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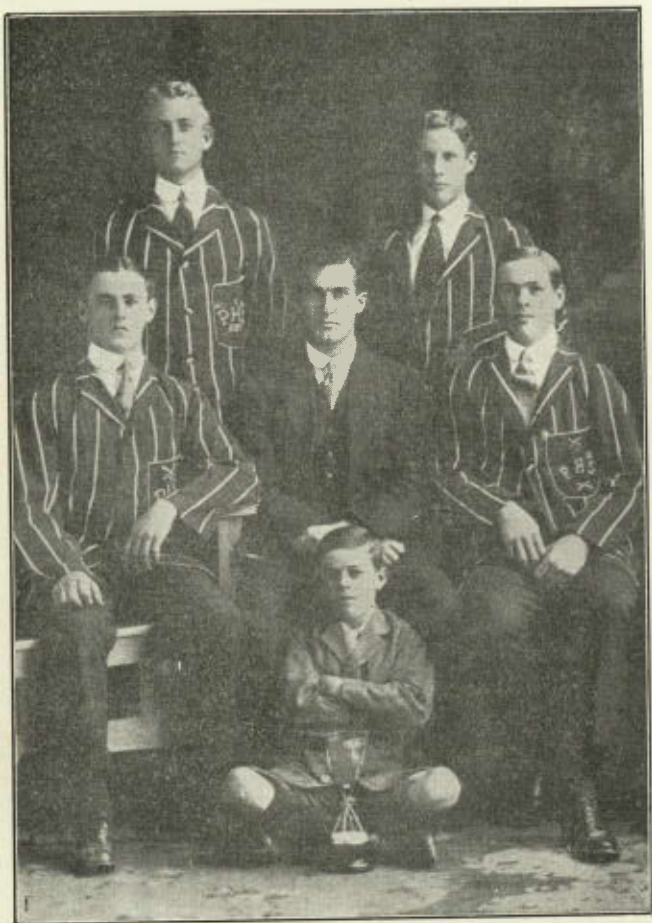
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HEAD OF THE RIVER, 1914.



C. J. B. DAVY (2) J. M. SMITH (Bow)
T. A. L. DAVY (Coach)
G. G. MAITLAND (Stroke) E. G. MEARES (3)
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Editorial.

There is only one possible subject for the editorial columns this term, because there is only one thought in all our minds—the thought that, with the end of the term, Mr. Faulkner's association with the School as its Head will also come to a close. Without any departure from real accuracy it may be said that the history of his Headmastership is the history of the School. On another page we give some little account—fragmentary because it seems impossible to find anyone whose memory fits him to undertake the task of dealing with the whole period—of his work during the past twenty-four years. . . It is there stated that he came to Perth to find an extremely depressing state of affairs. It is not too much to say that if, before he left New Zealand, he had had any conception of what became apparent to him when he arrived, he would never have undertaken the seemingly hopeless task of setting the house in order. However, fortunately for Perth, he did come; and he made the school. This is a simple statement of fact which needs no qualification; and therefore, if in future years some author shall attempt the pious task of writing a history of the Perth High School, it is not likely that any Headmastership can be regarded as being as important as this one. It has extended over a period in which there have been many most important changes in the State, and in which Perth has grown from being little more than a cillage to be a populous and thriving city. In the middle of this period the first recipients of the scholarships under the Rhodes bequest went into residence at Oxford, and at its close the University of Western Australia was founded. Throughout this whole time the High School has maintained a reputation on which Mr. Faulkner, in this sad time of parting, can look with reasonable pride and pleasure. To leave the place to which he has devoted the best years of his life must needs be very painful; but it is perhaps some comfort to him to know that the work he has accomplished is approved by all who are competent to appreciate its value. And more consoling still must be his consciousness that in so many hearts he has won deep regard and personal affection. To set against the trials and disappointments inevitable to all who follow the career which he adopted, it is something at the close to feel that one is not without such things as "honour, love, obedi-

ence, troops of friends." We need not give Mr. Faulkner any assurance that this reward is his. He must know from abundant signs that he has earned what is far better worth having than many objects of worldly ambition, the respect and love combined of those among whom he has lived and worked for so many years.

School News.

The Prefects for this term are :—F. St. J. Lefroy, G. G. Maitland, A. Lee Steere, F. F. Cobham, Headmaster's Prefects; and H. Wilkinson, H. K. Lefroy, and R. Saw, boys' Prefects.

The number on the School roll is now 102. At the beginning of the term there were 16 new boys—Peploe, Heppingstone, Lefroy iv., Mostyn, Ouston, Tepper ii., Hammersley, McCormack, Torrance, Farington, Hardwick, Hardinge, Veitch, Harry Van Ralte i., and Van Ralte ii.

R. Irving and Hearle left during the term.

The following left last term :—Davy, Meares, Lefroy iii., Benari, Krug, Boan, Flavel, Forbes, Shafto, and Smith.

E. G. Meares was elected boys' Prefect in the second term. 1913; in the first term, 1914, he was elected Headmaster's Prefect; he was Vice-Captain of the First XI., football, 1913; he rowed in the second crew in 1912, first crew 1913 and 1914; he was in the shooting eight, 1913.

C. J. B. Davy was elected boys' Prefect in 1913. He first played in the First XI. cricket in 1912, in 1913 he was Vice-Captain. He was Captain of the Day Boys' Football, Cricket, and Athletic Sports. He played in the football XI. 1912-1913. He was in the crew 1914. He is the second boy at the School to have all the distinction on the pocket of his blazer. In 1913 he was in the shooting eight.

J. M. Smith was elected boys' Prefect in the first term, 1914, and Headmaster's in the same term. He played First XI. cricket in 1913; First XI. football, 1913; rowing, 1914; shooting eight, 1912 and 1913. He passed the Adelaide Junior in 1913.

The School Ball will be held on 13th August, in St. Mary's Hall, Colin-street. Lefroy i. and Maitland are the Secretaries this year.

