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Editorial

THERE is very little doubt that most of us have to lead a very strenuous existence during this term, and that, until the Adelaide examinations are over, we have scarcely a moment of peace. (We do not, of course, include here those happy mortals who are quite unacquainted with the agony of exams. and the preparation for exams.) We return to school, and have immediately to consider the arrangements and training for the School Sports, and these are but a kind of half-way house on the journey towards the Inter-School Sports, a much more serious matter. By this time, and without our noticing it, since our minds have been so busily occupied with other affairs, the dread Adelaide examinations are upon us, and with keen repentance we realise our terrible ignorance and recall the many wasted moments. By the time these are over we are very nearly in a state of mental collapse; but there is not a moment given for such luxuries; the Cup matches have to be played; and then that fearful ordeal (?), the Eastern Districts tour, has to be gone through. Altogether, when we return home, after this, we give a sigh of relief and settle down for a "jolly good loaf," even our anxiety about examination results being for a time suspended.

Speech Day.

The annual distribution of prizes took place on 26th August, in St. George's Hall, which was filled with a large gathering of parents and Old Boys. Dr. Saw, the Chairman of the Board of Governors, presided, and His Excellency the Governor, Sir Frederick Bedford, kindly presented the prizes.

The proceedings were opened by the examiners reading their reports, Mr. Pain having examined the upper forms in Latin, Greek

and one English subject, namely, Shakespeare's Hamlet, and the Rev. Mr. Grimes having set the papers in Mathematics.

Mr. Faulkner then spoke of the excellent work the High School was doing, mentioning several Old Boys who were meeting with a large measure of success in England. He pointed out the School's good fortune in having this year, as examiners, two gentlemen of exceptional qualifications, one having taken a First in Classics at Cambridge, and the other being a Wrangler. He referred to the splendid positions the School had gained in the last Adelaide examinations and, after speaking of the pressing need there was for a University in Western Australia, asked His Excellency to present the prizes.

Dr. Saw then referred with pleasure to the formation of a Cadet Corps at the School, and regretted that enrollment could not be made compulsory. He touched upon the question of new School buildings, and supported Mr. Faulkner's request to His Excellency.

After the prizes had been distributed by His Excellency, Sir Walter James, in proposing a vote of thanks, spoke of the regret caused by the coming departure of His Excellency, and dwelt at some length upon what he termed that "inestimable asset" of the High School—tradition. He gave an interesting account of the High School and Bishop Hale's School, right from the birth of secondary education in the State.

His Excellency the Governor, in returning thanks for the vote, which had been carried with acclamation, said that he had seen many of the boys grow up, and had been greatly interested in their careers. He expressed his pleasure at the formation of a Cadet Corps and, speaking about the School traditions, said that, although he considered proper buildings absolutely necessary for a decent school, yet there were other things to carry on with. He referred to the important part tone played in the career of a school and, in conclusion, urged the boys to place the very highest value upon the tone of their School.

The visitors were afterwards entertained at afternoon tea.

PRIZE LIST.

GREEK.

PRIZE:

VI.—Davy i.

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V.—Curthoys i.
Smyth:

IV.—Leake.

III.—McDonald.

I.—Smith.

I.—Harwood.

HONOURABLE MENTION.

Smyth.

Terry.

Fowler.

Mitchell i.

Walker.

Browning.

Davies-Moore.

Renou.

Slee.

Lowe.

MATHEMATICS.

VI.—Fowler.

V.—Phillips.

IV.—Weaver.

III.—Connor.

II.—Lodge.

Smythe.

Abbott.

Hardwicke.

Clifton.

Lowe.

James.

ENGLISH.

VI. (Upper)—Terry.

VI. (Lower)—Smythe.

V.—Curthoys i.

IV.—Turnbull.

III.—Abbott.

II.—Price ii.

Davy i.

Fowler.

Price i.

McLarty.

Whitwell.

Maitland.

FRENCH.

V.—Curthoys i.

IV.—Leake.

III.—McDonald.

II.—Harwood.

I.—James.

Montgomery ii.

Dickson.

Smith.

