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Editorial.

THE cares of a magazine editor are endless. This statement is not intended as an illustration of the fact that there is no peace for the wicked; but merely to relieve the editorial mind, when the usual terminal problem of how to make bricks without straw comes up once more for solution. There are some periodicals in the world whose editors, if we may judge from their "Answers to Correspondents," find their chief occupation is to deposit contributions of all sorts and sizes in the waste-paper basket. This article of furniture has to be referred to so often that, for convenience, it is commonly known as the W.P.B. We do not ourselves possess a W.P.B. Any W.P.B. of ours would find existence a very dreary and monotonous thing, and would sigh for something in the way of work to relieve its dulness. W.P.B., indeed, would be a sinecure holder of the most perfect type; but not a holder of anything perfect intended for type. This is our playful way of intimating that the contributions from our readers are just as many in the case of the present issue as in that of previous numbers.

This term always seems to be very crowded. As soon as we are back from the holidays we have to begin to think of training for the sports, and a good deal of actual work in connection with the arrangements has to be done by the Prefects. There is the coming of the Cup matches to be considered by all who have a chance of playing in the team and practice has to be sought assiduously not

only by these, but also by members of the second, third, and fourth elevens, who may hope someday to represent the School in its most important fixtures. Over all these things there looms the shadow of the impending examinations, which seem to be upon us before we have had time to turn round after re-assembling, at the end of September. Between work and play, therefore, the time is pretty fully occupied; and it may be mentioned as an incidental trifle, in addition to these weightier matters, that the CYGNET has to be produced as usual.

The friends of the School have responded most kindly and generously to the annual appeal for contributions to the Sports Prize Fund. The Old Boys have once again presented trophies for two races. We feel that we cannot be too grateful to our loyal supporters, and we trust that no offence will be taken if we hint that the Old Boys' Association might perhaps be a rather more active body. Considering the length of time the School has existed, and the many successive generations of schoolboys who have passed through it, we should have expected that a certain proportion, at any rate, would have been eager to form a really vigorous organisation. But we find that however warm the affection may be for the old School, it does not manifest itself very clearly on the surface. Even the annual dinner lapsed during the past year. We are impelled to give expression to this feeling of regret, and if these words should meet the eye of an enthusiast who would be willing to give a little time and energy to the work of organisation, we are confident he would find abundant support when once matters were put in train.

School News.

The prefects this term are : Walker i, McMillan, Davey, Forrest, Smyth, Foss, and Woods. The last two were elected by the School this term, and Davey was promoted to Head Master's prefect in the place of Turnbull.

At the end of last football season caps were given to Smyth, Woods, Davy, Foss, Broun, and Ewing.

During the holidays, Walker i. played centre forward for a team picked from the third division Association football against one picked from the second division. The second division won by 1 goal to *nil*.

Before Turnbull's departure for England he was presented with

a handsome dressing-case by Walker i. in the name of the School.

The fixtures for the first round of the Darlôt Cup competition are as follows:—School v. Guildford Grammar School, November 12th; School v. Scotch College, December 2nd; School v. Christian Brothers, December 6th.

The Eastern Districts cricket tour will commence on December 10th.

Our first eleven commenced the cricket season auspiciously by defeating Claremont Training College. They were, however, unsuccessful against Mr. Burt's team. We hope to publish full accounts of these matches in our next number.

Carminum Catalogus.

[In the following copy of verses the author has tried to string together the titles of various English songs into some sort of coherence. He enters a *caveat* against any too critical judgment of the versification, since the whole undertaking is merely what Artemus Ward used to call a "Jew desprit." He acknowledges with gratitude his indebtedness to his friend F.R.B. for various suggestions; and he offers a prize—open to the whole School with the exception of the Prefects—for the best list of the song-titles contained in the lines. The value of the prize will depend on how near an approach to completeness is made by the winning list. Competitors should send in their lists to the Editors of the CYGNET before the 16th of November.]

Nullum hostem timeo veteris sub tegmine mali;
 Ancora sublata est, Pupula Glauca, vale!
 Cor mihi dulce, vale! peream o si militis instar,
 Allanaquæ in ripis mella ubi sugit apis.
 Stella animi cordisque mei regina, memento;
 Non tecum in propria ludere corte volo.
 Non mihi linquenda est casa parva et lignea pro te,
 Ponte super media nocte ut abest Carolus.
 Calculus omnino non es tu in litore solus,
 Ipse vagabundus sum citharædus ego.
 Cognovi declive thymum qua crescit agreste,
 Jam madidum nidum linquit alauda suum.
 Exigua sumpta de culmine parte, volucris
 O cane quod tetigit pectora nostra melos.

