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### Editorial.

Three months have rolled by since our last issue—three months fraught with momentous changes in the world outside us. Another great nation has entered the War; in Europe the great advance has begun, and already Germany is commencing to taste the bitterness of defeat.

We in our little School world have heard from time to time the echoes of this giant strife. We have watched with admiration the efforts of our brave defenders at the front; we have followed with anxious sympathy the fortunes of friends and relatives and Old Boys. And now we are glad to think that the efforts of those fighting for us are at last likely to be crowned with success.

It is most pleasing to all connected with the School to note the great increase in the number of scholars. We have now about 225 boys on the roll, fifty of whom are boarders. Extensive alterations and additions have been made at the boarding house. In addition to this, we have now a fine new Science Laboratory.

As most of my readers are aware, we succeeded last season in winning back the Darlot Cup.

The cricket of the School is certainly on the up grade, and it is pleasing to notice the enthusiasm shown by seniors and juniors alike.

Great interest has been taken in swimming and life-saving. Our interest has been rewarded, as we have been very successful. We gained second place both in the Inter-Schools Swimming Competition, and in the Law Shield Life-Saving Competition. We wish to congratulate both our teams on their fine performances.

The results in the Public Examinations last November, were highly creditable to the

School. In particular three boys succeeded in passing the Leaving Certificate Examination, though they had had but one year's preparation for what is considered a two years' course.

Our senior classes this year have already shown their quality, and we are encouraged to hope for a further improvement in the examination results.

### School Calendar.

February 13th.—First Term begins.

March 10th.—Inter-School Swimming Sports.

March 17th.—School Swimming Sports.

March 24th.—Life-Saving for Law Shield.

March 27th.—Cup Match v. C.B.C.

March 28th.—Cup Match v. C.E.G.S.

March 30th.—Cup Match v. S.C.

April 28th.—Boat Race.

May 11th.—First Term ends.

### School Notes

A fine new Science Laboratory has just been erected at the School. The building comprises a lecture theatre of roomy dimensions, a store-room large enough to meet all present and future requirements, an office for the Master in charge, and lastly the laboratory itself.

In the first round of the Darlot Cup matches this season, we did quite well, gaining the second highest number of points. We beat Scotch College and Christian Brothers' College, but were beaten by the Guildford Grammar School after a hard game. We had very hard luck at the beginning of the match, losing 5 wickets for 8 runs, but the team gradually pulled themselves together, and we were only beaten by 35 runs on the first innings.

This year the cricket match against the Old Boys was played on the Association Ground. The Old Boys won after a very good game. Luncheon was provided for the teams in the members' pavilion. It was more like a banquet than an ordinary lunch.

As a result, the cricket of certain of the team in the afternoon was visibly affected.

On March 2nd, Captain Jenkins visited the School, and was welcomed with enthusiasm. The object of his visit was to ask Mr. Wilson for a half-holiday for the boys in honour of his sixtieth birthday. The night before at the Old Boys' Dinner, Captain Jenkins in his speech had said that when Mr. Faulkner reached the age of sixty the School was given a half-holiday; Mr. Faulkner said at the time that if Captain Jenkins ever reached sixty while he was Headmaster, the School would be granted a half-holiday. Mr. Wilson willingly acceded to Captain Jenkins' request, and three hearty cheers were given in honour of our visitor.

On April 13th, the Rev. C. L. Riley, one of our Old Boys, paid a visit to the School to solicit aid for the Trench Comforts' Fund. His interesting and able appeal made a deep impression, and arrangements will shortly be made for the receipt of contributions for this most desirable object.

On Friday, April 13th, the following boys were successful in passing the examination for the Royal Life-Saving Society's Award of Merit:—W. W. Seed, T. B. Seed, F. Parkes, R. Wilkinson, G. Mann, H. Huntingdon, and J. Dent.

After the examination, Sergeant Smith spoke a few words to the boys. He urged them to further life-saving and swimming as far as they could. He said that the test was a very severe one, and it was passed in a very efficient and creditable manner.

On Easter Monday, April 9th, at the North Perth Presbyterian Church, one of our masters, Mr. J. H. C. McIntosh was married to Miss M. E. Lappin, Mr. Campbell officiating as best man. Among the presents was a handsome epergne and a fountain pen from the boys of the High School. We desire to congratulate Mr. McIntosh, and offer him our best wishes on this auspicious occasion.

On Monday, April 23rd, we had the honour of a visit from Mr. Gaze, an Old Boy of the School, who went out as a mem-

ber of the Shackleton expedition. We all greatly appreciated the fascinating story that he had to tell us. After the lecture he handed round a number of interesting photos as well as the boots and gloves that he wore in the Polar regions. A report of his lecture appears elsewhere in the Magazine.

Boxing has once more been resumed in the School. Mr. Parker has a large number of new boys in his class as well as a number of boys who have not learnt boxing until this term. The boys are very keen and it is seldom that a boy misses his lesson, for any reason, except illness.

Since this term commenced, a good deal of swimming has taken place at Crawley Baths. Early in the term a senior swimming club was formed, Veryard being elected as captain, with a competent committee to help him. Under the auspices of the club, a points competition was held at the beginning of March, and very keen racing was seen. In the Inter-school swimming and life-saving competitions, we did very well, gaining second place, Scotch College being first. Hall and Manford ii. both won their races, and deserve the thanks of the School for their excellent swimming performances.

Elocution is in full swing once more. There is a fairly large class, and the boys find it very interesting. A debating society has been formed in the class. A committee has been appointed, and Veryard elected secretary.

#### VALETE.

R. Knight left last term, and since then has gone into camp at Blackboy Hill. He was elected Prefect 1915. He was a member of the cricket team 1915-1916; captain of the latter part of 1916. He was a member of the football team from 1915-1916, he also rowed in the crew 1915. He represented the School in running and swimming on various occasions.

S. Oldham also left last term. He was a member of the football team 1915, and also a member of the shooting eight 1915.

E. Arney left the School at the end of the term, and has since gone into camp at Blackboy Hill. He was elected Prefect, 1916, and was cox of the crew for three years.

#### SALVETE.

The following boys entered the School at the beginning of the term:—Allen, Allsop, Bird, Brockway, Cambell, Cass, Castieau, Champion, Chase, Corbet, Dowing, Elgee, Ellery, Eyres, Hall, Hampton, Hart, House, Howe, Holmes i., Holmes ii., Inkpen, Irwin, Lean, Lee-Steere, Levinson, Lyall i., Lyall ii., Manford i., Manford ii., Maidment, Moody, Moore, Munt, Peet, Pilgrim, Oldham, Readhead, Robertson, Simpson, Smith, Sutton, Scrymgeour, Thomas, Tunney, Warnock, Watson, Webb, Witty.

#### Roll of Honour.

Abbott, Val.	Corr, O. R.
Allen, L. F.	Courthope, Ted.
Armstrong, C. F.	Craig, L.
Avery, E. A.	Curthoys, C. W.
Arney, E. B.	Davies-Moore, F.
Badock, C. G.	Davis, G. deV.
Baldrey, T.	Davy, C. J. B.
Barraclough, H.	Davy, T. A. L.
Belford, W. C.	Dean, C. S. C.
Benari, R. L.	Dickinson, J. C.
Bessell-Brown, A. J.	Draper, R. M.
Blake, G.	Driver T.
Blake, H. A.	Ewing, A.
Braidwood, R.	Ewing, C. T. P.
Brockway, St. Clair	Ferguson, J. M.
Brown, Ralph	Flavel, A. L.
Brown, K. Ednie	Foote, N. J.
Brown, T.	Forrest, Don.
Browning, L. G. W.	Forrest, Ernest
Buckingham, H.	Forrest, J. R.
Bunning, J.	Forrest, W. G.
Burt, F. S.	Foss, C. M.
Campbell, C. W.	Fowler, H. L.
Campbell, H. A.	Foxworthy, J. G.
Chalmers, J. H.	Francisco, E. C.
Christie, F. H.	Francisco, G. H.
Clarke, M. E.	Fry, H. P.
Clarke, R. A.	Garner, W. B.
Clifton, A.	Gemmell, O.
Clifton, C. A.	Gibbs, I.
Clifton, George	Gliddon, Max.
Clifton, Gordon	Gliddon, T. H.
Clifton, R. A.	Gray, J.
Cobham, F. F.	Guy, A. A.
Cook, H. M.	Hall, R.
Cook, W. E.	Hardinge, H. M.
Cooper, A. C.	Hardwicke, A.

Hardwicke, S.  
 Harrison, C.  
 Harwood, C. C.  
 Harwood, Ross  
 Harwood, V. A.  
 Hawley, F. G.  
 Helm, T. N. deB.  
 Herbert, Allan  
 Hester, L. H.  
 Hillman, A. H.  
 Hillman, A. J.  
 Hillman, H. R.  
 Hope, I. M.  
 Irvine, C. R. J.  
 Irvine, Harvey  
 James, Fred.  
 James, G. S.  
 Jenkins, R. M.  
 Johns, F. T.  
 Joscelyne, F. H.  
 Kevan, H. E.  
 Knight, Reg.  
 Lacy, E.  
 Lawrence, K. F.  
 Leake, F. W.  
 Leake, G. A.  
 Leake, L. L.  
 Lee-Steere, A. W.  
 Leeming, P. C.  
 Lefroy, A. L. B.  
 Lefroy, E. deC.  
 Lefroy, E. H. B.  
 Lefroy, F. C. B.  
 Leschen, A. R.  
 Liddington, E.  
 Liddlelow, B. J.  
 Lodge, F. M.  
 Lodge, R. J.  
 Lovegrove, P. T.  
 Lowe, W. R.  
 Lukin, J. H.  
 Lukis, F.  
 Maitland, G. B. G.  
 Makeham, J. P.  
 Maslen, R. G.  
 Mathews, V. C.  
 McColl, A. W.  
 McCullough, W. A.  
 McDonald, G. E.  
 McDougall, K. A.  
 McLarty, Dug.  
 McLarty, Ross  
 McMasters, A.  
 McMillan, R.  
 Meares, E. G.  
 Miller, F.  
 Mitchell, G. J.  
 Mitchell, R. B.  
 Montgomery, A. B.

Montgomery, A. M. P.  
 Montgomery, G. O.  
 Moore, A. W.  
 Moore, Reg.  
 Morrison, Ulic deB.  
 Moseley, F. A.  
 Moseley, Henry  
 Muir, Alan C.  
 Murray, E. A.  
 Needham, G.  
 Nobbs, D. L. B.  
 Orchard, G. D.  
 Parker, E. F.  
 Parker, Frank  
 Parker, Harold  
 Parker, Hubert  
 Perren, A. B.  
 Perston, J. R.  
 Phillips, R.  
 Piesse, C. O.  
 Piesse, M.  
 Price, F.  
 Price, W. J.  
 Renou, L.  
 Riley, F. B.  
 Robinson, L. L.  
 Rose, Harold M.  
 Rose, T. H.  
 Russell, H. D.  
 Sanderson, A.  
 Saunders, E. S.  
 Sawyer, G.  
 Shadwick, J. A.  
 Sherwood, C.  
 Simpson, C.  
 Simpson, M.  
 Slee, F. D.  
 Suell, C.  
 Suell, L.  
 Stokes, E.  
 Stone, M.  
 Taylor, C. F.  
 Terry, C. H.  
 Thomas, H. L.  
 Thurston, M.  
 Tilly, A. M.  
 Toms, A.  
 Turnbull, A. P.  
 Walton, A. H.  
 Wardell-Johnston, A.  
 Weaver, G. L.  
 Weaver, Leslie  
 Whitwell, C. H.  
 Williams, P. C.  
 Wilson, N. A. R.  
 Woods, R. A.  
 Woodward, V.  
 Yelverton, H. G.

the Old Boys' Association, 30 Richardson-street, West Perth, would be glad to hear definite news of any of them, making any corrections in initials, etc., and would also be glad to hear of any Old Boys at the Front, in camp, or in the Navy, whose names do not appear in either of these lists:

Ferguson, D.	Read, C.
Gliddon, J.	Roe, J.
Hardwicke, H. G.	Suell, S.
Leake, E.	Wood, B.
Parker, H.	Wood, H. C.
Parker, S.	Wilkins, S.
Piesse, Vernon	Williams, A.
Read, B. O.	Wilson, W.

### Trench Comforts Fund.

On April 13th, the Rev. C. L. Riley, an old High School boy, visited the School and spoke to us concerning the Trench Comforts' Fund. Many people do not realise what this association is doing for our soldiers to-day. When a man is wounded or ill, he is attended to by the Red Cross, but a man in the trenches is in need of a hundred and one little things which are neither supplied to him by the Red Cross nor by the military department, and without this Trench Comforts' Association, his lot would be a lot more terrible than it is at the present moment.

Mr. Riley, unable to go to fight himself, is fighting for our soldiers at home. He is devoting all his spare time to the alleviation of the hardships of war. In Western Australia there is a fund for every battalion or battery that has left our shores, with one exception, that being the thirty-second Battalion. Mr. Riley has decided to start a fund maintained by the secondary schools of the State, and this fund has been started at the School under the guidance of the masters and prefects.

Up to going to press no final arrangements have yet been made, but it is expected that on certain days of the month contributions, either in money or in useful articles, will be received, and it is hoped that not only the boys, but also the parents of the boys will take up this necessary idea and that in the future a regular flow of

There is some doubt about the correctness of the following names which appear on the Roll of Honour. The Secretary of

articles will be received by the men of the 32nd Battalion, from the boys of the Secondary Schools.

### Speech Night.

Speech night for the year 1916 was held on Thursday, December 14th, in the open air, an innovation, which, as the evening was a hot one, was much appreciated by the large audience gathered for the occasion. The proceedings were opened by the School song, sung by the boys. Mr. Battye, the chairman of the Board of Governors, delivered the opening address, reviewing briefly the history of the School, and referring in eulogistic terms to its present flourishing condition, which he hoped would continue. Mr. Wilson then read his report for the year, which is printed below. Mr. Kingsmill next presented the prizes to the successful winners, and said a few words of encouragement to the boys. As science was to begin after the Xmas holidays, Mr. Mann was asked to say a few words on the importance of science as a school subject. Mr. Mann delivered a really fine speech at the close of which he proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Kingsmill for presenting the prizes. During the evening Mr. Randell, on behalf of the boys, presented Mr. Jenkins with a handsome bag. Mr. Jenkins replied with a short speech, expressing his regret at having to sever his connection with the old School. The proceedings closed with the singing of the National Anthem. The following is the Headmaster's report for the year 1916:—

To the Chairman, Governors, Parents and Boys of the High School, Perth.

Ladies and Gentlemen,—

I have the honor to submit to you my report on the work and progress of the School for the year 1916.

### SCHOOL ROLL.

For the first time in the history of the School the number of boys in attendance has reached 200. The total at the end of 1914 was 98, and at the end of 1915 it was

167. We opened in February with 188 boys, and the roll steadily increased until in the first week of June, R. Stewart joined and thus completed the second hundred. In honour of this a gold medal was presented to Stewart from the Old Boys' Association, and the School was granted a half holiday.

### BUILDINGS.

As the numbers have increased so rapidly it has become evident that the present accommodation is not quite adequate either in the school or boarding-house. A scheme has, therefore, been drawn up and approved by the Board, so that any further increase may be met. This will involve an expenditure of from £3,000 to £4,000, and will include

- (i.) Science Laboratory, Lecture Room and complete equipment for same.
- (ii.) New Sleeping-out Dormitory, Bath Rooms and General Extensions to present Boarding Accommodation.

That the School must have a Science side has been recognised for some time, and it is felt that this departure will have far-reaching effects on its future. As the number of boarders has increased and remained for six months at approximately 40, expansion in this direction was inevitable. With the completion of these two works the School will be excellently equipped for the immediate future at any rate.

I have pleasure in announcing that the contract for building and equipping the science block has been accepted. The cost will be roughly, £1,500, and the work will be commenced at once.

### PREPARATORY SCHOOL.

The Preparatory School has proved a success and the curriculum has been extended. The aim of the School is to ensure a thorough grounding in all branches of English and Arithmetic. During the year Drawing has been added, and a further development will take place next year in this important subject. The improvement in reading and pronunciation of French has been most marked.