On June 3rd Mr. Faulkner gave us a half holiday for Lefroy i.'s score of 86 last cricket term. We also had another "half" on 24th July for the rowing.

At the prize-giving this year there will be no display. Some of the older boys are not sorry.

The Boat Race.

On Saturday, 25th April, the annual Inter-school Boat Race for the Headmaster's Cup was rowed. The race took place in the morning over the usual mile course. The result was a great triumph for us, as our crew got away from the start and eventually won by a length. This is only the second time we have won the event; the other being fifteen years ago, when the Cup was first inaugurated, in 1899. The crew this year was coached by Mr. T. A. L. Davy, our third Rhodes Scholar, and we are all delighted that he and they should have been so successful.

Our crew was as follows:—

Stroke.—G. B. G. Maitland	10st. 6lb.
3.—E. Meares	10st. 9lb.
2.—J. C. B. Davy	10st. 4lb.
Bow.—J. M. Smith	9st. 12lb.
Cox.—E. Arney.	

On account of the success of the innovation last year, the race again took place in the morning at 11 o'clock. The Cid Boys' Fours was at 11.30, the Inter-schools Eights at 12.0.

This year our crew rowed out to the starting point, a thing which has not happened for very many years, if at all; they were also first ready at the starting point, which is an almost unprecedented occurrence. We now believe that it was ominous as well as extraordinary.

At the pistol the High School dipped well together, and gained a good lead with two rattling dozens. The motor boat nuisance was again much in evidence, and the Scotch College and Christian Brothers were somewhat hampered at the start. The High School settled to a good, fast swing, but were well held by the Church of England Grammar School, the C.B.C. being next, and the Scotch last away.

Maitland showed an excellent judgment of the stamina of his crew when he pulled away with the fast swing. Besides this, it gave him the opportunity of keeping a steady swing over the middle of the course. By having to quicken their swing towards the end of the course, the Scotch, who were the most dangerous opponents, lost most valuable wind, and had not the sprint left that our crew had.

The High School drew away from the C.E.G.S., while the Scotch passed the C.B.C. and started to overhaul the leaders. Rowing in good form, they continued to make up their leeway, and finally passed the C.E.G.S., and a little later, some distance past the Brewery, drew almost level with our crew. The effort was, however, too great to last, and our crew, finishing with a beautiful dozen, drew away and won by a length. C.E.G.S. rowed

into third place, some length and a half behind the Scotch, while the C.B.C. were about a length further back. The time of the race was 5min. 50sec., which is distinctly good. Our crew rowed well together, and lasted the distance well. Arney steered a very good course, and Maitland, as has been said, showed great judgment in his stroke. Davy richly deserved the congratulations that he received, on winning the Form Prize, which is annually presented by Mr. D. G. Gawler. He is the first High School boy to gain the distinction, as the prize was given to a member of another crew, on the only other occasion on which the School has won. The crew, as a whole, rowed a fine race, and were deservedly cheered after it was won by supporters and opponents alike. The Old Boys' event was next. Our representatives were:—

Stroke.—H. P. Turnbull.

3.—A. R. Gorrie.

2.—T. A. L. Davy.

Bow.—T. W. Watkins.

Cox.—H. L. Fowler.

The crew were in nothing approaching form, as they had been out together very little. The race became a very keenly-contested fight between the C.B.C. and Scotch,, C.E.G.S. not being represented. All the crews got away well at the start, but the C.B.C. and S.C. soon forged ahead, and kept well together throughout the race. After an exciting series of spurts and counter spurts, the former won at last by a small margin. It would be rather presumptive to comment on the good form of the winners as they were all experienced oarsmen.

In the Eights there were only the two crews—C.B.C. and Scotch. They kept well together till about half-way, the advantage resting rather with the Scotch. The Christians, however, then seemed to go to pieces, and grew more ragged every stroke. The Scotch quickened up just nearing the Brewery, and drew right away, winning by three and a half lengths. The motor launch nuisance was again very pronounced, as it interfered with the Christians just at the very time when they wanted smooth water in order to pull together again.

When we returned to the sheds the prizes for the day were presented by His Excellency the Governor, who spoke in no flattering terms of the conduct of the motor launches, and advocated a working committee to remedy the defect. He also recommended the boys not to over-do rowing.

Mr. Faulkner said that it was exceedingly gratifying to him that the School had won the race, as it would be the last at which he would be present as Headmaster. He then called for cheers for His Excellency and Lady Barron, which were given with a will.

The weather during the morning was perfect for rowing,, and, except for the motor launches, the regatta was an entire success.

Great credit is due to Mr. Davy for our victory. He showed it was possible to break down the reputation which we have been so assiduously building up for so many years past. We congratulate the crew on this welcome change in the ancient order of things—and boats—and hope that this is the first of a series of firsts as long as our past series of fourths.

Ballad of the Boatrace.

"Forward the Blue Brigade!
Spurt for the flag!" he said.
Honour the sprint they made!
Everyone waited.

Watch, when they near the flag,
Christians will start to lag,
As does the weary stag,
Nostrils dilated.

Look at the pace they've tried!
See how Two holds his slide!
Notice Three's weight beside
That of the coxswain.

All in a dark blue band,
Isn't their form just grand?
Stroke has them well in hand,
Pulling like oxen.

Scotchies to left of them,
Guildford to right of them,
Christians behind them,
Floundered and blundered,

Followed by launch and sail—
Shouts came as thick as hail;
Oh! they can never fail;
Everyone wondered.

Up goes a mighty shout!
There is not any doubt
Dark blue and light are out
The prize to capture.

Swish! they flash past the post,
Lead of a length at most.
Yells from the mighty host,
Dizzy with rapture.

SHERLOCK HOLMES.

Old Boys' Column.

FOREWORD.