Davies-Moore.

Slee.

Renou.

DRAWING.

Woods.

Turnbull.

Mitchell i.

CARPENTRY.

1st, Hester.

2nd, Craig.

GYMNASIUM.

I.—Davy i.

II.—Maley.

Dixon.

Cadd.

DR. SAW'S PRIZE OF £5 FOR BEST EXAMINATION.

Davy i., 83 per cent.

MR. R. A. SHOLL'S GAMES CHALLENGE CUP.

Davy i.

School News.

The prefects for this term are :—Davy, Terry and Smyth, head-master's prefects; Woods, Maley, Montgomery i. and Burges, boys' prefects.

About a month before the end of last term J. F. McMillan, who had been at the High School for the past five years and had been head prefect since the beginning of this year, left us for Cambridge University. The day before his departure a presentation was made to him by his personal friends in the School. Since his arrival in Cambridge we have heard that he passed his entrance examination with ease.

At the end of last term football caps were given to Taylor, McDougall, Hester, Terry and McMillan.

The Cadet Corps has progressed rapidly this term. Mr. Jenkins has been appointed captain; Davy and Terry lieutenants; Smyth, McLarty, Maley and Montgomery i. sergeants. Sergeant-Major Emmott (who has resigned from the forces) has been succeeded as our instructor by Sergeant-Major Sheridan. The uniforms, which are of khaki, with red pipings, blue puttees and felt hat, with School badge, are now in process of manufacture.

The boxing class has been continued this term. Owing, however, to other calls on people's time, such as sports and cricket matches, the attendance at the class this term has not been by any means as large as formerly. Many of the boys, though the class has been in existence so short a time, have made great advances.

We have to congratulate Leschen upon his having won the Boys' Singles Championship, at the recent Lawn Tennis Tournament, held at South Perth.

Old Boys' News.

We would like to offer our congratulations to W. Gemmell, who so creditably passed his final surveyor's examination. He is now the youngest qualified surveyor in the State, and though only twenty-one, he is in command of one of Mr. Ewing's camps.

M. J. Gerloff is another old boy who has done well for himself. About two months ago he passed his final law examination, so that he is now qualified to practise as a lawyer in this State.

G. Purkiss, commonly called "Skeeter," has gone farther afield. The latest news of him is that he has a post in the army of the Argentine Republic.

In most branches of sport the High School is well represented by its old boys; and in tennis E. F. Parker holds pride of place. His victory over both the Barnards places him among the best tennis players of Australia.

The Ball.

The second School Ball was a fitting termination to Prize Day last term, and was a great success. Mr. Faulkner kindly offered to provide the hall, and the following ladies lent their aid as managing committee:—Mrs. Faulkner, Mrs. Craig, Mrs. Montgomery, Miss Lee Steere, Mrs. Leake, Mrs. Jenkins, Mrs. Ewing, Mrs. Connor, Mrs. McDougall, and Mrs. Browning; while T. A. Dayy and D. R. McLarty acted as secretaries. The arrangements were carried out with the greatest ease under their management. The decorations of the hall were splendid, mainly owing to the efforts of the committee, assisted by many friends of the School, and included the Union Jack and a scroll bearing the School Motto, presented by Mrs. Montgomery, as well as many beautiful flowers and colors. In the supper room the display was very attractive, the tables being adorned with the School colors and many silver cups filled with flowers. The boys were present in full force, as well as a large number of old boys and sisters and friends of both. Not being an "Adrienne," I shall not endeavor to describe or comment on the beautiful dresses of the many ladies present. Among the many guests invited were Sir Walter and Lady James, Dr. and Mrs. Hackett, Dr. and Mrs. Saw, and Mr. and Mrs. Reford Corr, and we also had the pleasure of seeing Mr. J. L. Walker, our first Rhode^s Scholar, among us once more. But we were all of us sorry to miss the face of Mr. Jenkins, who was unable, owing to illness, to be present, and who helped to make the first ball so pleasant. Dancing continued until the small hours, and there is every reason to hope that everybody enjoyed themselves thoroughly.

School Sports.