## UPPER SCHOOL.

The work of the Senior School continues to be highly satisfactory in all departments, and the examination results have been most gratifying. At the examinations held last December at the University of Western Australia, eight boys were successful in passing the Junior Certificate Examination, and six others passed in four subjects, thus requiring but one subject more to complete a pass. As this was the first year in which the School entered candidates, these results were very satisfactory indeed. With the knowledge gained of the standard required for boys, the School can look forward with confidence to future examinations.

Successful candidates from the School were: W. More, J. Ainslie, K. Van Raalte, H. Farrington, I. D. Heppingstone, T. S. M. Barnett, A. and H. Cooke. C. Snell was successful in passing the examination for a cadetship in the Royal Navy, and left last month to enter Osborne.

In February, the new Science Wing will be completed, as plans have been accepted by the Board, and work will be commenced at once. For this important side of the School work the services of Mr. J. Newberry have been secured. Mr. Newberry has been for some years at the Technical School, Perth, and has had a wide experience in the teaching of science. Mr. J. H. Campbell will assist him in this department. The latter will arrive early next year.

Under the direction of Mr. Stowe and Mr. Polan, the commercial side has greatly expanded, and next year we shall enter candidates for the Commercial Examinations which will in future be conducted by the University.

## PHYSICAL TRAINING.

Through the generosity of Sir Walter James and Mr. E. W. Loton, the Board was enabled to build a fine open-air gymnasium, which was ready for use in June. The services of Mr. Wells were secured for an hour every morning, when Swedish exercises and gymnastics are daily carried out.

A swimming club has been formed by the Juniors, and with the regular cricket, foot-

ball, tennis and rowing, there is plenty to occupy the time of boys.

## STAFF.

Increased numbers at the opening of the new School year made it necessary to add to the Staff, and Mr. G. P. Polan joined us in March. Mr. Polan is a teacher trained in London, and was, for a time, under engagement to the Education Department. Latterly, he was Headmaster of Underwood's College. After a year's experience of his work and methods, I am glad indeed that he came to us.

After Christmas, Mr. Newberry joins us to take charge of the Science of the School. Mr. Newberry was educated in England and Belgium, and has had a long experience of school work. We are fortunate in obtaining his services, as his interests are by no means confined to the classroom, and the School will benefit by his accession.

After a long period of loyal service to the School, Mr. J. M. Jenkins retires at the end of the year. I should like to take this public opportunity of thanking Mr. Jenkins for his support and help to me during the past two years, and to wish him every success in his future life. His influence on the life of the School has been at all times for good, and he will be remembered with affection by many hundreds of Old Boys.

## CLASS FOR ENGINEERING AND CARPENTRY.

An arrangement has been made with Mr. J. Hart, Director of Manual Training to the Technical School and the Education Department, whereby a class may be held at the Technical School on Saturday mornings, provided that 20 boys join. The fee would be very small for the advantages gained, and a first-class instructor would be appointed.

## ELOCUTION.

Mr. Lionel Logue has taken a class in Elocution during the past six months. Particular attention has been paid by him to correct enunciation and reading. The numbers of the class have steadily increased and the results have been very gratifying.

## DANCING.

Under the direction of Mrs. Rolls and her daughter, a dancing class was held at the School during the winter months. It was a complete success, many sisters of boys joining, and the evenings were thoroughly enjoyed. At the end of the season a small dance was held in the School Hall.

## ROWING.

The arrangement made with the W.A. Rowing Club has proved very advantageous. A new four has been presented to the School by Messrs. H. Boan, Dr. Saw, P. W. H. Thiel and Sir Walter James. The thanks of the School are due to these gentlemen for the interest shown. Steady rowing has been persevered with, and no doubt its result will show in future crews.

## SCHOOL SPORTS.

The School sports were held in October, and were again a pronounced success. The Championship of the School was won by Veryard; and all the races were contested by large fields. More races than hitherto were included for the younger boys, and it is hoped that before long a separate meeting for the Preparatory boys will be possible.

At the Schools' Championship Meeting, held on October 28, the School team did much better than for some years past. Our total of 37 points, and third place on the list gives us encouragement for this year and hope for the future. Our juniors did particularly well.

It is with real pleasure that I ask you all to congratulate our eleven on winning the Darlot Cup. It is five years since we last held it, and prior to 1908 we had it for seven successive years. As an Old Boy recently wrote to me, "it has come home" again.

The success of our boys was due to keenness in practice, steadiness and nerve in their matches. I should like to thank Mr. Hind, on behalf of the School, for his quiet and unobtrusive work on behalf of the cricket. It is to him that we owe, in large measure, our success.

## BOXING.

A class for boxing was instituted, and immediately found favour with a number of boys. The School was fortunate in obtaining the services of Mr. Parker, who has been successively amateur and professional lightweight champion of the State. Under his able and enthusiastic guidance the improvement has been most marked. During the months of February and March, the class will not be held, but for the remaining  $2\frac{1}{2}$  terms of the year boys will have the opportunity of instruction in this manly, healthy and useful pastime. In Mr. Wells and Mr. Parker, the School has two capable and good men, and the physical side of the School has been greatly enhanced by their efforts.

## BOARDING HOUSE.

The boarders have increased in numbers considerably during the year, and our average number in residence has been approximately 40. With a further increase in the number of day boys who avail themselves of the facility for obtaining a hot meal at midday it became necessary to enlarge the dining room, which is now of sufficient size to accommodate 80. During the year the numbers rose to 50. In the coming summer vacation considerable improvements will be made both for increased numbers, if necessary, and also by the addition of further comforts. New bathrooms will be built and extra rooms added to the existing buildings. An experienced Matron will also be engaged.

## SCHOOL GROUNDS.

The ground in King's Park, which was cleared and grassed last year has greatly improved. It was again top-dressed in the Spring, and the surface is now rapidly becoming covered with grass. The improvement in the play of our cricket teams is proof that the ground is being regularly used.

There have been two numbers of the *Cygnets* published during the year, and in the recent number a departure has been made in the general style.

The magazine has been almost entirely written by the boys themselves, and the work done is very creditable. W. More has

proved a most capable Editor, W. Seed and J. Ainslie have been able lieutenants, and Mr. McIntosh has supervised the whole work with tact and enthusiasm.

#### CADET CORPS.

The Cadet Corps is in a flourishing condition and physical exercises and drill have been compulsory for all boys during the year. A portion of each morning has been devoted to this purpose, and excepting in very hot weather, drill has been daily carried out.

#### TENNIS.

Through the kindness of the members of the King's Park Tennis Club three courts have been made available on two afternoons during the week. This concession has proved a great boon to the boys who have largely availed themselves of the opportunity. The School was represented in the contest for the Slazenger Cup and performed creditably against their more experienced opponents.

#### THE WAR.

Old Boys continue to join the colours, in order to take part in the Great War, which unfortunately seems to be as far as ever from conclusion. Their letters to members of the School show that they have still fond recollections of school days, and are interested in the doings of the boys of to-day. More than 200 of our men are now either in the fighting line or on their way thither, and from time to time the news of a distinction gained cheers us or word of the loss of some brave man depresses us. May we hope that before we meet again we shall have peace with victory—such victory as shall make a repetition impossible. The congratulations of the School go out to those who have won distinction; the sympathy to those who have lost some loved one.

I am convinced that the tone and discipline of the School are being well maintained. Finally, I wish to place on record my gratitude to the masters of the School who have been unswerving in loyalty to the School and its best interests.

MATTHEW WILSON,  
Headmaster.

#### PRIZE LIST.

*Head of School.*—W. More.

*Vith Form.*—Mathematics, K. Van Raalte; English and History, W. More; Honour Prizes, J. P. Ainslie, S. Garner, H. Cooke.

*Va Form.*—English History and Geography, K. Pearl. Latin and French, P. Clifton, Mathematics, C. Veryard. Honour Prizes, M. Brooking, J. Hargrave, H. Summers, W. Wood, F. Farmer.

English and History (Set Prizes): Set B, D. C. Yews; Set C, C. A. Pearl; Set D, T. R. Ambrose. Mathematical Division Prizes: Division B, H. Stone; Division C, D. C. Yews; Division D, B. Roberts ii.

*French and Latin.*—Form IVa., C. A. Pearl ii.; Form IVb, E. M. Timms; Form III., T. Draper ii.

*Special French Prizes* (presented by R. Collot D'Herbois. Upper School, W. More; Lower School, P. Trouchet.

*Book-keeping.*—C. L. Adkins, D. Sanders.

*Mapping.*—C. Burgess, G. Law.

*Essay on the Royal Agricultural Show* (special prizes presented by Sir W. James). —S. J. Kirby, K. Thomson, P. Torrance, R. England.

*III. Form Prize.*—B. Curewis ii., 1; N. Kekwick, 2.

*II. Form Prize.*—C. V. Loton, 1; E. Plais-towe, 2; C. Darbyshire, 3.

*Honor Class Prizes.*—Form IVb.: J. N. Drummond, W. M. Owston. III. Form: L. Woolnough, K. Rankin, J. F. Breen. II. Form: M. Loton, W. Spargo.

*General Proficiency Prizes.*—Mathematics, Latin, French, English and History: R. Brown, A. Beresford, J. E. D. Battye, B. Clifton, L. Eves, M. Allen, K. Brown, H. W. Crommelin, R. Crommelin, G. Hester, K. Woodroffe, M. Wilson, E. Bird. Mathematics, Latin and French: M. Easton. Mathematics, English and History: A. Miles. Mathematics, Geography, Physics: A. C. Rose. Mathematics, English and History: G. Gwynne. Latin, French, English, History, Geography: G. Thiel. Mathematics,

English, History, Geography: W. Roberts. Latin, French, Geometry, English, Geography: T. Curlewis. Mathematics, Latin, French, Geography, Physics: S. D'Arcy.

*Sports Prizes:* Inter-School Running, J. Hargrave, G. Thiel. Cricket, W. More.

### Gymnastic Display.

This display was held on Wednesday, December 13th, on the School Ground, close to the Gymnasium. The first event of the evening was a boxing contest, which was followed by physical and Swedish drill, more boxing and exercises, on the horse and parallel bars. The work which was done—especially the exercises on the horse and parallel bars—reflects great credit both on instructors and boys, and the keen way in which both have worked was shown by the excellent way that they all did their drill. Everything went off most successfully, and the spectators were given a most enjoyable evening. We all think that both instructors, Mr. Wells for physical drill, and Mr. Parker for boxing, deserve great praise for the way in which they have trained the boys during the short period which they had to do it. At the end of the evening, Mr. Wilson thanked them both for the good work which they had done, and proposed for each, three cheers, which were heartily given.

### Swimming and Life Saving.

#### SCHOOL SWIMMING SPORTS.

On March 17th, the Annual High School Swimming Sports were held at Crawley Baths. A fairly large programme had been drawn up for boys of all ages, and a large number of entries were received both for the handicap and Championship events. The handicapping, which was done by Mr. McIntosh, and the swimming committee, was very good, and many exciting finishes were witnessed. Mr. Hind acted as starter, assisted by Mr. Campbell, while Messrs. J. Manford, Curlewis, and McLarty acted as judges. The principal event of the day, the

100 yards championship was won by Parkes, by a touch from Hall, who swam very well considering that he is still under 15. The other races resulted as follows:—

#### OPEN EVENTS.

100 Yards Championship.—Parkes, 1; Hall, 2; Summers, 3.

220 Yards Championship.—Parkes, 1; Ainslie, 2.

Neat Dive.—Wikinson, 1; Seed i., 2; Parkes, 3.

High Dive.—Wilkinson, 1; Seed i., 2; Henriques, 3.

100 Yards Handicap.—Williams, 1; Summers, 2; Mead, 3.

75 Yards Breast Stroke Handicap.—Williams, 1; Anderson, 2; Patterson, 3.

#### Under 16.

100 Yards Handicap.—Manford i., 1; Huntington, 2; Hall ii., 3.

#### Under 15.

100 Yards Handicap.—Manford i., 1; Mann, 2; Eyres, 3.

#### Under 14.

75 Yards Handicap.—Manford ii., 1; Draper i., 2; Curlewis i., 3.

#### Under 13.

75 Yards Handicap.—Manford ii., 1; Curlewis i., 2; Broadhurst, 3.

#### Under 12.

30 Yards Handicap.—Blackman, 1; Yeo, 2; Draper ii., 3.

#### Under 10.

30 Yards Handicap.—Curlewis ii., 1; Breen, 2.

#### INTER-SCHOOL SWIMMING SPORTS

The Annual Inter-School Swimming Sports took place at Crawley Baths on March 10th. Owing to the increased number of races much more interest has been taken in this branch of sport in the last few years. This year Messrs. Wells and Curlewis kindly offered to train our boys for the contest. Accordingly a great number of both junior and senior boys attended at Crawley Baths two or three times a week, and on the day of the competition our rep-

representatives were all in very good condition. The greatest number of points was obtained by Scotch College, who obtained 18, and who also provided the champion swimmer in Maxwell, who won both the open events. The High School, with 6 points, was second, while C.E.G.S. and C.B.C. were third and fourth respectively with 5 and 3 points. Maxwell established an Inter-School record for the hundred yards, covering the distance in 64 1-5 seconds. The results of the four races are as follows:—

100 Yards Open.—Maxwell (S.C.), 5 points, 1; Catling (C.B.C.), 3 points, 2; Deykin (C.E.G.S.), 2 points, 3.

220 Yards Open.—Maxwell (S.C.), 5 points, 1; Pearson (S.C.), 3 points, 2; Watson (S.C.), 2 points, 3.

100 Yards (under 15).—Hall (H.S.), 3 points, 1; Jones (C.E.G.S.), 2 points, 2; Copley (C.E.G.S.), 1 point, 3.

100 Yards (under 13).—Manford (H.S.), 3 points, 1; Bantock (S.C.), 2 points, 2; Bols (S.C.), 1 point, 3.

The High School team consisted of the following boys:—100 yards open, Parkes, Summers and Mead; 220 yards open, Parkes, Ainslie and Hall; 100 yards (under 15), Hall, Mann and Paterson; 100 yards (under 13), Manford, Curlewis i. and J. Ainslie.

#### SENIOR SWIMMING CLUB.

Shortly after the Christmas holidays the senior boys of the School decided to form a swimming club. With this idea in view a meeting of all boys over the age of 14 was held on February 24th. Mr. McIntosh presided. A large number of boys attended, and a committee of five consisting of Ver-yard, Williams, Brooking, Ainslie and More was elected. The annual subscription to the club is 1s., and under the auspices of the club, a monthly points competition will be held during the swimming season, and a trophy will be awarded to the winner of the highest number of points for the year.

The first competition was held at Crawley Baths on the 24th February. As no fee

was charged, a large number of competitors took part in every race, and good swimming was witnessed right through. Mr. Hind acted as starter, and Messrs. McIntosh and Curlewis as judges. Mr. Wells kindly consented to judge the two dives. The races which were all championships, resulted as follows:—

#### OPEN EVENTS.

100 Yards.—Parkes, 1; Hall, 2; Summers, 3; Williams, 4.

50 Yards.—Parkes, 1; Summers, 2; Hall, 3; Williams, 4.

220 Yards.—Parkes, 1; Hargrave, 2.

50 Yards on Back.—Hall, 1; Ainslie, 2; Seed, 3; Arundale, 4.

Diving for plates.—Watkins, 1; Brooking, 2; Ainslie, 3.

Neat Dive.—W. Seed, 1; Parkes, 2; Wilkinson, 3.

High Dive.—W. Seed, 1; Henriques, 2; T. Seed, 3; Ainslie, 4.

