chance of distinguishing themselves, a Consolation Race of 50yds was held at the end of the programme. There were a good number of starters, but R. A. Clifton won.

Cricket.

By Easter another Cricket Season was ended. Compared with former years the first half of the season practically beat all records ; with a representative team we were not once beaten. In the Wanderers match McLarty and Fleay were absent, and Fleay took Gilgering's part against us. In the second half of the season we were not nearly so successful. Out of ten matches played we only won three. We went to Pinjarrah as usual, and had a splendid time. The Upper Swan trip, however, could not be arranged, much to the team's disappointment.

We played Mr. Sholl's team on February 12th, an account of which appeared in our last issue. We then played the Wanderers on a Wednesday afternoon, and drew with them ; the best scores on our side were Fleay 79, Turnbull 46, Walker 20, Wood i. 12, and Connor 7 not out. A match was then arranged for Saturday, 3rd March, which was concluded on Saturday the 10th, against the Banks. Walker and Fleay were both absent, the former playing for North Perth, and the latter for King's Park. Our best scores in the first innings were Clifton 13, Riley 6, and Woods ii. 2. Our total was only 30. In our second innings Woods i. 20, Clifton 19, Woods ii. 15, Riley 8, and Montgomery 8 made most of our total of 77. For the two innings we only made 107. In their first innings Banks made 68, towards which Harwood 25, Guy 14, Peck and Eliot 7, contributed most. They made 67 in their next innings, thus bringing their total to 135, and winning by 28 runs. Guy 25, Peck 12, Eliot 9, and Harwood 8 made most of their second score. Burges captained the School Team, and he and Clifton did most of the bowling.

On Monday, March 5, we played our annual fixture with Mr. A. G. Russell's senior team. We went in first, and when six wickets were down we had made 249, and we closed. Fleay made 137, not out, by

splendid cricket, and contained in this score were 23 "fourers." Clifton also did well, making 56. Mr. Russell's men, with about two hours to play, set about making the runs, and they made them. Veryard made 73 and retired, and Russell made 64 and followed suit. Ranford 25, Chamberlain 23, and Hutchinson 20 were among the other scorers. The School team had more "leather-hunting" than ever before. Thirty-nine times the ball went to the boundary. We lost the match, for Mr. Russell's team got 261 runs, with three wickets to spare.

When we returned from Pinjarrah we played a match against a team collected and captained by Frank O'Meehan, an old boy. We were beaten by some 30 runs on the first innings. Our opponents made 178, and against this, for the School, Fleay compiled a good 43. Among others who batted well were Walker 32, Turnbull 29, Riley 17, and O'Connor 13 not out. The bowling of our opponents, however, was too good for us, for most of them played senior cricket.

In our next match, against the South Perth Club, we scored our first win of the season. We beat them by a few runs, scored just on time. Fleay made 17, Turnbull 24, Riley 13, Woods, i., 10, and Walker 9. Ivan Gibbs and Geoff. Orchard did most of the bowling for the S.P.C.C.

CUP MATCHES.

On Wednesday, March 14, we suffered a disgraceful defeat at the hands of the Christian Brothers' College. This was our first Cup match of the year, and the result made things look black against us. We went in first, Clifton and Walker being our representatives. Clifton had bad luck in being run out for 4. Fleay, who took his place, only made 5 before falling to Norrish's bowling. Riley followed, and played steadily for a while, and then Walker got stumped off Gibbs. Turnbull and Woods, i., both played steadily for some time, but both fell to Norrish without scoring. Connor made 3 before being bowled by McKenzie. Woods, ii., made only 1, but stayed in for some time. Riley tried to hit out, but was caught out in the field by Cummings, after playing for three-quarters of an hour for only 8 runs. Forrest and Wilkie both failed to score, but Burges carried his bat for 6. Our sum total only came to 51.

The C.B.C.'s opened with Gibbs and Savage, and half our score was made before Savage was brilliantly caught by Fleay off his own bowling. Hassall, who took his place, was bowled by Forrest for 6, the total being 50. Bott played well, and made 35 before being caught by Fleay. None of the rest of the players reached double figures. The total was 125.