All "Old Boys" will welcome the news that the High School Old Boys' Association, which has been in a regrettably dormant state for some considerable time, has quitted its old sphere of apathy and indifference, and has entered into a new and brighter sphere—that of activity and interest.

Indeed, from the enthusiasm shown by the forty odd "Old Boys" that attended the last Annual General Meeting held at the Palace Hotel, Perth, in the middle of June last, it is clear that the dear old School still has many claims on the love of old tradition and sentiment." This meeting was badly needed, and it is sincerely hoped that this most enthusiastic meeting, attended as it was by "Old Boys" of several generations, is only the fore-runner of an everlasting Association of Comradeship and active interest in the School where many happy young lives have been spent, where many good characters have been moulded, where gentlemanly influences have always been exercised and the essentials of "learning" properly and thoroughly taught.

In view of the approaching changes in the School building, the administration and teaching staffs, the "Cygnet" urges one and all to be loyal, and really stand shoulder to shoulder to keep the old colours flying. There is much to be done. The School, which has enjoyed a substantial Government subsidy since its inception, is notified of the withdrawal of that subsidy. The School will therefore become self-supporting. Competition is keen. Schools are vying with one another for supremacy. Our top place is threatened. **SUPPORT WILL BE NEEDED.** YOUR support can begin NOW by "boosting" up the High School! Talk about it to your friends. Tell them that YOU were educated there. Tell them it is one of the oldest established Schools in Australia, and that four Rhodes Scholars have been drawn from it. Also try and get into touch with any fellows who you know have attended the School, and get them to join the Association.

WHAT THE ASSOCIATION IS DOING.

At the General Meeting held in June, the report and balance-sheet for the year was submitted by the late Hon. Secretary (Mr. Phipps Turnbull) and adopted. The balance-sheet disclosed a healthy financial condition, the bank balance being something in the region of £20. Many interesting discussions on the future of the School, its government, etc., etc., took place. Among the speakers were Sir Walter James, K.C., Messrs. Battye, Steere, Hickling, Wilkinson, Loton, Randell, Guy, Clifton, Parry, Ewing, Abbott, and Wittenoom.

OFFICE-BEARERS.

The election of Office-bearers and Committee for 1914-15 resulted in the following:—President, Mr. F. C. Faulkner; Vice-Presidents, Messrs. Battye, C. Saw, and F. A. Moseley, junr. Joint Secretaries, Mr. T. A. L. Davy, c/o. Northmore and Hale, Howard-street, Perth, and Mr. J. F. McMillan, c/o. Moss and Dwyer, Henry-street, Fremantle; Committee, Messrs. E. Lotoa, W. Wilkinson, Herbert Parry, A. P. Turnbull, Gordon Clifton, C. T. P. Ewing, V. Abbot, O. Corr, H. Guy, and K. McDougall. The election of a Treasurer was left to the Committee, and at a subsequent meeting Mr. T. A. L. Davy accepted the position.

FUNDS.

A departure from the old method of keeping the Association funds at the Savings Bank has been made, and the Committee have resolved to open an account at the W.A. Bank, Perth.

SUBSCRIPTIONS.

It has been shown that it is almost impossible to carry on the affairs of the Association with the large number of Life Members and the 5s. Annual Subscription, and, by a resolution of the Committee, it is intended to ask the next General Meeting to abolish life memberships and increase the annual subscription to 7s. 6d. per annum, such subscription to entitle members to a free copy of the School Magazine, "The Cygnet."

"THE CYGNET."

In order to foster the desired spirit and stimulate the much-needed interest in Association affairs, the Committee have decided to co-operate with the publishers of the "Cygnet" and use its pages as the organ of the H.S.O.B.A. The Committee have appointed Mr. Gordon Clifton, whose address is Commercial Bank Chambers, Perth, as Editor of the Old Boys' Section, and he will be very glad to receive contributions of news, notes, correspondence, etc. Town and country members are cordially invited to correspond with the Editor through the pages of the "Cygnet," and accounts of cricket, football, hockey, swimming, rowing and any other matches or events pertaining to the High School will be most welcome.

NOTE.—The "Cygnet" must not be confused with a weekly social and sporting paper of that name in Perth. The "Cygnet," as most Old Boys know, is the name of the School Magazine. This is for the benefit of the OLD old Boys, some of whom have never heard of a School Mag.

MR. FAULKNER.

As most of you know, our old and esteemed Head is about to retire from the School, and Mr. Matthew Wilson, a famous school master from Victoria, has been appointed to take his place. The Association intend to make Mr. Faulkner a well-deserved presentation on a date to be fixed, as a recognition of his personal esteem and his valuable services to the School and the

State. A Sub-Committee, composed of Messrs. W. Wilkinson, P. Turnbull, and K. McDougall, has been appointed to handle the matter. It is assumed that by now most Old Boys will have heard from the Committee on the subject.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS.

A letter from Mr. Faulkner was read at the General Meeting, offering his valuable collection of School photographs as a gift to the Association. This offer was much appreciated, and the Association has accepted Mr. Faulkner's generous donation, but, as they have no Club Rooms in which to hang the pictures, the Committee intend lending them to the School to display in the new building, until the Association have rooms of their own.

MEETINGS.

It has been decided to hold Committee meetings on the first Thursday of each month, and the Annual General Meeting the first week in the New Year.

ROWING SHED AND CLUB ROOMS.

A suggestion worthy of much encouragement has been brought forward—that the Association should erect Club Rooms and Rowing Shed on the river foreshore. The idea is an excellent one, has unlimited possibilities, and should be hailed with great encouragement by every Old Boy. More will be made known about this project in next issue.

FOOTBALL.

At the time of writing, Mr. C. Ewing, who was appointed by the Committee to arrange football matches, is busy preparing for the Annual Football (Soccer) Match between the High School and the Old Boys. Mr. Ewing intends to pick his team from the following:—Turnbull, McMillan, Davy, McDougall, Slee, Abbott, Wilkinson, Strickland, Lodge, Taylor, Guy, Caris, Ewing, and Cowan. The date is fixed for August 6th.