En calami crescunt virides : custodia Rheni
 Est in amicitiae nomine turma vetus.
 Nulla domi fors est, hodie venabimur omnes
 Passer ubi coepit nidificare sibi.
 Desine titillare, Johanni ; pedes ad Ivernam
 Retrahe Maggiolæ Tuberis* usque domum.
 Huc age suppedita circumflua pocula ; caupo :
 Nubila dum fugiant, Jeannia, siste pedem.
 Dicite, pastores, vidistis prætereuntem
 Floram ? qua resonant æquora voce maris ?
 Est finita dies, recidunt cum vesperis umbræ ;
 Lanternam ostendit luna superna suam.
 Mæstitiæ premitur cor pondere ; in urbe taberna est ;
 O utinam nobis tarturis ala foret !
 Quae cecini quondam, comites, non carmina possum
 Jam canere, at regi sit deus ipse salus.

*Tuber—Murphy.

Prize Day.

The Annual Distribution of Prizes was held in the Queen's Hall, on Thursday, 22nd August, in the presence of a large number of parents and friends. His Excellency the Governor and Lady Bedford were present. Dr. Saw, the chairman of the Board of Governors, presided, and there were also present on the platform Dr. Hackett and Mr. Battye (Governors), Mr. Faulkner, Messrs. Pain and Allen (examiners), and the Masters of the School.

Mr. Allen, who examined the upper forms in Mathematics, and Mr. Pain, who examined in Latin, Greek and English, read their reports.

Mr. Faulkner said that before a year was passed the old Bishop's School, the predecessor of the High School, would have been in existence for 50 years, and people who wished the School to be discontinued ought to hesitate before wishing to abolish what had existed for so long. He said that Sir Walter James was the first old High School boy to be honoured with knighthood. J. L. Walker, the first Rhodes' Scholar, had taken his degree with honours at Oxford, while C. L. Riley had gained distinction for himself at Cambridge. Mr. Faulkner mentioned the success which the School had achieved

in the Adelaide Examinations. A. P. Turnbull, who had just left for England, was the second Rhodes Scholar that the School had produced in four years.

Dr. Saw said that a High School gathering would not be complete without some reference to the necessity for new buildings, but that the matter was now in the hands of the Government and did not rest with the Governors. Referring to the University question, he said he did not think that the sum proposed for erecting one was sufficient, and it would be better to employ the money for more scholarships, to enable boys to go away to the older Universities in the Eastern States. He said that at former gatherings the old fence was always referred to, but that that grievance no longer existed. In conclusion, Dr. Saw said he was strongly in favour of a Cadet Corps being started in the School.

The prizes were then distributed by the Governor.

At the instance of Dr. Hackett a hearty vote of thanks was accorded His Excellency the Governor. In putting the motion Dr. Hackett referred with gratification to the new fence which had been erected round the School grounds, and mentioned the personal interest the Governor had always taken in the School.

The Governor said he was surprised that a School Cadet Corps had not yet been formed; and that every school ought to have one to train the boys in the rudiments of defence work, which as citizens of the State they should be acquainted with. He said he did not like a new fence being erected round the School grounds, as it looked too much as if the School was to remain there. A place which carried out the good work the High School was doing was worthy of a better place to do it in. A suitable site ought to be procured upon which a better building could be erected.

At the close of the proceedings an excellent gymnastic display was given, followed by the singing of the National Anthem.

PRIZE LIST.

(h.m. stands for Honourable Mention.)

GREEK.—Form VI., Walker i.; h.m., Davy. Form V., Price; h.m., Riley.

LATIN.—Form VI., Walker i.; h.m., Davy and McMillan i. Form V., Smyth; h.m., Riley. Form IV., Leake; h.m., Ewing and

BARRACLOUGH i. Form III., Mitchell; h.m., Leschen. Form II., Broun; h.m., Phillips. Form I., Robinson; h.m., Makeham.