To say that our Annual Sports Meeting held on Friday, Oct. 16, was as successful as its predecessors have always been, is enough to make it clear that the efforts of the Hon. Sec., Mr. Hall, and of the Committee were not expended in vain. The weather being excellent, the Association Ground was as gay as it ever is at such gatherings. The "Old Boys," too, turned up in unusually large numbers, and their events were, as a rule, by far the most crowded. The handicaps, which had at first evoked considerable comment, proved to be excellent, and many keen struggles resulted.

The best events were generally acknowledged to be the 100yds. hcp. (open), the 44yds. hcp. (open), and the mile scratch (open). In no one of these events was the result expected; for in the 100yds. the handicappers had, on Smyth's last year's form, considered two yards a fair start for him off Ewing and Taylor; whereas on the day he clearly proved that he would have won easily off the scratch mark. Last year Taylor had proved the "dark horse" and had won several events, including the 440yds. open hcp. with large starts, so that this year he had to run from scratch in everything. In spite of this, by a magnificent sprint over the last fifty yards, he won that hardest of races—the 440yds.—from Burges. The mile, too, was another surprise to most of us. Taylor had been favourite, and indeed, until the last few yards it looked as though he would win, but at the last Montgomery had more sprint left, and so won by two yards. As a number of the younger boys had shown enthusiasm for long distance running, all boys under 15 years were allowed to run in the mile, a prize being offered to the boy who should finish first of these. The winner, Taylor ii., showed that he has grit and stamina enough to make a fine mile runner, when with years he gets the necessary length of leg. The long jump provided some good sport and until the last jump was finished it was doubtful who would win. It was then found that Taylor had beaten Ewing by an inch and a half, his jump being 19ft. 3in.

The afternoon tea was appreciated by visitors and boys alike, and the day ended with the presentation of prizes by Lady Stone, who was heartily thanked with three lusty cheers.

The following are detailed results :—

OPEN EVENTS.

Scratch Mile.—1, Montgomery i.; 2, Taylor i.
 Quarter Mile Handicap.—1, Taylor; 2, Burges.
 220 Yards Handicap.—1, Smyth; 2, Montgomery i.
 100 Yards Handicap.—1, Smyth; 2, Montgomery i.
 School Championship, 100 Yards.—1, Smyth; 2, Taylor.
 High Jump.—1, Ewing; 2, Davy.
 Throwing Cricket Ball.—1, Taylor; 2, Montgomery.
 Long Jump.—1, Taylor; 2, Ewing.
 Kicking Football.—1, Ewing; 2, Maley.
 Hurdle Race, 120 Yards Handicap.—1, Ewing; 2, Taylor.

UNDER 16 EVENTS.

Quarter Mile Handicap.—1, Price; 2, Mitchell.
 100 Yards Handicap.—1, Mitchell; 2, McDougall.
 High Jump.—1, McDougall; 2, Price.
 Hurdles, 120 Yards Handicap.—1, McDougall.

UNDER 14 EVENTS.

100 Yards Handicap.—1, Loton.
 220 Yards Handicap.—1, Saw; 2, Caris.
 Egg and Spoon Race.—1, Lefroy.
 Sack Race.—1, Simpson; 2, Maitland.

UNDER 12 EVENTS.

120 Yards.—1, Darley ii.; 2, Lodge ii.
 75 Yards.—1, Darley ii.; 2, Lodge ii.
 Egg and Spoon Race.—1, Percy; 2, Lodge ii.

UNDER 15 YEARS—MILE (SCRATCH).

1, Taylor ii.; 2, Clifton.

Inter-School Sports.

Held on November 4.

About three weeks after our own sports, the boys selected to represent us had to undergo a much severer ordeal, viz., the Inter-School Sports. It is all very well for an athlete to win a prize in his own School, but it is a very different matter to do so in competition with the pick of all schools.