75 Yards Breast Stroke.—Hall, 1; James, 2; Mann, 3; Hargrave, 4.

#### Under 16.

100 Yards.—Patterson, 1; Eves, 2.

50 Yards.—Hall, 1; Mann, 2; Patterson, 3.

#### JUNIOR SWIMMING CLUB.

The Junior Club held a Points Competition at Crawley Baths on Saturday, February 24th, in conjunction with the Senior Club. The following are the results of the races:—

#### Under 14.

50 Yards.—J. Curlewis, 1; Porter, 2; House ii., 3.

75 Yards.—J. Curlewis, and Broadhurst tie.

#### Under 12.

75 Yards.—J. Curlewis, 1; T. Draper, 2; Porter, 3.

30 Yards.—J. Curlewis, 1; Blackman, 2; Porter, 3; T. Draper, 4.

#### Under 10.

75 Yards.—B. Curlewis, 1; Breen, 2; Purser, 3.

80 Yards.—B. Curlewis, 1; Breen, 2; Purser, 3; Law ii., 4.

50 Yards Breast Stroke Juniors.—Henriques, 1; House ii., 2; Broadhurst, 3; B. Curlewis, 4.

### JUNIOR CARNIVAL.

The High School Junior Swimming Club held its annual carnival at Crawley Baths on Saturday, March 31st. The judges were Captain Parkes and Messrs. Manford, Breen, McIntosh, McLarty, and Parkes. Mr. Hind officiated as starter, and Mr. Blatchford as timekeeper. Other officials were Masters Mann, Paterson, Mosey, Chase, Norman, Woodroffe, Curlewis, Draper, and James. The races, which started at the men's jetty and finished at the ladies' jetty and various distances in between, proved very interesting to a number of the parents and friends, who had a good view of them from the steps of the main platform. In spite of the bleak wind and somewhat icy condition of the water, the racing was of a high order, and several close and exciting finishes were witnessed. The title of champion swimmer fell to Manford, for gaining most points in events 4, 6, and 17. He swam splendidly throughout. A couple of Saturdays ago this lad carried off the inter-schools championship under 13. Among the junior division under 10, B. Curlewis proved himself a long way superior to any of his opponents. The 80 yards under 10, which he lost by a touch only, after giving away 15sec. to the winner, proved the most exciting contest of the morning. T. Draper, who won the championship events under 11 and 12, is also a speedy swimmer. The names of the placed boys in the various events are as follows:—

20 Yards (Beginners).—Wilson 1, Officer, 2; McGibbon, 3. Time, 19sec.

80 Yards Handicap (under 10).—G. Breen, 1; B. Curlewis, 2; M. Purser, 3. Time, 1min. 28sec.

80 Yards Championship (under 12).—T. Draper, 1; Porter, 2; Lotz, 3. Time, 1min. 15sec.

80 Yards Championship (under 14).—Manford, 1; Chase (captain), 2; J. Curlewis, 3. Time, 1min. 8sec.

50 Yards Championship (under 11).—T. Draper, 1; Backman, 2; B. Curlewis, 3. Time, 44sec.

80 Yards (breast stroke 50 yards, on back 30 yards, under 14).—A. Draper, 1; Chase, 2; Manford, 3. Time, 1min. 24sec.

80 Yards (breast stroke 50 yards, on back 30 yards, under 12).—Lotz, 1; T. Draper, 2; Blackman, 3. Time, 1min. 48½sec.

50 Yards Championship (under 10).—B. Curlewis, 1; G. Breen, 2. Time, 45sec.

20 Yards Breast Stroke (Beginners).—McGibbon, 1; Officer, 2; Kekwick, 3. Time 22½sec.

80 Yards Championship (under 13).—Manford, 1; Broadhurst, 2. Time, 1min. 11sec.

50 Yards (breast stroke 30 yards, on back 20 yards, under 10).—B. Curlewis, 1; M. Purser, 2. Time, 60sec.

80 Yards Handicap (under 14).—A. Draper, 1; Yeo, 2; Crommelin, 3. Time, 1min. 20½sec.

80 Yards Handicap (under 12).—T. Draper, 1; Lotz, 2; Drummond, 3. Time, 1min. 25sec.

30 Yards (Beginners, under 12).—Lotz, 1; Burgess, 2; Wilson, 3. Time, 28½sec.

30 Yards Handicap (under 10).—Breen, 1; B. Curlewis, 2; McGibbon, 3. Time, 24½sec.

160 Yards Handicap (under 14).—Manford, 1; Draper, 2; J. Curlewis, 3. Time, 3min. 7sec.

High Dive.—Henriques, 1; A. Draper, 2; T. Draper, 3.

Neat Dive.—Henriques, 1; Broadhurst, 2; A. Draper, 3.

Duck Hunt.—Parks.

### LIFE-SAVING.

At the beginning of the term Mr. Wells offered to start a class for life-saving. Many boys joined the classes, and every Tuesday and Friday afternoon they used to go to Crawley Baths, where Mr. Wells demonstrated the different methods of rescue and release, and also gave some useful hints on swimming. The classes for the land drill were held at the School during the drill period, and when the examination came

off, everyone succeeded in passing, and the work was a credit both to Mr. Wells and the boys.

After a few weeks of instruction, Mr. Millett was asked to examine the boys at Crawley Baths. A large number entered for the examination, and everyone was successful in passing the test for the Proficiency Certificate, while a fair number obtained the bronze medallion. Later on in the term, seven boys entered for the "award of merit," and we congratulate them on their fine performance. Those who passed the examination are as follows:—

Award of Merit.—R. Wilkinson, J. C. Dent, W. W. Seed, T. B. Seed, H. F. Parkes, G. L. Mann, H. Huntingdon.

Bronze Medallion.—J. H. Hargrave, C. J. Veryard, C. B. Williams, T. B. Seed, J. Ainslie, F. Farmer, T. R. Wilkinson, F. H. Parkes, D. Sanders, H. Huntingdon, J. C. Dent, G. L. Mann, S. H. Cox, W. W. Seed, M. Brooking, A. Veryard.

Proficiency Certificate.—J. H. Hargrave, A. O. Watkins, C. B. Williams, E. J. Brockway, H. B. Summers, W. More, M. S. Brooking, J. Ainslie, W. F. Mosey, J. H. Howe, G. L. Mann, J. E. Battye, N. Anderson, H. C. Lesehen, T. V. Vincent, F. H. Parkes, A. M. Veryard, C. L. Adkins, S. H. Cox, A. Robinson, M. Oldham, J. C. Dent, A. James, D. Plaistowe, G. Eyres, R. S. Curtis, A. V. Hall, T. A. Draper, F. Manford, J. Patterson, P. Clifton. Also 10 passed for the Elementary Certificate.

In connection with the life-saving, the following letter which has been received by Mr. Wilson, may prove of interest to our readers:—

18th April, 1917.

Matthew Wilson, Esq., B.A.,  
Principal, Perth High School.

Dear Sir,—On behalf of the Executive, I beg to express a word of appreciation concerning the High School's interest in swimming and life-saving methods.

In connection with examinations for the Proficiency Certificate, and bronze medallion, I visited the School on March 9th last,

to see the land drill done, and was astonished to see the whole senior division paraded; while the manner in which the drill was done was most satisfactory.

The diligence of the candidates in practice for the many awards gained, and Mr. Wells' able and enthusiastic instruction, both deserve every commendation.

We sincerely hope that this whole-hearted interest in life-saving will be a permanent feature in the life of your School. Every boy cannot be a champion speed swimmer, but each can and should, we urge, be proficient in life-saving exercises.

Yours faithfully,

J. H. MILLETT, Hon. Sec.

#### LAW SHIELD COMPETITION.

The Annual Life-Saving Competition for the Law Shield, took place at Crawley Baths on March 24th. This year five teams were entered for the competition, High School 1st and 2nd, Scotch College 1st and 2nd, and Perth Modern School. The competition was very keen, and the individual performances were very good, all the boys showing a thorough knowledge of this all important art. Scotch College finished with the fastest time, but were closely followed by High School, who finished in slightly slower time than the winning team.

Maxwell, from the winning team, showed remarkable ability, gaining fastest time for the day, with 2min. 1sec. Hall, for the High School, also swam very well, and gained second fastest time with 2min. 14 4-5 sec. Our team owes a lot of thanks to Mr. Wells, who has shown great interest in the School in the way he has coached the teams devoting a lot of time to the boys.

The order of the competing teams with their respective times, is as follows:—

- 1st.—Scotch College (i), 9min. 16 2-5sec.
- 2nd.—High School (i), 9min. 42 4-5sec.
- 3rd.—Scotch College (ii), 10min. 34 3-5 sec.
- 3rd.—Scotch College (ii), 10min. 34 3-5 sec.
- 4th.—Modern School, 11min. 9sec.



LIFE SAVING CLASS FOR 1917.

5th.—High School (ii), 11min. 24 1-5sec.

The School was represented by the following boys:—No. 1 team—Hall, Ainslie, W. Seed, and T. Seed. No. 2 team—Mann, Wilkinson, James i., and Parkes.

### Cricket.

We have every reason to look back upon the season which has just closed with satisfaction for Christmas found us once again in possession of the Darlot Cup after a lapse of five years, and since then we have established ourselves in the second position in the current tournament. Last December we won the Cup by virtue of an excellent victory over Scotch College in which match Knight's bowling was the principal factor in our success.

With Knight's departure, Veryard assumed the captaincy, a position he has filled with much credit and with benefit to his team. It is a pity that he is so useful a member of the crew. for the consequent lack of practice has affected his batting a good deal. His bowling however, has been of the utmost value to the side.

Seed i., judged by his own standard, has been somewhat disappointing. Out of luck, he failed to get the big score that would have restored his confidence and enabled him to get more runs than he did. Quite recently he has developed his bowling to such an extent that by the time the third Cup match was played, he had become an opening bowler. More has improved immensely since the beginning of the season, and can now be considered one of the best bats on the side. His only fault is lack of vigour in hitting a leg ball.

Brooking and Malloch both rendered us valiant service in the Cup matches, and the fine win over Scotch College must in the main be attributed to them. Brooking has a fine free style, and he can be relied on to keep the scorers busy when allowed to stop. Malloch by means of constant practice since Christmas, is the most improved player in the team, and one of the most useful. He should prove a valuable asset to the School

in the future. Ainslie has done fairly well, both with bat and ball. His enthusiasm makes us wish he had met with more success. Seed ii. promised well at first, but later developed a habit of hitting rashly, which prevented him from getting the runs we expected from him. Eves, if he would practise more assiduously, would become a cricketer of much merit. Reading has been a keen and useful member of the team. It has been in the field perhaps that he has proved himself of most value. Hungerford made some improvement with the bat, but he has failed so far to fulfil expectations as a bowler. Veryard ii. who came into the side after Christmas, has bowled well, and with more experience he should develop into quite a good bowler. Experience will bring him length, but he must learn to follow his bowling through. Sanders has shown himself to be quite a capable wicket-keeper, and he gave nothing away in the Cup ties, but he has taken to the game too late to become anything of a batsman.

The fielding deserves special mention for it is in this branch of the game that the greatest improvement has been made. We have now a fine fielding side, and whatever we may do in the second half of the current tournament, we feel confident that we shall hold our own in this department.

The Second XI. has not been as successful as we could have wished. Readhead, the captain, has met with fair success both as keeper and with the bat. His keenness for the success of the team was obvious, and he deserved to have received better support than he did. Wilson is the best all-round player, and he promises to be a cricketer of more than average ability. Arundale (who should have more practice behind the wickets). Meares and Thiel have done good work and they should do well when their time comes to represent the School. Amongst the juniors we must single out Beresford, M. Loton, C. V. Loton, Dungey, Stone, the two Nathans, Tymms, Allen, Yeo ii., Eyres ii., Casteau and Whitty for special praise. The Lotons and the Nathans are perhaps the best, but the

others will become good cricketers if they continue to play with the keenness they have shown during the last season. We should like to take this opportunity of expressing our gratitude to Mr. Veryard who has put in a lot of time with the members of the first and second elevens. They have benefited greatly by his able coaching. Also our thanks are due to W. More for the excellent list of fixtures which he arranged for the season.

### DARLOT CUP TOURNAMENT.

On the 23rd March the above tournament for the year was started on the W.A.T.C. Ground, and we were drawn to play C.B.C. on the East wicket. Veryard lost the toss and C.B.C. elected to bat. They were soon in difficulties and had 5 wickets down for 30. Hurley, however, by a spirited if lucky innings, put a better complexion on their score by making 36. No other player reached double figures, and the side was out for 80. This score was very nearly beyond us, for it was left to the last man to hit the runs which took us past it. C.B.C. did much worse in their second innings, and could only make 23. Veryard i. in this innings, met with phenomenal success, for in 5 overs he dismissed 6 batsmen for only 5 runs. We obtained the necessary runs to win for the loss of one wicket. It will be seen that Seed i. and Malloch were the only two on our side who were at all successful with the bat. Silverstone bowled splendidly for C.B.C. in the first innings, and captured 6 wickets at a cost of 28 runs. The score sheet read as follows:—

#### C.B.C.

##### First Innings.

McAuliffe, c Reading, b Veryard ii. . .	2
Pozzi, c Malloch, b Veryard i. . . .	0
Ross, c Malloch, b Veryard ii. . . .	5
Catling, b Veryard i. . . . .	7
Burke, b Veryard i. . . . .	5
Beston, c Seed ii., b Veryard ii. . . .	3
Silverstone, c Veryard ii., b Veryard i.	3
Sullivan, b Veryard ii. . . . .	6
Hurley, c Reading, b Veryard ii. . .	36
Marwick, not out . . . . .	9
Walsh, hit wicket, b Veryard . . . .	0
Extras . . . . .	4
<b>Total . . . . .</b>	<b>80</b>

##### Second Innings.

McAuliffe, c Seed ii., b Veryard ii. . .	0
Pozzi, l.b.w., b Veryard i. . . . .	0
Ross, c Sanders, b Veryard i. . . . .	1
Catling, c Ainslie, b Veryard ii. . . .	6
Burke, c and b Veryard ii. . . . .	0
Beston, c Veryard ii., b Veryard i. . .	0
Silverstone, c Seed ii., b Veryard i. .	0
Sullivan, c and b Veryard i. . . . .	0
Hurley, c Hungerford, b Veryard i. . .	5
Marwick, c Brooking, b Seed i. . . .	5
Walsh, not out . . . . .	5
Extra . . . . .	1
<b>Total . . . . .</b>	<b>23</b>

#### SCHOOL.

##### First Innings.

Seed i., c and b Catling . . . . .	18
Seed ii., b Silverstone . . . . .	8
More, c Burke, b Catling . . . . .	12
Veryard i., run out . . . . .	1
Brooking, c Ross, b Catling . . . .	0
Ainslie, b Silverstone . . . . .	10
Malloch, not out . . . . .	15
Hungerford, b Silverstone . . . . .	11
Reading, c Sullivan, b Silverstone . .	0
Veryard ii., b Silverstone . . . . .	1
Sanders, c Walsh, b Silverstone . . .	6
Extras . . . . .	3
<b>Total . . . . .</b>	<b>85</b>

##### Second Innings.

Seed i., not out . . . . .	22
Seed ii., not out . . . . .	9
Malloch, b Silverstone . . . . .	4
<b>Total . . . . .</b>	<b>35</b>

On the 28th March we played C.E.G.S. on the West wicket. Veryard on winning the toss decided to bat. We made a wretched start and actually had 5 wickets down for 8 runs. Brooking and Malloch however, made a much needed stand, and carried the score to 49, before Brooking was out for an excellent innings of 32. Malloch continued to play well, but received little assistance from the rest of the side, and we were all out for 85. Malloch carried out his bat for a careful and well played 21. We started well in the field and had 5 out of 57, but Sinclair, who is in a class by himself in this tournament, carried the side on his shoulders (as he did against Scotch College), and put the issue beyond doubt by making 59, by clean and vigorous cricket. He was ultimately out to a fine catch at mid-off.