Walker and Fleay went in first for the School to try and hit hard. Fleay was bowled by Troy after making 14. Then Connor was caught off Norrish for *nil*; Turnbull was bowled by Troy for 1; Clifton and Riley both failed to score; Walker was bowled by Troy for 12; Woods, i., played splendidly, making 16 before being bowled by Troy. The last four players made 2 apiece. Our total was 53, which left our opponents victors by an innings and 21 runs. Following are details of the scoring :—

HIGH SCHOOL.							
First Innings.				Second Innings.			
Clifton, run out	...	...	4	run out	...	...	0
Walker, st Juett, b Gibbs	...	...	16	b Troy	...	...	12
Fleay, b Norrish	...	...	5	b Troy	...	...	14
Riley, c Cummings, b McKenzie	...	...	8	c McKenzie, b Troy	...	...	0
Turnbull, b Norrish	...	...	0	b Troy	...	...	1
Woods i., b Norrish	...	...	0	b Troy	...	...	16
Connor, b McKenzie	...	...	3	c Bott, b Norrish...	...	...	0
Woods ii., b Troy	...	...	1	c Norrish, b Troy	...	...	2
Forrest, c Savage, b McKenzie	...	...	0	b McKenzie	...	...	2
Burges, not out	...	...	6	c Juett, b Troy	...	...	2
Wilkie, run out	...	...	0	not out	...	...	2
Sundries	...	...	8	Sundries	...	...	2
Total	...	...	51	Total	...	...	53

Bowling.—First Innings: Troy, 1 for 18; Norrish, 3 for 5; McKenzie, 3 for 5; Gibbs, 1 for 6. Second Innings: Troy, 7 for 10; Norrish, 2 for 17.

CHRISTIAN BROTHERS' COLLEGE.

Gibbs, run out	...	...	...	...	33
Savage, c and b Fleay	...	...	...	...	14
Hassall, b Forrest	...	...	...	...	6
Bott, c Fleay, b Forrest	...	...	...	...	35
McKenzie, b Forrest	...	...	...	...	0
Dorney, b Forrest	...	...	...	...	6
Troy, b Burges	...	...	...	...	2
Juett, b Forrest	...	...	...	...	0
Durack, not out...	...	...	...	...	6
Cummings, c Walker, b Burges	...	...	...	...	7
Norrish, b Fleay	...	...	...	...	0
Sundries	...	...	...	...	16
Total	...	...	...	...	125

Bowling.—Forrest, 5 for 27; Fleay, 2 for 51; Burges, 2 for 29.

The School atoned in part for its beating at the hands of the Christian Brothers by winning against the Guildford Grammar School on Monday, March 26, by an innings and 175 runs. The Guildford captain sent Bennett and Davey to open for them, but the latter fell in Fleay's second over with 2 runs. Harper, who took his place, played well for 17, and Mitchell made 14 and carried his bat. Of the remaining six members of the team, only Shenton (4) and Piesse (6) scored at all. The Grammar School total was 53.

Walker and Riley went in first for the School. The latter in his first two overs made 9, and then Walker had bad luck in playing a low ball onto his wicket. Fleay took his place and began to hit out, but stepping away from his wicket to pull a ball was given out leg-before-wicket. He had made 27. Turnbull followed, but was bowled by Lennard after making 5. Clifton took his place and made 8, chiefly by leg hits. He was finally bowled by Harper. By dinner time Riley had made 32, and was only scoring slowly. Woods i. took Clifton's place, and played well for 9. Connor followed him, and indulged in some free hitting, and was not bowled till he had made a good 25, in which were included four fourers. O'Connor played splendidly, and stayed in a long while. In his total of 43 were five fourers. Forrest was bowled by Harper before he had scored. Burges was given out l.b.w. to Crossland after making four. Wilkie fell to the same bowler for *nil*. Riley carried his bat for 126. In this score were included 14 fourers and 16 twoers. During the School's innings 25 maiden overs were bowled.

The Grammar School boys hardly offered any resistance in their second innings to the bowling of Fleay and Burges. Mitchell and Lennard each made 10. Bennett (7) and Davey (6) were the only others who did any good.

Following are details of the scoring:—

GUILDFORD GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

First Innings.				Second Innings.			
Bennett, b Fleay	...	...	3	b Burges	...	...	7
Davey, b Fleay	...	...	2	b Burges	...	...	6
Harper, b Burges	...	...	17	b Fleay	...	...	0
Mitchell, not out	...	...	14	b Fleay	...	...	10
Stewart, run out	...	...	0	b Burges	...	...	0
Jones, b Burges	...	...	0	b Fleay	...	...	0
Shenton i., b Fleay	...	...	4	run out	...	...	1
Crossland, l.b.w., b Fleay	...	...	0	b Fleay	...	...	2
Lyall, b Fleay	...	...	0	b Burges	...	...	0
Piesse, b Fleay	...	...	6	c O'Connor, b Burges	...	...	0
Lennard, b Fleay	...	...	0	not out	...	...	10
Sundries	...	...	7	Sundries	...	...	11

Total ... 53

Total ... 47

Bowling.—First Innings: Fleay, 7 for 25; Burges, 2 for 11. Second Innings: Fleay, 4 for 16; Burges, 5 for 20.

HIGH SCHOOL.