The High School were by no means "hot favourites," most people seeming to think that we would grace the bottom of the list,

and even our most ardent supporters not being over sanguine. On the day, however, we disgraced ourselves not at all, and at one time even looked like winning the shield. Our final position of second, level with the Scotch College, must be considered very creditable, seeing that most of our representatives did very little systematic training. The Christian Brothers' overwhelming success was chiefly due to the efforts of J. Savage, whose success appears less meritorious when it is remembered that he was also champion athlete in 1906, and "runner-up" in 1907. However, there is no doubt that in the events which he won he completely outclassed his opponents. The cup which his Excellency presented to the School, and which it was decided should go to the boy who should win most points for us in the Inter-School Sports, was gained by Smyth, with 10 points, Ewing being second with 6 points. Smyth's performance of first in the 100yds., second in the 220yds., and third in the 440yds., was one of which he may well be proud, and no cheering was ever better deserved than that which greeted him when the Head Master handed him the cup. Taylor, who had rather disappointed us in the other flat events, retrieved himself by his magnificent run in the final 440yds. of the Relay Race, by which he helped to add three points to our score. He also won the Long Jump, with the rather poor leap (for an Inter-School Meeting) of 18ft. A great feather in our caps was Ewing's win in kicking the football. Since he is a "Soccer" player, and does not profess to know anything about the other game, it was most creditable of him to beat the "Australian" players on their own ground. In the mile, Montgomery made a great race with Troy, of the Christian Brothers, for second place, and was only beaten by inches. Our only points in under-age events were gained by Price i., who won the quarter-mile event with ease, and tied with Forrest (Scotch College) for first place in the High Jump. Mitchell i. deserves praise for his plucky attempt to make up an impossible amount of lost ground in the final lap of the under fifteen Relay Race.

Appended are details of points won by our representatives:—

OPEN EVENTS.

Football.—1st place, Ewing: distance, 65yds.

High Jump.—2nd place, Davy i.; 3rd place, Ewing.

Long Jump.—1st place, Taylor; distance, 18ft.

Hurdles.—3rd place, Ewing.

100yds.—1st place, Smyth.

220yds.—2nd place, Smyth.

440yds.—3rd place, Smyth.

1 Mile.—3rd place, Montgomery.

Relay Race.—2nd place.

UNDER-AGE EVENTS.

440yds.—1st place, Price i.

High Jump.—1st place (tied), Price i.

Football.

At the commencement of this year's football season we found that of our last eleven we had only six members left, and amongst those we had lost was Walker i., who had captained the team since 1905. However, we had to make the best of things, and determine to do our very utmost under the leadership of Davy, who had been elected captain in Walker's place, to bring the School as high up on the Premiership list as possible. It is a pity that our final position was not higher than third, but we were unfortunate in that we were able to put a full team into the field on very few occasions. The first round of the third division fixtures commenced on May 16, but, owing to our holidays, we did not play our first match till a fortnight later.

SCHOOL V. EX-STUDENTS.—This match was played on May 30, and resulted in the School being defeated by two goals to *nil*. The game, which took place on the Esplanade, was far more even than these scores would seem to indicate. No scoring at all was effected during the first half, and it was not till about half way through the second half that the Students gained their first goal. A second followed shortly afterwards, and though the School forwards still struggled bravely to beat the opposing backs, they did not succeed in scoring before time was called. The match showed that some of the School team were wanting in condition, but this is explained by the fact that we had been back at School barely a week at the time of the match. Davy, Woods, and McMillan i., however, played splendidly for the School.

SCHOOL V. FREMANTLE ALBIONS.—The following Saturday the School team had a bye. On June 13 they met the Albions at Fre-

mantle Park, and defeated them by one goal to *nil*. This match was a dreary affair in all respects. The weather seemed against us, for directly play commenced a drizzling rain poured down and continued throughout the match. The School forwards had easily the best of the game, and kept the ball before the Albion's goal practically the whole match, for the School goal-keeper had only one shot to stop. However, they did not manage to score a goal till about five minutes before time, when McMillan ii. scored with a lucky ground shot. Owing to the weather and the consequent weight of the ball, none of the School team played very well. The best were McMillan i., McMillan ii., and Hester. This match raised the School from the bottom of the list, for it had now 2 points to its credit, while Perth Juniors had *nil*.