MATHEMATICS.—Form VI., Davy; h.m., McMillan. Form V., Price and Ewing; h.m., Maley. Upper IV., Barraclough i.; h.m., Phillips. Lower IV., Broun; h.m., Taylor. Form III., Mitchell; h.m., Curthoys.

ENGLISH.—Form VI., Davy; h.m., Smyth. Form V., Riley; h.m., Curthoys i. Form IV., Mitchell; h.m., Piesse. Form III., Barraclough i.; h.m., Turnbull ii. Form II., Thomas; h.m., Simpson ii.

FRENCH.—Form VI., Walker i.; h.m., Davy. Form V., Smyth; h.m., Curthoys i. Form IV., Leake; h.m., Ewing. Form III., Montgomery iv.; h.m., Montgomery iii. Form II., Phillips and Hester; h.m., McDonald. Form I., Bell; h.m., Maitland.

DRAWING.—Woods i.; h.m., Turnbull ii.

CARPENTRY.—Forrest; h.m., Craig.

GYMNASIUM.—McMillan i.; h.m., Forrest.

DR. SAW'S PRIZE OF £5 FOR BEST EXAMINATION.—Walker i., 78.92 per cent.

MR. R. A. SHOLL'S GAMES' CHALLENGE CUP.—Walker i.

The School Ball.

On the night of Speech Day last term we made what is a very rare thing in the High School, an innovation—we held a School Ball. The idea originated amongst a few of the boys, who on referring the matter to Mr. Faulkner found that the scheme had his approval and, what was more, found that it might count on his help, in the form of providing the hall. On Mr. Faulkner's advice, a number of ladies were asked to form a committee to arrange for the supper, etc. This committee consisted of Mrs. Saw, Mrs. McMillan, Mrs. Faulkner, Mrs. Davy, Mrs. Ewing, Mrs. Leake, Mrs. Montgomery, Mrs. Jenkins, Mrs. Clifton, Mrs. Craig, and Mrs. Turnbull. Much of the success of the dance was due to the efforts of these ladies, who not only gave much of the supper, but also arranged the supper table and decorated the ballroom very effectively. A particular feature of the hall decorations was the School motto worked in red on a background of School colours, for which we were indebted to the kindness of Mr.

Montgomery. The hall was crowded to its utmost with present boys and old boys, and the sisters and friends of both, who all seemed to enjoy themselves thoroughly. Next year we hope to secure a larger hall than St. Mary's, and to have, if possible, a still greater success.

Annual Athletic Sports.

Our annual athletic sports were held this year on 16th October. Unfortunately, the weather was not at all what could be desired, and the programme had to be stopped several times owing to the rain, which fell during most of the day. There was also a strong wind blowing, which prevented good time being made in any of the races. However, despite the inclement weather, there was a large attendance of parents and friends, and great interest was shown in the various events. His Excellency the Governor and Lady Bedford attended during the afternoon. At the conclusion of the sports the prizes were presented to the winners by Lady Bedford, who was thanked by Mr. Faulkner and cheered by the School. Cheers were also given for His Excellency the Governor, Mr. Faulkner, and Mr. Hall.

During the afternoon selections were played by the Subiaco Fire Brigade Band, and Mrs. Faulkner kindly provided tea for the visitors in the pavilion.

On behalf of the Committee we desire to thank the many friends of the School for the generous way in which they contributed trophies and donations. The handicapping, which was carried out by Mr. Hall and the Prefects, was on the whole very good, as was shown by the close finishes of many of the races. Walker won the School championship, thus carrying off the Cup presented by the Governor. The high jumps, both under 16 and open, were won by Ewing, who also came first in the 120yds. hurdles and the 100yds. handicap under 16. Throwing the cricket ball was won by Connor, whose throw of 106yds. 2ft., although aided by the wind, was a very creditable one. The finish of the mile was very close, Brown just passing Davy at the tape. The starting was done by G. Burt in the morning, and by Sergeant-Major Emmott in the afternoon.

The following are the details of the programme:—

220yds. Handicap (under 14).—Thomas, 26yds., 1; Mitchell ii., scr., 2.

Long Jump (open).—Forrest, 1; Taylor, 2. Distance, 19ft. 3in.
 High Jump (under 16).—Ewing, 1; McDougall ii., 2. Height, 4ft. 7½in.

Throwing Cricket Ball.—Connor i., Forrest, 2. Distance, 106yds. 2ft.

220yds. Handicap (over 16).—Taylor 14yds. and Forrest 4yds., dead heat.