Riley, not out	...	...	...	126
Walker, b Harper	...	...	...	0
Fleay, lbw, b Crossland	...	...	...	27
Turnbull, b Lennard	...	...	...	5
Clifton, b Harper	...	...	...	8
Woods, b Stewart	...	...	...	9
Connor, b Piesse	...	...	...	26
O'Connor, b Harper	...	...	...	43
Forrest, b Harper	...	...	...	0
Burges, lbw, b Crossland	...	...	...	4
Wilkie, b Crossland	...	...	...	0
Sundries	...	...	...	27

Total ... 275

Bowling.—Harper, 4 for 71; Crossland, 3 for 54; Stewart, 1 for 58; Lennard, 1 for 18; Piesse, 1 for 21.

On Wednesday, April 4, the School followed up its defeat of the Guildford Grammar School by beating the Scotch College in the last Cup match of the season. We lost the toss, and so had to go out to bat, with Walker and Riley as representatives. Walker fell to Richardson in his third over, after making six runs. Fleay was bowled in Richardson's next over for 4. Riley meanwhile had not scored, but when Turnbull joined him he got two lucky snicks through slips. Turnbull, after playing steadily and making 5, skied one which was safely held by Richardson. Woods batted splendidly, and scored slowly, but was caught by Ferres off Clark when his score was at 13. Clifton played carefully at first, but, after narrowly missing being caught at leg, he scored faster. Riley tried to score faster, but was bowled by Medcalf when 21 stood to his credit. Connor did not score, but O'Connor made a useful 11 before Richardson bowled him. Forrest was run out, but Wilkie made 3 and Burges 6 not out. Our total was 97.

Fleay and Forrest bowled up splendidly for the School, and everyone worked hard to save every run. The Scotch College accordingly could only make 41 runs, of which Campbell made 10, Medcalf 9, Thompson 6, and Ferres 6. Fleay got six wickets for 21 runs, and Forrest 4 for 10.

The School went in again for a second innings. After two maiden overs, Walker scored 4 off Richardson, but was given out lbw to him next ball. Riley and Turnbull both fell to Medcalf in the same over for *nil*, and then Clifton and Fleay got going. These two played together for some time, and then Clifton was bowled, with 32 to his credit. Woods made a couple of singles before stumps were drawn. We had four wickets down for 84.

The following are the details of the scores :—

HIGH SCHOOL.			
First Innings.		Second Innings.	
Walker, b Richardson	... .. 6	1 b w, b Richardson	... .. 4
Riley, b Medcalf	... .. 21	b Medcalf	... .. 0
Fleay, b Richardson	... .. 4	not out	... .. 46
Turnbull, c and b Richardson	... .. 5	b Medcalf	... .. 0
Woods, i., c Ferres, b Clark	... .. 13	not out	... .. 2
Clifton, b Thompson	... .. 26	b Richardson	... .. 32
Connor, st. Campbell, b Clark	... .. 0		
O'Connor, b Richardson	... .. 11		
Forrest, run out	... .. 0		
Wilkie, b Richardson	... .. 3		
Burges, not out	... .. 6		
Sundries	... .. 2		
Total	... .. 97	Total for 4 wks.	... 84
Bowling—Richardson, 5 for 21; Medcalf, 1 for 28; Thompson, 1 for 24; Clark, 2 for 16.		Bowling—Richardson, 2 for 27; Medcalf, 2 for 12.	

SCOTCH COLLEGE.			
Medcalf, b Fleay	... .. 9		
Thompson, b Fleay	... .. 6		
Clark, c Fleay, b Forrest	... .. 0		
Campbell, b Fleay	... .. 10		
Higham, b Forrest	... .. 0		
Richardson, b Fleay	... .. 3		
Bennett, b Forrest	... .. 0		
Leake, b Fleay	... .. 0		
Gaze, c Fleay, b Forrest	... .. 3		
Roche, not out	... .. 1		
Ferres, b Fleay	... .. 6		
Sundries	... .. 3		
Total	... .. 41		

Bowling—Fleay, 6 for 21; Forrest, 4 for 10.

MATCHES PLAYED BY OUR SECOND ELEVEN LAST TERM.

Against.	Result.	Chief Scores.
Guildford G. S.	... won by 4 wickets	Wilkie 23, Browning 20 (not out)
Scotch College	... lost by 19	Montgomery, 19 (not out)
Scotch College	... Won by innings	Montgomery 23, Wilkie 20
Guildford G. S.	... won by 30	
Fremantle C.B.C.	... won by 55	Wilkie, 48 (not out)
Perth C.B.C.	... lost by 23	O'Connor, 14 (not out)
Guildford G.S.	... won by innings	Smyth, 39 (not out)

In the bowling—McLarty got 4 wickets for 12 in the second S.C. match; Wilson got 2 for 5 in the second G.G.S. match; and Taylor got 3 for 5 in the F.C.B.C. match.

N.B.—We are sorry that a promised account of our Pinjarrah trip failed to reach us in time for this issue. We hope to print one in our next number.

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