PERSONAL.

Mr. T. A. L. Davy, the Rhodes Scholar, has now completed the necessary period for residential qualification, to practise as a barrister in W.A., and has now been admitted as a Practitioner of the Supreme Court of Western Australia. The "Cygnet" extends to Mr. Davy a congratulatory "palm."

Congratulations to Frank Walpole Leake, the young Beverley barrister and solicitor, who was married to Miss Fanny Sholl this month. He has now joined the firm of Messrs. James and Darbyshire.

J. H. Lukin passed his Survey exam. in March last.

A boy, commonly known as "Ginger" Taylor, has been rather successful at "mile" running, winning the Harriers' Mile. It will be remembered that Taylor won the first "under sixteen" "Mile Race" which was held in the School Sports. He also got a place in the 10-Mile Race last year.

Jack Lodge, one-time Captain of the School Footer team, is permanently down from the North-West, and is doing well at footer just at present.

Colin Craig is in Perth holidaying after a fairly long absence in the Nor'-West.

Russell, of Victoria Park, has been seen in town also, after a long absence.

We regret to record the death of Mr. C. A. Piesse, father of Oxley Piesse, late of the High School. Mr. Piesse has many times extended genial hospitality to High School Boys when they have been at Wagin on tour.

R. C. Woods is doing well in Sydney, and we expect to hear something of him in the cricket world there next season.

"LEST WE FORGET."

Many will remember the two Fremantle Davies boys, Ernie and Harold, who, after leaving the High School, went to England to "finish." Poor old Ernie's end came all too soon. "Fatty," as Davies Primus was endearingly nicknamed, was somewhat hampered in his young life by being abnormally fat, and, not being a particularly bright scholar in his early days, was treated as a "huge joke" and made the "fag" of many older boys. But in England Davies made good, he lost all his fat and developed into a fine, athletic, manly fellow. He matriculated at Clifton College, Bristol, played "back" for Bristol City (first-class footer) and ultimately passed through Bristol Infirmary as a qualified Medico.

About a year ago he came out to Australia and started practice of his profession at Kellerberrin, and, after residing there only a few weeks, underwent an operation, through which he did not survive, and his lonely body now lies "outback," probably forgot ten by all but his close friends and relations.

This case is a particularly sad one, and the "Cygnet" desires to place on record the very deepest sympathy with his relatives, and the fact that his loss is mourned by many of his old pals.

Harold Davies, his young brother, is now a brilliant engineer in Canada. His address is 1182 Rachael East, Delorimier, Montreal, Canada. He is married, has a family, and is doing well at his profession.

A. P. Leschen is doing well in the 37th Battery of F.A. He has passed the exam. for the confirmation of the rank of Second-Lieutenant.

C. Cowan is now a Colour-Sergeant in the Citizen Forces. He came out first in the exam.

F. Johns is working at the W.A. Bank, Beverley. He came up to Perth to hear Melba before going home to Narrogin for his annual holidays.

We are sorry to hear that S. K. Montgomery has twisted his knee. He is getting better slowly.

Mr. Faulkner's Headmastership.

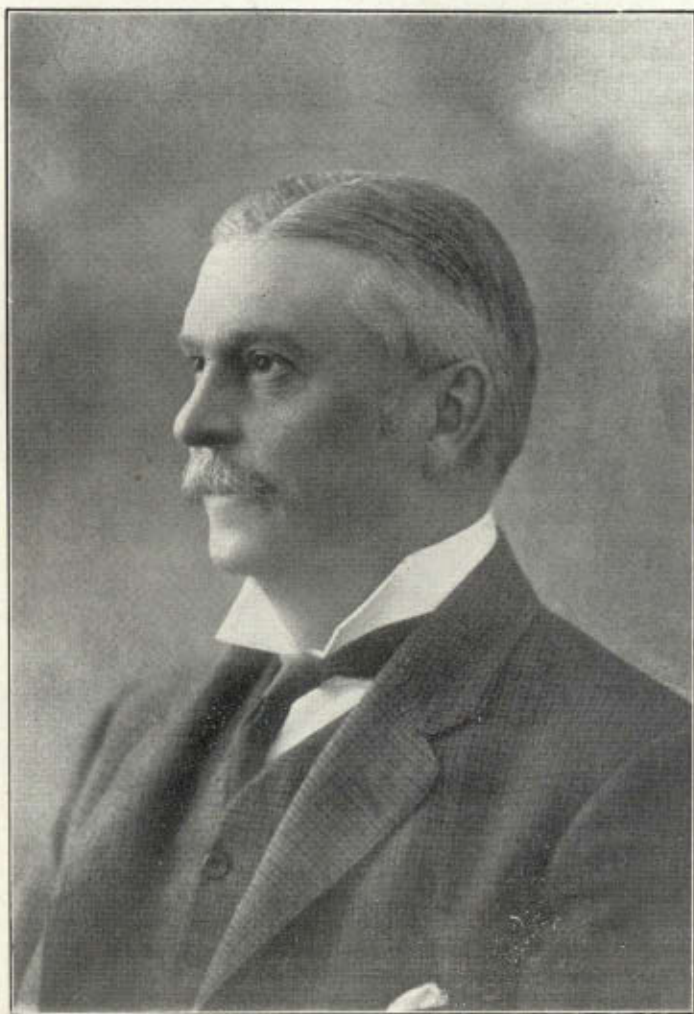
It has been thought well to collect together a few of the more important incidents which form landmarks in the last twenty-four years of the School's history: This bare list of facts, with their dates, will at least serve as a permanent record, and may be of use as material at some future date, when, from the historian's standpoint, a general survey will probably be attempted by some lover of the School, who will make the dry bones here presented live.