SCHOOL V. FREMANTLE RESERVES.—The School next suffered defeat at the hands of the Reserves at Claremont Park on June 20. It is hard to account for this defeat—3 goals to *nil*—for during the remainder of the season the School did not again lose a match by as many as three goals. The first goal our opponents scored was the result of mismanagement on the part of the School goal-keeper. Their two other goals were gained by good high shots. This was the School's first game in the second round, and as the School v. Reserves match had not been played in the previous round, this match carried 4 points instead of 2. For the Reserves, the goal-keeper (Kinley), the backs (Jackson and Higham), and McDonald played very well. The School's best men were Davy, Smyth, and McDougall.

SCHOOL V. PERTH SWANS.—This four-point match was played on June 27 on the Esplanade. The Swans, now on the top of the list, expected to gain these 4 points easily, but, on account of the excellent defence of the School backs, they had to struggle very hard to score, and eventually won the match by 1 goal to *nil*. The Swans started off strongly, and during the first half kicked behind after behind. At half-time neither goal-keeper had been beaten. In the concluding half the game became faster still, and, from a scrimmage in front of goal, the Swans succeeded in scoring. The School's best players were Hester, Taylor, McDougall, and Woods; the Swans' Portener, Macnamara, and Veale.

SCHOOL V. CLAREMONT.—The following Saturday, July , we were matched against Claremont on the same ground as the previous week, the Esplanade. The School forwards started off briskly, and very quickly rushed the ball down and scored. The same result again followed the kick-off. By half-time the School had rattled up five goals in fine style; Claremont's only reply was a single goal, scored by Marshall, with a shot which made a fitting end to a brilliant run. After the resumption of play, it seemed that the School team had expended all their energy in the first half, for they failed to score again. Claremont, however, were now pressing strongly, and they succeeded in scoring three times before the final whistle, the scores thus being 5 to 4. This victory was very welcome to the School supporters, for it increased their score by four points. For the School, Davy, Hester, and Woods played well; for Claremont, Marshall and the backs were the best.

SCHOOL V. PERTH JUNIORS.—This match took place the next Saturday, on Wellington Square. The School forwards were in excellent scoring mood, and the School defence was but seldom troubled by the Juniors' forwards. The School gained 4 points, defeating the Juniors easily, 8 goals to *nil*. Ewing, Smyth, and McMillan, i. were mainly instrumental in scoring these goals.

SCHOOL V. EX-STUDENTS.—On July 18 we met the Ex-Students a second time, at the School Ground in King's Park. The School had lost 2 points to the Ex-Students on first playing them at the Esplanade, but on this occasion the tables were turned, the School team winning by one goal to *nil*. This small score is accounted for by the heavy nature of the ground. The issue of the match was for a long time in doubt, and the winning goal was not kicked till well towards the end of the game.

SCHOOL V. FREMANTLE ALBIONS.—The following Saturday a bye fell to the lot of the School team, but on August 1 the above match was arranged to take place at Fremantle Park. The School had defeated Albions previously by 1 goal to *nil*. This match, however, our opponents forfeited, thus giving the School 2 points without the trouble of playing for them.

As our School Examinations were so close, we did not take part in the next round of matches. The School's position at the end of

the second round was third, Perth Swan and Fremantle Reserves being first and second respectively. Our record of matches was as follows :—

	Played.	Won.	Lost.	Goals	Points.
Perth High School ...	12	7	5	15-10	14

The Wednesday competition is played for a trophy known as the London Cup. In 1907 it was won by the Training College, the High School being runners-up. This year we entered two teams, and although the B team failed to score during the whole season, it strove hard against superior odds. In the first matches our A team met Training College A's on their own ground, and were beaten after a hard struggle by 2 goals to *nil*. The B's met Training College B at King's Park. This match was very one-sided, the final score being 8 to *nil* in favour of the College team. On the next Wednesday the A's had a bye, and the B's met the Combined Schools. This match was the best the B's played, as the Schools' team was very equal to them in size and weight, but their combination was far too good for the B's. The Schools scored 2 to *nil* before the whistle went.