Egg and Spoon Race, 75yds. Scratch (under 14).—Lefroy, 1; Leschen, 2.

Hurdle Race, 120yds. Handicap (over 16).—Taylor, 3yds., 1; Maley, 5yds., 2.

75yds. Handicap (under 12).—Darley ii., 8yds., 1; Clifton, 1yd., 2.

School Championship, 100yds., Walker, 1; Forrest, 2.

Sack Race, 100yds. Scratch (under 14).—Harwood, 1.

High Jump (over 16).—Ewing, 1; Davy, 2. Height, 4ft. 11in.

Egg and Spoon Race, 75yds. Scratch (under 12).—Montgomery iv., 1; Simpson, 2.

100yds. Handicap (over 16).—Taylor, 6yds., 1; Smyth, 4yds. 2.

Hurdle Race, 120yds. Handicap (under 16).—Ewing, scr., 1; Price, 10yds., 2.

Old Boys' Race, 100yds. Handicap.—Leeds, 6yds., 1; Gerloff, scr., 2.

Sack Race, 75yds. Scratch (under 12).—Anthoness, 1.

100yds. Handicap (under 14).—Mitchell, scr., 1; Jenkins, 2yds., 2.

Old Boys' Hurdle Race, 120yds. Handicap.—G. Burt, scr., 1; G. A. Leake, 3yds., 2.

440yds. Handicap (over 16).—Taylor, 14yds., 1; Smyth, 6yds., 2.

100yds. Handicap (under 16).—Ewing, scr., 1.

Old Boys' 440yds. Handicap.—Leeds, 34yds., 1; Stokes, 20yds., 2.

120yds. Handicap (under 12).—Clifton, 2yds., 1; Sladden, 2yds., 1.

440yds. Handicap (under 16).—Turnbull, 30yds., 1; Ewing, scr., 2.

Mile Race Scratch (open).—Broun, 1; Davy, 2.

Old Boys' News.

The latest news of J. L. Walker is that he intends to take his Final Law Examination in the course of October; and, if he was successful, would probably sail for W.A. about Nov. 21.

A. Phipps Turnbull writes that he is much impressed with the

crowds and bustle of London, and with the perfect manner in which the traffic is regulated; that he is charmed with the beauty of Oxford; and that he is delighted that he chose to go into residence at Merton, where he has secured very comfortable rooms in College. All who knew him will not be surprised to hear that he had no difficulty in passing Responsions immediately on his arrival in England.

E. H. Parker and H. Rowe both played in the recent cricket match against England. Parker scored 22 and 14, and Rowe 1 and 11. Playing against a team from the Goldfields Parker made 103, not out.

E. H. Parker has also distinguished himself at tennis, winning the Ayres Championship and the Singles Championship of the State.

Eric Riley writes that there are 900 boys at Bedford, and that he is below the average age of his form. He notes as a curious fact that the Head Master has a large voice in school and a small one outside.

[Since the above was written we hear by cable that Walker has passed.]

On Names.

The knowing reader will expect me to make use of a quotation, in which the fragrance of the rose is said to be independent of the word by which we designate it. He will be disappointed. No one shall convince me, however great his ability, that names are not most important things. Let us take, for example, the case of a sweet, innocent child born in 1897. Her parents, plunged for the moment in the wave of loyalty, choose to confer on her the name of Jubilee. She is now a girl of ten years old. Probably she is just as sweet as if she had been christened *Dulcie* or *Violet*; but would it not be interesting to get her to tell us, in direct and simple language, what she thinks of her own name? Or take again the patriotic parents upon whom, in 1854, the duty fell of assigning a name to their daughter. In many cases they chose the name of *Alma*. These ladies—many of them—still fortunately survive; but they have the greatest difficulty in establishing the fact that they are now twenty-nine years old. In these days people are so horribly smart at arithmetic. The difficulty is simplified in the case of boys in places where

it is the custom, as in Scotland, to take the name of the grandfather. But there are changes of fashion in names, as in other things; and if the grandfather's name happens to be Jabez or Noah, the twentieth century child may be excused for hoping his parents will depart from the family tradition. Other babies, again, act foolishly in allowing their fathers and mothers to give them names, unobjectionable in themselves, but entailing unpleasant results. Muriel Una Devereux, Algernon Stratford Sinclair, Rupert Aubrey Talbot, and Pearl Ida Greville may be perfectly satisfied with their names when they write them in full; but when they sign their initials only they begin to think a wiser choice might have been made. If your surname happens to be Spence, you are not acting fairly to your son if you call him Peter; and if your surname is Sharp, you will find it well not to possess such a name as Gerald or Georgina, for your musical friends to assure you throughout your life that G Sharp is A Flat. T. Potts, I. Swindell, O. Evans, and B. Lyne are advised always to write their names in full; but the opposite policy is recommended to Abel Seaman and Davies Locker. [Remaining portion held over to next number.]