The rest of the side did little, and we started our second innings 35 runs in arrears. The side was out just on time for 117, to which total Seed i., More, and Veryard i. were the chief contributors. We therefore lost the match on the first innings by 35. The details of the game were as follows:—

## SCHOOL.

## First Innings.

Seed i., b Gill . . . . .	0
Seed ii., c Vincent, b Hayward . . . . .	0
More, b Gee . . . . .	4
Veryard i., b Hayward . . . . .	0
Brooking, c Rhodes, b Clark . . . . .	32
Ainslie, b Gee . . . . .	2
Malloch, not out . . . . .	21
Hungerford, b Hayward . . . . .	8
Reading, l.b.w., b Hayward . . . . .	1
Veryard ii., b Hayward . . . . .	4
Sanders, c and b Gee . . . . .	2
Extras . . . . .	11
Total . . . . .	85

## Second Innings.

Seed i., c Piesse, b Rhodes . . . . .	27
Seed ii., c Rhodes, b Clark . . . . .	12
More, c Clark, b Hayward . . . . .	21
Veryard i., c Vincent, b Hayward . . . . .	16
Brooking, b Hayward . . . . .	6
Ainslie, b Hayward . . . . .	0
Malloch, c Sinclair, b Hayward . . . . .	2
Hungerford, c Piesse, b Gee . . . . .	5
Reading, b Padbury . . . . .	10
Veryard ii., b Padbury . . . . .	0
Sanders, not out . . . . .	0
Extras . . . . .	18
Total . . . . .	117

## C.E.G.S.

## First Innings.

Gee, c Malloch, b Seed i. . . . .	12
Clark, l.b.w., b Veryard i. . . . .	1
Greatorex, c Sanders, b Veryard i. . . . .	7
Sinclair, c Veryard i., b Veryard ii. . . . .	59
Piesse, run out . . . . .	1
Deyken, b Seed i. . . . .	2
Rhodes, b Veryard i. . . . .	10
Padbury, c More, b Veryard ii. . . . .	11
Garratt, run out . . . . .	8
Vincent, b Hungerford . . . . .	4
Hayward, not out . . . . .	0
Extras . . . . .	5
Total . . . . .	120

Two days later we played Scotch College on the East wicket. The latter batted first and made a bad start, for both Hodge—

their best bat—and Maxwell were out with three runs scored. Barker (40) and Sampson (19) afterwards played splendid cricket and added 59 before another wicket fell. Barker's innings was a particularly good effort. Griffiths contributed a lively 20. None of the others did much, and we were faced with a score of 112.

Our start also was unsatisfactory, and we had three wickets down for 28. Brooking and Malloch then made a great stand which eventually gave us the victory. They carried the score to 90 before Brooking was caught at slip, for a meritorious innings of 38. Malloch was out 12 runs later for a careful and well played innings of 32. The next two wickets fell for an addition of 5 runs, but we passed our opponents score without further loss and, finished with a lead of 15 runs. Seed i. was our best bowler with 4 wickets for 30, while Murphy did best for Scotch, with 5 for 40.

In their second innings, Scotch obtained 62 for 5 wickets, and so we won on the first innings by 15 runs. Details of the match are given below:—

## SCOTCH COLLEGE.

## First Innings.

Maxwell, run out . . . . .	2
Hodge, c Veryard ii., b Seed i. . . . .	1
Barker, c Brooking, b Hungerford . . . . .	40
Samson, l.b.w., b Veryard ii. . . . .	19
Black, run out . . . . .	0
Murphy, c Veryard i., b Hungerford . . . . .	8
Griffiths, c and b Seed i. . . . .	20
Nurse, not out . . . . .	11
Thorne, c Veryard ii., b Seed i. . . . .	1
Gidney, c Veryard ii., Seed i. . . . .	2
Tucker, b Veryard i. . . . .	1
Extras . . . . .	7
Total . . . . .	112

## Second Innings.

Maxwell, l.b.w., b Veryard ii. . . . .	19
Hodge, l.b.w. b Veryard ii. . . . .	11
Barker, c Hungerford, b Seed i. . . . .	4
Samson, not out . . . . .	3
Black, c Ainslie, b Veryard . . . . .	4
Murphy, c Veryard ii., b Seed i. . . . .	8
Thorne, not out . . . . .	5
Extras . . . . .	8

5 wickets for . . . . . 62

ship by Reading and Veryard ii. helped the score to reach 75 (Reading 35, Veryard ii. 14). Training College then went in, and when time was up had made 51 runs at a loss of 7 wickets. The bowlers for us were Veryard ii. 4 for 24, and Hungerford 3 for 25.

The last match of the season was played against Mr. Loton's team at Upper Swan, on Saturday, April 14th. Mr. Loton had arranged for the train to stop just opposite the ground, which saved a good long walk. The team was provided with a very good lunch and tea, and there was also no lack of water-melons and cases of fruit. Upper Swan batted first and were not dismissed until they had made 196. We now set out upon what appeared to be an uphill task, but owing to good batting by Mr. Hind, who made 77, the score reached 197, and thus we won after a most exciting match by 1 run. The following are the scores:—Upper Swan, first innings 196 (Devereaux 46, Loton 33, Rev. Burton 35, Sanders 14, Nolan 16, Brown 15); second innings 5 for 41 (Sanders 14, Loton 11). School team, 197 (Mr. Hind 77, Malloch i. 28, Reading 28, Eves 13, Thiel 14, Wilson 12. In the first innings our bowlers were Wilson 2 for 42, Thiel 2 for 22, Mr. Hind 1 for 38, Ainslie 2 for 38. In the second innings Eves 3 for 16, Ainslie 2 for 21.

#### 2nd XI. MATCHES.

Played . . . . .	10
Won . . . . .	1
Lost . . . . .	9

On November 4th v. Modern School at Esplanade. Won by Modern School. High School first innings 40 (Seed ii. 25); second innings, 7 wickets for 22. Modern School, 93 (Forsaith 10, Uren 29, Mathews 12 not out).

On November 11th v. Guildford Grammar School. Won by C.E.G.S. by 80 runs. C.E.G.S. 110 (Vincent 36, Garrett 16, Ick 23). High School 30 (Veryard ii. 10, Mead 9).

On Wednesday, November 15th v. Christian Brothers' College, played at C.B.C.

Won by C.B.C. High School, first innings 20; second innings 49 (Meares 16 not out, Wilson 10). C.B.C. 94 (Hearman 13, Beston 34, Ross 14).

On Saturday, November 18th v. Scotch College at King's Park. Won by Scotch College. High School 73 (Veryard ii. 23, Meares 11, Hester 14). Scotch College 5 wickets for 103 (Letts 30, Oakley 32, Moss 15 not out).

On Saturday, November 25th v. C.E.G.S. at King's Park. Won by C.E.G.S. High School 8 for 21 (Reading 17). C.E.G.S. 3 for 135 (Greatorex 65 retired, Vincent 26, Garratt 33).

On Saturday, February 24th v. C.B.C. at King's Park. Won by C.B.C. High School first innings 21; second innings 45 (Eves 24, Arundale 14). C.B.C. first innings 73 (McAuliffe 21, Hurley 12, O'Donnell 14 not out); second innings 31 (Hurley 18).

On Saturday, March 3rd v. Modern School at Modern School. Won by Modern School. High School first innings 61 (Reading 23, Thiel 19); second innings 7 wickets for 49 runs (Malloch 22, Reading 14). Modern School 86 (Hardwicke 12, Mathews 21, Simpson 17).

On Saturday, March 17th v. Scotch College at King's Park. Won by Scotch College. High School, first innings 61 (Stow 14, Meares 10); second innings 59 (Wilson 13, Meares 12). Scotch College 138 (Drummond 61 retired, Moss 17, Gidney 11, Whauchepe 10, Spalhaty 15 not out).

On Saturday, March 24th v. C.E.G.S. at King's Park. Won by C.E.G.S. High School, first innings 22 (Arundale 13); second innings 58 (Thiel 26). C.E.G.S. 82 (Bostock 42, Ick 18).

On Saturday, March 31st v. Modern School at King's Park. Won by High School. High School, first innings 6 wickets for 155 (Meares 37, Arundale 28, Butcher 13, Wilson 13, Readhead 13 not out, Eves 35 not out). P.M.S., first innings 33 (Truscott 10, Simpson 10); second innings 9 for 76 (Truscott 18, Herins 14, Royalhouse 15 not out).

## 3rd XI. MATCHES.

Played . . . . .	10
Won . . . . .	2
Lost . . . . .	8

On Saturday, November 4th v. Modern School at King's Park. Won by Modern School. Modern School 74 (Hardwick 13, Bell 12, Klein 13, Cleave 10). High School first innings 53 (Arundale 18, Parker 10); second innings 55 (Arundale 15, Thiel 16).

On Saturday, November 18th v. Scotch College at Claremont. Won by Scotch College. High School, first innings 59 (Wood 10, Arundale 15); second innings, 3 wickets for 45 (Arundale 22 not out). Scotch College 122 (McKay 51, Spalhaty 17, Campbell 10, Wilsmore 13).

On Saturday, November 25th v. C.E.G.S. at Guildford. Won by C.E.G.S. C.E.G.S. 8 for 154 (Lang 54, Meagher 44, Hunter 16, Burton ii. 16 not out). High School 36 (Thiel 11).

On Wednesday, November 29th v. Christchurch Preparatory School. Won by High School. High School 66 (Thiel 21). C.P.S., first innings 26; second innings 51 (Montgomery 16, Stansfield 12, Lyall 9).

On Saturday, December 2nd v. Modern School. Won by Modern School. High School 43 (Thiel 18). Modern School, 4 wickets for 193 (Hardwick 101 retired, Pell 54, Stockton 17).

On Saturday, February 17th v. Scotch College at King's Park. Won by Scotch College. High School 7 for 71 (Arundale 31, Wilson 24 not out). Scotch College 9 for 74.

On Saturday, March 10th v. Christ Church Preparatory School at Claremont. Won by C.P.S. C.P.S., first innings 59 (Ross 19, Kelsall 11). High School 38 (Loton i. 18). C.P.S., second innings 8 wickets for 25.

On Saturday, March 17th v. Scotch College at Claremont. Won by Scotch College. High School 64 (Loton i. 17, House i. 13, Hargrave i. 26, Woodroffe 11). Scotch College 87 (Carson 23, Murray 16).

On Saturday, March 24, v. C.E.G.S. at Guildford. Won by C.E.G.S. High School first innings 16, second innings 19 (House i. 11). C.E.G.S. 5 wickets for 224 (Clarke 71 retired, Ellis 54 retired, Lyons 31, Banger 14, Johnstone 16, Parks i. 10).

On Saturday, March 31, v. Modern School at King's Park. Won by High School. Modern School 49 (Norman 15); second innings 5 wickets for 62 (Hunt 21, Green 10, Bruce 16). High School 64 (Parks 27, Summers 11).

## UNDER AGE MATCHES.

Played . . . . .	11
Won . . . . .	8
Lost . . . . .	2
Drawn . . . . .	1

On Saturday, November 11th, Under 15 v. C.E.G.S. at King's Park. Won by C.E.G.S. by 3 runs. High School, first innings 44 (Wood 13 not out, Wilson 9); second innings 3 wickets for 65 runs (Arundale 42 not out). C.E.G.S. 47 (Ellis ii. 16).

On Wednesday, November 15th, Under 12 v. Christ Church Preparatory School at King's Park. Won by High School. High School 4 for 54 (Loton ii. 25 retired). C.P.S. first innings 15; second innings 21 (Kelsall 10).

On Wednesday, November 29th, Under 13 v. G.P.S. at Guildford. Won by High School. G.P.S. 20; High School 100 (Curlew 21 not out, Loton ii. 20 not out, Loton iii. 19 not out, Nathan i. 16).

On Saturday, December 2nd, Under 14 v. G.P.S. at Guildford. Drawn. G.P.S. 9 wickets for 83 (Grant 28); High School 6 for 46 (Loton i. 20, Loton ii. 11).

On Wednesday, February 21st, Under 15 v. C.E.G.S. at King's Park. Won by High School. High School 77 (Peploe 17, Loton i. 12, Thiel 21). C.E.G.S. 57 (Bere 13, Parks i. 23).

On Wednesday, February 28, Under 14 v. G.P.S. at King's Park. Won by High School. High School 3 wickets for 85

(Curlewis 22, Loton i. 13, Crommelin 22).  
G.P.S. 46 (Stewart i. 19, Butcher ii. 13).

On Wednesday, February 28, Under 12 v. G.P.S. at Guildford. Won by High School. High School 3 wickets for 61 (Loton iii. 11, Loton ii. 15). G.P.S. 18.

On Wednesday, March 7, Under 14 v. C.P.S. at King's Park. Won by High School. High School 103 (Loton ii. 26 retired, Irwin 26 retired, Gwynne 10). C.P.S. first innings 43 (Noyes 17, Calchrop 15); second innings 26 (Todd 8).

On Wednesday, March 7, Under 12 v. C.P.S. at Claremont. Won by High School. High School, first innings 85; second innings, 2 wickets for 26. C.P.S. first innings 23, second innings 7.

On Wednesday, March 14, Under 13 v. G.P.S. at King's Park. Won by High School. G.P.S. first innings 12; second innings 1 for 23. High School 124 (Loton iii. 26 retired, Loton ii. 25 retired, Drummond 15 retired, Gwynne 12 retired, Blackman 18 not out, Eyres ii. 12 retired).

On Saturday, March 31st, 4th XI. v. C.E.G.S. at Guildford. Won by C.E.G.S. High School first innings 67 (Eyres i. 18 not out); second innings 4 for 47 (Beresford 12 not out, Dungey 10). C.E.G.S. 7 for 170 (Church 56 retired, Moss 26, Broadhurst 16, Young 17).

#### AVERAGES FOR ALL MATCHES FOR SEASON 1916-17.

Name.	Runs.	Innings.	Average.
Veryard i. . . . .	189	15	12.3
Seed i. . . . .	262	22	11.9
Reading . . . . .	143	13	11.0
Brooking . . . . .	152	17	8.9
Malloch i. . . . .	130	15	8.6
Seed ii. . . . .	161	19	8.5
More . . . . .	166	20	8.3
Eves. . . . .	29	4	7.2
Hungerford. . . . .	68	10	6.8
Sanders* . . . . .	25	4	6.2
Ainslie . . . . .	113	19	5.9
Readhead . . . . .	28	8	3.5
Mr. Hind . . . . .	133	3	44.3
Veryard ii.* . . . .	61	10	6.1
Arundale* . . . . .	11	4	2.7
Saw* . . . . .	32	2	16.0
Knight* . . . . .	166	8	20.7
Ledsham* . . . . .	145	11	13.2

\* Signifies only having played half season.

## Rowing.

### THE BOAT RACE.

The boat race was rowed on Saturday, April 28th. The weather was excellent, and there was a large crowd of barrackers assembled on the river, and on the banks of Mt. Eliza. The course was one mile long, starting from a point opposite Crawley Baths and finished at Mill Point. Guildfords got away first at the start, rowing with a very fast stroke, they were followed by Scotch College, and Christians. Our crew was slightly slow at the start, and hung on splendidly for the first half mile, but after that began to fall back. After about a quarter of a mile, Christians began to pull away from Guildfords. Christians then maintained the lead until the finish. There was a keen contest between Scotch College and Guildfords for second place, and in the end the second place fell to Guildfords. Our crew was last coming in, a length or two behind Scotch College. At the end of the day the Cup was presented to the stroke of the winning crew by the Governor. The Governor also presented a Cup given by Mr. J. Stewart of Fremantle to the stroke of the winning crew. Although our crew came last, we are not down-hearted, and we all hope that we will do better next year. Our crew was as follows:—C. B. Williams (stroke), N. Anderson (3), Veryard (2), R. P. Mead (bow), P. Henriques (cox).

We should like to take the opportunity to thank on behalf of the School, the crew and their coach, Mr. McKellar, for the excellent way in which they have worked and trained for the past three months.

## Form Notes.

### VI.

Once again the events of the term are chronicled in the *Cygnets*. As we constitute the top form of the School, great deeds are expected from us, and those who expect them are not disappointed. Last year three of our form obtained the Leaving Certifi-



C. B. Williams (Stroke), M. Anderson (3), C. Veryard (2), R. P. Mead (bow), P. Henriques (cox.)



HIGH SCHOOL CRICKET TEAM, WINNERS OF DARLOT CUP.

(From left to right) Back row—J. Hungerford, H. Readhead, T. Seed, Mr. Hind, J. Ainslie, W. More, H. Reading.  
Front row—F. Ledsham, C. Veryard (Vice Capt.), R. Knight (Capt.), W. Seed, M. Brooking.

cates, while two more matriculated. Owing to the large number of junior passes last year, the number in our class has greatly increased, and these new arrivals are speedily adapting themselves to the harder work. We look towards them as well as the older members of the class for fresh laurels at the end of the year.

Owing to the large number in our French class our respected Master has found it necessary to break up the class into three divisions, the two most used being known as the excommunicated party and the leprous department. The last-named is fast losing its popularity, chiefly owing to the large number of irregular French verbs which are in vogue.