Next Wednesday the B's had a bye, and the A's met Training College B on our own ground. This was a very good match. In the first half both teams scored, but in the second, although we were all round our opponents' goal, we could not score. The game ended in a draw—one all. Woods headed our goal off a fine centre by McDougall; theirs was the result of a scrimmage in front of the goal.

Next Wednesday the A's met the B's. For some time the A's could not score, but when they did start they scored rapidly. At half-time the score was 9 to *nil*. Then the A's tried hard to put up twenty goals, but when the whistle went they had only scored nineteen. Maley was the highest scorer, with 6 goals.

Next Wednesday the A's met the Combined Schools, and defeated them by 7 to 1. We thoroughly outclassed our opponents, who, as far as size was concerned, were about on a par with our B's. However, Renfrey, of the Schools, was the first to score, but we soon livened up, and scored 7 goals, of which Ewing scored 5. The B's were beaten on our ground by 7 goals to *nil*, the Training College,

High School British Association Football Team, 1908.



Standing : L. Hester, B. Montgomery, Mr. Hall, C. F. Taylor, K. McDougall.
 Sitting : C. Ewing, R. A. Woods, T. A. Davy (Capt.), H. K. Smyth, R. McMillan.
 Reclining : L. G. Weaver, C. H. Terry.

B team, being their victors. This was the end of the first round. Then the first three teams, High School A and Training College A and B, had to play off for the Cup. For two Wednesdays there were no matches.

Then on Wednesday, August 12, we had to play the Training College A on the College Ground. The College scored in the first half through both our backs being on the same side. They scored again in the second half with a combined rush. A few minutes before time Woods scored for us, but we failed to score again before time was called. The Cup was eventually won by Training College B, who defeated Training College A by 4 to *nil*.

The Ballad of the Ball.

Ho! term is nearly ended,
 Ho! put the books away,
 Ho! gather round till means be found
 To celebrate the day.

Then none was for a party
 But all were for a ball:
 See every eye in fancy fly
 Toward's St. Mary's Hall.

Now Davus was the foremost
 To plan the full campaign;
 "And who with me," he murmured,
 "Will work with might and main?"

'Twas Roscius, son of Lartius,
 That answered eagerly:—
 "I will abide at thy right side
 And run this show with thee.

In far Pinjarrah's forests
 A knowledge fair we get
 Of all that appertaineth
 To ballroom etiquette.

Ho! do not fear the issue
Of these our great designs,
For when Pinjarrah means it
'Tis then Pinjarrah shines."

The twain began their labours,
Yet worked not all alone,
For matrons fair and *debonair*,
Of stately meip and wisdom rare,
With sage advice and anxious care
In helping council shone.

Their aid was lent, their strength was spent,
The burden was made light;
Till, as so often happens,
Came the eventful night.

Ho! stranger, stand a moment
Where the broad Colline way;
To southward and to northward,
Parts from the street of Hay.

And see from east and see from west,
In crowds that never end;
Car after car, from near and far,
Those twinkling feet descend.

From where Fremantle's harbour
In sweeping majesty,
A thousand ships can welcome
That sail upon the sea.

From where beside the river,
In limpid beauty seen;
Gay Guildford dons her mantle
Of agronomic green.

From Leederville's sky-reaching hills,
From Highgate's craggy steep,
From where the waves with sullen roar—
On Claremont's beaches leap.

Nay, e'en from palace portals
In Subiaco's dell,
The proud patricians muster
The hurrying crowd to swell.

In raiment fine, in gorgeous line,
They came from far and near,
Till e'en the excluded juniors
Could scarce forbear to jeer.

What boots it to examine
How each the evening passed,
Or how they danced, or how they pranced,
Or how they broke their fast.

That knights and eke their ladies
Bore them full brave and well,
With wreathed smiles and artless wiles—
Terpsichore can tell.

And now the last remaining
Forth into darkness fare,
To take for homeward journey
The bus that is not there.

And all in ready chorus
Full loudly sing in praise
The High School Ball, the best of all
The year's red letter days.