Correspondence.

TO THE EDITOR.

SIR,—It gives me much surprise that the four eminent scholars who are responsible for the text of the fragment of *Johannes Lapidarius*, printed in your last number, should have allowed a quite impossible reading to stand in line 26. For obvious reasons "*rigentesque gelu*" cannot be what *Lapidarius* wrote, and, *metri gratia*, I beg to suggest as a simple emendation that "*ridentes*" should be substituted. I am the more convinced of the correctness of this reading from my being strongly of opinion that the whole poem is intentionally humorous. The question is too large for discussion in a letter, and therefore I will not weary you with my reasons, which, in any event, would probably have little weight with the eminent scholars who treat the author *au grand sérieux*. It is quite possible that in the line under discussion there is a playful reference to Horace's

"ille terrarum mihi præter omnes
angulus ridet;"

or possibly to Lucretius'

"tibi rident æquora ponti."

I remain, Sir, yours etc.,

IVAN KAMENN.

University of Moscow,

September 4, 1907.

Football.

The football season has turned out better in many ways than might have been expected, considering that we have both Riley and Wilkin from our defence. Although we began the season badly by being beaten by the Rangers, we retrieved ourselves in the two following matches. The one great fault in our team was that we were very inconsistent. One day we would beat a really good team and on the next we would draw with a team like the Technical School. The Saturday afternoon competition was a far better one in the way of sport than the one on Wednesday afternoons, as, except in the cases of the Training College and Fremantle Old Boys, we were far superior to our opponents.

I will first deal with the matches played on Saturday afternoons. On account of mid-winter holidays we missed three matches at the beginning of the season, and had to play these teams in the second round taking 4 points for the game instead of 2.

Our first match was against the Rangers. As the team had had very little practice we could not be expected to do much. The Rangers' backs were too strong for our forwards, while their forwards beat our defence with well organised rushes in the first part of the game. During the second half our opponent's forwards did not display such good combination, and the game was more even; but in spite of all our efforts we were unable to score. This match ended with the score at 4 goals to *nil*. In this match and the one following we did not have the assistance of our full back (Turnbull), who had not returned from the Eastern States in time to take part in them.

In our next match, against the Swans, we were more successful, though the game did not end as pleasantly as it might have done. The rain came down steadily during the game, and both teams were wet from the kick-off, our opponents in more senses than one!

During the first half the game went smoothly enough, and the play was very even. Soon after the kick-off the ball was put between the posts by McMillan. The Swans thereupon played up, and soon scored by the aid of their outside right. After this the play was fairly even, and the scores remained unaltered at half-time. During the next half our opponents began to go to pieces, and our forwards had little difficulty in scoring. First Walker scored twice,

then Ewing, and then Walker again. These events seemed to annoy our opponents greatly, and as a matter of course they vented their ire on the umpire. They were very well seconded by their barrackers, who saw fit to apply some decidedly disgusting epithets to him. At last the Swans began to think that it was time to leave the field and making the umpiring, which was as fair as anything we have had during the season, an excuse, they did so, leaving us in possession of the field and game by 5 to 1.

In our next match, against the Wanderers, we were again successful, as we won by 4 goals. This was not a very interesting game, as neither team played up to its usual form; however, we, in a very short time managed to score 3 goals, and had it not been for the splendid work done by Evans, the Wanderers' goal keeper, we would have doubled that score. During the second half the play was more even, and the Wanderers played up well in the hope of catching up to our score. They were unsuccessful, however, and our forwards added one more goal to our score, after this the game was merely a scramble, and both sides were relieved when the whistle blew. This match was not quite as exciting as the one on the previous Saturday.