During the term a large number of boys have continually disturbed the class getting off early to go to cricket, life-saving and swimming practice. This is mainly due to the large number of boys in our form who take a leading part in sport. From our midst over half the first eleven is selected, and in rowing and swimming we have more representatives than the rest of the School put together.

Seldom is Peter seen in afternoon class. As one boy fittingly said, "Like the morning dew, he fades away at the approach of afternoon." Most of us work hard, but some seem to carry out the old proverb, "Where ignorance is bliss 'tis folly to be wise." So far so good, but one can not always escape the terminal exams.

Even the dignified senior form gave way to temptation, and the best boys of the form could be seen silently munching under the desks on "Apple Day." In fact some naughty person says that the masters themselves had quite an enjoyable repast on confiscated apples.

According to a prominent figure-head of the class, the war was to have ended fully two years ago. For many months his prediction was allowed an extension, but of late the budding prophet has retired, and will soon (we hope) be the owner of a vast cider factory.

### V.A.

The form is working hard for the Junior Examination which is to take place at the end of the year, and under the able supervision of Mr. McIntosh, we all hope to come through the examination with flying colours.

During the term we have manfully waded through Macaulay's "Essay on Clive" and Scott's "Lay of the Last Minstrel," while for the following term we have been promised the delight of tackling "Twelfth Night," and "Silas Marner." There is no fear of our not having enough work.

Our form is very well represented in sport. We have amongst us a fine collection of cricketers, footballers, rowers and tennis players, all more or less proficient in their special line.

In the department of study we have many talented friends. It is commonly reported that Pearse is very good at writing satires, while Miles is a novelist of no small repute. He is also the undefeated champion storyteller of Form V. His specialty is homework excuses.

One day when we were reading the "Essay on Clive" the name of the Nabob of Cude was mentioned. At this there was a great commotion around the Nabob of Gorillaland who thought that he was being insulted.

The Court jester, to whom we were wont to look in our dull moments last year, is conspicuous by his absence, having gone to amuse the next class.

When Long Tom does not know his poetry he tries to invent it.

We offer our sincerest congratulations to Mr. McIntosh on his marriage to Miss Lappin. He has been very good to us in many ways, and I am sure we all appreciate his efforts.

### V.B.

This year our class is a large one as it contains about thirty of the most capable individuals of the school. This term we have worked steadily under the guidance of Mr. Newbery. Very few boys have been

absent at all this term. This is very gratifying as it enables us to work without any interruptions from boys who have lagged behind owing to an unavoidable holiday. Mr. Newberry who joined the staff at Christmas is already very popular and shows great interest in us and in the progress of the form in general. Although not the actual junior class some of us hope to sit for the Junior at the end of the year. Nearly all of our boys have been conspicuous in the detention classes by their total absence. But even here there is an exception, one youth indignantly denies having honoured the detention class more than on five afternoons per week.

Our form includes several athletes of whom Malloch i., Arundale, Sanders and Readhead may be classed among the cricketers of the School.

Both Hall and Chase are under 15 inter-school champions, the former in swimming, the latter in running.

One unfortunate youth from our class suddenly developed a total dislike to School and turned his attentions to the Cup matches. On returning to school he took all precautions as he had a superabundance of handkerchiefs in his hip pockets. He is now a much wiser and a very much sorer man.

The boarders of this class have been noted to look happy only on one occasion this term, namely on "Apple Day," when they consumed fully half of Western Australia's apple crop. Never mind! They are once more beginning to look cheerful. It must be the approach of the holidays, or perhaps the terminal examination. What?

#### IV.A.

Through the re-organisation of the School, following Christmas, certain boys have been promoted, whilst others have entered into our midst. Amongst the new boys, Eyres ii. and Witty have proved themselves worthy of high places, while Irwin and Manford have added to the strength of form athletics. Francisco is back with us again, and shows great promise.

The new members are making the keenly competed examinations interesting, for there are many possibilities of fresh names being at the head of the lists. The "old boys" will not relish this.

English lessons continue interesting, for the Merchant of Venice and the Victorian Anthology attract us greatly. Formal grammar worries some of us, especially the one who was sure the word saucer had a feminine, and that feminine was "sorceress."

Three debates have been held:—Capital Punishment; Strikes; and Town Versus Country Life. There proved instructive as well as amusing. Witty is the orator. We would like the opportunity of debating with another form in the School.

The history book studied, "The New Liberty," is a splendid change after our old friend "Tout."

We are proud of the deeds of the members of our form in sport. In cricket Thiel has been raised to a position in the 2nd Eleven. Congratulations. Roberts, Mearres, Gwynne, Curlewis, Tymms, Malloch, and Irwin are other form representatives in this sport. Curlewis i. and Manford i. are our swimmers, while Gwynne, Norman, Thiel and Farmer ii. can run.

#### IV.B.

At the end of last year we lost the services of our ever popular form-master, Captain Jenkins. Needless to say we were very sorry to say good-bye to a man we so much liked, and even now we cannot but think of him with thoughts of respect and regret. Mr. McLarty has stepped in Captain Jenkins' place, and has already gained greatly popularity among the boys. Although he makes us work hard, we do not mind as everything is exceedingly interesting, especially the last period of the afternoon, when he reads to us. At present we are reading a book on the war called "His Country's Call," and we are all deeply interested and every day look forward to the afternoon treat.

One day when we were having English, a small youth was asked to turn "The bird ate the grub" into the passive voice. After a few moments pause, a small voice replied "The grub ate the bird." Woe betide thee small, but ignorant youth.

Most of us belong to the Junior Swimming Club, and Manford from our form, won the under 13 inter-school race. Nearly all of us play cricket. Loton, Roberts, Draper, Drummond, Nathan, Casteau and Blackman play for the School in under-age teams. "Squeaker" is also cox of the rowing four.

One specimen of self-revealing humour may be inserted in order to show you the high estimation of himself which one of the smaller boys has.

"Manford he is twelve, he won all the championships under 14 and 13 at the Junior Swimming Club, him and myself are very clever in school, and speshile in spelling. I am the best in our form. (Like Smok)."

We hope, Mr. Editor will be able to unravel this masterpiece, we couldn't. If he succeeds he will be too tired to read any more, so here ends the revelations of Form IV.B.

### III.A.

Our form is undoubtedly the liveliest in the School, while the boys in it are far better than any of the others. Nathan ii. will soon be captain of the 1st Eleven, that is if his cricket improves as it has been doing lately, in Yeo ii. we have a coming champion boxer, while England, who is the most hard-working boy in the School, will soon be promoted, and taking the prize for head of the School away from some much older boy. We are all proud of Troughet, who has the distinction of being the most curly-headed boy in the School, if not in the whole of Perth. If Troughet holds the title of the curliest, Webb lays full claim to being the hungriest in the School, and our form is willing to back him against any other boy in the School in a bun-eating competition.

Most of us belong to the Junior Swimming Club, and we all took a leading part in

the carnival, which was held just recently. During the winter months, the club has obtained some hurdles, and we practice jumping and running on the lawn in front of the School, nearly every afternoon.

All of us are looking forward to the holidays which begin on May II, but before we start the holidays we have to have our exams., but as we have all worked hard, it is needless to say we do not fear the exams., and feel quite confident as to our ability to do well and please Mr. Hind.

## Examination Results.

### UNIVERSITY OF WEST AUSTRALIA.

For the first time the School entered candidates for the Senior Certificate Examinations, and although they had had but one year's preparation for what is considered a two years' course, the results were very good indeed. Three boys, Ainslie, More, Van Raalte, succeeded in passing; the first-named in four subjects, the two latter in five. The Cooke brothers, Henry and Angus, passed in three, and several others also obtained passes in one subject. For the Matriculation Examination, in addition to Ainslie, More and Van Raalte, Durston Oldham and Garner were successful.

Fifteen boys passed the Junior Certificate, and five others obtained four passes, thus requiring but one more subject to complete the examination.

The following are the detailed results:—

### SENIOR CERTIFICATE.

Passed (3).

	English.	History.	Maths.	French.
W. More . . . .	P.	P.	P.	P.
J. Ainslie . . . .	P.	P.	P.	
K. V. Raalte . .	P.	P.	P.	P.

H. F. Cooke passed in English, History and Geography, obtaining a distinction in History.

E. Arney passed in Geography and English.

A. Cooke, passed in English and Geography, History.

S. Garner passed in English and French.

S. Oldham passed in Geography and Mathematics.

S. B. Durstone passed in English and History.

### JUNIOR CERTIFICATE EXAM.

	Latin.	French.	English.	Geography.	Maths.	History.	Subjects
M. Brooking ..	—	P.	P.	P.	P.	P.	6
J. Hargrave ..	—	P.	P.	P.	P.	P.	6
K. Pearl ..	P.	—	P.	P.	P.	P.	6
H. B. Summers ..	—	P.	P.	P.	P.	P.	6
T. B. Seed ..	—	—	P.	P.	P.	P.	5
Q. Stow ..	P.	P.	P.	—	P.	P.	6
P. Torrance ..	—	P.	P.	—	P.	P.	5
C. Veryard ..	—	P.	P.	P.	P.	P.	6
F. Wood ..	—	—	P.	P.	P.	P.	5
F. Farmer ..	P.	P.	P.	P.	—	P.	5
A. Watkins ..	P.	P.	P. (1915)	P.	P.	—	5
P. Clifton ..	P.	P.	—	—	P.	P.	5
A. Frost ..	—	—	P.	P.	P.	—	4
R. Peploe ..	—	—	P.	P.	P.	—	4
K. Tepper ..	—	P.	P.	—	P.	—	4
L. Woodroffe ..	—	—	P.	—	P.	P.	4
H. Reading ..	—	—	P.	P.	P.	—	4

In addition to those who passed in above list, E. Arney, S. Garner, S. Oldham, C. Lorman, obtained the additional subjects necessary to complete their pass from the previous examination in which they had obtained four subjects.

### School Library.

The want of a School Library has been for some time felt in the School, and very shortly we hope that such a valuable adjunct to school life will be in full swing. Sir Walter James, always a generous benefactor to the School, has kindly presented 150 volumes as a nucleus to the foundation, and it is hoped that other friends and well-wishers of the School will follow suit. The great advantages that will accrue from a library of good current literature need hardly be stressed, and it is confidently expected that a ready response will be made to our appeal. If any parents or friends of the School are willing to donate suitable books, the Headmaster will be grateful, and they will be acknowledged in subsequent numbers of the *Cygnets*.

### Original Column.

#### I WILL AVENGE.

"I tell you, Vaughan, it is a terrible breach of justice; you must exercise every effort to save him."

Kelven Vaughan tossed aside the morning's paper which contained a detailed account of the crime, and knitted his brows in thought.

"But I do not see how the jury could have come to any other conclusion," he said. "The evidence against Delve was more than enough to sentence him for life. His guilt is clear."

"No, no, Vaughan! I am right! He did not kill Roland Haine! Won't you do something? A man has been sentenced to imprisonment for life for a crime he never committed."

I glanced at Vaughan, for our friend's stubborn belief in Delve's innocence seemed utterly without justification. We had known Derrick Grange for some years, and knew him as a man whose words were not to be treated lightly.

"I don't see what I can do," my companion returned, "but I will carefully reconsider all the evidence, and if I discover a weak point, I will certainly investigate."

With this assurance, Grange left us, and I turned to my friend and superior.

"Queer," I remarked.

"Yes, decidedly queer; I can't imagine why Grange should persist in asserting Delve's innocence when there is overwhelming evidence to the contrary. But now to run over the story of the crime, as it appeared in this morning's paper: 'The deceased, Roland Haine, was an exceedingly wealthy and retired miner, and the uncle of the accused. Delve went to his uncle and demanded some thousands of pounds to pay off some debts which he had contracted by gambling. Haine refused his nephew's demands, and the two quarrelled, while accused's voice came clearly to the ears of Langton, the servant, and chief witness for the prosecution: 'I want the money, and I intend to have it.' Several days later, deceased found that he had been robbed of the

sum of two thousand pounds. Suspicion instantly fell upon the nephew, and Haine, with proof, accused him of the robbery. Deceased's will had been made in favour of Delve, but he vowed to alter it and leave him penniless. Then witness heard accused's voice say, 'You might do so in the next world, but by Heavens you will never in this!' A violent struggle ensued, and twenty minutes later, Haine's dead body was found in the room. There can be no doubt concerning Delve's guilt. He killed his uncle to cover up his first crime, and to prevent deceased from altering his will.

"In his defence, Delve said that all Thursday afternoon, when the crime was committed, he was in the company of a man named Aubrey Lyal. It was found however, that Lyal had left his house in Regent-street, and the police traced him to another part of London. He gave a satisfactory explanation of his sudden departure from Regent-street, and positively denied that Delve was with him on Thursday afternoon.' That is the story, and I don't think there is any room for doubt concerning Delve's guilt."

At this moment a ring sounded at the front door, and a few minutes later, our visitor was shown into the room. He accepted the chair Vaughan offered him, and glanced from my companion to me, as if in doubt which to address.

"Which is Mr. Kelter Vaughan?" he asked at last.

"I am," Vaughan answered. "This is my friend and colleague, Mr. Haughton. "I presume you have called in connection with the charge of murder against Richard Delve?"

"How on earth did you know that?"

Simply because I saw you glance at the paragraph in the paper on the table as soon as you sat down."

"You are right, I came to tell you that Richard Delve is as guilty as you are yourself."

"What do you mean?"

"When was Haine killed?"

"At four o'clock on Thursday afternoon."

"All Thursday, Delve was in my company."

"Then why did you not say so at the trial?"

"I was not present at the trial."

"You want me to put this new evidence before the court?"

I want you to save him."

"You will have to be present, and repeat what you have told me in court."

"I will not be present. After I leave this room, you will never see me again. You must work for your proof Vaughan. I came here to tell you that he is innocent, and that it rests with you to save him. For reasons of my own, it suits me better to come privately to you and tell you this, but it is the truth. Delve has lied, cheated and robbed, but he has never killed."

"Who are you?" Vaughan demanded.

"I am Aubrey Lyal."

"Then it is my duty to arrest you for —"

But Lyal had sprung from his chair, and dashed towards the door. We hurried to intercept him, but he eluded us and hurried out of the building. We followed, and arrived on the pavement in time to see him spring into a waiting car and disappear. There was no other car handy, so pursuit was out of the question. Vaughan instantly beckoned a couple of constables who were standing a little distance down the street, and when they hurried up, he said:

"Aubrey Lyal lives at 1171 Bond-street. Arrest him for perjury."

Then we returned to our rooms, I pondering deeply over the happenings of the last few hours.

"I am strongly inclined to believe that Delve is innocent, after all," Vaughan said. "Lyal could have no earthly reason for coming to me with a pack of lies, but if it were the truth, why cannot he come forward and say so, instead of giving me a herculean task to prove it? Again, he must have a strong motive for wilfully making a false statement while he was under oath, but whatever his motive could have been, he has upset his own plans by coming to me. Why did he absolutely deny that Delve was in his company on Thursday? But which

ever way we look at it, whether what Lyal told us just now was the truth or not, he is guilty of perjury. And the sooner we get him the better. I think our best course will be to regard Delve as innocent, and try to fix the blame on the guilty party."

During the afternoon, we drove round to the prison and interviewed Richard Delve. Vaughan had no difficulty in getting his request for an interview with the prisoner granted, and soon we stood in the small dismal cell. Delve rose to his feet when he saw us, and Vaughan instantly broached the reason for his visit.

"If you are guilty," he said, "you will gain nothing by lying, but I ask you man to man, did you kill Roland Haine?"

"No."

"I believe you. Now, where were you at four o'clock last Thursday afternoon?"

"I was with a man named Aubrey Lyal."

"He swore under oath that you were not."

"I know."

"Why? Have you any idea why he should do so?"

"No; I have not the faintest idea."

"Well, I have ordered Lyal's arrest for perjury."

"Good Heavens! Lyal's arrest?"

"Yes. What is the matter? Through his lies you were sentenced for life. Why should he not pay for his sins even as you are paying now?"

"I cannot tell you—I can't and won't. Is it not enough that I should pass my life in prison for a crime I did not commit? And now—Mr. Vaughan, if there is a spark of pity in human nature, I beg you—on my knees, I beg you not to bring Aubrey Lyal to trial!"