On September 6th, 1890, Mr. Faulkner arrived in Perth, to find that the School, when term opened, consisted of 20 boys, viz.:—F. M. Parker, L. J. Lukin, B. Lefroy, W. Hymus, P. S. Brockman, C. W. Salkild, M. Gardiner, H. O. Sholl, H. B. Stone, H. Hillman, E. Francisco, R. Pitcher, H. F. Wilkinson, S. J. Campbell, J. H. M. Law, G. F. H. Eliot, A. L. Brooking, R. H. Atkins, J. Ferguson, S. Hussey. The files of the "West Australian" show that the fortunes of the School were at the lowest ebb. A leading article on his appointment says:—"As far as the school itself is concerned, the auspices under which Mr. Faulkner comes can hardly be said to be altogether favourable. Three Headmasters, one after another have tried their hands at it, and at this moment the attendance at the school has fallen to the lowest ever known." It was after his coming that Mr. Faulkner heard for the first time that a rival school at Fremantle was prospering with 120 boys. By the following August the number at the High School was 41, twelve months later it was 81, and since then the average has been about 100.

In 1893 and 1894 Mr. Faulkner induced the Melbourne University to hold Matriculation examinations here. In 1895 the Adelaide University examinations were held privately at the Christian Brothers' College, and on February 20th, 1896, a meeting was held in Mr. Faulkner's study to try and arrange for these examinations to be held publicly and regularly in Perth. There were present Mr. Justice (now Sir Edward) Stone, Bishop Riley, Mr. (now Sir Winthrop) Hackett, Mr. Cooke, and Mr. Faulkner. With Mr. Justice Stone as Chairman, and Mr. Faulkner as Secretary, this was the beginning of the Adelaide University Local Committee.

In 1897, after consultation with Mr. Faulkner as to conditions, the W.A. Government Exhibitions were founded, and of the eight first awarded in that year four fell to the High School.

It was in 1896 that Mr. Faulkner had to go to England for an operation which could not be performed here.



Mr. F. C, FAULKNER, M.A.

In the earliest years of this period the ground west of Milligan-street was used as the School playground. That land having been sold for building purposes, in 1892 Mr. Faulkner selected a piece of about 6 acres in the bush behind the barracks. This was fenced and planted with trees and grass, and the friends of the school all hoped that eventually it would be placed there. After about two years, however, the Government took the land and erected the Observatory on it. In exchange they gave 8 acres in what is now the Perth Park, and cleared, fenced, and levelled the ground now occupied as a playground.

In 1897-8 the Gymnasium was erected, and two classrooms, a sickroom, and bedrooms were added.

In 1898 Colonel Haynes retired after twenty years' service.

In 1904 the Rhodes Scholarship was first awarded, J. L. Walker, a High School boy, being successful. Since 1897 the School has won 27 Senior Exhibitions, 4 University Exhibitions, and 4 Rhodes Scholarships.

Such is the brief summary, which the writer was asked to contribute, of the details of Mr. Faulkner's association with the School. Any attempt to indicate the value of his work to the City and the State must be left to other occasions and to other hands.

The New Headmaster.

We quote from the "West Australian" of May 11 the details of the new Head Master's career. Mr. Wilson, who was born in 1874, entered the Melbourne Grammar School as a boy in 1887, and was a prominent member of the cricket elevens from 1891 to 1894. He matriculated in 1893, and, leaving the school in the following year, he entered the Melbourne University and graduated B.A. in 1901. He joined the staff of the Grammar School in 1896, and has been there ever since. For the past 15 years he has had charge of the sports of the School, and his successes with the cricket teams have been remarkable. Out of 62 public Schools matches played since 1901, only 10 have been lost. His football teams, though not so successful, have always shown good form. As a schoolmaster, Mr. Wilson has earned the respect and gratitude of hundreds of old Melburnians, and their parents. He has for some years been one of the Senior Masters of the School, and when, early this year, the School Council decided to establish the house system, Mr. Wilson was chosen as the first master of Rusden House, which had been presented to the School by the late Mr. G. W. Rusden. Mr. Wilson's popularity among the boys and the old boys of the School has made him a leading figure in Public School life in Victoria, and the loss to the Melbourne Grammar School will be great.

A Trip to the Rotorua District.

One of the most interesting excursions you can make in the North Island of New Zealand is to the Rotorua District, where hot lakes and thermal springs abound. In telling of one of these trips, perhaps my best plan is to refer to my diary, written in the Spring of 1905. An eight hours' train journey brought us to Rotorua, and two miles more on a rough coach road to Whakarewarewa (always melting, melting), which we made our headquarters a few days. The sulphur fumes were quite overpowering at first, and it seemed hard to breathe freely, but we soon forgot it all and found our way to the hotel baths, which are supplied by natural thermal springs. We chose the oil baths, so called because of the extreme softness of the water, which makes the skin feel like velvet. There were sulphur and iron ones, too, almost side by side, but each keeping its distinct individuality. They are walled round, and an ingenious contrivance regulates the heat. By this means you can have cold water from a natural stream, running a stone's throw from the boiling springs. A most picturesque spot is the village laundry—such a lovely natural hot pool—the Maoris looking so intensely interesting, with bare brown limbs, and light handkerchiefs and shawls on their heads. Then there were the cooking pools, one a natural circular crater of clear blue water, is always at boiling point. They use steam holes too, where their meat and vegetables are cooked in an empty packing case covered with sacks. We saw some bread, which had risen well, and which, our Maori guide told us, would be brown and crisp when baked. It would take too long to tell of a tenth of the sights, even in this Maori Pah and grounds. A great many small geysers were playing here, and there were porridge pots, so-called—seething pools of thick mud, which make most uncanny sounds as they splutter and splash. The bubbles, too, expand and look like horrible eyes and mouths, and stones thrown into these holes, are spurted out angrily. We saw all this on our first morning, as well as a geyser which played for us several times to a height of 80 or 90 feet. Our guide first went to see if there were any indications of activity, and told us that "she" would play in about fifteen minutes, which "she" did. We were fortunate, for this one generally plays only at rare intervals. The native children are very clever in the water, and love to dive for coppers thrown in by tourists. The babies are taught to swim almost before they can walk. The men and women spend much of their time sitting up to their shoulders in the warm pools, smoking their pipes contentedly.