The next match which we played was against the Guildfords. In the opinion of most people we should have beaten this team fairly easily. As usual, however, we disappointed the public by being beaten. This game was, I think, one of the worst played by our team during the season. From the kick-off the Guildfords had the game all their own way. Our team had absolutely no combination, and consequently could do nothing against the Guildford backs. The game ended with the scores of 7 to 1.

On the following Saturday we played the Claremonts. This was one of the teams which we missed playing in the first round, and the match was consequently a four point on. When we took the field we were in very good spirits. We led off well, by making several rushes which the Claremont backs seemed unable stop, and at last Smyth scored from a shot almost under the bar. However, the Claremonts began to press us hard at this point of the game, and soon equalised the score. The game now became lively, and after some very even play the Claremonts again scored. In the second half the scores were again equalised. Then the Claremonts again scored by a strong rush. Though our forwards played up well, and had some very hard luck in their shooting, we were unable to score, and so the game

ended with the score at 3—2, and we had lost our chance for the Cup.

Our next match was at Fremantle, against the Reserves. On this occasion we had great difficulty in obtaining a referee, as the one appointed seemed afraid of damping his apparel. We, however, got one at last, and began the game. A little before half-time the rain came down in torrents, and as the ground had been half under water before, it was very little better than a lake. The game was very slow, and most of the play was in the Fremantle goal. Our forwards and half backs from the first peppered the goals. Though most of the shooting was very erratic we managed to score one goal. Our team did not show up to advantage in this match, as our opponents had several emergencies playing. The game ended at 1 goal 0. We won four points by this match.

Our match against the Ex-Students on the following Saturday was another four point one. It was much the same style as the Fremantle match, although the weather was all that could be desired. We beat this team by 4—0. This was not a very good score considering we were shooting at their goals from the beginning to the end of the game, and that the ball very seldom passed the half-way line.

Our match on the following Saturday, against the Rangers, was the best game which we played during the season. We went on to the field determined to make a good fight of it. The game began very well for the Rangers, as they scored by a strong rush soon after the kick-off. For some time they kept their lead, but their backs and goalkeeper had great difficulty in keeping them out of the goals. At last Maley scored by a good shot. From the kick-off after this goal our forwards made a combined rush on the goals, and Ewing scored our second goal. After this the ball went alternately from one end to the other, but the scores remained the same at half-time. In the second half the Rangers again scored after a few minutes' play. After this most of the play was in the centre of the field. Our centre half, Forrest, showed up to great advantage. The game at this time became very exciting, as both teams were doing their best. The ball was flying from one side of the field to the other, but at last the Rangers again scored. Directly after this, however, our forwards made a rush, and Walker scored with a low shot. The last quarter of an hour was by far the most exciting part of the game, as both

teams were doing their best to obtain a lead. For some time it looked as if the game would end in a draw. Just before the whistle blew, however, Ewing again scored, giving us the game by 4 goals to 3. The winning of this match was decidedly a feather in our cap, as we were the only team which beat the Rangers. In my opinion our forwards played a better game in this match than in any other during the whole season.

Our next game was against our ancient adversaries, the Swans. We did not do as well as we expected in this match. The game was fairly even, though we had somewhat the better of it. The Swan backs played well, and it was a long time before our forwards could score. At last, however, Walker scored our only goal. After this the Swan rallied rather strongly, but the score was unaltered at half-time. During the next half the Swan played up well, and as they had the wind with them they pressed us hard. We managed to keep them out of the goal and the game ended in a win for us.

Our next and last Saturday afternoon match was against the Guildfords. The majority of the team believed that we were going to repeat our former performance against this team. However, we had not been long on the field before we scored. The Guildfords seemed to go to pieces in much the same way as we did in the former match. Their backs, however, managed to keep us out of the goals. Before half-time, however, we had scored again. About this time the Guildford goalkeeper found that his hand was very sore and that he was unable to stop the ball, and so was changed. In the second half we scored twice, but the Guildfords began to press us hard, though there was very little football in the game. Towards the end of the game one of our opponents' backs scored. After this, although the game was prolonged for considerably over the ordinary time, the scores remained unaltered, and we left the field as conquerors.

In this competition we were placed level with the Guildfords for the third place, with 18 points each. This was not at all bad, I think, as we are a school team, and most of the teams we play against are considerably our seniors.

Our first match in the Wednesday afternoon competition was against the Training College. We were not at all confident as we took the field, as we thought the College would be much too fast for us. However, we managed to give a pretty good account of ourselves. The game during the first half was very even, though the College forwards' pace gave them a great advantage.