Dumbfounded, I stared at the prisoner. That one, who had suffered as Delve had suffered, should beg that he, whose lies had sentenced him for life, should not be brought to justice, passed my powers of comprehension, and my brain was still in a whirl when Vaughan's voice, hard and stern, rapped out:

"I do not understand your plea, and I cannot promise you what you ask. You may be assured that I will see justice, but

Lyal will pay for the scandalous lies that sentenced you for life!"

"I would not mind my sentence if you would promise what I ask."

"Is there anything peculiar about Lyal by which I could recognise him?" Vaughan asked, ignoring the other's words.

"Yes. He has a scar on the right cheek."

"Then, Wenslowe," Vaughan said turning to me, "that fellow who came to us this afternoon as Aubrey Lyal, was not Lyal at all."

"Then who was it?" I ejaculated.

"That remains to be seen."

We left the prison, and drove towards the late Roland Haine's house, Vaughan wishing to make an examination of the room that had been the scene of the crime. We were admitted instantly, and when we reached the room, I stood aside while Vaughan made his examination, and presently he approached me with a piece of paper in his hand.

"Evidently dropped by the fellow in the struggle," he said, and placing it carefully in his pocket, he continued his search of the room. A few minutes later, he picked up the butt of a cigar, which he also placed carefully in his pocket, and I noticed that he smiled slightly as he examined the end.

"Only two little things, Wenslowe, but I would rather have found those than fifty others. I think we will have a look round outside."

Vaughan led the way out of the house, and we passed round to the window of the room we had just left. Right underneath the window was a large patch of hard mud, clearly outlined in which were a man's footprints leading away from the window.

"Roland Haine was killed at four o'clock on Thursday afternoon," Vaughan said. "At noon on Thursday, we had a heavy shower of rain, and consequently at four, the mud here would have been soft. The man, who killed Haine, fled through this window, leaving his footprints in the soft mud. I think these marks are all I need to prove Delve's innocence."

For the next quarter of an hour, Vaughan was busy examining the marks, and when

he rose to his feet, his eyes were gleaming with triumph.

"Wenslowe," he said to me, the man who killed Roland Haine was about six feet in height, wore small, square-toed shoes, and limped slightly on the right foot, carried a blunt penknife in his pocket, and smoked a Lavandar cigar."

"How on earth did you know that?" I ejaculated.

"I deduced it from my examination of the room, and of these marks. I cannot and will not explain now, so do not ask me."

We returned to our rooms, and I was never in a state of greater curiosity. I would have given much to question him, but knew it would be useless, so I kept silent, and waited till he came round to the subject himself, which he did as soon as we were once more seated in our rooms.

"Now," he said, "I will explain how I got that description of the fellow from my investigations of an hour ago. The first point which roused your curiosity was how I knew that he was about six feet in height. Well, I could make a fairly accurate guess as to his height from the length of his stride which I knew from observing the distance between the footmarks I found outside the window of Haine's room. The marks plainly told me that he wore square-toed shoes, and I judged that they were shoes and not boots from the small and elegant impression. I knew he limped slightly on the right foot, because the impression of that foot was always slightly heavier than that of the other. I knew he smoked a Lavandar cigar because I found the butt. The end had been cut off with a knife, but it was not a clean cut, so I concluded that he carried a blunt pen-knife. I soon hope to show you that my deductions are correct."

Vaughan's deductions were correct, and proof was to come far sooner than I expected. Our friend Derrick Grange came over during the afternoon, and the first words that left his lips were, "Well, have you decided to take up the task of proving Delve's innocence?"

"I have the proof already."

"What—already?"

"Yes."

"How will you prove his innocence?"

"By proving somebody else guilty."

"Is that the only way?"

"I am afraid it is. By the way, Grange, allow me to congratulate you on that scheme of yours. It was clever, but not clever enough."

"What scheme? I don't understand."

"Don't you? You didn't by any chance, disguise yourself, and come to me as Aubrey Lyal?"

Taken quite by surprise, Grange showed signs which to Vaughan and me were as good as an answer in the affirmative.

"You know why I did it," he said at last. "I wanted to make you believe that Delve was innocent."

"And you were successful. By the way, I would like to see a specimen of your handwriting, your penknife, and one of your cigars, if you don't mind."

With a look of surprise, Grange handed over the required articles, and Vaughan took from his pocket the piece of paper he had found in Haine's room.

"The writing is exactly the same, Wenslowe," he said.

He opened the knife and ran his finger along the blade.

"Blunt," he said to me. "As for this cigar, it is a Lavandar. About six feet in height," he continued, looking at Grange, "square toed shoes, limps slightly when tired, on the right foot. I quite agree with you, Grange, Delve never killed Roland Haine!"

"What do you mean?"

"Need you ask? Derrick Grange, for years you have been our friend. You have been treated as our friend, and is this how you abuse our friendship? I have come to the conclusion that the crime was revenge, but if there was an ounce of manhood in you, I don't see how you could live at freedom and enjoy our friendship, when your silence was sentencing an innocent man for life. You killed Roland Haine!"

White to the lips went Grange, but not from fear, as I at first imagined. It was

from the suddenness of the accusation, for he quickly recovered his composure, even before Vaughan's accusing voice rang out again:

"You killed Roland Haine!"

To my surprise, the fellow made no attempt to escape, but calmly sat down in my friend's favourite arm-chair.

"You are right," he said. "I did kill Roland Haine, and I consider that I did the community a service by putting such a cur out of the way. How you knew that I killed Haine, I can't even guess, but in common justice you cannot refuse to hear my story."

"I will hear your story," Vaughan said, after a pause, "but I warn you that any words you utter—"

"May be used in evidence against me, eh? Very well, I will risk that, but now for my story. Fifteen years ago, Roland Haine and I were partners in the Kimberley diamond mines in Africa. Our claim was not a large one, and altogether, we were in pretty poor circumstances. A few months later, Haine senior, who had 'made his pile' in the mining business, made his will, by which both Roland Haine and I were to benefit. Roland Haine and I were cousins, but there was no love lost between us, and during our partnership, we often came to blows. By the will, I, as cousin, was to receive one-third of the old man's fortune, and Haine as son, was to receive the rest. Some time later, just before the old chap died, the father and son quarrelled, and old Haine, completely carried away by his bad temper, altered his will, and made his entire fortune over to me. A few days later, he, by no means relenting, again altered his will, stipulating that if I stained my honour in any way—committed any offence that was punishable by imprisonment, the entire fortune would revert to Haine.

"I believe Haine, senior, afterwards intended to divide his fortune between us, but if so, he died before he could do so, and I inherited the entire fortune.

"Now, Haine, junior, wanted money, and wanted it badly, and he saw that if he could stain my honour in any way, the entire for-

tune would revert to him. He perpetrated a daring robbery of one thousand pounds, and so arranged it that the blame should fall on me. I was arrested, found guilty, and sentenced to ten years' imprisonment. Needless to say, the name I was known by then is not the name by which you know me now. My real name is not Derrick Grange.

"A few days before my arrest, my mother took seriously ill, and seriously needed skilled medical attention, but my uncle's affairs had not been arranged, and consequently the money was not yet made over to me. Haine offered to lend me a couple of hundred pounds, and unknown to me, gave me stolen money, which found in my possession was damning evidence against me. It was in vain that I said he had lent me the money, for Haine absolutely denied it, and I did not have an atom of proof.

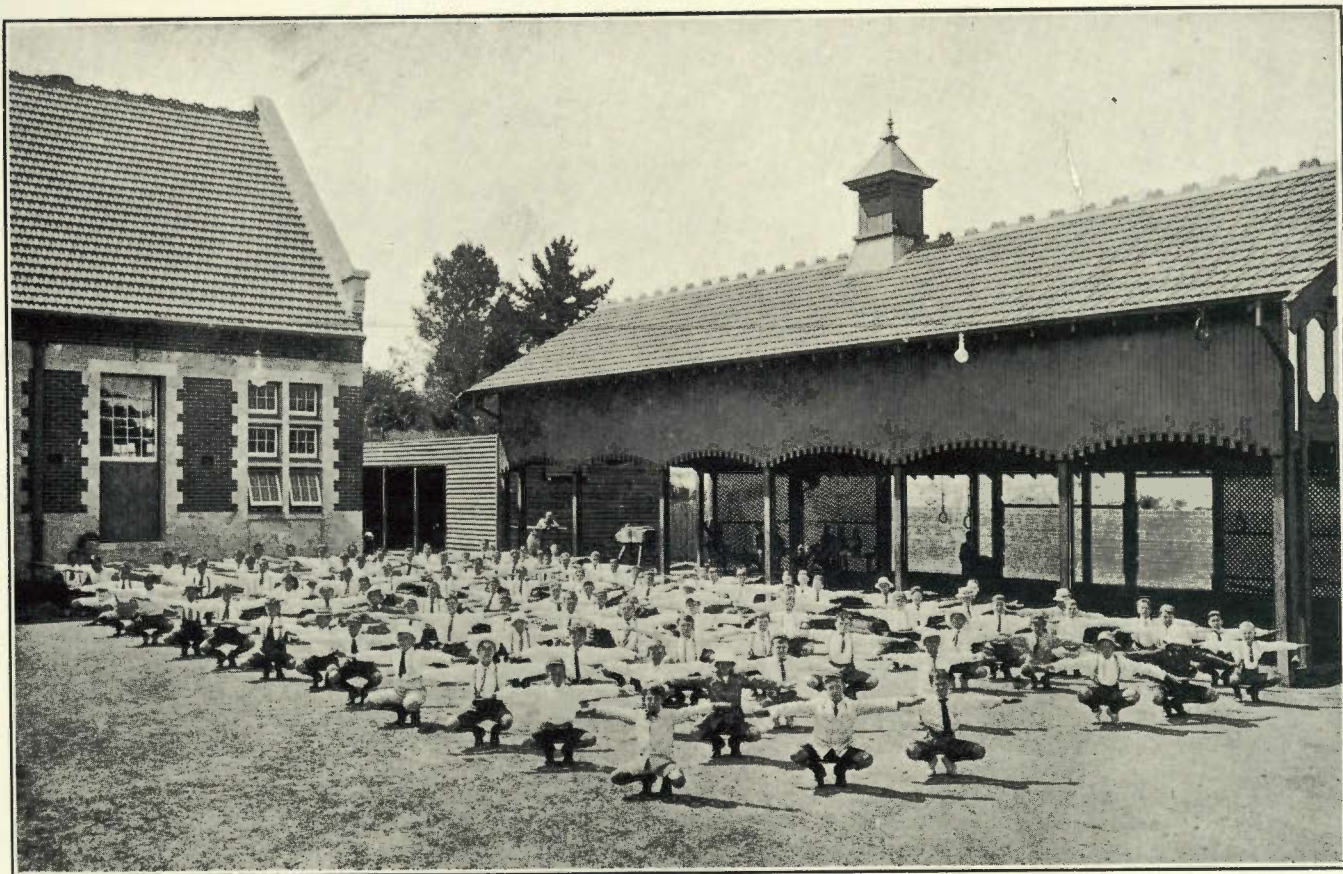
"While I was in prison, I received word that the entire fortune had reverted to Haine, and later, that my mother had died. It was easy for me to see the cause of her death. Haine had told her that I had stolen the money, and, weak and ill as she was, the shock had killed her.

"Well, I served my sentence, and when I was released, I changed my name and came out to England, where no one knew me. But I swore to devote my life to finding and killing the man who had caused my mother's death. Last Thursday afternoon I saw him and recognised him instantly. I determined to follow him and satisfy the longing for revenge that swelled up within me, when I saw him I followed him to his house. I entered the house, and attracted by the sound of voices, I approached Haine's room. There was some one else in the room, and through the partially closed door, I heard Haine's voice raised in hot dispute.

"I went to your house, but you were out, and when I return, I find you in my room. You dare to come to my house again after robbing me of two thousand pounds!"

"But, uncle—"

"Don't uncle me. You have shown yourself a common thief, and shall not receive one penny of my money. Also, it



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will be to your interests if I never see you again, for if I do, I will prosecute you as you deserve.'

"'Your money?' I muttered to myself. 'The money which was mine, but to obtain which you threw away your honour, and stooped to treachery and crime!'

"'If I want any more money, I know how to get it,' was answer to Haine's words, 'but you are in an unreasonable mood now, uncle so I will leave you.'

"I dodged into a room on the other side of the passage, and Haine's visitor, who, I was surprised to learn, was Richard Delve, left the house by one of the French windows, unnoticed by any of the servants. Haine followed Delve on to the verandah, and Delve rejoined Lyal who was waiting for him outside, and the two entered Lyal's private car, and drove away. Lyal saw Haine standing on the verandah, so he knew that Haine was killed after his nephew's visit. Lyal drove straight to his house, where the two remained for some time before Delve returned to his own house, where he was shortly afterwards arrested. The hood of Lyal's car was up, so during the drive, Delve could not have been recognised by anyone in the street. Lyal was therefore the only man who could have saved him, and he deliberately lied.

"Then I confronted Haine. I didn't waste much time in words. All I said was, 'You cur.' I have sworn to kill you, and have come here to-day for my revenge. You will never see another sun rise, or—and my voice rose—you might in the next world, but by Heavens, you'll never in this. Then I sprang upon him, and strangled him to death. One other thing. Delve is not Haine's nephew. Haine's nephew was killed while on his way to see his uncle for the first time, and Delve was persuaded by Lyal to impersonate him to further some scheme which Lyal had in his head. Now, you have the whole story. I would not have been worth my breeding if I did not avenge my mother's death. That is not quite all. Delve knew all along that I killed Haine, but he kept silent to shield me. I am his

brother. He would rather suffer than betray me. My real name is Tremaine Delve, but I changed it after I was released from prison. My brother had never seen Roland Haine before, although they were cousins, and so the plot worked smoothly. I have also a shrewd idea why Lyal lied, and swore that Richard Delve, my brother, was not with him on Thursday afternoon. They were together all day, and in the morning they perpetrated the robbery of two thousand pounds from my uncle, Roland Haine. Lyal was afraid that if he told the truth, and said that Dick and he were together on Thursday, there would be inquiries, during which it would come out where they were, and that he committed the robbery. He is the thief, Vaughan. My brother is only his tool. Therefore he kept away, and allowed my brother to be sentenced for life, and when questioned by the police, he lied. Some time ago, I told my brother of my vow to kill Haine. I saw Dick on Thursday, just before his arrest and told him that I had carried out my vow. Then I heard of his quarrel with his uncle, and how likely suspicion would fall on him. Now Lyal thought that Dick might make a clean breast of the robbery on Thursday, and of several other escapades, so he went to the prison, asked to see him, and told him that if he, Lyal, came to trial, he would tell who killed Roland Haine. How Lyal knew that I killed Haine, is more than I can imagine, but he can know nothing of the story of my past."

"You remember," Vaughan interrupted, speaking to me, "when we went round to the prison, Delve amazed us by begging us not to bring Lyal to trial? I think this explains it."

"A few days later," Grange continued, "my brother was tried, found guilty, and barely escaping a death sentence, was sentenced for life. He chose to suffer in silence, rather than betray me. I intended all along to confess if there was no other way of saving him, but first I determined to try to convince you of his innocence, and to get you to prove it. Now I have told you all and I am ready to pay the

price; but I do not care, for I have avenged my mother's death."

"You did your duty," Vaughan said, "and it would be unjust to punish you."

"The law will punish me."

"The law will never know!"

"What do you mean?"

"I mean that if I can prevent it, England will never know that you killed Roland Haine. Your brother must be saved, and I will see he does not answer for any of the crimes Lyal led him into committing."

"I will not try to thank you, Vaughan—I can't," Grange said after a short silence, but I will confess if you cannot save my brother."

Some hours later, I was standing in Bedford-street, waiting for the arrival of Vaughan, who had asked me to meet him at that spot. He soon arrived, and together we proceeded to our destination. Needless to say, the constable who Vaughan had ordered to arrest Aubrey Lyal on a charge of perjury, found that Lyal had hurriedly left the address Vaughan had given him, but Vaughan had issued further orders to the effect that he should be traced, and his whereabouts reported to him. The constable had traced Lyal to a certain house in Bedford Street, and to this house we were now going. When we arrived at number 991, we demanded to see Aubrey Lyal, and the landlady showed us into the sitting room, where Lyal shortly appeared.