The next day we had a beautiful trip, for the first part by

boat and the return journey by motor, by a different route. We passed three lakes—Rototi, Rotorua, and Rotoma—the latter a wonderful blue colour. We stopped on the return journey at a place called Tiwetera. Imagine a desolate valley of mud volcanoes, hot vapours, and furiously active boiling springs. Here the guide must be followed step by step, for the ground quivers and shakes under one's feet, and a false step might mean a scalded foot. There are two boiling lakes, separated by a neck of land, which they call the "Gates of Hades," and with good reason. One is enveloped in hot, sulphurous steam, and only now and then can the restless, boiling waves be seen, on either side. A fearsome pit, belching up black mud and stones, is called the "Inferno"—this is a mud geyser. A peculiar feature of the place was the many pools, side by side, perhaps only six inches apart, having each a different level, and possessing entirely different mineral qualities in each. There is also a wonderful "champagne" pool, which fizzes if you throw in some of the surrounding soil. I forget to tell you that, before we reached Tikitere, we saw the lovely Okere Falls, and Tuatua Rapids; and the bush on either side of these is glorious.

We were loth to leave Wakarewarewa, which we did on Tuesday, the 19th. A lovely coach drive brought us to Rotorua Lake, and then, in a boat, we passed Mt. Tarawera, the scene of the great 1886 eruption. We saw also the sites of the Pink and White Terraces. The water all round the edge of the lake is boiling and it gives you a most uncanny feeling when you breathe the steaming sulphurous vapours. There is a frightfully hot corner near by, which we had to cross to walk to the Waimangu Geyser, or, rather, its crater, for it has been dormant for the last eighteen months now. This hot place is called the "Devil's Fry-pan," and we had to keep moving the whole time to enable us to stand the heat of the ground. We were almost blinded by the steam part of the time, and had to follow our guide very closely. After a walk of about six miles, and the day being hot, we were glad to reach the Accommodation House, built for the benefit of tourists visiting the Waimangu Geyser. This geyser, a few months ago, caused the death of two girls and two guides, and it used to play up to 1,500 feet, throwing up black mud, boiling water, and stones. I must tell you that we saw the beautiful blue, green, and opal lakes—not the effect of sky and foliage, as you might imagine, but coloured by the minerals contained in their waters.

The next day we saw the village of Wairoa, or, rather, its ruins, where a few of the Maoris managed to escape while hundreds perished, during the Tarawera eruptions. There is a most interesting old Maori woman who lives there, and who vividly remembers the terrible night of the eruption, and was the means of saving fifty natives inside her whare. Our next stopping place was Waiotapu, where, as usual, we had a swim before dinner.

This was in a fairlike pool, about 50 feet wide, called the "Venus Bath." The water was as hot as we could comfortably bear it, and the depth anything over 200ft. Ferns and mosses were growing down to the water's edge. There is a fine spout bath also at Waiotapu, with a fall of about 60 or 70 feet, and it is hard to keep one's footing owing to the force of the water. These spout baths act like massage, and give a pleasing sensation. One feature of the warm baths in these districts is that, instead of being enervating, as is usual, they are most refreshing, and full of curative properties. That evening we went with the guide to see a lovely cave, taking a lantern with us. The roof and walls are of sulphur crystallised, forming fine stalactites, and glisten like myriads of gems. One small geyser was made to play for our benefit by artificial means. This is done by soaping, but is only allowed by official permission. After a time our guide agreed to do it. This geyser plays sometimes without soaping, but only at rare intervals.

The next day we reached Wairakei, thirty miles by coach. Here there is a hot stream flowing quite close to the hotel, of ninety to a hundred degrees, and we had some fine long swims in it. The Wairakei Valley is full of wonders, with geysers constantly playing on all sides. The sides of the valey are very precipitous, beautifully wooded, and carpeted with the choicest ferns and mosses. You have to pick your way with great care, as the ground is very treacherous. There are thousands of steam holes hidden in the undergrowth, not to be trifled with, and the whole place is full of wonders. One morning we took eggs and cocoa, and cooked our breakfast in a boiling spring—the "Little Wairakei"—while the Great Wairakei Geyser was playing regularly every eight minutes beside us. After getting some good snapshots, we motored to the Arateatea Rapids. Here the water falls 300 feet, in six distinct falls. One of the most wonderful sights we saw from Wairakei was the "Karapiti Blowhole," called by scientists "the safety valve of the North Island." Anything from a watch and chain (one was really tried) to a kerosene tin, will be immediately ejected with great rapidity, and the roar of the escaping steam is most awe-inspiring. We next left for Taupo by coach, reaching Tokaanau at 3.30, after three hours' boat across the lake—such a cold, rough crossing in an open boat. On this day one of our party had rather a narrow escape, which showed the need of caution. Looking into the mouth of a geyser called the "Crow's Nest," he noticed the water bubbling down the crater, and spoke of it. The guide had just told us that it was safe to look in, as "she" was not due to play for three hours. Much alarmed, he told him to get away from the spot. and, almost simultaneously, a great column of boiling water shot up. At 8 a.m. we left Tokaanau for Waioru, a distance of 44 miles by coach. Half way we changed horses, and at this place,

3,700 feet above sea level, the stableman provided a lunch in his mud-floored hut.