For some time, however, we managed to keep them clear of our goals, until at last, when both our backs were out, the right wing centred and their centre forward scored. After this the game began to get lively; but though our forwards made some good attempts we were unable to score. During the second half the College again pressed us hard, but were unable to score. The game went on with the ball flying from end to end of the ground, till one of the College men touched it behind and gave us a corner. Fortunately, we were able to put this through, and thus equalised the score. We had only a few minutes more to play and neither side could score, and so the game ended in a draw.

Our next match against the Technical School was one of the worst in which I have ever played. The Technical School team was far and away inferior to ours, and yet we only managed to draw with them, and only because of the lack of combination amongst our forwards. Soon after the game started the Technical School scored by a lucky shot from Pike. Our forwards played up a little better after this, and Walker soon scored. Then our forwards began to think they had no more need of combination, and began a useless peppering of the goals. Right through the second half this went on, with no result, and much to our disgust the game ended in another draw.

Our next match, against the Claremont Old Boys, was our first win in this competition. This is one of that kind of teams which has two or three good men, and hopes to do wonders with them. The one man in this team was Bennet. We knew this, and consequently we watched him and gave him very little chance. Our forwards seemed to have recovered from the fit under which they suffered on the previous Wednesday, and did fairly well. After some rather hard work, for our opponents had a very strong full back, our forwards managed to score three goals. This match was scarcely worth while classing as football, as far as our opponents went. There were about three men in their team who could play, and when they were beaten they could find nothing better to do than to quarrel with the umpiring. At the end of the game they showed their approval of Mr. Hall's umpiring by giving three hearty "hoots."

In our next match, against the Perth Boys team, we hopelessly outclassed our opponents, who, in point of size, were what we should call vermin. However, they had two very good men in Austin and Bellis, and during the first half we only managed to score once. In the second half Walker, who had received a nasty kick on the knee, recovered, and the score soon mounted to 6 goals. There was very little effort in this game for us, as we were much too fast for our opponents; and if we happened to miss the ball we had only to run after it with one of our diminutive opponents panting in our rear, who was not very hard to beat.

The match on the following Wednesday was even worse than the match against the Perth Boys. The Claremont School, whom we played that Wednesday week, had no player like Bellis to come to the rescue. In this match

the only thing to do was to shoot at the goals. Now and again Hobbs, the Claremont centre forward, got away and, as he was fast, took some catching, but on the whole it was a very slow game. Walker scored 8 goals out of 9 for us, while Hobbs managed to get one through, on account of one of our full backs muddling. The scores were 9 to 1.

Our next match, against the Fremantle Swans, was far better than the two previous ones. The Fremantle team was composed of two or three seniors, one A grade, and the rest B grade players. From the start we pressed our opponents, and kept the ball well within their half. Though they made several rushes, we managed to prevent them getting far in our ground. Before long we scored our first goal. After this, although we had some very close things, we were unable to score, and at half-time the scores were the same. During the second half the game was very even, and our forwards had to play hard before they managed to score again. After our second goal the Fremantle rallied and pressed us hard, and after some tough scrimmages in front of the goals, in which their right wing man did not scruple to use his hands to the best advantage, they scored. After this our forwards again played up and scored. Then the game began to move up and down the field, now near one end now near the other. On several occasions the Fremantles had some very bad luck in their shooting, as the ball twice hit the bar and bounced back. At last the whistle blew, and we left the field victorious.

We were now level with the Training College for first place. The arrangement was that the first four teams should play off—off scratch, as it were—with no points each. In our match against the Training College we did not expect to do much, as we had had no practice for three weeks. The weather had been very bad, and our ground was not all that could be desired, by any means. Our opponents took no pains to hide their opinion of the ground. From the kick-off the College rushed our goals, and scored twice in quick succession. After this, if anything, we had the better of the game, and two shots were very close—but a miss is as good as a mile. At any rate we did not get another chance. The game was very even after this, and most of the play was in the centre of the field, while now and again our forwards carried the ball well into our opponents' goals. Towards the end of the game the play was getting decidedly slow, and neither team was trying very hard to score. At last the whistle blew, and we had been beaten in the last Wednesday afternoon match just as we were beaten in the first match of the Saturday afternoon competition.