"Good afternoon," he said. "I understand you wish to see me?"

"We do," my companion returned. "You had better take a seat, for we will probably detain you a good while. That is better. Now, we can talk comfortably. I want to see you about ——"

"Well?"

"Richard Delve."

"Sentenced for life for ——"

"He is innocent."

"Is he?"

"Yes. You know it. He was with you last Thursday afternoon. You can save him by telling the truth, and you will. You will risk a short sentence for perjury, or I will get you twelve years for various things

including the robbery of two thousand pounds from Roland Haine. I am Kelven Vaughan."

Lyal turned white, and immediately betrayed his guilt.

"You want me to ——" he stammered.

"To tell the police where Delve was on Thursday."

"I—I won't! I will never raise a finger to save him. You may do your worst! Delve was with me all day Thursday! I have told you that because, unsupported your words will not be worth twopence, but I will never repeat it to anyone——"

He broke off, and gazed with open mouth and staring eyes towards the door. It had opened, and the Chief of Police and two constables had entered the room!

"So you will never repeat it, eh?" the Chief said. "Aubrey Lyal, you are under arrest for perjury, and ——"

But Lyal staggered backwards, and dropped lifeless to the floor.

Vaughan sprang forward, and knelt over the prostrate body.

"Heart failure," he said, and rose to his feet. "As you have become convinced of Delve's innocence"—to the Chief—"I trust you will secure his release as soon as possible."

"That incident was of course planned by me," Vaughan said later. "Richard Delve will soon be free, and who really killed Roland Haine will never be known."

(The End.)

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### The Debating Society.

In connection with our Elocution Class, a debating society has been formed, and so far it has been successful in instructing the members as to the way in which a meeting of that kind is carried out, and also in giving them a chance of putting into practice that which is learned in the elocution class.

A chairman is elected who holds office for the period of one week only, in order that each member in turn may have the opportunity to learn and to practise the duties of a chairman. A committee, composed of

the secretary and four other members, was also formed, with J. Ainslie as chairman, and its duties are to look after the interests of the society, and to draft a programme at the end of each term for the ensuing three months. At each meeting the secretary, C. Veryard, reads the minutes of the previous meeting, and then the chairman declares the meeting open for discussion.

Up to date no subjects have been debated because some of our members are rather young, and it would be unfair for the senior boys to have full charge of the meeting, so we have short speeches from the students, thus enabling each one to show his talent as a speaker, and in this way the juveniles will soon overcome their nervousness, and then more involved subjects will be dealt with.

In conclusion, may I add a word of praise to both the Debating Society and the Elocution Class, for the great work they are doing for the boys of our School. It is most astonishing to notice the difference in the reading and conversation of the boys who attend these classes, and those who do not. I was at a certain school the other day, and as I was passing one of the class rooms, I heard a boy reciting, and this is what he said:—

"Friends romans cuntrymen lemme your ears, I come t' bury Caesa noto praise 'im." After careful consideration, I concluded that he had been reciting an extract from Shakespeare's play, Julius Caesar, which reads:—

"Friends, Romans, Countrymen, lend me your ears,  
I come to bury Caesar, not to praise him."

This lad had evidently not paid a visit to "our" society.

### Science Notes.

On this, the first occasion on which notes under this heading have found a place in our School paper, it may perhaps be fitting to give a brief description of the Laboratory and Appliances, which we now have at our disposal for the teaching of physics and

chemistry. Referring first to the buildings, these comprise a lecture theatre of roomy dimensions, capable of holding comfortably a class of 50 boys. This room is well fitted for demonstration purposes, and is capable of being rendered quite light-proof, by means of specially constructed blind fittings. The demonstration bench in addition to other necessities, contains a switch board through which current may be taken from the mains for the working of a projection lantern, and also for the charging of secondary cells. A lantern of fine type has been ordered from Messrs. Reynolds and Branson, Liverpool, and it is hoped that this will be with us ere long. The laboratory, measuring 40 by 36 feet approximately, contains ten working benches, four of which are fitted up for chemistry, and the remaining six for physics. Each bench is capable of accommodating eight students, working in pairs. All the benches are fitted with lockers, and in addition there is ample cupboard accommodation for the storing of apparatus. The store room is conveniently situated between the lecture theatre and the laboratory, and is large enough to meet all present and future requirements. An office is provided for the master in charge, which overlooks the laboratory. Apparatus, largely of a demonstration type, has been under order from England for some time. It is feared however, that this will not be with us at any rate before the end of the present year. This need not prevent the immediate commencement of the classes, as sufficient apparatus of an elementary type can be obtained locally for use in the laboratory. An important accessory to a scientific equipment is a reference library. Provision has been made for this, and it is hoped that yearly additions will be made, including, especially, carefully chosen scientific books of a light and popular kind, such as are calculated to stimulate the interests of the boys. At a later date it is anticipated that a scientific society will be formed, at the meetings of which papers of general scientific interest will be read by members. Enough has now been said to show that the interests of this School in

this important branch of education have been well considered, and it remains only for the boys to take an intelligent interest in their work, and to cultivate the faculty of observation of facts, and the deductions to be made therefrom which is the true basis of all scientific investigation.

### Boarders' Notes.

On returning to our old quarters at the beginning of the year, we boarders were all amazed at the extensive alterations and additions that had been made. We scarcely knew the place, it had been so much altered and improved. For the first fortnight or so after the resumption of school, the builders were hard at work finishing off their contract, and it afforded the small boys much pleasure to watch them at their work. But soon our new quarters were quite ready, and we began to settle down. By this time the novelty of the change has quite worn off.

A short account of the alterations may be interesting. A broad sleeping-out verandah has been built for the use chiefly of the juniors. New lavatories have been constructed, and also three bathrooms, fitted with heaters. Further additions comprise a laundry, sick-room and store-room, while the kitchen and pantry have been enlarged. We shall now be able to enjoy a hot bath in the winter. The sickroom is so beautifully fitted up, that it will be a pleasure to occupy it.

Our numbers have now increased to 50. This increase has rendered the appointment of a matron necessary, and so has relieved Mrs. Wilson of what must have been a heavy responsibility. We wish to thank Mrs. Wilson very warmly for the attention and care she has given us during the time she has had us in her charge.

Just before Easter we parted with one of our house masters, Mr. McIntosh, who left us in order to be married. We wish Mr. McIntosh every happiness in his married life.

Morning preparation, introduced at the beginning of the term, was at first rather unwelcome to some of us. We were roused

from our slumbers at a quarter to seven, and as it was really a quarter to six, we were not too anxious to get out of bed. However, now that we have returned to the old time we do not mind so much.

The attendance of boarders at swimming and cricket practice right through the term, has been most regular. This regularity has had its reward in the number of representatives we possess in the various teams.

Our two prefects, More and Anderson, are now the proud possessors of a study of their own. They occupy the room that Mr. McIntosh used to have, and are very comfortable in their new abode.

### Cadet Corps.

The School Cadets have once more started drill on Tuesday afternoons. A sergeant-major from the Drill Hall has been present at several of our parades, and has smartened up quite a number of lazy youths. There is some talk of the company being supplied with new uniforms at an early date. We all hope that this is true, as uniforms greatly add to the appearance of a company. It is nearing the time for Colonel Courtney to pay us another visit, and we hope that when he comes to us, he will be pleased with the progress of the School Corps.

### Tennis Notes.

Since the last edition of the *Cygnets*, the Slazenger Cup Tournament has been held. Only three teams entered, i.e., Claremont, Modern School, and ourselves. We played our only match against Modern School, and although our team played very well we lost by 6 sets to 2. Claremont won the Cup by defeating Modern School.

Tennis in the School has at last been put on a sound footing. During the term a meeting was held for the purpose of awakening interest in the School in tennis, and the following office-bearers were elected for the year:—M. Brookings, captain; J. Ainslie, secretary; H. Cooke, treasurer; and

R. Stow and F. Pearse, committee.

It was also decided to hold a "Medal Competition" before the end of the present term.

Now that the Tennis Club is fairly started it is hoped to arrange some matches for the second team as well. There promises to be some keen competition for places in the second team, as there are six or seven players who are trying very hard.

The School still has two courts at King's Park on Wednesdays and Thursdays, for which we are very grateful.

Now that we have really made a start in the tennis world, we hope to follow in the footsteps of the cricket eleven, and bring the Slazenger Cup to the School.

### With Shackleton.

Nearly 20 years ago, Mr. I. O. Gaze was a student at the Perth High School. On the morning of Monday, April 23rd, he returned to the scene of his youthful studies in the role of lecturer—or rather, storyteller—to the boys of the present day. His story was a fascinating one. As a member of the last Shackleton expedition to the South Polar regions, Mr. Gaze had many exciting and adventurous experiences, and for well over half an hour he held the attention of the boys while he told them of incidents of the trip. He went with the expedition in the spirit of adventure, and was not disappointed.

Mr. Gaze, whose hardships in the South do not seem to have made any impression on his magnificent physique, told the boys that he joined the expedition at Sydney, which port was left on December 15, 1914. Hobart was left behind on Christmas Eve, and Macquarie Island, the next stopping place, on January 1, 1915. From Macquarie Island a stretch of 2,000 miles of open sea lay between them and Ross Island, but only seven days out from port the ship ran into ice, through which it wormed its way under favorable weather conditions, so that practically a record passage was made to the island, which was reached on January 18.

Mr. Gaze described the impression left of the first glimpse of the mighty ranges, which tower heavenwards to a height of 14,000ft., absolutely white with the eternal snows. The members of the party were to make Captain Scott's old hut at Cape Evans their abode, and here they found a quantity of cheese and butter. These very acceptable commodities were in a perfect state of preservation, although having been there for a period of three years. Sledging work was soon commenced, the object being to use the limited time available before the winter to lay depots as far south as possible to save time and trouble during the following summer, when most of the work was to be done. Four parties of three men set out, two of the parties having dog teams of nine dogs each. At this stage, the good luck which had hitherto been experienced seemed to change, and bad weather prevented them getting as far south as they desired. They did not get back to the hut until March 20, and then with only two dogs out of the 18. Preparations were made to spend the long winter, but on May 5 further trouble was experienced. A howling blizzard came up, and the Aurora was carried out in the ice to sea, taking with her all the provisions, clothing, and tobacco, so that the shore party was left practically stranded, except for the provisions left in the hut by Scott, including a lot of flour, jam, and cocoa. With the aid of seal meat and the blubber fuel, these provisions practically meant the salvation of the party. From thence until the end of September preparation was made for the summer sledging. Mr. Gaze explained that the winter lasts for six months, three months of which are semi-dark, and three months totally dark. The average temperature through summer and winter was 81 degrees, but outside the hut it went to as low as 50 degrees below zero. An acetylene gas plant, also left by Scott's party, provided lighting for the long winter months. Serious sledging was commenced in October, when three parties of three men and five dogs set out for the Beardmore Glacier, a distance of 450 miles from the hut. The

duty of these parties was to establish food depots for the use of Sir Ernest Shackleton on his proposed journey across the Antarctic continent from the Pole, and in the covering of these 450 miles no less than 1,900 miles travelling was done, owing to the necessity of going backwards and forwards with provisions from one depot to another. The glacier was reached on January 22. The return then commenced and good progress was made until the party was about 120 miles from the base, when a severe blizzard came up, which lasted for 14 days, greatly weakening the members of the party, and resulting in three of their number being stricken with scurvy. These three men became very ill, and at last it was decided to leave one of them (Captain M'Intosh) in a tent, and push on with the other two—Smith and Hayward. However, when about 30 miles from the base Smith died. A return with all speed was made for Captain M'Intosh, to whom Mr. Gaze paid a great tribute for his bravery and pluck. Though suffering the greatest agony, the captain stayed alone in the tent, fighting against his sickness, and never acknowledging defeat. Yet it seemed, he said, that both the captain and Hayward were fated to die, for after they had nearly fully recovered they left one day to cross the Horseshoe Bay, from Hut Point to Cape Evans. Whilst on their journey a blizzard arose, and both men were carried out to sea, and were never heard of again. Mr. Gaze went on to explain that the party was to have left Ross Island in March of last year on the return journey, but as the Aurora had been driven out to sea, and, as they expected, crushed in the ice, they simply had to sit down and await developments. As it happened, the Aurora was drifting for ten months, and then found her way to New Zealand, where she was refitted before returning for the marooned party. Mr. Gaze said that the period of waiting between March of 1916 and January of this year when they were rescued, was the worst experience of the trip. He described the enthusiasm of the party when the old ship was, on the morning of Janu-

ary 10, seen poking her nose into the bay, and of the joy of meeting their leader, Sir Ernest Shackleton, who came with the vessel. Ross Island was left on January 16, and Wellington was reached on February 10. In concluding, he said that Sir Ernest had offered to take him if he should make another trip south, and that he would be willing to accompany the expedition.

The assembled School loudly cheered the visitor, who as our Headmaster told us, intended leaving almost immediately to take up active service at the front.

### Old Boys' Dinner.

The annual dinner of the Old Boys' Association took place on Thursday night, the 1st March at Palace Court, when Sir Walter James presided over a large gathering.

Earlier in the day, a cricket match had been played between "Past and Present," which the Old Boys, captained by Mr. George Parker, who attended the School in the early sixties, won by an innings and 44 runs.

Among other Old Boys present were: Messrs. A. S. Roe, Frank Craig, J. Caris, Chas. Saw, Walter Saw, Ros. Saw, Max Law, Albert Cockram, Stan. Hussey, K. Von Bibra, C. H. Mitchell, F. Pearce, E. W. Leake, H. Hillman, R. Dickson, R. McDougall, H. Wilkinson, R. McMillan, J. Shimmin, K. Bolton, C. Ewing, S. Montgomery, E. W. Loton, E. T. Loton, W. Burges, L. Burges, J. Bunning, R. Curthoys, J. R. Campbell, H. G. Parry, Lieut. Steve Chipper, and Major Jas. Rose, and apologies were read from several, including Sir Edward Wittenoom, Mr. L. S. Eliot, C.M.G., and Mr. Ernest Lee Steere.

The acting hon. secretary (Mr. S. A. Montgomery) and the hon. treasurer (Mr. C. N. Guy) were also present, and Mr. Battye, the Chairman of Governors.

An excellent meal having been eaten, and the loyal toast honoured, the Chairman proposed "Those old boys who have fought and died for us, and those who are still fight-

ing." The toast was honoured in silence.

The Chairman then gave the toast of "The Old School," and said that they had met as old boys of the oldest secondary school in the State. It rested on a foundation laid by Bishop Hale in 1858, when he founded the old Bishop's College which was continued on voluntary help until the seventies, when a Bill providing for a subsidised undenominational school was passed and the High School at once took up the tradition and work, with scholars and masters of the Bishop Hale's College. With all deference to their present headmaster, Mr. Wilson—one of those old masters Lieut. Col. Haynes, who served under the College and the School had no superior.

They all recognised what they owed to Bishop Hale, and every old boy had a warm spot in his heart for Mr. Haynes. They found to-day that throughout the State the roots of the old school had struck deep, and old boys were showing their sympathy by sending their sons to the School. (Hear, hear).

It was particularly pleasant to see among them that night Mr. A. S. Roe and Mr. Frank Craig, two of the members of the old College (Applause) who had kept in sympathy with the School, and if the boys to-day looked at the Honor Board they would find upon it the names of sons of Mr. Roe and Mr. Craig.

He hoped that the sons of all old boys would attend the School and keep up its fine old traditions built on nearly 60 years of growth. (Applause).

Mr. Brine said the School had traditions and in after life they realised how fine those traditions were. Looking back he was conscious and proud of those traditions, and felt increasing attachment to the School. The conditions of a young country were different from those of an old country, but there was in each case a great deal in tradition, and he thought that in the boys' response to the call to the colors, the High had shown up as well as had the old schools in the East, and in Great Britain. The public schools of the Empire had borne the

brunt in the earlier stages of the war, and wherever they went they found numbers of public school boys who had carried into the ranks as soldiers the fine traditions of their schools.

The toast, coupled with the names of Messrs. Roe and Craig, was then drunk with musical honors.