We left Waiouru on Tuesday, the 26th, passing en route the lovely snow-clad mountains Tongariro, Ngaruhoe, and Ruapehu, getting within two or three miles of them. The day was glorious, clear and fine. We arrived at Raehiti in time for lunch, after some truly terrible coaching, over corduroy roads; but this was nothing to our experiences later. We were thankful when we came to saplings laid across the road, for the greater part was of sheer mud, with holes of unknown depth on either side. How weever reached Pipiriki is a wonder to us now. There were wrecked and cast aside vehicles all along the road, and, to make matters worse, for several hours the rain came down in torrents, and we had no shelter at all. There was a crash at one time, and we found ourselves in a deep hole, with our swingle bar broken. Fortunately, after all were out, the driver raised the coach, and was able to repair damages. It was a nasty experience.

A night at Pipiriki, and at 7.30 next morning we started down the beautiful Wanganui River. It was a day of sunshine and rain at intervals, and the sights were very lovely. Leaving for Wellington that afternoon, we ended a trip which will ever remain a pleasant memory.

The Cadet Corps.

On Saturday morning, June 6th, a whole-day parade was held. The Company marched to Crawley through the Park, and fell out at Crawley for about half an hour's rest. Two boys wandered away, and the rest of the corps came home without them. It is remarkable that when these boys wandered away, instead of finding themselves lost they found themselves at home.

On Tuesday, 26th June, Lieutenant Sanderson inspected the Junior Cadets in physical training, and said that, on the whole, they worked very well.

A parade to Osborne was held on Saturday, 27th June, for the boys over 16 years to complete their Shooting Course. At the "group firing" Lefroy i. and Thomson made very good scores, getting 25 out of 25.

On Saturday, July 11th, a parade was held on the Esplanade. Falling in at 1.30 at the School, we marched to the Drill Hall. The marching from the School to the Drill Hall was particularly good, but afterwards it was not so even, owing to the bad playing of a kettle drum which was just behind our Company. From the Drill Hall we marched to the Esplanade, the High School Company (88a) leading.

On the arrival of the Commandant, Col. Kingdon, the band played the General Salute, and the Royal Salute on the arrival of the Governor.

His Excellency then inspected the ranks (about 1,600 in all) and watched the "Trouping of the Colours."

His Excellency and Sir John Forrest made speeches to the recruits who were going to be draughted into the Citizen Forces.

The march past of the School was excellent, and the Company is to be congratulated on its soldierly appearance and military bearing.

Anthones, Maitland, and Caris have left our ranks, being drafted into the 37th Battery of Field Artillery.

Football.

The football team this year consists of the following:—Lefroy i. (Capt.), Steere (Vice), Thomson i., Maitland, Saw. Lefroy ii., Wilkinson, More i., Thomson ii., Driver, and Cowan.

The following also played:—Lacy i., Lacy ii., Forrest, and Williams.

Football caps were awarded to Steere, Thomson i., Maitland, Lefroy ii., Saw, and More i.

The first match was played on our own ground on May 23rd. against City. The School team had only two days' practice before, so we could hardly be expected to put up an even game. City had the better part of the game, and ran out winners, 5—2. Steere and More i. shooting our goals. Steere, Thomson i., and Lefroy i. played best for the School.

The second match was played on our own ground against Modern School II. This match we managed to play more together, and so ran out winners 4—nil. Lefroy i. (2), Steere, and Wilkinson scored our goals. The losers were best represented by Cruickshank, Spargo, and the goalkeeper, while all played well for the School.

On June 6th we played Claremont on the Claremont Oval. This was the first time we had played on a fast ground, and consequently we were lost for most of the time. The first half Claremont had scored 5 goals to us nil, the second half we played much better, and they only got 2 goals through, thus losing 7—nil. All played well for the winners, while no one played up to form for the School. This was a 4-point match.

Next week we played Fremantle on our own ground. This was also a 4-point match. After a fairly even game Fremantle won,

4—1. This match was lost owing to bad shooting, Lefroy i. getting our only goal. The School team, being small, were a bit afraid of their opponents, who were big and rough. Ewing gave great satisfaction as umpire.

On June 20th we played another 4-point game against Modern School I., on the Modern School ground. Our opponents, however, proved to be too good for us, scoring 7 goals, while we only managed to score 1, our goal being kicked by Lefroy i., who was the mainstay of the forward line throughout the whole game. Thomson i. played a sound game at back.

On Saturday, July 25th, we played the Caledonians (Freman-tle) for the second time, and were again beaten. This time our opponents scored 6 goals to our 1, our goal being kicked by Wilkinson, who put in a very difficult shot. Our opponents, however, proved much too heavy for us. The following may be said to have played the best for us:—Lefroy i., Steere i., Thomson i. and ii., and Saw i.

On June 27th the match was scratched against City, owing to a mistake on Mr. Priestley's part.

On Saturday, July 4th, we played Modern School II. at Modern School, and for the second time we won. Modern School only scored 1 goal to our 4, of which Lefroy i. kicked 2 goals and Steere and More kicked 1 each. Many of us found the ground rather fast after being used to playing on our ground.

Next Saturday we had a bye, owing to a parade in which the School took part in on the Esplanade.

On the following Saturday we played Modern I. at the King's Park. Owing to recent rains, the ground was very heavy. The result of this match was disastrous for us, Modern School having most of the game, but only scored 4 goals, while we failed to score at all. Lefroy i., Lefroy ii., and Maitland played best for the School.

FOR THE DAY BOYS' AND BOARDERS' CUP.

On Wednesday, July 8th, we played the first of the Day Boys' and Boarders' Cup matches. As was expected, the Boarders proved victorious, and when the whistle blew for time the score stood at 5 to nil to the advantage of the Boarders. Nearly every one played a good game, and the following may be picked out as those who played best:—Lefroy i. (kicked 2 goals), Steere (kicked 3 goals), Thomson i., for the Boarders; and Maitland, Wilkinson, and Farrington for the Day Boys. As the Boarders had nine of the First XI. to the Day Boys' two, this result was only to be expected.

Considering our former victory on the 8th inst., we Boarders did not expect to have much trouble in defeating our opponents,

the Day Boys, in the second and last match; and this supposition proved to be correct, hopelessly outclassing them by 13 goals to nil. Eleven of these goals were kicked by Steere, who played a brilliant game throughout; the remaining two being kicked by Lefroy i., who also played an excellent game. The Boarders' defence was also very good. In this match Steere, Lefroy i., Thomson i. and ii., Lefroy ii., and Saw i., for the Boarders; and Maitland, Wilkinson, and Farrington, again may be picked out as the best players for the Day Boys.

THE SEVENS COMPETITION.

Early in the term, as in last football season, Mr. Priestly organised a "Sevens Competition." There were seven teams, each containing seven players, and captained by players who were in the XI. last year and who were likely to be in this year.

A fee of 6d. was charged, and out of the proceeds are to be bought medals for the winning team.

The first game was between Saw's and Cobham's teams. As no goals were scored on either side, extra time was allowed. Saw's side scored a goal, and it looked very much as if he would win, but Cobham's managed to get one through just before the whistle sounded. Thus the match was a draw.

These teams played two more matches against each other, both of which resulted in a draw.

It was then decided that Cobham's team should meet Steere's, and Saw's team that of Wilkinson. Steere's team beat Cobham's. 4—1, Steere shooting 3 goals and Thomson 1. For the other side More i. played well and succeeded in scoring once.

The match between Saw and Wilkinson was a draw, both sides scoring 1 goal each, Lefroy ii. for Wilkinson's, and Lacy ii. for Saw's team. Although extra time was allowed, neither side succeeded in scoring again.

The next to play were Maitland and Steere, which match resulted in a win for Steere, scores being 2—nil. From the start Steere's side led the play, although no goals were scored in the first half. Steere himself had the ball most of the time, and succeeded in scoring both the goals.

The most even and most exciting match in the Competition so far was between Lefroy i. and Thomson team. Just after the game started, Williams i. scored for Thomson. There were no more goals in the first half. In the second half, Lefroy i. scored 3 goals, and Williams i. also scored again. The game resulted in a win for Lefroy i.'s team, 3—2.

The final results of the Competition will be too late for publication in this term's "Mag."

CRITIQUE OF FIRST XI.

LEFROY I. (Captain).—Inside right forward. Has played excellent football and kept his team working well together. Is by far the most dangerous of the forwards, as he is very fast, always well up to the ball, and shoots quickly. He puts plenty of power behind his shots, but must keep them lower.

STEERE, A. (Vice-Captain).—Centre forward. A very clever forward. His footwork which is really good, is often spoilt by his habit of taking the ball sideways instead of straight towards goal. Shoots hard with either foot and uses his weight to good advantage.

MORE, N.—Outside right forward. A very hard working player, with plenty of pace. He can put in a splendid corner kick, and centres well, but is easily flustered and must learn to play with his inside partner.

WILKINSON.—Has played both inside and outside left forward. He has plenty of pace, and uses his weight well. Shoots hard, but without much discrimination. Must learn to be more accurate in his kicking and passing.

MAITLAND G.G.—Has played outside left forward and left full back. Plays better in the latter position, where his pace and weight serve him in good stead. He tackles strongly and safely and has a long kick.

LEFROY, K.—Centre half. Is rather young and light for this position, but he has played some good games. He must learn to attack more and to pass more accurately to his forwards. Tackles well and is a fairly safe kick.

DRIVER.—Left half. Has played some good games, but is very slow, and his kicking uncertain. Tackles well.

THOMSON II.—Right half back. Is a very robust player. Te tackles strongly and well, but must learn to pass to his forwards.

SAW, A.—Right full-back. Has played well all during the season. Is a strong and safe tackler, and has a long and powerful kick, which, however, he must learn to control by using his instep. Is inclined to hang back in goal and take things too easily.

THOMSON I.—Left full-back. Has played splendidly in all matches. Is a hard bustling player, who tackles vigorously. Is fast and always on to the ball. Has a strong kick, but lacks accuracy.

COWAN.—Goal. He is quite a new player, and should much improve with experience. Must make up his mind sooner whether to go out or stay in goal.

UNDER 15 XI.—Moore ii., Captain.

On June 10th, at King's Park, versus Modern School I., draw; nil to nil.

On June 17th, at Subiaco, versus Modern School II., won, 2—1; goal-kickers, Saw and Randell.

On June 24th, at Claremont, versus Christchurch Preparatory School, lost, 3—nil.

UNDER 14 XI. Seed, i., Captain.

"A" TEAM.

On June 10th, on the Esplanade, versus Christchurch Preparatory School; lost, 5—nil.

On June 17th, at King's Park, versus Modern School; a draw; 1—1; goal-kicker, Eves.

On June 24th, at King's Park, versus High School "B" Team; won; 4—nil; goal-kickers, Eves, Saw (ii.), Parkes.

UNDER 14 XI.—Stowe, Captain.

"B" TEAM.

On June 10th, at Modern School Grounds, versus Modern School; lost; 5—nil.

On June 17th, at Claremont, versus Christchurch Preparatory School; lost; 3—nil.

On June 24th, at King's Park, versus High School "A" Team; lost 4—nil.

SECOND XI.

The Second XI. was not very successful at the beginning of the current season; but it has gradually improved, and now with the addition of some new players who came during the term, there is a very marked difference in the play.

May 23rd, at Wellington Square, versus Ex-Students; lost; 6—nil.

May 30th, at Subiaco, versus Modern School II.; a draw, nil—nil.

June 6th, at King's Park, versus Modern School I.; lost; 7—nil.

June 20th, at King's Park, versus Claremont; lost; 4—nil.

July 4th, at King's Park, versus Modern School; won; 2—1; goal-kickers for the School, Moore ii., Williams.

July 18th, at Subiaco, versus Modern School I.; lost; 2—1; goal-kicker for the School, Lacy, i.

Games Fund

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				" Cricket Grounds	10 14 0
				" Material	56 9 0
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				" Football Subscriptions	1 17 6
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