Mr. Frank Craig responding as an old boy, said he was at the School in 1869, and although that was a long time to look back upon, his interest in the School was kept alive by the fact that his own sons had been educated there, and he hoped yet to live to see his grandsons there also. (Applause).

It was a fine old School, and every West Australian should be proud of its traditions and its vitality. It was deep-rooted in the old soil from which sprung the men and women who voted "Yes" on the 26th October last, and who still keep us ahead of all Australia in our recruiting for the Great War. (Applause). Every boy should salute the School Honor Boards with their records of lives offered and lives sacrificed to the cause of the Empire in South Africa, in Egypt, in Gallipoli and in France. (Applause).

When he (Mr. Craig) was at school cricket matches were played on the old East Perth ground where mosquitoes were in millions. In Fremantle they were played where the new Customs House now stands.

For Fremantle matches some players rowed down in the old "Snake," and others drove in the old coach which ran between Perth and Fremantle.

The "Snake" was the first four-oared boat in the State, and was about 40 feet long; she had fixed seats, as slides were not then thought of. She had been built at the cost of some friends of the School early in the sixties, and was kept in a shed at the foot of the Bishop's residence, near the river shore. She leaked a good deal and would half fill with water before becoming watertight, so that all started with bare feet and boots on the seats, and had hard work bail-

ing as well as rowing. It took about two hours to get to Fremantle, and the same time back, and what with rowing and cricketing, we all came home to the School dog tired but happy. The old "Snake" was the School's first boat, and the name might well be kept alive. She was the first rowing boat on the river, just as the School was the first Secondary School in the State.

He was glad to be present and to notice the old School gaining fresh strength and holding the sons of its old boys. He was delighted to find in the present head, a most capable master and one who appeared to impress upon the boys the same high standard of honorable conduct as was impressed by good Bishop Hale. (Applause).

The toast of the Headmaster and Staff was proposed by the Chairman of the Board of Governors, Mr. J. S. Battye, B.A.L.L.B., who paid a high tribute to Mr. Wilson, and expressed on behalf of the Board their keen appreciation of how much the astonishing revival of the School was due to his exceptional capacity as a teacher; his sound common sense as an adviser; his sympathy and enthusiasm as a Head. He also expressed the Board's thanks to the other masters, whose work was aiding that of Mr. Wilson.

In response the Headmaster (Mr. M. Wilson, B.A.), who was received with marked applause, expressed his great pleasure at being present and meeting the past generations of scholars. During his three years' residence in the State, he had felt fortunate in being Headmaster of one of the very few secondary schools in Australia, which had had a long continuity of school life. (Applause). For this the old boys were largely responsible, because of their loyalty to and support of the School, and his experience had convinced him that an essential factor in the success of any secondary school was a strong "Old Boys" Association. Throughout Western Australia where he had travelled, he had always found men glad to meet him with a warm greeting when they heard he was Headmaster of the old School, and their feeling towards the School was a great encourage-

ment. The School was growing, and now contained 219 scholars, of whom 50 were boarders. (Applause). Buildings had been added, and renovations made to cope with the increase in numbers and keep pace with modern educational requirements, and the School was always open to inspection by the Association members, whom he would be pleased to show round whenever they came up. (Applause). No Headmaster could carry out his duties successfully without the co-operation and sympathy of his assistant masters, and he was glad to say that the staff under him could not be bettered in any school. Its members carried out their tasks faithfully and sympathetically and each day did something to cement more securely the friendship existing between them and him. His 29 years of experience as a master, and the knowledge he had gained in Perth of the splendid spirit in the School, and in its old boys, together with other factors in connection with secondary education, made him prophesy continued prosperity, and a great future for the School. (Loud applause).

Mr. Jenkins who retired from the staff last Christmas, told of the pleasure he felt at being present. His sixtieth birthday was on the morrow, and he took the opportunity of requesting that the School be granted a half-holiday in accordance with custom. (Mr. Wilson at once said the half-holiday should be given). (Applause). He referred briefly to his connection with the School, and of the difficulties under which masters taught in the old days, and how he had thought it impossible to remain under such conditions, but how once knowing his boys, he could not break from them. Most of them who have passed through the School during his service had gone to the front, and the Honor Board was one with deep personal interest to him and an infinite source of pride, and he sincerely hoped the School would prosper, and at all times maintain a record as fine as its present one. (Applause).

Messrs. Rankin, Hind, McLarty, Polan, McIntosh and Newbery, also returned thanks.

## Old Boys' Notes.

The Old Boys' Association is still active. The committee has held meetings regularly throughout the year, the average attendance being six. During the year the Association was able to give two tons of superphosphate for use on the School ground, and the work of compiling the Honor Roll and despatching the *Cygnets* is also undertaken by the committee. S. K. Montgomery is acting as secretary, and C. K. Guy as treasurer.

The Association will have a launch out on on boat race day, April 28th.

It is with great regret that we record the death of W. F. Wilkinson, who was at the School from 1878-1882. He was a most enthusiastic and energetic member of the committee of the Old Boys' Association, and was always a true friend of the School.

Colonel A. J. Bessell-Brown, D.S.O., C.M.G., has been promoted to Brigadier-General, being, I believe, the first Old Boy to attain so high a rank.

E. J. Darley is at present a wireless operator on one of the Australian transports.

O. R. Corr completed his first year in science at the University of Western Australia last November. His course was interrupted by his enlistment, but he had no difficulty in making up the lost ground. He has been awarded a James Scholarship, a major scholarship of Queen's College, Melbourne University, and is taking up Second Year Medicine, having been granted exemption from First Year, on his West Australian results. He is very comfortable in residence at Queen's, and is putting on weight; tennis he finds is a more or less efficient antidote for superfluous adiposity.

Ronald Sanders is at present at the University of Western Australia, taking First Year Science subjects as a preliminary to a Dentistry course.

S. K. Montgomery secured Third Class Final Honors in English and Latin at the examinations held in March. He also completed his second year Science in Zoology II.

F. Lukis, who left W.A. with the machine gun section of the Light Horse, has been through the Gallipoli and Palastine campaigns without a scratch. At the big battle near Katia he had three horses shot under him.

Irwin Gaze was commissariat officer with Shackleton's South Polar Expedition, though owing to the ship being driven off land by a violent gale, his commissariat duties were, he says, purely nominal. Nevertheless he had more than the average man's share of hard work and hard times. He intends to go to England shortly in order to try for the Royal Flying Corps.

Lieutenant T. A. L. Davy has now returned to his battery in France. He has been in hospital in England, first at Cosham, later at Lark Hill, recovering from a slight wound. He spent a week-end in London with his brother John, who had obtained a fortnight's leave from France, and was over in Blighty to see the sights.

Arthur Blake is in the First Air Squadron to leave Australia. He was last heard of from near Gaza.

Gerald Blake is still in training with the artillery in the East; he expects to leave for the front inside the next month.

Corporal T. H. Rose won the Military Medal by his good work on the Gallipoli Peninsula. He served right through the Dardanelles campaign. He was in hospital in England when last heard of, having been invalided home from France.

Lieutenant S. J. Chipper, who was a member of the committee of the Old Boys' Association, has been granted leave from the committee while he is discharging military duties.

C. H. Terry left W.A. with the Dental Corps with the rank of lieutenant. He has been promoted to captain, and is now attached to the field ambulance branch of the service in France.

Spencer Dean has been invalided home after serving as a lieutenant with the 3rd Dorset Regiment.

Lieut. Maurice Simpson has been awarded the Military Cross for gallantry at the landing at Suvla Bay.

Ross Harwood now holds the rank of captain. He was recently awarded the D.S.O. for good work in France. Vic. Harwood is a lieutenant in the A.I.F.

Lloyd Allen, after a considerable spell in a Base Hospital at Brighton, has now gone with the A.M.C. to France.

C. W. Curthoys has quite recovered from the effects of his accident at the front. He was expecting to go into an officer's training camp early in January, but an attack of measles prevented him. By the time he had recovered it was too late for the camp. Early in February, he was Orderly Corporal at No. 4 Command Depot, Wareham, Dorset. While he was in London he met Ross Manthorpe and Sid Hardwicke, who was in hospital there. Curthoys' present address is Bombadier Clive Curthoys, 1218, c/o. A.I.F. Headquarters.

Lieutenant Alister Ewing was on Salisbury Plain when last heard from, but is by now probably in France. He left here in the Pioneers, but since arriving in England has managed to get transferred to the Engineers.

Ted Lefroy is now over in France.

Lieutenant G. O. Montgomery has been laid up for some time by severe boils and abscesses. He is out of hospital now, and when last heard of was training a fresh set of recruits at Colebester.

C. T. P. Ewing, who returned from the front with a wounded foot, is now practising as a Barrister in Perth, having been admitted to the bar last December. He has recently been appointed Special Magistrate for Pensions.

Philip Durston is now working in his father's office.

Bob McDougall has been transferred to Elder Shenton's Perth Office.

Lieutenant J. H. Lukin, who was with a Light Horse Regiment on Gallipoli, has returned to W.A., and is now engaged in the Recruiting Campaign.

Lieutenant A. B. Montgomery has had a light attack of "trench fever," and has been doing light duties at Battalion Headquarters. Light duties appear to consist of pushing a bicycle anything up to ten miles along a frozen and slippery road. He has now rejoined his Battalion, the 1/7th Worcesters.

H. Buckingham is with the 10th A.L.H. in the desert, somewhere out from Suez Canal.

R. J. Lodge is in France and is well. We would be very glad of any news of him.

Sid Harwicke has been very ill with pneumonia, but is recovering.

Lieutenant E. A. Avery is with the British A.S.C. in France.

Alf. Tilly is with the A.I.F., and is in England. He had appendicitis some time ago, and was operated upon. He returned to duty too early, and suffered a relapse. He was very ill for some time, but has now got over the worst of it.

Lieutenant Leslie Craig, who lost a leg at Gallipoli, when last heard of, was very cheerfully doing aide-de-camp duty for Brigadier-General Sir Newton Moore, and was making good use of an artificial limb.

G. B. G. Maitland was still in the desert north of the Canal when last heard from. He met Arthur Blake out there. He applied for admission to the flying-corps some time ago, but the result of his application is not yet known. His address is Private G. B. G. Maitland 8315, No. 2 Stationary Hospital, Line of Communications.

Lieutenant A. A. Guy has been seriously wounded in the leg as a result of a gun shot. He is improving slowly.

Lieutenant H. L. Fowler and Ivan Gibbs were the chief actors in a drama which Polonius might have called the tragico-comical; though neither of the actors are likely to have seen the comic side of it at the time. Fowler was performing certain mysterious operations upon his revolver in order to clean it, when the revolver incontinently went off. The bullet passed through "Micky's" hand, the wall of the next room,

and finally lodged in Ivan Gibbs's leg. There was no gramophone handy to take an accurate record of the conversation, but it is believed that Gibbs was quite annoyed about it, while Fowler is reported to have said "What does your leg matter; look at my hand!" This is no doubt an entirely distorted version, issuing from the debased imagination of some libellous detractor; but nevertheless I would like to have been there to see—and hear.

Robin McMillan has returned to this State, after serving with the Light Horse in Egypt. Ear trouble is the cause of his return.

Edgar Meares has been very ill in England, with pneumonia. He has now got over the worst of it, and is understood to be returning home.

We are pleased to hear that R. B. Mitchell has got his commission.

Athol Caris, who went to the East to train with the artillery, met with a severe accident while crossing a river on a raft. The raft capsized while going across and Caris received a blow across the back with a gun which was being conveyed to the other bank. So severe was the injury that he has been discharged, and is now back in Perth.

The following Old Boys are in one or other of the A.I.F. camps in Western Australia:—Dug. McLarty, Frank Cobham, Teddy Lacy, Artie Lee-Steere, Earle Arney, Val Woodward, Ken. Ednie-Brown, Reg. Knight, and Cyril Cad, the last-named 5 are, I believe, in the artillery. It is hoped that any additions or corrections in this list will be sent to the secretary of the Old Boys' Association, 30 Richardson-street, West Perth. The secretary would like to hear any news from any of the Old Boys who have gone to the front.

Gunner T. N. deB. Helm was reported ill at the front in the 281st casualty list.

Gordon James is now in England. On the way the transport called at Sierra Leone, but the troops were not allowed to land. He finds the English winter very severe, and says that ice very often collects on the tables in the tents.

Lieutenant Gordon Clifton was down on leave lately from the recently conquered portion of Papua, and has now returned to duty. He was looking extremely fit, and is said to be studying head-hunting, possibly hoping one day to try his acquired skill on the Kaiser.

Captain A. M. P. Montgomery has now gone over to France. His departure was considerably delayed by a severe attack of influenza, which seems to be very troublesome to our troops in England. He was at Rolleston Camp on Salisbury Plain.

W. A. McCullough, after a long course of instruction in a cadet school at Chatham, has passed the examinations necessary to qualify for a commission in the Royal Engineers.

A. R. Lexhen has been through a course at the Senior Gunnery School in London, and is now back again at the front.

B. J. Diddlelow has been promoted to rank of 2nd Lieutenant. M. E. Clarke is in an officer's training school.

C. A. Clifton arrived in England on the 5th of March for training there with the A.I.F.

Lieutenant R. A. Clarke is a bombing officer attached to Headquarters of the 1st Australian Division. His bombers are known as Clarke's Artillery.

R. A. Clifton is now a gunner with the 8th Battery of Field Artillery. He and Jack Lodge are together, and are now in France. Neither has had any leave at all since going away from W.A.

George Clifton left here with the 28th Battalion, but transferred into the Cycle Corps in Egypt. He was a despatch rider at Gallipoli. In the Somme push he was doing signal-clerking work, often up to his knees in water. He then got recommended for the Flying Corps, and left for England to go into training. After a five days wait at Havre, he arrived in Southampton on a Sunday with no money, and no rations. Finally he got to London, and is now at Braseuse College, Oxford, and has passed

his first examination towards a commission in the Flying Corps.

Edmund Clifton was married on the 9th October, 1916, to Miss Trixie Orchard.

### LE PENSEUR.

Out on the dismal mudflat, in the middle of the Swan,

A solitary pelican blinked pensive at the shore.

And he wondered, as he blinked, what on earth was going on,

What meant those shouts, in language which he'd never heard before.

Firstly, borne upon the breeze, the mystic tidings flew,

That "we were twenty odd in front, when the last wicket fell."

And barely had he pondered this, when an echo came anew,

Proclaiming to the listening world that "Reggie's bowling well."

Then closely followed after a long triumphant yell,

Which signified that "Charlie had caught a lovely catch,"

Then silence for a moment; till a shrill voice broke the spell—

"That slow leg-break of Joscy's just about won us the match!"

Again a howl of triumph, the stirring tidings tell,

That out on the leg boundary "Billy More's made no mistake";

Then later a murmuring in low confusion swells,

"There's just about an hour to go, and eighty odd to make."

And now the murmuring takes shape, and tells the listening bird

That Walter Seed and Tommy are going in to block,

And later news that Walter and old Ledsham have not stirred

From their respective ends for twenty minutes by the clock.

And now the sun is going down; the clamorous cries are o'er;

The solitary pelican flies meditating up; But the last cries of triumph are loud enough to score

This last impression on his brain, "The School has won the Cup."

That pelican at night awakes and dismally reviews

Those cryptic cries that agitate his philosophic brain.

"In to block? Slow leg-break?" He thinks "Oh! What's the use?"

And puts his head beneath his wing, and goes to sleep again.

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Letter from Charlie Taylor:—

February 21, 1917.

Dear Mr. Wilson,—Good old P.H.S., two hundred at School and over 200 fighting. I was delighted on reading your report on "Speech Day," to see what rapid strides you are taking. I only wish I had had the advantages that the present boys have, and by no means the smallest are Australian game of football and boxing. Please congratulate the team from the 10th Light Horse Old Boys on capturing the Darlot Cup.

Allen Herbert got a Commission in the Regiment a few weeks ago, and Colin Harwood has gone to England for a Commission in the M.G. section. Phil Leeming is in the M.G. Squadron, and numerous others are in different regiments, also a lot of Guildford and Scotch boys. Our Staff-Captain Billy Hughes is also a pupil of yours.

Please remember me to Mrs. Wilson, and my best wishes to all the boys and the P.H.S.—Your friend,

CHAS. FAULKS TAYLOR.